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City cash-offices crisis

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AN investigation is to be launched into the "debacle" in the city council cash-receiving offices that led to loss of income from interest after cheques were left uncashed

The city council voted unanimously at its monthly meeting on Thursday to tell the executive committee to report to it each month on the progress of the probe and on what disciplinary action could be taken.

Exco was asked to "commence immediately" a set of auditors' recommendations, given to the city treasurer in July last year

Exco chairman Mr Richard Friedlander said several of the auditors' recommendations were already being implemented, according to a progress report

An ombudsman's report, the

Friedlander keeps mum

JEAN LE MAY, Weekend Argus Reporter

THE chairman of the Cape Town City Council Exco, Alderman Dick Friedlander, has refused to comment on speculation that he may quit. Reports of the speculation in The Argus on Thursday caused a furore at the city council meeting (full report, page 6).

Questioned on the subject, he said: "I don't think this is an issue we should be discussing; I think an apology would be more in order than your question."

Asked if he intended standing in September for re-election as chairman of Exco, he said. "I refuse to comment. I may stand or I may not stand — I'm not prepared to say any more at present."

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auditors' report and the debate revealed problems ranging from low morale, understaffing and lack of security in cash offices to inefficient methods of processing payments

Wide-ranging recommendations in the auditors' report included upgrading the chief cashier's post to one that recognised the responsibility at-

tached to it, as well as changing procedures at cash offices

Other recommendations were closing unnecessary cash-receiving offices, reorganising the cash division, implementing a single-queue system at the civic centre, redefining job descriptions and staggering due dates of accounts

Ombudsman Mr Grainger

Heugh's findings included

● Cash-office staff felt they worked in a "dumping ground" which senior management were doing little to improve in the face of increasing responsibilities,

● The chief cashier suffered "severe psychiatric handicaps" because of job stress and was away from office for 276 days in three years, and

● The city treasurer should meet staff regularly to motivate them about the importance of the "somewhat humdrum" work of the office

In the council debate, Mr Arthur Wienburg said it was evident the problem stretched back to 1986

"We cannot go on having debacles of this magnitude," he said. It was part of "one of the major debacles to hit this city" that cash-office staff took their

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floats home with them on public transport.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the executive committee had been let down by officials, because full information had not been given to them when they tried to clarify the situation.

Mr Abe Katz said it was alarming that the council had voted to create a new bureaucracy — a fully-fledged department of personnel — on the

day another department had shown "gross neglect"

Mr Louis Kreiner said the misconception that the executive committee was aware of the problem and did nothing, had to be corrected

Exco had appointed an investigation when the problem came to its attention, and had commissioned a value-for-money review.

Mr Leon Markovitz said he was concerned that a "witch-

hunt" would worsen staff morale

Mr Friedlander said the problem could be cured "tomorrow — by throwing money at it, by hiring 20 to 30 more staff". His committee was treating the matter with great concern and would ensure a full investigation

The motion to probe the cash office and investigate disciplinary action, proposed by Mr Wienburg, was adopted unanimously

City council 'loses more than R1m'

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By PETER DENNEHY

THE loss of income to the Cape Town City Council through depositing cheques late "must obviously be in excess of R1 million", councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg estimated this week

Last year, nearly R400 000 had been "lost" in this way, he said. Yet the problem in the council's cash office goes back to 1986

He called for the officials responsible to be identified and censured or dismissed, if necessary

His motion for the executive committee to investigate who was responsible for the loss of such vast sums in interest — through cheques deposited late — was passed unanimously

Mr Wienburg also said cashiers at some of the council's cash offices with no safes had to take their cash floats home — using public transport

This was disclosed in a report by management services company Aiken

and Peat, which was commissioned by the city treasurer in April last year to undertake a "value-for-money" assessment of the cash offices

Mr Wienburg said once there were 45 boxes of undeposited cheques worth R20 million at the cash office in the civic centre

"For that, somebody must be answerable. They must take responsibility. They must be censured, or if necessary dismissed, as happens in the big world out there."

Mr Wienburg said a senior cashier in the city treasurer's cash office was absent from work for 144 days in 1989 — almost half the working days that year — and for 30 days the following year, and 100 days last year

He claimed the man could not cope with the responsibility of dealing with an annual inflow of R2 billion — an average of R1 million an hour

Mr Wienburg said exco should inform the council what disciplinary action could be taken

Councillors to trim lunches?

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LUNCHES enjoyed by councillors and the press on the occasion of monthly council meetings may soon consist of "a one-plate meal or light snacks" consumed in 45 minutes instead of the present hour or more. *CT 2/5/92*

Mr Chris Joubert has proposed that the executive committee should investigate and report on such a curtailment

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At the council's monthly meeting on Thursday he also moved that exco try

to cut the catering budget, including the allocation for civic functions, to a bare minimum until the economy improves

Mr Markovitz said he was not opposed to pruning the catering budget appropriately, but also not inclined to go all out to impress the public by cutting back a once-a-month meal "Next we will bring our sandwiches and little green apples," he said.

The motion was passed with an overwhelming majority.

Hurly in huff (263)

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MR Rupert Hurly, a councillor for Rondebosch, left the council chamber in a huff on Thursday after he lost his chance to have his say on medals for aldermen and freemen of the city. CT 2/5/92

Protesting about being "muzzled", he gathered up his papers and stormed out. He returned to the chamber a while later, however

Friedlander incensed over Press speculation that he might quit

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□ Mr Richard Friedlander, angry over Press reports.

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CITY council executive committee chairman Mr Richard Friedlander reacted angrily to a report in The Argus on Thursday of speculation about his possible resignation.

Mr Friedlander reacted almost immediately after a copy of the report, headlined "Friedlander expected to resign today", was given to him at the Civic Centre.

Business was interrupted in order to allow Mr Friedlander to address the council.

"I am incensed at the article in The Argus," said Mr Friedlander, and said he wanted to express his concern at this kind of reporting.

He said the reporter had had ample chance to ask him to comment on speculation he was to resign, because they had been in the same hotel during this week's Cape Province Municipal Association congress in East London, had travelled to the airport in the same car and had flown to Cape Town on the same aircraft on Wednesday.

Speculation about Mr Friedlander's possible resignation only emerged on Thursday morning and Mr Friedlander could not be reached for comment because he was chairing an Exco meeting.

Early on Thursday, Mr Friedlander had issued a lengthy statement hitting back at council critics. Mr Friedlander's statement was published in full in The Argus on Thursday.

There were hisses and cries of "skande" in the chamber during his address and several other councillors took to the floor to slam the Press.

During debates on councillors' allowances and golden badges — issues which have been highlighted in letters to the Press and in editorial comment — salvoes were fired by councillors who blamed the Press for their poor public image.

● Mr Leon Markovitz, during the debate on the golden badges issue:

"It is disgusting that a newspaper, possibly stirred by some councillors — or councillor — went on as if councillors had their hand in the petty-cash box.

"Further irresponsibility by the Press was a report in the (Week-end) Argus about Mr David Bloomberg.

"It needs to be said Mr Bloomberg served this city in exemplary fashion," said Mr Markovitz.

"He got his badges 20 years ago," said Mr Richard Friedlander, referring to claims that Mr Bloomberg was in line to get a golden badge.

● Mr Joe Rabinowitz, in the same debate:

"When I first read this report, I thought, what a wonderful opportunity for mischief-making — the Press has taken full advantage".

He said there was an attempt in the English-language Press "to bludgeon us into non-acceptance".

● Mr Leon Markovitz, during the debate on allowances, said a "few councillors and the Press" had raised a storm about the issue.

● Mrs Joye Gibbs asked the chairman of the executive committee "what steps" were envisaged "to overcome the problem of misinformation in the Press with regard to council matters".

'Scrolls' instead of gold badges?

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PAPER certificates may replace gold badges for aldermen and freemen, depending on the outcome of a city council investigation

The council asked the executive committee this week to investigate and report back on "appropriate" aldermen's and freemen's badges — and accepted an amendment by Mr Peter Muller extending the investigation to include handing out certificates

The proposed gold badges, collectively costing R19 200, have been the focus of letters in the Press and were cited by Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring this week as an example of unnecessary spending

City council probe will determine issue

The badges, approved by the civic honours committee, were meant to replenish stock ordered after the original 1974 resolution to give out badges in recognition of service

Councillors become aldermen if they have 20 years' service or are former mayors

Mrs Joan Kantey said potential recipients should have been consulted. She was deeply distressed by the "vituperation" caused by news of the badges. "All of us stand by our reputation, which means more to us

than metal badges," she said.

Mr Joe Rabinowitz said the Press had used the opportunity of the badges to "take a bash at Mr David Bloomberg"

A newspaper report that Mr Bloomberg, a former mayor now living in London, had pressed for the badges was incorrect

Veteran councillor Mr Rabinowitz — also a potential recipient of a badge — said it was Mr John Tyers who had pushed for the alderman system.

"I say to council, 'I don't want your badge, but I shall accept it,'" said Mr Rabinowitz

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde — who was handed a closed empty box at his installation because supplies of badges had run out last year — said the bulk of the R19 200 would go for dies, while the six badges cost R1 300 each. Other items including the-pins made up the rest of the cost

Mr Sol Kremer said a city jeweller "disgusted with the debate in the Press" had offered to give the council — free of charge — gold-plated badges for aldermen

It would be a disgrace if the council had to accept them, said Mr Kremer.

Crisis in city's R2bn cash office

ST Times
Cape metro By EVE VOSLOO

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THE Cape Town City Council's cash office, which channels R2 billion a year into the city's coffers — sometimes at a rate of R1 million an hour — had big backlogs of unbanked cheques as far back as 1986

The backlogs at times amounted to R20 m in a single month and cost the city about R300 000 in lost interest

This was confirmed in reports by the City Ombudsman, Mr Grainger Heugh, the council's auditors Deloitte Pim Goldby and management consultants Aiken and Peat, placed before the council's monthly meeting this week.

The council's auditors say the losses in interest between July 1991 and December 1991 were R286 446

City councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, whose questions in council first brought the matter to the public's attention, says a further R109 242 should be added for April, May and June 1991, bringing the total loss to R395 688

The council meeting also heard that 3/5/92

- The former chief cashier, who has since retired on health grounds, suffered "severe psychiatric handicaps" because of job stress and was off sick 276 days in three years — but nothing was done by his superiors to monitor or improve the situation in the cash office

- Staff morale had been poor, with staff seeing the office as a "dumping ground"

- There was poor security at outlying cash offices — including faulty foot-activated alarms and cashiers having to take their floats of thousands of rands home at night on public transport because some offices did not have safes

- Some cheque boxes at suburban cash offices were too small to hold all the cheques deposited

- On April 8, 1991 there were 45 boxes of unprocessed cheques for about 54 000 accounts totalling about R20 million

- Cash office management, making extensive efforts to solve problems (hiring part-time staff during unusually busy periods) generally unsuccessfully due to lack of support from senior management

Mr Wienburg tabled a motion calling on the executive committee to investigate who is — or was — responsible for the situation and inform council on a monthly basis on progress until it was cleared up

The motion was adopted unanimously

Yesterday the city treasurer, Mr E D Landsberg, said he took up his post in April last year. He heard about the problems in the cash office within a few weeks

"I saw the big backlog and immediately got as many people as possible to work on it"

Mr Landsberg said an Organisation and Methods study had already been commissioned, but he called in management consultants Aiken and Peat whose findings and recommendations were received at the end of July

A new chief cashier was appointed and as many of Aiken and Peat's recommendations as possible put into effect, he said. The backlog had now been eliminated

The suburban cash offices were being treated as a priority and were being investigated

Mr Landsberg said he was also planning to publicise other methods of payment, including direct debits through the banks, as this would help alleviate the pressure of cheques at the end of the month

He regularly visited the cash office and staff morale had improved greatly, he said

Parking fees 'stolen'

TWO city council employees were arrested last year for allegedly stealing money from parking metres while it was being counted, City Treasurer Mr E D Landsberg confirmed this week

The men were found not guilty in court as there was insufficient evidence against them.

They had been suspended by the council but were reinstated — and are no longer working with cash.

Mr Landsberg said it had been impossible to ascertain the amount involved as the evidence was on a television monitoring system and "had large gaps in it"

The Municipal Workers' Union had contested the men's suspension.

Rats rampant in once-weekly areas

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COMPLAINTS to the city council about rats have increased in the areas where refuse collections have been reduced to once-weekly

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr Michael Popkiss, reported to the amenities and health committee yesterday that there was "a further increase in

complaints relating to rodent activity in the affected areas while there was a decrease in such complaints in the rest of the city"

More than 100 pre-selected dwellings had been subjected to 741 inspections "which revealed an increase in refuse spillage, fly and rodent activity and offensive odours", Dr Popkiss reported

Random checks showed a slight improvement in other areas

Dr Popkiss said these findings "confirmed the correctness of the decision to abandon attempts to provide once-a-week black bag domestic refuse removal services and to proceed rather with containerisation"

AMSTERDAM — Residents in the Dutch town of Hoofddorp are throwing away less rubbish after getting new dustbins implanted with a microchip.

The "smart" bins, which measure how much refuse is being collected and allow the council to give refunds to people who throw away least, have cut household refuse by 13%

Council bills 'lost' in the post

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DOZENS of people in several suburbs complained yesterday that they had not received their regular accounts from Cape Town City Council.

The council says the accounts have been posted and the post office says there is no backlog. But at least one ratepayer who has not received a bill told the Cape Times that his rates were due today.

A spokeswoman for the council's public relations office said 64 069 letters, including the missing monthly rate bills, had been posted on April 27.

This ought to have been in good time for them to have arrived, she said.

"We have a bulk posting receipt number, 455565, from the post office, and the date stamp says April 27."

Copper-cable thefts costly

Staff Reporter

A complainant who called the Cape Times said this was the first time in 20 years that he had not received his rates account two or three weeks before the due date.

In Claremont, the rates were due today, he said. He had been advised to pay immediately even though he had not yet received his bill. He wanted to avoid any surcharge for late payment.

Mr André Joubert, a public relations officer for the post office, said he had established from the city council that there had been about 30 or 40 queries from people who had not received electricity, water or rates bills.

"Not all the letters have gone astray. I am looking at my own rates account, which is due today as I live in Plumstead. Mine arrived in the post more than a week ago."

"I will go to each of the depots to track this problem down," Mr Joubert said.

THE city council has lost thousands of rands in copper-cable thefts which has left city highways dark in recent months.

Deputy City Electrical Engineer Mr G W F Munro said yesterday that 25 thefts had been reported since March 1.

Suspicious incidents may be reported to the council's security branch on a 24-hour basis, on 47-2305.

Cape of storms

The recent formation of what seems to be a 12-member caucus in Cape Town City Council appears to be the first step towards unseating the executive committee this year. Committee chairman Richard Friedlander and deputy Louis Kreiner are regarded by some of the caucus as the main reason for much of the flak being directed at the 34-member council by angry ratepayers and a hostile press.

But the problem goes much deeper. Like all other local authorities, Cape Town faces massive uncertainty over its political future, which leads to frustration and inefficiency. This is compounded by what is widely seen as a lack of goals and strategic direction, which makes it impossible for the council even to start tackling fundamental problems like poverty, homelessness, unemployment and political alienation.

In addition, the council is essentially in a lame-duck position. Local government elections were recently again postponed pending the outcome of constitutional talks. Most of the councillors are not likely to be re-elected in nonracial elections.

The executive committee plays a leading role in important decisions affecting Cape Town's civic affairs. It comprises Friedlander and the chairmen of four standing committees. They are all elected councillors. There was a suggestion that Friedlander would offer his resignation recently but he has not.

The committee is due to be re-elected this year and Friedlander and Kreiner will almost definitely be opposed if they decide to stand for re-election. The new caucus in-

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cludes committee member and former chairman John Muir, deputy mayor Clive Keegan and two former mayors, Gordon Olver and Peter Muller.

Keegan, speaking in his personal capacity, says a "crisis of confidence" between the council and ratepayers has been building for three years. "There's a perception that we are inefficient and wasteful of ratepayers' money."

The perception has been fuelled by recent rows over proposals to increase substantially councillors' monthly allowances and have gold medals made for long-serving councillors and freemen of the city at a cost of nearly R20 000.

Some ratepayer groups believe the spending on what they see as luxuries is unjustified against a background of other financial problems, including arrears totalling about R22m in electricity payments and rent for council housing and backlogs in payments for houses sold by the council. A shortage of funds has also forced the cutback or proposed cutback in a number of council services including libraries and refuse removal. Charges for other services have been or will soon be increased, some substantially.

Last year, Cape Town increased municipal rates by 16,5% and the levying of VAT on service charges put another 4% on to ratepayers' costs. The increase in rates this year is expected to be at about the same

level.

Keegan says a group of councillors concerned about the deteriorating image of the council and lack of communication with ratepayers has existed for some time. The proposed increase in allowances prompted it to become more formal and emerge into the open. "We believed there was a strong need to let the public know that there are some councillors who oppose increases in the current economic climate."

There are other councillors who have not joined the group who also oppose the increases and other aspects of council policy. The group — Keegan says it's highfalutin to describe it as a caucus — will provide a united focus on particular issues and try to address them in a way that provides direction for the council. "One of the problems is that the city council is not being strongly led. It's directionless."

He admits there is little action the group can take, apart from predicting issues that are likely to be contentious and then proposing what it believes will be an acceptable policy to deal with them. "The problem many of us have is that until we are seen to put our own domestic affairs in order, we won't regain the political and moral authority needed to lead Cape Town and the region into a post-apartheid era."

He says the group does not aim to topple anyone or any group. "It's a simple, innocent

thing. It's not conspiratorial or cliquey and it's not based on party-political lines." But it is the first group of its sort ever to emerge from the Cape Town council and this indicates the severity of the crisis.

The proposed increases for Cape Town's councillors are, meanwhile, in line with government policy to allow a nationally uniform structure of allowances for town and city councillors based on the grading of their municipalities. Grades range from one to 15 and depend on total spending.

The go-ahead for the increases came last year. They had to be phased in over three years and were retroactive to January 1 1991. They provide for mayors — the top earners — to be paid R9 013 a month (as much as MPs) by 1993. A number of councils have already accepted and implemented the increases but none is obliged to do so.

In Cape Town's case — a grade 15 municipality — monthly allowances for ordinary councillors can increase to R2 253 at the beginning of 1993 — an 88% increase over two years. The mayor's allowance can increase from R4 800 to R9 013 over the same period.

The allowances are based on an MP's pay. Grade 15 mayors may earn 100% of an MP's pay. The allowance then decreases by 6,75% of an MP's pay for each step down the grading ladder to 5,5% of an MP's pay for grade one mayors. ■

Big decisions for Cape Town

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter
METROPOLITAN government for greater Cape Town is looming — but the main players have yet to get down to details about the shape of the future city.

This emerged at an Idasa seminar, where organisations from the African National Congress to the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce were invited to give their views.

Deputy Mayor Mr Clive Keegan used the occasion to make an impassioned plea — supported by others — for those bound together in the greater city not to hide behind ideological purity to keep out of discussions.

Key issues to be decided include the boundaries of the city and who will finally decide them.

ANC local government commission member Amanda Younge said the movement hoped to make its decision at the end of the month, following discussion of its draft policy document on local government.

A nationally negotiated framework for reform was needed, she said.

Local government should play a central role in building democracy, in development and in the fair distribution of resources.

The ANC rejected a property-based franchise for local government.

"Where local government is not funded solely through property rates, there is no reason to exclude people who do not pay those rates," Ms Younge said.

Chamber of Commerce spokesman Mr Bob Wood said metropolitan government should provide bulk services and socio-economic upliftment.

Regional services councils in their present form were inappropriate for this because of the lack of fiscal control and the lack of direct election.

There should be a cut in State spending on administration, but not on socio-economic needs, Mr Wood said.

Mr Keegan said the city council had spent considerable time and energy on preparing documents on the future of local government, but had not finalised

Shape of future city still has to be worked out

its position

But the City Council definitely did not see itself as the metropolitan authority for the future greater Cape Town.

Emphasising that he was speaking in his personal capacity, Mr Keegan said metropolitan government should be supported by strong local authorities "with considerably redrawn boundaries".

"Whatever model we choose, it must be clearly and manifestly the product of a lengthy period of negotiation. An attempt, from any capital, be it Pretoria or Mamelodi, to impose a solution would be dis-

sastrous," Mr Keegan said.

Representation on the metropolitan council should be a "hybrid" of directly-elected representatives of residents, and local authorities.

There was "a gathering sense of impatience" about the failure to start discussion about the metropolitan future, he said.

Mr Roger Rommie, SA Municipal Workers' Union executive member, said the cost of electrification and road-building in the poorer areas of the future greater Cape Town should not fall on the people living in those areas.

Democratic Party local government spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh said the "very lack of local government" was contributing to violence in South African society.

Cape Areas Housing Action Committee chairman Mr Wilfred Rhodes said civic associations should take the initiative in starting debate on the metropolitan future.

But, he said, "while we are talking here, people are being battered and murdered on the plateau."

Local government analyst Mr Roland Hunter said any new system of local government would have failed if it did not make a material difference to the lives of the poor.

He said a "substantially reorganised" system was needed, instead of just tinkering with the present one.

Mr Hunter said the most likely possibility for metropolitan government was between the extremes of being an administrative arm of the state, and being weak in relation to strong local councils.

The worst of all worlds would be a messy compromise of various options, he said.

Author and analyst Dr Donald Graythorne said the key issues of future metropolitan government were what their boundaries and functions would be, and how they would be financed.

Factors which would influence what sort of metropolitan authority should be set up included financial viability, functional factors such as population and geography, and political factors such as ideology and accountability.

Forging things their way



'Give city bodies a break; tell them what's going on'



Council asks R67m from govt for housing

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By EVE VOSLOO

THE Cape Town City Council has made an urgent appeal to the House of Representatives for more than R67 million for housing

A report submitted to the city council's housing committee this week says the council is asking for this allocation from funds the HoR is to receive from the government for the 1982/83 financial year

The chairman of the housing committee, Mr Neil Ross, said in an interview this week that the council needed the money urgently as it had a backlog of about 45 000 families in need of housing.

He said the government had cut funding to the council about three years ago

Before that the city received about R80 million a year and had the capacity to build 800 to 900 houses a month. Instead, during 1991 for example, the council had only been able to build 187 houses

Mr Ross said the city's housing problem was not "visible" in the sense that it consisted of between 140 000 and 150 000 people living in more than 20 000 backyard "pondoks"

"Money is being thrown at visible places like Crossroads, while no funds have been allocated to build houses for people who have lived in the Peninsula for years," he said

Priority

The projects specified in the appeal, in order of priority are

- R1,8 million for 83 houses in Lavender Hill East.
- R28,7 million for 1483 houses in Area L, Mitchells Plain
- R10,5 million for another 538 houses in Lavender Hill East
- R15 million for informal housing in Vrygrond and other areas
- R5 million for housing maintenance in various areas
- R4 million to upgrade housing environments (fencing and broken gates etc in various areas, and
- R2,4 million for housing for the aged in Parkwood

Mr Ross said preference in the allocation of funds by agencies like the Independent Development Trust was being given to people in squatter areas, presumably on the assumption that people living in backyards at least had access to water and toilet facilities

But the government's R2 billion allocation to the IDT was not additional funding for housing, he said.

"It is really a redistribution of funds which used to go to the municipalities"

● The Western Cape United Squatters' Association said this week that about 5 000 people were coming into Cape Town every month since the scrapping of influx control. Only about 20 percent of them had jobs

Nonracial council formed soon

AN INTERIM nonracial Kimberley city council will be formed this month, city secretary Marius Bester said yesterday.

Bester said the new 24-member council, SA's first nonracial city council, would take office once Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring and Local Government Minister Leon Wessels had approved the city's application submitted last month.

"If we receive approval, we will carry on with the execution of the plan to form a single council," said Bester.

He said the council would remain an interim body until national negotiations on local government had reached consensus.

Nonracial municipal elections would also take place only once issues had been thrashed out at a national level, he said.

Bester said the 41 councillors currently

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representing the city council and the Indian and coloured management committees would be reduced to 24 members. Although discussions had taken place with ANC-affiliated bodies, including civic associations and the ANC Women's League, he said, no formal talks had been conducted with the ANC. (263)

The ANC in the Kimberley region had expressed its opposition to the formation of the interim council because of the continued use of racially-composed structures such as the city council and the management committees. *6/10/92*

Bester said the administrator and Wessels would discuss the matter with the ANC before the go-ahead for the nonracial council was given.

Friedlander, Meiring meet

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THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, and the chairman of Cape Town City Council executive committee, Mr Richard Friedlander, met yesterday — but their recent public quarrel was not on the agenda

Last month Mr Meiring slammed the council for cancelling the Founder's Day ceremony, planning gold medals for council members, approving allowances for mayors' wives and making unnecessary journeys

Mr Dirk Smit, a spokesman for the CPA, said the meeting was "routine" After the meeting, he had told Mr Meiring of the Cape Times' question

about what had been discussed

Mr Meiring had replied that he had made an off-the-cuff remark about Founder's Day under the "general" item on the agenda

At last month's city council meeting, Mr Friedlander moved that "we await the outcome of an informal meeting with the administrator that has been arranged" before the council voted on Mr Neil Ross' motion that the council should express its concern at the way it had been attacked by the administrator At this, Mr Ross withdrew his "motion of exigency" pending the result of Mr Friedlander's discussions with the administrator

Every badge to have a silver lining

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SOLID gold badges will no longer be given to aldermen of the Cape Town City Council after 20 years of service or a stint as mayor following an outcry over the projected costs. Instead, they will get silver badges which are gold plated, the executive committee recommended yesterday. These will cost R330 each plus

VAT, and they will be ordered as required. No stocks will be held.

The council will also pay for the die in which the medals will be cast, which will cost R880 including VAT.

Spokesman Mr Chris Glaum said the previously proposed gold badges had been considerably more expensive. The original 15 badges and three

dies would have cost R19 200.

● Exco did not go along with Mr Chris Joubert's suggestion that lunch for councillors, senior officials and the press on the occasion of the council's monthly meeting should be cut down to a single-dish meal, with the lunch break reduced to 45 minutes in a bid to further reduce costs.

Yet it agreed with him that ex-

penses should be curtailed wherever possible.

● City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg has been asked by exco to report on progress made in an investigation arising out of the late depositing of cheques which caused a further outcry when the loss of revenue became public.

A motion was passed unanimously at last month's council meeting ask-

ing-exco to investigate who was responsible for the loss of hundreds of thousands of rands — possibly more than a million — in lost interest on cheques that were deposited late by the council.

A suggestion that all heads of departments should submit routine monthly reports to exco about what is going on in their departments was rejected.

'Use Cleese's methods' to talk to public

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THE inner workings of the city council could be conveyed "via the John Cleese-type of presentation, that is, where the message lies in the humour", it was suggested yesterday

The suggestion was made in a working group report dealing with a proposed "community liaison function"

The idea of the council setting up such a liaison unit arose after exco considered the report from the ad hoc committee for an open Cape Town

A need was identified to improve the council's "interface with the public"

Those on the working group included city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr, deputy Medical Officer of Health Dr Nula Durcan, planner Mr R A Gentle and facilitator Ms Helen Zille

Another suggestion was supplying toll-free numbers to facilitate dialogue between individuals, community organisations and the council

Regional radio stations could also be asked to allocate specific times to

R1,2m fuel-saving proposal doubted

Municipal Reporter

A REPORT which claims that the Cape Town City Council could save R1,2 million a year in fuel costs if its drivers go on a course was sceptically received by the executive committee yesterday

Exco had before it a proposal for the implementation of a "vehicle incident prevention programme" to reduce accidents and upgrade the standard of driving.

The report, from the town clerk's office, suggested that a two percent a year reduction in fuel costs over four years was achievable.

Exco spokesman Mr Chris Glaum said yesterday it was decided to "get the team responsible for preparing the report to argue in favour of it"

community or council issues

The John Cleese video suggestion mentioned in the report did not make it into the recommendations at the end of the report, however

Instead, the recommendations were that council officials should be educated in protocol and conflict resolution, that resource directories should be produced, and that some toll-free telephone numbers should be established

**Eastern Cape
News Agency**

ACTIVISTS, unionists and civic organisation members are staging a sit-in at the Cape Provincial Administration offices in Port Elizabeth in protest at the retrenchment of 357 Ibhayi workers

The delegation has been protesting since noon on Monday, after a meeting with the CPA failed to resolve the issue

A spokesman for the ANC, Mr Phila Nkayi, said today the sit-in would be indefinite

"The delegation took the decision to stage the sit-in because of the intransigence of the authorities as

PE activists stage sit-in after Ibhayi dismissals

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indicated by their attitude to the corruption cases, their basic negligence of the livelihood of our people and the unilateral decision over the retrenchments," said Nkayi

He said on Monday night, when they went to take food to the delegation, there was a strong presence of riot policemen

"We were not allowed to give them food During

the day they were also refused food I think it is a basic breach of basic human rights to refuse people food They have not eaten since noon Monday," said Nkayi

He said if no positive response was made by the CPA today there would be a "small march to demand that the comrades be given a hearing, as they are the representatives of the workers"

CPA regional representative Mr Danie Bezuidenhout said yesterday morning the police had been informed of the situation but no action had been taken against the demonstrators

The Cape's cutting edge

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The western Cape economy has shaken off its Cinderella image and is performing consistently better in most sectors than the rest of the country.

A detailed socio-economic study of the region by Wesgro, a private sector-funded development promotion organisation, has been published in a book, *South Africa's Leading Edge, A Guide to the Western Cape Economy*. It shows that, while the Witwatersrand leads in some respects, the western Cape is ahead of the rest of SA in development. Unemployment is lower, education and health standards are higher, urbanisation has progressed further and per capita personal income levels are "considerably" higher.

Policies that hobbled the region's growth in the Sixties and Seventies — industrial decentralisation, high import tariffs, lack of systematic support for smaller enterprises and coloured labour preference — have largely been abandoned. Restructuring in the Eighties opened the way to an average economic growth rate of around 3%, compared with a national average of only 1%.

Though the region lacks a mining sector, it compensates with relatively higher contributions from other sectors than is the norm in the rest of SA. This means the western Cape has a broader based and better balanced economic structure than any other region and is shielded from violent cyclical fluctuations prevalent in regions with a dominant sector, such as mining on the Witwatersrand and the motor industry in the eastern Cape.

The absence of a dominant base minerals sector has discouraged the establishment of heavy industry complexes and encouraged the manufacture of "high value-low mass" consumer goods and given the small business sector scope for development. The region has not suffered the worldwide decline in traditional growth sectors such as mining, base metals, iron and steel, electricity generation and staple food export production.

On the contrary, virtually all the newer growth sectors, like hi-tech, upmarket clothing, tourism, education, printing and publishing, light industrial consumer goods, processed high-value agricultural products, financial and professional services and the informal sector are either already established or well suited to the region.

Though the population in the greater western Cape is large enough to support

existing local industries, industrial expansion is "vitally dependent" on inter-regional and international markets. A surplus in inter-regional trade now covers the deficit in foreign trade and ensures the maintenance of a positive trade balance.

Tourism is one of the region's best bets. Direct spending in this sector in 1990 was estimated at R535m with another R1bn added through the multiplier effect.

Financial services are also important. They currently contribute a greater percentage of the region's Gross Geographic Product (GDP) than is the case on the Witwatersrand 15,1% compared with 12,2%.

The contribution to the national figure is growing — and will probably continue to do so — while the Witwatersrand's is declining. The western Cape's contribution of 15,8% in 1970 grew to 18,6% in 1990, while the Witwatersrand's declined from 60,8% to 44% over the same period.)

The western Cape produces more business and management trainees than the region can absorb, due to the reputation of local educational institutions. But there is an urgent need for more training facilities for black managers/entrepreneurs.

Younger managers/entrepreneurs (in the 25-45 age group) tend to move out of the region to accept better offers — but expect to return at some stage — while older people aged 40-60 who value the Cape lifestyle are less willing to move even for good offers.

Land area

The region covers 4% of SA's land area, has just over 9% of the country's population and produces 13% of GDP. Its 3,7m population is largely urbanised. Only 11% was classified rural in 1990 compared with 48% for SA. More than 85% of the people live in metropolitan Cape Town.

An average annual growth rate of 1,8% is expected to push the population to 5,2m by 2010, which will be just under 9% of SA's total compared with just over 9% at present.

The rapid inflow of migrants from the eastern Cape is reshaping the development process and poses a formidable challenge to the region. But it has the land, water and basic agricultural resources to absorb a significantly larger population.

Based on 1989 data from the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the sectors contribution of Region A (of which the western

Cape forms 90%) to SA's GGP was agriculture 19,9%, manufacturing 11,9%, construction 11,7%, trade and accommodation 16,3%, transport and communication 16,2%, finance and business services 18,6%.

The region's contributions are consistently higher than its population share and, with the exception of manufacturing and construction, remained stable or increased in the 14 years to 1989.

Manufacturing is the region's most important sector, contributing 24,6% of GDP in 1990, according to Wesgro estimates, followed by community and social services at 19,8%, trade and accommodation 15,7%, finance, insurance and related fields 15,1%, transport and communication 9,9%, agriculture 7,8%, construction 4,2%, electricity, gas and water 2,7%, and mining 0,2%.

Of the 1,3m-plus economically active people, about 850 000 are employed in the formal sector and 165 000 each in the informal, "survival self-employment" and unemployed sectors. The annual increase in the size of the labour force is estimated at 30 000-44 000.

Towns on the fringe of the metropolis — with the exception of Atlantis, a relatively unsuccessful industrial decentralisation development — are considered well poised for major growth during the Nineties. They include Paarl, Stellenbosch, Somerset West, Strand and Wellington. Growth in these towns will centre on agriculture and agri-industries, services, tourism and light and hi-tech industry.

Wesgro executive director David Bridgman says the western Cape needs a strong "regional economic lobby" to ensure equitable treatment under national economic policy. For example, he says, the new emphasis on beneficiation neglects the needs and potential of the region, forcing it to subsidise massive capital-intensive beneficiation projects being promoted in the PWV.

He believes tourism can gain from beneficiation through initiatives such as tax breaks for new hotels. But he is concerned about the relative lack of support for manufacturers of exports and would like to see help in the form of customs privileges within an export processing unit.

He attributes the authorities' inability to formulate clear policy on such issues to "vacillation at senior level" and says it indicates the difficulty in shifting from import substitution to export competitiveness.

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seeks local
govt change

LINDA ENSOR (263)

CAPE TOWN — Local government structures in the Cape Peninsula must be rationalised to bring the rates burden on business down to more reasonable levels, outgoing Cape Chamber of Commerce president Kenneth Marcus said yesterday.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the chamber, Marcus said a new, efficient system of local government was necessary to cut the costs of administration.

"Some local authorities in the Cape Peninsula are getting together to rationalise services, and a number are even talking about possible mergers, but this somewhat tentative initiative needs to be given added momentum to precipitate real results," Marcus said. He added that the chamber supported calls for a mini-Codesa on metropolitan government for the Cape.

He pointed to a "disturbing trend" of some local authorities seeking groupings that excluded financial responsibility for the newly urbanised squatter settlements.

Measures taken by the Cape Town City Council were welcome, but the council still had a long way to go.

Marcus felt there was a need to create a special agency devoted to spearheading the western Cape's export drive and to cultivating an export culture among manufacturers. He suggested that organised business, local government bodies, and major players in industry, should get together to set up a western Cape export authority.

The chamber's new president is textile agent Walter Hirsch & Co's CE Herbert Hirsch.

West Cape 'can be promoted as the California of Africa'

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THE Western Cape should be promoted as the California of Africa while South Africa builds its rightful place on the continent as the equivalent of the United States of America, a leading American advertising practitioner said in Cape Town.

Bill Tragos, chairman and CEO and TBWA Worldwide, was addressing a group of local marketers and advertising people before leaving for Johannesburg to speak at the Financial Mail "Welcome back to world advertising" conference.

TBWA Worldwide is a major agency with more than 1 000 employees in 13 countries and billings exceeding a billion dollars, and it is so impressed with business possibilities in South Africa that it has combined with the expertise of the Hunt Lascaris national network to offer a comprehensive service from offices situated at the Cape Town Network development.

Mr Tragos urged the local business community to take advantage of the goodwill in other countries flowing from the resounding Yes vote in the recent referendum.

Also at the same meeting was Clem Sunter, chairman of the gold and uranium division of Anglo American Corporation and head of Anglo's scenario planning,

who discussed South African post-apartheid scenarios since the Yes vote.

He urged South Africans to move ahead with confidence and to keep to the "high road" of development.

Mr Sunter said the Western Cape had most of the attributes to benefit from such "high road" development.

It was a question of identifying the region's strengths and realising their full potential.

The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has also recognised the need to identify development issues pivotal to the achievement of economic growth in the region.

The chamber recently attended the Growing the Cape Workshop held in the Cape Town Civic Centre by Wesgro.

A representative Regional Development Forum was proposed at the workshop as an appropriate vehicle to co-ordinate and facilitate the regional effort necessary to achieve economic growth.

A steering committee has been set up to explore the possibility of creating the proposed Regional Development Forum, and the chamber points out that organised business is represented on this committee.

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Kalk Bay upgrade project closer

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By PETER DENNEHY

COMPREHENSIVE plans to upgrade Kalk Bay were approved at a joint meeting of four committees of the Cape Town City Council yesterday.

Although the executive committee and the full council still have to approve the plans, this should be a formality, as the committees that approved the plans yesterday are comprised of all 34 Cape Town city councillors.

The upgrading initiative came from the trustees of the Kaplan-Kushlick Trust, who made a conditional offer of R1 million towards the project in 1989. The business community and the city council each had to contribute the same amount.

A long community involvement was then initiated, and this formed the basis for detailed planning.

Plans include

- The land on which the fishermen's flats are situated will be rezoned to "subdivisional area" to make it easier to sell the flats to their occupants under sectional title.

- The existing harbour square will have a border of shops and businesses at ground level, with residential accommodation above them.

- A similar strip of retail development with shops on the ground floor and one or two storeys of residential accommodation above them for the area between Jumbo's Restaurant and the station parking area.

Now it's time to call it a day



Dick Friedlander bows out
after six years in one of
the hottest seats in Cape Town

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Profile: CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

IN September, executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander will bow out after six years at the helm of a city council facing extraordinary challenges

He has served the city for 31 years, and while today announcing he would not seek re-election as exco chairman, he did not say how long he planned to remain a councillor

At a 1988 ceremony honouring him for service to local government, he said "It's wonderful to be a survivor"

The 69-year-old veteran was mayor from 1971-73, had the task of presiding over the last "mixed" city council, when in 1972 government decree removed "coloured" councillors from the chamber

An attorney educated at the University of Cape Town and at Middle Temple, Mr Friedlander was a member of the Provincial Council from 1958-65, serving as United Party chief whip for the last two years

He has served on a variety of local government bodies and is a former chairman of Captour and former president of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Community Chest

Perhaps his 1942 to 1945 military service in air-sea rescue boats was good preparation for the buffeting at the helm of the council

WITHIN a year of becoming exco chairman, he spoke out against government plans to set up what is now the Western Cape Regional Services Council. He warned that RSCs would mean further fragmentation of local government and an additional burden on ratepayers

But by the end of 1987 the controversial bodies had to be accepted as a reality and Mr Friedlander said the best course was to make them work in the interests of all citizens. Today he serves as Western Cape RSC finance committee chairman.

In 1988, there were calls for a rate-

payers' referendum and threats of legal action during the row over the introduction of a pension fund for councillors

Mr Friedlander was one of those who joined the pension fund and its "buy-back" scheme, a fact played on by his critics then and now

THE SAME YEAR, Mr Friedlander was involved in a desperate plea to the government to abandon free settlement areas legislation and the Group Areas Amendment Bill

The 1989 budget, of R1,2 billion with a 12 percent rates increase, brought him warm congratulations from all the councillors who spoke in that year's debate

But by the next year he had to pen long letters to the Press to defend complaints ranging from high rates to False Bay being a "cesspool"

In 1991, soon after celebrating 30 years on the city council, Mr Friedlander joined the campaign to stop government plans to impose VAT on property services

But the congratulations on the budget disappeared as the executive committee was accused — by a minority of five councillors — of mismanagement

Last year, the rates increase was 16,5 percent — the same as this year — as the graph rose steadily away from the previous year's 14 percent and 12 percent the year before

Since late last year, the council has come under new attack. Hard economic times and uncertainty about the future fired distrust among ratepayers about how public money was being spent, while they saw services being cut

The row over refuse removal cuts in parts of the southern suburbs, a Provincial Administration memorandum proposing huge boosts to councillors' allowances, the appointment of consultants at seemingly exorbitant fees, allegations of theft of municipal property by council staff, a mounting debt arrears crisis and many looked to the man at the top, perhaps unfairly forgetting the doctrine of collective responsibility means that 34 councillors could be asked to answer for the running of the city

But it was Mr Friedlander who had to

convene Press conferences and issue statements, as to the city council's woes were added rows over spending thousands of rands on golden badges and revelations over irregularities in the cash receiving department, which cost the city heavily in lost interest income

The advent of a "caucus" of 12 and a "non-caucus" of 20 — Mr Friedlander joined the latter — brought a new dimension to local politics, and an impression of a fractured council

Announcing today that he would not stand for re-election, he said the past six years had been a period of immense challenge, during which the transition to a new political and social dispensation, rampant inflation, and the demands of a rapidly changing society had put enormous burdens on councillors and staff

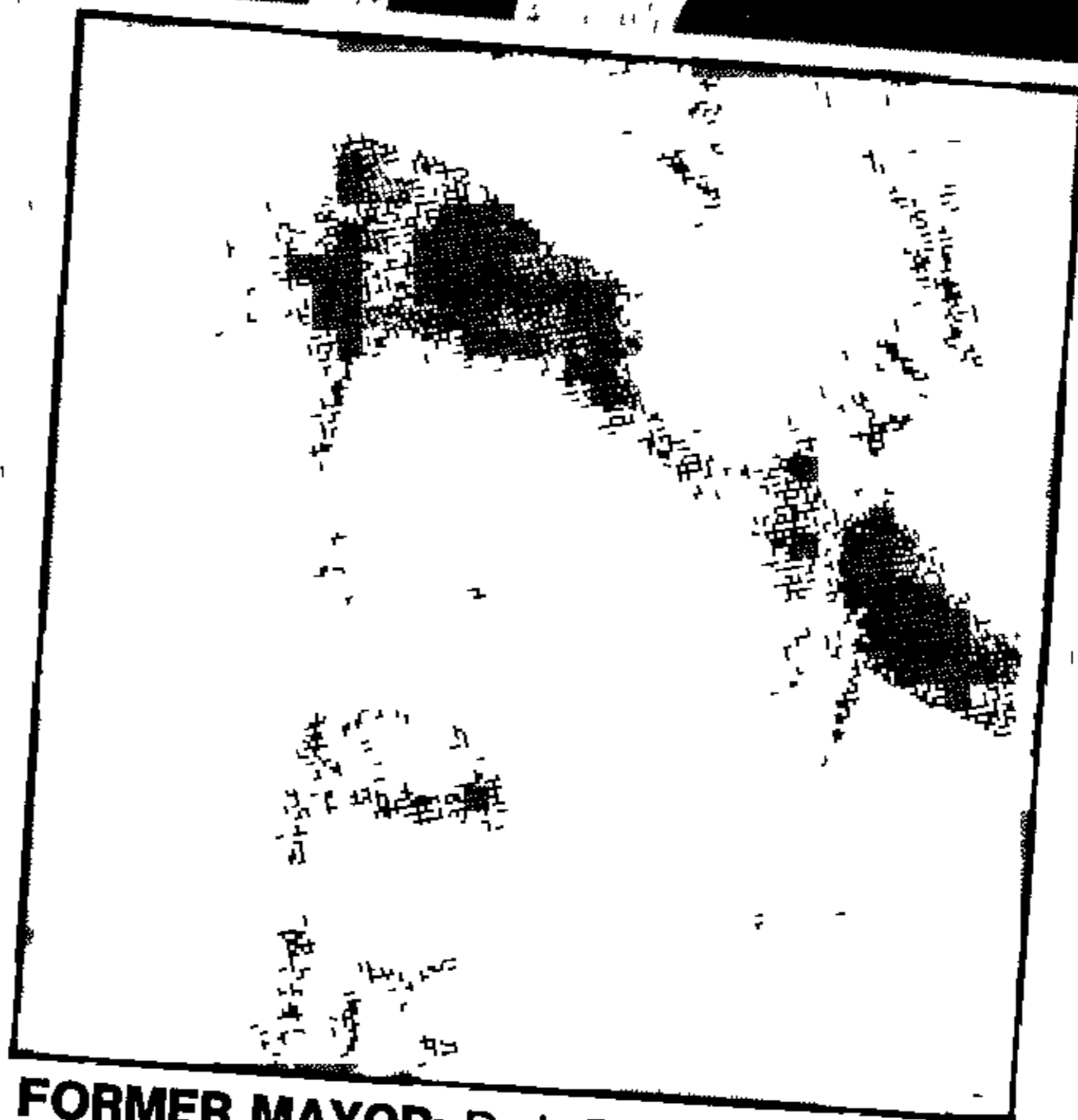
"I plead with all who love the city and wish to see it prosper to play the ball and not the man (and) to apply the *audi alterem partem* (let both sides be heard) rule," he said

And privately, friends express regret that someone who has served the city for long hours and long years steps down against a background of the council's troubled image

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FORMER MAYOR: Dick Friedlander in jocular mood during his term as Mayor of Cape Town in the early 1970s

**Cape Town's
rates to rise**

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CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town City Council will meet today to pass a multi-billion-rand budget for 1992/93 which is expected to include an increase in rates of about 16,5%

The council said earlier in the year that an outer limit of 16,5% had been imposed on budgetary planning and it was likely this has been adhered to

Community dissatisfaction over the reduction of services announced in last year's budget had led to these services being fully reinstated, with obvious cost implications for the budget. Deferred VAT, too, came into effect on some services.

Plan to extend camp enrages land owners ²⁶³

CPA LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Hout Bay property owners are furious about Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) plans to extend the town's squatter settlement *8 Day*.

Ratepayers say the settlement, Imizamo Yethu Village, has devalued their properties and has led to a higher incidence of crime.

At a meeting of the Hout Bay Ratepayers' Association on Tuesday, court action was threatened to prevent the CPA from extending the settlement to 34ha from its present 18ha.

The CPA, which is discussing with the Regional Services Council the acquisition of additional land for squatter settlement in Hout Bay, is expected to react to ratepayers' sentiments later this week. *21/5/77*

In a statement the CPA said preliminary discussions had been held with some landowners.

"It must be very clearly stated that it was never intended to resettle large numbers of squatters in the Hout Bay area. However, since a number of homeless people were found at Princess Bush, the Disa River, at the Hangberg and in an overcrowded situation in the harbour, it was merely humane to settle them near their place of employment," the CPA said.

The only way to prevent living standards from declining was to commence community development in Imizamo Yethu Village. Sound town planning and development principles were being applied in the village by professional consultants.

The CPA said it was providing ablution and refuse facilities with a view to imminent permanent infrastructure.

Silence on water 'to avoid panic'

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By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

THE city council kept quiet about the leakage of an excessive quantity of chlorine into the Cape Town water supply this week to avoid panic, Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said yesterday

The overchlorinated water, piped into homes on the Cape Flats and in the southern suburbs, had resulted in a few complaints of mild diarrhoea but no hospital cases

Acting city engineer Mr Henk Beekman said yesterday that the water supply was back to normal

The overchlorination was detected on Tuesday night when Cape Flats residents complained of a burning sensation after drinking water

Mr Salie Hendricks of Mitchells Plain unwittingly changed the water in his fish pond on Wednesday afternoon. By yesterday morning all his Koi and goldfish were dead

"I wouldn't have changed the water if I had been warned about the problem," he said

Mr Van der Velde said the council

had allowed overchlorinated water run to waste from mains in affected areas

Mr Beekman said the council had received 200 complaints on Tuesday, 150 on Wednesday and only a handful yesterday. Samples taken at some homes fell within the chlorine limit of up to 0,5 milligrams a litre — but others had shown more than 3,0 milligrams a litre

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr Michael Popkiss, said that on Wednesday the chlorine level was 10 times normal in places. This level caused irritation but was not dangerous

"It could cause a burning sensation in the mouth and on the lips and could cause vomiting in babies," he said

Mr Beekman said the water problem had not been caused by human error

A chlorinator pipe had leaked into water at the Blackheath water treatment plant, and the "plug" of water with a high concentration of chlorine had been distributed to other water pipes

The council was now inserting further sampling points along the pipeline to give an "early warning"

Budget approved after record debate

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors have voted 22 to three at the end of a record 4½-hour budget debate to approve spending of more than R2 billion in the coming financial year

Mr Arthur Wienburg, Mr Rupert Hurly and Mr Gerry Sullivan voted against the budget

Apart from executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander, 21 councillors spoke in the debate

Mr Wienburg said the budget would take R18 million from reserves "never to return", leaving only R30 million

A reduction in staff, privatisation and rationalisation were needed

Mr Wienburg protested against councillors getting copies of the budget speech just before the special council meeting while copies were given to the Press on Wednesday

Mr Hurly said plans for separate charges for sewerage and refuse removal would cause much extra work

Mr Peter Muller said water and electricity should be handed to utility companies. The council could buy a 50,1 percent interest in each company while other metropolitan stakeholders could also get involved

Mr Clive Justus praised the budget as one which proved that "Cape Town cares"

Mr Leon Markovitz said the rates increase should have been 18,5 per-

cent. Keeping increases low would not work as a long-term solution, in part because the time for redistribution of wealth had come

Dr John Sonnenberg described it as "a survival budget", saying it would have been better to have a higher rates increase and provide proper services

Mrs Eulalie Stott opposed appeals for privatisation

"It fills me with gloom when it is said we must try to retrench people. This council has as one its goals job creation, and how you create jobs by retrenching your staff, God only knows"

She said taxes on undeveloped land and fines for littering should be used as sources of income

Mr Neil Ross warned that user charges on sewerage and refuse removal would lead to "disaster in the townships"

Mr John Muir said more funds for the council public relations department were "desperately needed — not for ostentatious, glossy advertising but so that things can be explained in detail to the public"

● Several councillors paid tribute to Mr Friedlander for his service as executive committee chairman. He had announced during the budget speech — his sixth — that he would not stand for re-election in September.

Tutu slates health privatisation

ANDREA WEISS
Health Reporter

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A NATIONAL health scheme must be established urgently to give all South Africans equal access to health care, says Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu

His address to the national congress of the Academy for Pharmaceutical Sciences in Somerset West today was read in his absence by the chaplain of the University of the Western Cape, the Reverend Courtney Sampson, as Archbishop Tutu was preparing with other church leaders to meet the State President

He criticised an "orgy" of privatisa-

tion in health care which would put many commodities and services out of most people's reach

He said it was scandalous that cholera epidemics could happen in a country that had pioneered heart transplants and other advanced medical technology

The old dispensation had given South Africa a skewed society and resources were being allocated inequitably

He said the scourge of tuberculosis in the poorer sectors of society was the symbol of a sick society — sick in the sense that TB could never take hold in a social environment that provided effective health care for all

Some city workers ⁽²¹³⁾ will lose their jobs

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RETRENCHMENT is looming for some municipal employees — though this will have to be negotiated with trade unions

Mr Richard Friedlander said in yesterday's budget speech that the council would have to ensure that reserve funds could meet the cost of any retrenchment agreements negotiated with unions

Mrs Eulalie Stott said she believed in free enterprise, but did not believe that the government and council should "throw everybody to the private sector" She said "The greatest problem in this country is jobs How you can create jobs by getting rid of your own staff, God only knows"

City exco
chairman
to leave
this year

Municipal Reporter

MR Dick Friedlander — a veteran of six years' service as chairman of the Cape Town City Council's executive committee and with 31 years on the council — announced yesterday that he will not seek re-election in September

Virtually all of the 21 councillors who spoke during the budget debate yesterday expressed appreciation for his efforts

Speculation

Those who may be best placed to fill Mr Friedlander's post when he steps down are his fellow members of the executive committee — Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Leon Markovitz, Mr John Muir and Mr Neil Ross

There is some speculation within the council that deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan might be persuaded to take over the exco leadership

Mr Keegan declined to comment yesterday

A budget for 'upliftment'

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BY PETER DENNEHY

THIS year's R2-billion city council budget, in terms of which property rates will rise by 16,5%, was described by housing committee chairman Mr Neil Ross yesterday as "redistributive"

It went a long way towards meeting the goals of "social upliftment, redistribution of resources, wider community involvement and promotion of the city", he said

"This budget has been used as a political tool to accomplish redistribution," he said, adding that the council was going to use its own money to provide some 300-odd houses for rental

Earlier, Mrs Enlaha Stott said that about 2% of the rates, or some R7 million, was to go towards subsidising council housing rentals. The only part of these rentals which will rise this year will be the contribution in lieu of rates

Mr Ross said the Housing

Relief for the propertied poor

Municipal Reporter

THERE is some relief in yesterday's City Council budget for the poorest of property owners

A 50% rebate on rates will be granted where income does not exceed R700 a month. The amount of the rebate gradually decreases until it becomes a 10% rebate for ratepayers who have an income of R1 100 a month. These scales have been shifted by

about 16%, so that anyone whose meagre income is rising at the rate of inflation should continue to qualify for the special rebates

Property rates will be subsidised by surplus funds from electricity bills to the tune of R63,4m in the coming year — which is exactly the same figure as last year.

Electricity bills are expected to go up by about 13% from October. Water bills will rise by 15% from July, as has already been announced

Board had agreed to housing committee proposals which would give the council access to an additional R10 million for maintenance of housing estates in areas like Manenberg, Hanover Park and Bonteheuwel

Community facilities provided in the black townships would, for the first time, be charged to the rates account. Previously such funds had come out of a separate account which township residents paid for themselves.

Mr Arthur Wrenburg said he had wanted total expenditure to

increase by 16,5% or less, but this had not been achieved. The rates increase had been kept to 16,5% by "raiding the piggy bank", or depleting reserves.

"The reserves are falling from R48,6m to just over R30m"

Yet some councillors indicated yesterday that they thought it was a mistake to force the rates increase down to 16,5%. Ms Annama van den Heever said she would rather answer for high rates than for closed libraries, under-used swimming pools and roads in a poor state of repair

On the run from town councillor

A WITNESS to the fatal shooting of an African National Congress member — allegedly by a Crossroads town councillor — is in hiding and fears for his life after the release on bail of three men he identified to police as being implicated in the shooting.

De Poutch Elles, a member of the Unathi ANC branch at Crossroads, said this week he had identified two men — "a councillor and a council employee — whom police then loaded into the combi in which he was sitting, undisguised. A third man, also a council employee, was arrested later.

Elles (25) was present when activist Buntubakhe Ndamane (24) was shot last Wednesday night as he ran from the Topkor community hall in Crossroads after fighting broke out at a meeting called to discuss a housing issue.

He ran to Unathi Police Station to report the incident and take refuge, as he had heard another councillor saying he should also be killed along with other ANC members at the meeting.

Other witnesses later reported that riot police had searched members of the community present but refused a *kitskonstabel's* request that councillors and council employees, all of whom were armed, also be searched.

Police that night officially denied anyone had died in the incident, saying councillors fired shots because they "panicked" after hearing gunfire outside the building.

On Monday, Crossroads councillor Serasi Nelson (Poni) de Wet and two council

A witness who identified a town councillor and two council employees charged with murder has been forced into hiding after receiving death threats.

By GAYE DAVIS

employees, Elliot Nkantu and Siphwe Roger Myemam, appeared in the Mitchell's Plain magistrate's court on charges of murder.

The court book notes that when the men appeared, their case was remanded to June 17 and bail was extended — indicating that they had already been freed on bail between the time of their arrest on Thursday and their first court appearance on Monday. The case file was unavailable.

Elles said this week that he was warned early last Friday not to go to school as "people were plotting to kill me". That night vehicles drove past his house, threats were shouted by people wielding sticks and pangas and eventually a woman came to warn him to leave as people were gathering in preparation to kill him.

Elles said riot police patrolled the area after ANCM Jan van Eck was alerted. When Van Eck and Black Sash monitoring unit member Anne Greenwell arrived at his home after midnight, however, they found no sign of any police and took Elles away.

When he returned to his home on Saturday, he was told the men he had helped arrest were free and had driven past his house in a combi

"People told me they said I was not safe, that they were going to kill me and that they were not afraid of the police because the police were their friends," Elles said.

"In the old days (when activists were hunted by police), if a person was going to point you (out to police) they put him in a balacava so you couldn't know who this person is," he said "I think they wanted them to see me."

According to Crossroads town clerk Tollye Thorpe, the three men were released on R500 bail each. None would be suspended from official duties until justice had run its course, he said. All five Crossroads councillors were provided with weapons "for their own protection".

The meeting, which Thorpe attended, was intended to inform the public of an intended survey of brick houses in Unathi. He said he did not know who had started the fight and was inside the hall when the shooting took place outside.

Crossroads ANC members have planned a march for today in which they will call for the dismissal of the town councillors.

ANC regional executive member Vincent Diba said it was "disturbing" that suspects in the shooting should have been released on bail. The matter would be raised at a meeting of the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee set up in terms of the National Peace Accord, he said.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher commented that it was not unusual for bail to be granted where suspects had a fixed address.

House auction is postponed

By KURT SWART

THE City Council has postponed the auction of six Heathfield residential plots after protest action by a Muslim society which wants to acquire the land for the erection of an Islamic cultural centre

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said that following a placard protest by 100 Muslims at the Civic Centre on Thursday, the council had decided to postpone the sale of the plots

The Heathfield Madressa Society had accused the council of acting in a "highly dictatorial, undemocratic and irresponsible manner", because of its decision to put the plots on public auction

"For the past five years the Heathfield Madressa Society on behalf of the Muslim residents of Heathfield, Elfindale, Windsor Park and Diep River has been struggling to acquire land from the Cape Town City Council to build an Isla-

mic centre, as no educational, religious or cultural facility exists in the area," a spokesman for the society said.

"Three suitable sites owned by the City Council have been applied for during this period but the council on one pretext or another has refused to sell any of the sites requested by the Society.

"The council then advertised it is going to auction six plots in Chadwin Road, Heathfield, next to the tennis courts on Tuesday. This is one of the sites the Society applied for and which the council had refused to sell to the society, contrary to the positive recommendation of the Heathfield and District Residents Association

"The Madressa Society wanted it. We informed them that it was for residential use, and offered them an alternative site but they turned up their noses at the offer"

Workers block municipal change and privatisation

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

RESTRICTING local Government and attempts at privatisation must be stopped immediately, SA Municipal Workers Union branch chairman Mr Salie Manie told a packed union meeting last night in the Cape Town City Hall.

Mr Manie said municipal workers should not be excluded from the decision-making process.

Municipalities should provide water and electricity to all at affordable rates, while paying their workers a living wage.

Mr Manie said all internal restructuring of councils should stop and

called on councils not to use the Interim Measures for Local Government Act.

He said municipal workers were often seen as agents of the State, but were drawn from the ranks of oppressed communities.

Samwu general secretary Mr John Ernsten said union pressure had led to all 800 workers re-elected by Ibhayi City Council in Port Elizabeth, being reinstated.

Municipal workers are to hold marches countrywide on June 10.

Annual wage negotiations between Samwu and the city council executive committee are in progress.

Valkenberg gets more guards after breakout

ANDREA WEISS
Health Reporter

MORE security guards have been employed at Valkenberg Hospital following the escape of five prisoners last week.

In a statement by the Cape Provincial Administration, Dr Jocelyn Kane-Berman said the extra security personnel were employed for the four closed wards, including Ward 26, where the five escapees had been held.

The wards are all closed forensic wards where patients are admitted from the maximum security ward "as and when their condition and progress make this possible", Dr Kane-Berman said.

On Friday night — the evening of the breakout — one of the two male nurses on duty had been transferred to the adjacent Ward 25 because of a security problem there, leaving the remaining nurse alone.

This gave the patients the chance to threaten the remaining nurse with a knife.

Dr Kane-Berman said much had been done to improve the situation following the breakout in February when 34 patients escaped, but major problems remained.

The inadequacy of facilities for forensic patients had been relieved in the maximum security section, but increased in the supporting closed wards.

"Until such time as another maximum security ward is built at Lentegour Hospital (in Mitchell's Plain) this unstable situation will persist," she said.

Also, a continuing shortage of funds prevented the filling of vacant posts at Valkenberg Hospital Areas particularly affected were social workers and occupational therapists, both of whom played an "essential role in defusing tensions and aggressive behaviour in long-term forensic patients."

Sets today 1747 Rises tomorrow 0740

THE TIDES

High water today 1101 2324, tomorrow 1201 -
Low water today 0453 1705, tomorrow 0550 1802

YESTERDAY'S WATER TEMPERATURES

Sea Point sea 14.5; pool 15.5
Muzenberg sea 12.5, pool 13.5
Newlands pool 16
Long Street pool 24

7am TEMPERATURES

Bloemfontein	-6
Cape Town	-6
Durban	-11
East London	-8
George	-12
Johannesburg	-13
Kimberley	-11
Port Elizabeth	-0
Pretoria	-14
Springbok	-8
Uppington	-11
Windhoek	-2
Cape Town (yesterday 2pm)	-7

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Council managed to keep ⁽²⁶³⁾ to budget

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council kept to last year's operating budget because overspending in some departments — totalling R7 million — was balanced by underspending in others

A report tabled at yesterday's meeting said there was "excessive over-expenditure" in the administration, civic amenities, fire service and abattoir branches

But there was underspending in services such as streetworks, and income from administration, fire and traffic exceeded expectations

Overspending of 6,6 percent in the fire service was caused by changes to the salary scale and an accelerated pay hike scheme

Civic amenities overspent by 5,4 percent because of repairs and maintenance to buildings such as the Civic Centre, City Hall, suburban halls, swimming pools and pavilions

Mr Arthur Wienburg said department heads responsible for overspending should be censured.

"Ratepayers' money is being spent in cavalier fashion," he said

Mr Abe Katz queried the R494 000 which was spent on watering dunes in a stabilisation project in Muizenberg

"How do you spend half a million rands on keeping dunes wet?" he said

Executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander said his committee was very concerned about the report

MUNICIPAL BRIEFS

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CAPE Town is to host a commission of inquiry, led by St Petersburg mayor Mr Anatoli Sobchak, briefed to probe whether the two cities should "twin". An invitation to Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde to visit the Russian city was turned down

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DISCONNECTION of electricity supplies to defaulters is to be boosted to 8 000 a month by introducing Friday cutoffs. Consumer reactions should be closely monitored, the council resolved.

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THE city electrical engineer said security was being investigated at Ndabeni Workshops, where four trolley jacks worth R3 500 each were stolen. Police had investigated and it was alleged council staff may be involved

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THERE was no problem with the handling of cash at cash receiving offices, executive committee chairman Mr Richard Friedlander told Mr Kenneth Penkin in reply to a question. The cash receiving offices were the focus of attention when thousands of rands' interest was lost because cheques were not banked

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THE amenities and health committee is to reconsider a recommendation to lease 1 500 sq m of Roggebaai land to a private company for R50 a year for parking

Mr Arthur Wienburg said market-related prices should be charged because ratepayers could not be expected to provide developers with land for parking at a nominal rate. He recommended an annual rental of R5 400.

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THE council upheld an executive committee recommendation barring Mrs Mary Kelly from using Muizenberg Pavilion as a fleamarket

'Biscuit Committee' to trim trimmings

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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DUBBED "the Biscuit Committee", three city councillors are to investigate trimming the trimmings from the municipal catering budget.

The three are Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Arthur Wienburg and Mr Kenneth Penkin.

Butcher Mr Joubert, who has hungered for some time to slim down the money spent on catering, successfully overturned an executive committee attempt to pour cold water on cutting the budget to the bone.

Exco recommended that "no specific controls" be put on

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civic functions, but that restraint be exercised, where possible, on catering spending.

This was in response to a motion last month by Mr Joubert, calling on Exco to cut down civic functions and to reduce lunch breaks.

In debate yesterday, Mr Joubert slated the Exco recommendation as "wishy-washy".

Responding to the argument that catering played a crucial role in entertaining foreign visitors, he said that out of 13 000 people entertained by the council last year, fewer than 1 000 came from overseas.

Mr Leon Markovitz said the

sub-committee should not be allowed to prescribe to a mayor about how to spend his entertainment budget.

He said Mr Van der Velde had already cut back his civic hospitality budget.

"This committee will be a further waste of tea, coffee and biscuits," Mr Markovitz said.

Mr Penkin said there was "general unhappiness" among councillors about the amount spent on civic hospitality.

"Councillor Wienburg is objecting, Mr Mayor, but he is always putting biscuits in his pockets," Mr Penkin said.

Consultants to decide on wages for councillors

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Municipal Reporter

CONSULTANTS are to be given a month to produce recommendations on "fair and appropriate" allowances for city councillors, in a bid to take decisions on annual increases out of councillors' hands.

This stems from a motion by Mr Arthur Wienburg at yesterday's city council meeting

At one point, Mrs Joan Kantey walked out of the debate, saying it was against her principles to discuss her own payment.

Mr Wienburg said people were misinformed about the issues surrounding councillors' allowances

MPs' allowances were linked to public service pay, he said

"We are the last remaining body which has the embarrassing duty of discussing our own increases"

Consultants were needed to draw up an objective report, which would include contributions by councillors, ratepayers and others

Mrs Joan Kantey told Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde "On a point of order, is it not true that where there is any financial interest you're supposed to remove yourself from the chamber?"

She walked out, returning to the meeting later.

Mr Leon Markovitz said Cape Town would not be unique if it handed over decisions on allowances to someone else. This was done in Durban and Maritzburg.

The vote to appoint consultants and brief the executive committee to report back by the end of June was carried by 23 to two, with Mr John Muir and Mr Neil Ross voting against

Council pay scales get eyed

By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN city councillors decided yesterday to put the controversial issue of their allowances in the hands of a group of consultants

The present allowance for councillors is R1 350 a month and yesterday several councillors said they were embarrassed to decide on their own increases

Now the consultants will decide what is "fair and appropriate" to pay the councillors

Mrs Joan Kantey left the chamber on account of her "financial interest in this matter"

Last year the council took a decision — to come into effect from July this year — that councillors' allowances should be linked by a percentage formula to what an MP gets. It is expected that this will be rescinded next month.

Mr Richard Friedlander, the chairman of the executive committee, proposed that councillors should get no increases in the forthcoming financial year, but that linkage of the allowances to

the remuneration of MPs should be considered next year

He also wanted to rescind last year's allowance motion

Mr Arthur Wienburg's contrary recommendation, concerning calling in consultants, replaced Mr Friedlander's. Mr Wienburg's amendment was passed by 23 votes to two

There was a moment of drama in the debate when councillors objected — too late — to a proposal that Mr Wienburg's motion be voted upon before debate on it had taken place

'Gag attempt'

Mr John Muir said the proposal had been "an attempt to gag some of us". The Mayor said this reflected badly on his fellow councillors, so Mr Muir said that there had been "a democratic attempt to stop some of us speaking"

Mr Muir added that since councillors had enjoyed a 12,5% increase in November last year, no further increase should be considered until next June, and the money for councillors' allow-

ances should meanwhile be used to cut grass verges

The private consultants will have to report back by the end of next month, according to Mr Wienburg's motion

Mr Leon Markovitz remarked that Durban and Maritzburg had also appointed consultants to review their councillors' allowances

Mrs Eulalie Stott said it was "an impertinence" to suggest that the Mayor of Cape Town should have to be an independently wealthy man, or at least one who must be prepared to "put his hand deeply into his pocket"

Councillors would still have to decide at the end of next month on whether to accept whatever the consultants came up with

Mr Muir said the budget allocation for consultants' fees had been severely cut. Nobody in the country was qualified to be a consultant on this issue

Mrs Stott said what the consultants would have to do had been done by the Co-ordinating Council for Local Government

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Aldermen will get 'formal' badges

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ALDERMEN of Cape Town will be given "formal" badges, but will have to pay for "informal" badges out of their own pocket

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An executive committee recommendation on the badges issue was passed without debate at a city council meeting.

A die costing R880 and which can be re-used is to be bought.

Badges costing R330 each will be bought when needed. Four will be needed by the end of the financial year

Exco said freemen of the city would be given illuminated addresses, but not badges.

Solutions to council value for money problems delayed

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

VALUE for money (VFM) reviews exposed a series of problems in various city council departments — but there have been delays in implementing solutions

Town clerk Mr Don Geyer and city treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said this in a report tabled at yesterday's utilities and works committee meeting.

The city council ordered a series of VFM reviews in 1989 to promote economy and efficiency

In 1990 and 1991 a team of city council accountants and a private auditor probed departments, including electrical depots at Mitchell's Plain and Muizenberg, the business licences division and the cash receiving office

The VFM review of the cash office, completed in July 1991, surfaced during a row over the running of the department

In a March, 1990, report on the Mitchell's Plain city electrical engineer's depot, problems included

- Delegation of responsibility was minimal
- Direct communication between the depot and the Civic Centre was lacking
- There were not enough vehicles
- Management and training were inadequate

The report recommended a series of reforms, but a "follow-up review" a year later found some problems still needed attention

A July, 1990, report on the Muizenberg depot found

- There was not enough stock
- Staffing levels were "unbalanced"
- Vehicle maintenance and repairs were inadequate
- There was not enough financial information to manage the depot effectively

Recommendations included reviews of staff and job descriptions, more attention to safety, and ensuring enough reliable vehicles were available

A critical eye on actions of the council caucus of 12

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CLIVE SAWYER Municipal Reporter

CRUCIAL questions hang over the performance of the city council "caucus" of 12, as claims that it is a spur to councillors to work harder are met by counterclaims that it is divisive

News of the caucus of 12 was met by the formation by 20 councillors of a "counter-caucus" — not a title accepted by the group, to discuss ways to respond to the challenge

The group of 20 appointed Mr Norman Osburn spokesman but in an interview yesterday Mr Osburn said it was uncertain whether his group would meet again

"The misconception that we were an anti-caucus must be cleared up — we met simply to discuss what to do, if anything, in the light of the favourable publicity the caucus got," he said

A key issue was the nature of the group of 12.

"Is it a caucus or a discussion group? Not even its own members seem to know," Mr Osburn said

A prominent member of the "caucus", Mr Arthur Wienburg — emphasising he was speaking in his personal capacity — said the group had already had a positive effect

The first council meeting after the advent of the caucus had lasted until about 8pm and debates showed that councillors had done their homework

"When we finished, nearly every councillor was still there, including those well-known usually to leave at lunchtime," Mr Wienburg said.

But, he said, it would be unrealistic to expect too much of a caucus which was a minority of 12 in a city council of 34

A time of healing was needed after the raw emotion provoked over news of the caucus

"Once feelings die down, I hope that people will look at suggestions realistically according to their merits and not their source," Mr Wienburg said

Mr Osburn pointed to the failure of the group of 12 to vote along caucus lines, particularly in the budget debate, as evidence of the uncertain na-

ture of the group

"I have nothing against the formation of the caucus, and there is plenty of precedent for ad-hoc groups to be formed in the council to fight on the same side in certain issues," he said

But he was concerned at the way the caucus had been formed, and the way the statement of intent created the impression that the 12 councillors were in favour of its principled stand against lavish spending and inefficient, bureaucratic management

"The caucus has been divisive and distracted attention from crucial issues we should be discussing in this transitional situation," Mr Osburn said

He rejected the claim that the council had sat until 8pm because of the caucus at work, because several items — among them the cash office debacle, the catering budget, councillors' allowances and golden badges — caused lengthy debate

Mr Wienburg said a pattern of voting on caucus lines would take time to be established

"The members are 12 people who do not want their opinions subjected to a single line," he said.

He acknowledged that the group had not voted on caucus lines against the budget, because some felt that keeping the rates increase to the promised 16.5 percent gave it some merit

"At least this disposes of the accusation that we will oppose anything for opposition's sake," Mr Wienburg said

On the future of the caucus, he said, there was no active membership drive but at the same time the group did not have a closed-door policy

The group would meet a few days before the monthly council meeting to examine the agenda in detail.

In the meantime, members had accepted "portfolios" and would research aspects of municipal government along these lines

Mr Wienburg declined to disclose which portfolios had been given to members of the group

CP to boycott Kimberley council merger

Own Correspondent

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KIMBERLEY — The unification of the Kimberley City Council tomorrow has received another negative response, this time from the Conservative Party in the city.

Following on the heels of the African National Congress, the CP said it would not attend the unification ceremony tomorrow "out of protest against the merger"

Other organisations have objected to the consolidation, calling the number of allotted new councillors undemocratic.

Kimberley mayor Dirk Liebenberg responded by saying the new council was "fairly divided", with 50 percent white councillors and 50 percent black, coloured and Indian.

CP councillor Danie Theron said yesterday he and colleague Roelof van Tonder did not have a mandate from their voters to

take part in the process.

Before the NP-controlled council "capitulates to the demands of the ANC, it can at least be civil enough and return to the electorate through a referendum", said Mr Theron.

Mr Liebenberg said he could not force the CP to attend the ceremony.

"In the past we have been blamed for going too slow, but now we are being blamed for going too fast," he said.

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ANC threatens to destroy city's nonracial council

THE ANC said yesterday it would organise mass action to ensure the collapse of Kimberley's single city council project

ANC Northern Cape region media officer Pakes Dikgetsi said yesterday the ANC asked the Kimberley City Council at the start of this week not to go ahead with inaugurating the single council.

He said the allocation of councillors was "a clear illustration of the racist and undemocratic manner" in which the council had proceeded with the project

"It has been our view that negotiation has to take place between all parties — as equals — to restructure local government in terms of agreement reached at national level

"A multiparty commission on local government

PATRICK BULGER

was proposed and it is that forum which must decide on restructuring

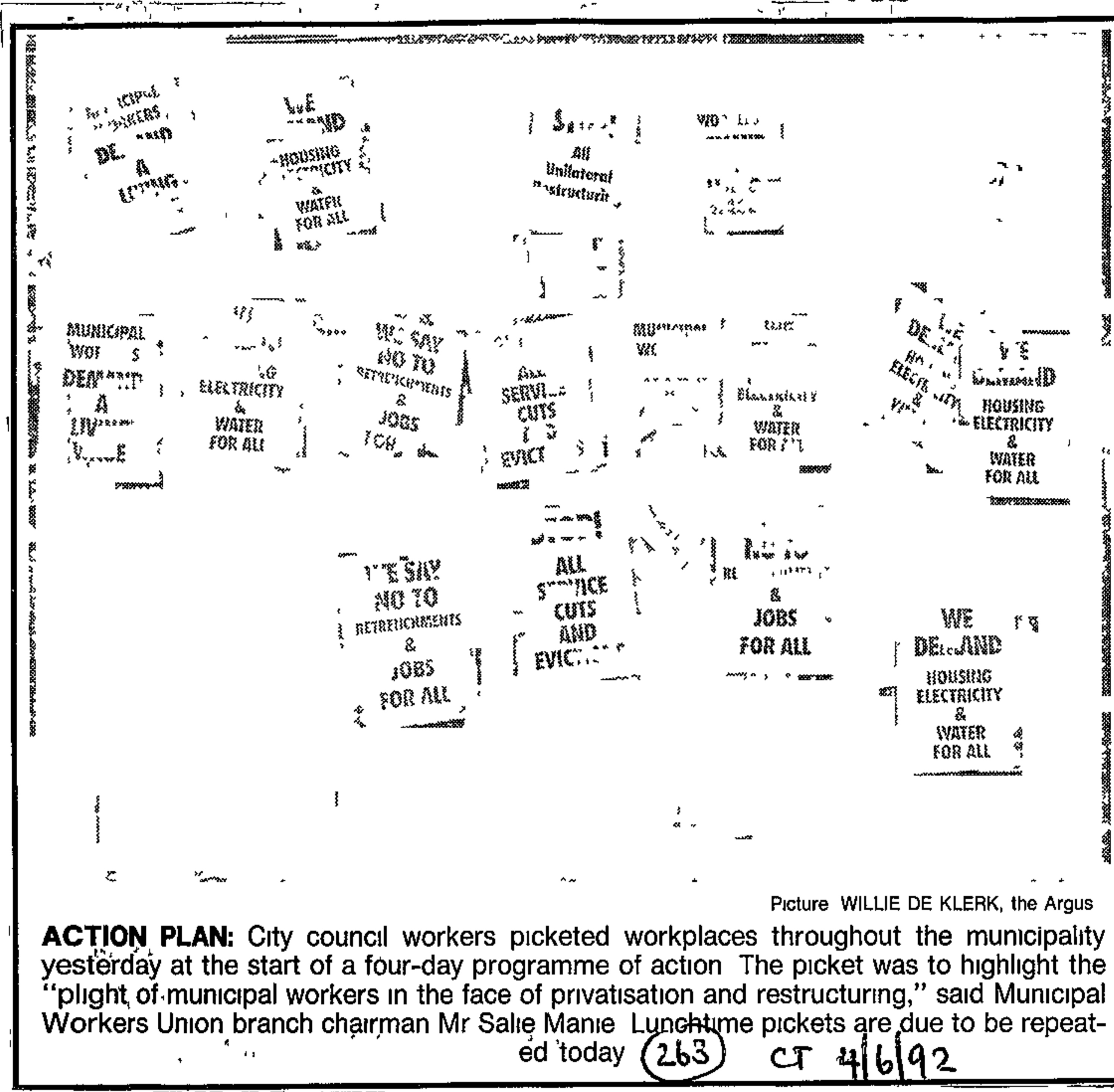
"We proposed to the city council not to go ahead with this inauguration and to re-open negotiation around this matter, and it refused. We are now left with no other option but to struggle to render this structure un-

workable. An all round campaign of mass action to ensure its collapse will be undertaken and its inauguration will be greeted by demonstrations"

Dikgetsi said the ANC had informed the council "that we do not agree with their approach of twinning

together discredited apartheid-created local au-

thorities and then claim to have a nonracial, democratic local authority"



Picture WILLIE DE KLERK, the Argus

ACTION PLAN: City council workers picketed workplaces throughout the municipality yesterday at the start of a four-day programme of action. The picket was to highlight the "plight of municipal workers in the face of privatisation and restructuring," said Municipal Workers Union branch chairman Mr Saleh Manie. Lunchtime pickets are due to be repeated today (263) CT 4/6/92

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ANC set to stage protest in Kimberley

Own Correspondent (263)

KIMBERLEY — A street demonstration will greet Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring today when he attends Kimberley's unification ceremonies at the city's Civic Centre.

Yesterday ANC regional spokesman Pakes Dikgetsi confirmed that a demonstration by his organisation would take place at the Civic Centre.

Civic association chairman Solly Legodi said the civics and Cosatu would also take part in the protest action.

"We are intending to bus ANC supporters in to the council for the purpose of having a demonstration against the unification," Mr Dikgetsi said.

The protest action today is only part of a bigger ANC programme of action to express its dissatisfaction with the new system of local government in Kimberley.

Mr Dikgetsi said today's action would be followed by a consumer boycott "in the near future" and a stayaway next month.

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When Dr Anderson went to Italy in 1950 to thank Guiseppi, his help and they have agreed," said Dr Anderson

How much should they get paid? (263)

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council is to ask Professor Erwin Schwella of the University of Stellenbosch department of public administration to report by the end of this month on how much councillors should be paid — and who should control their allowances

The executive committee yesterday resolved to ask Professor Schwella and colleague Professor Deon Geldenhuys to recommend "fair and appropriate" allowances for councillors and management committee members

But it is understood Professor Geldenhuys will not be available to work on the report because he has moved to the Rand Afrikaans University.

A city council spokesman said Professor Schwella had not decided on whether to accept the job

Yesterday's decision by the executive committee to approach the two academics comes after a council resolution last month recommending the appointment of consultants to investigate the thorny issue

During last month's debate,

some councillors opposed the appointing of consultants to investigate councillors' allowances because there was no-one qualified in the field

The council faces a dilemma because, in terms of a resolution last year, a policy of linking councillors' increases to MPs' salaries is due to come into effect on July 1.

To give effect to recommendations by the consultants, or give them more time to report, city councillors will have to rescind last year's resolution at this month's council meeting.

Chance for you to win R1 million



Protests fail and councils merge in Kimberley

LAYTON BEARD

Weekend Argus Correspondent

KIMBERLEY. — Another first for the city was realised yesterday with the introduction of the first integrated city council in South Africa by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring

The amalgamation of the Kimberley City Council, the Galeshewe City Council and the Coloured and Indian Management Committees was the culmination of two "mini-Codesas" held in the city on January 29 and April 2.

Faced with opposition from the African National Congress, the Conservative Party (CP) and the Civic and Ratepayers' Associations, it was decided to continue with the consolidation initiatives instead of backing down.

The allotment of 12 white councillors, seven black, four coloured and one Indian representative, coupled with the 'hasty' way in which the reconciliation was to be held caused much of the consternation.

"Our message is loud and clear," said ANC regional spokesman Mr Pakes Dikgetsi, "we reject this 'undemocratic structure'".

Mr Dikgetsi refuted statements by the former mayor, Mr Dirk Liebenberg, that the new dispensation was "fairly divided".

"This is ridiculous, it is clear the whites will always be in the majority when it comes to voting in the new council and this is certainly undemocratic," he said.

In spite of these protests and the approximately 250 peaceful demonstrators at the Civic Centre at the time of the unification ceremony, council spirits were not dampened.

Delivering the keynote address to the new council of 24 councillors (instead of 41 in the past), Mr Meiring was positive.

Referring to the interim nature of the new council, Mr Meiring said Kimberley "showed the rest of South Africa what perseverance, patience and dedication can accomplish".

He did, however, dismiss the negativity surrounding the unification by pointing to the behind-the-scenes negotiations between the old KCC and the civic associations.

"The result of the negotiations are an indication that wide consensus can be reached over community issues," said Mr Meiring.

Kimberley's new mayor, Mr Ronnie Bauser, also showed his tenacity by ignoring the objections to the unification and remaining positive.

"Differences," he said, "there will always be, but we should be able to overcome or at least compromise on these by talking to each other".

The ANC is still unhappy, as are Mr Bauser's two CP "colleagues" on the new council.

Although reiterated yesterday at the ceremony, the fact that the new structure is only a transition one and not permanent does not comfort the ANC.

Stay-aways and consumer boycotts are in the offing "in the near future" in compliance with a "bigger programme" of protest action embarked on by the ANC.

CP councillors Mr Danie Theron and Mr Roelof van Tonder, who protested against the ceremony by not attending, maintained they did not have a mandate from their voters to take part in the process.

Pitfalls in the idea of a 'strong mayor'

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THE strong mayor system, being proposed by some local government reformers, may not have all the advantages it at first seems to offer.

Our system borrows vigorously from the British tradition of the mayoral office being mainly ceremonial

In Britain, there are variations from the broad tradition — in a very few cases, mayors do not even chair council meetings — but the office of first citizen is by no means an executive post

Our mayors chair council meetings and on occasion, with permission from the council, may sign contracts — a function usually reserved for the town clerk.

More lately in Cape Town, mayors have moved gradually towards a new role by speaking out on controversial issues

But there is a reasonably well-defined split of functions between the offices of mayor and chairman of the executive committee

The strong mayor system is found in most cities in America. The evolution of the system is a fascinating study

In colonial and early post-revolutionary America, mayors at first were appointed by governors

Later, mayors were indirectly chosen from the ranks of councilmen and had no special powers

But by 1900, municipal government all over the United States had been wracked by scandal after scandal involving large-scale corruption and maladministration.

In parallel, bureaucracy had grown to bewildering and unwieldy proportions



CITY HALL



Clive Sawyer

Voters wanted strong mayors who could cut a swathe through red tape and take a firm lead

And they got them, politically beefy types who appoint department heads, draw up budgets, and — unthinkable in this country — have the power of veto over council decisions

For a while, it seemed to work

In the 1950s, Fortune magazine commented that American cities were better run than most corporations

American city councils are relatively small, averaging 15 members — an interesting statistic when our town has 34 and, with democracy, may get more

Exceptions are New York, with 25 councillors, and Chicago, with 50

But the trouble with the strong mayor system, rather like the American presidential system, is that the first citizen is inevitably beholden to party political interests and special interest groups

In return for electoral support, favours, legislation and offices have to be dispensed.

The strong mayor, as head of the administration, faces all the problems presidents face

Of course, this is also relevant even if there is no strong mayor system

In Cape Town, standing committees, the executive committee and the full council must rely on information offered to them by officials, and must put great weight on the perspective and recommendations of officials.

Councillors face a lot of work and it would be difficult to research each issue and item independently

More so the strong mayor, who would first have to wrestle officialdom into co-operation or compliance

It may seem that this city and others in the country have less need of a man in a gown waving hullo to tourists than a ruthless executive manager.

Then one would need pay only one special allowance instead of two (the mayor and exco chairman get the same size allowance) and the mayor would be less occupied with being a cocktail host

While American and South African histories and experience are by no means equivalent, the lessons of the system of favours — with its obvious opportunities for nepotism and corruption — must be noted.

Perhaps most problematic is the idea of a mayoral veto this is certainly an idea which should not be grafted on to a new democratic political culture

Flak as town clerk holidays

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Staff Reporter

CITY councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg has hit out at the town clerk, Mr Donald Geyer, for taking a holiday during "crucial" wage negotiations with his staff. (263)

As part of the team involved in negotiations on a "vast amount of money", the town clerk should be at his post, Mr Wienburg said.

Mr Ted Doman, city council public relations officer, said Mr Geyer had taken "prebooked leave in June." "He certainly did not set out to avoid negotiations, which normally go on for a while," he said.

Grievance call by marchers

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HUNDREDS of municipal workers, many wearing cleansing department uniforms, marched through central Cape Town to hand a letter to the Cape Provincial Administration demanding that workers' grievances be addressed.

Written by the South African Municipal Workers' Union and signed by union president Mr P Mashishi and general-secretary Mr J Ernstzen, the document was addressed to the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, the CPA and Cape Town town clerk Mr Don Geyer.

In the document, delivered yesterday, the union rejected the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, called for an end to the unilateral restructuring of local authorities and demanded negotiations with genuine representatives of affected communities.

The union said workers were made to pay for apartheid but were facing retrenchments now that black local authorities were collapsing.

The document warned local authorities to stop retrenchments or face the consequences.

It also called on them to negotiate with unions to create job security, end discrimination, create equal opportunities, accept the principle of equal pay for equal work, end privatisation and create services and amenities for all.

Council to tackle community issues

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

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THE city council executive committee has adopted a series of recommendations to tackle issues of concern to community organisations

The recommendations were a sequel to talks at a "consultative workshop" in Caledon last June when community organisations asked to be consulted on issues such as job creation, the public transport crisis and the future use of public land

Recommendations included

- The city planner should be briefed to report on factors which were limiting public participation in planning and civic affairs
- An inventory of strategic vacant or under-used public land should be drawn up for the public to consult.
- Talks should be held with stakeholders and council departments to find out in which cases selling off public land would not be appropriate
- State and parastatal bodies should be asked to consult the city council before they change the use of land or sell it
- The council should support job creation, including development of tourism, technology-intensive industries and small business development
- The council should continue to support the Growing the Cape project, to boost economic development in the Western Cape and related research by the city planner
- The council should encourage the Rail Commuter Corporation to make travel safer for its passengers
- There should be further development of the metropolitan transport network as soon as possible, based on research on public and private transport networks.

Council waste hardly much ado about nothing

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

THE city council produces piles of copies of reports it never uses.

This was one of the conclusions of a series of value-for-money reviews tabled at today's city council executive committee meeting

Other reviews found "anomalies and inconsistent procedures" in fuel buying and issuing and uncovered problems in the printing division

A report on the use of eyeline computer paper found "large amounts" of the 50 tons used during an 11-month study were wasted

The council spent R180 000 on eyeline computer paper — the type with faint horizontal blue lines — between April 1990 and March 1991

The review recommended changes to printing instructions and distribution of reports and said a policy of recycling wastepaper would enhance the council's image as an environment-conscious organisation

City Treasurer, Mr Eddie Landsberg said the director of the department responsible had been told to implement the recommendations

Once the changes had been made, the council public relations department would be briefed to promote the council's environment-conscious image

A value-for-money review of the printing division of the city administration department found staff and users complained that financial reporting needed improvement, use of resources was poor, equipment was old, job costing was unreliable and performance indicators were unavailable or unreliable

The review said there were several opportunities for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the division

Recommendations included a more "commercial" approach, improvement of management and security, realistic operating standards and a review of job evaluations

The city council organisations and methods branch was briefed to make a series of changes

Another value-for-money report found the administration and recording of fuel purchases and issue needed "urgent attention"

It said future budgets taking account of fuel costs should be based on usage in litres instead of past spending, because of the volatility of oil prices

Mr Landsberg said the investigation, meant to provide statistical information to compile contingency amounts because of the 1991 Gulf War, uncovered "anomalies and inconsistent procedures"

Since the investigation, there had been improvements and purchases and issuing of fuel would be audited twice a year in future, he said

Rocket for police

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Ratepayers claim reaction is far too slow

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors and ratepayers sparred with one another at a marathon, lively meeting in Sea Point over issues as diverse as town planning and law enforcement.

The meeting, meant as the annual meeting of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers Association, was declared null and void by chairman Mrs Annette Reynecke moments after it started

Early, in what Mrs Reynecke then declared was a "public open meeting" — because of a strong Ratepayers in Revolt contingent from the southern suburbs — police took more flak than councillors

Cape Town district officer Lieutenant Colonel Parker was slammed for "glib" replies to complaints about the lack of foot patrols and the time police took to answer calls

"On the 1011 (emergency) number, we have 14 lines and 14 policemen

"The Post Office won't give us more You can't blame us," Colonel Parker said

A Mowbray resident said it had taken police more than two hours to respond to a stabbing and two weeks to a burglary complaint

Answering a question about vagrancy, Colonel Parker said "We pick them up, take them to court and the following day they're back"

He said police and a private security firm employed in Sea Point were doing their best

Disbelieving cries — and some support — for the police were the curtain-raiser for heated exchanges as six councillors answered questions in a debate chaired by radio journalist Nigel Murphy

Asked why Cape Town's rates increases were higher than surrounding municipalities, councillor Mr Neil Ross said the city had shouldered its social responsibility, other municipalities should accept their share

Asked what would happen if residents refused to pay rates, Councillor Dr John Sonnenberg said this would be civic irresponsibility

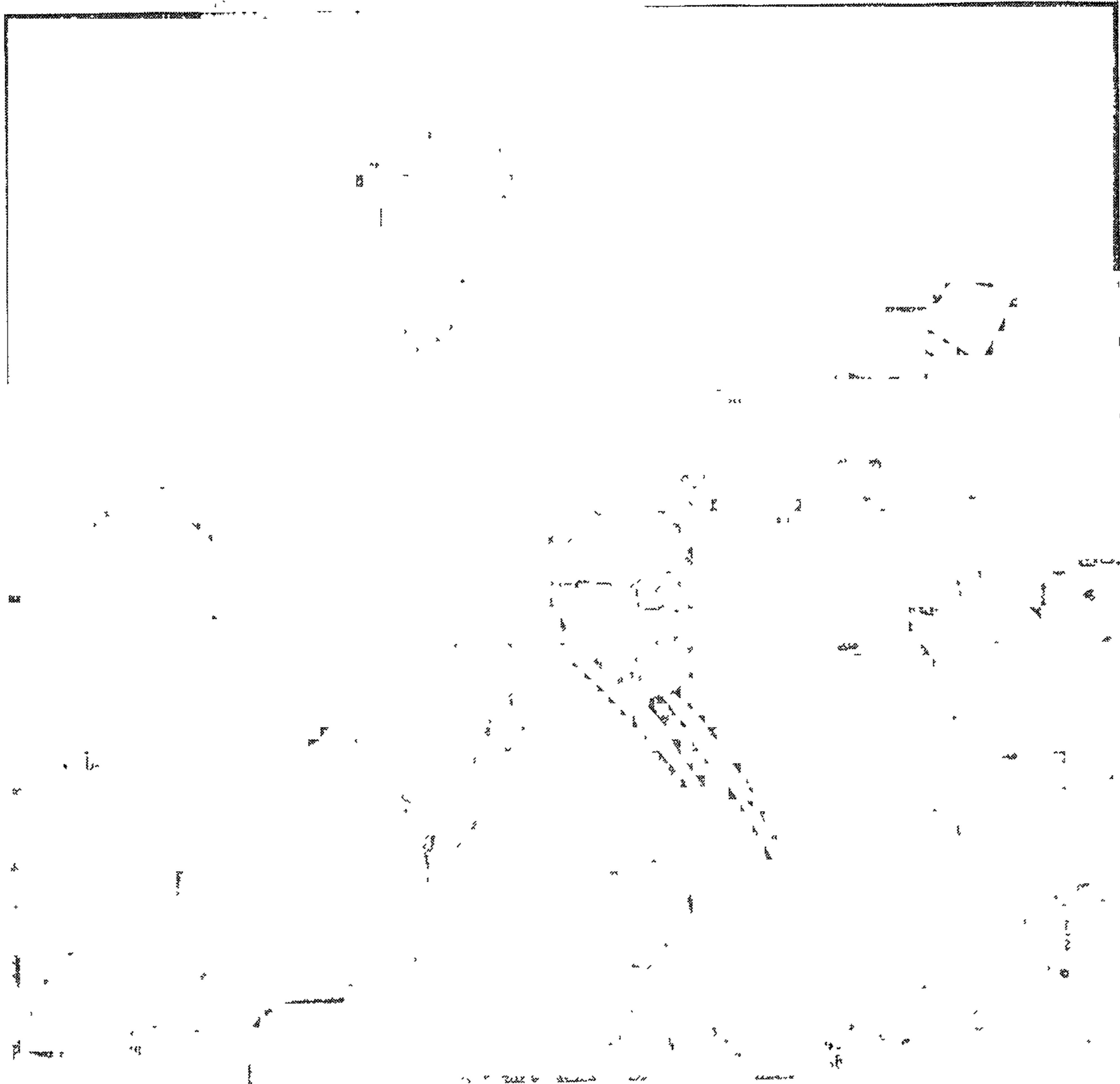
He said inflation was about 16 percent and unless this was matched by the rates increase, services would have to be cut

At one point, Mr Murphy engaged a member of the audience in a prolonged verbal duel

When the man was allowed to speak, it was to object to the participation of "people from Mowbray" and to demand that only people from Sea Point be allowed to put questions

He also objected to the city council redistributing wealth and said it should stick to maintaining the standards of services

Mr Ross said "I say to the spoiled white ratepayers, come with me to Bonteheuwel or Manenberg, see the sand pavements, that's where money should be going."



Dr Sonnenberg said Cape Town was "a city of Africa and not of Europe"

The "golden age when the mailship left on Thursdays and bus fares never went up will not come back," he said

Replying to a question about councillors' allowances, Dr Sonnenberg said the Mayor of Cape Town was paid R5 400 monthly compared with the R10 833 to his Johannesburg counterpart and R26 000 a month paid to the Mayor of Pretoria

Ordinary councillors had R1 350 a month to cover their expenses

Mr Jack Frost, vice-chairman of the utilities and works committee, said the sewerage system needed replacing

Dr Sonnenberg said he had noted no increase in pollution-related illnesses When the Green Point sewerage outfall pipeline was finished next year there would be no pollution

At the end of the meeting, Mr Ross slammed a Ratepayers in Revolt pamphlet which claimed Mayoress Mrs Trish van der Velde drew two incomes from the council

Labelling the pamphlet "ungallant" Mr Ross said the Administrator had turned down a council resolution to pay an allowance to the mayoress

Mrs Reynecke said Ratepayers in Revolt had abused her ratepayers association's hospitality by handing out the pamphlet

GIVING FLAK: An angry ratepayer makes a point during the "open" Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' Association meeting Seated in front of him is Mr Leon Markovitz, councillor for the city centre ward
Picture ANDREW INGRAM
The Argus

1991-92 financial year and (b) what amounts were involved in each case?

B802E

THE MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

Financial aid referred to in part (a)(i) of the question was rendered by the South African Government to the self-governing territories in the financial year 1991-92 in terms of the provisions of section 6(2)(c) and 6(2)(d) of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act No 21 of 1971. Section 6(2)(c) determines the extent of the amount payable as the *Statutory Grant* to the Revenue Funds of the self-governing territories from the State Revenue Fund of the South African Government.

In addition to this amount an *Additional Amount* appropriated by Parliament in terms of the provisions of section 6(2)(d) is paid annually to the Revenue Funds of the self-governing territories by the South African Government. The extent of this amount is determined according to the affordability of the State Revenue Fund of the South African Government. The result of this factor is that the growth in the Additional Amount differs from year to year.

In the financial years in which *improvement of conditions of service* for exchequer remunerated personnel are announced and implemented funds are drawn on the Vote Improvement of Conditions of Service which is being administered by the office of the Commission for Administration and paid to the Revenue Funds of the self-governing territories in order to enable the territories to fund the increased expenditure resulting from the salary improvements. Salary improvements came into effect on July 1, 1991 consequently funds were drawn on the aforementioned Vote in the 1991-92 financial year and paid to the self-governing territories.

The South African Government decided during the financial year 1991-92 to make an amount of R1 billion available for the *sale of strategic reserves* in order to promote investment in capital projects. Interested government institutions were requested to identify projects that could be financed from the

amount of R1 billion. Projects to the value of almost R283 million were approved for the self-governing territories. Cashflow information obtained from the self-governing territories indicated that an amount of R69,972 million could be utilised on these projects for the financial year 1991-92. Claims certified for payment by line function departments totalled only R6,375 million with the result that an amount of R63,597 million had to be suspended and rolled over to the financial year 1992-93 in order that the programme may be continued.

The development aid referred to in part (a)(ii) of the question consists mainly in the secondment of personnel to the departments of the self-governing territories in terms of the provisions of section 5(4) of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act No 21 of 1971. Expenditure incurred by the South African Government in this regard amounted to R193 million (rounded) for the financial year 1991-92.

In addition to this and the South African Government also rendered legal, agricultural and aid in the field of infrastructure creation and town establishment and management to name but a few examples to the self-governing territories. The monetary extent of this aid is not determinable in view of the fact that it is included in the overhead costs of a variety of line function departments.

As far as part (b) of the question is concerned it can be mentioned that a total amount of R7 260 534 000 had been made available in the financial year 1991-92 from the State Revenue Fund of the South African Government to the self-governing territories. Amounts of R12,35 million and R63,597 million were however suspended and rolled over to the financial year 1992-93 with the result that an amount of R7 184 587 000 was directly transferred to the Revenue Funds of the self-governing territories. Details of the total grant of R7 260 534 000 are set forth in the attached schedule. Except for an amount of R236,765 million in respect of capital expenditure the balance reflected in columns 3, 4 and 5 is mainly for current expenditure.

GRANTS TO SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES: FINANCIAL YEAR 1991/92

TERRITORY	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCES COLUMN 1 R'000	DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COLUMN 2 R'000	OTHER ASSISTANCE COLUMN 3 R'000	IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COLUMN 4 R'000	STATUTORY GRANTS COLUMN 5 R'000	TOTAL R'000
Gazankulu	34 086	26 343	710 650	72 688	85 563	929 330
KaNgwane	20 210	24 321	381 131(a)	31 588	71 082	528 332
KwaNdebele	12 799	11 342	262 318	27 159	73 366	386 984
KwaZulu	228 111	51 482	2 402 066	198 162	268 844	3 148 665
Lebowa	111 308	48 486	1 473 352	147 632	131 098	1 911 876
Qwaqwa	14 348	7 998	273 949	33 471	25 581	355 347
Total R	420 862	169 972(b)	5 503 466	510 700	655 534	7 260 534(c)

Explanations

(a) R12,35 million suspended and rolled over to financial year 1992/93

(b) R63,597 million obtained from sale of strategic reserves suspended and rolled over to financial year 1992/93

(c) Includes R522,564 million of Additional Appropriation, 1992

Involvement of State in Case No 13359/85

321 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing +

- (1) Whether the State was involved in Case No 13359/85 which came up for trial in the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, if so, (a) what in essence did this case deal with, (b) what in essence was the outcome of the case and (c) what were the total court costs to the State,
- (2) whether the finding of the court has been implemented since, if not, why not, if so, to what extent,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) Supreme Court Case No 13359/85 (Cape Provincial Division) was reported in the South African Law Reports as "*Sedgefield Ratepayers' and Voters' Association and Others v Government of the Republic of South Africa and Others 1989 (2) SA 685*". As appears from the first page of

the judgment of the Court annexed to the question, various institutions of the State were involved in the matter as respondents

(a) In essence the dispute concerned a proposal by the Divisional Council of Outeniqua to establish a township on Portion 2 of Lot KD No 185 held by the Divisional Council under Crown grant. The land lies close to the Swartvlei lagoon. The town of Sedgefield on the other side of the lagoon is in close proximity to the land and the applicants in the matter contended that the establishment of the township would diminish the value and impair their enjoyment of their properties in Sedgefield.

The Crown grant was made subject to certain conditions, notably that the land be used for special public purpose, viz a holiday resort. At the instance of the Divisional Council with a view to the establishment of the township on the land, both the State President and the Minister of Community Development had, some

years earlier and at various times, deleted certain of the conditions of title. The Registrar of Deeds had registered such deletions

The applicants applied to the Court for an order declaring to be void and of no effect—

* the decisions by the State President and the Minister of Community Development to delete the conditions, and

* the decision by the Divisional Council to establish the township on the land

(b) In essence the Court—

* declared the deletions of the conditions to be void and set such aside,

* declared the registration of the deletions to be void and set such aside,

* declared the Divisional Council to be not entitled to develop a township on the land

(c) The total court costs to the State amounted to R29 011,75

(2) The Registrar of Deeds has not yet reinstated the title conditions concerned in his records, but such registration action would be taken by him only when approached in this connection by the owner of the land. The Administrator's approval of the establishment of the township (which lapsed before the judgment of the Court) has not been renewed. No township has been established or developed on the land

(3) No

Nutritional value of foodstuffs

322 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether, with reference to composite products included in her Department's recommended list for its Nutrition Development Programme, any of the foodstuffs supplied by a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of her

reply, have been analysed for their nutritional value, if not, why not, if so, (a) what foodstuffs are supplied by this company, (b) (i) which of these foodstuffs have been so analysed and (ii) what were the findings in each case and (c) what is the name of the company in question,

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

B808E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) Yes, the South African Bureau of Standards analysed the nutrient content of some of the foodstuffs which are supplied by the relevant company,

(a) "Lebonomix" (dairy blend)

Maize meal

"Mince" (texturized vegetable protein and marog)

"Mince marog" (texturized vegetable protein)

"Fruidkoel" (vitamin C-enriched drink)

"Provite" (protein-vitamin-mineral-enriched drink)

Other foodstuffs which are supplied by the company and which comply to the approved list of food items, are stew nuggets (texturized vegetable protein), "Supreme" soup and high protein soup powder,

(b) (i) the nutrient analyses of the "mince", stew nuggets and supreme soup were done and (ii) the products' nutrient values complied with the laid-down requirements and

(c) Lebnor Foods,

(2) no

Funds to organizations: Nutrition Development Programme

323 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

(1) Whether any organizations have received funds in terms of the Government's Nutrition Development Programme, if so, (a) what are their names, (b) how much has been made available to each

organization and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

— The amount of funds needed
— The manner in which the money will be utilized
Furthermore, each non-governmental organization must complete and sign the Undertaking and initial the Financial Control Measures to ensure that funds will be utilized only for the purpose mentioned, before any payments can be made

B809E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) Yes, funds were made available to non-governmental organizations in terms of the Government's Nutrition Development Programme (NDP),

(a) a list with the names of the 309 non-governmental organizations that have received funding from the NDP, appears on the attached annexure,

(b) see annexure and

(c) 245 non-governmental organizations received funding from the NDP between 1 October 1991 and 31 March 1992. 64 non-governmental organizations received funding from the NDP between 1 April 1992 and 16 June 1992,

(2) each non-governmental organization which applies for financial assistance from the NDP must describe the planned project/programme in a prescribed application form which is obtainable from the nearest regional office of the Department of National Health and Population Development (NHPD)

Some of the details that should be furnished in the application are

- Goals and objectives of the programme/project, that must include development actions
- The target group(s)
- Criteria for entering the programme/project
- Criteria for withdrawal from the programme/project
- Criteria for evaluating the success of the programme/project
- A financial state of income and expenditure

Funds paid to non-governmental organizations (NGO's) as at 31 March 1992 (1991/92 financial year)

Southern Transvaal Region

1	Imquale (Pty) Ltd (Nutsmaatskappy)	R1 925 000,00
2	Food Gardens Foundation	R 200 000,00
3	Street-Wise	R 70 000,00
4	"Mes-Aksie (Middestad Evangelisasie en Sending-Aksie)"	R 250 000,00
5	Save the Children Fund	R 250 000,00
6	Ekutulen Anglican Mission	R 44 000,00
7	"Christelike Maatskaphke Raad"	R 607 200,00
8	The Shepherd's Flock Ministries	R 50 000,00
9	Bluegill Waters Farm School	R 10 000,00
10	South African Legion	R 27 500,00
11	Soweto Workshop for the Blind	R 10 000,00
12	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	R 17 520,00
13	"Shlosh Voedselbediening"	R 100 000,00
14	"Suid-Afrikaanse Vroue-federasie Rustenburg"	R 18 000,00
15	Kinderhothilfe Southern Africa	R 83 000,00
16	"Stilfontein Kinder-en Gesinsorgvereniging"	R 37 500,00
17	"Die Ark Bediening"	R 12 500,00
18	The Jimmy O'Connor Welfare Services Club	R 50 000,00
19	Meals on Wheels for the Aged Johannesburg North Branch	R 10 000,00
20	"Kosmos Dienssentrum vir Bejaardes"	R 10 000,00
21	AFCS Community Nutritional Education and Feeding Scheme	R 20 100,00
22	"Laerskool Venterspost"	R 6 000,00

JUSR who and what will rule the Western Cape in a new, democratic South Africa? It is a question vigorously exercising the minds and energies of many interested and involved parties in the region.

Among them are the mayors of the two leading centres in the Cape Peninsula metropolitan area — Cape Town and Bellville — who have called for a Codesa at local level to work out a basic blueprint for the future.

They believe there are certain vital issues like boundaries for new, viable local areas — and possible metropolitan government — that can best be decided by local people intimately acquainted with local problems and conditions.

In separate interviews with Weekend Argus this week, both mayors came out strongly in favour of round-table negotiations to thrash out such issues before Codesa worked out a plan at national level for local and regional government.

The idea is that the local decisions could then be submitted to Codesa for consideration in the national negotiations.

One suggestion is that the initiative for local round-table negotiations — to include all interest groups — should come from the government or provincial authorities.

However, both the Ministry of Local Government and the Cape Provincial Administration seemed unenthusiastic about the proposal. Spokesmen indicated they feared such talks could retard the negotiation process and should be left rather for later when local issues could be discussed within the framework of Codesa's guidelines.

The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, told Weekend Argus he believed a constitutional plan for local government in the Greater Cape Town area should be worked out by a "mini-Codesa" at local level.

Outlining his thoughts on the future during an interview this week, Mr Van der Velde said, "It is absolutely essential to start a process that would involve a getting-together of all the stakeholders of Cape Town for the modelling of a new constitution for local government."

The idea was that the local people knew best what their needs were.

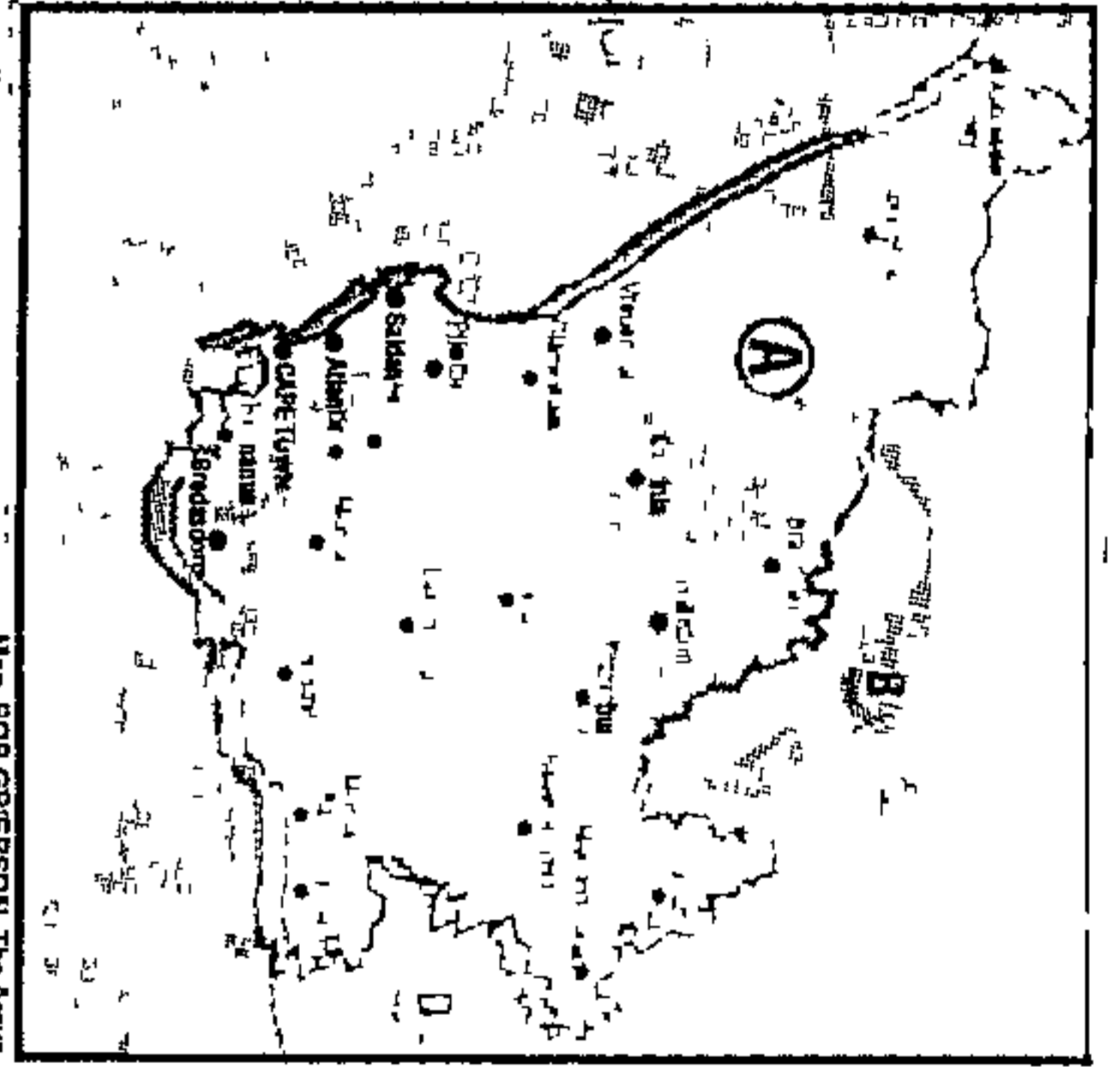
Once they reached agreement on a plan for the future, their proposals could be submitted to Codesa for consideration at a national level and for possible inclusion in or adaptation to a national plan.

One of the matters that called for local Codesa-type discussion was the creation of boundaries for viable local authorities.

In the Greater Cape Town region, for example, there were



The Shape of the Cape



Map BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

Two leading Cape mayors want local Codesa-style negotiations on the Cape Peninsula's future — and they are already thinking about how they would re-structure local and regional government. But government and provincial authorities have their own ideas. **FRANS ESTERHUYSE, Weekend Argus Political Correspondent, reports**

about 66 local authority structures, all of which were involved in cross-cutting controls over areas in the region.

Mr Van der Velde said, "It is quite clear that even from just the purely economic viewpoint, the system of local government must be rationalised. The million-dollar question is 'How?'"

He envisaged reducing the 66 local authority structures to about four or five, which then would be linked to an umbrella-type metropolitan government.

The metropolitan authority would be responsible for matters of common interest like water, electricity, transport, town and urban planning, certain health services and the distribution of fire and ambulance stations.

An important issue to be decided was the boundaries of local authority areas and the boundary for Greater Cape Town. At this stage, it was still uncertain whether Greater Cape Town should comprise only the immediate urban areas of the Peninsula — Cape Town, Bellville, the Cape Flats and the Stellenbosch/Somerset

West complex — or whether it should include a wider area extending to Paarl/Wellington, for example.

At local talks, the various options could be considered.

Mr Van der Velde said Cape Town had done considerable research into possible structures and models of local government. "We have, in fact, submitted to Codesa the results of our research.

"Our research, although based here, is applicable to all metropolitan areas."

The metropolitan authority would be responsible for matters of common interest like water, electricity, transport, town and urban planning, certain health services and the distribution of fire and ambulance stations.

Such negotiations at a local level should be held now to prepare the ground for the practical application of local and regional government guidelines to be decided on later at the Codesa talks held at a national level.

Mr Van Schoor said key decisions that could only be taken at a local level by people intimately acquainted with

local conditions included:

- The municipal boundaries within a possible metropolitan region or regions.
- Would there be one or two metropolitan authorities? and
- What would be the powers and functions of metropolitan government?

The initiative for a local "mini-Codesa" on such matters should be taken by a "higher authority" — preferably at provincial or central government level.

These are among Mr Van Schoor's thoughts outlined to Weekend Argus during an interview this week on his vision of the Cape's future.

"I believe all parties concerned must be brought together around a table so that the people themselves can decide on key issues such as local authority boundaries," he said.

The determination of boundaries, in fact, was a prerequisite for the establishment of metropolitan government.

Mr Van Schoor's concept of metropolitan government is an umbrella authority dealing with matters of common interest in a region consisting

of a number of autonomous local authorities.

An important decision would be the powers and functions of a metropolitan authority. This would determine the extent of the area to be included, and whether Greater Cape Town should have one or two metropolitan authorities.

Mr Van Schoor saw two options — one authority for Cape Town/Tygerberg, or two authorities (one for Cape Town and one for Tygerberg), with the N2 as the basic dividing line between the two.

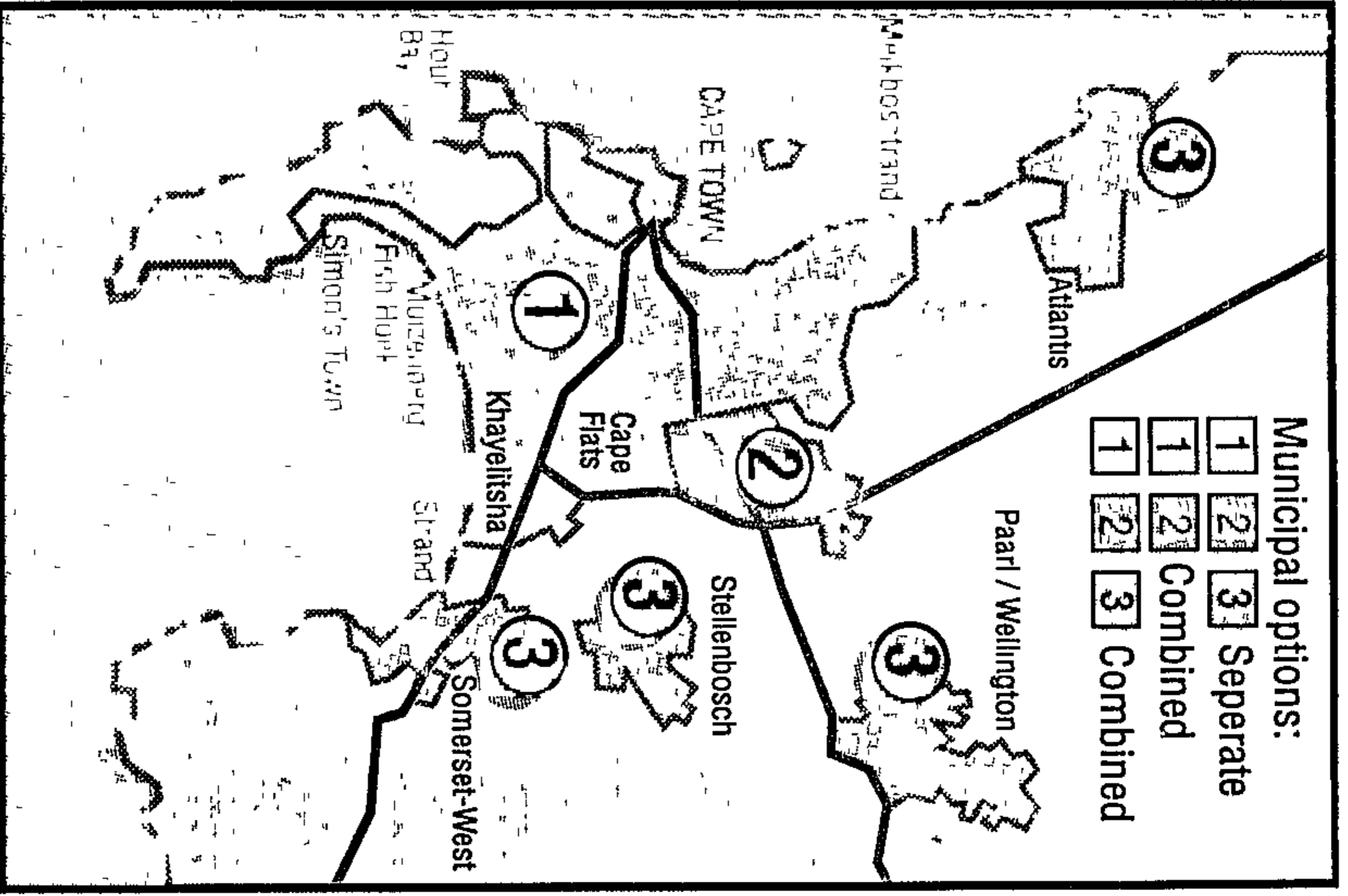
Since the abolition of the Group Areas Act, people had been given the right to buy property and to live wherever they wished. They paid the same rates and taxes and bought the same services for the same price.

Mr Van Schoor said, "There is, therefore, no reason why all people should not be involved in the decision-making process of local authorities. I have no illusions about that."

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, said he did not think a local Cape "mini-Codesa" on local, metropolitan, or regional government would be a practical proposition at this stage. Such discussions might take too long before agreement was reached on any specific plan.

Mr Meiring indicated that he preferred, as a first step, that local authorities should normalise the situation within

- Municipal options:
- 1 2 3 Separate
 - 1 2 Combined
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Map BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

their own areas along the lines of "one city, one tax base".

Once this had been achieved, local discussions on future local or regional authority structures could be held within the framework of Codesa's decisions on constitutional guidelines.

Defending the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, he said it was not prescriptive.

Although this law was not faultless, it certainly helped to achieve the aim of "one city, one tax base". This objective also could be achieved outside the Act.

Mr Meiring noted that the Act provided for merely temporary measures for the interim period. It was still for Codesa to decide on aspects of local and regional government.

On the question of a proposed Western Cape regional government, Mr Meiring said he welcomed the plan based on the proposed nine development regions for South Africa.

A spokesman for the Minister of Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, said the Ministers would speak on these matters in parliament next week.

PROFILE

TOP LEFT: The map shows the part of the existing Cape Province which will become a separate region in a federal-type government system if proposals to Codesa are included in their present form in a new constitution.

The proposals are based on a regional development plan in terms of which nine separate regions have been mapped out for South Africa and the existing black homelands.

Area: 299 915 sq km (second largest of the nine regions in South Africa)

Population: 3 512 000

Annual population growth: 1.5%

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Debate widens on Peninsula's future

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JEAN LE MAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

OFFICIALS whose working hours are devoted to redrawing the shape of the Cape were doubtless among the CPA workers peering uneasily from the windows of the Wale Street building at a large crowd of protesting municipal workers this week.

The demonstrators, members of the Cosatu-affiliated SA Municipal Workers' Union, waved placards reading "No to unilateral restructuring" among others dealing with bread-and-butter issues such as wages and retrenchments.

A memorandum addressed to the CPA and the Cape Town city council was handed in. It rejected the Interim Measures for Local Government Act and called for an end to the unilateral restructuring of local authorities.

Scores of people in the CPA, the city council and in various other bodies in towns between Stellenbosch and Scarborough are busily composing complicated, well-researched reports on the future of the Western Cape.

Overall, the debate on the future of the Western Cape is well on the way towards becoming a thriving local industry.

Many of those involved in the debate could be wasting their time. This is because there is such wide divergence in the views of the major players that the results of much of the hard work will be pigeon-holed.

This week's mass protest was a straw in the wind. The ANC's Local Government Commission will have nothing to do with the Act and is still busy formulating its proposals, which it insists must be within a framework established at national level, at present indications are that a "broader forum" will be proposed to negotiate the whole issue.

If the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill now before parliament rams even an interim innovation down its

throat, the whole process could collapse

SAMWU has been described by an informed observer as a "key actor in the debate on local government transition, particularly influential within Cosatu and community-based (black) organisations".

The union supports the goal of democratic, non-racial local government based on one person-one vote.

Typical of pre-negotiation discussions among extra-parliamentary groups are those at the regular workshop seminars run by Idasa

Idasa regional director Mr David Schmidt said there was "a great deal of consensus that significant progress towards creating new local authority structures would not be made until there was a national framework"

It was essential that there had to be a dynamic inter-relationship between local and national transition, he said.

For the cities, one answer could be "a metropolitan government with a whole lot of primary local authorities under it".

The question then arose whether either or both would be elected or appointed, he said.

Many of the bodies preparing reports on the future of the Peninsula, among them the city council and the Malan Committee, are doing so with the idea of sending them to Codesa for discussion there when it gets around to it

Mr Schmidt sees a problem with this

"Codesa is linked to political parties," he said

"However in our experience we find that most of the civic associations feel that the whole issue of local transition is so much more complicated than national transition that it should be dealt with by the people involved Idasa is holding regular monthly forums for the stakeholders."

What proposals, meanwhile, are being put forward by de-

baters on the other side of the floor — those who, roughly, represent white interests?

The CPA's Dr Donald Craythorne said that his department was working towards implementing the Interim Measures Act.

The Malan Committee, which is part of the CPA machinery for implementing the Act, has already submitted two reports to the Administrator and to the Minister of Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels

The first, on the finances of local authorities, was completed in December last year.

It recommended that existing municipal boundaries should be extended to include rural areas, that gradually there should be a move away from small non-viable bodies to larger, self-supporting authorities, and that a model should be developed to show how different communities could be served by a strong local authority within a defined area. It also made extensive financial recommendations.

The committee's second report was still with the minister, said chairman Dr Wynand Malan. It dealt with agency services rendered by Regional Services Councils (RSCs) to local authorities.

At present, the committee is working on the demarcation of boundaries, said committee member Mr Kobus Hugo.

The Cape Town city council is working on a different tack, having refused to work within the framework of the Act

Last October it agreed with the Administrator that the CPA would promote the process of negotiation within the present structures of local government in the Peninsula while the city council did the same with extra-parliamentary groups.

In an interview this week deputy city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr told Weekend Argus that it seemed clear that there was going to be a form of metropolitan government for the Peninsula and that the RSCs could be on their way out.

NEGOTIATIONS for non-racial metropolitan government in the western Cape and other cities could be scuppered by controversial legislation before Parliament this week, reports JEAN LE MAY.

The Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill, which has been described as "unprecedented interference in local autonomy", gives administrators the power to make proclamations forcing local authorities to conform to the Interim Measures for Local Government Act if they are not satisfied with their progress.

It also empowers them to apportion income and expenditure and establish uniform tariffs for services in the areas involved.

The Cape Town City Council, the African National Congress and many bodies now negotiating for a metropolitan structure in the Western Cape have refused to comply with the Act, passed last year in the face of controversy.

Weekend Argus has established that a committee appointed by Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring under the chairmanship of Dr Wynand Malan is working on the incorporation of rural areas into local authorities, with a brief that includes financial arrangements and the demarcation of boundaries.

At a meeting of the United Municipal Executive in March, the Minister of Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, strongly criticised the Cape Town City Council for not implementing the Act.

The council has now called on Mr Wessels to withdraw the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill on the grounds that it is "undemocratic, confusing

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Local government talks foundering

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and will bedevil the process of constitutional negotiation".

Mr Jasper Walsh, Democratic Party MP and spokesman on local government, said that "once again the National Party is looking for electoral gain by ramrodding this offensive Bill through parliament without consulting bodies like the ANC and the civic associations".

The Administrator could not be reached for comment, but his liaison officer, Mr Van Heerden Heunis, said. "The Administrator is on record as saying that he will not approve proposals for new interim local authorities in terms of the Act if he is not satisfied that they

reflect the wishes of the community at large, and that they are indeed the product of the input of representative community leaders."

Mr Walsh, asked to comment on this, said: "Will the Malan Committee, appointed by the Administrator to look into the whole question of boundaries and financing, be the judge of criteria for consultation before he implements the Act?"

The terms of reference of the Malan Committee are to "investigate the implications of the incorporation of rural areas into the jurisdiction of local authorities in the Cape Province", with particular reference to voting qualifications,

the demarcation of boundaries, a basis for "a just and equitable rates deal" for rural inhabitants, and financial and staff implications.

Mr Kobus Hugo, a member of the Malan Committee, asked about the future of squatter camps, said. "If there are squatter camps within the areas with which we are working, we do make recommendations, but the squatter camps themselves are outside our terms of reference.

"We're having a problem with some of the black areas. They won't pay rents or rates, but they want the services. Of course, in these areas the rates have to be affordable."

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Walsh lashes CPA

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THE overspending of R109 million by the Cape Provincial Administration, including R97m on health services, was unacceptable, DP MP for Pinelands Mr Jasper Walsh said yesterday.

The reasons should

be found and further overspending avoided, he said in the debate on the Finance Bill.

He said either spending is not controlled well enough, insufficient amounts are budgeted for or the overspending is a result of a combination of these

Wanted:

A Cape Codesa

Mr Wessels

Mr Meiring

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■ A major political battle is looming after two leading mayors called for round-table negotiations to decide the future of local and regional government in the Western Cape.

FRANS ESTERHUYSE, Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

MAYORS of the two leading centres in the Cape Peninsula metropolitan area — Cape Town and Bellville — have called for a mini-Codesa at local level to work out a basic blueprint for the future.

However, they and their supporters in local government seem

New law could sink talks

JEAN LE MAY
Weekend Argus Reporter

NEGOTIATIONS for nonracial metropolitan government could be scuppered by controversial legislation which is to go before parliament

The Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill, which has been described as "unprecedented interference in local autonomy", gives administrators the power to make proclamations forcing local authorities to conform to the Interim Measures for Local Government Act if they are not satisfied with progress being made.

It also empowers them to apportion income and expenditure and establish uniform tariffs for services in the places involved

Cape Town City Council, the ANC and many bodies now negotiating for a metropolitan structure in the Western Cape have refused to comply with the Act, passed last year in the face of sustained controversy

Moreover, Weekend Argus has established that a committee appointed by Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring under the chairmanship of Dr Wynand Malan is working on the incorporation of rural areas into local authorities, with a brief that includes financial arrangements and the demarcation of boundaries.

The City Council has now called on Mr Wessels to withdraw the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill on the grounds that it is "undemocratic, confusing and will bedevil the process of constitutional negotiation"

Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the council's executive committee, said yesterday that the Bill was "an unprecedented interference in local autonomy and a clear departure from the government's stated policy of greater devolution"

ANC spokesman Mr Basil Davidson said: "This is the kind of sham we are accustomed to working with. It is revealing the National Party's old autocratic tendencies."

headed for certain confrontation on the issue with the government and the provincial administration

The mayors believe there are certain vital issues like boundaries for new viable local areas — and possible metropolitan government — that can best be decided by local people intimately acquainted with local problems and conditions.

In separate interviews with Weekend Argus this week, both mayors came out strongly in favour of round-table negotiations to thrash out such issues before Codesa works out a plan at national level for local and regional government.

One suggestion was that the initiative for local round-table negotiations — to include all interest groups — should come from the government or provincial authorities

However, both the Ministry of Local Government and the Cape Provincial Administration seemed unenthusiastic about the proposal.

Spokesmen indicated they feared such talks could retard the negotiation process and should rather be left for later when local issues could be discussed within the framework of Codesa's guidelines

The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, told Weekend Argus he believed a constitutional plan for local government in the Greater Cape Town area should be worked out by a "mini-Codesa" at local level

"It is absolutely essential to start a process that would involve a getting together of all the stakeholders of Cape Town for the modelling of a new constitution for local government"

Bellville Mayor Mr Willie van Schoor said Codesa-style talks between civic leaders and all interested parties of the Cape Town and Tygerberg metropolitan regions should be held soon to get clarity on matters of vital importance

Such negotiations at a local level should be held now to prepare the ground for the practical application of local and regional government guidelines to be decided on later at the Codesa talks held at a national level

The initiative for a local "mini-Codesa" on such matters should be taken by a "higher authority" — preferably at provincial or central government level

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, said in an interview he did not think a local Cape "mini-Codesa" on local, metropolitan, or regional government would be a practical proposition at this stage

Mr Meiring indicated that he preferred, as a first step, that local authorities should normalise the situation within their own areas along the lines of "one city, one tax base"

City wants bill axed

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CAPE TOWN's City Council says sections of a bill currently before Parliament "grossly interfere" with its autonomy — and has called on the Minister of Local Government and National Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, to withdraw them immediately.

A spokesman for Mr Wessels said, however, that he would not respond at this stage but would discuss the matter in Parliament this week.

The row is over Sections 27 and 28 of the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Bill.

In terms of these sections the Administrator of a province may demarcate a joint administrative area comprising two or more local authorities and may decide how the revenues derived from these local authorities is spent.

By EVE VOSLOO

The chairman of Cape Town's executive committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, said this week that the council was extremely perturbed by the implications of these two sections.

"This legislation is an unprecedented interference in local autonomy and a clear departure from the government's stated policy of devolution," he said.

Dictated

It was not acceptable "and clearly undemocratic" that elected local government bodies could be obliged to establish combined administrations and be dictated to as to the allocation of their resources, he said.

Mr Friedlander said it seemed as though the Bill was an extension of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act which was announced by Mr Wessels in a speech on March 27.

This Act provides for existing municipalities, coloured or Indian management committees and black town councils to form a joint negotiating forum to enter into some kind of deal for working together, said Cape Town's acting town clerk, Mr Gys Hofmeyr.

Cape Town had resisted this because it involved only existing management committees or town councils which were seen by many as part of the apartheid structure, Mr Hofmeyr said.

Many of these councils were also not elected democratically. Community organisations were not involved in them as a right and

had to be invited to take part.

"The Cape Town City Council says future local authorities should be elected democratically and that any deal negotiated must be done with a full spectrum of community stake holders," he said.

Until this was made possible by legislation, the council did not want to be part of an undemocratic interim measure.

"The current legislation enables the Administrator to oblige local authorities to become a joint administration area," Mr Hofmeyr said.

"He can also decide how income and expenditure in this area is apportioned."

"The City Council believes this is unwarranted interference in its affairs."

In his speech on March 27, Mr Wessels said no local authority would be forced to become part of a joint administration.

Benefit

He said that over decades accusations had been made that only white communities benefited from the surpluses in local government income from non-residential areas. This problem could be solved by dividing this income between local authorities within a joint administration area.

A City Council spokesman said it appeared that the two sections they were objecting to were being introduced to allow the central government to force local authorities to become part of joint administration areas.

How Wienburg would make the city profitable

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CHANGES to the city council budget philosophy must go hand-in-hand with a drastic change in the way the city is managed, says councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg.

Mr Wienburg, a long-standing critic of city management, was asked by The Argus how he would change the running of the city

His reforms would include

- Implementing resource-driven budgeting, giving staff strict limits in which to draw up their proposals for spending on projects,

- Selling the electricity and water departments to utility companies and putting the profits into a revolving fund to provide housing for the poor,

- Scrapping automatic payment of 13th-cheque bonuses to staff,

- Ordering the city council organisations and methods branch to probe every council branch and investigate possible rationalisation,

- Stopping all council support of charities,

- Privatising services, but not where the council could run them cheaper,

- Cutting the hospitality budget by a third, and

- Cracking down on overspending and finding ways to save money elsewhere to compensate for any potential overspending which could be justified

"Cape Town must be run in an efficient, cost-effective manner," he said

The city council has more than 16 000 staff and spends a large part of its rates income on wages and salaries.

Top officials, including department heads, were paid more than R100 000 annually.

Mr Wienburg proposed sev-

eral changes to staff management.

A fair policy of dealing with employees would include an even-handed balance between demands and responsibility

"If you pay a rand's worth of wages you have the right to expect a rand's worth of work," he said, adding that many ratepayers felt they were not getting what they paid for

Heads of department would be hired on a contract basis, and would be given the power to hire and fire their own staff

They would be rewarded according to performance, which would be appraised according to objective guidelines

Running totals of departmental spending would have to be given to committees monthly, to stop unauthorised overspending

Services should be privatised where benefits were obvious, but not where this would lead to monopolies

Support to charities would be cut off "Ratepayers can make their own charitable contributions directly - it is not the function of a local authority"

Organisations like the Fair-est Cape Association, Wesgro and Captour would be "weaned" from council grants.

A member of the newly-founded "Biscuit Committee" investigating the catering budget, he said spending on hospitality and catering should be cut by a third

Strategies for savings and greater efficiency would be implemented "Like banking cheques immediately"

"Finally, we must stop telling ratepayers what they are to be given and we must ask their opinions on what their priorities are," said Mr Wienburg

Councillors had to realise they did not own the municipality and were mere temporary custodians of its assets, he said

Abattoir

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Union opposition puts freeze on council plans

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPAL Workers Union opposition has led to a freeze on the sale of Martland Abattoir

The council executive committee has held behind-closed-doors talks on the sale with Abacor and has been under pressure from the Meat Board to sell the operation, the last municipal abattoir in the country

Deputy city administrator Mr Atte van der Merwe said Exco had given the union detailed reasons for wanting to sell the abattoir at two meetings

No date had been set for another meeting, he said

If agreement was reached on selling the abattoir, tenders would be called for, he said

"We have no specific deal with Abacor," Mr Van der Merwe said

The Meat Board had warned in a letter and in talks that resolution was needed so that arrangements could be made about the future handling of meat in Cape Town

At present, the board regu-

lates the flow of slaughter animals into Cape Town, and runs auctions and the disposal of offal

With deregulation expected later this year, the city council or the new owners would have to take over these functions — and the council lacked the experience and the staff to do this, Mr Van der Merwe said

Meanwhile, improvements to meet new legal hygiene standards could cost ratepayers millions

"To keep present levels of slaughter and meet new prescribed hygiene standards would cost at least R30 million according to figures given to us in 1990 — and our reserves stand at R19 million at present."

The improvements would have to include expansion of refrigeration facilities at loading areas, and a "major overhaul" of abattoir equipment

If Martland abattoir did not have the required hygiene standards, slaughter animals could be diverted to other centres

Samwu branch chairman Mr Salie Manie was not available for comment

Mayor's reshaping plan

Call to divide Greater Cape Town into four municipalities

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

GREATER Cape Town should be divided into four municipalities with a metropolitan council co-ordinating bulk services, says the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde.

He believes future metropolitan government should not be "over-powerful" and, unlike the regional services councils, should not disperse funds.

At an Ideas seminar in Bellville on local government administrations in transition last night, Mr Van der Velde strongly criticised government legislation which "bedevilled" negotiations, such as the Interim Measures for Local Government Act and the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Bill.

Central government could help negotiations by taking part in them without trying to direct them, he said.

In an interview today, Mr Van der Velde said there was a need to rationalise the 66 local authorities in the Western Cape down to about four or five.

These should be delimited to incorporate a mix

of residential, commercial and industrial areas to be financially viable.

"This would eliminate the need for the financial cross-subsidisation now done by the regional services council," he said.

The metropolitan body would co-ordinate functions such as water, electricity, transport and possibly fire and ambulance services.

"This body need not be a huge bureaucracy," Mr Van der Velde said the debate on restructuring local government had concentrated on metropolitan government, but there should be agreement on municipal bodies so that it would be clear what kind of metropolitan body was needed.

"I am not being prescriptive about the four or five municipalities, and this is my perspective, not that of the city of Cape Town," he said.

It would be wrong to speculate on the boundaries of the future municipalities he said. Objective discussion was needed because it was inevitable that some people would have to relinquish established power bases for the benefit of the whole region.

He agreed with the African National Congress point of view that principles of structure should be worked out at national level, but there should be an all-inclusive process at local level to contribute to these discussions.

Groups with an interest in local government reform should each discuss their ideas at regional level, and "feed them up" to their representatives for discussion at national level at Codesa.

Mr Van der Velde criticised municipalities which got involved in bilateral negotiations and then announced they were non-racial.

The process towards democracy was crucial and should be all-inclusive, he said. African National Congress delegate Ms Thami Ngelela, quoting from a policy document adopted by the movement in May, said local government bureaucracies had become highly hierarchical and centralised.

There should be a nationally co-ordinated training effort to equip staff to meet development and government challenges.

The present local government pay system, based on grading of a municipality, should be scrapped in favour of a living wage so that staff would not want to leave deprived areas.

It was possible rationalisation might be necessary, it should be fair to all concerned. She said the ANC had succeeded in making the Interim Measures Act unworkable.

Provincial administrators should be replaced by provincial multi-party committees.

SA National Civics Org in-charge regional assistant general secretary Mr Newton Adams said the future of cities should be decided by the people who lived in them, who did not want to be co-opted on to structures which "reek of apartheid".

The Interim Measures Act and Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Bill were clear indications the government was not serious about power-sharing.

"We shall not be bullied or coerced into joint administrations where whites remain in power, or where people from oppressed communities are included to win votes for the National Party," he said.



WEATHER!

Showers will clear as the wind moves to the south-east over the Peninsula.

Fine and warm

WEATHER forecast for the Cape Peninsula and Boland up to 5pm tomorrow

- ☐ Fine and cool, but warm tomorrow. It will become cloudy and cooler along the coast tomorrow afternoon.
- ☐ Wind light south-easterly to north-easterly becoming northerly to north-westerly tomorrow and freshening.
- ☐ The minimum temperature at D F Malan Airport will be 6 deg C, and the maximum temperature 22 deg C.

THE MOON

Last quarter: June 23 (1011)
New moon: June 30 (0418)
First quarter: July 7 (0443)
Full moon: July 14 (2106)

THE SUN

Sets today: 1714. Rises tomorrow: 0751

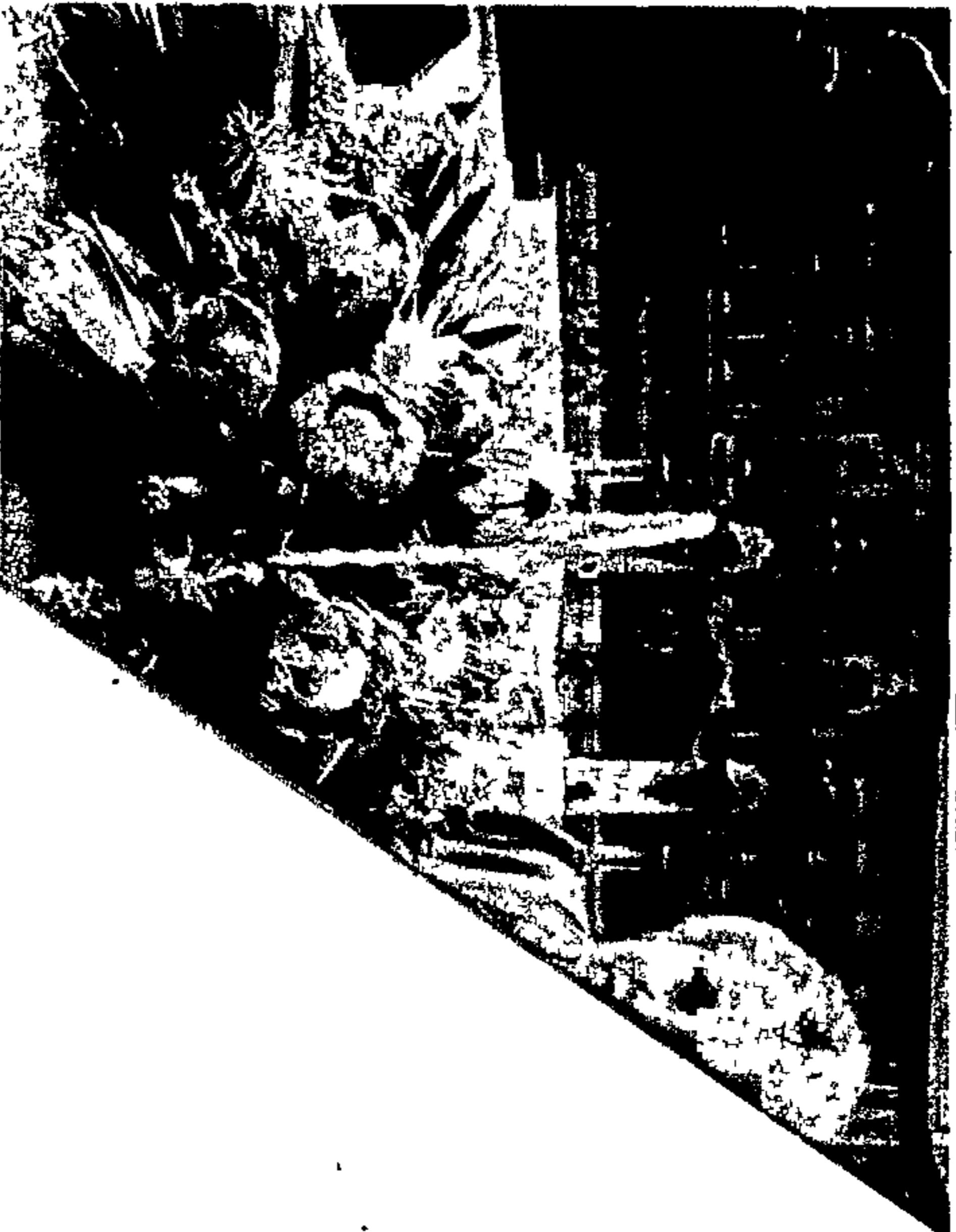
THE TIDES

High water today: 0456 1728 tomorrow: 0529 1757
Low water today: 1102 2327 tomorrow: 1134
D F Malan climatological data for yesterday
(The figure in brackets shows the average for the month)

Maximum temperature: 16.1 (18.9)
Minimum temperature: 10.5 (7.7)
Rainfall: 8mm (10.7mm)
Progressive rainfall for the month: 50.2 (91.5mm)
Prevailing wind direction: N (NW)
Maximum hourly velocity: N 15.0 (N 17.5m/sec)
Maximum gust: N 26.7 (N 29.5m/sec)

SEAN TEMPERATURES

Bloemfontein: 18.0 (18.0)
Cape Town: 18.0 (18.0)



FLOWERY: Mrs Joan Pare of Cape Town African prof.

Blooming big gift

The Argus Foreign Service LONDON — An enormous basket of proteas has arrived at Buckingham Palace. Princess Diana in her sad marriage that has gone wrong.

The proteas, including a special variety, were presented to the palace footman this week by florist Mrs Joan Pare of London on Monday.

Signment of flowers to the Queen and Queen Elizabeth II was a KVVV win for Mrs Pare.

"My heart goes out to the Queen and Queen Elizabeth II. I am showing her the best way to deal with the proteas."

The proteas are a lot of flowers showing her the best way to deal with the proteas.

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City council blamed for decline of Athlone CBD

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

ATHLONE business and civic leaders say the city council has allowed their central business district to become run down to boost the economy of white-owned suburban shopping centres

But in spite of their disillusionment, they are willing to take part in devising a new structure plan for the area, according to a report tabled at a special joint meeting of the town planning and utilities and works committees.

The report said problems in the Athlone CBD included traffic congestion, insufficient parking, inadequate public transport, restrictive development controls, inadequate hawker facilities and a poor shopping environment

City planner Mr Neville Riley has recommended appointing a facilitator, at a cost of R40,000, to aid planning the Athlone CBD

In a series of interviews, public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille found residents had a strong emotional attachment to Athlone.

Those interviewed said the city council had allowed the CBD to become run down to boost white-owned suburban shopping centres and the central city

Formal and informal business people accused the council of wanting to cut Athlone out of major transport networks

Athlone had been neglected because disenfranchised people in the area were unable to vote councillors out of office

The Athlone Business Association accused the council of failure to control hawking and said rates paid by formal businesses were used to clean up litter caused by informal business.

Hawkers were targeted by the association on several counts, including blocking vehicle and pedestrian traffic, littering and alleged drug dealing

The association said there was at least one break-in a day in the business area.

In spite of the problems, Athlone had great potential as a cosmopolitan shopping area and was attracting a larger black clientele

Hawkers wanted the public transport interchange, and parking and loading facilities, improved

Preventive measures against crime were needed.

The Hazendal Ratepayers' Association said the CBD should be expanded and hawking by-laws enforced

Athlone had become an "environmental disaster" because of litter, general filth, lack of toilets and taps, and easy access to alcohol and drugs.

A Golden Arrow spokesman said narrow streets and "undefined" traffic flow, and taxis using the bus terminus, worsened congestion problems

Taxi operators said more ranks, shelters and toilets were needed, but said they resented official bias in favour of bus companies

Restaurant smoking: Exco treads lightly

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

UNWILLING to burn its fingers, the city council executive committee is to ask the full council for a policy decision on smoking in restaurants. (2) ARG 19/6/92

An exco meeting yesterday passed the decision to the full council when agreement could not be reached. (362) (263)

Some Exco members said a ban on smoking at half the tables in restaurants would be hard to police. Others argued that the decision should be left to restaurateurs.

In other decisions yesterday, Exco voted to

- Keep its policy of allowing fireworks in demarcated areas in the Peninsula
- Refer to the full council a proposal to charge fees at St James and Dalebrook pool to limit users to 700 at a time

Unions beefing over abattoir sale

CLIVE SAWYER

Weekend Argus Municipal Reporter

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WANNA buy an abattoir? The city council is to put the Maitland abattoir up for public sale "very soon", according to amenities and health committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner.

The council had kept to its undertaking to consult the two municipal trade unions, "but it is not up to the unions to decide whether or not we sell", said Mr Kreiner.

The abattoir employs 600 union members, who belong to either the SA Municipal Workers Union or the SA Association of Municipal Employees.

The Meat Board has been pressing the council to make up its mind on whether the abattoir should be sold or renovated to meet new hygiene legislation at a cost of about R160 million.

Mr Kreiner said the council had told the unions there could be a condition of sale which included guarantees that conditions of service and pay would not be negatively affected. However, the unions had not been satisfied with this offer, he said.

There had been no secret talks about the planned sale, and the council intended to call publicly for interested parties to make proposals.

Lawyers had told the council that a letter by former town clerk Dr Stan Evans bound them to consult the unions on the sale. This had been done, said Mr Kreiner.

Options open to parties interested in taking over the abattoir include buying or renting the building, or moving the operation elsewhere.

Any decision is likely to be influenced by plans by Abacor to open a private abattoir in Atlantis.

A R35 000 gift for Cape Flats garden project

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Weekend Argus Reporter *ARC 26/4/92*

ABALIMI Bezekhaya (Planters of the Home), a food gardening and greening project in the Cape Flats townships, has come in for a R35 000 windfall in the form of a grant from the Canadian government.

The project, which recently won the Trees for Africa section of the 1992 Green Trust Environmental Awards, runs two non-profit garden centres in Nyanga and Khayelitsha.

The grant is aimed at boosting the Khayelitsha operation.

Canadian Ambassador Mr Christopher Westdal said the contribution was "intended to acknowledge and encourage the important work being undertaken on the Cape Flats by Abalimi Bezekhaya in its demonstration food gardening, as well as in its greening and outreach programmes".

In the past year more than 7 000 people have visited the Abalimi Bezekhaya garden centres, and the project has distributed and planted 4 000 trees.

Cape Town Codesa plan gets the nod

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■ Cape Town's bid for local Codesa-type negotiations to work out a blueprint for future local government in metropolitan areas has received a nod of approval from the government.

FRANS ESTERHUYSE

Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

LOCAL Government Minister Mr Leon Wessels has welcomed the idea of setting up a Codesa-type body as called for by Cape civic leaders to negotiate vital local issues affecting the future of Greater Cape Town.

The concept of a Cape Codesa was put forward by two leading mayors in Cape metropolitan areas — Cape Town and Bellville — in interviews in Weekend Argus last weekend.

The minister, in his response to questions from Weekend Argus, has now come out in support of the proposals for local negotiations and explained aspects of his remarks in parliament this week about them.

Although Mr Wessels had made it clear in parliament that he recognised the competence of local leaders to decide on local issues, some critics feared he had stopped short of approving the concept of local or regional Codesa-style negotiating forums as advocated by the Cape mayors.

Replying to questions from Weekend Argus, however, Mr Wessels said yesterday "It would be welcomed if local leaders set up a local 'Codesa-type' body, hopefully it will have a broader representation than Codesa and include all interest groups.

Some critics expressed fears that the government was still

clinging to old authoritarian ideas of unilateral decisions taken "at the top" to rule the lives of ordinary people at the bottom of the power structure.

If so, such an approach would go directly against the advice of top specialists like political scientist Professor Dan Kriek of the University of South Africa and others who said democratic government and power structures should be developed by negotiation "from the bottom up"

However, in reply to further questions from Weekend Argus on the proposed local government forum, Mr Wessels seemed to dispel such fears. He said "Leaders of organised local government as well as of civic associations should participate in such a body together with political parties represented at Codesa"

Mr Wessels emphasised that time was of the essence for the reconstruction of local government

Meanwhile, there was a largely positive public response this week to calls by Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and Bellville mayor Mr Wilhe van Schoor for Codesa-type negotiations at local or regional level

Mr Van Schoor said he had received much positive reaction

Mr Van der Velde, who has also received largely favourable reaction, said "We have started people thinking"

He said people he met in lifts, at functions and elsewhere had spontaneously questioned him or commented favourably on the proposals reported in Weekend Argus

Mr Van der Velde also outlined his vision of the future in an address this week at an Idasa seminar in Bellville on local government in transition

He criticised government legislation like the Interim Measures for Local Government Act and the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Bill, which "bedevilled" negotiations

The SA National Civics Organi-

sation's regional assistant general-secretary, Mr Newton Adams, said the future of cities should be decided by the people who lived in them, who did not want to be co-opted onto structures which "reek of apartheid"

Mr Van Schoor said this week he was pleased about the proposal by Mr Wessels for a national forum on local government. He hoped such a plan soon would become reality

However, matters that still needed to be clarified included the question of who would determine boundaries of local areas, the possibilities of metropolitan government and the functions and powers of such government

Mr Van Schoor said he still believed these were matters that should be negotiated at local, rather than national, level because the local people knew best about local problems and complexities of unresolved issues

Democratic Party spokesman on local government, Mr Jasper Walsh, said the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Amendment Bill, as it stood, was "totally unacceptable" Reasons why the DP rejected it included. The government had failed to consult broadly, it planned to overrule local authorities and the proposed legislation was undemocratic

Mr Walsh strongly supported the concept of a Cape Codesa — or local forum — in which all local groupings would get together and draw up proposals on issues without interference from higher authority

Ultimately, major decisions on the shape of local government could be taken at Codesa on a national level

Mr Walsh said part of the problem was that many of the relevant groups in greater Cape Town were not represented at Codesa

At a national level, Codesa would decide on the overall framework for local government, and local plans would then fit into this framework

City property rates 'highest in country'

PROPERTY rates in Cape Town are the highest in the country and are hampering development

This was said this week by the South African Property Owners Association (Sapoa), which claims to be the most powerful lobby of property owners in South Africa. *SI Times (Cape notes) 21/6/92.*

Sapoa, among other things, runs "think tank" seminars and an annual convention on property and sets up committees to monitor property legislation.

Its Western Cape regional chairman, Mr Anton Musgrave, said Sapoa had recently updated a study which it had first submitted to Mr Justice Steyn in 1989 for use in his investigation of the rating system in Cape Town.

By EVE VOSLOO

Sapoa analysts found that in respect of total rates and fees the main charges in different centres were

- Cape Town R2,80 per m² per month or 11,4 percent of gross market rental,
- Durban R1,50 per m² (6,3 percent of gross market rental),
- Johannesburg R1,32 per m² (6,3 percent of gross market rental),
- Pretoria R1,18 per m² (5,3 percent of gross market rental)

"As expected, Cape Town has by far the highest rates and fees. The mean total rates and fees in Cape Town is 1,87 times Durban's mean, 2,12 times Johannesburg's and 2,37 times Pretoria's," the study showed.

Negative

Mr Musgrave said the latest Cape Town rate increase for 1992/1993 of about 16,5 percent — which he said was closer to 18 percent when VAT was added — was excessive.

"Insufficient effort has been made by the municipality to curb the increase," Mr Musgrave said.

"Taking into account the fact that Cape Town's rates are already approximately double those of Durban, Johannesburg or Pretoria, the announced increase is extremely disappointing and is a negative factor towards encouraging new development here."

Most of the municipalities around Cape Town also recently announced their rates increases.

These ranged between 11 and about 15 percent (Constantia and Tokai 11,7 percent, Goodwood 11,75 percent, Kuils River 12 percent, Pinelands 13,8 percent, Parow 14,9 percent and Fish Hoek just over 15 percent).

City council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said yesterday that the city did not necessarily agree with these figures.

"All sorts of variables have to be taken into account when doing comparisons," he said.

"For instance, as yet Cape Town does not charge separately for sewage and refuse removal which some of the municipalities in the comparison do.

"People say that if you take that into account Cape Town's rates are still higher, but we are in the peculiar position of being a municipality in which a great number of people from outside use its infrastructure, services and facilities."

Mr Doman said Regional Services Council areas around Cape Town (Constantia, Tokai) and other municipalities (Fish Hoek, Simon's Town, Pinelands and parts of Milnerton) used Cape Town's electricity and other services like its libraries, traffic department and clinics without having to pay for the infrastructure.

"Cape Town also has a community conscience which motivates it to spend about one percent of its rates income on low-income housing," he said.

Improve

The city received subsidies from the government, but there was always a greater need than the money could cater for and the city contributed from its own coffers, he said.

People in low-income areas, who had been kept there artificially by government policies, were slowly improving their position and would later be able to pay more rates as the value of their properties increased, he said.

Mr Doman said the inquiry into Cape Town's rating system by Mr Justice Steyn two years ago had made several recommendations, some of which the council was implementing.

One of these was a complete revaluation of all properties which should be completed by mid-1993.

Once this has been done and new rates determined the situation should improve, Mr Doman said.

More to do but less funding

CENTRAL government is cutting back on the funds it gives to local government, yet at the same time it is giving local government more functions.

Primary health is becoming a local authority responsibility. Some educational costs, such as the payment of rates on school properties, and perhaps also maintenance of school grounds, are likely to be devolved from the government to municipalities.

New source

Subsidies for roads, fire brigades, ambulances and libraries are under threat. Something has got to give sooner or later.

Services will have to be drastically cut back, or rates and other fees will have to be vastly increased, or funds for local government from some new source will have to be found.

The most likely scenario is that we will have a combination of all three of the above. We have already seen signs of — or been warned about — the first two options taking place. Little has been said about the third.

Several commissions have been appointed by the government over the years to look into the possibilities of raising additional revenue for local government.

The most noteworthy addition to the financial base of local authorities in recent years (in 1987) has been the imposition of Regional Services Council levies on the turnover, and on the salary and wage packages, of business enterprises.

These are known as progressive taxes, because the better you are doing, the more you are taxed. Income tax is an example of a progressive tax, VAT is not.

RSC levies are not liked by the business community. Mr Bob Wood, who was until recently a



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spokesman for the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, feels they are too complex and inefficient.

He suggested at a seminar on metropolitan government recently that RSC levies should be abolished and replaced by a system of raising revenue through a surcharge on Value Added Tax.

It seems to me that RSC levies or their equivalent will remain with us, but the introduction of a VAT surcharge as well is highly likely. Surcharges may well differ from region to region. The Receiver of Revenue would collect them, along with the rest of VAT, and distribute the proceeds to regional governments.

One of the government's leading constitutional experts, Dr Chris Thornhill, said recently that sources of revenue for local authorities would have to be looked at.

Shared revenue

"With the government relinquishing tasks, you could have it relinquishing a source of revenue also."

"A source of revenue could be shared between local and higher government, so that some of the funds go to each of them," he said.

● One tax that is virtually certain to be devolved to local authorities is the duty paid on property ownership transfers, which amounts to about R160m countrywide per year.

Will be city exco kings?

■ A question mark hangs above one of the most powerful chairs in Cape Town — that of the chairman of the executive committee of the City Council, to be vacated in September by Mr Dick Friedlander. Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER reviews some possible occupants.

GAMBLERS might be well advised to keep their wallets in their pockets until spring brings the race into closer focus

One has to be cautious about using that word "race" — being the boss of exco is a tough job these days, one to sort the aldermen from the alderboys

For a taxable allowance of R5 400 monthly, the incumbent can expect hours of meetings and sometimes aggressive scrutiny from inside and outside the city council

While the mayor is ceremonial leader, social host of the city, and chairman of the city council, the chairman of exco leads a five-person team made up of himself and the chairman of standing committees

He is also *ex officio* the city's minister of finance and plays a crucial role in political policy-making and "nuts and bolts" matters such as wage negotiations

Some ratepayers may feel otherwise, but insiders say the monthly allowance is hardly fair payment for a job which leaves no time to run a business

In September, with the doors shut to public and Press, councillors will enact a formal ritual of caucusing

But with Mr Friedlander choosing budget day last month to announce he would step down, the first tentative canvassing has begun

Technically, the council will elect a five-member exco, whose members will sort out portfolios among themselves

In practice, it tends to be the other way round, with councillors lobbying for specific portfolios

Possible contenders for exco chair are

Dr John Sonnenberg

■ Amenities and health committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, a former mayor whose influence is keenly felt in council circles

He has confirmed he is available and says "a number of people" have already approached him to run

He does not know at this stage whether or not to expect opposition

As deputy exco chairman, he has had ample opportunity to learn the ropes, but recently has had treatment for diabetes, which has affected his sight

Mr John Muir

Nevertheless, he is confident he will be able to do the job

Probably the leading candidate, if for any reason he leaves the race before September it could blow the contest wide open

■ Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan has been mentioned by various sources as a possible candidate, though he would not commit himself when interviewed

"I am a creature of council and would be prepared to serve in whatever position the council thought me to be most useful"

Mr Louis Kreiner

In the meantime, "I am not aware of any furious lobbying"

Asked if he would support Mr Kreiner's bid for the chair, Mr Keegan would not comment

Doffing the deputy mayor's chain to be exco chairman would be a breach of council precedent, which dictates that deputies serve two terms until becoming mayor

Insiders say Mr Keegan's membership of the 12-person caucus could jeopardise widespread support in the council

Mr Clive Keegan

In some traditionalist eyes — to an impartial first citizen than the outrightly political position as head of exco

Mr Keegan is a well-known figure with good political credentials, a record of service in liberal ranks, and considerable oratorical skill

■ Town planning committee chairman Mr John Muir was Mr Friedlander's predecessor as exco chairman

Mr Muir rejoined exco last year and is a member of the Group of 12

He said he would be "happy" to stay on as chairman of town

planning and said he did not covet the chairman's job

■ Dr John Sonnenberg is acknowledged widely as deserving a more top-level role in the council

Currently amenities and health deputy chairman, the former provincial councillor was MEC for health

He has been tipped for a parliamentary seat more than once, most recently when DP MP Mr Tjan van der Merwe died in a car crash last year

An able debater, Dr Sonnenberg could take over the amenities committee if Mr Kreiner became Exco chair

However, an even more time-consuming role in the city could negatively affect his practice

■ Utilities and works committee chairman Mr Leon Markovitz was understood not to be interested in the top job

The former mayor is a successful property baron, already serving long hours running a busy committee whose responsibilities include the cleansing and traffic services

But he might be interested in serving under Mr Kreiner as deputy chairman

■ Dark horses named as possible new members of Exco

were former mayor and Cap-tour chief executive Mr Gordon Oliver, former mayor Mr Peter Muller — both members of the group of 12 — and deputy town planning chairman and architect Mr Llewellyn van Wyk, and accountant Mr Kenny Penkin

Mr Muller was named by one source as a possible successor to Mr Kreiner in the amenities chair

Mr Van Wyk has been on the council for seven years, and Mr Penkin for five

All are recognised as able councillors and achievers in their own right outside Civic Centre walls, and the demands of their outside lives would have to be taken into account by anyone asking them to run

■ Last but not least, Mr Arthur Wienburg, long-standing critic at present of the way the present exco runs the city

An avowed devotee of efficiency and enemy of waste — and a prominent member of the group of 12 — Mr Wienburg would have a tough race ahead of him if he set his sights on the brown chair at the centre of the exco row in the council chamber

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By PETER DENNEHY

NORWICH LIFE's application for a rezoning of its Vineyard property — which would have enabled it to build a three-storey office complex adjoining the sports field there — has been turned down by the Cape Town City Council.

Mrs Joan Kantey warned that in taking this decision the council ran a considerable risk of losing the "priceless amenity" of the cricket ground.

"The company wants to develop just one-third of the land it has bought, and donate the use of the fields to the community in perpetuity," she said.

But Deputy Mayor Mr Clive

Vineyard plan is rejected

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Keegan said the council had always believed that Protea Road should be the boundary between the Claremont central business district and the adjoining residential area in Newlands.

"There is widespread anger at this (the prospect of the boundary being crossed)"

He added that any other use of the land that was permitted by its present zoning was "infinitely preferable to this one".

Mr Llewellyn van Wyk said there was a very good chance of the government overturning the council's rejection of the application, "but we must not decide with that in mind"

Mrs Eulalie Stott said she hoped that turning down the application would serve as a warning to developers "about buying a property before taking the views of local residents into account".

Mr John Muir said Flats or group housing could not be built there without the consent of council. However, he agreed that there was no guarantee that "the whack of willow" (cricket-playing) would be heard there forever.

There were 20 votes in favour of turning down the application, and three against.

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IN BRIEF

THE SA Municipal Workers' Union has been challenged by Mr Arthur Wienburg to prove it has a mandate to be a political representative of the "wider community".

A Samwu pamphlet, copies of which were handed to the Cape Town City Council, Western Cape Regional Services Council and Cape Provincial Administration during a protest march, was tabled at yesterday's city council meeting.

It demanded an end to unilateral restructuring of local government throughout the country, rejected the use of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, called for an end to retrenchments and privatisation of services, and for services and amenities for all.

The city council should not accept Samwu's perceptions and allegations and Samwu should get a mandate from the wider community to represent it politically, Mr Wienberg said.

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FUNDS totalling R2,6 million had to be transferred from the Green Point sewer outfall scheme budget to the fire services vote because three fire engines ordered in 1990 were delivered late.

Mr Peter Muller criticised "incorrect and imprecise budgeting procedures" during a debate on the transfer of funds.

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Council's fight for open city status continues

Municipal Reporter

THE city council executive committee has been waiting since March for an interview with Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels over controversial bids to enforce interim changes to local government

The council yesterday adopted a motion by Mr Arthur Wienburg asking exco to get assurances from Mr Wessels that the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Bill will not be used against Cape Town

Exco was asked to publi-

cise all efforts by the council to make Cape Town an open city

Proposing the motion, Mr Wienburg said the Bill — passed by parliament but still to be promulgated — was a panic move to give the government credibility at the expense of the people.

The Bill, a companion to the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, empowers Administrators to unify municipalities and make financial arrangements for them by decree

The government was a marriage broker using the shotgun approach, Mr Wienburg said

Clauses in the Bill enable an Administrator to act "where local authorities do not progress satisfactorily with negotiations as contemplated in the Interim Measures Act".

Administrators can overrule democratically elected local authorities, apportion revenue, and define boundaries of councils

"This Bill has been rail-roaded through parliament

without any attempt to consult outside the parliamentary system," said Mr Wienburg

The only constituents who would be prepared to deal with Cape Town under the government's terms would be management committees, which were apartheid structures with no credibility in the eyes of the wider community, he said

The motion, seconded by deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan, was adopted unanimously.

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Perking up

Tourism and recreation developments worth at least R317m are likely to boost Port Elizabeth's property sector in particular and the regional economy in general. PE Publicity Association director Peter Myles says 12 major projects are under way or in an advanced planning stage. They include developments worth R215m on the beachfront.

The most ambitious are the redevelopment of the Elizabeth Hotel as a sectional title project and the construction of a 150-room Holiday Inn Garden Court on vacant land in front of the Elizabeth. The two developments will be linked by a 10 000 m² retail and entertainment complex.

On the nearby Brookes Hill site work has started on a 120-room hotel costing R20m, 100 chalets worth R40m and a R15m entertainment and leisure complex. The popular King's Beach amphitheatre is being redeveloped at a cost of about R20m.

In the CBD the old post office is being converted into the 60-room Prince of Wales Hotel at a cost of R25m and the Feathermarket Hall is undergoing an R18m refurbishment to turn it into a European-style multi-purpose concert hall and conference centre. The lower Baakens Street bus sheds are being converted into an ice-skating rink at a

cost of R2m

At Greenacres, there are plans for a health, racket and aquatic club costing R10,5m and the St George's Park cricket ground is being upgraded to the tune of R26m to cater for international tours.

The go-ahead has also been given for the redevelopment of under-used Portnet land in the harbour along the lines of the Victoria & Alfred development in Cape Town.

Myles says the investments are in line with improving confidence in PE which saw residential property prices increase by an average of 36% in the 12 months to the end of September. This confidence is related to the success of the city's "one-city" concept aimed at incorporating all of PE's residents in social, political and economic planning. ■

Staff Reporter

NO investigation is being carried out into the conduct of a senior Cape Town City Council town planning official who also holds a post in the ANC

City administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr said a circular issued under the name of Ms Amanda Younge in her capacity as Western Cape convenor of the ANC's Commission for Local and

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Regional Government had been brought to his attention

Ms Younge is also the council's deputy director of town planning

According to the Burger, the circular criti-

cised certain local government agreements

Mr Hofmeyr said the matter was under consideration, but no investigation was under way. He had not yet decided whether or not there was any conflict of interests

"The council does not seek to inhibit its officials from involving themselves in outside activities of various kinds, including political activities," he said

Move to single leisure unit

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THE amalgamation of the city council parks and forests and civic amenities branches must begin next month, the amenities and health committee has resolved.

Municipal unions will be consulted about the move, aimed at setting up a single leisure unit or department.

Mr Arthur Wienburg chaired a sub-committee that probed the merits of the integration of the two branches.

The council organisations and methods branch said integrating the branches would yield savings and ensure centralised planning of council leisure services.

Previously, director of human resources Mr David Beretti noted the project could be at risk because of union opposition.

The SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) was strongly opposed to being left out of decisions on internal reform or rationalisation.

Workers suffer when services are not paid for

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In an open letter to the South African Municipal Workers Union, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, replies to a petition urging him to halt "the unilateral re-structuring of local government in terms of the Interim Measures Act" and to negotiate with SAMWU. The petition says workers will take further action unless demands are met. Apartheid is very much alive in local government, it is argued, and local authorities are privatising services with no regard for the rights of workers and the affected communities.



THE Cape Provincial Administration — and I, personally — are not only superficially committed to an open-door policy but we claim that our door is indeed open at all times for dialogue with all interested parties. The opportunity for fruitful discussion has often been used with good results — also by SAMWU. For this we are grateful.

SAMWU, however, is rather wide of the mark with its insinuation that the CPA is involved in attempts to "give apartheid a non-racial label".

We, just like many other institutions, are eager to dispose finally of the remnants of the apartheid era and are determined to establish a new dispensation as soon as possible. We are also irrevocably committed to establishing democratic, legitimate, non-racial and workable government institutions.

Therefore, we also wish to contribute to the implementation of measures which may ease the transition to a new dispensation. The fact that new government systems will be negotiated at the highest level does not, after all, deprive anyone of the opportunity to start contributing now towards this end.

And even though there are institutions such as SAMWU that do not agree that the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, 1991 (Act 128 of 1991) is a useful instrument for this purpose, our door is open for anyone who can or wants to contribute in whatever way to the building of a new system of local government.

Unsatisfactory

We too find untenable the fragmentation of the present local government system, the inadequate administration in most black communities and the uneven application of jointly generated income. And it is precisely with the elimination of this unsatisfactory state of affairs in mind that we would like to see that agreements are entered into at local government level in the meantime — on the one hand to try to ensure that effective municipal services will be rendered to all communities and on the other to end the unfair practice that white local authorities alone decide about the use of income from central business districts and industrial areas.

Taking this into consideration, the attempts by SAMWU and related organisations to thwart interim agreements at local level directly harm the poorer communities.

Although the financial downfall of black councils may possibly benefit the revolutionary power-hungry in the short term, the resulting chaos cannot possibly be in the interest of the community, particularly not in the best interest of the workers that SAMWU is supposed to represent.

With regard to rationalisation and the dismissal of workers, I want to emphasise that the CPA approaches these matters with the greatest possible responsibility and compassion.

The fact of the matter is that the urgent need for rationalisation and arrangements for the sharing of in-

come resources in the first place emanates from the financial deprivation of black local authorities — a need which directly results from the boycott of rent and services charges. Organisations such as SAMWU must ask themselves how much their actions contribute to the establishment and reinforcement of a culture of non-payment.

We do not particularly want to see people being dismissed but, in cases where councils are forced to do this, every case is considered on merit. Statistics prove that not only blacks are affected by this, but also whites. Against this background I want to make an urgent appeal to people and institutions not to politicise a delicate matter such as the dismissal of workers.

I also want to stress that the ability of an employer to pay expenses (such as salaries) is directly related to his income. In the few cases where local authorities have been forced to dismiss workers, this could significantly be attributed to a lack of money due to the non-payment of services which (even at heavily subsidised tariffs) are rendered by such authorities.

Appeals to the community not to pay for rendered services, therefore, are also to the detriment of workers who might otherwise have been kept in service.

Accusations

I furthermore want to emphasise that it is in an internationally accepted principle that people have the responsibility and duty to pay for services rendered to them. Failing this, service rendering cannot be maintained indefinitely and workers cannot be kept in service indefinitely.

With regard to SAMWU's concern about the privatisation of certain municipal services and accusations in this regard, I want to stress that the rendering of a more cost-effective service in the interest of the broader community is a main objective of privatisation. In this regard, too, statistics show that there were no drastic personnel cut-backs resulting from the privatisation of municipal services.

Finally, the allegation that white communities "alone pluck the fruits of a discriminating tax system" does not hold water. The infrastructure which (despite non-payment of services charges) has been established in black communities proves this.

SAMWU is also no doubt aware that the restructuring of third-tier government will be accompanied by measures in terms of which a just application of tax money will be assured.

I sincerely hope that this letter will help clear up misunderstandings and bring greater perspective to important matters.

I would also like to reiterate my invitation to interested parties such as SAMWU to discuss grievances, problems or suggestions with us. Our well-being will be furthered by joint thinking, decision-making and action and definitely not by suspicion-mongering and unfounded allegations.

New view quells city spending storm

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Municipal Reporter

THE city administrator's department underspent its 1990/91 budget by R2 million, but others were due for a pep talk from city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr for overspending

This emerged from a report given to the executive committee yesterday, prepared in the wake of another that caused a storm among councillors by disclosing overspending of R7 million.

"The impression has apparently been gained that the R7 million was an excess on the overall budget for the department," said city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr

He said his previous report was misleading because statements of nett overspending for some services were incorrect

"This was because underspendings and savings were not

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taken into account and individual services were as a result either shown as overspent in total, when in fact they were underspent, or as having a greater total overexpenditure than was in fact the case," he said.

Mr Hofmeyr said he regretted the inaccurate picture previously given to exco and the council

"In the light of this matter I will in future ensure that where such reports are required, they give a more meaningful and accurate picture of the real position," he said

Acknowledging some branches had overspent, Mr Hofmeyr said he would take steps to see this did not happen again

Where overspending seemed inevitable, it would be reported to exco for remedial action

Two-thirds of the R1,5 million overspent in the adminis-

tration branch was caused by the firefighting on Devil's Peak in February last year, while the rest was owing to the cost of the many properties maintained by the estates branch.

In the civic amenities branch, overspending of R1,3 million was caused by a large increase in the number of employees asking for housing subsidies, increased water consumption at amenities during summer and maintenance of buildings

Fire services overspent by R433 869 owing to salary increases and fuel price hikes

The library service overspent by R26 569, owing also to employees asking for housing subsidies, and the increasing cost of processing new books.

The abattoir overspent by R164 840, on repairs to equipment with a high replacement cost

Temporary careers are a 'permanent' headache

By Justin Pearce

MMR GEORGE MAGODIA has worked for the same employer for 28 years. Yet to his employer he is a temporary labourer.

His "temporary" status means he can be dismissed at 24 hours notice and is excluded from the pension scheme offered to "permanent" government employees.

Magodia (not his real name — he fears victimisation) has worked for the Roads and Works division of the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) since 1964.

Aged 55, he now works as a mechanic's assistant for R836 a month — "hard work for a man my age", he says. On this salary he is battling to support five children. "My children are far behind in their education because there is no money."

Workers employed as general assistants by government departments are in the same

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boat. "There are many who have given 25 or 30 years' service and are still regarded as temporary workers," said National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) spokesperson Mr Wilfred Alcock.

A CPA spokesperson said that until recently all road-workers, most artisans, all operators, foremen and general assistants were employed on a temporary basis. While this had changed for the other categories of employees, the situation regarding general assistants had not yet been addressed.

A CPA worker qualifies as an artisan only after successfully completing an apprenticeship. It is possible for a worker in a specialised field to remain trapped in the category of general assistant, precluding the possibility of permanent employment.

Mr Mark Mkosi (not his real name), aged 64, works as a spray-painter for the CPA's Roads and Works division. Yet he has never

been classified as a spray-painter and earns a general assistant's salary of R798 a month. According to Alcock, no black CPA employee has ever been recognised as a spray-painter. White employees with this job description earn R350 a week.

The CPA responded that the kind of spray-painting done at Mkosi's workplace is "very elementary" and "not on a level where a trained artisan is necessary".

Mkosi worked for the Roads and Works division from 1954 to 1964, and resumed work in 1967. He has been working continuously for the same division since. On retirement, workers in Mkosi's situation receive a lump sum pension pay-out of R2 000 to last the rest of their lives, Alcock said.

He added that not a single white worker was classed as a general assistant. "We believe this is discrimination against workers based on race," he said.

The CPA emphasised that workers of all races were trained as artisans, but did not reply to SOUTH's question of whether there were any white general assistants.

The plight of "temporary" workers was one of the reasons for Nehawu's 1990 strike. At the time the government assured the union the situation would be redressed. So far, nothing has been done, Alcock says. The issue is on the list of demands arising from the present Nehawu strike.

Nehawu is calling for the scrapping of temporary status for government employees.

The CPA claims the matter is outside its control. A CPA spokesperson said the situation of long-serving "temporary" workers had been referred to the Commission for Administration (CFA), a central government body which determines policies concerning governmental organisation and personnel management.

Municipal staff get their pay increases

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ALL 15 738 Cape Town City Council employees have received pay increases of between 9% and 12,5% from the beginning of this month, the Director of Human Resources, Mr Dave Beretti, confirmed yesterday.

The lowest six or seven grades were given increases of 12,5%, the middle grades 11,5% and senior management 9%, he said.

The senior management category ranges from heads of department to "about assistant branch head level".

For the first time, the two major unions, the SA Association of Municipal Employees and the SA Municipal Workers Union negotiated together and came to an agreement on June 25.

The agreement applied to all city council employees and was ratified by the council last month.

Cape Town's councillors get the least pay

By EVE VOSLOO

IT'S official — Cape Town's city fathers are the worst paid for equivalent work in all cities of similar size in South Africa.

A Cape Metro survey has revealed that the mayor, deputy mayor and the chairman of Exco are paid less than in Port Elizabeth, a grade 14 municipality. Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria are grade 15 municipalities.

Johannesburg's "first citizen" gets a total allowance of R11 524,50 a month. Of this, R7 661 is his standard allowance and R3 489,42 a personal allowance. Johannesburg's deputy mayor is paid R3 830 a month and gets a further personal allowance of R1 744,67, bringing his total to R5 574,67.

The chairman of Johannesburg's management committee, equivalent to Cape Town's executive committee, gets even more than the mayor — a basic R7 661 and a travel allowance of R3 863,50, bringing his total to R11 524,50. Ordinary members of the management committee get a basic allowance of R5 746 and a travel allowance of R3 863,50, for a total of R9 609,50.

Johannesburg has a unique category of elected councillor — the leader of the opposition — who is paid a basic ordinary councillor's allowance of R1 915 plus a travel allowance, again R3 863,50, and an additional allowance of R1 915 — presumably because he is worth two ordinary councillors — for a total of R7 693,50.

Pretoria's councillors fare equally well. The mayor gets the same as the mayor of Johannesburg, R7 661, and an entertainment allowance which the Pretoria City Council will not specify.

His deputy gets an ordinary councillor's allowance, R1 915, and an entertainment allowance — basically the same as Johannesburg's as grade 15 council allowances are standardised in the Transvaal.

Durban, also a grade 15 municipality, pays its mayor R5 280 a month plus a table allowance of R3 300 for a total of R8 580. The deputy mayor gets R3 960 and a table allowance of R1 650 for a total of R5 610.

The chairman of Durban's management committee also gets R5 280 a month, chairman-of-standing committees R1 980 and ordinary councillors R1 320.

Port Elizabeth, a grade 14 municipality, pays its mayor R6 129 a month and an entertainment allowance of R7 500 a year (R625 a month) for a total of R6 754. Its deputy mayor gets R3 572 a month and an entertainment allowance of R3 750 a year (R312,50 a month) for R4 062,50 a month.

The chairman of Port Elizabeth's management committee gets R4 579 a month and its ordinary councillors R1 532.

In Cape Town, the occupant of the Chair of Van Riebeeck does not get an entertainment allowance — this is budgeted for in council funds. He gets an ordinary councillor's allowance of R1 350 plus R4 050, a total of R5 400 — less than half the salary of his counterparts in Pretoria and Johannesburg and less than the mayors of Durban and Port Elizabeth. The chairman of Exco is paid the same as the mayor.

Cape Town's deputy mayor gets the councillor's allowance of R1 350 plus R2 025 — again putting him way behind Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The deputy chairman of Exco gets R3 375 plus R1 350 — or R4 725 — and members of Exco R2 700 plus R1 350 — or R4 050.

The ordinary councillor's allowance at R1 350 is less than Johannesburg and Pretoria's R1 915; and Port Elizabeth's R1 532, but marginally more than Durban's R1 320.

TAXPAYERS FOOT BILL AFTER CITY COUNCIL PASSES BLUE DOWNS DEBT ON TO STATE

R136m bill for unused foreign loan

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TAXPAYERS have been saddled with a debt of more than R100 million for loans raised in 1984 by the Cape Town City Council for a township that, in the end, it did not build

At the time, the seven separate loans from European bankers totalled 66,9-million Swiss francs (R49 million)

With the rand's dropping in value against the Swiss franc, the original debt would now be the equivalent of R136,5 million

This is in addition to the millions

By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

already paid — in part by Cape Town ratepayers — to service the interest on the debt

The council borrowed the money to build low-income "coloured" housing at the Blue Downs development near Stellenbosch

Soon after the loans were granted, in 1984 and 1985, the development was taken over by the Department of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives

As government money was used to build the township, which now

houses 100 000 people, the money raised by the Cape Town City Council was invested elsewhere

The council believed that as it had been prevented by the government from developing Blue Downs, the state should assume responsibility for repaying the loans

After protracted negotiations with the Department of Finance, the money borrowed by the council was transferred to the National Housing Commission between December 1987 and April 1988

The commission, funded by taxpayers, is now responsible for the foreign loans

A spokesman for the National Housing Commission confirmed this

At the time of the transfer, the amount was R97 285 243,91

The spokesman did not say how much had been repaid, but confirmed that the loans had not been repaid in full

He said R20 099 785,32 had been paid in interest since 1987, when the loans were transferred to the commission

Mrs Eulalie Stott, who was chairman of the council's Housing Committee when the loans were granted and is still a member — said this week. "It's easy to be clever after the event."

"The money was borrowed with very good intentions — to build houses for low-income families

"I believed it was unwise, given the political climate at the time. But no one could have predicted the dramatic drop in exchange rates and the virtual collapse of the rand"

Delayed

The value of the rand dropped dramatically after the "Rubicon" speech delivered by the former president, Mr P W Botha, in Durban on August 16, 1985

Cape Town's deputy city treasurer, Mr Peter Lever, said transferring the loans had been delayed as the consent of the lending institutions had to be obtained

"The terms negotiated by the city council for the transfer of the seven loans to the National Housing Commission were on the basis that the notional foreign exchange loss of R39 million would be shared by the council and the National Housing Commission"

The city council's one-third share was R13 million

The city council had established an exchange equalisation account fed with interest earned on the loans and by contributions from municipal rates to cover potential foreign exchange losses, Mr Lever said

"This special provision, together with the accrued interest, reduced the net cost of the overall transfer of the loans from a gross liability of R13 million down to a net cost of R10,8 million"

Mr Sol Kreiner, who was mayor of Cape Town, said at the time that more than 45 000 "low-income" families needed homes

"State funds had dried up and we believed that overseas loans, at rates lower than those available locally, could help us build houses to meet this 'human crisis'."

"It's just unfortunate that things turned out the way they did. Our intentions were good. The loans were not raised to benefit the council but to build homes"

Eskom project to light up Cape

CAPE TOWN — Eskom's Cape provincial distributor is to spend R45m on electrification projects this year and about R200m over the next five years in a project to install 75 000 new connections.

The aim was to expand the customer base from 90 000 (including 200 bulk suppliers) to 195 000 in the next five years, Cape distributor manager Ronnie Kingwill said yesterday. Nationally, Eskom has set itself an electrification target of 3-million homes by 1996.

Kingwill said measures would be taken to achieve greater market penetration to offset the huge cost of carrying Eskom's unutilised energy capacity.

In the western Cape R13,2m would be spent this year on projects including those in Uitkyk, Karakulpark, Kylemore, Uitsig, Ebenhaezer missionary station, Klapmuts, Saron and Riebeeck Kasteel.

Kingwill said Eskom was working in conjunction with the Cape Provincial Administration, the Regional Services Council and the black local authorities on a project to get Khayelitsha electrified. Of the 60 000 formal houses in Khayelitsha, 5 000 had electricity. Kingwill said R160m would be needed over five years to electrify Khayelitsha.

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A study had found that 85% of formal houses in the Cape Town metropolitan area were electrified, compared with 11% for the whole of SA. A total of 400 000 houses were electrified and 78 000 houses were without electricity.

Eskom also planned to work with the Western Cape Growth Organisation to look at ways it could contribute to regional growth through ensuring efficient use of electricity. The utility would consider electrification savings programmes and could possibly become involved in providing potential investors with energy studies to suit their requirements.

Eskom's undertaking to reduce the real price of electricity by 20% by 1996 would also contribute to enhancing the international competitiveness of SA exports.

Kingwill said Eskom was undergoing a process of restructuring which would see staff in the Cape cut from 4 300 to 3 700.

Turnover of Eskom's Cape distributor is about R1,6bn and is expected to exceed R2bn by 1994. Its operating budget for 1992 was R230m and its capital expansion budget was R200m.

■ CLAIMING that membership will hit the 1 000 mark by the end of the year, suburban rebels Ratepayers in Revolt are to ask Cape Town City Council for official recognition. But so far there has been only one public meeting.

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

REVOLTING ratepayers — that is what Mr Frank Helm and his band were called in a recent letter.

That band was growing by the day, according to retired naval employee Mr Helm, who has chaired the group since its chaotic inaugural meeting seven months ago in a jampacked Southfield Civic Centre

An executive committee of "13 or 14", most without portfolios, advised by an attorney and a local government consultant, is piloting the group

Asked why no public meeting had been held since its January launch, Mr Helm said the constitution was "being typed" and a public meeting would follow once it had obtained recognition by the council

Ratepayers in Revolt wanted recognition partly to get cut-rate benefits for hiring municipal venues, he said

Playing strictly by the rules, Ratepayers in Revolt will give the council 100 names of paid-up members

He said members came from all over the municipal area "Diep River, Newlands, Green Point, Sea Point — even Bishopscourt and Zeekoevlei"

Membership was open to ratepayers and residents

Until now, ratepayers' associations in the "European-dominated, enfranchised areas, call them what you will", had been poorly supported

He confirmed that Ratepayers in Revolt had parted ways with the Community Forum — a loose alliance of more than 20 civic and political organisations founded last year — because the forum was "too political" Mr Helm said Ratepayers in Revolt, sporting the motto "Serving our City", had no political overtones

"We want a good, clean council, a council we can trust," he said

So far, the only action the group had taken had been to "highlight excesses and frivolous spending" by the council

Issues Mr Helm cited as troubling his group included

■ Plans to use costly wheeled bins for refuse collection, which he claimed would slow down collection

■ A proposal to spend R94 million on a Foreshore conference centre, when the money could be better spent elsewhere

■ The need for more control over the town-planning branch, which Mr Helm said seemed to be encouraging "sub-economic" areas to encroach upon residential areas

■ Municipal grants to the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra "The money should be given to street children"

Since its inception, the group has crossed swords with other factions in civic politics in newspaper letters columns

A letter last month labelled the organisation "a destructive and negative minority group with no vision for a new nonracial, democratic and efficient Cape Town"

A Ratepayers in Revolt pamphlet claiming that Mayoress Mrs Trish van der Velde was paid a special allowance, a motion approved by the council but squashed by the Administrator, meant the group had to issue a retraction

Mr Helm was at odds with Mr Eric Merrington, Ward 16 ratepayers' association newsletter editor and a former city councillor, over criticism of the group in the newsletter

Mr Merrington said he would allow Mr Helm right of reply, but would exercise his editor's prerogative "if and where necessary" Mr Helm declined to write a reply

At the next municipal elections the group will ensure certain councillors get a tough time on the hustings

In their sights will be those who bought back their pensions in terms of a controversial scheme originated by the government in the late Eighties

No decision had been made about who will be asked to run for the council

"We support councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg and his attempts to regulate spending," Mr Helm said However, there were no ties between his group and the dissident "caucus" of 12 councillors

Asked whether the group, so long in gestation, risked being overtaken by events as metropolitan Cape Town moved towards major changes, Mr Helm acknowledged this was possible

"This is the last chance to do anything about the city council before changes come Whoever takes over must inherit an organisation run differently to the way it is now"

Money for symphony orchestra should go to street children

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Council meets on new Exco

By EVE VOSLOO

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A CAUCUS meeting of the full Cape Town City Council is to be held on Friday to elect a new executive committee.

The present chairman of the committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, is not standing for re-election and speculation has been growing as to who will replace him.

Among those thought to be in the running are Mr John Muir, Mr Clive Keegan and Mr Louis Kreiner.

Mr Muir is a former chairman of Exco who is at present chairman of the town planning committee.

Mr Louis Kreiner, a former mayor, has reportedly already been approached to run.

Mr Keegan is the current deputy mayor. If he is elected it will be the first time in the city's history that a deputy mayor resigned to become chairman of exco.

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Exco not a court of appeal, councillors told

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CITY councillors have been warned by the executive committee that they will not be welcome to speak at its meetings on matters meant to go to the council for final decision.

In a letter to all councillors, signed by town clerk Mr Don Geyer, exco was said to be "loath" to give hearings to councillors who wanted to address it on matters which were meant to go to the full council.

Exco was "concerned at the increasing number of occasions on which councillors seek to attend its meetings, to persuade it to review recommendations of standing committees in matters which must be referred to the council for ultimate decision."

Exco was meant to control financial and policy matters. "It cannot be expected to review the recommendations of standing committees which come before en route to the council," the letter said.

Councillors could put their points of view at standing committee meetings. If they disagreed with the recommendations of standing committees, councillors should speak during council meetings, and not try to get them debated at exco.

Only when an item was within the terms of reference of exco, or when exco was delegated to make the final decision, would "consideration" be given to giving interviews to councillors.

City administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr said it seemed the

circular had been sent because there seemed to be some confusion about the role of exco.

"Councillors came to exco to get them to overrule standing committee decisions," he said.

Exco's role was to scrutinise standing committee decisions in terms of budgetary constraints and council policy, not to review decisions about committees' specialist fields.

"The circular is meant to make it clear to councillors that if they disagree with a standing committee's decision, they should debate the matter at council," Mr Hofmeyr said.

He said "only a few" councillors had been using exco "as a kind of court of appeal."

It was seldom that exco overturned a committee's decision, and where it changed or

added to recommendations this was usually because of some financial aspect.

Sometimes committees which were deadlocked referred decisions to exco, but this seldom happened.

Exco met about six times a month, he said.

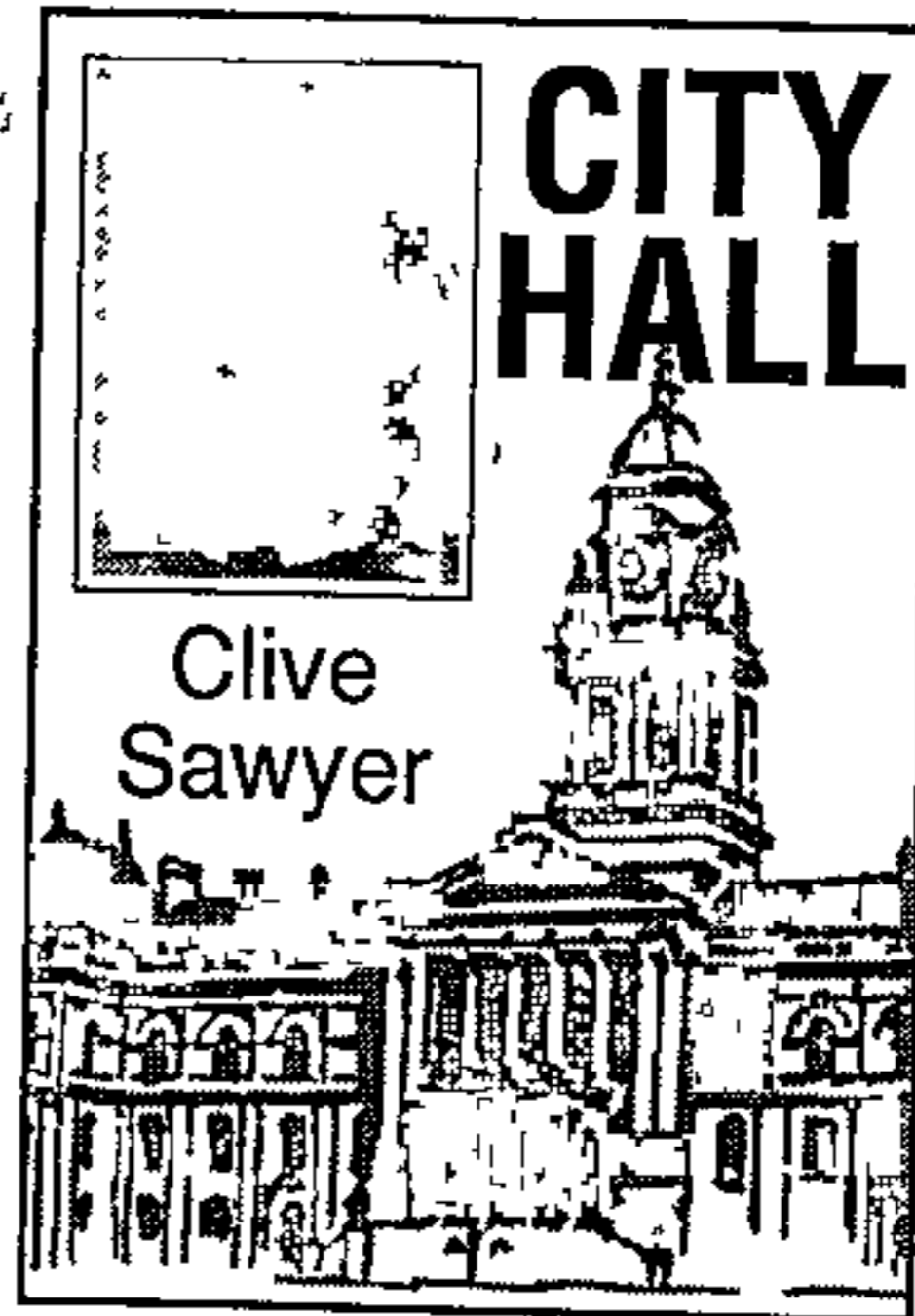
Members each chaired a committee, and served on other committees and organisations.

Reacting, Mr Arthur Wienburg said this was a breach of democratic principles, and a violation of the *audi alterem partem* (let both sides be heard) rule.

He seldom visited exco meetings, but would investigate ways to get the relevant ordinance changed to guarantee democratic local government.

Day the racist axe fell

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Councils of Local Authorities Amendment Bill surfaced at the United Municipal Executive this year

The Bill will make membership of the controversial pension scheme — with its notorious buy-back facility — compulsory for all elected members of local authorities

As it happens, most black local authorities and management committees are not members of the scheme and so whatever political follies they may perpetuate, at least in this way do not burden the treasury

The motives of the government in proposing pay parity for their created poor cousins of local government are not clear

Possibly they are trying to buy votes in future, or hope that pensions for years to come will serve as costly thanks for years of loyalty in the face of criticism from the community and civic associations

It is also possible, as has been suggested by the African National Congress, that the move is the vanguard of joint financial arrangements which government officials are empowered to make by the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Act

Whatever their motives, fiddling with pay and pensions is extremely ill-advised at a time when nationally the future of all levels of government is in the balance

And in Cape Town, it will be interesting to see what comes of recommendations by the Stellenbosch academic commissioned by the city council to probe what "fair" allowances for councillors should be

THE end of an era came quietly, marked only by a motion by Mayor Dick Friedlander.

When council adjourned on August 31, 1972, it was certain five of its members could not return to the sunlit chamber in the City Hall

They were Norman Daniels, Edward Doman, Jack Heeger, Guizar Khan and Henry Holmes

They and the ratepayers they were meant to represent, and Cape Town, were victims of racist legislation which barred "non-whites" from mainstream civic government

City councillors adopted Mr Friedlander's motion, that the council put on record its conviction that all should have a municipal vote, and that a plaque be put up marking the decades of service by so-called "coloured" councillors

The departure of the councillors brought a 136-year-old tradition to an end, as the government began to enforce the management committee system

Twenty years later, the cast of characters has changed roles

The then mayor is now chairman of the executive committee

His deputy, David Bloomberg, has a room in the City Hall named for him, then town clerk Grainger Heugh is the Ombudsman, and then junior town councillor Annamia van den Heever has matriculated from Groote Schuur High

Of the five, Mr Doman and Mr Holmes are dead, Mr Khan runs a business, and Mr Daniels and Mr Heeger are trade unionists

In the public gallery were members of the Doman family, including present council public relations officer Ted

And the government is still here, with its Byzantine schemes to twist the shape of local government to suit its own ends

Piled on top of the Interim Measures Act and Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Act comes the news of plans to give management committee members pay parity with town and city councillors

Spending on allowances alone would rocket by thousands of rands monthly, and there is another set of pinching fingers creeping towards the public purse

The draft Pension Benefit for

The report was handed to the council last week and will be examined by the executive committee before it is passed to public hands

No doubt the debate over pay and pensions will go on, right until the great ship of local government suddenly feels the iceberg strike, and the lights flicker and sway

ONE should not hurry away from the early 1970s without a few more tit-bits of the times

In September 1972 the council debated creating the post of public relations officer

I wonder if John Sonnenberg remembers saying, in that debate "The question the need for a PRO The needs and accomplishments of the council will speak for themselves"

Surely a cold breeze had swept through City Hall corridors when, in August 1971, Argus municipal reporter Maeder Osler noted that there were plans afoot to give golden badges to councillors with more than 20 years' service?

The badges would cost R36 each, a total bill of R432 for the ratepayers

Unfortunately, the Argus library microfilm does not record whatever happened to this scheme

The late Mr Ed Doman

Mr Norman Daniels

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uproar

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A PROPOSAL for "public participation" in planning for the Athlone central business district led to an uproar in the city council yesterday as some councillors thought the council would be abdicating its authority

A clause said the council should "agree to participate and be bound by the decision-making processes and structures adopted by participants in the Athlone CBD planning process" and "make every effort" to implement whatever projects were identified

Town planning chairman Mr John Muir inserted a new clause which said the council would only participate and be bound "subject to any relevant law" The law prescribed that certain decisions should be taken by the council

The council then agreed to participate.

Athlone proposal sparks heated debate on power

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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PROLONGED debate was sparked by a proposal that the council "bind" itself to the outcome of an all-party planning project for the future of Athlone.

Objectors to the scheme — which was adopted by 21 votes to four at yesterday's monthly council meeting — said it could mean an illegal delegation of power.

The council voted to "participate and be bound by" decision-making processes in the Athlone central business district planning and to commit itself to "make every effort" to implement projects.

An amendment by Mr John Mur, that this be done "subject to any relevant law", was adopted.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said an unacceptable precedent would be set, and asked whether the move would be legal.

Councillors had a duty to apply their minds independently to issues, "not to delegate to civics and others outside this chamber".

Ms Annamia van den Heever said Mr Wienburg left her "speechless with his stupidity".

It was wrong for city councillors to presume to make decisions for communities such as Athlone, she said.

Mr Wienburg: "What are you a councillor for, then?"

Mr Mur said Athlone was a "dreadful mess" and tackling the problem any other way than that recommended would be undemocratic.

Mr Leon Markovitz said consultation should take place before a decision was made, but "the buck stops here".

Mrs Ruth Ortlepp said that if the council did not adopt the policy, the entire planning process for Athlone would be jeopardised.

Dr John Sonnenberg said participatory planning was "part of the new South Africa".

He told Mr Wienburg "If you cannot accept that, pack your bags and stop being an elected representative".

Later in the debate, Ms Van den Heever told the mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, she withdrew her remark that Mr Wienburg was stupid. He was in fact shortsighted, she said.

"I would prefer it if you address the issues and not personalities," Mr Van der Velde said.

Move for 'open' exco meetings defeated 17 to 7

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A BID by Mr Arthur Wienburg to force the executive committee to give blanket permission to city councillors to attend its meetings was defeated by 17 votes to seven.

A sub-theme of the debate was the place of origin of exco members, with Mr Leon Markovitz quipping that he came not from heaven, "but the other place"

In the wake of a circular warning councillors that exco was not a court of appeal for councillors who disagreed with recommendations of standing committees, Mr Wienburg tabled a motion to ask for the amendment of the ordinance allowing exco to bar councillors

Opening meetings to councillors would be in line with the spirit of participatory democracy, he said

"Exco is made up of ordinary councillors, they have not come down from heaven"

An exco member "Some of us did"
"And there may be actually some wisdom among us non-exco members," Mr Wienburg said.

Seconding the motion, Mr Gordon Oliver said opening up exco meetings would improve communication in the council

Mr Markovitz said that if the principle Mr Wienburg suggested was taken to its logical conclusion meetings should be opened to everyone, from management committees to the public

"I don't think I came from heaven - but from the other place," he said

Colleagues, including at least one from exco, suggested that it was there he was bound

Mr Markovitz said he did not know of any cases of councillors being refused an interview with exco

Mr Abe Katz said when he was interviewed by exco last, his presence was accepted "begrudgingly"

Mrs Joan Kantey said exco often took ordinary councillors into its confidence

Mrs Eulahe Stott said it was "unthinkable" that exco meetings should be lengthened by councillors taking part in the debate

Exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander said councillors were allowed to attend exco meetings where it was the "committee of origin" such as when financial, property or constitutional matters were tabled

"Exco is not, and cannot be, a court of appeal," he said

One-man race for exco job

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■ And then there was one. Deputy mayor Clive Keegan has turned down invitations to run for executive committee chairman, leaving the field clear for Mr Louis Kreiner.

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

WITH a month to go to the election of a new city council executive committee (exco) chairman, deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan has turned the event into a one-horse race by refusing to run.

This leaves Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the amenities and health committee and exco's deputy chair, with his sights firmly on the position which Mr Dick Friedlander will vacate on September 1.

Mr Kreiner, recently returned from a three-week overseas trip, assured colleagues he felt "like a lion"

There has been concern in council circles in recent weeks about his health, and supporters moved swiftly to allay fears

Mr Kreiner, a diabetic, has been seen at council meetings using a magnifying glass to read documents.

This week Mr Keegan confirmed that fellow councillors had asked him to run for the top job, but said he had declined to do so

"I was never in the race. I am not at liberty to jump around in the council without endorsement from col-



Louis Kreiner

leagues," he said. Traditionally, mayors and their deputies serve two terms in office.

Mayor Frank van der Velde and Mr Keegan will be "reinstalled" at a ceremony at the Civic Centre on September 1 in a scaled-down version of the pomp associated with the biennial change of office-bear-

ers.

Mr Kreiner's accession to the chair will leave open his amenities and health post. Speculation in council circles included a job swap deal between Mr Kreiner and Mr Friedlander

But Mr Friedlander said he had not made a decision on his role after stepping down from the chair.

"I shall continue to be involved in council activities I have enjoyed the challenges of the job. I hope I have had a reasonably productive career as chairman and leave it with regret," he said

Mr Kreiner's departure as exco deputy and amenities and health chairman opens up another race to replace him.

Names in circulation this week were those of former mayor Mr Peter Muller and Mr Kenneth Penkin

Technically, councillors are elected to the executive committee and then appointed to portfolios

If Mr Kreiner's bid remains unchallenged in the weeks ahead, a new round of wheeling and dealing will begin

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'Hanging freeways' in focus again

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A RETHINK of the original planning of the Foreshore Freeway — which at the end of the 1970s left Cape Town with highways to nowhere hanging in mid-air — has been recommended by city planners.

Part of the brief recommended by the metropolitan transport planning department is to "enhance the visual appearance of current and future freeways by integrating them into the urban environment".

Traffic problems caused by developments on the Foreshore meant improvements were needed to the incomplete freeway, said deputy city planner Mr Peter de Tolly.

Adding to the need for renewed planning were developments along the N1 corridor and the Milnerton structure plan, which provided for growth to the north-east.

A metropolitan transport planning report said 1,1km extensions would be needed to link the incomplete "stub ends" on Eastern Boulevard and Table Bay Boulevard to their counter-

parts on Western Boulevard.

In 1990, the cost of completing the scheme as far as Western Boulevard was estimated at R100 million.

Because of the limited growth of the western city, "and partly for environmental reasons" the controversial proposed elevated Buitengracht extension beyond Strand Street has been abandoned.

The original Foreshore Freeway, if it had been completed, would have separated traffic bound for the central city and Sea Point at the Table Bay and Eastern boulevards.

Because the freeway was not finished, there was "excessive weaving and turning" at the intersections of Buitengracht Street and Coen Steytler Avenue, and Buitengracht Street and Hans Strydom Avenue.

This problem was worsened during summer by the growing patronage of the Waterfront.

A "do-nothing" approach could stifle development at the Waterfront and on the power station site.

Expected development of the Culembourg goods yard area would add to future problems on the freeway, the report said.

Time and motion behind an official's working year

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors spend 494 hours, or if you prefer, 20½ days a year attending and preparing for meetings

This is one of the statistics used by two Stellenbosch consultants to calculate how much councillors should be paid

The city council had a budget of R2-billion and about 15 500 employees, to run a city of about 1,3-million people with a rateable valuation of more than R5-billion

Councillors spent 150 hours a year at council and standing committee meetings, and 24 hours a year attending meetings of committees of which they were not members to attend to ward business.

They spent 144 hours a year at rate-payers' meetings, talking to voters, attending meetings to represent the council, and at least one ad hoc committee meeting a month

They spent another 144 hours a year preparing for meetings, and 32 hours

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travelling to and from meetings

Councillors spent R2 811 a month on expenses directly related to their duties

Operating a car cost R3 060 a year, annual telephone bills were R1 560, secretarial expenses were R3 780, and entertainment and donations cost R1 620

Executive committee members spent more time at meetings, 384 hours a year, and spent R5 590 a month on motoring, telephone and secretarial expenses, entertainment and donations

The consultants said calculating the responsibilities of the chairman of exco was "complicated"

He should be paid at least 1,5 times the allowance of an ordinary exco member, they said

The mayor had a full-time job as first citizen and should reflect the dignity of office and importance of the city, and should get the same allowance as the chairman of exco

Pay mayor more, council advised

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Municipal Reporter

LUGE pay increases for the Mayor of Cape Town and the chairman of the city council executive committee have been recommended by consultants hired to advise the council on "fair and just" allowances.

And the city administrator has recommended paying the mayoress an allowance, in spite of the administrator of the Cape ruling that the ordinance not allow it.

A report by Stellenbosch consultants Professor Erwin Schwella and Mr A Van Rooyen, to be considered by the executive committee today, recommends raising allowances for the mayor and exco chairman from R4 050 to R7 661 a month.

They recommend that the deputy mayor's allowance be raised to R3 830 from R2 025, deputy exco chairman's to R6 704 from R3 375, and exco members' to R5 746 from R2 700.

Ordinary councillors' allowances should be raised to R1 915 from R1 350 monthly, the consultants said.

The increases are in most cases the same as those in terms of an earlier controversial recommendation by the government that councillors' allowances be linked to MPs' salaries.

'Economic climate'

The probe was commissioned months ago, to clear up the long-standing controversy over how much councillors should be paid and who should decide on increases.

If exco adopts the report today, it will go to the full council for approval later this month.

In July last year, councillors voted themselves a 12,5 per cent increase.

The consultants at first arrived at higher increases for all councillors, taking into account the direct costs and lost "opportunity" costs caused by being on the council.

But these were scaled down because of the "constitutional position and the political and economic climate".

Direct costs included telephone calls, postage, dealing with correspondence, contributions and motoring.

Other costs were "clothing, as most people expect their councillors to be well-dressed. Entertaining, (because) the councillor is expected as a matter of course to be generous".

● The city administrator has recommended paying an allowance to the mayoress.

The council resolved in November to pay the mayoress R1 350 a month but in March the Provincial Administrator turned it down.

In June exco asked the city administrator to investigate whether the council had a legal right to pay the mayoress, in spite of the Administrator's ruling.

The city administrator said the council had legally delegated power to pay the allowance, should resume payment immediately and back-pay the mayoress for June and July.

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Hike in pay ⁽²⁶³⁾ CT12/8/92 for council?

By PETER DENNEHY

CONSULTANTS hired by the Cape Town City Council to report on what councillors' allowances ought to be, have recommended that councillors should be "compensated" at a rate of R48 an hour for attending meetings

Professor Erwin Schwella and Mr A van Rooyen, of Stellenbosch, have recommended that "the dispensation as provided for by the administrator, in provincial circular 39/1991, should be implemented"

The prospect of the administrator's recommended allowance levels being implemented led to a furore in the council earlier this year

Twelve councillors formed a "caucus group" that publicly op-

posed the massive increases that were to have been phased in over three years

Now the council will have to decide again on the same suggestions

The Schwella report was not dealt with by the executive committee yesterday as chairman Mr Richard Friedlander was away

Exco spokesman Mr Chris Glaum said exco would probably decide on its own recommendation next Tuesday, and the report would then go to the full council at the end of the month

The consultants recommended that "ideally", local government representatives should be paid more than double their present allowances — just to compensate them for out of pocket expenses and "lost opportunity costs"

Thus an ordinary Cape Town councillor should get a monthly allowance of R2 811 instead of the present R1 350, and allowances for the Mayor and the chairman of the executive committee should each be R11 180 instead of R4 050, the report said

Yet the political and economic climate was not conducive to the implementation of these recommendations, the Schwella report added, so just the administrator's recommendations should be implemented

In terms of these, councillors should get R1 915 a month (42% more), and the Mayoral allowance would rise to R7 661 (89% more) Management committee chairmen's allowances would rise to between R1 480 and R4 195 a month (22% to 29% more)

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Move on ways to pay mayoress

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

ALTERNATIVE ways of funding an allowance for the mayoress will be investigated in a city council effort to avoid a confrontation with Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring.

The executive committee yesterday turned down a city administrator's recommendation to start paying an allowance to the mayoress immediately.

Mr Meiring had ruled that a council resolution on the matter was invalid.

The council decided in November last year to pay the mayoress an allowance of R1 350 a month, but Mr Meiring advised in March that his legal advisers said the ordinance would not allow this

Council legal advisers disagreed and recommended that the allowance be paid, including back-pay.

An exco spokesman said the committee did not want to force a confrontation and had asked officials to find alternative ways of paying the mayoress.

● A report by a Stellenbosch firm of consultants which recommended large increases in allowances paid to top councillors was withdrawn from the agenda of yesterday's meeting because exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander was out of town. It will probably be tabled again next week for discussion

● In an effort to improve council budgetary procedure, exco will ask four firms of consultants

to make presentations on budgetary techniques suitable to large councils.

The roads and libraries branches will be used as pilot projects to test the effectiveness of new techniques.

City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said the council was trying to draw up budgets according to principles of becoming "goals-orientated".

There was dissent among councillors and officials over setting priorities and standards and acknowledging "affordability" levels for rates.

Consultants could help by advising the council on the suitability of various budgetary techniques, Mr Landsberg said.

Chaos at Athlone upgrading meeting

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By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town

CITY council officials found themselves reaping apartheid's bitter harvest of resentment and mistrust in Athlone this week when a public meeting to discuss proposals for upgrading the area ended in chaos and recriminations.

Gripped by fear that their houses were about to be expropriated, residents were deaf to repeated assurances by council officials that this would be out of the question — especially if they were involved in the planning process as equal partners.

For people on whose psyches the scars of forced removals from District Six, Newlands, Wynberg and other suburbs of Cape Town are still etched deep, the concept of participatory planning must have been difficult to grasp — and the idea of putting one's faith in officialdom positively laughable.

One after another, speakers from the floor drew parallels with the forced removals carried out in District Six during the 1960s, and reiterated their determination not to let it happen again. "We won't let you come in from your white area and let you take our houses from us," said one speaker, summing up the prevailing attitude.

Long neglected, Athlone's central business district is choking to death. Too many shops in too small an area largely hemmed in by residential homes, have led to congestion and complaints from residents and businessmen alike about the uncontrolled hawking, inadequate parking, jammed roads and other problems.

In January, public affairs consultant Helen Zille began consulting with stakeholders in the area on behalf of the city council, investigating the feasibility of involving the community in developing new policy guidelines for the area's upgrading and development.

Central to the council's approach was a commitment to planning being done with the active participation and assent of the community, rather than being drawn up by town planners and imposed from the top down: "We were trying to create a context in which the people of Athlone helped plan their own future," said Zille.

She consulted a range of organisations and individuals — but the Gleemor Cape Flats Residents' Association, which has New Unity Movement links and holds a position of principled non-participation, refused to have anything to do with the process, although Zille said it was kept informed "every step of the way".

Councillor John Muir, chairman of the town planning committee, said council officials were aware the meeting "would be packed" (by civic members) but felt they should go ahead and state their case anyway.

He said the reaction of residents, while understandable, was based on a misunderstanding that houses would be expropriated. "In a participatory process, protecting houses would be part of the plan — but people at the meeting gave the impression they did not want to be part of such a process, which was founded on this fear of losing their houses."

Zille said people's reactions were "rooted in the past. The only way people see officialdom relating to them is in terms of pushing them around.

"The tragedy is that this is really the last window of opportunity for Athlone. The best-case scenario would be for Athlone residents and businesspeople themselves to get together, employ planners and come up with a proposal.

"If Athlone people want to wait until they are represented on a non-racial, democratic city council then they can — but they might find that Athlone is low down on the list of priorities by that stage."

Despite the meeting's disastrous course, she nevertheless felt it promoted democracy: "We have to learn to live with the legacy of the past. It's clear there are no winners, we're all victims of it. We have to get to the point where we can trust each other again. It also shows just how vulnerable the democratic process is — and the absolute need for good faith on all sides."

Keegan gets backing for top council post

CLIVE SAWYER
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CITY councillor Mrs Joye Gibbs hopes to rally colleagues to support Mr Clive Keegan in opposing Mr Louis Kreiner's election as chairman of the executive committee

The campaign is a "write-in" bid and is not being run at Mr Keegan's initiative

Mr Kreiner, present deputy chairman of exco and chairman of the amenities and health committee, is unopposed in his campaign for the chair

Deputy mayor Mr Keegan would not comment on the campaign, launched just two weeks before the election. However he said earlier that he was never in the race for the most powerful post on the council

Mrs Gibbs said she had told Mr Keegan she would rally others to canvas for him, claiming some colleagues do not support Mr Kreiner's candidacy. ● More details on the exco race, page 11.

The Council's plans for Athlone

ATHLONE'S business district and the surrounding residential area is decaying. Poor planning and a freeze on development has resulted in a steady decline of what was once an urban shopping mecca.

The City Council is now attempting to draw up a structure plan — a policy document setting out broad guidelines for land use — to upgrade and develop the area SOUTH 15/8 - 19/8/92.

They are proposing to embark on this process as an equal partner with all stakeholders in the area.

At the same time, the Council is under severe pressure from businesspeople in the area who for the past 10 years have been buying up residential land they are hoping to have rezoned for business use.

Public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille drafted a 26-page report after consulting stakeholders in the Athlone CBD to evaluate the feasibility of a participatory planning process for the area.

Zille consulted the Athlone Business Association, hawkers and street traders, the Hazendal Ratepayers Association, the Athlone and District Management Committee, transport organisations, trade unions, landowners, architects and planners.

The Gleemoor Cape Flats Residents Association has refused to participate in the consulting process.

Zille said every week residents and business people

contacted the Council with serious and legitimate complaints about the deterioration of Athlone.

She said the area had to have an upgrading plan to work out the logistics of improving the area or development would happen in bits and pieces in the way it had in the past.

"The Council believes this plan should not be formulated by officials at the top of the civic centre and that people should be consulted rather than just ignored," Zille said.

"We are not talking here about token participation, but real participation."

In her consultations with stakeholders, most raised the problems of unstructured hawking of goods in the area, littering, congestion caused by taxis and other vehicles, crime, environmental degradation and the shortcomings of Council servicing.

The Athlone Business Association (ABA), which represents 200 businesses in the area, has proposed that the CBD be extended from its current limit of Aden Avenue to at least Carrington Avenue by means of a blanket business rezoning.

Some members of the ABA favour extending the CBD even further southwards to Kromboom Road — a proposal that could see a few hundred residents lose their homes.

Athlone to City Council: 'Drop dead!'

By Rehana Rossouw

DON'T do a District Six on Athlone! This was the blunt message from residents to the Cape Town City Council on Tuesday when they rejected plans to upgrade Athlone.

A public meeting called by the Council to discuss their proposals ended in chaos when more than 700 people attacked the Council, giving vent to their emotions and fears that they would lose their homes if the process continued.

"Don't touch my house! Over my dead body will you touch my house!" Capuchin Street resident Ms Wilhemina Trout shouted at Council officials.

It appeared that the possibility of residents having to leave their homes against their will opened deep emotional scars. Speaker after speaker compared Council's plans for Athlone to forced removals in District Six, refusing to listen to explanations or assurances that this was never their intention.

The meeting began in an orderly fashion. Public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille, who has been commissioned by the Council to act as a facilitator in their planning process for Athlone, outlined her findings after consulting groups in the area.

Councillor John Muir, chairperson of the Town Planning Committee, gave the meeting his assurance that residents would be able to participate as equal partners with Council in the process. But Mr Louis Roelf, secretary of the Gleemoor Cape Flats Residents Association, took the floor and condemned the Council's plans roundly.

"We are the ratepayers of Athlone, yet we are not represented on the City Council," Roelf said.

"Have we asked for a participatory plan for Athlone? Surely as ratepayers the Council should have consulted us from the very outset."

Roelf asked why, during their explanation of the participatory plan, the Council had used "euphemisms like upgrading and developing" the area instead of spelling out clearly that the Athlone central business district would be

expanded into land currently used for residential purposes.

Zille explained that the extension of the business district was only one of the issues in the upgrading plans.

But tempers became heated and residents shouted abuse at Council representatives.

"Get up and talk, people of Athlone," shouted Mrs Joan Solomons from the back of the hall.

"Tell these people how you slaved to pay off your bonds, how you battled to improve your homes."

The meeting became even more chaotic when Mr Lesley Langenhoven of the Athlone and District management committee attempted to address them.

The crowd booed for almost five minutes while Langenhoven shouted "I've got the democratic right to be here and to speak."

When Zille attempted to use her position as chairperson to protect Langenhoven's right to speak, the meeting turned angrily against her, demanding to know why they weren't consulted about who



HEATED: An Athlone resident in heated debate with public affairs consultant Helen Zille

Photos Yunus Mohamed



STUNNED: City Councillor John Muir at this week's explosive meeting in Athlone

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would chair "their" meeting.

The tone of the meeting went steadily downhill, with even a shout of "Drop dead", until Athlone resident Mr Abe Adams took the floor.

"The message I think this meeting wants to give the Council, loud and clear, is that we will make our own decisions for our area," Adams said.

"This meeting is like Codesa. They want everyone on board and then they want to dictate the terms. We know that things are going

to change and that we'll soon have a democratic council to run our civic affairs.

"I declare this meeting closed." While some people left the hall, others rushed forward to confront Muir, Councillor Ruth Ortlepp and other Council officials.

Residents accused Muir of protecting his own interests by supporting the plan to upgrade the area, pointing out that his company owned a shopping centre and vacant land further south of the

business district. "What I do as a businessman and a director of my company is separate from my position as a councillor," Muir responded.

Muir said he had not expected residents to have such strong views on the Council's proposals.

He assured residents that their homes were not threatened.

"Despite what happened here tonight, this meeting was historic. This is the first time that the Council had a meeting like this in an area like Athlone," Muir said.

"The major problem we are facing is mistrust. People lack direct representation in Council and they have inflated the issue beyond what it is planned to be because they just don't trust us."

The Gleemoor Cape Flats Civic Association is hosting another public meeting next Tuesday to explain their problems with the Council's plan to residents.

The ANC Athlone central branch has a proposal to break the deadlock between Council and residents.

"We are proposing a joint forum of organisations and civics who have fought issues like this in Athlone before," branch chairperson Mr Enrico Fourie said.

"We feel it is a mistake to allow Council's planning department to make decisions without involving people affected in the process."

Fourie suggested organisations in Athlone appoint their own consultants so that they could get involved in the process as well as forcing the Council to bargain with and accept "legitimate structures".



LOOKING GLUM . . . Georgia's leader Mr Eduard Shevardnadze stands in the Council building in Tbilisi yesterday, surrounded by his bodyguards in a crowd. Kidnapping of 12 officials has deepened Georgia's political crisis.

Claremont CBD freeze

Municipal Reporter

THE expansion of Claremont's business district has been virtually frozen by the city council, in response to public pressure from nearby residents

An informal structure plan for the Claremont business district — adopted recently by the Cape Town City Council — contains commerce in the suburb almost entirely to the area which it already occupies

The one exception to this is a triangle of land below the railway line

which was at one stage used as a mini-bus taxi terminus. The council has indicated it may grant business and commercial rights there

The alignment of the proposed Claremont Relief Road Scheme — a road which by-passes Main Road and goes for most of its length alongside the railway line — is also detailed in the new plan. The council estimates upgrading this road and Stanhope Road, as well as Stanhope Road bridge, will cost R34 million

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Should Athlone so distrust the council?

IT is unfortunate that many Athlone residents are so distrustful of Cape Town City Council that an exceptionally lively meeting — part of a public participation exercise — was prematurely ended last week.

In a sense, the residents are participating. They turned up in large numbers for Tuesday's meeting in the Athlone Civic Centre, and listened intently for over an hour to a presentation and slide show about problems in their suburb.

Yet when speakers from the floor had their say, at least one of them spoke out against the present process of formulating a plan for the area. Mr Louis Roelf, secretary of Gleemoor Cape Flats Residents' Association, is reported to have said that residents had not asked for the participatory plan.

Another speaker indicated that Athlone residents would rather wait until they have

a democratic city council (elected by all) before formulating plans.

Eventually we will have a non-racial franchise at every level of government, but it seems years away yet. The question is, should the council be so distrusted in the meanwhile?

In May this year, the town planning committee noted the Gleemoor Cape Flats Association's "extreme concern regarding business intrusion into the area south of Aden Avenue."

It said the association was a key stakeholder in the area, and that its participation "in a process to determine the future use of land south of Aden Avenue is critical."

The committee said this when it recommended that three vacant residential plots in the area (corner of Aden Avenue and Beverley Street) should not be rezoned to



CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

allow a four-storey development comprising shops, offices and parking.

The council has been sensitive towards similar concern on the part of Claremont residents about the possible expansion of the business district there into adjoining residential areas.

At the end of last month, the council accepted a virtual freeze on further spatial expansion of the Claremont CBD — despite the current town planning trend against the "stark separation of zoning uses in the city".

This is a trend with which I am in agreement (for what that is worth). Yet what most residents want for their neighbourhood must generally take precedence over town planning trends.

All indications are that the council will adopt the same attitude towards the wishes of the Athlone residents as it has towards those of Claremont.

When some councillors felt last month that "being bound by the decision-making processes" of the Athlone planning programme amounted to an abdication of the council's own authority, they were outvoted by 20 to nine in the council.

Yet it seems that the formulation of a plan for Athlone will now be delayed, and the uncertainty in the interim is unlikely to be good for property values in the affected area, or for the peace of mind of its residents.

The race for exco

Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER runs the rule over the men in the running for a seat on Cape Town City Council's executive committee.

WHILE it seems certain that Mr Louis Kreiner will be elected Cape Town City Council executive committee chairman in two weeks' time, a keen contest is being waged for the vacant spot on exco

On August 28, councillors will meet behind closed doors to choose a successor to outgoing chairman Mr Dick Friedlander.

Mr Kreiner is deputy chairman of exco and chairman of the amenities and health committee. His bid for the chair is not being contested.

Mr Friedlander is expected to leave exco to occupy one of the senior benches at the rear of the council chamber — in a reversal of parliamentary custom, senior councillors are backbenchers — creating the vacancy on exco.

The candidates are property agent Mr Ian Iversen, 41, and chartered accountant Mr Kenneth Penkin, 59

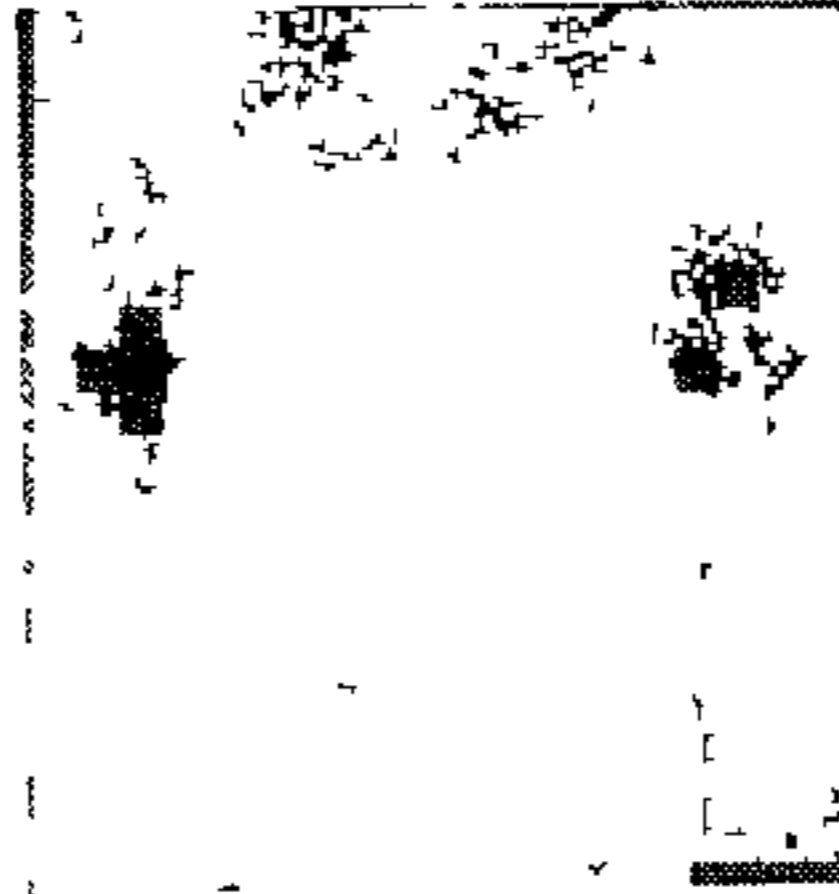
Councillors are being asked to choose between two relatively junior councillors, with several heavyweights having declined to run

It is unlikely that one of the new members of exco would become deputy chairman, a job most likely to go to present utilities and works committee chairman Mr Leon Markovitz.

Mr Iversen said while it was up to exco to decide which portfolio he would be given, his eight years on the utilities and works committee could stand him in good stead to take over its running.

This would mean Mr Markovitz moving to the chairmanship of the amenities and health committee, a possibility mentioned by several observers

Mr Iversen has represented ward 10, which includes Uni-



Mr Ian Iversen

versity Estate, parts of Woodstock and Salt River, Observatory, Mowbray, Rosebank and Sybrand Park, since 1984.

A stalwart liberal, he campaigned against free settlement areas legislation, and has spoken out on issues such as littering. A hallmark of his career has been attempts to boost communications with residents of his ward.

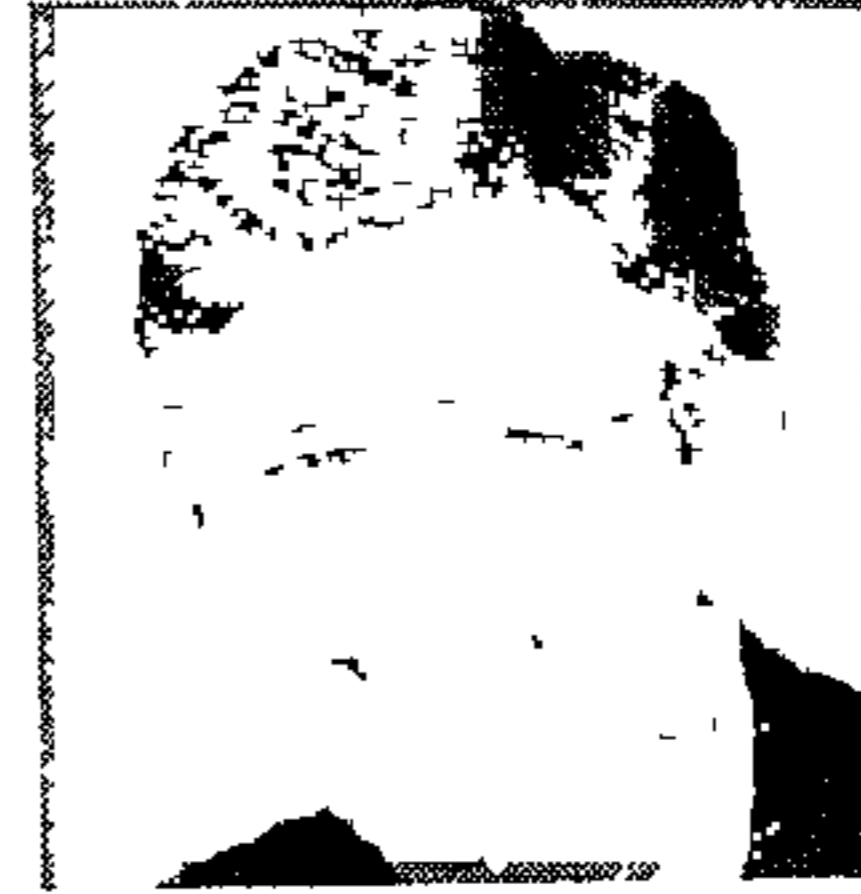
It was crucial to develop the interface between the city council and people of Cape Town during the period of transition, and that there be an increased awareness of the needs of the people, especially the disenfranchised, he said

Democracy had to be practised in a way that the city council did not decide for people, but in partnership with them, he said.

On the relationship between exco and trade unions, Mr Iversen said this should not be one of conflict but a partnership, with the unions exercising their legal rights but being aware of economic constraints.

Mr Iversen said the policy on privatisation would have to be to "tread carefully" on privatisation, because the unions and some communities were suspicious about the council unloading assets without consultation.

On the recent town clerk's circular asking councillors not to use exco as a court of



Mr Kenneth Penkin

appeal, Mr Iversen said he agreed with this principle but upheld the right of councillors to raise new issues at exco meetings

Mr Penkin, elected in 1986 to represent ward 8 — parts of Salt River and Woodstock — said exco was the finance committee of the council and it needed a chartered accountant.

He had not set sights on chairing a specific committee, he said.

A candidate in last year's race, Mr Penkin said he could not give an accurate prediction of his support, but he felt confident

As a member of exco, his attitude to unions would be that productivity should be the key to staff matters, and he would aim at motivating staff and reforming procedures so that staff were not oppressed by tedious work.

He favoured privatisation, but said it should be done with the aid of expert consultants and where possible staff should be offered posts elsewhere in the council.

Mr Penkin said he planned to expand his knowledge of issues such as constitutional reform.

An informed contributor to budget debates, Mr Penkin has addressed other issues in council including wasteful "paper mountains" of reports and the imposition of value added tax on rates.

Council flies in the face of pleas for airfields

Municipal Reporter

CONVERTING Youngsfield and Wingfield into civilian airfields will not be supported by Cape Town City Council, but the council is prepared to aid flying club bids to get joint use of Ysterplaat air force base.

City Planner Mr Neville Riley said there was no real need for an extra civilian airfield for recreational flying in the Cape Town municipal area.

He told yesterday's executive committee meeting there was no suitable site for such a facility in the municipality.

Exco was prepared to facilitate a meeting between flying clubs and the Deputy Minister of Defence to discuss the future of Ysterplaat, and was willing to help prepare documentation.

After the probe of potential civil airfields was ordered in 1990, Mr Riley held talks with flying clubs, the directorate of civil aviation, D F Malan air traffic control and the officer commanding Ysterplaat.

His findings included:

- Increased use of D F Malan by international carriers could force out flying clubs.

- Fisantekraal, recently sold for development for use by charter flights, was "something of a problem" to D F Malan because it was in the flight path of aeroplanes flying to Namibia.

- Stellenbosch airfield could take all of Fisantekraal's existing air traffic.

- Wingfield was inappropriate for civil aircraft because it was so close to D F Malan.

It had a "strategically located site of metropolitan significance" and its future should be planned according to metropolitan needs, Mr Riley said.

- Youngsfield was no longer a recognisable airfield and even if it was converted into a usable airfield, only small propeller aircraft would be able to land there.

Covering 106ha, Youngsfield was at the heart of a major road system, between two suburban rail lines and between two "fixed" green spaces — the neighbouring golf courses.

- The Defence Force planned to use Ysterplaat as its main Western Cape air cargo depot. It was prone to "fogging in" and had dangerous crosswinds.

Exco urges big rise in council allowances

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council executive committee has recommended the adoption of huge increases in councillors' allowances with effect from September — and says further increases should be given in July next year.

Exco resolved yesterday to ask the council to press for independent regional authorities to decide on councillors' allowance increases.

The scheme will be put to the council for approval next week.

The committee said increases proposed for July next year would be subject to "normal budget provisions".

The allowance paid to the mayor and chairman of exco, now R4 050 monthly, will rise to R7 661 from September 1 and to R9 013 from July next year.

The deputy mayor's allowance will rise from R2 025 to R3 830 and in July next year to R4 506.

The deputy chairman of exco will be paid an allowance halfway between the exco chairman's allowance and the allowance paid to an ordinary exco member. This means that from September the deputy chairman will receive R6 704 a month.

Ordinary councillors' allowances will rise from R1 350 monthly to R1 915 from September and to R2 253 from July next year.

Members of management committees will receive increases according to the grading of each committee.

Management committees controlled by Cape Town vary in grading from grade four to grade 11.

The scheme adopted by exco was based on a report by Stellenbosch consultants Consultus, who were paid R11 500 for the two-month study.

The consultants took into account the hours spent by councillors at meetings and attending to ward business, as well as money spent on civic business.

Consolidated billing still at least two years away

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THE long-awaited introduction of a consolidated billing system — which the city council estimates would save about R4 million a year — will be delayed at least a further two years

The system, which would mean including rates, electricity and water accounts in one bill, has been under investigation by the council for more than a decade

An exco spokesman said implementation of the project had been delayed "so that recent technical advances could be in-

vestigated more closely, because of the potential financial benefits to the council"

A report, tabled at yesterday's exco meeting, said the existing system was about 25 years old, was difficult to maintain and was inflexible

The proposed new system would improve financial control over debtors

There would a single ledger and account for each property, debit order facilities could be introduced, standard account forms, and better cash flows because water bills would be sent out monthly

Civics may pull out of Idasa seminars

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A SERIES of Idasa seminars on the future of metropolitan government was producing no results except enabling establishment bodies to know what their opponents were thinking

SA National Civics Organisation Western Cape executive member Mr Newton Adams said this during a seminar at a Bellville hotel last night

Seminars in the series *City Futures* are held monthly, attended by representatives of a wide range of organisations

from the city councils of Bellville and Cape Town, town councils, political parties and civic and business associations

Responding to talks by three speakers on financial reform in future metropolitan government, Mr Adams said the seminars produced proposals which could be implemented, but were not.

"Progressive" talks were given, which municipalities and the regional services council noted so that they could prepare counter-arguments

"Nothing gets heard and

nothing gets done," he said

At a previous seminar various bodies agreed that the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act — then still a Bill — was unacceptable, but it had been passed with nothing done to stop it, Mr Adams said.

He said progressive sentiments expressed by speakers such as Bellville City Council finance chairman Mr Gerald Smith were contradicted by the way they dealt with civic organisations

Mr Adams said his organisa-

tion would consider not attending the seminars in future.

Commenting, Idasa Western Cape executive director Mr David Schmidt said the seminars were held to promote constructive, open debate

"While some things discussed can be implemented, such as capacity building, support for the institutions of civil society and affirmative action, it is not for us to go out and tell people to do that"

Mr Adams's statements were indicative of legitimate frustrations, Mr Schmidt said.

Government will have to share with councils — Geyer

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

A FUTURE metropolitan council will not have the cash resources to maintain service levels, and help will be needed from central government, said Cape Town town clerk Mr Don Geyer

He told an Idasa seminar on financing local and metropolitan government "considerable cross subsidisation" already took place between richer areas of Cape Town, such as the central business district and poorer suburbs

He rejected a statement by Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels that established municipalities had large surpluses which could be used to finance other areas

"That surplus is being used to subsidise a considerable portion of our present community," Mr Geyer said.

Possible extra sources of revenue were separate user-charges for services, levies similar to those now charged by regional services councils, sales tax or value-added tax, State grants or subsidies, or a "community charge," better known as poll tax.

On principle, a tax system should be fair, with taxes that were "collectable, affordable, simple and cost-effective"

Experienced officials should be kept on in the transition to new finance systems, because politicians "could leave you with practical problems".

University of the Western Cape economic policy researcher Mr Philip van Ryneveld said the crises of poverty and unemployment could not be solved by fiscal spending alone.

Sustained economic growth was needed, he said

Metropolitan restructuring should prevent people from escaping their responsibilities to contribute to redistribution

Mr Van Ryneveld said property rates would remain an important part of local government income, but said exempting "the first few thousand rands" of land value in site and service areas where the cost of collection would be prohibitive

Other means of finance that could be considered were RSC levies, local value added tax — which would be difficult to implement — and "motoring taxes".

The cost of private motoring in South Africa was relatively low, and licence fees could be increased and some fuel levies given to metropolitan government, he said.

The deputy director of the Department of Finance, Mrs Hannelie Croeser, said existing sources of money should be better used, as well as looking for new ones

Other taxes which could be set up were land taxes and mineral taxes, a levy to compensate for eventual loss of mineral resources

Mr Khalil Mullagie of the African National Congress said it was one the central goals of ANC policy that local government reallocate resources.

History lesson may boost Olympic bid

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

WHEN city councillors decide today whether to fire the starting gun for a feasibility study on Cape Town's chances of hosting the Olympics in 2004, past balance sheets could form part of the debate.

Forty years ago Cape Town went through the process of planning an event on a similar scale. The 1952 Van Riebeeck Festival featured razzmatazz, financial woes — it lost £70 000 — and political controversy when the contribution of black people to the country's development was ignored.

A stadium was built on the Foreshore — on the Culemborg goods yards, a site mooted as the central Olympic venue.

Culemborg was chosen from

a list that also included Goodwood Showgrounds, Wingfield, Green Point Common and Rondebosch Common. All except the last have been mentioned as possible venues for Games events in 2004.

Accommodation, then as now, was a key issue for organisers.

The festival's central committee put out-of-towners in sprawling tent towns in Rosebank, Goodwood and Bellville — a solution unlikely to be acceptable for athletes, officials and journalists in the 21st century.

Microfilm records seem to show that the 1952 festival was great fun for its target audience, exclusive as it was in the early days of apartheid.

Cape Town faced unprecedented traffic jams — which today would seem unspectacu-

lar — and the South-Easter levelled a few tents.

The 1992 steering committee has already marked all the minefields of past Olympics, and even Cape Town's tangled transport problems will not make it waver. In Los Angeles in 1984 "creative traffic management" prevented jams, an example this city will try to emulate.

A possible solution to transport snarls would be to put the main Olympic stadium outside the City Bowl, in an area offering easier access to residential areas.

Athletes could stay in student rooms at the universities of the Western Cape, Cape Town and Stellenbosch and at the two technikons.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said most councillors who had seen an audio-visual

presentation arguing the case for a Cape Town Olympics had emerged feeling "very positive".

The economics of the Olympics have changed since the burden of funding was shifted to private sponsors.

The 1976 Montreal Games were a \$1.5 billion bomb from which the city is still trying to recover. Moscow, four years later, found hosting the Games had a "negative effect".

When the 1984 Games were held in capitalist Los Angeles, the \$948 million extravaganza ended in the black.

Seoul — characterised by contracts worth millions for television rights and support by private sponsors — made a \$256 million profit.

Atlanta, Georgia, host of the 1996 Games, is anticipating a \$600 million rake-off.

City fathers to get fat increase in allowances

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LIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors voted 20 to 10 to give the mayor and chairman of the executive committee allowance increases of 89,16 percent, effective from September 1.

The mayor and exco chairman, now both paid R4 050 a month, will get monthly allowances of R7 661 from Tuesday.

Allowances of ordinary councillors are to rise from R1 350 a month to R1 915, a 41,8 percent increase.

Amendments by Mr John Muir and Mr Arthur Wienburg, to block or delay the increases, were defeated.

The increases are those recommended by a Stellenbosch firm of consultants, hired by the council to investigate "fair" raises for councillors.

The consultants recommended asking the government to set up a regional or national board to decide on allowance increases.

Recommendations were based on money and time spent by councillors on their duties.

Subject to budget considerations, from next year councillors' increases will be linked to those given to MPs.

Mr Wienburg said he believed he was worth more than the pay recommended by the consultants, and underlined the heavy responsibilities

of the mayor and exco chairman.

While no one should get rich from being a councillor, councillors should not "subsidise" ratepayers for doing a job for too little money.

But the country was in a depression, and the city council had asked its employees to be restrained in wage demands.

Mr Wienburg proposed that the increases be given to the mayor, deputy mayor and exco with immediate effect, but that all other councillors wait until January for theirs.

This would set an inflation-fighting example, and promote goodwill, he said.

Mr John Muir said councillors should limit themselves to 14 percent increases.

"We are taking a 44 percent increase while we are giving our staff 11,5 percent," he said.

The consultants' recommendations on huge increases for councillors should compete with other demands, for instance for funds for services, when next year's budget was compiled, Mr Muir said.

Mrs Bronnie Harding warned the move would provoke mud-slinging at city councillors. "There is hardship in my ward," she said.

Mr Gordon Oliver said councillors should not take more than was given to staff.

Figures tabled at the meeting on how much Johannesburg and Durban city council-

lors were paid were "interesting, but we are not accountable to those voters", Mr Oliver said.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said councillors were well aware of poverty, but this was no reason why their duties should leave them out of pocket.

It was not possible for members of exco to hold full-time jobs, she said.

Exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander, whose term of office ends this month, interjected "Nor is it possible to go back to one after you have finished."

Mrs Stott said comparisons between councillors' allowances and staff pay were irrelevant because staff got housing and transport perks, and the intention was not to cover their expenses.

Mrs Joan Kantey said it was unacceptable for councillors "to keep on shifting the goalposts to try to ingratiate yourself with ratepayers who will never be satisfied".

Mr Leon Markovitz said councillors had become locked in a debate they had tried to avoid by commissioning the report.

Newspapers and letter-page contributors would criticise councillors no matter what, he said.

Mr Wienburg's proposal to partly delay the increases was defeated by 22 votes to seven, and Mr Muir's proposal to limit increases to 14 percent was defeated by 20 votes to eight.

City council wants say on top job

CLIVE SAWYER

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THE city council, dissatisfied at its lack of control over the town clerk's salary, is to ask the Minister of Finance to change the system.

The salary of the town clerk was increased by 9.26 percent by the Board on Remuneration of Town Clerks, a government body set up in terms of the Remuneration of Town Clerks Act.

The Act was seen at the time of its introduction as a device by the government to turn town clerks into civil servants.

This was in spite of the executive committee resolving that the increase should be nine percent.

Salaries of senior officials are linked to that of the town clerk, with heads of department getting just over 92 percent of whatever the town clerk is paid.

A report said it was totally opposed to the principle of a statute governing a council employment procedure.

**Vote for
pay rise
of 40%
by council**

By YVETTE VAN BREDA
CITY councillors voted yesterday in favour of pay increases of more than 40% for themselves, the mayor and the chairman of exco from the first of next month

Following a heated debate at the council's monthly meeting yesterday, 20 of the 30 members present were in favour of the increases and 10 were against.

The recommendation by appointed consultants of appropriate allowances to be paid to councillors and Management Committee members resulted in a furore in the council earlier this year

The consultants recommended that "ideally" local government representatives should be paid more

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than double their present allowances — just to compensate them for out-of-pocket expenses and "lost opportunity costs"

Yesterday's meeting voted to accept exco's recommendation that from September 1, the mayor and the chairman of exco would receive a monthly allowance of R7 661 instead of R5 400, and an ordinary Cape Town councillor would get a R1 915 monthly allowance instead of R1 350

The deputy mayor will receive R4 788 instead of a previous allowance of R3 375 and exco members will get R5 746 instead of R4 050

The meeting also accepted the recommendation that management committee chairmen be given allowances ranging from R4 195 to R1 480, depending on their grade, and management committee members be given allowances of between R1 398 to R493

Mr Councillor Arthur Wienburg said that the report did not indicate "that we are worth as much as we are I think I'm worth more Councillors should be remunerated in a fit way and in accordance with the way he was expected to perform

Workers

"I believe councillors should be paid, but I don't believe that people should get rich from being in a public position"

He said there was a call from the chamber asking workers for a restraint from increases

It was the task of a public representative to set an example.

One could not expect workers not to accept higher wages "but we will"

Mr Wienburg suggested that no increases be granted until July next year, but this was not accepted He then moved that councillors restrain from an increase for six months and only receive the pay hike in January, but this was defeated

Mr J A K Muir said he did not believe council members should receive more than a 14% increase as this had been decided on in May

Mr Gordon Oliver said "We should not take more than the staff"

He said councillors should be paid according to how hard they worked and in terms of their own "consciences"

● UCT plan dampened
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Confusion rages over top city councillors' allowances

Municipal Reporter ARG 27/8/92 (263)

A CONSULTANT'S report recommending increases to city councillors' allowances did not mention that new allowances for top councillors would be "consolidated", leading to confusion over the percentage increase.

The report said allowances paid to the mayor and chairman of the executive committee should be R7 661 a month. Under the present system, the mayor and exco chairman are paid councillors' allowances and special allowances for their posts. Both are paid R4 050 for their posts and R1 350 as councillors, a total of R5 400.

The allowances, which take effect on September 1, will be R7 661, but the system will change so that this will be a total amount, without separate ordinary councillors' allowances being paid.

From September, ordinary councillors will be paid R1 915, about a 40 percent increase from their present R1 350.

Billing is 'frustrating' — Oliver

Municipal Reporter

HE lack of a consolidated billing system is causing tremendous frustration among citizens, says Mr. Gordon Oliver

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Implementation of a consolidated system enabling water, electricity and rates bills to be sent out on one account is to be delayed at least until 1994 so that new technology can be investigated.

"As long as I have been on the coun-

cil we have been asking for this — it is causing tremendous frustration among the public while we waste money on various systems of billing," Mr. Oliver said

Mayor Mr. Frank van der Velde said it seemed technology was "getting better and better until we shall never do it at all"

Executive committee chairman Mr. Dick Friedlander said it was hoped that by 1994 the system would be in effect.

Keegan to head task force for green issues

JOHN YELD
Environment Reporter

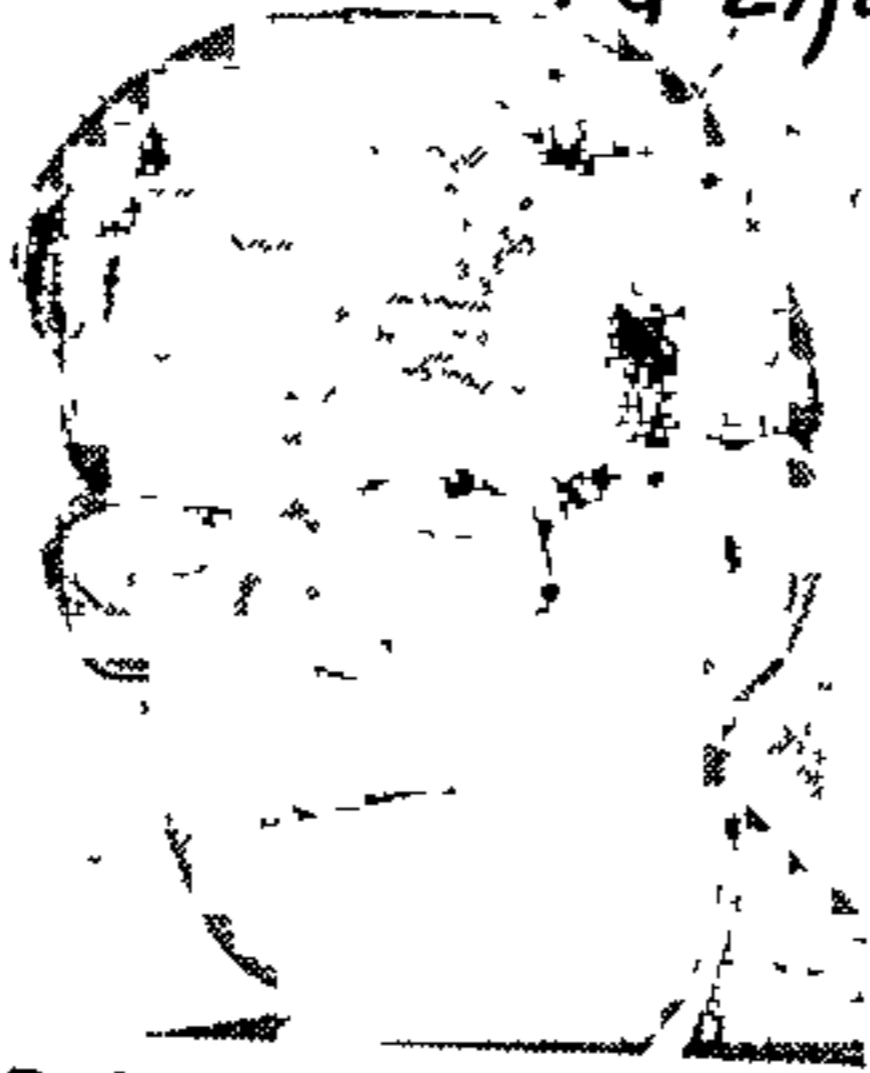
A TOP-level task force headed by deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan is to investigate how city council policies and management practices should be adapted to ensure proper environmental protection for Cape Town

This follows representations to the council's executive committee by a delegation from its environmental advisory committee, led by chairman Professor Richard Fuggle, head of UCT's department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences

In a hard-hitting presentation, the delegation pointed out that the council's bureaucracy had yet to confirm the advisory committee's formal terms of reference or effective operating procedures — more than a year after the committee had been reconstituted

The council, its committees and officials "have neither policies nor strategies to safeguard the city from environmental degradation", the delegation told Exco

"Further, no recognisable



Professor Richard Fuggle

mechanism exists to ensure that the environmental consequences of developments within the city are properly considered in routine decision-making. This applies to both the council's own activities and to the activities of private sector developers."

Items with significant environmental implications were being referred to the advisory committee only after important decisions had been made by council committees, the delegation said

The advisory committee's sug-

gestions include

● That the council recognises formally the importance of the environment to the future well-being of Cape Town,

● That it formulates and adopts a Policy on the Environment,

● That all council committees and heads of department be directed to ensure that this policy is implemented and enforced as part of line management,

● That council administrative procedures are modified to ensure that all environmental matters are properly considered and documented before "significant" decisions are taken,

● Establishing an executive committee portfolio on Health, Safety and Environment, to establish a "point of accountability" through a senior councillor.

The executive committee has set up a task group under Mr Keegan to consider the recommendations.

Professor Fuggle said Exco's response "bodes well" "If these (recommendations) are in place, I really think we can get somewhere in our city"

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Close exco⁽²⁶³⁾
poll expected

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A CLOSE finish is expected in today's executive committee elections

While Mr. Leon Markovitz, Mr. John Muir and Mr. Neil Ross are expected to keep their seats, Mr. Ian Iversen and Mr. Kenny Penkin are running neck-and-neck for the vacant spot

The chairmanship is widely expected to go to Mr. Louis Kreiner

The council is due to meet in closed session today to re-elect mayor Mr. Frank van der Velde and deputy mayor Mr. Clive Keegan who will retain their offices for a second term, in keeping with tradition.

Councillors will then choose a new exco by secret ballot

Mr. Penkin said he believed his chances to be good, but expected the ballot to be close

Mr. Iversen made the same forecast for himself

Neither the "Group of 12" nor Mr. Kreiner have endorsed either candidate

At the court of King Louis . . .

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■ New exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner is to shake up the city with a public relations revamp and pep talks for council staff.

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

LOUIS Kreiner has come a long way to be crowned — he calls it that — chairman of the city council executive committee.

Aged three, his parents brought him from Lithuania to a new life as a shopowner's child in Grabouw.

From there, he was sent to Cape Town to learn English and was picked by his parents as the one child of four offspring who would go to university, to qualify as an architect.

Yesterday, after 18 years on the city council, he was elected unopposed to the top job on the finance and policy-making committee.

His council years have had their controversy and pain. When he was on the brink of the transition from deputy mayor to first citizen in 1979, political pressure led him to drop a lucrative contract to design police flats in District Six.

While mayor, he led delegations that pleaded with the government to open the area to all.

Tragedy struck in August 1980, when his brother Arnold was gunned down while cashing up at his Milnerton shop.

Today, Mr Kreiner is a powerful figure and his family name is recognised as heralding a force in civic circles.

His sister was his mayoress from 1979 to 1981, and wife Mrs Patricia Sulcas Kreiner and his brother, Sol, are fellow councillors.

He will be inducted as exco chairman on Tuesday and is ready to put his stamp on the city.

■ On the municipal unions, which he confronted during wage negotiations and a strike in 1990. "I believe I have their respect and they have mine, and my principle of being fair and very firm will apply."

An eye-catching feature of his office is a portrait of him standing next to SA Municipal Workers' Union branch chairman Mr Sahe Manie.

■ On staff policy "Criticism has left staff demotivated and officials unwilling to make decisions for fear of more criticism."

"I intend holding a series of meetings to motivate staff and give credit where it is due." However, the "top-heavy" staff complement needs urgent attention.

■ On budget policy "With the cutting of subsidies, in some cases to virtually nil, a new system of budgeting is needed to avoid people paying more for less, and to maintain standards and affordable services."

If the present budgeting system is kept, there is no question that next year's rates increases will be above the rate of inflation, he warns.

It is no good dipping into reserves — now down to about R40 million. "Reserves are there for contingencies, not to subsidise rates increases."

■ On privatisation "Rate-payers expect affordable services, workers expect security of employment."

He cites Maitland Abattoir, which is for sale, as an example of his approach. "We are insisting that whoever takes over offers the same conditions of service as we do and, if employment cannot be found for some of the workers, that they will be treated fairly."

■ On the sale of public land "There is land that can be sold and the funds diverted for low-cost housing, and this includes many very large pieces of land expropriated in the past for road-widening." Action can be expected soon.

■ On the council's image "Our public relations staff is very small and the burden of work they are given is unfair — staff are needed to widen this function."

■ On casinos "They are out of place in Cape Town. People do not go to tourist destinations to go to casinos."

■ On crime Mr Kreiner, victim of an attempted mugging last January, said unemployment and crime were closely related problems.

"Police do not have enough personnel to cope, so private enterprise should follow the example of Mallwatch and businesses in Sea Point, which have clubbed together to look after themselves."

Council silence on fraud investigation

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THE city council is investigating a fraud operation within the city engineer's department

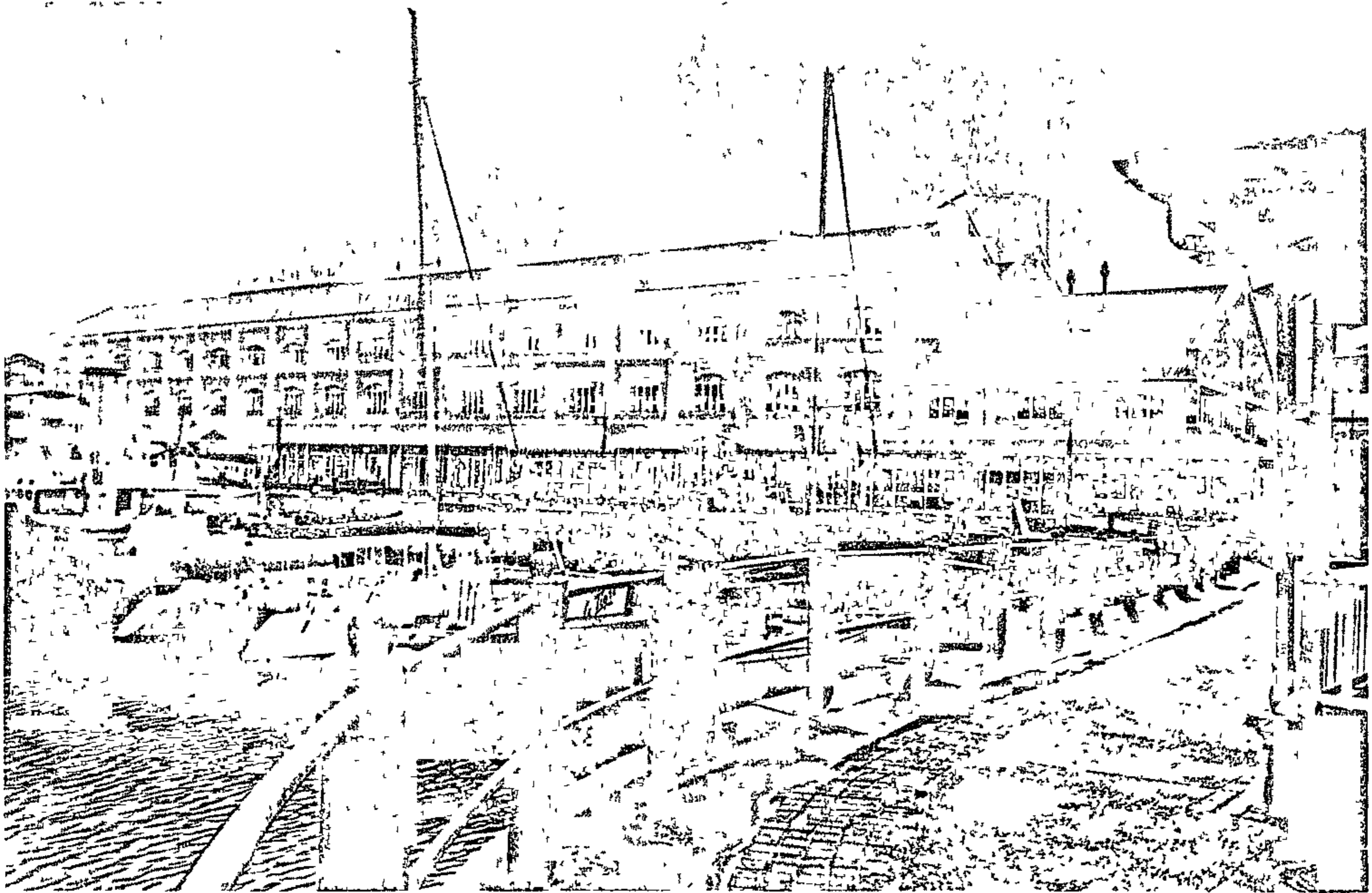
The fraud apparently relates to a council worker or workers who set up a false company and bought and sold goods at the council's expense

Yesterday the council refused to divulge any details of the investigation

City Engineer Mr Arthur Clayton would not say whether the person or persons under investigation had been suspended from his or their office

City council spokesman Mr Ted Doman refused to say how much money was involved in the fraud

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher could not confirm police were involved in the investigation



Listen, you can

HEAR

the silent voices

Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront complex is an attempt to revive the city's tourist industry. But, asks **HEIDI VILLA-VICENCIO**, can we accept the white-washed walls blanking out huge chunks of our history?

"Die Waterkant-kompleks is baie mooi, baie skoon, baie wit en baie nice — nice met so effe nasale 'n' en 'n langenge 's' " (Vrye Weekblad)

SOPHISTICATED propaganda, the stuff of which modern tourism is made, is at best selective. The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, which purports to be a reconstruction of Cape Town as the tavern of the seas at the turn of the century, is a vivid example of this.

It is historically selective and culturally dishonest. Victoria, Alfred and their cronies are there — but what about those who turned the sod and drank the booze in a not-so-sophisticated way?

The waterfront includes what is 'nice'. It excludes not only the underclasses of the present (who cannot afford its exorbitant prices), but also the memory of those who were not so nice in times past.

I sit down to watch the much publicised, "award-winning" video made on the V & A Waterfront.

There are the sounds of the sea, gulls crying, distant fog horns blowing and a merge of pictures which blend into the setting sun.

Words, from the almost-seductive male voice, fill the room. "Welcome to Cape Town, the gateway to Africa, the window to its soul," the music slows down as the "clock is turned back". The atmosphere is set for my journey into the past.

Next comes the historical walk. I read the carefully-prepared brochure.

Then the 25-minute Prince Alfred Boat Tour, complete with talkative guide. There is also silence. A silence which, if you listen carefully, is the most audible part of the tour.

But back to the non-silence. Van Riebeeck, Queen Victoria, Port Alfred, the treacherous Cape seas, the dates of the revamped buildings

surrounding the basin — then the silence about the ferry which carried the silenced rebels of each successive age (Dutch, British and Boer) to their Robben Island prison.

Silence too about the slaves, the convicts whose muscles dug the Victorian Basin, the fishers, the drunken sailors, their women and those women who were their own people. A whole community of silence.

How did he feel? I asked a friendly security guard. Was what he saw the story of the past?

He laughed and said "Well, ja man, but one does not see any bushes running around."

It took a while and then he spoke again. "It's not all here! Net die witsman se geskiedenis."

The architects of buildings and culture have carefully chosen what to remember and what to forget.

The Breakwater Jail confirms it all. It was near impossible to find anyone who could tell me about its

YUPPIE THEMEPARK The Waterfront has become a symbol of upmarket entertainment. Photo: Yunus Mohamed.

history — one of the most notorious prisons in the country. The history of the prison has been white-washed into its present splendour.

The past is gone. The dungeons have become the castle which is now UCI's Graduate School of Business.

Or take the V and A Hotel. Once a warehouse, then a fish factory, now a luxury hotel.

The site of the petrol storage tanks which are soon to make way for a yacht basin was once the site of a hostel and kitchen for dock workers — until an outbreak of typhoid in the early 1900s drove the workers to Ndabeni. (Group Areas legislation did the rest!)

To remember the past not as it was, but as how some like to imagine it romantically to have been — ensuring that the present too is controlled (no drunks, street urchins, prostitutes, bergies or skollies), makes the waterfront into the fantasyland of the wealthy, white (and not so white) fun-seekers. It is a lekker place to visit. But let us at least remember the past. It might just help us face the present.

Scaports and taverns are where different cultures give rise to the new.

Here fishers drink, sailors curse and new cultures are born. Not so at the V & A Waterfront. This is the playground of the rich. Its history (or fantasy) is designed to distract.

Silently, in the not-so-distant background, are the underclasses. The workers at the fish factory, rough looking labourers, prostitutes and sailors are hidden in the background.

The history and buildings (red letter-boxes, English pubs and quaint alley-ways) provide the props for a culture that is as pure as

it is white. It is also as alien as it is romantic. Even the Cape culture that is there (reduced to coons and their marching bands) merely provide a contrast and bit of light relief.

The question is whether a Victorian culture ever existed in such splendid isolation as it does at the V & A Waterfront? Where are the black, coloured, Malay, boer and other cultures that Queen Vic's merry women and men were obliged to face?

"A window into the soul of Africa," the video presenter says. It is hard to imagine a port quite so un-African. The soul, the life-blood and the heartbeat is that of a colonial power who sought to impose itself on Africa, all the way from the Cape to Cairo.

There is no attempt in this fantasyland to portray the soul of this southern tip of ours. The souls of the Khoisan, the slaves, the strandlopers, the Malay traders, the politicians across the Robben Island strait, the Dutch burghers, the British soldiers, the sailors, the adventurers and the gamblers are forgotten.

The only soul is the soul of the Brits. It is also the soul of a brand of British imperialism which is mottled, clean and ever so nice.

The other soul (of the underclasses) is silenced. Is it a soul at all? Is it history? It is a bit of plastic and, as someone has suggested, a bit like Disneyland.

An opportunity has been missed to show a blending of people and cultures that could have contributed to the quest for a common South African culture — an important ingredient, I am told, in nation-building. The underside of history has been excised from this tavern of the seas. It has, however, not gone away. One day we shall need to face this reality.

Kreiner takes top exco job

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By IVOR CREWS

NEWLY-ELECTED chairman of the Cape Town City Council's executive committee Mr Louis Kreiner yesterday said he intended improving the council's image and addressing vital issues affecting the city

It was quite possible that Mr Clive Keegan, deputy mayor, who is due to succeed Mr Frank van der Velde when his two-year term of office expires, could be Cape Town's last white mayor under the current regime, he said

It was not yet known what form local government would take in the future but community involvement in the running of the city was of paramount importance

Mr Kreiner allayed concern in council circles about his health saying he felt "fit and healthy" and was fully capable of coping with the tough job

Mr Kreiner, 63, a diabetic, said the job was a "big challenge" but not the most enviable after all the "flak" the council had been getting

"I intend improving the image of the council with the public and rate-payers who perceive they are being overcharged and to motivate staff to be more positive and productive than in the past," he said

The council needed a balanced budget to meet the needs of the greater community as well as maintaining existing standards and services.

Other problems that needed to be addressed included service cuts, improving relations with trade unions and reducing protracted council meetings

● In yesterday's closed session in which councillors chose a new exco by secret ballot, Mr Leon Markovitz was elected deputy chairman. He moves from the utilities chair to head the amenities and health committee

Accountant Mr Kenny Penkin is the new chairman of the utilities and works committee

Mr John Muir remains town planning committee chairman and Mr Neil Ross remains housing committee chairman

SOS probe to take 'a few more months'

Staff Reporter

THE police investigation into the alleged misappropriation of over R1 million in public donations to the South African Exploration Society by its former national director and his mother will take "another few months", police said yesterday.

Police and the government launched a fraud and theft investigation in October last year after receiving complaints that Dr John Clayton and his mother, Mrs Gertrude Heckler, were misappropriating the society's funds

The government investigation, by the Business Practice Committee, recommended in June that no steps should be taken against the society, which runs SOS youth camps

However, the police probe will take "another few months", investigating officer Captain Gordon Duguid, of the Commercial Branch, said yesterday

The society is a national non-profit educational youth movement

Dog attacks estate agent

JOHANNESBURG — An estate agent was mauled by a rottweiler in Bryanston this week while she was showing clients a house, the Sandton Crisis Control Centre said yesterday.

The centre said Mrs Jean Muir was showing a house on Wednesday afternoon when she was attacked by the dog which dragged her around the property.

She was injured on both arms and the head.

Mrs Muir is in a stable condition at Johannesburg Hospital

Police are investigating. — Sapa

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Councillors warned on increases

By PETER DENNEHY

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NO city councillor who accepts an increased allowance will be supported by the Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association, the body's executive committee announced yesterday

Ward 16 includes Plumstead, Southfield, Ottery, Steurhof and parts of Wetton and Diep River

It registered its "disgust" at the recent acceptance, by Cape Town city councillors at the council's latest monthly meeting, of a new package of allowances. These are linked to the salaries of Members of Parliament. Most councillors will receive 40% more in allowances from today.

Ratepayers' association chairman Mr John Kilian, vice-chairman Mr Vic Franke and honorary secretary Mr Eric Merrington, who is a former councillor, signed the letter of protest.

In it, they declared their intent "not to support any city councillor offering himself or herself for re-election at the next election, who accepts the increased allowance"

2 000 members

Ironically, the issue of when another election is due is obscure. Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels has announced there will be no more whites-only general local-level elections.

The people on the ratepayers' executive committee said they were speaking on behalf of their association's 2 000 members, "and the other ratepayers and residents of Plumstead, Ottery, Wetton, Ferness, Parkwood, Fairways, and Southfield"

"We call upon the 34 city councillors to show understanding of the personal family financial straits of the unemployed, of those being daily retrenched, and pensioners in all categories"

They called on councillors to limit their allowances to the amounts they received before the increase — which, in the case of an ordinary councillor, was R1 350 a month.

They wanted the money saved on councillor allowances, when councillors did not take their allotted funds, to be spent on "an under-funded municipal service", or on an organisation serving the needy.

Councillor in ⁽²⁶³⁾ vain attempt to halt Kreiner

Municipal Reporter

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CITY councillor Mrs Joye Gibbs fought Mr Louis Kreiner's bid to be executive committee chairman right until the end, opposing him during the closed electoral session of the council

Mrs Gibbs, who failed to persuade deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan to run against Mr Kreiner, is understood to have attracted "more than a couple of votes" However, Mr Kreiner had a large majority.

Mr Kreiner will be installed officially as exco chairman today at a Civic Centre ceremony. Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Keegan will be "reinstalled" in their posts for a traditional second year.

The ceremony will not be as lavish as the ceremony at the City Hall when a new mayor is installed

Four councillors who have been on the council for 20 years will be given the title of alderman

They are Mrs Bronnie Harding, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Joe Rabinowitz and Dr John Sonnenberg

'Change' is keynote of mayoral speeches

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By **PETER DENNEHY**
Municipal Reporter

PORTENTS of impending change were a recurring theme in speeches at the mayoral installation ceremony held in the Cape Town Civic Centre yesterday.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and his deputy, Mr Clive Keegan, were both re-elected unopposed for further one-year terms. It is traditional that they serve two-year stints, although elections take place annually.

Mr Van der Velde said that for the first time "we have the prospect of realising our ideal of creating a non-racial democratic society".

He encouraged citizens to set aside their fears, "for we as a nation can walk tall".

A Cape Town "acceptable to the majority of its inhabitants" could now be constructed, he said.

In the past year — "the prelude to transition" — various role-players who were at last representative of the broader community had "sized each other up and thrown a few punches" before embarking on the road to



RESPLENDENT . . The Mayor and Mayoress of Cape Town, Mr and Mrs Frank van der Velde, and the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Mr and Mrs Clive Keegan

Picture Harold King

finding a new constitution

- He hoped that the Institute for a Democratic South Africa's seminars on local government structures in the Western Cape would "change gear into constitutional negotiations" when decisions on local government had been taken at national level.

Mr Keegan, in his turn,

said he had never argued that it would be his lot to be the last white mayor of Cape Town.

● New aldermen Mrs Bronnie Harding, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Joe Rabinowitz and Dr John Sonnenberg were each presented with silver medals plated with gold, instead of the solid gold ones originally proposed.

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Some won't take 40%

Municipal Reporter

SOME of the Cape Town city councillors who voted against 40% allowance increases for themselves will not be taking the full amount or not taking it yet

Others intend passing part of it on to charity

The 10 who voted last month against the increase were Mrs Isobel Edelstein, Mrs Joye Gibbs, Mr Rupert Hurly, Mr John Muir, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, Mr Neil Ross and Mr Arthur Wienburg

Mr Clive Bilski, Mrs Bronnie Harding, Mr Chris Joubert and Ms Annamia van den Heever were absent when the vote was taken

Mr Oliver said yesterday that he intended to instruct the city treasurer to increase his allowance only from January, and then only by 11%. He already has a present arrangement whereby

he gets less than the normal amount "The last time we got an increase, I think it was 20% I asked the city treasurer to increase mine by 13%"

He had done this because he felt it was "embarrassing, immoral and shameful" to take an increase that was very much higher than what the council had seen fit to give its staff

"Some colleagues have talked of taking the money and giving some of it to charity," Mr Oliver said

"My view is that it should not be my money to give to charity"

Mr Wienburg said he had written to the city treasurer requesting not to be paid anything extra until January

But he added that he thought it was "unedifying and disgusting for the newspapers to telephone us and ask us about this I don't like to be hounded, and made out to be a thief"

Another councillor, who declined to be named, spoke about giving some of the money to charity

Councillors' allowance rise will be a boost to pensions ¹⁶³

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter
THE 40 percent allowance increase for councillors will also boost their pensions, and ratepayers will have to fund their share as well.

Councillors pay 13.7 percent of their monthly allowances into their pensions, while 33.25 percent is contributed by the council.

"The rule is that an increased allowance means a proportional increase to the pension fund," an official said.

The pension scheme, based on one for parliamentarians, pays out after 15 years — a period based on the likely maximum political lifespan of a councillor.

Meanwhile, Mr Gordon Oliver and Mr Arthur Wienburg are among the councillors who have asked the city treasurer to pay them less than the agreed increase, and then only from January.

Mr Oliver said some councillors had said they would give the money to charity.

Ward 16 ratepayers' association, which claims 2,000 members, says it will not support the re-election of any city councillor who accepts the 40 percent allowance increases.

Councillors for the area are mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and Mrs Iso-

bel Edelstein.

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The ward includes Plumstead, Ottery, Wetton, Ferness, Parkwood, Fairways and Southfield.

Chairman Mr John Kilian said the association "registered its disgust" at the acceptance of increased allowances.

The association called on all 34 city councillors to limit themselves to existing allowances and for the mayor to "set the example" by telling the city treasurer not to pay him an increased allowance.

The money left over should be given to any municipal service which was short of funds, or to a charity chosen via a "popular vote" in the Press, the association said.

Mrs Edelstein said she was totally opposed to councillors' increases.

"I would like it recorded that I voted against the increases, twice, at the council debate."

Big plan for mountain chain

JOHN YELD
Environment Reporter

THE first steps towards a comprehensive, scientifically based management plan for the entire Peninsula mountain chain have been announced by conservationist Dr Douglas Hey.

He heads the Cape Peninsula Protected Natural Environment Management Advisory Committee, which has been roundly criticised in the past for lack of an overall management plan for the Peninsula's remaining natural areas.

At a media conference yesterday, Dr Hey said advertisements calling for a consultant to prepare a policy document which could act as a blueprint for an eventual comprehensive management plan were being placed this week.

Prospective consultants, who would have to be ecological experts, would have to submit "tenders" by the end of the month and an appointment would probably be made by the end of October, Dr Hey said.

The time required to produce the document would be subject to

negotiation, but was likely to be about six months, he added.

The document would have to synthesise existing information about the mountain chain, including the present development and management goals; the jurisdiction of the Cape Peninsula Protected Natural Environment (PNE), a description of the existing natural systems — including land, fire, water, flora and fauna; recreation uses, tourism and the predicted future demands on the mountain system.

Specific issues to be considered included:

- The possible revision of the boundaries of the PNE;
- Controlling visitor numbers through permits and/or entrance fees;
- Retaining "historic" trees such as gum belts and plantations as part of the historic landscape;
- The question of more kinds of recreation being permitted on the mountain;
- The possible restoration of the mountain's former indigenous forests; and
- Whether development should be controlled on both private and

public land.

Dr Hey said the call for a consultant was one of three major initiatives his advisory committee was undertaking. The two others were an attempt to co-ordinate existing management activities by the 11 authorities involved in the PNE and an investigation of the future funding of the PNE, in conjunction with the Cape Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Johan Lensing, Cape Nature Conservation's representative on Dr Hey's committee, emphasised that the public would be asked to comment on the consultant's report and their comments would be incorporated into the final policy and management plan.

"It (the policy document) is a starting point for a more complete and comprehensive process ... Extensive provision is being made for public consultation and participation in the planning process."

Several interest groups had already been identified and would be drawn into the planning process.

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School boss SA's 2nd coloured deputy mayor

Staff Reporter

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THE principal of a school in Clanwilliam has become the second coloured deputy mayor in South Africa.

Mr Willem Edward Fransman, 39, married with three children, was elected deputy mayor at a municipal meeting this week.

Clanwilliam, with 4 000 residents, made history in August 1990 when it became one of the first towns to have combined council meetings with management committees.

Mr Fransman, who was born and raised in Clanwilliam, was chairman of the town's management committee for seven years.



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By DIANA STREAK

WHILE politicians bicker about the route to a democratic South Africa, a small town in the Cape has quietly gone its own way and established a non-racial government

Clanwilliam — the centre of the rooibos tea industry, the wildflower capital of the area and a bass fishing mecca — this week elected a coloured deputy mayor

The town council of 12, which consists of six coloured former management committee members and six white council members, elected headmaster Willem Fransman as deputy mayor of the town of 4 000

The council and management committee merged illegally in 1990, but the union became official last year when interim local government measures were introduced

Mr Fransman, who had been on the management committee for seven years, said mutual respect had helped the process of integration.

"Communication played a very, very important role in bringing us together and understanding each other," he said "It has helped us solve many problems by consensus"

Mr Deon Burger, mayor for eight years, agreed communication was the pivotal factor in running the town's affairs

"We do things on a mutually agreed priority basis. We try not to see Clanwilliam and Cedarville (the coloured area) as separate towns. The main plus factor is that we can look at them as one town"

Town clerk Boet Viljoen said party politics hardly played a role in running the town

Most people put the interests of the community before their own views and this had made the integration so successful

Model

The council had "spontaneously decided" to accept only 50 percent of its allowances to bring down expenses

"All the surrounding towns have asked for a copy of our agreement on amalgamation and are working on it as a model for themselves," he said

The first building one sees on entering Clanwilliam is the Afrikaner Protestant Kerk's Saamwerk Verbyl Plek, which accepts only whites

Drive up the main road towards the Old Gaol Museum and one passes a tea garden — also run by the right-wing church.

Inside the Old Gaol Museum PR Pieter du Toit says that until last year the museum refused to serve coloured people, but it, too,



LEADERS . Deon Burger and Willem Fransman Picture: TERRY SHEAN

Clanwilliam raises integration flag and elects coloured deputy

had accepted the inevitable

"The CP types are definitely in the minority. The average person who runs a business is Nat or even DP"

Mr Flip Lochner has run the Clanwilliam Hotel, voted South Africa's No 1 country hotel by AA members, for 15 years. He is also a councillor

From his cluttered office he said the relationship between the communities in Clanwilliam was different to other areas

"Our coloured community consists of Clanwilliam

people, not outside contract workers. They are born and bred here"

The mixed council was working well and was a good training school for everyone "It has levelled the playing field," he said

Across the road, behind the hotel bar counter, is barman and councillor Willem Amon

"The new South Africa must go forward," he said "Those who want to stay behind must stay behind"

Mr Amon, a rugby union official, said the sport was now integrated

"It plays a role in bring-

ing people in Clanwilliam together," he said

Schools were not yet integrated, but he believed "it won't be long"

Veldskoek factory owner and councillor Hennie du Plessis said although the community had not been canvassed about the decision to merge, most supported the move

"Everybody has tried to make it work. We have taken the bull by the horns and said, 'Let's make it work'"

Wards

"There have been no problems of a racial nature. The secret is tolerance and mutual respect."

Mayor Burger said in a small community it was only natural that there was one council that looked after the whole town

In the next election the town would be divided into wards and only six councillors would be chosen, he added

Mr Fransman said his election as deputy mayor had given his community something concrete to prove that apartheid was disappearing

Mr Fransman is South Africa's second coloured deputy mayor in a "white" council



Miss SA Amy Klemhans was out shopping this week so that she can stake her claim to a place in the Big Dig Expedition to the Comores. It's the country's biggest treasure hunt, with prizes worth R1,4-million. Fifty couples will be chosen to spend a FREE week on the Comores and dig up "treasure" prizes. ● See page 5

Still plenty of 087 fun

SOME 087 telephone services featured in the Sunday Times Magazine will cease tonight, but others are not affected by this week's decision by the Premium Rate Association of SA to suspend competitions and sex lines to pre-empt a Telkom ban.

Readers will still be able to dial Albertus van Dyk's star forecast, as well as his tarot line and love compatibility hotline

Similarly, the Doctor On Call health service lines will continue to operate, though not those dealing with sexual matters

Competition lines to be axed involve Trivial Pursuit, Codeword and the Mystery Celebrity competition. Regrettably, due to print deadlines, these services will continue to be featured in their present form in the magazine until the September 20 edition

Kiss of life puts pig in pink

By CHARLES LEONARD

WHEN a three-month-old piglet was squeezed to the point of death, a trainee farmer put him back in the pink with the kiss of life.

Johan Boshoff, 17, known to classmates at the picturesque Wagpos Agricultural School near Brits as Bosvark, was learning how to castrate porkers along with his fellow Std 8 pupils

Shame

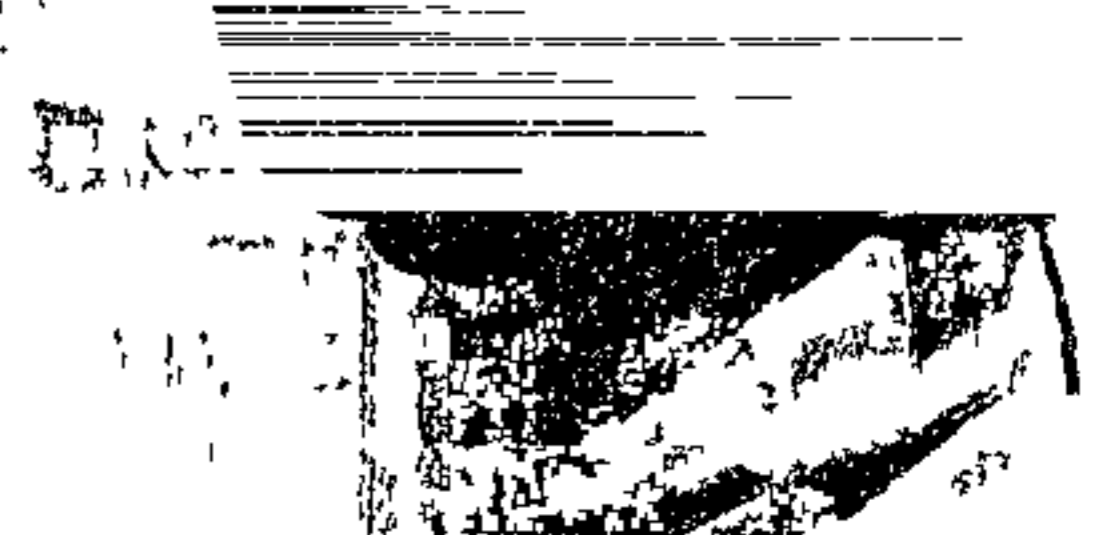
One of them applied too much pressure when holding the animal, and the pink piglet suddenly turned blue and passed out

"The teacher said we should put him to one side in the pen as he would probably die, but I looked at him and thought, shame, he hasn't even had a life yet," said Johan this week.

"I picked him up, opened his snout and started giving him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation

"After about two minutes his eyes fluttered and

happy clan



LIFE SAVER schoolboy Johann Boshoff

opened I kept on breathing until his legs started kicking

"I put him down in the next pen and he started running around — alive and well"

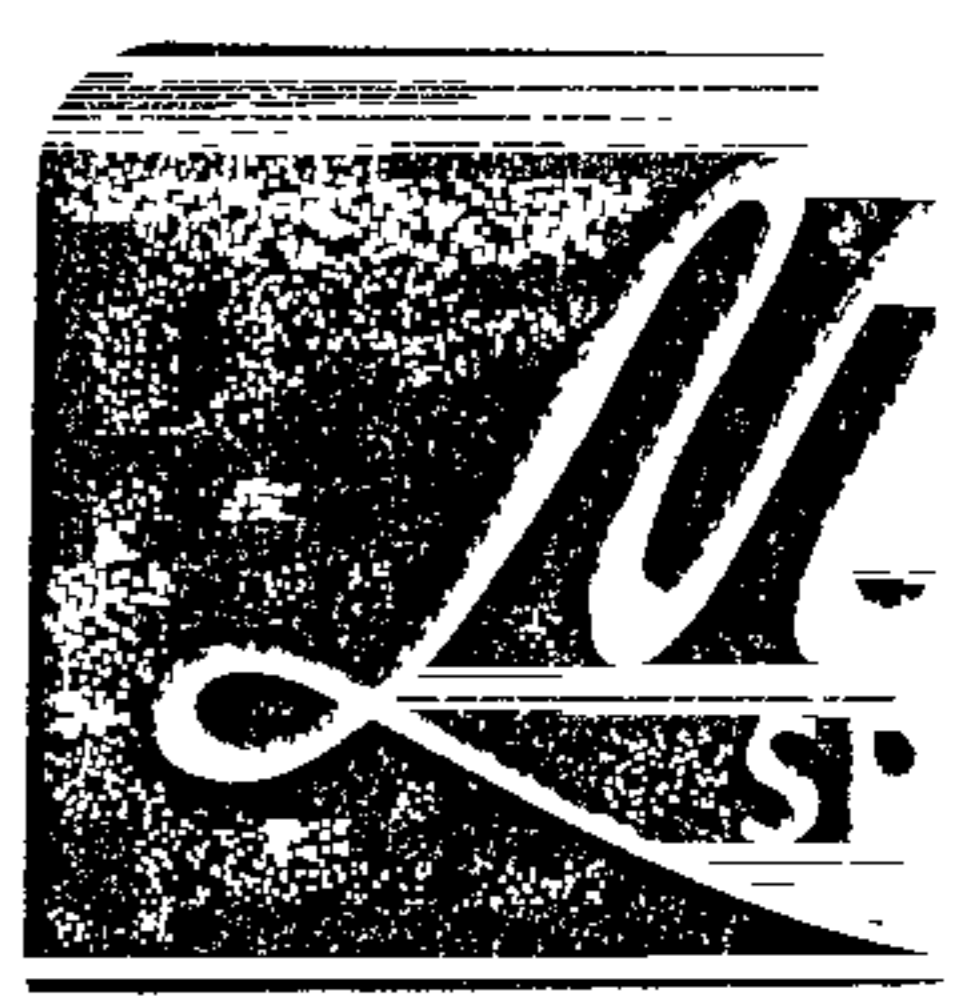
When Johan's classmates realised what had happened, they burst into applause

Johan admits always been an lover

"It runs in the said the boy who take a degree in ture when he was

"My father is the Correctional Ser- training school in ia"

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A POLICE constable was murdered and a lance-sergeant wounded — both close to police stations — in separate incidents in township areas yesterday, a police spokesman said.

The bullet-riddled bodies of Assistant Constable Sebenzile Tutu, 28, and another man, 28, who cannot be named as his family has not been informed, were found in a road about 100m from Crossroads police station about 6am.

Police spokesman Major Attie Laubscher said spent AK-47 cartridges

were found at the scene and it was believed the men were murdered around midnight. Constable Tutu had booked off work about 4pm on Tuesday.

A motive for the killing has not yet been established, but a team of senior detectives will be investigating.

In another shooting incident yesterday morning, Lance-Sergeant T N Ngama was injured in the foot when a bullet pierced his police car in Bonga Drive, about 100m from Khayelisha police station, about 6am.

Major Laubscher said about 30 shots from an automatic weapon were fired, three damaging the vehicle.

Sergeant Ngama was treated at Khayelisha Day Hospital and discharged.

General Nic Acker yesterday said police were adjusting their methods of patrolling "sensitive" areas to ensure that all members of the police force would be safe.

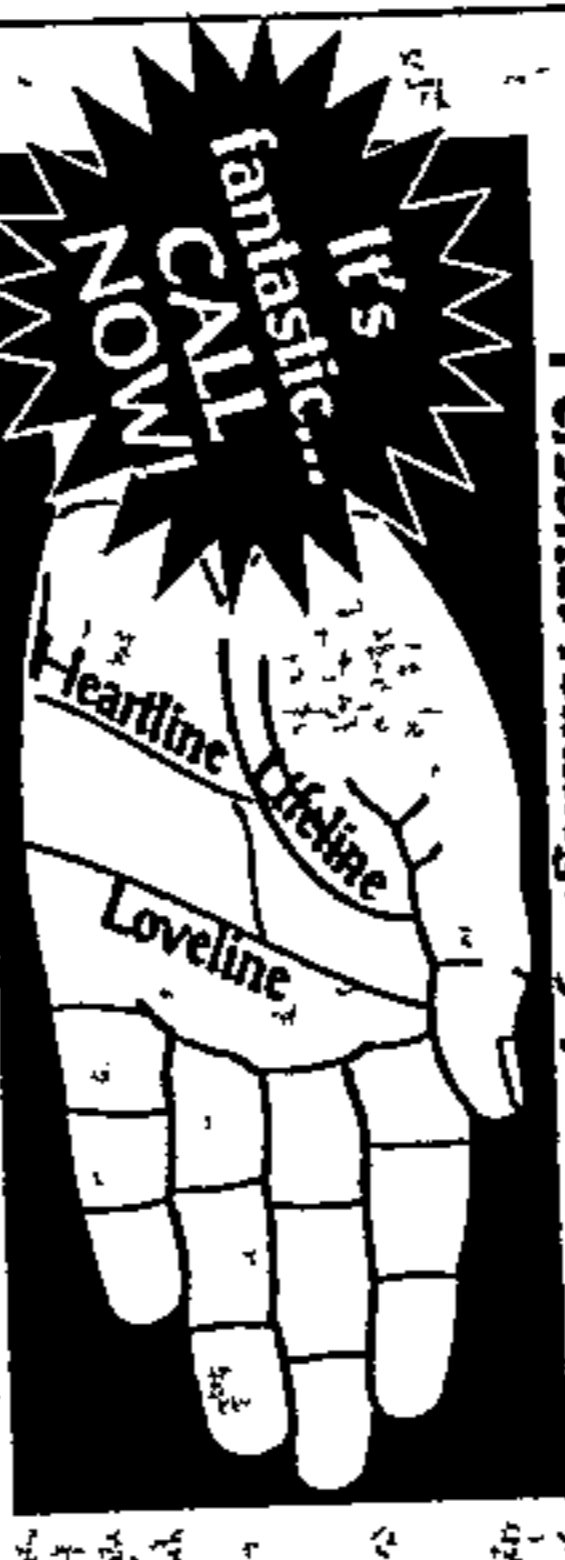
Meanwhile, police reported that eight people were killed in unrest-related violence around the country on Tuesday.

Natal was the worst hit with seven reported deaths. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

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Hiccup in monitoring

Johannesburg Bureau

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THE monitoring of the condition of prisoners in police custody is being delayed by salary negotiations for the monitors, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

Minister of Law and Order Mr. Hennis Kriel announced on August 11 he was appointing a six-man team of former magistrates to monitor prisoners. This came shortly after pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman accused the police of having murdered at least 180 prisoners in custody.

Since then, at least 17 more people have died in police custody. Capt Kotze could not commit himself to a date when the team would be operational.

tense He said police roadblocks con- to topple
a telephone interview yesterday,

Palms, Johannesburg

Council pay: Call for vote

Staff Reporter

MORE than 800 Peninsula ratepayers are calling for a referendum to rescind city councillors' decision to "enrich themselves" with pay increases of up to 42%

Mr Frank Helm, chairman of Ratepayers in Revolt, said last night his group was asking for a public meeting on the matter *CF 11/9/92*

Mr Helm said all that was needed to succeed with the demand for a referendum was 34 ratepayers' signatures

Ratepayers urged: 'Wait for polls' on allowances

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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RATEPAYERS should wait for the next municipal elections rather than accept calls for a referendum on councillors' allowances, says executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner

He was responding to plans by Ratepayers in Revolt to use the 1974 Municipal Ordinance to force a referendum on the allowances issue

Mr Kreiner said the campaign for a referendum would result in heightened emotions and confusion about the issues

Ratepayers in Revolt chairman Mr Frank Helm said his organisation had asked each ratepayer's and civic organisa-

tion in Cape Town to support the call

Getting 34 ratepayers — the number needed to petition for a referendum — would be a mere formality, he said

Though yesterday had been only the start of the campaign, the telephone at Mr Helm's Southfield house had hardly stopped ringing.

He confirmed his organisation was considering asking for a municipal election in terms of the Interim Measures Act

"City councillors have lost credibility by legally loading themselves up while preparing to depart," Mr Helm said

He said he anticipated support from civic organisations, and that a form of mass action was "not impossible"

Mayor invites critics to talks

ST. 12/19/92
THE mayor of Khayelitsha, Mr Mali Hoza, yesterday invited civic organisations critical of his administration to discuss their differences with his council (263)

However, the Lingeletu West Council would not heed calls by civic organisations that all local government structures should disband, he said

City council showdown next week

By PETER DENNEHY

NEW city council exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner will face residents at a City Hall meeting next week in the middle of a campaign by angry ratepayers to force council elections

Mr Kreiner, recently elected to the city's most powerful post, has called a public meeting of all ratepayers next Wednesday evening at 8pm

His invitation was issued on the same day a petition arrived from Ratepayers in Revolt, demanding that the city council hold a public meet-

ing "to facilitate a referendum to rescind the recent 41% increase in councillors' allowances"

Ratepayers want to force new elections for the council if the referendum goes against the council

Mr Kreiner said the meeting was to explain to ratepayers his vision for the management of the city, "and to establish a rapport with the ratepayers of Cape Town in a spirit of goodwill"

He added that he would also deal with "contentious issues" such as councillors' allowances

Mr Frank Helm, chairman of the Ratepayers in Revolt, said his group would be there in force

Referring to a Cape Times report last week quoting Mr Kreiner, he said "I note that Mr Kreiner has said in effect he is going to stay in power"

Mr Helm said the 20 councillors who recently voted for increases in their allowances "must be named, and required to submit themselves for re-election under the Interim Measures Act"

He said it was unfortunate the referendum would have to be held on a white voters' roll

Mr Kreiner questioned the practicality of calling an election now, on the existing voters' roll

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Racial slur:
Ikapa official
transferred (263)

Staff Reporter

AN IKAPA town council official has been temporarily transferred, following a work stoppage by Nyanga workers after the man allegedly made racist statements

This was confirmed yesterday by an Ikapa spokesman who said a full inquiry had been launched

A spokesman for the SA Municipal Workers' Union said yesterday about 400 workers stopped work for an hour on Monday to highlight grievances against the official

The official had allegedly told workers the reason why people were shot "by Oupa Gqozo" was because "they had no brains"

Council poll seems doomed

CA 17/9/92 (263)

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

REBELLIOUS ratepayers' plans to force the city council to hold an election or by-elections appear doomed

The government is unlikely to allow elections on the present whites-only roll

Provincial Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring confirmed he had noted the contents of the Ratepayers in Revolt petition calling for a public meeting leading to a referendum and elections

It was between Ratepayers in Revolt and the council, so he had no authority to intervene, he added

However, should Ratepayers in Revolt chairman Mr Frank Helm's constituents feel that their request had been rejected by the council, they may appeal to

the Administrator, who can then ask the council to reconsider

Mr Meiring also has the authority to allow an election to take place or to veto the idea

The Mayor may call a referendum, but the Administrator must sanction whatever action flows from it

Other developments yesterday

● The Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association — the largest recognised by the council — handed in its own 459-signature petition for a public meeting and referendum

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said that he had not yet decided whether to call a separate meeting from exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner's. After looking at legal ramifications he would try to follow the spirit of the law by letting ratepayers air their grievances

● Mr Kreiner said that Wednes-

day's City Hall meeting would be chaired by former Judge President of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, Mr George Munnik

● Another councillor, Mrs Bronnie Harding of Ward 12 (Bergvliet), has asked the city treasurer not to increase her allowance. She already receives less than the 1991 monthly amount of R1 350 as R70 is automatically deducted for Cape Mental Health. Two other councillors have refused the increase.

Mrs Harding did not join the pension scheme and was not involved in any pension buy-back

● Mr Kreiner said that there was some doubt of the ability of Ratepayers in Revolt to decide upon holding a referendum, as it was not a recognised civic organisation. It was, however, members' democratic right to call for one, or to call for an election

Mayor hopes for local talks on future 'soon'

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

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MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde has expressed hope that local discussions about the constitutional future will be under way soon.

"While it is clear certain principles about negotiations will have to be established at central level, I hope we will be able to get down to being specific about Cape Town," he told *The Argus*.

He envisioned talks involving the same wide range of parties which had attended a series of Idasa seminars on the future of South African cities, "but instead of being representatives, they will be there as mandated delegates".

There was also optimism that a steering committee on setting up a widely representative development forum could show significant progress by November.

The mayor said another key issue at present was the expansion of electrification.

It was hoped that a workshop could be convened shortly to discuss principles of how to handle low-cost electrification. A pilot scheme involving pre-payment debit meters was due to get underway in Tambo Square, Guguletu.

Mr Van der Velde said he was

pleased to note Eskom's enthusiasm for the expansion of electrification.

The city council was throwing its weight into the Olympic Games 2004 campaign.

Advertisements had been placed, calling for consultants to investigate the feasibility of hosting the Games, and to prepare a submission to the National Olympic Committee of SA (Nocsa).

Mr Van der Velde said a "road-show" presentation on the prospect of Cape Town hosting the Games, shown to a variety of business, civic and trade union leaders, and neighbouring municipalities, had been well received.

Meanwhile, Western Cape universities and technikons could be asked to help city council affirmative action policies by hosting new training courses, he said.

'Recognition' is recommended

By PETER DENNEHY

"RATEPAYERS in Revolt" and other non-area-bound-organisations should be given official recognition as civic interest groups by the city council, its executive committee recommended yesterday

Until now, the council has not recognised bodies of that sort because of a requirement that members must be "residents of a ward of the city or other readily

identifiable undivided geographic area within the city"

It is this requirement that the exco wants to scrap. In so doing, it will also open the way for recognition of bodies such as Muizenberg Business Association — because the requirement that members be residents of Cape Town municipality, and natural persons, will fall away too

The rationale behind this is that people living outside the municipality may run

businesses within it, and therefore have a genuine stake in the city

According to a report before the executive committee yesterday, Ratepayers in Revolt have provided a list of more than 100 members in good standing, and its objectives as set out in its constitution are acceptable in terms of the council rules for recognition

Benefits of recognition include receiving a free copy of the council agenda

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Names list 'wrongful' (263)

Municipal Reporter CT 18/9/92

THE disclosure by the city council of names and addresses of ratepayers for publication in private directories was wrongful, a council legal adviser told the executive committee

Exco yesterday recommended that a 1983 decision to give information for publication in a well-known street directory should be rescinded at the next council meeting.

Any future disclosure by the council of personal information for the purpose of mass publication must be considered as wrongful, a city administrator's report said.

But disclosure of information by the city planner for individual property inquiries, publication of the monthly digest of property transactions, property map listing and schedules of approved building plans was not wrongful.

This information was readily available to the general public.

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'Council should consider lotteries'

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council should proceed with an independent investigation into lotteries to boost cash resources, the executive committee has recommended.

This was one of several reforms to the budget system discussed at yesterday's exco meeting.

Others included the introduction of zero-based budgeting, floating utility companies to handle electricity and water, employing senior staff on contract only and drastically reducing grants-in-aid to charities.

As an experiment, next year's council budget debate will be held at night, to give more people the opportunity to hear it.

Other proposals were to combine electricity and water meter reading, to put cheque deposit boxes in libraries, to "meaningfully" reduce staff costs, to improve communication between exco and heads of departments and to crack down on littering.

The corporate management team, made up of heads of departments, said there were several budgeting techniques which could be considered.

Proposals for utility companies and for putting senior staff on contract should be held over because of opposition to unilateral local government restructuring, the team recommended.

Grants-in-aid had been decreased in real terms because there had been no increases for the past two years.

Computerisation of electricity and water meter reading was being done instead of the functions being combined.

Installing cheque deposit boxes in libraries was "a good idea" and was being investigated by the city treasurer, the team said.

CPA to crack down on 'abuse' of perks

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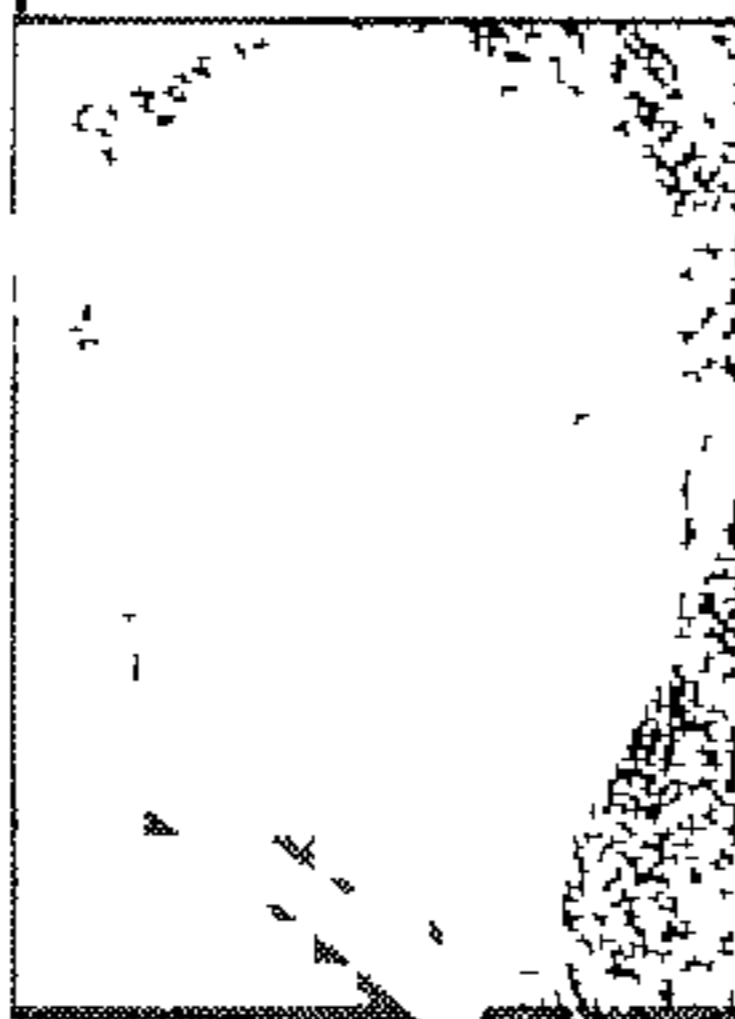
By **NORMAN WEST**
Political Reporter

20/9/92
THE Cape Provincial Administration is set to implement sharp cutbacks in expenditure, including a reduction in manpower and a crack-down on the "abuse" of official transport and telephones

The Provincial Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, this week issued strict orders to his staff, warning of disciplinary action if they ignored his instructions to cut out extravagances by at least five percent, to meet Cabinet instructions

Mr Meiring has indicated that the budgeted amount of R3 453 million, which includes R1 300 million in pensions for retired MPC's, has already been overspent

There are 64 000 employees in the service of the CPA and estimates are that at



KOBUS MEIRING
Strict orders

20/9/92
least 3 500 will be retrenched as part of an obligatory Cabinet instruction to cull staff quotas.

Mr Meiring has charged the Director General of the CPA and the former Ambassador to Washington, Mr Herbert Beukes, with the task of enforcing the cutbacks

Mr Beukes has warned the Deputy Directors-General of Hospital and Health Ser-

VICES, Roads and Traffic Administration, Community Services and of General Provincial Services, not to "underestimate" the seriousness with which the Cabinet viewed its instructions to scale down costs and stay within budget limits

He warned of "strict disciplinary action" against heads of departments who neglect to implement budgetary discipline

One of the results is that already cash-strapped Cape Provincial hospitals are expected this week to announce further drastic cutbacks in an attempt to curb projected overspending of between R100 million and R200 million

Cutbacks on all levels are to be implemented

Instructions have gone out limiting chauffeur-driven trips in state limousines to theatres and black-tie dinners

Mr Beukes has described the crunch within the CPA as a "crisis"

He estimated that if each of the 64 000 CPA employees made only one telephone call less each day, it could save the CPA R12 800 daily or R3,3 million a year

Mr Meiring has decided to set an example to his staff by deciding to take his wife and private secretary on only "absolutely essential" official trips. He has also decided to defer by a further year the replacement of his official car, PA.1

Social

He will cut down on his entertainment expenses, including possibly cancelling the traditional garden party held after the opening of Parliament in February, at his official residence, Leeuwenhof

He has also put on hold a R250 000 book on Leeuwenhof until a sponsor is found

Because the use of GG registered vehicles as "second" official cars has been "abused", he has instructed that they may be used by officials only if their official cars have broken down or are being serviced

He has also instructed Members of the Executive Council (MEC) to

- Curtail their use of chauffeurs after hours for social affairs, like "visits to the Nico Malan" and dinner parties;

- Use official cars only for official business and drive themselves to and from their offices,

- Clear all air travel by their spouses outside Cape Town with him personally beforehand

Mr Meiring has also set a combined limit of R400 a month for telephone calls by MEC's on their office private lines and their homes. They are liable for any amount over this limit

CPA freezes posts, pushes retirement

(263) CT 22/9/92

VACANT posts have been frozen and employees have been encouraged to take early retirement, the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) announced yesterday.

In a statement, director-general Mr Herbert Beukes said these steps were implemented as part of a cabinet decision to cut salary-related expenditure and keep all departments within their budgets this financial year.

Although the CPA had already curtailed and suspended certain programmes and services to cut back its expenditure, it had avoided staff cut-backs as far as possible as this would have an adverse effect on the quality and extent of services.

However about 70% of its budget was personnel-related and savings measures were now required in this area.

"With this in mind . . . it was decided to place an immediate embargo on the filling of vacant posts, including those that may become vacant at a later stage.

"Staff members who in terms of existing guidelines may wish to, or should, retire earlier than would normally be the case will be encouraged to use this opportunity.

"Staff members, personnel associations and unions have already been informed of the meaning and implications of these measures," Mr Beukes said.

Mayor not to call ^(2b3) meeting _{CT 12/19/92}

Municipal Reporter

CITY- Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde has decided not to call another meeting of ratepayers, separate from the one being held in the City Hall tomorrow evening by executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner

Ratepayers in Revolt and the Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association have petitioned the mayor to hold a meeting in terms of Section 204 of the Municipal Ordinance.

Both groups have been upset by a recent council decision to raise the monthly allowances of councillors by 41%, in the case of ordinary councillors, to R1 915

Revolt ^{CT 23/9/92} ₍₂₆₃₎ group hits at Mayor

Municipal Reporter

MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde had "shown the white feather" by declining to hold a ratepayers' meeting which could force a referendum on councillors' increases, Ratepayers in Revolt said yesterday

Mr Frank Helm, chairman of Ratepayers in Revolt, said yesterday he and his group would attend the alternative meeting organised by exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, scheduled for tonight. He said: "It's the only chance we will get (to put questions to the council about increased allowances for councillors)"

He said he felt the council was being "opportunistic" by declining to hold a Section 204 meeting — the kind that can lead to a referendum — on the grounds that black people would be constitutionally excluded from participating

'Insensitive'

Yet Mr Van der Velde has said that this was precisely his reason. Under the present municipal ordinance, he said, only people with the municipal franchise could participate in a section 204 meeting. "That means effectively that only whites may participate

"In the political climate which prevails today it would, in my view, be most insensitive and unwise to convene a meeting in which only whites may participate when the intention is to debate and decide an issue of relevance to members of all the race groups throughout the community"

All Capetonians have been invited to Mr Kreiner's meeting

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**Kreiner hopes
to keep city
informed** (213)

Municipal Reporter

EXECUTIVE committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner is to unveil his personal mission statement tonight — including an undertaking to keep citizens informed of plans to tackle problems facing the city.

In his speech, Mr Kreiner — who has been in office 23 days today — will acknowledge there are many "problem areas" in civic affairs:

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan and all members of exco are expected to join Mr Kreiner on stage at the City Hall.

His goals included ensuring residents got the municipal services they "desire and deserve," Mr Kreiner said.

The meeting, which starts at 8pm, will be chaired by former Judge-President of the Cape, Mr George Munnik

Kreiner comes out fighting

Staff Reporters

CHAIRMAN of the City Council Executive Committee Mr Louis Kreiner was greeted with raucous laughter last night when he said the allowances of city councillors were "not salaries", but just to ensure that "councillors were not out of pocket".

He was addressing a public meeting, attended by only about 200 ratepayers, which he called in response to criticism of the Cape Town City Council by ratepayers and the media.

Allowances for city councillors had increased by an average of 14% a year in the past five years, Mr Kreiner told the ratepayers.

On this issue of he met with an unsympathetic response, in spite of producing statistics to show that Cape Town councillors received smaller allowances than

those in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

In his prepared speech, he said the levels of councillors' allowances would not be unacceptable to the public "if you felt that your municipality was being run properly and that councillors performed in a manner acceptable to you".

A Mr Norman Miller elicited more laughter from the disenchanted audience when he asked: "According to the media, councillors work 20 days a year. How can a man who works 20 days a year draw a pension?"

But the mood changed when Mr Kreiner said the city "should be proud to look after so many of the less affluent community".

This, he said, was one of the main reasons Cape Town rates were so much higher than those in the rest of the country.

An angry Mrs Pat Pomeroy of Plumstead threatened to stop paying her rates, saying: "It's our money which is giving them increases, but we are getting fewer services."

She was supported by Mrs Norma Lang of Diep River and Mrs Jenny Sargeant of Plumstead, who also threatened not to pay their rates.

Chairman of Ratepayers in Revolt Mr Frank Helm was greeted with applause when he said: "Isn't it true, the longer you stay in power, the better off you are."

He claimed the council had refused them a public meeting to avoid being forced into a referendum, "hiding behind a technicality to stay in power and retain their personal benefits".

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Council (263)

A month ago, councillors' monthly allowances had stood at R1 350, whereas the salary plus benefits of the lowest-paid council labourer had amounted to approximately R1 400 a month (R1 081 plus medical aid, pension and bonus contributions), Mr Kreiner said.

Staff salaries were adjusted every year, while councillors' allowances were not. The allegation that councillors had voted themselves a 42% increase but given staff only 12% had to be seen in this light and in the context of average annual increases of 16,3% over the past five years for the lowest paid employees.

Mr Kreiner emphasised that he had not come to the meeting to tell ratepayers that their perceptions were unjustified, or that everything in the municipality was "all right".

"I have come here tonight to play open cards, to take you into my confidence and explain how we intend to put things right."

Public confidence in the City of Cape Town was at a low ebb and, whatever the cause, he was determined to reverse this position.

Mr Kreiner acknowledged that there were many problems to be addressed.

He aimed to make the municipality efficient and to see that it played its part in ensuring a peaceful transition to a democratic South Africa.

The council had to do a difficult balancing act to maintain services at their present level while improving facilities and services in parts of the city which had "lost out" in the past.

Hybrid system of electing councillors being considered

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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APG 24/9/92
A HYBRID system of electing councillors, half by wards and half by proportional representation, is being considered by Cape Town City Council.

In a submission to the President's Council investigation into polling systems, town clerk Mr Don Geyer said discussion of various options had not been discussed by the council and so there was no official policy on a future voting system.

However, the ad hoc constitutional affairs committee had discussed polling systems as part of its attempt to draw up a coherent policy on metropolitan restructuring.

The committee said there should be a hybrid system, where half of the representatives were elected on a proportional basis and the rest on a ward basis.

The proportional polling system

would include the preparation of lists of candidates by political parties, and "ratepayers and similar" associations.

There should be only one voters roll, and no-one should have more than one municipal vote.

Voters would be entitled to vote for a certain number of representatives according to a proportional system and, in addition, would be able to vote for a ward representative.

It was essential that whatever polling system was introduced, it should be readily comprehensible by the electorate, Mr Geyer said.



COMPLAINTS: Mr Louis Kreiner, left, answers complainants from ratepayers in the city hall last night. Pictures ANDREW INGRAM The Argus

Mixed reviews at exco's public meeting

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AN audience of 200 gave executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner and his council mixed reviews at a precedent-setting public meeting.

A two-hour meeting called by Mr Kreiner to explain his vision for the city featured fierce criticism from Ratepayers in Revolt, and a vow by city councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg to make an urgent call today for an opinion poll on the council's performance.

Support for the council came from at least two speakers from the floor, one of whom blamed the ills of the city on the apartheid government and not the municipal administration.

A member of the audience who claimed Cape Town affairs were a matter for whites was labelled racist by another, to cheers.

Applause during debate stayed on either side of jagged borders between councillors, most of whom sat in the first two rows, and dissident suburbanites scattered elsewhere in the chamber of the City Hall.

Speaking at the start of the meeting, Mr Kreiner asked for the help of all citizens to put things right in the running of Cape Town.

His mission in his term of office would be to serve ratepayers and the community.

Mr Kreiner said he had told staff that problems should not be covered up or denied, and

that there should be a free interchange of ideas between heads of departments and exco officials who were not up to standard would be dealt with, and trade unions handled fairly but firmly.

Mr Kreiner drew applause when he said the council looked forward to the day it would have representatives elected through a non-racial, democratic voter's roll.

But councillors' allowances were the topic to provoke most reaction during his speech — and during a prolonged question time afterwards.

Pointed laughter from a group of Ratepayers in Revolt greeted Mr Kreiner's statement that allowances were

meant to reimburse councillors for their expenses.

"I ask you in all fairness, will any time be a right time to adjust councillors' allowances?" Mr Kreiner said, to mixed cries of "yes" and "no".

Statistics showed that allowances paid to the mayor and exco chairman of Cape Town were far less than their counterparts in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Allowance increases averaged 14 percent a year since 1987, compared to more than 16 percent for staff.

But, Mr Kreiner said, "the anger many harbour is in regard to the way the city is being run rather than the level of allowances which councillors

get to reimburse them for spending incurred through their duties."

Asked why the mayor was paid less than his Johannesburg counterparts, but Cape Town rates were so high, Mr Kreiner said the city council looked after a large number of people in need of services.

Ratepayers in Revolt chairman Mr Frank Helm said the referendum his association had asked for had been turned down not to protect the interests of the disenfranchised, but so that councillors could stay in office.

Mr Kreiner said the council's term of office ended in 11 months, unless it was extended by the government.

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**City to canvass
all its citizens**

Municipal Reporter

THE city council is to devise a method of canvassing the opinions of all Capetonians on matters of public importance.

Opening yesterday's monthly meeting of the city council, mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said he would ask the executive committee to formulate a questionnaire and method of canvassing all the citizens of Cape Town

This would be done with the assistance of a professional marketing organisation, and the committee would report progress to the next council meeting

Mr Van der Velde said the move resulted directly from an undertaking he had given disaffected ratepayers when he invited them to a meeting in the City Hall on Wednesday night.

"In view of my undertaking I wish to report that a clear majority of those present at the meeting ... indicated that they would like to see the ratepayers of Cape Town canvassed on a number of issues of public importance," he said

At Wednesday's meeting, Mr Godfrey Isaacson of Claremont, a member of Ratepayers in Revolt, proposed that a poll be conducted through rates bills.

This would involve all ratepayers and get around the constitutional difficulty of city referendum legislation that still allows only whites to vote.

Only non-racial booties approved

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CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council will not recognise any ratepayers or civic association unless it is open to all races.

This was accepted unanimously after being proposed by Mr Gordon Oliver during a council debate on recognising associations.

Yesterday marked official council recognition of Ratepayers in Revolt and the Muizenberg Business Association, enabled by an amendment to council policy which previously prevented recognition of any association not linked to a specific ward.

Mrs Eulah Stott said while the council should consult all parties, it should remember the maxim that those who paid the piper called the tune.

"Do be careful about a situation where the people who cause us to spend money are not the people paying for it," she said.

The benefits of official recognition include free copies of council agendas, two copies of the council pocket diary, and reduced rates when hiring

council-owned venues

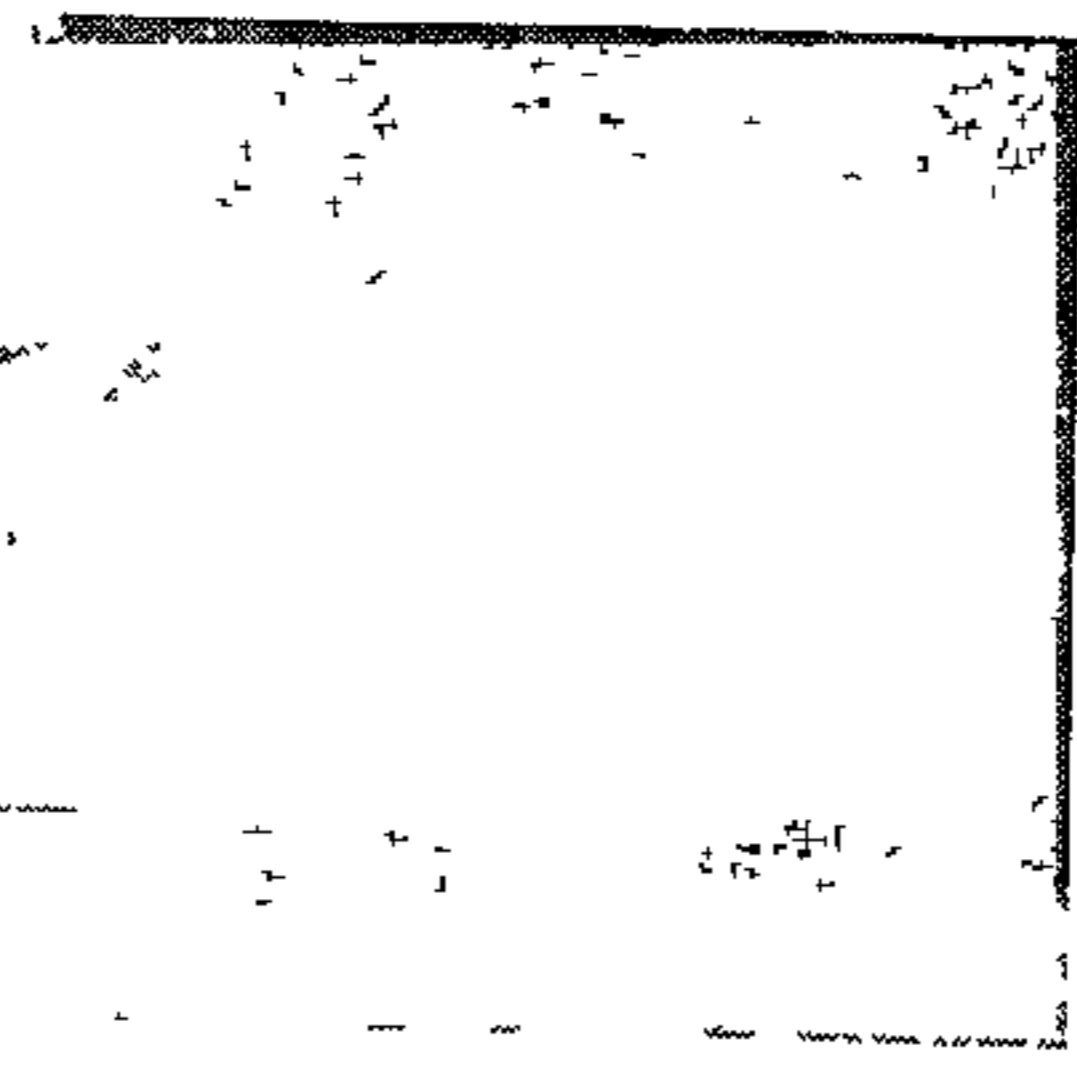
Replying to a series of questions by Mr Arthur Wienburg about council dealings with the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco), executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said the council had "recently" asked for a copy of Sanco's constitution.

Sanco has been a major player recently in council deliberations on what formula to use when fixing prices for the Clifton bungalow sites, and how the proceeds should be spent.

Asked which civic associations were affiliated to Sanco, and whether it had held elections and an annual general meeting, Mr Kreiner said he assumed Sanco had not held an agm because it was formed recently, while it had said it would provide a list of affiliates.

Its representatives were elected in March, Mr Kreiner said.

The city council did not only consult people or associations wholly in its boundaries, and precedents for this included consultations with other councils, universities, Idasa and the SA Black Taxi Association, he said.



Mr Van der Velde

Citizens may get civic say

Municipal Reporter

MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde has asked exco to investigate ways of polling city citizens on civic issues.

Councillors are to decide next month on whether a referendum should be held on several important issues.

Mr Van der Velde said most of the 200 people who attended a public meeting on Wednesday had indicated they wanted ratepayers to be consulted.

Ward 16 ratepayers association secretary Mr Eric Merrington has called on Mr Van der Velde to rethink his refusal to hold a public meeting on the

Wienburg bored with boards' problems

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter
CITY councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg is bored with boards

One in particular was in his sights at yesterday's city council meeting — the Board on Remuneration and Service Benefits of Town Clerks, to which the council pays R72 000 annually.

"This could be likened to the the Banana or Melie Board — I'm bored with all these boards," he said. What was the board for, Mr Wienburg wanted to know. "We cannot merely accept this. We must ask

for a full report and make representations to central government. We must ask for a balance sheet to which we are morally, if not legally, entitled."

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said exco had asked to see the Minister of Local Government to ask to have its membership scrapped or to be exempted from regulations laid down by the board

Circulars from the board tabled at yesterday's council meeting covered salary adjustments for town clerks, gradings of regional ser-

vices councils in the Cape and the Free State, rules on motor vehicle loans for town clerks and a notice that paid maternity leave for female town clerks had been abandoned.

Also in Mr Wienburg's sights was the council's membership of the Federation of Employers' Organisations. "This is the mushroom season of boards," he said.

"We have just shelled out R72 000 and now we must pay R16 000 for this organisation." The original intention

to form a trade union for employers had been lost.

"One of the objectives of this federation is to give grants — what for? Between the trade unions and the employers' federation we may as well go home," said Mr Wienburg

Mr Kreiner said former exco chairman Mr Dick Friedlander had convinced the committee of the benefits of belonging to the organisation, which included discussing issues common to major municipalities.

Mr Arthur Wienburg
— wants full report

Mr Louis Kreiner —
EXCO INVOLVED

Now for all those councils

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

TODAY, on your trip from your hotel in Cape Town to the winelands, you passed through the domain of about 60 local authorities, a group of visiting Londoners was told

"Sixteen?" one asked, thinking she had misheard

No, 60 — a legacy of colonial history and apartheid local government architecture

The list is staggering. Between Table Bay and the Boland mountains there are two city councils, one each for Cape Town and Bellville, and an imposing list of town councils

Durbanville, Goodwood, Franschhoek, Kraaifontein, Strand, Somerset West, Paarl, Brackenfell, Milnerton, Wellington, Stellenbosch, Pinelands, Kuls River, Fish Hoek, Parow, Gordon's Bay and Simon's Town each have their own mayor, councillors, town clerk and officials

Then, there are the black local authorities, for example, Lingeletu West and Ikapa, and a long list of management committees, town committees, rural councils and local councils

While technically not a local authority, the Western Cape Regional Services Council, which has representatives from most of these councils, can be included on the list

The wasteful and confusing overlap — or lack of it — was amply illustrated in Weekend Argus last Saturday in the tale of Tambo Square

Many of the councils are not fully autonomous, relying on grants while others do not run their own bulk services

For instance, Cape Town City Council is the bulk water supplier for the region, and handles bulk cleansing services for smaller municipalities like Goodwood

While the urgency to move away from apartheid constitutional planning has been widely acknowledged, as recently as a few months ago the Administrator proclaimed a management

While it is hoped a regional development forum can be set up by the end of the year, wasteful proliferation of local authorities is likely to continue until national constitutional solutions are found.

committee for Strandfontein, to the chagrin of several residents and the Cape Town City Council

This week, the RSC approved the boundaries of the "Noordhoek Local Area", the first step to setting up a local council — another continuation of the old-style proliferation of local government.

A controversial factor in any developments at regional level this year is whether any greater Cape Town councils will set up negotiating forums or joint administrations in terms of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act or the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act

A feasibility study is in progress to find out whether a southern Peninsula council should be set up, possibly including Fish Hoek, Simon's Town, Kommetjie, Scarborough and Noordhoek.

How close is a solution? A local government analyst conceded there was reasonable consensus among political, civic and local government groups in the region that rationalisation was needed

The common vision seemed to be of a metropolitan council governing the bulk allocation of services, with the rest of greater Cape Town run by four municipal councils

Another possibility was the setting up of utility companies to run services like electricity and water

However, the argument was about process — how to get to the solution, rather than the solution itself

And the implications of widespread rationalisation for local government employees were obvious, and it was likely that protracted negotiations with staff associations and trade unions would

ensue — seen already by the care being taken by the Provincial Administration in the staff cuts announced this week.

Participants in a series of Idasa seminars on City Futures have readily acknowledged the usefulness of exchanging ideas on the metropolitan future, and key questions like housing

It is expected that the follow-up will be a roadshow among interest groups like ratepayers and civic associations, to discuss visions and give feedback at suburban grassroots level

It is clear that government thinking still is focused on the idea that future metropolitan government will take shape around the present regional services councils

Papers to be delivered at an Association of RSCs annual meeting next month include one by Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Mr Tertius Delport on a future perspective on RSCs as "efficient and effective service-rendering institutions"

Department of Finance director-general Mr Gerhard Croeser is to speak on how financial resources of RSCs can be used to the same end

In the Western Cape, the further entrustment of functions, including public transport, to the RSC is under consideration

However, it is uncertain that RSCs will be accepted by the wider community, because of their roots in the tricameral past.

Cape Town Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde expressed hope that the next phase of regional development would see those who took part in the Idasa seminars returning to a similar forum as mandated delegates

Eggs, mini



PAINTED EGGS: Ms Pam Jones with her eggs and miniature settings which can be seen at the Cape Showground this weekend. The egg titled "Through the bedroom window" has been exhibited in Japan next year. The ostrich egg is "King Arthur and the Round Table".

Local government issues on agenda

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

EXECUTIVE committee members of the Cape Province Municipal Association held a two-day "bosberaad" this week in Tygerberg Nature Reserve, to discuss a variety of issues facing local government

The association, which represents about 200 municipalities in the province, decided not to admit black local authorities or management committees to its ranks until all councils were fully democratic

Ironically, the traditionally-white body now has a few "coloured" members at its meetings, representing joint councils set up in terms of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act

Under the spotlight were constitutional proposals being drafted by the United Municipal Executive, a national association of the four provincial municipal associations, for submission to Codesa

Five task groups of the UME are researching topics ranging from metropolitan and joint local government, administration and finance, to the future incorporation of rural areas into existing municipalities

Also under discussion were African National Congress constitutional proposals

Ratepayers 'apathetic'

Staff Reporter

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MASS apathy characterises the attitude of Cape Town's ratepayers

This is the opinion of several ratepayers' associations in response to the poor turnout at last week's public meeting at which exco had agreed to hear ratepayers' grievances

Their views were supported by a Cape Times poll of households

Mr John Kilian, chairman of the Ward 16 (Plumstead) Ratepayers' Association, said ratepayers were "not concerned enough to become involved"

The chairman of the Southfield and District Ratepayers' Association said only "a small, noisy bunch were kicking up dust"

Mr Mark de Klerk, secretary of the Observatory Civic Association, said Ratepayers in Revolt was "a small, destructive, reactionary bunch"

The chairman of the Koeberg Municipal Voters' Association, Mr Koos Loubser, said their councillors did a "wonderful job"

But the Bonteheuwel and Maitland ratepayers' associations disagreed

Mrs Alice Lange of Rondebosch said she had chosen not to attend the meeting because "nothing anybody says makes any difference"

An attorney from Kenilworth, Mr Godfrey Isaacson, who attended the meeting, said people were apathetic because they felt there was nothing they could do to change things

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Black mayor in the Boland

Staff Reporter **(23)**

HISTORY was made in Franschhoek last night when the Boland town elected its first black mayor.

Groendal businessman Mr Frank Arendse's election comes only two weeks after the town council merged with the management committee.

Mr Arendse said: "I'm glad that after so many years I now have the opportunity to play a leading role in the town council."

One word nets Taylor R10m



away

'Community to have say' (263)

NO local government restructuring agreement would be endorsed in the Cape unless it reflected the wishes of the broad community, the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, said last night

Council in bid to avert 'chaos' over hawking in public places

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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CITY council policy not to allow commercialisation of beaches and nature reserves will be violated if deregulation of hawking goes ahead as planned

This was one of the points made by the city council to Mr Piet Schoeman MEC in a last-minute appeal to avert the chaos likely to be caused deregulation in terms of the new Businesses Act

The Act, promulgated this year, will open up public places to hawking and peddling and remove municipal control of licensing.

Provincial administrators were given power by the Act to publish lists of places where hawking would be banned, but Mr Kobus Meiring has declined to publish such a list.

Opponents have warned that streets, pavements, malls and environmentally-sensitive places could be choked by informal traders

In a letter to Mr Schoeman yesterday, the council warned the traffic situation would be "intolerable" if hawkers were to put up stands wherever they chose in public malls, cources and parking areas

"The council would prefer that public squares and resorts be controlled areas where hawking would be prohibited except with its prior consent"

It was unthinkable that hawkers could "uncontrollably and with impunity" trade to the detriment of people or organisations who had lease agreements with the council

An example was Greenmarket Square, where the lease had been drawn up to prevent chaos.

City official now facing discipline

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Municipal Reporter

DISCIPLINARY proceedings are under way against an official in the Cape Town city engineer's department

Police are investigating the man's activities outside the department

In August, the council announced it was investigating a possible fraud involving one of its officials. The matter had to do with the setting up of false companies

City Engineer Mr Arthur Clayton said the council's own investigation had been concluded

The disciplinary proceedings would be over in about 10 days, he said. He declined to name the man

'We'll pay when new SA comes'

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VUYO BAVUMA

Weekend Argus Reporter

KHAYELITSHA residents who are boycotting payment of service charges, including rent and water, owe Lingeletu West City Council a staggering R21 million

Most of the residents are boycotting the payment of the charges because they say the council is undemocratic and has no mandate to rule them

To compound the problem, the council owes R587 million to the National Housing Fund which it used to build the township's infrastructure

Town secretary Mr Gert Ras said the council was chalking up monthly operating losses of more than R1 million

This was despite the monthly R1,6 million bridging finance from the Cape Provincial Administration

Mr Ras said the council could be forced to look at cutting services, including health, water supply and refuse removal, in a bid to scale down the costs

The council's monthly expenditure included R22 000 for refuse services and R500 000 for bulk supply of water to Khayelitsha

In terms of the law, the 17-member council, elected during the controversial 1988 municipal elections held when organisations such as the ANC and the PAC were banned, cannot raise its own funds

The embattled council is now planning to cut down on services because financial resources are depleted

Since its inception the council has been unable to raise its own funds

■ Lingeletu West City Council, the local authority for Khayelitsha condemned by many residents as undemocratic, is in the red because more than 90 percent of the estimated 435 000 residents are not paying service charges.

violent circumstances and mayor Mr Mah Hoza has survived several assassination attempts

Its main rival, the Western Cape Civic Association, which claims to have following of more than 80 percent of the 435 000 residents, believes the crippling financial boycott is justified because the authorities do not have mandate to rule

The civic also argues that its followers will pay rent and other service charges "once a new political dispensation is in place"

But Mr Ras fears that there would still be problems "whoever takes over the running of the area"

The loan from the National Housing Fund had to be repaid, he said

"The people needed to be taught to pay for their services"

The chairman of the civic association, Mr Julian Ntsholo, was unsympathetic to the council's financial woes

He said Khayelitsha residents did not want to pay rent and service charges to a council they had not elected

When the people moved into

the houses were not up to standard. Some leaked and others were not finished.

Mr Ntsholo said the residents decided to boycott rent, not only in protest against their grievances but also in solidarity with residents in Guguletu and Nyanga

In 1986 the civic association was revived after the residents launched a door-to-door campaign

At that stage the council wanted the residents to pay rent according to their income, but this was rejected

Mr Ntsholo said the situation worsened after the municipal election in 1988

"The residents felt they should continue the boycott of rent because the structure was not democratically elected

"We don't believe the residents will have problems paying once the boycott is lifted

The civic association was running workshops to educate the residents about the battle they were "waging against the council"

● In March the Minister of Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, said the black local authorities would receive financial assistance until June 30 next year

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12% electricity cost rise urged

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

AN ELECTRICITY price rise of 12 per cent, effective from November, has been recommended by the utilities and works committee

The increase, subject to approval by the executive committee and full council, is one percent less than that estimated in this year's budget

Utilities chairman Mr Kenny Penkin said the recommended increase was reasonable in difficult economic times

The R63,5-million "contribution" from the sale of electricity to the rates stabilisation fund is to stay the same as last year

About R10-million will be earmarked as a "provision for bad debts" in anticipation of arrears

Economic conditions, more than the political situation, were causing an increase in arrears, a city treasurer's report said.

The R2 monthly service charge paid by domestic consumers is to be scrapped. The proposed tariff increase will make provision for "limited" funding of more electricity dispensers in lower-income areas

The 10 percent grossing charge levied on

all accounts of more than R85 paid after due date is to remain

● The committee recommended approval of an R8 294 527 tender for the building of the third stage of the Cape Flats outfall sewer at Zeekoevlei

Acceptance of the tender, one of 10, will depend on Western Cape Regional Services Council approval of a loan to the city council

● Banana ripening rooms at Epping Market, built 15 years ago, must be renovated by 1995 to meet the requirements of the Montreal Protocol, aimed at halting the use of the ozone-hostile substances

Chlorofluorocarbons — CFCs — are used in the rooms

A project identification report said renovations would cost about R2-million

South Africa was a signatory to the protocol, and if the conversion was not done the rooms would have to be closed and income lost, the report said

Other problems were that doors were angled so that fork trucks could not be used to stack pallets of bananas

The top bananas had to be removed manually and the layout and airflow were also inadequate

Mayor renews call ⁽²¹³⁾ for Flats job creation

Municipal Reporter

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MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde has urged the Small Business Development Corporation and the city council to press ahead urgently with job creation on the Cape Flats

Opening the small business week, Mr Van der Velde said deregulation had entered a new era with the promulgation of the Businesses Act, with direct controls cut to a minimum.

The city council would have to reach compromises with informal sector businesses on "important side issues" like traffic control and preventing informal markets and street vendors becoming nuisances.

"Unfortunately, we have made little, if any, progress in the establishment of job creation hives on the Cape Flats, as suggested in my speech last year," he said

But the city council was pleased about progress on a small industry hive in Retreat East, and hoped that a similar hive in Mitchell's Plain would be extended

Mr Van der Velde said the city council should sub-contract more of its purchases to the small business sector

Maccassar: five quit mancom

JOSEPH ARANES

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Weekend Argus Reporter PRG 10/10/92

THE resignation of five members of the Maccassar management committee has been welcomed by the Maccassar and District Residents Association.

The resignations took place at a public meeting. Association spokesman Mr Vincent Shabangu said his organisation had been calling for the resignation of the entire mancom for the past year.

"We welcome the stand taken by these gentlemen and continue to call for the resignation of the other members. If they do not resign, we will increase our pressure on them to do so," he said.

Mr Shabangu also warned of a possible rent boycott in the area if the Regional Services Council did not scrap all rent and service charges arrears.

Members of the association have occupied the local rent office for the past couple of days. They say the occupation will continue until the Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr Cecil Herandean, or his deputy, Mr Theunis Dempsey, the local MP, meet them to discuss the problem.

Mr Dempsey said Mr Herandean was willing to do so, but had never received an invitation.

Demand for Mfuleni councillors to quit

South
By Diane Coetzer 10/10 - 14/10/92

THE ANC and the South African National Civic Organisation have reiterated a demand for the resignation of six town councillors in Mfuleni following a day of violence on Monday.

Mr Oliver Nqubelani, vice-chairperson of the ANC's Mfuleni branch and executive member of the civic, said it was immoral for a "tiny and corrupt clique to run the lives of people by force". Five youths were shot on Monday night after the township's Mayor, Mr A Mvumvu, allegedly

fired on a crowd of youths toyi-toying and singing outside his home.

The homes of councillors Mrs Violet Mnyim-ba and Mr Mick Tafu were gutted the same evening.

Nqubelani described the situation in the township, home to more than 20 000 residents, as grave.

"The shooting of the youths was the last straw for residents.

"We have tried numerous ways to ensure the resignation of the councillors — sit-ins, meetings

and petitions. It seems the six are determined to hang on to their undemocratic positions."

Allegations of corruption, especially the mismanagement of funds, abound.

Town Clerk Mr Wilfred Marais rejected the allegations as unfair saying there was strict control of funds.

"I have yet to be presented with specific facts in this regard."

Nqubelani said Mfuleni had historically been peaceful.

"Residents only want that back."

Vacant CPA posts to be abolished

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THE Director General of the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr Herbert Beukes, will summarily abolish all vacant posts in the CPA unless adequate reasons are given why each post should be retained

This was said in a circular to the deputy director-generals of the CPA's Roads and Traffic Administration, Hospital and Health Services Branch, Community Services and General Provincial Administration last month

The circular, headed "Decrease in Personnel Expenditure, Reduction of Staff", says it is "imperative" that staff numbers be reduced

It gave this past Friday, October 9, as the deadline by which department heads will have had to justify retaining each vacant post

The circular also places a moratorium on the advertising of posts, appointments, promotions and the creation of new posts in the CPA

"The heads of all departments must please ensure total compliance with this instruction. No deviation or exception will be entertained"

By EVE VOSLOO

The circular also refers to the retirement of officials who joined the CPA before 24 June 1955 — women at 55 and men at 60 — and says they "must be encouraged to exercise this right"

"The termination of temporary staff who have reached the age of 60 must also be considered"

The circular also refers to hospitals

It says "amended organisations and establishments" of nine Cape hospitals — including Stikland Hospital and the Brooklyn Chest Hospital in Cape Town — had already been approved "and the rest will be implemented without delay" once reorganisation had been decided on

The moratorium on the advertising and filling of posts at hospitals will, however, only apply "until such time as all redundant staff have been accommodated in approved posts"

"The action we are now forced to take is un-

avoidable," the circular says and states that a separate letter will be sent to each CPA staff member to "explain the position"

A spokesman for the CPA said this week that Mr Beukes and all his deputies were in Pretoria attending the Administrator's Conference

He said representations on the vacant posts were still coming in on Friday afternoon

"It is impossible to say at this stage how many posts will be abolished," he said

Several organisations, representing about 150 000 public servants, issued a joint statement on Friday strongly condemning the measures

The Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA), Health Workers Union (HWU), National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU), Public Service League (PSL), South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) and South African Health and Social Services Organisation (SAHSSO) issued the statement

Council to meet govt on 'discredited' Act

REPRESENTATIVES of the Cape Town City Council are to meet Local Government Minister Leon Wessels at parliament tomorrow in an attempt to persuade him to exclude the city and its adjacent metropolitan area from the "discredited" Interim Measures for Local Government Act

But, says the Cape Provincial Administration, while Cape Town is wary of the implications of implementing the Act, 21 Cape plateau towns have already acted on it and have rationalised their system of local government into 12 local authorities

Cape Town's mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, said the delegation hoped to convince the minister that "the Interim Measures Act is not the means to go forward"

"The Act is totally dis-

By MICHEL MULLER

credited among the community and we hope the Minister will realise it is not the appropriate time to start restructuring"

The council realised that "tampering with structures without doing so through the proper process of negotiation, they become abortive," he said

Conflict

"It's not worthwhile to operate a system which is not legitimate"

Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan also dismissed local discussions on the Act and said they "are not even an option to contemplate"

"All hell would break loose if we went ahead," he said "The area is riven by conflict and rivalry and

there are deep ideological and strategic differences. It's complex and volatile in its political make-up and deeply divided"

He called the amalgamations in terms of the Act "a sham and a mockery of the one city, one tax base idea"

Even though Cape Town was seemingly paralysed in the constitutional debate "you can't start restructuring the constitution of a metropolitan area in a vacuum"

He believed there was room for only one metropolitan authority in the greater Cape Town area which, he thought, should include Atlantis, Paarl and Gordon's Bay

Burden

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said the delegation also wanted to clear up fiscal issues the minister had raised earlier this year

Cape Town could not afford, in terms of the Act, to singlehandedly carry the burden of the less affluent areas in the metropolitan region. Other municipalities should also be included, he said

Mr Keegan said there were 68 local government entities in the greater Cape Town area and there was "a strong feeling" that restructuring should only begin once a national agreement was in place.

Mr Kreiner claimed "management committees are trying to get legitimacy for themselves" through application of the Act.

Pressure

Planning in terms of the Act "would only exacerbate the friction already present in the community", he said.

According to Cape Town's legal adviser Mr Chris Glaum, the management committees and the local authorities could reach agreement and decide for themselves with whom they will negotiate

Mr Glaum also said the council was under considerable pressure from the government and the CPA to exercise the options in the Act

South African National Civic Organisation spokesman Mr Newton Adams said Sanco rejected restructuring of local authorities under the present system

Sanco launch at Guguletu

Staff Reporter
26/10/72

THE Guguletu branch of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) was launched at the Guguletu Civic Centre yesterday

Mr Johnson Mpu-kumpa, a Sanco spokesman, said about 1000 people attended the launch. The chairman was Mr Walter Mputing and the secretary Mr I Sontshatsha, he said.

The Southern Cape, West Coast and Boland sub-regions of Sanco would be launched next week.

A-G spotlights financial deficiencies

MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent

DEFICIENT financial control in Cape local authorities has been spotlighted in a report to parliament by the Auditor-General (263)

The report on Cape Provincial Administration accounts for 1990-91 notes that financial statements for 156 of the 212 municipalities in the province were still outstanding on October 31 1991

The Auditor-General found that in most cases internal checking and control measures were deficient and budgets had been exceeded without authority

In some cases, stocktaking of capital assets had not been carried out for several years, that capital

asset registers were out-of-date and nothing had been done to follow-up long-standing debts.

He was unable to express an audit opinion in 14 white local authorities because of errors, omissions from financial statements, inadequate financial records and deficient internal checking and controls

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The Auditor-General also notes that only 10 of the 93 black local authorities in the province had submitted completed financial statements for audit by October 31 last year, budgets had been exceeded with approval and deficient checking and control had led to losses from irregular payments and alleged irregularities

Encouraging reaction ⁽²⁶³⁾ to call for Convention

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

POLITICAL and civic groups, as well as established town councils, have reacted enthusiastically to a call for a Metropolitan Convention or working group on the future of Western Cape local government.

But some, including the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco), the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu), and the Western Cape United Squatters Association (Wecusa), want evidence of good faith before agreeing to take part.

This evidence would include a moratorium on evictions, and a halt to cutting off of services such as electricity and water to consumers in arrears.

Progress towards national and local talks on the future of local government seemed to be taking major steps forward with Sanco and Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wesels close to agreement on convening a national forum, and the release of the African National Congress draft policy on how metropolitan Cape Town should be governed.

Released at an Idasa seminar last night, the ANC document proposes a powerful metropolitan council

● Details, page 15.

Cape authorities' accounts slated

BLDAM 13/10/92.

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Provincial Administration had paid out R544,3m in bridging finance to black local authorities in the province by March 31 last year, Auditor-General Peter Wronsley disclosed yesterday.

He said R148,7m was paid as bridging finance to black local authorities in the Cape in the 1990/1 financial year.

In his report on the provincial accounts, tabled in Parliament yesterday, Wronsley said expenditure budgets in the black local authorities were often exceeded without evidence of the administrator's approval.

Losses arose from several irregular payments and they were attributed mainly to deficient internal checking and control mea-

local authorities it was not possible to express an audit opinion.

Wronsley said in most white local authorities in the province it was found that internal checking and controls were deficient.

Audit investigations showed approved budgets were exceeded without the necessary authority.

In several cases capital asset registers were not fully up to date and balanced, and steps were not consistently taken to follow up long-outstanding debtors.

"Owing to errors, omissions from financial statements, inadequate financial records and information as well as deficient internal checking and control measures it was not possible to

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"In 21 cases it was noted that the financial position of local authorities that had accumulated shortfalls on 30 June 1989 had deteriorated further in the 1989/90 financial year," Wronsley said.

City to be spared interim local government steps

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

THE government will not force interim measures on councils such as Cape Town which are actively pursuing the cause of non-racial local government.

There are signs that a national framework for negotiations on the future of local government could be a step closer.

A meeting of political parties and other local government stakeholders is to be held in Johannesburg next month, convened by the National Co-ordinating Council for Local Government Associations (Ncolga) and the SA National Civic Association (Sanco)

In an hour-long meeting yesterday with a city council delegation led by executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels gave an assurance the government would not interfere with councils such as Cape Town.

The meeting was at the request of the city council, which had been worried by the political and financial implications were the government to force implementation of the controversial Interim Measures for Local Government Act, and the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act.

The Acts enable the Provincial Administrators to set up joint administrations and make financial arrangements for them.

Mr Kreiner said the delegation told Mr Wessels local negotiations aimed at restructuring greater Cape Town could take place only in the context of a nationally agreed framework.

Mr Wessels was told of council initiatives over the years to serve poor people

living in the municipal boundaries, and of the "political and structural complexities" of Cape Town

"The minister told us he shared the council's commitment to fully representative, non-racial local government recognising the principle of one city, one tax base," Mr Kreiner said

Government attempts at restructuring local government using the two Acts have been rejected by liberal and leftwing opponents as an abuse of the one city, one tax base principle.

Mr Kreiner said Mr Wessels had recognised the importance of an inclusive process of negotiation, as well as the complexity of the major metropolitan areas.

"He also agreed there was a need for a nationally agreed framework within which future structures and transitional arrangements for local government would be negotiated," Mr Kreiner said.

Mr Wessels told the delegation it was unfortunate that Codesa had ceased its activities before being able to implement a preparatory council on the future of regional and local government.

Mr Wessels said he hoped recent discussions between himself, Sanco, Ncolga and others would lead to a national forum on local government issues

Sanco publicity secretary Mr Maxwell Mamase said the meetings Mr Wessels referred to were "preparatory meetings attempting to facilitate a national negotiating forum or mechanism".

At the most recent meeting it was agreed certain issues should be negotiated at national level. These included that the government should not restructure local government unilaterally.

Local authorities bailed out

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of the administrator's approval.

THE Cape Provincial Administration had paid R544,3 million in bridging finance to black local authorities by March 31 last year.

The Auditor-General, Mr Peter Wronsley, said yesterday that in the 1990/91 financial year alone, R148,7m had been paid

In his report on the provincial accounts, tabled yesterday, he said the budgets of local black authorities often were exceeded without evidence

It had not been possible to give an audit opinion on five local authorities

In most white local authorities, checks and controls were deficient.

Audit investigations had found approved budgets had been exceeded without the necessary authority.

Because of errors and inadequate records it had not been possible to give audit opinions on 14 white local authorities.

Council reassured on Interim Measures Act

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THE Minister of Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, has assured Cape Town City Council that the Interim Measures Act will not be rammed down its unwilling throat.

He met a delegation of senior council representatives yesterday, led by executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner

Mr. Kreiner said the minister had assured the council delegation that "the provision of the interim measures legislation would not be imposed on local authorities, such as the city council, which are actively pursu-

ing the cause of non-racial government"

Mr Wessels had also told the council about recent discussions between himself, the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) and the National Committee for Local Government Associations

He was optimistic that these initiatives would lead to a national forum on local government issues

The council delegation was told in a meeting that Mr Wessels shared the council's commitment to a "fully representative non-racial local government recognising the principle of one city, one tax base"

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Metro meega-council

ANC's blueprint for local government in greater Cape Town

Draft proposals by the African National Congress local and regional government commission for the Cape metropole include the creation of a powerful metropolitan council and up to 20 local councils. Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER outlines what could be the shape of things to come

AUTHORS of the ANC draft document on the constitutional future of greater Cape Town emphasise it is meant to stimulate debate on the future of metropolitan government, a debate that has until now been conducted behind closed doors — and in a national political vacuum

Like ideas put forward by the Provincial Administration and other establishment thinkers, the proposals are not set in concrete

Discussion on the future shape of the Cape has focused so far on the idea of a relatively weak metropolitan council, with the more than 60 existing local authorities rationalised into four or five strong city councils, serving

areas such as Cape Town, the Tygerberg, Helderberg, southern Peninsula and Atlantis

The release of the document comes after the ANC national policy conference in May, which set wide-ranging guidelines for local government, and a series of workshops involving the ANC, the SA National Civics Organisation, the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, the SA Communist Party, the SA Municipal Workers Union, the Surplus Peoples Project, the Development Action Group and the Foundation for Contemporary Research

According to the document, the need for change was made stronger by the Cape metropolitan area's legacy of apartheid

Some parts were well-sup-

plied with services, others were poor

Existing structures such as municipalities and town councils had little legitimacy and little was done to manage growth for the benefit of all

Needed was accountable, democratic, non-racist, non-sexist local government which could provide an acceptable standard of services to all residents and the pooling of income so that poor areas could benefit from wealth generated in the city as a whole

There was need to manage growth and development so it was sustainable, environmentally sound, and promoted economic growth

To do this, there should be

- A single metropolitan council, elected directly by all adult residents of the city

on the basis of one person, one vote

The metro council would have the power to tax and collect rates in the whole area and decide where it was spent

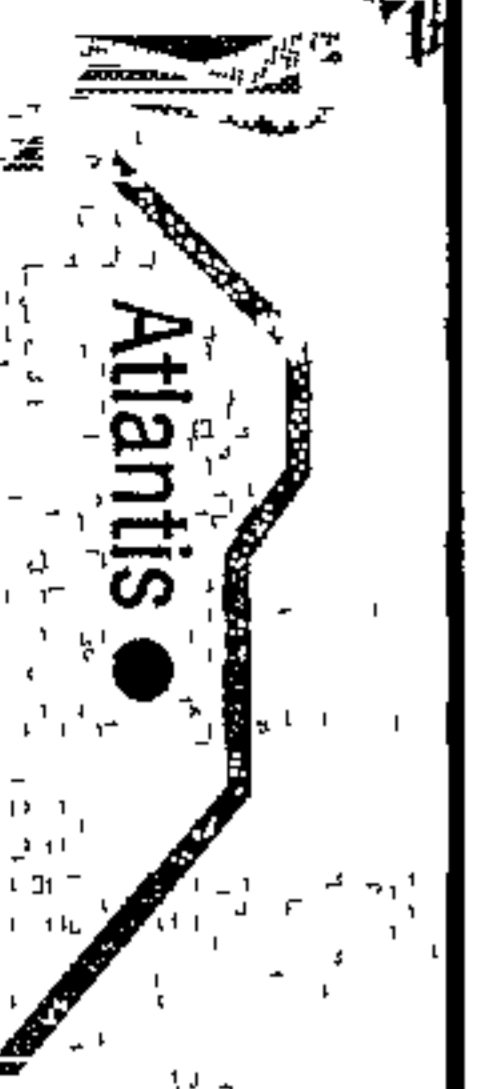
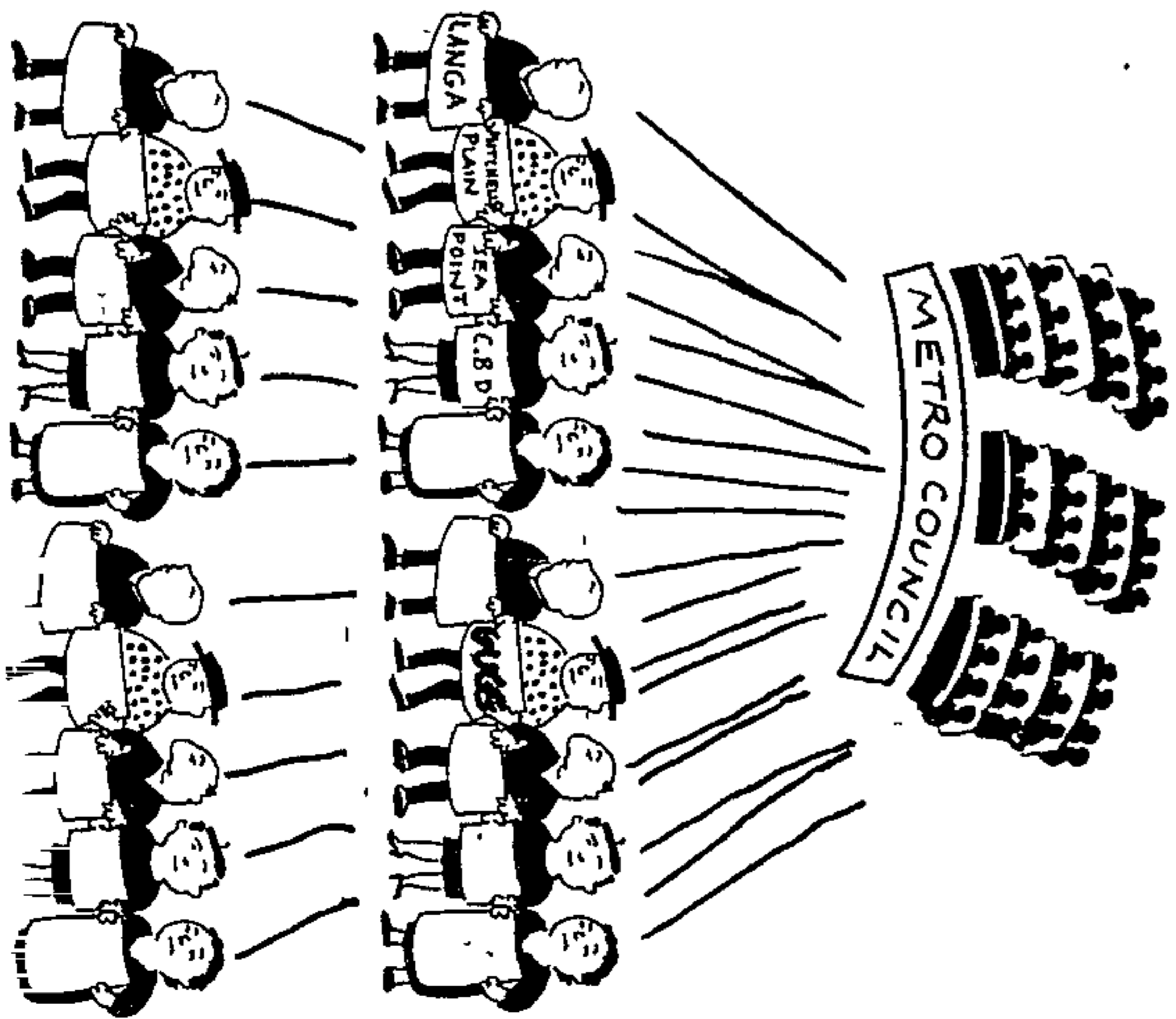
Its powers would include housing, land use, environmental management, transport, and it would provide bulk services such as water and electricity

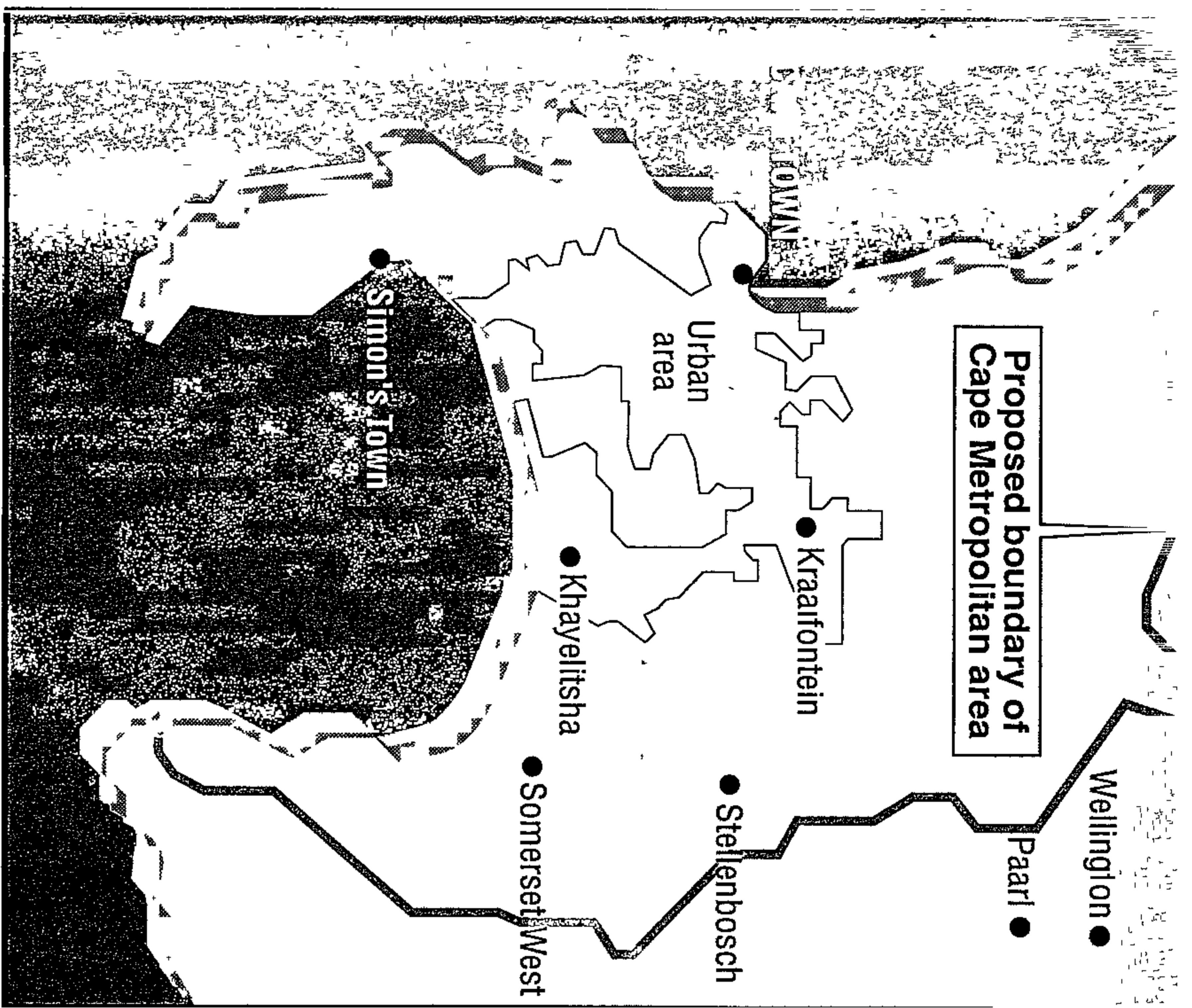
The possibility that the metropolitan government would count as regional government in its own right was open for discussion

● Below the metro council, up to 20 local councils would ensure strong local participation and would have representation on the metro council

The metro council would set the policy framework for decisions by local councils, a policy framework which would have to fit in with national policy

"Local councils should not prevent or hinder the removal of inequalities in the city," the document said





METRO MAP: The proposed boundaries of the Cape metropolitan area, to be governed by a strong metropolitan council.

Map BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

drawn to unite areas divorced by apartheid, bringing areas such as Khayelitsha and Atlantis into the metropole

Other areas, such as Stellenbosch, belonged in the metropolitan area because of social, economic, service, environmental and other functional links

"It goes without saying that local communities should be consulted on whether they should be included in the metro area or not"

● The metro council would get all property rates, business levies, income from sales of services and funds from central government now paid to existing local authorities

The metro council would decide how much was spent on metropolitan projects, and how much was given to local councils

● Local councils would be allowed limited taxation powers, to give them some autonomy, but taxes would not be allowed to worsen inequalities between areas

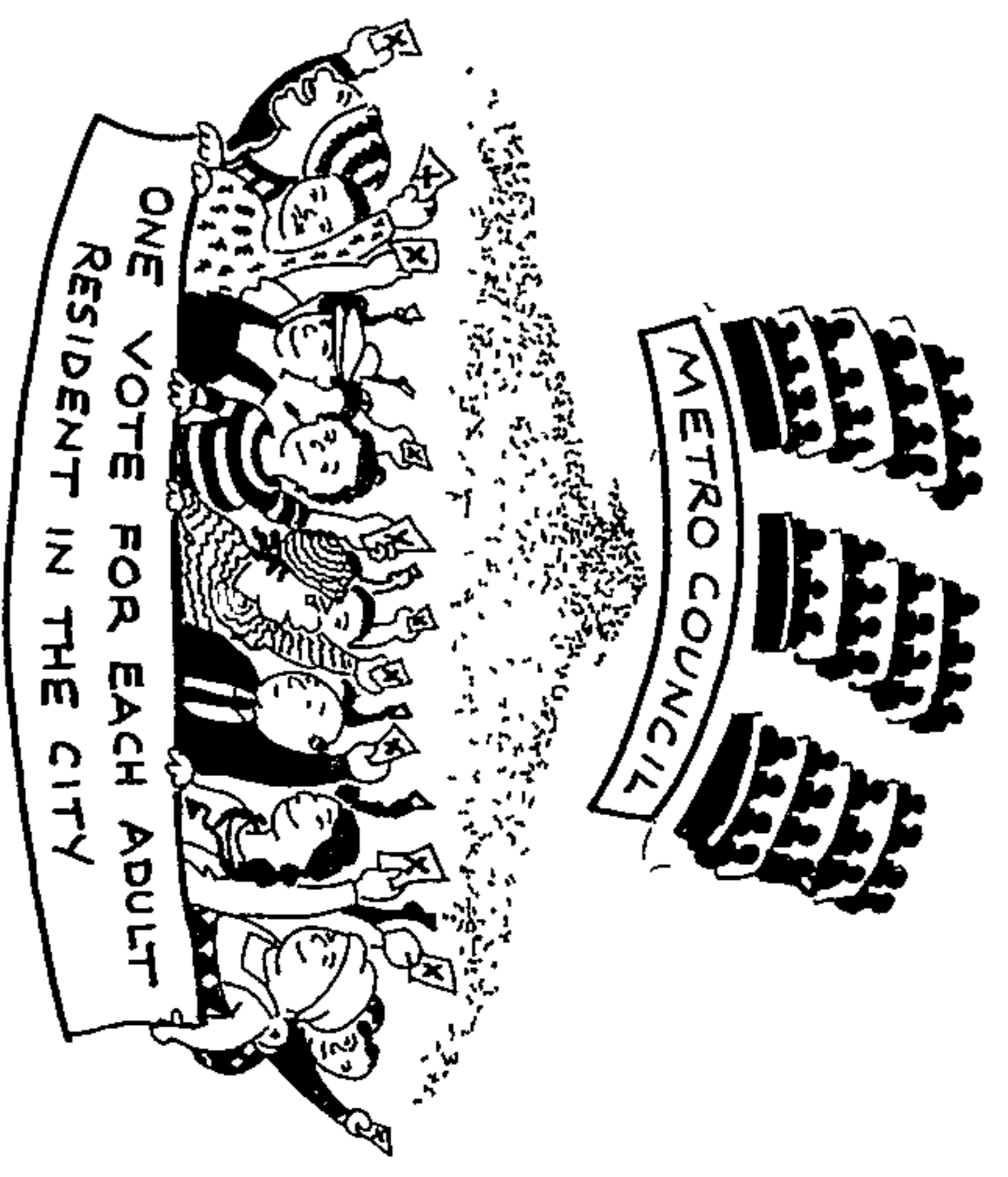
● People would vote directly — on a proportional representation basis — for metropolitan councillors, who would represent political parties

But councillors elected by proportional representation would make up only about two-thirds of the council, the rest being made up of representatives of local councils on a ward basis

● The boundaries of local councils should be drawn so that they did not follow the former Group Areas Act boundaries, but authors of the document acknowledged this might not always be possible

"However, it is important not to create islands of privilege in the city"

LITTLE AND LARGE: About 18 to 20 local councils, each representing about 200 000 people, would serve the metropolitan area. But real power would be at metropolitan level, where councillors would be elected by a mixed system of proportional and ward representation



Local councillors would probably be elected on a ward basis, and it was not expected that elections at this level would be on a party political basis

● The proposals did not cover what should happen to existing councils and the nature of transition, because all proposals still needed to be debated nationally and locally

While the document did not cover how boundaries would be drawn, the May policy document recommended decisions be made by a national delimitation commission, which would hear evidence from all interested parties

There was acknowledgment that debate and research was still needed to cover complicated areas of detail

Among many issues left uncovered and open to debate were just how many officials would be employed by each local council, how issues such as land use planning appeals would be handled, on what basis officials would be appointed, and for how long councillors would serve

But there is no question on one issue — special privilege

The earlier document ruled out any possibility of a special or weighted property-based franchise

City 'well up' in plans for new dispensation ⁽²⁶³⁾

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council could have made public relations gains by disclosing its involvement in delicate negotiations over metropolitan development, but did not, because it would have wrecked the process

Public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille told a meeting of city bowl civic associations last night that claims that the council was lagging behind in planning for a future dispensation were untrue.

"It is not a race between different cities, but Cape Town is well up," said Ms Zille, who has facilitated discussions on various issues between various groups in the Western Cape

Factors including the strong non-collaborationist tradition, and that transition was not purely a constitutional matter, did not make high profile discussions desirable

The process of the city council getting to know other major civic and political groups and learning to work with them dated back to the turbulence of 1986.

Since then much had been learnt about working towards

common goals and development needs

Much had been achieved by the council intervening with legislation and enforcement to cool down last year's taxi war

In other areas, issues such as housing, planning and a metropolitan development framework were consuming hours of hard behind-the-scenes work

Replying to a question, Ms Zille said that if efforts by the SA National Civic Organisation and Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels paid off, significant progress on a national framework for negotiating the future of local government could be expected

Idasa Western Cape director Mr David Schmidt said a series of seminars on how to achieve a democratic future city had exposed areas of agreement and disagreement

There was agreement that Cape Town was suffering because of lack of credibility of existing local authorities in certain quarters, as well as economic and social stagnation and disintegration

There was a lack of clarity on interim preparatory steps to new forms of local government

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Deputy mayoress an ANC member

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DEPUTY mayoress Mrs Marilyn Keegan is a member of the African National Congress

"I am not a very active member, because there are so many mayoral duties," she said

A member of the Salt River branch, Mrs Keegan joined a year ago

"My role as deputy mayoress is not affected by being a card-carrying member of the ANC. I believe my role is to help the people of Cape Town where I can, and how on earth can being a member of the ANC affect that?"

"Since I joined, there have been some things I have not en-

tirely gone along with — like many other white South Africans, I am sometimes politically extremely confused"

While she sympathised with the ANC and its long years of struggle, she did not believe in the use of violence.

And her Democratic Party membership card was figuratively in her back pocket. "I do not think I ever got around to cancelling my DP membership," Mrs Keegan said.

Asked for comment, deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan said "Would you ask if she was a member of the DP?"

He did not believe that the deputy mayoress's ANC membership would impinge on her duties



ANC MEMBER:
Marilyn Keegan

ANC call ⁽²⁶³⁾ for city metro council

By PETER DENNEHY

A METROPOLITAN council with the power to levy rates should be established for Greater Cape Town, the ANC proposed at an Idasa seminar in Bellville last night.

ANC national executive committee member Professor Albie Sachs said the region's municipalities and town councils should be whittled down from about 70 to 18 or 20.

Cape Town's deputy mayor, Mr Clive Keegan proposed that a "properly constituted metropolitan convention", possibly chaired by Idasa, be set up immediately.

This convention could convert the consensus reached at Idasa seminars into a local government model that Cape Town could promote nationally.

Exco pair explore municipal lottery plan

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EXECUTIVE committee members Mr Leon Markovitz and Mr John Muir are to hold talks with interested groups on the introduction of a municipal lottery.

The list of organisations to be consulted has not been finalised, but it is understood to include the Community Chest.

The probe into a lottery — either to raise cash generally or as a dedicated fundraiser for low-cost housing — was mooted in the council budget debate this year.

● Informal trading, user charges for libraries, joint administrations and the future of unused road reserves will be on the agenda at a meeting of the Provincial Liaison Committee next month.

The Administrator's refusal to list areas where informal trading will be banned has been a source of concern to the council. There is concern about the nuisance, environmental and traffic effects of uncontrolled trading.

User charges for libraries have been discussed for months, in the face of rising costs and shrinking provincial subsidies.

The council is trying to get clarity from the provincial roads engineer on whether certain road-widening projects will go ahead, or whether they can sell strategic land now trapped in road reserves.

● The executive committee recommended closing Kalk Bay cash office and opening Muizenberg cash office on three instead of two days a week.

Recommendations by the organisations and methods branch, that several other branches be scaled down or closed, will not be implemented until a direct debiting system is introduced and its effects measured.

The branch earlier recommended closing cash offices at Plumstead, Brooklyn, Kalk Bay, and closing or providing cheque deposit boxes at Salt River, Woodstock, Schotsche Kloof and Sea Point.

Offices at Mitchell's Plain and Athlone should be cut to one centrally situated office, the branch said.

The cutbacks were recommended in the light of a "value for money" review by independent auditors.

● Security at certain cash offices is to be tightened. An agreement with a private debt collection company was hired in October 1990 to collect electricity arrears owed in Langa and Guguletu.

ANCO forum hailed

WHILE observers and participants are reluctant to predict when a metropolitan convention or working group will be convened, the idea has been greeted with enthusiasm by a range of town councils and civic associations.

In a sense, the massive changes envisaged by planners — either the creation of 20 local councils or five city councils — could mean the end of many councils all over the Western Cape in their present form.

Introducing the African National Congress draft proposals for Cape metropolitan government, national executive member Professor Albie Sachs told an Idasa seminar that solutions should not be devised in isolation from what was happening elsewhere in the country.

But, he said, future forms of local government should not be imposed from above.

The ANC proposed that Idasa convene a joint working group, with terms of reference to be approved by all parties, to further joint action, and negotiations skills and tour over-

■ Steps to forming a metropolitan working group on future democratic local government have sparked excitement in various quarters. Municipal reporter **CLIVE SAWYER** plots the past, present and future of the process.

seas cites similar to Cape Town in size, scale and problems.

Cape Town deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan said the ANC draft policy was "almost precisely" what would be emerging from the city council constitutional committee in about two months.

Mr Keegan, who chairs the constitutional committee, said the convergence would not have been possible before the series of Idasa seminars began a year ago.

There would be little benefit from a regional Codesa in the absence of clear national guidelines, but the time had come for a metropolitan convention to produce a statement of intent and build consensus around a future model.

Mr Keegan said "Not a closed gathering of elites, but a gathering for stakeholders in the full glare of public scrutiny, chaired by Idasa and in parallel to the forthcoming regional development forum."

There would have to be a massive and prop-

erly funded capacity-building exercise for civic and community-based organisations.

Cape Town Chamber of Commerce president Mr Herbert Hirsch congratulated the ANC for "putting something on the table for discussion."

However, he questioned the creation of another body, and said the economic development forum due to be launched next month should be the venue for discussions on the metropolitan future.

Democratic Party local government spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh supported the ANC proposal to set up a working group, which would not be a negotiation forum but which could enable input to a national forum.

While discussing policies for local government, the group also could discuss priorities for projects to improve infrastructure and services.

Whatever was done locally should be tailored to feed into a national forum "to present a Western Cape viewpoint, because we are unique", said Mr Walsh.

Milnerton councillor Mr Willem van Staden said he agreed wholeheartedly that the time had come for the formation of a forum to discuss the metropolitan future.

His council had formed a "political changes committee" and he encouraged other councils to follow suit.

Pinelands councillor Mr Brian Watkins supported the concept of a metropolitan council and small municipalities.

He cited his own municipality — a civic island surrounded on all sides by Cape Town — as an example of the benefits of small local government, close to the people.

However, some analysts believe ANC goals of redistributing wealth could mean the linking-up of relatively affluent small municipalities like Pinelands with adjoining areas with close historic ties — in this case, Langa.

Rondebosch Civic Association chairman Mr Bill Sewell welcomed the idea of strong metropolitan government to plan and deliver resources where they were needed.

Observatory Civic Association spokesman Mr Mark de Klerk said the process should be "community-driven and not imposed on us by

officialdom or political groupings."

Some groups at the council declined to comment, among them the Durbanville Town Council, the Labour Party, the SA Communist Party and the Western Cape Regional Services Council.

The RSC would not comment because it was, an umbrella organisation of many councils.

Simon's Town councillor Mrs Nicky Holderness, who emphasised she was speaking in her personal capacity, was among the dissenters.

"We are all agreed that change is necessary, but change when? Why are we waiting for negotiations at national level?"

"I support a local government forum and say we must get moving immediately, before the builders' holidays when the whole of South Africa closes down.

"We need elections from local government soon — we are yesterday's men."

Idasa regional director Mr David Schmidt, commenting on the call for Idasa to convene the convention or working group, said a "facilitating group" should be set up to communicate with all stakeholders to discuss the way forward.

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Tough issues lie ahead over metropolitan future

REAS of agreement and disagreement between groups with a stake in the metropolitan future have been sharply defined in months of debate

While participants see an encouraging — if not surprising — degree of consensus, some tough issues lie ahead

These include questions of finance, with a looming battle of whether central or local government will have to bear the burden of redistribution, privatisation, affirmative action, whether there should be a property-based vote, how boundaries are going to be drawn — and by whom.

Summing up months of discussions, Ida Sa regional director Mr David Schmidt said there was general agreement that years of apartheid had left greater Cape Town with disadvantaged institutions, an economic crisis, inadequate educational facilities, population growth, environmental decline, social disintegration, crime, domestic violence and a sense

of hopelessness

There was also agreement that controversial government measures to force ersatz joint administrations using the Interim Measures Act and Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act were useless as frameworks for restructuring

Parties agreed that a new system of local government had to be developed through a democratic and inclusive process, and that disadvantaged communities had to be empowered by developing their negotiating skills to take part

In the face of the Cape's frustrating mess of more than 60 local authorities, parties agreed that a two-tier system of metropolitan and municipal government was needed

But grave concern over crucial details such as affirmative action and privatisation came from left and right

Bellville mayor Mr Awie Kempen said affirmative action policies would be a continua-

tion of racism and discrimination, and negated efforts to appoint and promote staff on merit

His city council had intensified efforts to train staff and he encouraged others to do the same — and make colour-blind appointments on merit

It was clear many parties were not comfortable with this, while some — for instance the Cape Town City Council — were already putting affirmative action into practice

Mr Kempen also spoke for conservatives who wanted extra voting clout for property owners, "People with greater responsibility should have an additional say."

From the left came uncompromising opposition to privatisation and rationalisation

The SA Municipal Workers Union, militant representative of council workers through the region, said there could be no rationalisation or privatisation without consultation — if at all.

Other crucial areas of disagreement outlined by Mr Schmidt were

■ Whether there should be proportional representation, a ward system or a hybrid of the two

■ Whether or not local government elections should be run on a party-political basis.

■ Over services, with some arguing for the provision of services throughout the region to meet minimum standards at public expense, or whether they should stay on a "who pays, gets," basis

■ Competing views on the best balance between central government financing of local and metropolitan government, and local autonomy

And then there was the question of where to from here. Key points were:

■ The proposal to set up a working group or facilitators to propose a way forward.

■ A joint study tour to foreign cities similar to Cape Town.

How civics and council found each other

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THE wisp of the beginnings of local negotiations first rose in the township fires of 1985 and 1986

In those turbulent times, it was not easy for traditionalist city councillors, and militant and non-collaborationist civic and political organisations to find each other.

City councillors, troubled by the violence and seeking solutions, called in the aid of Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert in 1986 to facilitate a call for dialogue

Amid violence, boycotts, a state of emergency and a people's war, the bid stalled when city governors were firmly told that there could be no "local option" without national liberation

Public affairs consultant Ms Helen Zille, called in a year later to continue the efforts, opened channels across the political spectrum and got the same response.

There followed a delicate process of focusing on planning instead of constitutional issues

Councillors were encouraged to listen to community demands and act on them, to respond on issues crucial to civic associations

And so politicians and community leaders learned to know each other, building an understanding around the construction of much-needed bus stops and creches.

Then came the first visible manifestation of what had been happening behind the scenes — September 1989, when Cape Town marched behind a front rank that included its mayor, Mr Gordon Oliver, arm-in-arm with Dr Allan Boesak and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The release of Mr Nelson Mandela was the next step in building common symbols and processes

After February 2 1990, expectations began running high that dramatic political solutions were in the offing

But the city council, Western Cape Regional Services Council, and Provincial Administration were urged to concentrate on development issues and not push for political stunts likely to have been unacceptable to the broader community.

Last year saw another step forward in the growing understanding between parties — the convention to halt the taxi war, which threatened to plunge the Western Cape into turmoil.

The city council had learned not to lead from the top but to be a partner in the peace process. Its role was to amend by-laws and warn of tough enforcement of traffic laws.

In the hills of Caledon, parties gathered to discuss what came to be known as the metropolitan development framework (MDF), a master plan for spatial planning, job creation, land allocation and the provision of services.

While the MDF process is still in the works, an economic development forum is to be convened, influenced by a national Cosatu campaign.

'Govt may fire 30 000 workers'

By Sabata Ngcal

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ABOUT 30 000 workers will be made jobless in the next six months in terms of a government decision, claim trade unions in the public sector.

Hardest-hit could be the 22 600 employees who, despite having worked for decades in the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA), are still designated as temporary workers.

Unlike staff members, they would not qualify to claim a full retirement package on retrenchment.

Enraged unions have accused the government of taking unilateral decisions, contravening an earlier agreement to consult prior to introducing measures which affect union members.

The unions include the National

Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadt), Public Service League (PSL), Health Workers Union (HWU), South African Health and Social Services Organisation (Sahsso), and Cape Teachers Professional Association (CTPA).

According to the unions, staff reduction will start by offering early retirement packages to employees who have been in service for more than 10 years.

The unions said the government was considering taking more drastic measures, "which could involve retrenchment of employees", if it cannot reach its target.

Nehawu spokesperson Mr Wilfred Alcock said the government had said it would "reduce the entire civil service by five percent, approx-

imately 30 000" before the end of the financial year.

He said the government also threatened to offer early retirement packages to those who have been in service for more than 10 years.

HWU regional organiser Mr Bobby Mgijima said he could not rule out the possibility that temporary workers would be affected by possible retrenchment despite a pledge from the Commission for Administration (CFA) that temporary staff members would not be retrenched until they are permanently employed in April next year.

CFA determines the conditions of employment and service for all civil servants in South Africa.

CFA spokesperson Mr Corrie Smut said his office was unable to respond to questions faxed to him in Pretoria without the approval of

the Commissioner, whom he said was in Cape Town.

Nehawu said temporary staff employed by CPA in the Western Cape region numbered approximately 6 000. According to the CPA, it has a staff of 22 600 temporary workers in the Cape.

CPA public relations officer Ms Melanie Dedekand said the number of possible job losses could not be determined at the moment because "CPA is still investigating how many vacant posts are available".

She said "only people who have reached the pensionable age — 55 for women and 60 for men — will be persuaded to retire".

CPA recently issued a circular proposing the reduction of staff to cut expenditure.

According to the CPA, the circular follows a government decision.

R34,5-m owed to city council for electricity

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ARREARS in Cape Town City Council electricity accounts have hit R34,5 million — and are increasing by R1,1 million a month

Of the debt, R23,3 million is more than two months old

The arrears equal about six percent of the total anticipated annual income from electricity

In September 39 500 disconnection notices were sent out and the supply to 7 900 consumers was cut

City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said his department aimed to increase the rate of disconnections by about 4 000 a month

A previous target of 12 000 disconnections a month had not been achieved because disconnection staff had been accepting last-minute payments

From next month disconnec-

tion staff will not accept these payments "in the interests of increased productivity."

Each disconnection cost about R40, which was recoverable from the consumer.

The city electrical engineer's department had improved its planning and administrative procedures to step up disconnections and was considering hiring extra staff

Mr Landsberg said the treasury department had hired extra staff to deal with added administrative work

Asked how much of the arrears was likely to be written off by the end of the financial year, Mr Landsberg said this was impossible to anticipate

In the first quarter of this financial year, R125 000 was written off

Bad debts written off in the 1990/91 financial year were R493 888 and in the 1991/92 financial year R562 930

"The average increase in ar-

rears in the past six months, including the high-consumption winter period, was about R1,1 million a month," said Mr Landsberg. In February the chairman of the executive committee said arrears were about R20 million, about half of which was owed by consumers in Langa and Guguletu

Since then the council resolved to increase the rate of disconnections

A private firm of debt collectors was hired in October 1990 and the executive committee resolved last week to renew its contract on renegotiated terms

Recommending a 12 percent increase in electricity tariffs, effective from November, Exco said about R10 million should be provided to cover bad debts

A pilot scheme of electricity prepayment meters was being tested in Tambo Square, Guguletu

Shock details in report on CPA finances

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DEFICIENT financial control, unauthorised expenditure, irregular payments, outstanding loans and other alleged irregularities running into hundreds of millions of rands are shown in a report tabled in parliament

The shock details are in the annual report of the auditor general on the accounts of the Cape Provincial Administration for the period 1990/91 (the financial year ending on March 31, 1991)

According to the financial accounts in the report, R356 126 376,72 was outstanding during the year under review while the statement of balances indicated that R180 007 529 was spent without authorisation

The outstanding amount included

- R351 875 755,45 (in respect of two former Development Boards),

- R3 022 057,74 (subsidiary transport),

- R1 228 563,50 (loans to medical students and services rendered),

The former Department of Development Planning made the loans directly to the former Eastern Cape and Western Cape Develop-

By MICHEL MULLER

ment Boards, but they "have as yet not been taken up in the books" of the CPA.

According to the report, the audited reports of the former Development Boards indicated "various unsatisfactory matters"

"These are too numerous to set out here," the auditor general's office told Cape Metro this week.

Further queries were referred to the CPA

The report also revealed that further revenue, amounting to R94 119 255, was also outstanding

- R73 170 159 in respect of hospital fees

- R14 518 776 (agency fees for staff seconded to black local authorities),

- R3 360 923 (totalisator and betting tax),

- R2 667 254 (motor vehicle licences),

An amount of R148 651 742 — to offset deficits between revenue and current expenditure — was paid to the black councils

to R544 324 490 the total amount of bridging finance paid since 1986-87

Many of the councils do not have quorums and are administered by officials seconded from the CPA.

A source at the CPA said the amount owed to black councils for rent and services is about R130 million, escalating at about R20 million annually

The full extent of losses in the books and accounts of black local authorities was, in some cases, difficult to determine, the report said

In the year under review, 156 of the 212 white municipalities and 83 of the 93 black local authorities in the province had not submitted their financial statement by October 31, 1991

Control

Observations by Auditor General Mr Peter Wronsley indicate that problems included a deficiency in internal checking and control, exceeding of approved budgets without authority and failing to balance some capital asset registers and not keeping them up to date

It also mentions irregular payments and other alleged irregularities, errors and omissions from financial statements and inadequate financial records

These conditions made it impossible to express an audit opinion on the financial statements of 14 white municipalities and five black councils

Internal financial checking and control measures were deficient in 156 of the 212 white municipalities in the province

The financial position of

21 municipalities — which had shortfalls on June 30, 1989 — deteriorated further by March 1990

Several investigations into alleged irregular conduct were underway, the most serious in Ibhayi — where property was attached — and KwaNobuhle councils

The Hospital and Health Services and Capital votes exceeded their budgets by more than R33 million — R33 305 865,39 and R174 834,54 respectively

Retrenchment packages to surplus roads staff were also apparently unauthorised

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The Treasury questioned the Administrator's authority to pay R5 778 637 to surplus roads staff and, on June 7, 1991, indicated that the payments should stop since there was doubt about their validity

Despite this, the Administration spent a further R3 737 172 on this in the 1991/92 financial year

On Friday the CPA, which has no statutory authority, said it could only use "moral persuasion in respect of budgetary discipline" on black local authorities

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Major think-tank on local government

ALTERNATIVES to the government's unilateral restructuring of local government and the void in the provision of housing will be presented at a major conference in Bellville next weekend.

The think-tank follows hard on the heels of the publication this week of the ANC's blueprint for local government in greater Cape Town.

The organisation's draft proposals include the creation of a powerful metropolitan council and up to 20 local councils.

Municipal boundaries, however, are already being altered in terms of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act where coloured management committees and white councils simply amalgamate or rationalise themselves into one authority.

"Restructuring has placed some important constitutional issues at the top of the agenda of

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the liberation movement and the government," said organiser Thozamile Botha.

The conference would not pre-empt the proposed creation of a national negotiating forum for local government, he said, but would facilitate the formulation of long-term policy projections.

Mr Botha said the government's unilateral restructuring would undermine the ability of political organisations and other bodies to shape the future of the local structures.

The restructuring of "sub-national government" (SNG) needed to take place within a national constitutional framework.

If not, it "could lead to the entrenching of white privilege at the local level."

It was also important that a future SNG could redress the historical inequalities in the dormitory towns or townships.

Members of extra-parliamentary organisations, government and the private sector will participate in the three-day conference organised by the University of the Western Cape's Local Government and Planning and Policy Research Project (Logopop).

Communist Party general-secretary Chris Hani and ANC vice president Walter Sisulu will deliver the keynote addresses.

Other speakers include Logopop researchers, the deputy director of the Department of Local Government, Dr Chris Thornhill, the Urban Foundation's Anne Bernstein and Chris Hey-

mans of the Development Bank of SA.

UWC rector Professor Jakes Gerwel will open the conference — a result of the research undertaken by Logopop.

The conference will culminate in a Johannesburg conference later this year where the ANC will determine its policy on regions.

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Chief Albert's name to grace the plain

By CHIARA CARTER

CP/News 18/10/92

THE ANC is to apply to the Cape Town Council for Stalplein, the square in front of the houses of parliament, to be officially renamed Luthuli Square.

The square was "symbolically" renamed by ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu at a rally at the square on Monday.

The ANC says other squares, roads and buildings will also be renamed.

About 6 000 people took part in Monday's ANC-alliance march and rally to protest against the opening of the tricameral parliament.

Speakers at the rally included Joe Slovo who called on the crowd to cry "Viva nonsensel" saying it was through what FW de Klerk termed "ANC nonsensel"

that the ANC had got the government to fence off hostels and ban weapons.

Recently released political prisoners Robert McBride and Mthetheli Mncube were cheered by the crowd - who were later joined by teachers protesting against proposed large-scale retrenchments.

Praised the march

At one stage the marchers formed a "human chain" around parliament.

They were watched by a large group of monitors, including United Nations representatives, members of the National Peace Secretariat and independent monitors.

Angela King, head of the UN monitoring mission to

SA, praised the march for being "peaceful and successful".

She also praised police and the SADF whom she said showed "responsibility".

Meanwhile, inside parliament, opposition MPs condemned the special parliamentary session as a waste of money.

David Dalling (Independent Sandton) said none of the Bills before parliament were urgent yet the session would cost the taxpayer more than R10-million.

The ANC-aligned member for Claremont, Jan van Eck, resumed his seat in parliament after his suspension for claiming that ex-President PW Botha knew about the existence of hit squads.

Call to 'bail out' black authorities in trouble

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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ESTABLISHED municipalities and regional services councils should bail out black local authorities with money and practical help, the Cape Provincial Administration says.

The CPA told cash-strapped black local authorities — expected to run out of money by the end of the year — to cut spending and find ways to boost their income.

In a joint statement, Administrator Kobus Meiring and local government MEC P J Schoeman said black local authorities had been hard hit by unemployment, urbanisation and political unrest.

"Communities are economically tied and it is certainly not in the interest of any local au-

thority body willy-nilly to allow a neighbouring authority to go under financially."

Measures recommended included rationalising resources and financial contributions by authorities who had "unilateral access to commonly generated sources of income such as central business districts and industries" *RRG 22/10/92*

According to Auditor-General Peter Wronsley, the Provincial Administration provided R148 651 742 in bridging finance to black local authorities in the 1990/91 financial year.

Commenting on the CPA call to established municipalities to help out black local authorities, Cape Town city councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg asked where municipalities themselves facing financial challenges, were meant to get the money.

Meiring: Bail out black councils

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, appealed yesterday to white municipalities to bail out rapidly-sinking neighbouring black local authorities

Appealing to the "goodness of their hearts", he said the treasury had run out of money for this purpose and "no additional allocations can be expected from the treasury this year"

Also, several black local authorities would not have enough money to provide essential services even until the end of the year, according to a recent survey, Mr Meiring warned

However, switching off services to a whole township at a time is not envisaged, spokeswoman for the Cape Provincial Administration, Ms Melanie Dede-kind said

Approached for comment, acting Mayor of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan undertook to issue a considered response later.

According to Auditor General Mr Peter Wronsley, the CPA has paid out well over half a billion rands over the past five or six years to offset deficits between what black local authorities receive in revenue and what they spend on their current accounts alone

He also reported in his most recently published audit of CPA finances that two former development boards — which once ran township services — had left still-outstanding debts of R351 million

Suggested measures from Mr Meiring included "financial contributions by authorities which have access to sources of income such as central business districts and industries"

He was referring to the fact that many white local authorities are more financially viable than black ones because white ones usually include business and industrial areas

If you're in Klipplaat looking for the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's local commander, try at the Black Sash office. Otherwise, he may be at the pool hall, shooting pool with African National Congress members.

Johannes Jurie Human is no ordinary member of the AWB. Having drifted into rightwing politics through disenchantment with the "toothless" National Party, he has recently joined an initiative spearheaded by the ANC alliance to save the town of some 3 000 people.

He cheerfully admits his *toenadering* to the ANC will probably lead to expulsion from the AWB. But for now, he is still local commander.

In his home, a full colour portrait of AWB leader Eugene Terreblanche, encased in a 100-year-old frame, still occupies pride of place above his bed, and he shows it off proudly. On his lounge wall, there is a framed replica of an R1 rifle.

As recently as a few months ago, he was part of the armed posse of AWB members who stopped an ANC march in Despatch.

The story of his Damascus-style conversion is full of sheer irony.

It all began when he suggested to town councillors that AWB members be recruited to help evict coloured residents who haven't paid their rent.

The council presented him with a letter addressed to an AWB leader from Despatch, requesting his help, and Human passed it on.

But then he was approached by local leaders of the ANC alliance, who wanted the AWB to be part of a community effort to "save Klipplaat from becoming a ghost town".

Spoornet, the biggest employer, plans to close down its local operation, and there are fears this

It's the Human Side of the AWB

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In Klipplaat the unbelievable has happened — the local AWB leader has joined the ANC in an initiative to save the threatened town.
By **SHADLEY NASH**

may kill the town, where unemployment already stands at some 70 percent.

He remembers the ANC leaders' fears: "They were told that if they come to my house they will get a bullet through the head."

That first meeting was a welcome surprise. He was able to allay their fears and they found common ground in their concern for their hometown.

There were differences of opinion, he says, but the AWB and Conservative Party were invited to a meeting of the town council, the ANC alliance and the Cape Provincial Administration to discuss civic demands.

"I wish it came from me," he says, referring to the initiative to set up the first meeting. Human was immediately catapulted to the fore-

front of the meeting, being asked to chair it. Since then he has been in the forefront of efforts to address civic issues.

To demonstrate his new-found commitment to still sceptical township leaders, Human has told Klipplaat's whites to consult the advice office if they have any civic problems. He also boasts about taking over the lease and opening the town's pool hall to all its residents.

But he's keen to demonstrate he has not lost support among the white community. He calls in some white residents who swear on their lives that they will follow Human to the death in his bid to save Klipplaat.

He supports calls for members of both the black and white town council to resign. He gleefully notes that three white town councillors have resigned, leaving only the mayor, his deputy and one other councillor.

Two out of three black councillors resigned from the Wongalethu town council and three out of four members of the Prinsvale management committee resigned.

"I do believe we all have a future here in South Africa," he says.

Human was born in Port Elizabeth, raised in then South West Africa and in the early 1970s returned to the Eastern Cape to settle in Uitenhage. For the past three years he has lived in a modest house built by Spoornet.

"I was an NP member until Mandela began talking about nationalisation. This goes against my grain," he said.

"I can accept that capitalism is the enemy of the people, but when people start talking about nationalising my banks, then I will fight it."

It was then that he foreswore allegiance to the "toothless Nats" and joined the Conservative Party. He later joined the AWB.

But Human says he is a man of principle and believes that every South African should be involved in politics, both black and white. "I believe in human rights for all. People should fight for their rights in any way."

He says the National Party is no longer a party but a mediator which has lost "the ingredients" that made it a party.

Now it's the task of saving Klipplaat that motivates him. "I want to send a call out to all of South Africa to help Klipplaat financially to settle its debts with the council so that we can move forward. I believe our problems can be solved in a one-city forum." He says he also may apply for a fundraising number to help save the town.

"What we need here is development so people can get jobs." He speaks of a wool wash in the town which could provide hundreds of jobs, Klipplaat being in the centre of the mohair and wool trade.

"We need to get this backlog off our shoulders so that we can move forward positively." — Pen

W Cape to get regional forum

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
and BARRY STREEK

SOUTH AFRICA'S first regional economic development forum is to be launched in the Western Cape on December 3.

The forum, comprising a broad cross-section of business, labour and political stakeholders in the region, will be geared to turning the Western Cape into the "leading edge" for economic growth.

The launch of the forum follows months of consultations and a planning workshop that elected a 22-member steering committee, with Wesgro director Dr David Bridgman as convener.

The committee was nominated by regional labour, business, local authority, civic and other bodies, including the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu), the Private Sector Co-ordinating Committee, the Western Cape Agricultural Union, the Western Cape RSC,

Joint body to develop strategies

the Cape Town City Council, the ANC, PAC and the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco)

The initiative comes at a time when the proposed National Economic Forum is battling to get off the ground.

Dr Bridgman said yesterday that the forum would operate on a consensus basis to stimulate development strategies and remove economic and social backlogs in the Western Cape.

It would not have executive, financial or controlling powers, but would seek to reach agreement among the players on how best to promote development and

investment in the region

The forum could stimulate local and overseas funding for projects in region but it would not itself be a source for them.

"We hope that this forum can help the players to agree on strategies which will redress the effects of past policies and lead the Western Cape to a time of great prosperity for all its inhabitants," Dr Bridgman said.

Any group that regarded itself as having a stake in the development of the Western Cape region was welcome to apply to join.

Dr Bridgman said it had been proposed that a representative plenary body be formed at the December 3 launch, with an executive steering committee and administrative and support staff.

● Bodies wishing to participate should apply in writing to the interim steering committee at P O Box 1678, Cape Town, 8000

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Cape development moves in the pipeline

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MOVES to co-ordinate and strengthen economic development in the Western Cape are expected to crystallise this week when a special steering committee reports on the planned Western Cape Economic Development Forum

The brainchild of WESGRO's "Growing the Cape" project, the forum is seen as essential for broad consensus on methods to stimulate the Western Cape economy

The steering committee has examined how the forum could operate since a "Growing the Cape" workshop in April to formulate strategies in various growth areas identified by WESGRO

The workshop was attended by 350 people from organisations in the Western Cape, including business groups, trade unions, civic associations and parastatals

While progress was made in

agreeing on areas where action was needed, it was difficult, in a day, to reach consensus on strategies for action. It was mooted that a Regional Economic Development Forum could identify these strategies and monitor their implementation — and the steering committee was appointed to see how this could be established

The committee will report on its findings on Thursday and give details of the organisation structures, operational procedures and information on the main players and the date of the launch of the forum

The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce recently reported that another development has been a suggestion to establish a regional development corporation

"It is proposed that the corporation should be run on business lines, and that, wherever possible, economic functions should be undertaken by the private sector,"

said the chamber's September 25 Business Bulletin.

"The corporation's task would be to supplement, stimulate, support or otherwise enhance regional development by the private sector in order to achieve the full potential of the region's growth and broaden development opportunities for disadvantaged groups in the region

"The organisation would focus on the channeling of funds and the initiation or facilitation of development supporting action in the broader business sphere, leaving the funding of basic social and physical infrastructure services, such as low-cost housing, education, transport as well as the urban infrastructure and welfare services, to national and regional government departments, local authorities and/or specialist implementation bodies"

The chamber said it was proposed the corporation should get involved in:

● Sector- or industry-based

development support, including

planning and monitoring of sub-sector strategies, co-funding of development projects and lobbying for growth-inducing policies

● Mobilisation and channeling of venture capital for high-risk projects

● Funding and broader-based development support for informal sector activities

● Assistance with special job creation-projects

● Facilitation of local and/or sub-regional development strategies and programmes

● International and countrywide marketing of the region

● Initiation, activation and support of regionally-based development research

It was suggested the corporation could get funding from various sources, including the Development Bank of Southern Africa, public and private sector organisations, foreign donors and the issues of debentures

Local government: Think-tank to aid ANC negotiators

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter ARG 26/10/92

A NATIONAL Urban Institute is to be set up as a think-tank to aid African National Congress alliance negotiators in talks on housing and local government.

The co-ordinator of the University of the Western Cape local government planning and policy (Logopop) research unit, Mr Thozamile Botha, said the institute would provide research and management training for "those already in local government, and those aspiring to be".

The institute would at first operate from four centres, in the Western and Eastern Cape, Natal and Transvaal.

In the short-term, work done by the institute would be used to aid delegates to the National Housing Forum, and the National Forum on Local Government, expected to be set up in the next few weeks.

Speaking at the close of the three-day Logopop conference in Bellville, Mr Botha said it was hoped existing local authorities and the private sector would provide funds for the institute.

The conference was attended by researchers and academics from South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia, as well as government and diplomatic representatives.

Recommendations at the conference included replacing existing local authorities in the TBVC states and self-governing territories with interim structures representing democratic civil and political organisations.

Mr Botha said the demand for the removal of discredited black local authorities had shifted to a demand for all existing local authorities to be replaced.

Restructuring should not be unilateral, however, and should not be done until agreement had been reached at the national forum on local government.

City Council 'rebel group' tottering

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council rebel group of 12, started in April, is on its last legs.

Mr Arthur Wienburg is reliably understood to have left the group, while deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan no longer attends meetings

Remaining members, including Mr Gordon Oliver, Mrs Joye Gibbs and Mr Rupert Hurly, said it was unclear how much longer the

group would last.

Mr Hurly said an "informal" meeting had been held last week.

"We may go on, we may not. At the moment we meet to look at the council agenda, to brush up on it and look for things which might otherwise go unnoticed," he said

Mr Oliver said Mr Wienburg had left the group "upset about something"

Mr Wienburg declined to comment

The group had committed

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itself to opposing lavish spending and increasing accountability.

The original membership was Mr Keegan, Mr Wienburg, Mrs Gibbs, Mr Hurly, Mr Oliver, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Peter Muller, Mrs Isobel Edelstein, Mr Clive Bilski, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp, and Mr John Muir.

While some voting on caucus lines took place at subsequent council meetings, members could not always agree on issues

Weirings urges black and white councils to unite

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Political Staff

REGIONAL government would be the crux of the new South Africa as this would fill practical needs and need not be a political bone of contention, says the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring.

In a wide-ranging interview Mr Meiring said planning in this area could go ahead before an overall new constitutional system had been arranged.

He was urging local government bodies — white municipalities, coloured management committees and black township councils — to get together and form single councils.

This would be more efficient and cost-effective.

He was not in favour of forcing local bodies to do this, but in terms of enabling legislation, the Interim Measures Act, he was empowered to allow such amalgamations.

"My personal feeling is that any co-operation and progress in this regard is better than the old system and I am therefore urging local authorities to consider this option.

"Apart from its being more efficient and cost-effective we will head for such a system in any case under a new one-man, one-vote system.

"We are in favour of one city or town, one tax base and the normalisation and democratisation of local government.

"The question is whether you have to wait until solutions have been found at the top level or whether you should go ahead to see what can be done at the local level.

"A lot of money can be saved through cutting down duplication.

"There can be no doubt such a system will amount to white taxpayers helping to subsidise facilities for others, but this is part of what I see as the sharing of wealth and responsibility in the new South Africa."

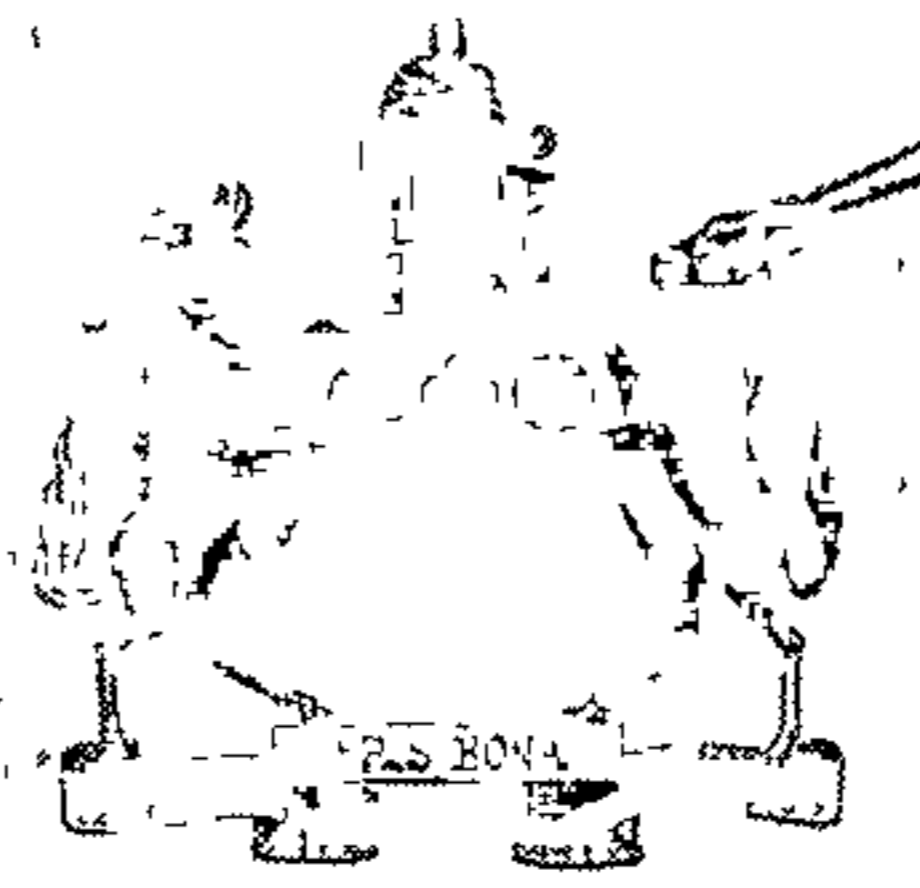
Mr Meiring said that in his travels through Africa as deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs before he became Administrator in 1989, black leaders who had tried an over-centralised socialist system had warned him against this and pointed out the catastrophes it had led to in their countries.

Referring to regional government for the Cape, Mr Meiring said that with the abolition of provincial councils, provincial administrations no longer had direct accountability to constituents and councils.

Instead the administrations, extensions of the central government which provided the funds, were accountable to parliament.

New regional governments should be given their own financial bases and taxation powers.

He envisaged for the province's three regions, Western Cape extending to Port Eliza-



The coat of arms of the Cape Province.

Mr Kobus Meiring, Administrator of the Cape.

both, a Kei area incorporating Ciskei, Transkei and East London and a Northern Cape region which could include areas such as Botphuthatswana and the Western Transvaal.

Regional government would give people a more direct interest and say in affairs affecting them most immediately.

In a new system there should be as much devolution of power as practically possible.

Mr Meiring said urbanisation and squatting were realities which had to be faced. These could be managed, but not ignored.

Squatting created serious problems in established areas, among other things through the effect it could have on property values and crime.

On the other hand, planning for "informal residential areas" had to be done through the provision of sanitation, transport and work opportunities.

This was why it was necessary for local authorities to be pro-active in these matters.

Mr Meiring said he was optimistic about the future of the Western Cape. The area's main asset was its tremendous tourist potential.

"I have not once come across anyone from overseas who did not think the region was one of the most beautiful they had visited.

"The increase in overseas flights will be a boon to the Western Cape and its economy."

On the other hand a lot would depend on peace and order and it was therefore in everyone's interest that a new constitutional dispensation be achieved as soon as possible.

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'Ratepayers in Revolt' meeting

THE Ratepayers in Revolt association will hold a major public meeting in Claremont Civic Centre on November 12 at 8pm

This will be the first full-scale meeting since the group was formed earlier this year.

Chairman of the association, Mr Frank Helm, said "We are concerned

about the future construction of Cape Town City Council. There has been no input from the public or information from the council.

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"We are also going to discuss rates being withheld by the Grassy Park and Lotus River Ratepayers Association"

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About turn on mayoress allowance

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THE city council executive committee has recommended rescinding last year's decision to pay the mayoress a R1 350 monthly allowance.

But exco said the mayoress should be allowed to keep allowances paid between September and May this year.

The allowance was stopped in May after the Provincial Administration said the payment was not allowed in terms of financial powers delegated to the council.

This is the outcome of an investigation by the town clerk.

The council voted in September last year to pay the mayoress an allowance, but this was turned down by Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring.

Mr Meiring said that apart from legal objections, he opposed paying the mayoress an allowance because her expenses should be drawn from the mayor's allowance.

Council to adopt contingency list of projects to be tackled

Municipal Reporter

A CONTINGENCY schedule of projects is to be adopted by the city council to prevent ad-hoc shifting of budgeted money from one project to another

The projects, which will be put into gear if money becomes available, include a new seating system for the Good Hope Centre (R3,2 million), R5 million of heavy duty vehicles, and repairs and improvements to municipal buildings

The total value of projects on the contingency schedule is R30 million

Projects are rated according to low, medium or high priority

According to an article in the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, the council sometimes transfers funds

from one vote to another for items not even on the list of approved capital projects

The council has prepared a schedule of projects, listed in order of priority, to be tackled if funds become available

Earlier this year, the council called for tenders for trucks and machinery because it had surplus funds and did not want them unspent at the end of the financial year

Some of the money spent on vehicles had been set aside for unrelated items such as computers

City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said a capital expenditure working group had drawn up the schedule, which had been approved by the corporate management team.

● Cape Town City Council is by far the biggest earner in the

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It pulls in 63,5 percent of all the income earned by 21 municipalities in Peninsula, Tygerberg, Helderberg and Bolland

The next largest earner is the Western Cape Regional Services Council (7,9 percent), Bellville City Council (5,4 percent) and Paarl (4,5 percent)

At the bottom of the scale are Pinelands (0,4 percent), Fish Hoek (0,35 percent) and Franschhoek (0,15 percent)

Cape Town's income is swollen by revenue from the sale of water and electricity which accounts for about half its budget

The main reason offered Cape Town's high rates is the burden of responsibility it carries for social upliftment on the Cape Flats

Trip to ANC criticised (213)

Municipal Reporter.

A MAYORAL trip to Johannesburg to apprise ANC sports spokesman Mr Steve Tshwete of the council's bid to hold the 2004 Olympics in Cape Town came under fire yesterday CT 30/10/92

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he was "concerned" at the number of times the council "bent over backwards" to consult the ANC.

He said surveys showed the ANC would not do very well in the Western Cape in an election.

Trish's perk: Councillors (263) may have to pay it back

Municipal Reporter *Aug 30/10/92*

CITY councillors have been warned that if the Auditor-General rules that payment of an allowance to the mayoress was illegal, those who voted for it could be charged with its recovery.

Debate on the issue at yesterday's monthly meeting was suspended for a month.

The executive committee earlier recommended heeding opposition from Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring, and suspending payment of the allowance, but allowing mayoress Mrs Trish van der Velde to keep the R1 350 monthly allowance paid to her between September and May.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde refused himself during debate, which was chaired by deputy-mayor Mr Clive Keegan.

Some councillors offered to contribute to paying the money back to the treasury.

Mayoresses of Durban, Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth are not paid allowances.

But mayors of Johannesburg and Pretoria are paid bigger allowances than the mayor of Cape Town, apparently to cover mayoresses' expenses.

Mrs Ruth Ortlepp said negative Press reports and public reaction showed little understanding of the contribution made by mayoresses.

The council voted to send back to the executive committee a recommendation that no action be taken on the September to May allowances.

Exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said that while the council had been advised it would be legal to pay an allowance to the mayoress, exco did not want a confrontation with the Administrator over the issue.

Mr Leon Markovitz said the allowance should either be paid, or the council should agree with the Administrator.

Mr Kreiner said that if the Auditor-General disagreed with the council's legal opinion, those who voted in favour of the allowance would be forced to pay a surcharge to the treasury.

A vote to rescind last year's decision to pay the allowance was carried by nine votes to eight, but a motion by Mr Arthur Wienburg to suspend the decision was also carried, putting the issue on ice for a month.

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SUN WORSHIPPERS: If the bikinis and tangas of Clifton make you feel overdressed, then Sandy Bay is the place to be, in nowt much more than skin, glorious skin! But beware of voyeurs.

BAY OF PLENTY: The Cape is beautiful and Sandy Bay is a part of it, famed for its nudists as much as the beach, the waters and the mountain backdrop.

Rezoning planned but Sandy Bay unaffected

CAPE TOWN — The pristine land above the Sandy Bay nudist beach that belongs to Absa is safe for the present

But a large piece of land on the Hout Bay side will be subdivided and rezoned for housing if an application by Absa to the regional services council (RSC) is successful

The application by Absa for the subdivision of the roughly 60 ha site and rezoning from rural to residential was lodged on December 21.

Surrounded

An RSC spokesman said the proposal would be advertised for comment and objections within three weeks.

Pierre Augustyn, managing director of Absa's property arm, Bankorp Properties, said he was fully aware of the ecologically sensitive na-

THE beautiful nature area above Sandy Bay will not be affected by a residential development, a spokesman for the developers told WILLEM STEENKAMP.

stretches of indigenous flora can be preserved among the houses

"The housing units will not be visible or encroach in any way on the Sandy Bay side," he emphasised

Once the proposal is advertised, the public and other interested groups will have 21 days to comment and lodge objections

Thereafter the application and the comments on the proposed development will go before the council for approval

Magnate

Hotel magnate Sol Kerzner also owns a section of land between Liandudno and Sandy Bay, but the spokesman for the RSC said that at this stage no application for rezoning or development had been received from Kerzner

"The Hout Bay side is already surrounded by residential property and all essential services are already available in the portion proposed for development

"However, to preserve the ecological integrity of the area, our development plan includes a green fringe or buffer zone for the site where

"That is why we have applied for rezoning of the Hout Bay portion of the land only," he said.

The Free Cape Movement wants self-government or home rule for the Cape with maximum local devolution of power, including a Cape parliament and police force "within a future South Africa so that all the people of the Cape, regardless of race, colour, creed or gender, can control their political and economic destiny", said Free Cape Movement spokesman, Mr Willem Steenkamp, a Nationalist member of the President's Council.

"We have been going only for a few weeks and have had an overwhelming response," he said. This included free office space of the movement's choice and a secretary for a year.

The Free Cape Movement was not made up of politicians but of hard-headed men and women who were concerned about their future, said Mr Steenkamp.

Mr Roger Hulley, Democratic Party MP for Constantia, was the political adviser to the project, which had the blessing of well-known Cape benefactor, Count Natale Labia.

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Fires destroy Ikapa records

Crime Reporter (263)

TWO fires destroyed records in the offices of the Ikapa town council yesterday, causing about R100 000 damage.

Police have opened an arson investigation

The fires — in offices in different parts of the building — were discovered by security guards about 4 15am. Petrol is believed to have been used to start the fires.

Firemen stopped the flames spreading to the rest of the building.

Books of monthly balance sheets were completely destroyed in the one fire, while housing records appear to have been targeted in the other office which is at least 40 metres away, officials said yesterday.

Office furniture was also badly damaged in the blaze.

A police spokesman said an assessment of the damage had not been completed.

Ikapa town clerk Mr Kobus Olivier confirmed that arson was suspected. Investigations are continuing.



ARSON .. Ikapa/Langa housing manager Mr Vuyo Veto with the remains of financial statements which were destroyed by fire in the Ikapa town council offices yesterday. Picture ANNE LAING

Call on control of State land

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

COUNCILS should have greater control over State and parastatal land to prevent violations of building and fire regulations, the utilities and works committee has decided.

The city council will ask coming United Municipal Executive and Major Cities Organisation congresses to support appeals for greater control of State land by local government.

The resolution was passed in the light of the New Year warehouse fire in the docks.

Fire chief Mr Joop Hamel told the committee the warehouse sprinkler system was inadequate and the building did not conform to national building regulations.

The city council will do nothing about informal traders in St George's Mall until the end of March, the end of the three-month period of grace granted by the Administrator.

The owner of Stuttafords Town Square, who asked the council to act against traders for allegedly violating the zon-

ing scheme, will be told to lay a charge with the police.

The committee discussed several options yesterday, rejecting Supreme Court action because it would be costly and prolonged.

● The gates at Mossat Lane in Green Point will be unlocked, but will not be removed.

The council decided at the end of last year to reopen the lane as a public street, but this decision has to be advertised for objections and approved by the Administrator.

Residents have been lobbying vigorously for and against taking down the gates.

● The committee recommended spending R150 000 on a further investigation of geological and hydrogeological problems at the Plattekloof bulk service reservoir, which is leaking 600 kilolitres of water a day.

Repair plans for the reservoir, built in 1974, have been drawn up and funds are expected to be provided in the next budget.

● City planner Mr Neville

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Riley should continue to seek private sector help to fund improvements to the Trafalgar Place flower market, the committee decided.

Flower selling has flourished in the narrow lane off Adderley Street for more than a century, but broken water troughs, litter and general decay led last year to degradation of the area and concern about its future.

After several complaints, about R60 000 was spent before the tourist season on brick paving, improved lighting and painting.

● Abattoir director Dr V W van Heerden said the Meat Board should be asked to continue to perform certain administrative functions until the future of Matland abattoir was decided.

The alternative was for the council to take over functions such as controlling the supply of slaughter stock and for the handling and sale of offal.

If this was done, the council would have to recruit another 80 employees by taking over Meat Board staff or appointing new staff.

Power to the people

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DE AAR. — This small Karoo town, hard-hit by defence cut-backs and rationalisation of the railways, has launched an innovative scheme to electrify its black township and provide employment at the same time.

In a joint venture between white and black town councils, work began on the electrification of De Aar's Nonzwakazi (beautiful lady) township this week, using the labour of the region's unemployed people.

Town clerk Mr Jan van den Bergh said as many unemployed people as possible would be used to dig holes, erect poles and perform other manual tasks.

Mayor Zanus Immelman said market-related wages would be paid "We do not want to encourage slave labour."

De Aar's economy for years rested on the railways and a massive South African Defence Force ammunition depot. But privatisation of the railways and

an end to South African military intervention in Namibia and Angola has left the town struggling to keep its head above water

This has been compounded by an influx of unemployed people from smaller surrounding towns, said Mr Immelman.

"But we are doing our best to employ as many as possible — to supply electricity and to keep money circulating within our community."

The scheme is also seen as an exercise in improving relations in a polarised white and black community.

Responsibility for the electrification will ultimately fall under a non-racial forum made up of elected representatives, with the council taking a back seat.

"This is a step towards our ultimate aim of one town council," Mr Immelman said.

However, the scheme has not been unopposed. According to Mr van den Bergh, the De Aar

Civic Organisation (Daco) opposes the council electrification scheme, saying it wants Eskom to take charge of the installation of Nonzwakazi's power supply

Mr van den Bergh said it would take Eskom, with two million homes to electrify, up to seven years just to reach De Aar, whereas the council had already started electrification at the same price, using the pre-paid meter system.

He hoped that in negotiating he could persuade Daco to join the proposed electrification forum.

Karoo Pan Africanist Congress regional chairman Mr Simon Ncganga has called on Daco and the community to support the council's project. He accused Daco of intimidating the community with false criticism of the council in favour of Eskom.

Daco could not be reached for comment. — Sapa.

Council lobbies for more power over rezonings

Municipal Reporter

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THE city council is to lobby for more power over renewing lapsed rezonings

The town planning committee yesterday resolved to seek Cape Province Municipal Association support for power over renewals to be delegated from ministerial to council level

At present, rezonings lapse after two years if the applicant has not carried out the work for which the rezoning was requested

The council may not authorise extensions

A town planning committee spokesman said the request for delegated power had been made at a meeting with the Minister for Local Government, while the attempt to rally CPMA support had been suggested by Administrator Mr

Kobus Meiring

● A draft policy plan aimed at protecting the residential character of the Upper Table Valley is to be circulated for public comment.

Suburbs affected by the plan are Devil's Peak, Vredehoek, Highlands, Gardens, Oranjezicht, Higgovale and Tamboerskloof

A study found residential densities were relatively low, while land values were high and were increasing

In some areas, gentrification had caused a reduction in affordable housing, in spite of a latent demand for lower income housing in central city areas

Policies proposed include protecting residential areas by blocking incompatible uses, reinforcing existing business de-

velopment — for instance, by allowing selective expansion of the Kloof Street business strip — and blocking development out of scale with the area.

Other proposed policies were to promote appropriate development along the mountain edge by setting up strong guidelines, and to facilitate the expansion of tourism, by maintaining the existing environment and by having a favourable attitude to bed and breakfast establishments and small hotels in the area

Council-owned areas should be kept for recreation, while adjacent development should not be allowed to worsen traffic densities in Mill Street and Kloof Nek Road

The draft policy proposes abandoning several road widening schemes

RSC plans legal action against rates boycotters

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

THE Western Cape Regional Services Council says it plans legal action against members of the Lotus River, Grassy Park, Ottery ratepayers association (Logra) after the organisation decided this week to continue its five-month-old rates boycott.

Homeowners have withheld payment of rates since an increase was announced in August last year. Since then all rates payable have been deposited into a Logra trust fund which now stands at R300 000. *S/ Times*

In a statement this week the RSC said final notices would be sent to defaulters soon. If there was no response, summons would follow. *(Capel memo)*.

The "normal legal system will then recover the outstanding rates," the statement said *17/1/93*.

The RSC said it was required by law to collect the rates. Action will be taken in terms of The Divisional Councils Ordinance against homeowners withholding their rates.

The boycott is aimed at forcing the RSC to extend services to the area, to scrap an 8,9 percent rates increase and to recognise Logra as representative of the people instead of the local Management Committee.

At a historic, but "inconclusive" meeting with the RSC last month, Logra also demanded that no legal action be taken against homeowners and that no interest be levied on rates arrears. Logra spokesman Mr Philip Bam said this week.

The due date for the annual payment of rates was September 30 last year.

Mr Bam said rates would be withheld until Logra's demands had been met and any action against boycotters would be resisted.

During the meeting the RSC said the disbandment of the Management Committee and recognition of Logra was a constitutional matter over which it had no jurisdiction.

Logra's demand that all roads and services be upgraded by the end of this year, were "unreasonable and unreasonable" it said.

Finance is the big headache for 1993, but the cure seems elusive

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HE slumbering grant is awakening

For the past few weeks, the 'soldiers of the city council — the cleansing staff, law enforcement and traffic officers, and workers in all departments — have been doing their best to keep the city running in the face of the demands of summer and the tourist season

But for the most, the political bosses have been on holiday, perhaps dreaming of an island where ratepayers uncomplainingly yield rates and reap only praise, and nothing more malodorous, on the heads of councillors

But that changed as standing committees lumbered into life last week, erecting signs of things to come all over the civic landscape

Increasingly, the city council resembles a private corporation doling out money on social responsibility projects, and whether you approve depends on your political perspective

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg put it well the council, itself the victim of subsidy cuts, is getting one SOS after another from other government institutions that are similarly beleaguered

Not that the council is ungenerous

Exco recommended giving the University of the Western Cape R1 million, provided that the money is spent on a programme to create more than 1 000 "affirmative action" jobs on campus

If the council approves the

money it may have a hard time convincing anyone — notably the unions — that retrenchments or the freezing of council posts are necessary while it is assisting in the creation of jobs elsewhere

The council has resolved, as a matter of policy, not to increase grants-in-aid to sports or welfare bodies, and some rearrangement about who gets what took place at the end of last year

During 1992 the council voted large sums for the universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape.

More recently, requests for money from the Cape and Peninsula technicians were put off for consideration when drawing up the budget.

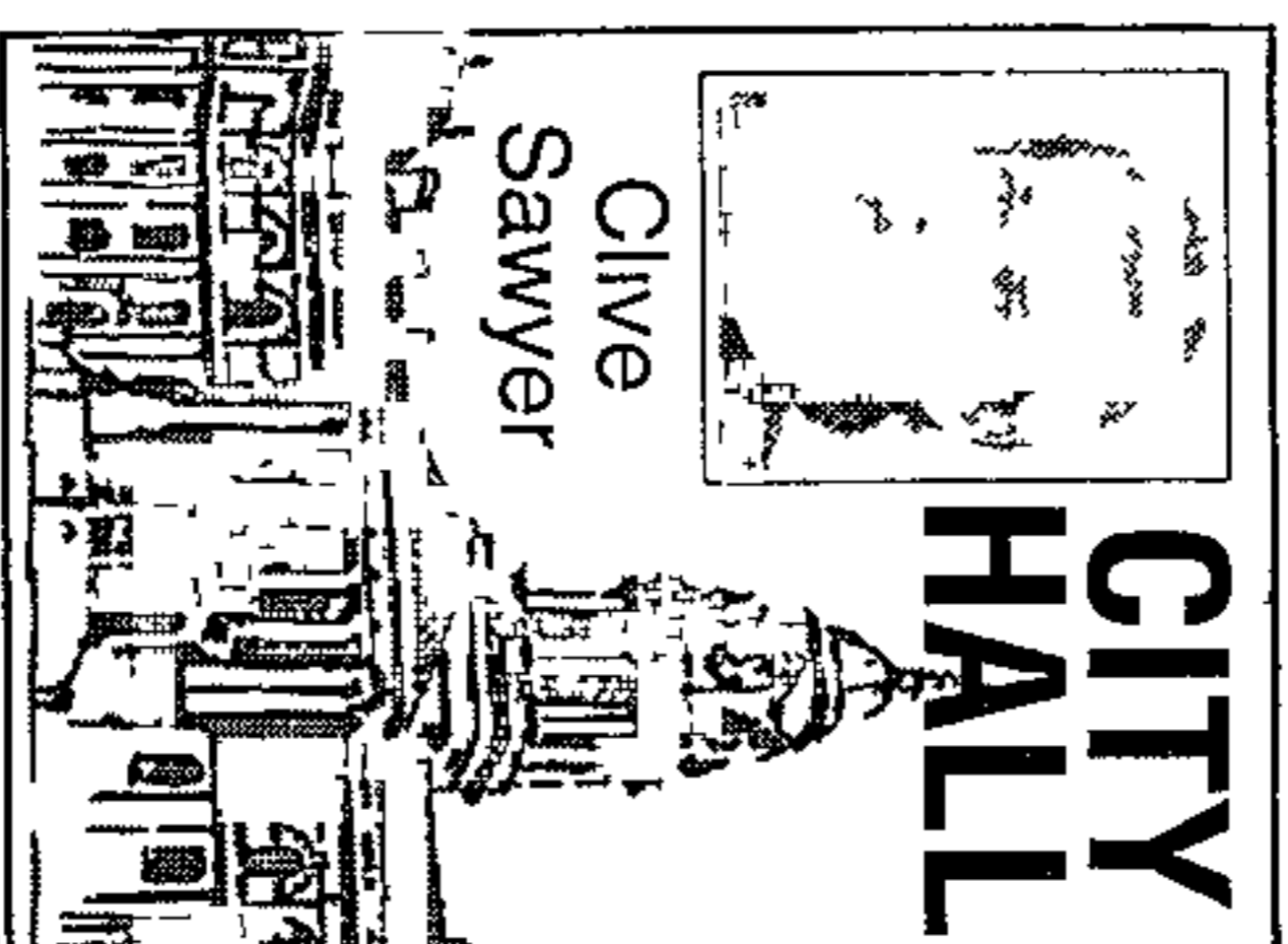
If councillors are keen to

vote funds to back up cash-strapped educational institutions, other huge demands should be kept in mind — including the likelihood that local government could be expected to take a greater role in funding and administering health care and public transport

And if the council is seen to hand out cash to universities and technicians, this could be used by schools which are in a panic over the new financial burdens caused by reform, as leverage to plead for rates relief or grants

Meanwhile, it seems likely ratepayers could face separate user charges for, among other things, libraries and refuse removal — if not this year, then perhaps the next

While one can speculate endlessly about the new financial



burdens facing the city council and its ratepayers, what cannot be wished away are the millions owed to it in rent and electricity arrears.

Though of course, at least in theory, the electricity arrears could in part or wholly be written off, while there has been talk of a "social contract" in the housing estates — which could involve at least a partial scrapping of arrears. But this is only speculation

What cannot be denied is that there are priorities which are apolitical and non-negotiable — the urgent need to supply the metropole with vast supplies of potable water being among them

And so, it is into this frightful scene of mounting bills and shrinking income the grant must bumble to do its budget.

The city council last year bound itself in principle to a rates increase "as low as possible," but at the very least, less than the inflation rate de-

termined by the Consumer Price Index.

How it intends to keep this promise is anyone's guess

Mr Landsberg is an advocate of resource-based budgeting, in other words the amount of money available — and not demands from departments — being the driving force for the municipal budgeteers.

The council last week set up a budget committee to scrutinise the detailed draft operating estimates of each council service, with any major policy changes being referred to the relevant standing committee for approval.

I am afraid all of this seems mere tinkering with a hugely flawed system and an organisation in need of ruthless management. It is regrettable, to say the

least, that town clerk Mr Don Geyer's heart attack has delayed — hopefully not forever — the findings of his investigation into organisational reform of the council being completed and made public

Nor have the findings of the city council committee on future metropolitan government been put on the table for discussion

1993 may be the year that a clearer picture of future democratic local government emerges when a national forum on the issue is convened, hopefully against a background of national multi-party talks on the political future.

Until then, and with all other limitations taken into account, it has to be accepted that the lumbering of the council grant — and its spending — will be pretty haphazard

Call for probe into lost interest income

Municipal Reporter

ARC 19/11/03

THE executive committee should reopen the investigation into the loss of interest income in the cash office, instead of trying to sweep the matter under the carpet, says Mr Arthur Wienburg.

Reacting to an exco resolution to declare the affair — in which thousands of rands in interest income were lost when cheques piled up in shoeboxes instead of being banked — Mr Wienburg said exco's decision "flew in the face of the council resolution" (263)

The city council commissioned the investigation, which found there had been problems but no staff member was to blame



Mr Arthur Wienburg

Mr Wienburg said "I have said before and I repeat that commission's report was fatally flawed, as would be obvious to anyone who attended the

exco meeting when the commissioners were questioned about their findings

"Exco is sweeping this matter under the carpet and ratepayers will ask what they have to hide, because ratepayers expect the council to safeguard their money, and will continue to see this as a debacle"

It was "nonsense" to accept the commission's findings, which overturned earlier findings of an investigation by former ombudsman Mr Granger Heugh

Exco had acted in contempt of council, because last year's council resolution had required the findings of the investigation to be given directly to the full council, he said

Computer to help combine council bills

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

COMBINED bills for water, rates and electricity will be within reach if the council agrees to buy a R5 895 220 new computer system

The city would save about R3 million a year by introducing the system, the executive committee said in a report.

Exco yesterday recommended giving the tender for the project to ICL (SA) Ltd.

The city treasurer will have to hire 10 extra staff at a cost of R700 000 for the next two years

Benefits of the new system included improved financial control over debtors, eliminating repetitive manual functions, improved maintenance procedures and improved user and customer satisfaction.

Implementation of the project is expected to be during the 1994/95 financial year.

● Reforms to the electricity billing system, aimed at easing the burden on debtors while slowing the increase in debt, were approved by exco.

The reforms will be put to the full council for approval at its monthly meeting and community organisations told of the decision

Proposals include raising the exemption limit for late payment penalties to R125,50, crediting payment to current accounts instead of arrears, scrapping the policy of increasing deposits after disconnections and scrapping the moratorium on disconnections at the end of the month.

● Exco refused to condone overspending by the parks and forests branch totalling R483 052.

The budget was overrun by overspending on staff housing subsidies (R747 114), use of private security services to stop thefts and vandalism of council premises (R137 390), water (R168 815), repairs to buildings (R34 188) and repairs to vehicles (R95 932)

After compensating for the total overspending, the branch was able to reduce the total overspent to R483 052.

Term for Khayelitsha councillors extended

Staff Reporter *ALW 25/11/93 (263)*

THE Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring has extended the term of office of Khayelitsha town councillors for a year.

Town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said the councillors, who were elected during the controversial municipal elections in 1988 would serve until October this year.

Their term of office should have expired in October 1992.

Of the original 20 councillors, 17 are left. One died of natural causes and two were shot dead in violence in the shack township two years ago.

City 'to market loan system

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A COMPUTERISED loan system, devised for the city council by consultants hired to tackle problems with housing accounts in Mitchell's Plain, could be marketed to other councils.

The housing committee yesterday extended the contract of Balanced Skills Facilitators, the council's highest-paid consultants, for another six months.

The principal consultant, Mr Robert Bendle, is paid R200 an hour and expenses, and his support staff are paid a reduced hourly rate.

The consultants were hired to do a costing exercise in Mitchell's Plain aimed at calculating all factors which should influence the selling price of houses and to rationalise loan debts and recommend policies and managerial decisions.

A city treasurer's report said the Auditor-General had found several "unsatisfactory areas"

in the housing section of the city council's accounts, and Mr Bendle's brief had been expanded to provide accounting solutions for all housing schemes.

Recent state policy decisions on the sale and transfer of rented housing would add to the council's workload, the report said.

Much of the work had involved designing a computer system to provide a full reconciliation of the national housing fund loan debt.

Developing the system cost R65 000.

"The system is unique and owned by the council, yet is applicable to every housing authority in the country. Development costs could be recovered by selling the system to other municipalities," the report said.

The council was not in the marketing business, and it was recommended this be left to the consultants, who would pay royalties to the council.



Alarm over plan to cut rate subsidies

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By YVETTE VAN BREDA

SOME private schools may close, sports clubs would be plunged into financial crisis and parishioners will have to cough up more at Sunday collections

This is the likely effect of the city council's proposal to withdraw rate subsidies to institutions presently exempt from paying property rates

The proposal was disclosed during a meeting on Tuesday night between the council and ratepayers to discuss the council's budget for the coming financial year

City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said yesterday he did not know when the ordinance would be changed but the move had been "on the cards for three years"

The difference between the current ordinance and the proposed one is that the council could decide whether an organisation qualified to have its rates paid by the city and would then give the qualifying bodies grants-in-aid in lieu of rates after evaluating each application individually

The national director of Independent Schools (which includes Bishops, Herschel and St Cyprians), Mr Mark Henning, warned yesterday that pri-

Govt assures private and Model C schools

Political Staff

THE government has made it clear that private schools and Model C schools will not be expected to pay municipal rates until another "arrangement" has been negotiated.

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Marais, said last year that Model C schools would not remain government-owned properties, but would not pay rates until a new system had been negotiated.

He also said "private schools will not be expected to pay municipal rates until another arrangement has been negotiated".

private schools might have to close down if forced to pay rates

The managing director of the WP Cricket Association, Mr Kevin Commins, said the association leased the Newlands cricket ground from the WP Cricket Club and in terms of the lease would be liable to pay any rates due on the grounds

Mr Ashton Campbell, Administrator of the Presbytery of Cape Town, controlling 25 Presbyterian and nine United churches, said "People in the pew are going to have to foot the bill. The church cannot afford to pay rates"

Objectors to scheme petition council

A PETITION with 2 893 signatures was submitted to the Fish Hoek Town Council recently, objecting to the council's conditional nod to the development of houses on the slopes of Elsie's Peak. (2b3)

This follows a recent motion passed at a Fish Hoek Residents' Association special meeting which called on the council to suspend all decisions on the scheme until an independent environmental impact assessment had been done

Further motions called for the association to meet the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works and to approach the State President for support in their efforts to preserve the mountain-side from development. 28/1/93

These motions were endorsed at the quarter general meeting of the association, which was held last week.

After considerable debate, the town council decided recently to withdraw an item on its agenda about the development until after a Residents'

Association meeting at which the matter would be discussed further

Before this was decided, a councillor, Mr Vic Kabalin, said he felt the condition that the developers arrange a meeting with residents to address objections had not been properly met

He suggested the council look at a new resolution to review and rescind its original one

The town clerk, Mr Doug Smit, said the legal drafting of the conditions was awaited and that valid objections would be dealt with in accordance with the Land Use Planning Ordinance at which time the objectors would be given the right of appeal

Bid to end shoebox cheques row fails

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AN attempt by the executive committee to close the book on the cash office debacle — when interest income was lost after unbanked cheques were piled in shoeboxes — has been defeated.

But for the moment it is a technical knockout

After lengthy debate, councillors voted to “note” rather than “accept” the controversial report which found no one was to blame, but even this decision was suspended

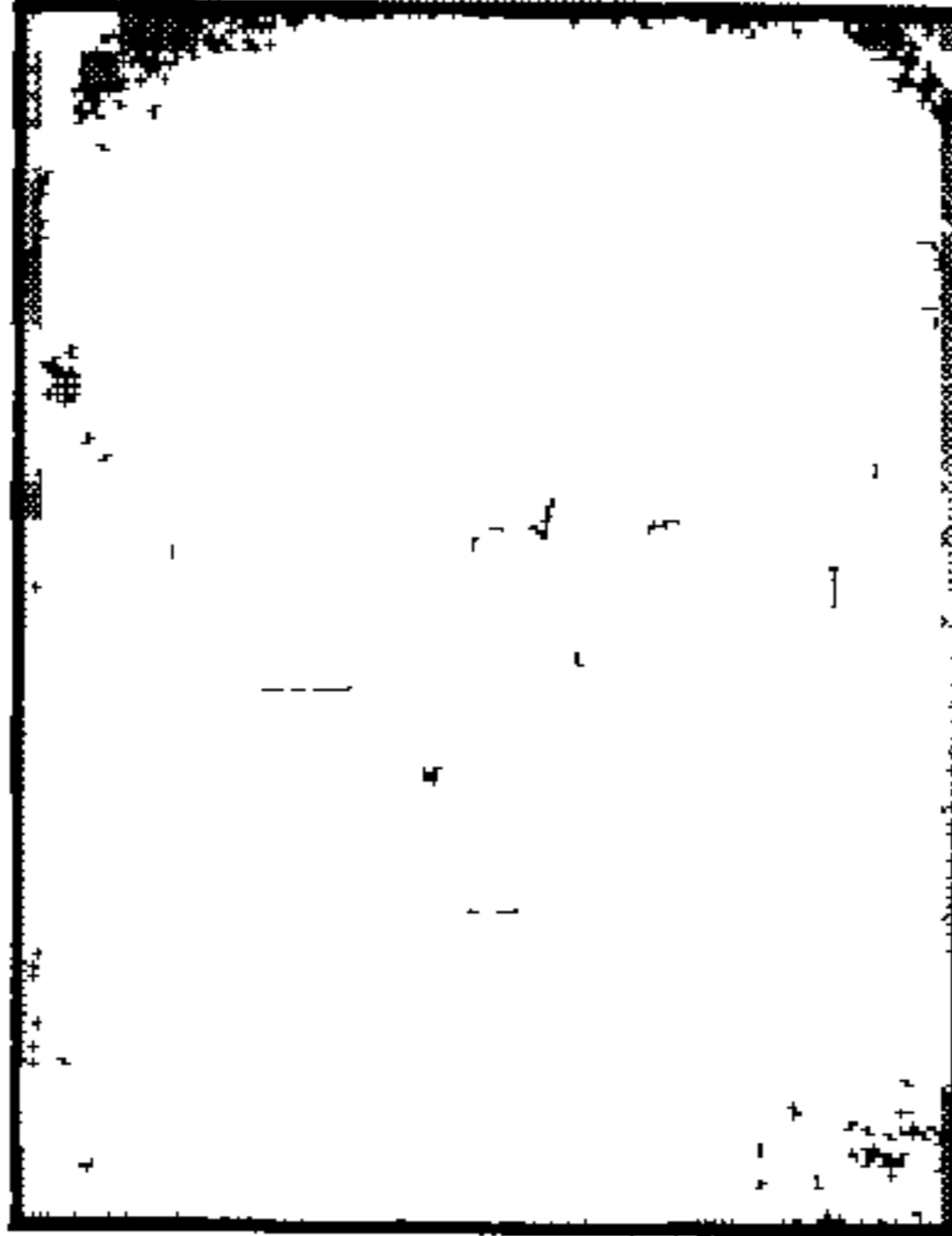
Mr Arthur Wienburg rallied support to reopen debate next month when he will propose the rejection of yesterday’s resolution to close the case.

Exco said the commissioners, a former provincial auditor and former town clerk of Paarl, had found there had been “certain deficiencies” but these had been corrected. No one was to blame, the commissioners said.

Mrs Isobel Edelstein said the commission had left questions unanswered and appealed that the matter not be buried.

Mr Wienburg said the report was fatally flawed. Exco changed the terms of reference without consulting the council.

The commission had rejected the report by the ombudsman, former town clerk Mr Granger Heugh.



Mr Leon Markovitz

“How can the former town clerk of Paarl say the former town clerk of Cape Town is not sufficiently qualified to investigate the running of this municipality?” Mr Wienburg asked.

He had consulted a former Receiver of Revenue, who said council procedure in not immediately banking cheques was “incredible”.

He called for a new inquiry by a retired judge or a council sub-committee.

Mr Leon Markovitz said the change made to the terms of reference was a simple one because unions would not allow accusations of irregularities to be made against their members.

There was no point in further



Mrs Isobel Edelstein

investigation because the system was working correctly, he said.

Mr Rupert Hurly said it was difficult to understand how there could have been deficiencies in the system but no one was to blame.

Mr Norman Osburn said the matter was “an unfortunate episode we must put behind us”.

Maladministration and lost income were issues that had been addressed.

Mr Wienburg said: “How much was lost?”

Mr Osburn: “It is irrelevant. We have all condemned it but it is not in the interest of the city to spend money and tie up resources on a new investigation.”

Council clash over cash probe

Municipal Reporter

AFTER a grilling cross-examination by Mr Arthur Wienburg, two commissioners who inquired into the late depositing of cheques by the Cape Town City Council cash office refused to return to a committee room for further questioning.

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner disclosed this yesterday during a debate on whether the council should accept their report.

He reported that the commissioners said their bona fides had been brought into question, and they had found this unpleasant. They had forfeited some of their fees and gone back into retirement.

Mr Wienburg said the report they had brought out was "fatally flawed", because excom had changed the commission's terms of reference without reporting this to the council.

He said the commissioners had not called on members of the cash office

to give evidence. There was still no clarity on how much interest had been lost through cheques being deposited late.

Mr Wienburg produced an internal council memo which said there were at one stage 30 boxes containing about 1 200 cheques each of which had not been deposited, and another 100 boxes were expected to arrive. Yet the commission had been unable to quantify the extent of the backlog. Mr Neil Ross said that Mr Wien-

burg's two cash office informants, when asked, had not wanted to add anything to the consultants' report.

He explained the difference between ombudsman Mr Graninger Heugh's report and that of the commission as being due to a more comprehensive study by the commission (96 pages compared with seven). Prolonging the inquiry would only waste ratepayers' money.

The council now regards the matter as closed.

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Call for non-racial ward 12 by-election

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

THE Bergvliet-Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association is to lobby the other five ratepayers' associations in ward 12 — where Mrs Bronnie Harding has resigned — to press the council to hold a non-racial by-election

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This could be done in terms of the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act

Bergvliet-Meadowridge ratepayers chairman Dr Don Craythorne said it was hoped a meeting of all six associations would be convened within a week

"Our association feels the election should be non-racial," he said.

Only about half the people living in the ward have a municipal vote

If the idea of using the Act — which empowers the Administrator to call a non-racial election — is accepted, Mrs Harding and fellow councillor Mr Gordon Oliver will be asked to request the executive committee to agree.

"Exco could ask the Administrator to cleanse the ordinance of all ethnic references, making anyone over 18 and a South African a voter," said Dr Craythorne

Ngxobongwana resigns as mayor

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'Crossroads' no longer place I loved'

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, chased away with his supporters during fighting over control of the shanty town in 1990, has resigned as mayor and councillor.

Mr Ngxobongwana, who has been living in the bushes in Driftsands with more than 1 000 followers, resigned last month

In a letter to the Crossroads town clerk, he said he was resigning because he had "a lot of work to do in Driftsands"

The letter read in part "I have thought about my position as councillor for Crossroads for a long time, and I have decided to bring my career to an end, in this place Crossroads is no

longer the place I loved and lived for"

A CPA official said Mr Ngxobongwana was the only councillor left in Crossroads, since the other four were disqualified in October for not paying service charges. He said Mr Fame Naude had been appointed administrator of the township

In spite of not living in Crossroads, Mr Ngxobongwana had remained mayor and councillor because he had been "forced out of the area under violent circumstances," the official said.

Mr Ngxobongwana said he had resigned because he was "no longer interested in Crossroads and its affairs"

"Things in Crossroads changed for the worse in 1990 with rent and service charges, boycotts and stayaways

"The effective running of the

place became very difficult and split the once-united community.

"There was anarchy, people became uncontrollable and it was useless to be a leader of people you could not control. People demanded houses but did not want to contribute even a cent," he said

Mr Ngxobongwana, who arrived in Crossroads in 1975, left during violent confrontations between his supporters and those of his former right-hand man, Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

The feuding centred on allegations that Mr Ngxobongwana had squandered more than R1 million collected from residents

Mr Ngxobongwana's home, then the only brick house in Crossroads, was burnt down.

"I'm all right here in the bushes and my wish is to die here," he said

Council computer needs upgrading

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE costly new system bought by the city council to computerise library services has technical design faults, is slow, and will need a R1 million upgrade to cope with the load expected of it

This emerged from a report by council director of information services Mr Terry O'Brien on the computerised library system

It is understood that planned expansion of the system — so far installed at nine libraries — has been put on ice because

the computer is unlikely to cope with the extra workload

At present, only 65 out of a planned 195 terminals were in operation

"There is no doubt the existing hardware configuration needs to be upgraded to cope with the planned implementation of the remaining library branches," said Mr O'Brien

A survey by ISM, the company which sold the system to the council, found the current configuration was "hardly coping" with the load and would have to be enhanced

This would cost about

R1 million *ARG 3/2/93*

"Even this upgrade will then be at full capacity and only be capable of barely acceptable response times from the various terminals," he said

Tests showed the model bought by the council had a response time of about 21 seconds to do a transaction, while other models had response times varying between 2.5 to 6.9 seconds

The source code for the system — essential if programmes needed to be changed — was kept in Australia. This was normal practice, said Mr

O'Brien. *(263)*

The computer bought was a "proprietary" rather than an "open" system, meaning equipment from other manufacturers could not be added to it

Mr O'Brien said ISM should be asked to upgrade the system, but should guarantee the performance figures shown in a report

"If the actual performance falls below those levels the computer must be further upgraded at ISM's expense,

The system had inherent design faults, but its "functionality" appeared acceptable,

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Guguletu anger over neglect of graveyard

KARIN SCHIMKE
Staff Reporter

GUGULETU residents are angry about the state of their graveyard and are blaming the Ikapa Town Council for ignoring their requests to upgrade it.

The cemetery, which is unfenced, is used as a thoroughfare and graves are vandalised because there is no security.

"Ikapa Town Council told us R1,5 million had been allocated for fencing and cleaning up the graveyard," said the secretary of the Guguletu Civic Organisation, Mr Sam Dakuse

"We feel very strongly that the dead should be honoured and respected, but the graveyard looks terrible"

This was apparent when The Argus visited the cemetery. It is strewn with litter, tombstones are missing and broken and cattle graze between graves.

Mrs Angelina Sokhatsha of Guguletu is particularly distressed.

"I went to visit my sister's grave recently and found the large marble tombstone had been removed"

Her daughter, Mrs Lindiwe Mzo, said "My mother is so upset by this desecration that she has sleepless nights about it. We paid R4 700 for the stone and we're still paying it off"

Mr Dakuse said the community was angry at the disrespect shown to the dead.

"People come here and chop down the trees for firewood. Others dump their rubbish here. Vagrants sleep here at night. Youngsters sit on graves and smoke dagga. Squatters from across the way use the taps here. It is shocking"

He said the civic organisation demanded the council explain where the money for upgrading the cemetery was.

Mr Francois van Niekerk of the Ikapa Municipality said R1,5 million had been allocated and



MISSING: Mrs Angelina Sokhatsha stands at her sister's grave. The expensive marble tombstone and picture frames on the grave have been removed.

work to improve the graveyard would start in the next six months.

"Most of this money will be spent on importing sand from other areas. Our biggest problem in the graveyard is that the groundwater level is very high. The extra sand compensates for this."

Costs put M'Plain projects in doubt

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

PLANS for five new projects in Mitchell's Plain — including a swimming pool, libraries and community halls — are in the balance because operating costs may be too high.

However, city planner Mr Neville Riley said no decision on cutbacks would be taken until there had been discussions with the community.

Large projects due to go ahead this financial year are the Tafelsig Pool (R3,2 million) and the Strandfontein Library (R940 000).

Projects in the balance, however, are the Town Centre Library (R2,4 million), Lentegour Pool (R4 million), Strandfontein Community Hall (R1,05 million), Town Centre Civic Hall (R4 million) and Eastridge Library (R1,3 million).

They have already been provided for on the capital estimates' budget.

Mr Riley said there was a "social contract" dating from the founding of Mitchell's Plain, which said the council would provide the suburb with services, facilities and amenities.

To achieve this, selling prices and rentals of houses included small sums towards past and future costs of amenities and community facilities.

Eliminating plans for facilities would have to be considered carefully in the light of this, said Mr Riley.

Meanwhile, city treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg has recommended the creation of a R10 million Mitchell's Plain contingency reserve, using funds transferred from the home-ownership equalisation account.

He also recommended transferring R5 million to a new social development capital fund.

Mr Landsberg said a consultant's report on the Mitchell's Plain costing system — used to calculate house prices and rentals based on development needs — had found there was excess credit on a revenue account because money had been paid towards facilities which had not been built.

The consultant said the council should take advantage of this cash flow to service loans which could be raised to build the facilities.

But more work needed to be done to find out precisely what sums of money were involved, said Mr Landsberg.

Row over Strand local authority

SOUTH 6/2-10/2/93
By Quentin Wilson

HOPES of a representative local authority in the Strand have been dashed by a controversial deal struck between the white municipality and the coloured management committee.

The deal, an effective merger of the two bodies, has been angrily rejected by a host of community organisations who believe "the content of the agreement and the process of its formulation can only be described as shocking".

The Strand Community Forum (SCF), an umbrella body representing 20 organisations, say the new local authority will not only be "completely unaccountable" to the people of the Strand, but will also "ensure that no real change" in local government takes place.

Strand's new local authority was made possible by the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, passed by the tri-cameral parliament in 1991.

Throughout small towns in the Western Cape, municipalities have rushed to merge with management committees under this law. Since March last year, 23 Cape municipalities have completed deals that are now recognised as law — seven, in January.

According to Mr Henk Smit, of the Legal Resources Centre, this Act "has given a way out for government to rescue its puppets during the transition process".

"It has allowed discredited, illegitimate and corrupt structures like management committees to remain in power," says Smit.

The Strand municipality says the new authority will be a positive step forward because "a non-racial municipality has now been created whereby all members of the council enjoy full and equal status as councillors".

The statement says residents were consulted.

"The agreement was advertised in the press and a notice was also sent to every water and electricity consumer in the Strand," the statement says.

'non-racial' town council

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AN alliance of 20 political, church, and school organisations is to spearhead resistance to a new town council set up in The Strand.

In terms of an agreement signed by Administrator Kobus Mearing on January 22, the Strand Town Council merged with the management committee for the area to form a "non-racial" council.

The 12-member council is made up of eight white councillors and four of eight management committee members. The others were paid off.

The mayor, deputy mayor, town clerk and other officials from the former municipality kept their jobs.

The Strand Forum, with members including the Municipal Workers Union, African National Congress Youth League, schools and churches, said the arrangement entrenched white dominance. Appeals to Mr Mearing not to

endorse the new arrangement were disregarded, spokesmen for the forum said. No elections were held before the new council was set up.

A programme of meetings would be started in the town, to rally opposition.

"Our objective in the past has been to work for unity and development. By letting this go ahead, the Provincial Administration and municipality have created confrontation," the forum said.

"This new council came about without any consultation or participation of the community organisations in the area. It can never claim it speaks for, or represents, the entire community of The Strand."

The implications went beyond the political rumpus, they said.

There were fears in the community that the housing crisis would get worse, while the former management committee areas lacked tarred roads and proper pavements.

There was also unhappiness over plans for an upmarket housing development on the former Strand golf course, which would cut off access to the beach next to the mainly "coloured" housing area.

Once the beach became private, people from this area would have to take taxis to reach the main public beach, while everyone else had walking access.

"The people of The Strand would be satisfied only with a new local government that is democratically constituted and accountable to all residents of this area," the Forum said.

Mr Mearing said the Strand Town Council and management committee had asked for comment and objections after negotiating a draft agreement.

"Objections received were less than one percent of the total population."

"The Strand Forum refused at a meeting with local government MEC Mr P J Schoeman to disclose its membership

numbers. It seems to think if it objects, its views will carry the day," Mr Mearing said.

The forum could negotiate with the municipality for by-elections and could approach the new council at any time about housing or development matters.

Strand mayor Mr Dormehl Vosloo said notices of the intention to set up the new council had been sent to each of the 12 000 households in the town, and there had been only 380 objections.

"The Strand Forum's reply had been a petition rejecting the single local authority. 'No motivation or comment was given'."

The four management committee members who had resigned had done so voluntarily, though they were entitled to remain until the next general municipal election.

It was not clear how setting up a single council would affect the housing shortage.

Fee boycott pupils to be barred from exams

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JOHN VILJOEN, Education Reporter
BLACK matric pupils who heeded the call to boycott examination fees will be barred from writing their final papers, the Department of Education and Training has warned.

Only registered candidates who had paid the fee would be allowed into examination rooms, DET spokesman Mr Corrie Rademeyer said yesterday.

He was reacting to a campaign by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) urging matrics not to pay the fee of R72.

The exam fees were set by the Department of National Education and the DET had "no room to manoeuvre", Mr Rademeyer said.

At the Western Cape launch of its campaign, a Cosas spokesman claimed the exam fee was R105. Mr Rademeyer said this was incorrect "Cosas manufactures figures and then comments on them," he said.

A deadline for registering for final exams had not been set but would be sometime in May, he said.

The final date for registering for the May/June supplementary Senior Certificate examinations is February 12, DET Deputy Director General Dr Dirk Mearing said in a statement yesterday. This examination is primarily for private candidates.

However, candidates who wrote the November 1992 exams but did not qualify for the March 1993 supplementary exams because they scored less than 25 percent, are also eligible.

Candidates who qualified for the March 1993 supplementary examinations, but who preferred to sit for the May/June examinations, could also register for the May/June supplementary Senior Certificate examination.

Two-tier system ⁽²⁶³⁾ ARG 10/2/93 proposed by council

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CONSTITUTIONAL proposals by the Cape Town City Council include a two-tier system of metropolitan and local councils.

The draft proposals, yet to be debated by the council, provide for universal franchise for residents of the city who are South African and over 18.

But foreign nationals and absentee landlords would not be allowed to vote, and "fictitious" votes for companies would be abolished.

Councillors would be made more accountable by having to face "recall elections" if voters were dissatisfied. The proposals provide for referendums on major issues.

Boundaries for the metropolitan area would be set by a process of negotiation still to be finalised, probably taking into account factors such as the distribution and use of services such as water and electricity.

The possibility of using the present Western Cape Regional Services Council boundaries — which stretch to Paarl and the Helderberg — has been mooted, while rejecting RSCs as institutions.

The metropolitan council, half councillors from local councils and half representatives elected by proportional representation, would control development and "macro" aspects such as transport, communication and sewerage.

Finance would be raised and distributed mainly at metropolitan level, but local councils would be able to raise money for development projects in their areas.

Possible means for local councils to raise funds would be through rates on property or special fuel or road taxes.

It would be a key function of local government to ensure everyone had access to basic health care.

Local councils, probably covering areas such as Cape Town, Bellville and similar existing municipalities, would be divided into wards, while some councillors would be elected by proportional representation.

The proposals were revealed at a meeting in Mowbray last night when the Rondebosch Civic Association chairman read notes given to him by Dr John Sonnenberg, on behalf of acting mayor Mr Clive Keegan.

Mr Keegan is the chairman of the council investigation into the constitutional future, due to table its report soon.

At the meeting, Ms Helen Zille, a member of a task force which aims to facilitate debate on the future of the Cape metropolitan area, said communities had to be given access to planning.

The seven-member task force had formed working groups to discuss issues such as boundaries for the metropolitan area, finance and affirmative action — key points of disagreement among people with an interest in the future of the city.

Civic, political, and trade union groups throughout the metropolitan area would be interviewed in depth on their vision for the future, Ms Zille said.

SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) regional executive member Mr Newton Adams said a national negotiating forum on local government would discuss alternatives to rejected legislation such as the Interim Measures Act.

Councillor attacks unions

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Staff Reporter

THE city was being held to ransom by trade unions since none of the city's 16 000 "angel" employees had been fired, councillor Mr. Arthur Wienburg said last night.

He said employees in the cash office were fired after they were caught stealing but were reinstated after complaints from the union.

Out of a staff of 16 000 it was impossible to have only "angels". There had to be "dishonest and lazy" people among these because this was the nature of society, he said. He added that the council also had "magnificent" employees.

He unleashed an attack on Ward 10 councillor Ms Annemia van den Heever for not attending meetings and described her as "a phantom".

Ms Van den Heever said last night "In view of family and work commitments I have to set my priorities very carefully.

"The fact that he attends meetings I regard as of lesser importance and does not see me there does not mean my council schedule is not more than full."

One of the ratepayers at the meeting of the Rosebank, Mowbray and Observatory Civic Association was critical of councillor Mr Ian Iversen, saying he was attentive to the coloured people in the ward but neglected the needs of his other constituents.

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150-room luxury hotel by Clinic Holdings' Barney Hurwitz, and the second and third developments would entail a beachfront restaurant and shopping complex by a triad of developers consisting of Intersite, the council and consulting engineer John Zietsman. This mall-type development will include cinemas and offices connected to other developments by an elevated walkway over the railway line. **FM 12/2/93.**

The council has given the go-ahead for the sale of the land for the hotel project, but mall promoter Zietsman is still searching for an anchor tenant for the proposed shopping centre. In November, the council gave Zietsman a 12-month option to purchase an adjoining council-owned site for incorporation into the centre. The development is planned to extend over the airspace of the suburban railway line which goes through Muizenberg station. Negotiations are being conducted between Intersite, the council and Zietsman over the airspace rights.

Most of the land involved in the four proposals is being put up by the council while the private sector and the Rail Commuter Corp are collaborating on the development and provision of facilities.

The fourth site, the largest and most ambitious of the projects, is a R100m joint venture between an undisclosed developer and a major finance house. Proposed is a large retail and recreation complex on the site of the pavilion and promenade. Public reaction to the proposal is being gathered and firm plans are to be submitted soon.

Intersite spokesman André Engelbrecht says the Muizenberg development is one of several proposed along the coastal railway which links Muizenberg with Simon's Town.

Development interest has been kindled by about R24m worth of townhouse projects executed by a number of residential developers on the hillsides overlooking False Bay over the past 18 months.

These include the 29-unit Cap Michel and the 46-unit Lakeview. Together with Pepkor's R10m Victorian-styled shopping complex, opened in April on Muizenberg's main road, they have led to a general surge in property prices in the area.

There are also proposals to develop 5 000-6 000 upmarket houses at about R250 000 apiece on the other side of the centre, which developer Clive Burzelman hopes to start by the year's end.

The emphasis of the new commercial development will be to make the area an all-year-round hive of activity with a full range of modern amenities for the growing number of residents and visitors. It will also help restore Muizenberg's past status as an up-market holiday resort and residential area.

Council development co-ordinator Philip Theron says the identification of strategic land within the beachfront and commercial precinct of Muizenberg has been done over a number of years as part of its development strategy to uplift the area's socio-economic environment. This resulted in a proposal call last year by council. ■

MUIZENBERG **Recapturing the past**

A beachfront revival project, incorporating strategic council-owned land, is being planned for Muizenberg on the Peninsula's picturesque False Bay coast. A four-part, multimillion-rand collaboration between Rail Commuter Corp property subsidiary Intersite, developers and Cape Town City Council is in the final planning stage.

Last year the council received development proposals for four beachfront sites running from in front of the recently restored, historic railway station to beyond the beachfront promenade, including the sunken garden.

The proposals include plans for a R20m,

Cape to get more money

THE Cape's budget for the 1992/93 financial year is to be increased by R237,2 million to R4,2 billion, according to figures tabled in Parliament yesterday.

More than half the money — R2,1bn — is to be spent on health services.

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Altogether R4,3m more will be spent on improving the old main building at Grooteschuur Hospital and to buy ground for the Enkelselweni Children's Home, R16,9m more to buy medical equipment for Tygerberg Hospital and R51,1m more on roads. (263)

COUNCIL may sue ISM for library system

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is taking legal advice on suing computer giant Information Services Management (ISM) for selling it a library computer system that apparently "cannot cope".

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In the meantime, the council will have to pay the company another R1m to upgrade the four-year-old system is apparently not compatible with systems sold by other suppliers.

A spokesman from the council's legal department confirmed yesterday that legal opinion was being sought.

The Director of Information Services, Mr Terry O'Brien, has reported to the Council amenities and health committee that another million rands will have to be spent on the libraries' computer.

Even this million will just enable the computer to cope at full capacity, and with "barely acceptable response times".

Another upgrade, he said, should be considered next year.

Confusion

ISM sales consultant Mr Anthony Faraday explained that the council's tender document had stated that the computer must be able to deal with 12 000 transactions hourly.

"What was not understood at the time was that the Bookplus Library application (the software system the council got) went through, on average, three logical steps or transactions to achieve the council's required transaction.

"There was a misunderstanding in what the council perceived as a transaction and what ISM perceived as a transaction," he said.

Ikapa Council denies blaze was to burn graft papers

VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus

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the complex

THE Ikapa Town Council has denied that a recent blaze at its Langa housing office was staged to destroy crucial documents in an investigation into official corruption

Langa residents believe the fire, which caused R80 000 damage three weeks ago, was the work of council insiders who wanted to destroy evidence that allegedly implicated colleagues in housing corruption

Mr Amos Silinga, executive member of Langa residents' Committee of Ten, said his organisation had named several officials who wanted to be bribed by people seeking accommodation in a single-sex hostel in the area

He said his members refused to bribe officials and forcibly occupied the empty rooms at

Mr Silinga said the residents resorted to moving into the empty hostels because it was virtually impossible for them to get accommodation at the complex through proper channels

"In some cases, the officials promised to place the residents on a waiting list. But, within no time, they would give the room to another person, sometimes a relative from the homelands or someone who was prepared to bribe them

"We saw that this scheme really deprived the people born here in Cape Town. And, we decided to act to end this"

After the dispute broke out last year, the committee and senior officers of the council, including chief executive officer Mr J Olivier, tried to solve the problem

The committee submitted a

list of 11 houses which allegedly had been given to certain people without proper channels being followed

The allegedly unscrupulous council officials co-operated with the representatives of the hostel dwellers in running the bribery schemes

Rent cards were forged and, in some cases, false names were used, claimed the Committee of Ten

Mr Silinga said it now would be difficult to unmask the evidence to catch the culprits because important documents probably had been destroyed in the blaze

However, town secretary Mr Deon Adriaanse said the records of the investigation were in safe keeping as they had been removed from the office two weeks before the fire

He said a police investigation was under way

AUCTION SALE

Cape federalists get started

THE fledgling federalist organisation, the Free Cape Movement (FCM), plans to hold its first public meeting on March 3 at the Claremont Civic Centre (263) CT 15/2/93

FCM spokesman, Claremont businessman Mr Chris Hill, said the organisation, which he described as an action group and not a political party, sought home rule for the West-

ern Cape in a new South Africa and denied any secession motives

He said the FCM wanted total self-government and wanted to urge Western Cape political leaders "to look to their constituents as the centre is falling apart"

Mr Hill claims the organisation already has the support of more than 2 000 people

Mr L FUCHS Mr Speaker, further arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, does this mean he will do nothing to discourage members of the judiciary from joining secret organisations?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am definitely not going to launch a witch-hunt in view of the statement of my policy which I have just made

Mr E W TRENT He did not ask for a witch-hunt!

Mr L FUCHS Will you discourage it?

The MINISTER Will I discourage it? What must I discourage? [Interjections]

Mr L FUCHS Will you discourage jurists from membership of or participation in such organisations?

The MINISTER I am not going to intervene in the private lives of members of the judiciary, because the moment I do that, I may perhaps be invited to tell them not to play polo because it is bad for the physique, or not to participate in tennis, because it gives them tennis elbow, or something of that nature. I am therefore not going to intervene in their private lives. We are talking about people who are mature and who were elected because they can adjudicate the facts. I leave it at that.

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO Mr Speaker, further arising out of the last reply of the hon the Minister, should we now deduce that he is in opposition to the declared viewpoint of the Johannesburg Bar, for example, that membership of the Afrikaner Broederbond, for example, interferes with the image of the objectivity of judges?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I am not in opposition to any person who differs from me. Personally, I hold the opinion that I do not interfere in private lives, and while those persons are convinced that they are serving the judiciary in an objective manner and that they are not harming South Africa's cause and especially are not prejudicing the judiciary and the bench, I am satisfied with that. We appoint people for their good judgement, and up to now I have not had any reason to think that South African judges cannot apply good judgement.

New questions

Ibhayi/Kwanobuhle: alleged irregularities

*1 Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any investigations into alleged irregularities in the local authorities of Ibhayi and Kwanobuhle are in progress at present, if not, why not, if so, (a) what stage has each investigation reached, (b) when did these investigations commence and (c) what was the cost involved in each investigation as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? BSE

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) Yes

Ibhayi's investigation

New Brighton CR279/3/88—Corruption and fraud against the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and a report from the auditors is awaited

(b) March 1988

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR28/8/90—Fraud against a council member

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case has been withdrawn because the person will be used as a state witness

(b) August 1990

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR29/8/90—Fraud against a council member

(a) The investigation has been completed and will soon be heard in court

(b) August 1990

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR31/8/90—Fraud against a council member

(a) The investigation has been completed and the decision of the Senior Public Prosecutor is awaited

(b) August 1990

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR30/8/90—Fraud against an official of the Town Council

(a) Owing to a lack of sufficient evidence the case has been withdrawn by the Senior Public Prosecutor

(b) August 1990

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR38/8/90—Corruption against officials of the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting of chargesheets and the determination of a trial date

(b) August 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR326/1/91—Fraud against a council member

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case docket has been forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting of a chargesheet and the determination of a trial date

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouché" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

Hansen

New Brighton CR3271/91—Fraud against an official of the Town Council

(a) The hearing started and the case was postponed until 11 May 1993

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR3281/91—Fraud against the Mayor

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case docket has been forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting of chargesheets and the determination of a trial date

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR3292/92—Theft of official of the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case was withdrawn because the accused will be used as a state witness

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm

Hansen

"Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR4165/91—Extortion and corruption Mayor, a council member and three officials of the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case docket has been forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting of chargesheets and the determination of a trial date

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR2821/92—Extortion official of the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case docket has been forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting of chargesheets and the determination of a trial date

(b) January 1992

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR3242/92—Fraud against an official of the Town Council

(a) The investigation has been completed and the case docket has been forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for the drafting

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of chargesheets and the determination of a trial date

(b) February 1992

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

New Brighton CR4382/92—Fraud against the mayor and a councillor

(a) The hearing started and has been postponed until 4 April 1993

(b) February 1992

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

Louis le Grange Square CR4911/91—Fraud against an official of the Town Council

(a) The hearing started and was postponed until 24 February 1993

(b) January 1991

(c) The cost arising from the Ibhayi investigation includes the normal running costs for transport, personnel and office maintenance. At this stage it is impossible to give the ex-departmental expenses owing to the fact that the audit firm "Deloitte and Fouche" has not yet rendered their account for their investigation

Kwanobuhle's investigation

Uitenhage CR4022/89—Fraud

(a) Certain aspects of the investigation has been completed and the

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case was discussed with the Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape on 5 February 1993 and a special investigation team was appointed to investigate the case

(b) February 1989

(c) Up to date R28 480,00 was paid from State Funds and in addition to the later expenses the normal running costs by the investigating officer and the maintenance of one vehicle used by him must be added

Uitenhage CR2538/92—Corruption against officials of the Town Council and private persons

(a) To date the allegations of the complainant could not be confirmed and the investigation continues

(b) August 1992

(c) Normal running costs are represented by one investigating officer and a vehicle

Uitenhage CR701/93—Theft Councilors of the Town Council

(a) An audit investigation of the council's records must still be made to determine the nature and extent of the irregularities

(b) January 1993

(c) Normal running costs are represented by one investigating officer and a vehicle

(2) No

Land Bank loan: application by certain person

*2 Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Finance †

(1) Whether he will furnish information on whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, recently applied for a Land Bank loan, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether the loan has been granted,

Administrator's bash sponsored

Staff Reporter

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THE traditional triennial garden party tomorrow at Leeuwenhof, thrown by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, has been partly sponsored because of "a shortage of funds."

Spokesman Mr Krige Visser said this year's bash was "made possible by generous donations of the private sector." He refused to reveal the costs borne by the administration

Mr Visser said the CPA was only paying for the "cooling facilities, tables and glasses" and the private sector was giving the expensive items — food and wine

Six wine companies and one giant liquor concern were among 23 donors.

The 1 500 guests at the "scaled down" party will be deprived of the usual sit-down meal, which has been replaced by a cocktail party in the year of the estate's 300th anniversary

Asked who was on the guest list, Mr Visser said it was "too long to fax" but that the ANC had not been invited

President F W de Klerk, cabinet ministers, parliamentarians, President's Council members, diplomats, magistrates and community, business, church and educational leaders were among those invited

At the 1990 party pensioners at the gates protested delays in disability and maintenance grants

Council to press for non-racial election

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THE City Council is to ask the Administrator of the Cape whether there is any legal way in which a municipal by-election, to be held in Cape Town's Ward 12, can be run on a non-racial basis

Ward 12 comprises Bergvliet, Meadowridge, Kreupelbosch, part of Diep River, Retreat, Heathfield, Kirstenhof, part of Tokai and Steenberg

The by-election date has not yet been set although councillor Mrs Bronnie Harding has announced her intention to step down from the end of this month.

City administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr said yesterday it seemed there was no constitutional way in which a non-racial election could be held but the administrator would be approached to see if this could be done

Councillor says independence will be too costly

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By CLAUDIA CAVANAGH

MUIZENBERG residents who want to be independent from Cape Town City Council were shocked last week when Ward 17 Councillor Mr Abe Katz said that if they formed their own municipality their rates would have to increase by more than 85%

Speaking at a meeting on future local government options, addressed also by Dr Donald Craythorne, Councillor Katz said the 85,3% rates increase would not include office accommodation, a council chamber, committee rooms, a may-

oral car and the beachfront development.

He said "There has been much grumbling and discontent with the council, with people talking about a breakaway municipality, so I appealed to the Treasury for figures which included the areas from Lakeside to Clovelly, including Marina da Gama

"The startling facts revealed that the area just does not have a strong enough financial base to exist on its own"

The proposed new municipality would not be in a position to buy water and electricity in

bulk and any idea that extra income could be accrued from the sale of these was without substance, he said

'Least increase'

All in all, an additional rates income of R6 753 437 would be required to maintain the breakaway municipality

He said the quoted rates increase was the least that could be expected

"Many services — such as traffic and ambulances — are dealt with on a corporate basis. If it were possible to charge for them separately, the proposed increase would be more than 100%," he said

Council move to flush smokers

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council looks set to relegate its civic centre smokers to the toilets.

At Monday's monthly council meeting, a proposed agreement on a policy to further control cigarette smoking will be placed before the councillors.

Mr Barry Joffe, the assistant director of personnel, said yesterday that at least some of the "designated areas" for smokers

will be in the toilets, because the air conditioners there take the air outside rather than back into the building.

Mr Joffe said that representatives of both Saame and Samwu, the council's two major unions, had had an extensive say in putting together the new policy.

Representative working groups of both smokers and non-smokers had been convened in order to give interested parties an effective say.

Even if the council, as the employer, agrees to the policy on Monday, it will only be implemented four months later.

From then on, smokers in the building will be expected to smoke only during breaks, and in "designated areas".

Nonetheless, it will still not be a disciplinary offence to ignore this directive. There will first be a six-month phasing-in period, to enable people to adapt themselves, before the policy "gets its teeth".

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THE tiny Karoo town of Willowmore, which was about to make history by staging the country's first non-racial municipal elections, will no longer be polling its residents on March 10

The reason? When nominations were called for, only 11 candidates' names were put forward for the new council's 12 seats — and the need for an election thus fell away

White municipal officials in the town believe this shows that the nominees — almost all of them former members of the white town council, the coloured management committee and a liaison committee appointed to represent black residents — enjoy the wholehearted support of Willowmore's 7 000 inhabitants, of whom 800 are white, 800 black and 5 400 coloured.

For Fritz Marx, assistant director of constitutional affairs in the Cape Provincial Administration, the fact that none of the seats has been contested confirms the apathy towards local government: "That's the history of local government in the Cape. People just aren't interested. It's appalling."

For the African National Congress in the western Cape, it confirms the opinion that most of Willowmore's residents are deeply suspicious about a new system being imposed on them from above, without sufficient consultation — and that far from being apathetic, they're avoiding involvement like the plague.

Said a spokesman. "Democracy isn't about giving people local government and then saying, be interested. It's a process of empowerment. People are highly suspicious of the government's motives — and they don't want to be contaminated"

The ANC has yet to launch a branch in the town which exists largely to serve the local

One person, one vote — but no candidates

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South Africa's first non-racial election has been cancelled. Was it due to a lack of interest, or because the sitting councillors are all ideal? **GAYE DAVIS** reports from Willowmore in the Karoo

ings in Willowmore of the negotiations forum set up in terms of the Interim Measures Act, the controversial legal instrument enabling the government to change the face of local government ahead of any nationally negotiated framework.

De Vos dendes those who made up the negotiations forum as "so-called leaders who weren't representative" Apart from the white council, the management committee and the black liaison committee, organisations represented included the Rapportryers, Lions International and the Child and Family Welfare Society Perhaps tellingly, none of the black school principals who took part in the forum are among those nominated as councillors

Willowmore has been split into six wards, each with two councillors

Wards 1, 2 and 3 encompass Hill View and Down township, while wards 4, 5, and 6 take in what town treasurer Kobus Kritzinger calls "the old white town" because "many people of other race groups now also live there".

But the new council will still have six white councillors to guard the interests of 800 white inhabitants. De Vos cites this as an example of the *boereverneukery* he believes taints the whole process While it doesn't mean a white veto as such, neither does it allay his fears that white councillors — better-educated and more experienced — will be able to swing things their way.

So far, 25 cities and towns in the Cape have proclaimed single municipalities in terms of the Interim Measures Act — more by far than in any other province, where similar moves have met vociferous opposition from black communities, often led by strong civic associations None of the Cape's new single local authorities, however, is a significant metropolitan area, with multiple local authorities

"All they've really done is invite coloured management committees into the white council chamber," says Basil Davidson of the Cape-based Development Action Group

Should any of the Willowmore council's seats have been contested and an election held, people's right to vote would have depended — in terms of the Interim Measures Act — on their owning or renting property De Vos maintains this is unfair black and coloured homes are more crowded than those of whites, and white people, being wealthier, often own more than one property — further weighting the vote

Kritzinger says it is the civic's own fault if it is unhappy "They fought for an open municipality in the first place They could have nominated someone"

Whatever happens, he says, on March 10 the new councillors will have been elected "and there's nothing anyone can do about it"

farming community. There is, however, an active civic association

Chairman Joey de Vos claims it has 65 per cent support among those living in the coloured township of Hill View and the black township, Down. Town clerk "Tallie" Taljaard concedes the civic has support, but insists it's not much Short of a vote, it's difficult to assess.

But next Thursday the civic will be staging a march through Willowmore's streets to hand over to the mayor a petition protesting against the new non-racial council to be sworn in on March 10. "Our protest is to publicise the fact that Willowmore's people don't recognise the single municipality and don't accept it," said De Vos. "There cannot be a single municipality until a new dispensation (for local government) is negotiated at national level."

It was this stance which kept empty the chair reserved for a civic representative during meet-

Cathcart opts for joint control

By ERIC NAKI: East London

CATHCART in the Eastern Cape may have a single multiracial municipality by the end of this year — if community leaders and the town's two councils can agree.

Cathcart mayor Arthur Brandt said his council favoured a single administration system for the town as it believed the alternative, a joint administration with the Katikati Town Council, would be more expensive.

Brandt has proposed that the existing separate councils for black and white communities and the local civic body unite to form one municipality.

In letters to the Cape Provincial Administration, the Katikati Town Council

(KTC) and the Cathcart Residents Association (Cara), Brandt said his council had opted for a single administration.

He said the decision was made with two provisos. All parties would have to agree on the functioning of the single council with regard to finance and voting. Once agreement was reached, the Cathcart and Katikati councils would have to resign simultaneously to clear the way for an election, he said.

The new council needed "authority to oversee the whole of Cathcart", Brandt said.

Cara chairman Kenneth Sigidi said the association welcomed the idea of a single municipality. — Elnews

Cash office furore to erupt again

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By CHIARA CARTER

THE furore over unbanked cheques in the Cape Town city council's cash office is about to erupt again at the council's monthly meeting tomorrow when a review and rescind motion is debated by councillors

The motion has been brought by councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, who has dismissed a top-level investigation into the issue as "fatally flawed"

The council's executive committee (Exco) has accepted one of three reports on the issue — the Hugo report — and has suggested the matter be closed

But this week the ongoing saga took a dramatic new turn when it was revealed that an assurance to councillors by a member of Exco that key officials who were unhappy with the Hugo findings had met the city treasurer and had had their fears allayed, was incorrect

It was revealed last year that boxes of cheques worth tens of thousands of rand were left unbanked every month, losing the council interest it would have earned had the money been banked earlier

The three investigations were a value-for-money survey by management consultants Aiken and Peat, an Ombudsman's report and the council-appointed Hugo Inquiry

The Hugo Inquiry reported its findings in November last year. It rejected the earlier findings of ombudsman Mr H G Heugh — who criticised communications, morale and efficiency in the cash office — and said the

amount of money lost had been exaggerated and that there was no proof of substantial irregularities

Shortly before the city council voted last month on the Hugo report, Exco member Mr Neil Ross — one of the last speakers in the heated debate — gave an assurance that officials in the cash office who were unhappy with the report had met the city treasurer and were satisfied with the findings

This week several council sources said this assurance had "almost certainly swayed the vote" away from outright rejection of the Hugo report. Instead the council noted the report but recommended no further action

This week the chairman of Exco, Mr Louis Kreiner, said Exco had been incorrectly informed by the city treasurer that he had interviewed all the officials concerned

Mr Wienburg said it was "quite unbelievable" that the commission had not interviewed people working "at the coal face" in the cash office, and who could provide hands-on information about the backlogs

Mr Kreiner said that although cash office employees had not been interviewed by the Hugo Inquiry, Exco members had met with them earlier this week and would be reporting back to council

Both Mr Kreiner and the City Treasurers' department support the Hugo Inquiry's claim that it is impossible to obtain accurate statistics on the

number of cheques received and not banked

This is disputed by Mr Wienburg who says statistics can be obtained through standard council processing methods

Mr Wienburg also claims the amount of money lost in interest is substantially higher than the R25 000 a year internal audit figures mentioned in the Hugo report

Mr Wienburg says that between December 23, 1990 and January 13, 1991 the council lost at least R60 000.

A previous calculation by external auditors said the possible loss for the year could be R286 446 — a figure which was later retracted

A similar investigation by the council's internal auditors in 1986, when problems were first experienced in the cash office, placed annual losses at R883 000. This was later rejected by the Treasurer's Department which estimated the loss at about R60 000.

The City Treasurer, Mr Eddie Landsberg, was not available for comment but a senior member of his department said they were satisfied with the estimate of R25 000 which was drawn up by "qualified chartered accountants"

Mr Wienburg has also expressed unhappiness that Exco changed the commission's terms of reference "under pressure from unions" — which Mr Kreiner has denied

Mr Wienburg said a proper and complete investigation was needed as "anything less would seem to the ratepayers of Cape Town to be a cover-up"

Council 'may be abolished soon'

Municipal Reporter

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THE Cape Town City Council could be abolished by June this year, Mr Neil Ross said yesterday

executive committees in the various regions. At this stage, these bodies would be nominated.

He was reporting on his meeting with Mr Tertius Delpont, the new Minister of Local Government

A national negotiating forum for a new local government dispensation is expected to be in place within days

The management committee system was also being phased out, he said

● A delegation is to see the Administrator today to ask him to amend Cape Town's municipal ordinance to allow a non-racial by-election

Instead there would be transitional

Book closed ²⁶³
on late cheques
Ct 23/2/93

MR Arthur Wienburg was able to make two more speeches on the saga of the council depositing its cheques late yesterday, before most councillors voted to close the book on it.

Estimates still vary as to how much the council lost in interest.

City to ask Meiring to allow non-race election

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

A CITY council delegation will ask Administrator Kobus Meiring today to allow a non-racial by-election in ward 12, the Bergvliet-Retreat area

The vacancy has been caused by the resignation of Mrs Bronnie Harding

The decision to ask for the non-racial poll provoked accusations of tokenism in yesterday's council debate on the topic

Dr John Sonnenberg said the council would not use the Interim Measures for Local Government Act, nor the Provincial and Local Authorities Affairs Amendment Act

There would be practical difficulties in amending the ordinance, because this would have to be done by parliament, which had more pressing matters to attend to

"This is tokenism. From a practical point of view, what will we achieve?" Dr Sonnenberg said

Mr Neil Ross said no one should underestimate how divisive a by-election would be

Mr Norman Osburn said the suggestion of a non-racial by-election was "quite unsound"

Exco chairman Louis Kremer said the law would not allow the postponement of the by-election.

Holding it according to the existing voters roll would be unacceptable, he said

City administrator Gys Hofmeyr said in a report an alternative to a non-racial by-election would be to ask the Administrator to halt all by-elections until the next general election

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'Shoebox banking': Council closes issue

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE council has closed the book on the cash office "shoebox" affair.

Councillors rejected a motion by Mr Arthur Wienburg to rescind last month's decision to note a report finding no one was to blame for the situation in which income was lost because accounts payment cheques were left in shoeboxes instead of being banked.

Mr Wienburg said ratepayers would see a decision to close the matter as an attempt to sweep it under the carpet.

Calling for a fresh investigation, he said the council should be seen to be pursuing clean administration and open government.

"You cannot see mismanagement on the proportions of the cash office and say no one was to blame," said Mr Wienburg.

Mr Neil Ross said no one was saying what had happened in the cash office was right "In

fact, it was a travesty"

But staff interviewed since the commissioners's report was tabled had said there had been an improvement in the cash office.

Mr Ross retracted a statement, at last month's council meeting that two staff members who had informed Mr Wienburg about the cash office had been interviewed by city treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg and had said they had nothing to add to the investigation.

Because of a misunderstanding, Mr Ross believed Mr Landsberg had seen two informants when he had seen only one. Mr Ross apologised for giving councillors incorrect information.

Exco member Mr Kenny Penkin said he was not happy with the commissioners' findings.

A substantial loss of interest income had been proved but exco had not established responsibility, said Mr Penkin.

— ± 34% of the cases had never previously been found guilty of an offence

These particulars have only been obtained from available data and are not the result of empirical research

The Department has ~~not~~ established contact with the Criminology Institute of the University of South Africa with a view to co-operation in respect of empirical research into the phenomenon of recidivism

As the Department's computerization programme progresses and data which is presently still only available at certain prisons countrywide is centralized, more exact facts will be more readily available

Train violence: deaths

*24 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many deaths resulted from violence on trains and stations on the Witwatersrand in 1992? B181E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

216 deaths

Home Affairs: criminal actions against officials

*25 Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether, with reference to a statement made by the Director-General of his Department on or about 22 September 1992, investigations have been completed in respect of and/or steps have been taken against (a) two officials against whom departmental disciplinary action and possible criminal proceedings were being considered, and (b) three officials against whom allegations of misconduct in terms of the Public Service Act, 1984 (Act No 111 of 1984), were being investigated, and possible criminal action in terms of the Aliens Control Act, 1991 (Act No 96 of 1991), was being considered, as at the above-mentioned date, if so, (i) when were these investigations completed and (ii) what steps have been taken to date? B185E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) and (b)

(i) The last of the investigations was completed in January 1993

(b) (i) (aa) Yes

(bb) No

(ii) No

The conventions were signed on 29 January 1993. Their ratification will be considered at a later date. Reservations can only be registered at the time of ratification.

(2) (a) — the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 1979,

— the UN Convention on the Nationality of Married Women of 1957,

— the UN Convention on the Political Rights of Women of 1952, In addition, South Africa acceded to

— the UN Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages of 1962,

(b) None

Parsons Commission: further reports

*27 Mr D S PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

Whether the Commission of Inquiry into the 1986 Unrest and Alleged Maladministration in KwaNdebele (Parsons Commission) has submitted any further reports to the State President in addition to those already published, if not, why not, if so, when (a) were these reports so submitted and (b) will they be released for publication? B188E

The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

The Commission of Inquiry into the 1986 Unrest and Alleged Mismanagement in KwaNdebele (Parsons Commission) submitted a third report to the State President on (a) 18 September 1992 and (b) the said report will be made public as soon as the Government and the Government of KwaNdebele have jointly decided on a date for the release of the report as in the case of the previous reports

Southern Cape RSC, Site KD No 185

*28 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Local Government

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 321 on 19 June 1992, the Southern Cape Regional Services Council has instructed its attorneys to restore the title deed conditions of Portion 2 of Site KD No 185, if not, why not, if so, on what date were they so instructed,

(2) whether the matter has been disposed of, if not, when is it anticipated that it will be disposed of,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B191E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) During December 1992 the Southern Cape Regional Services Council instructed its attorneys to arrange for the registration of the reinstatement of the deleted conditions of title in accordance with the relevant order of the Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division of the Supreme Court in Case No 13359/85

(2) The rectifying registration was done by endorsement by the Registrar of Deeds on 29 January 1993 thus disposing of the matter (Registrar of Deeds microfilm reference No 93-0107-5061)

(3) No

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Disaster drought and scheme

*1 Mr D S PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Agricultural Development

Whether any special disaster drought aid scheme is applicable to self-supporting economic farming enterprises adjacent to agricultural schools, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

Non-racial roll plan

A NON-RACIAL voters roll is likely to be compiled for Cape Town's Ward 12 in the next four months while an impending by-election is postponed in favour of a non-racial poll after possible changes to the Municipal Ordinance. CT 24/2/93

A statement by exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner and Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring yesterday said a by-election caused by Mrs Bronnie Harding's resignation will be postponed. The Municipal Ordinance does not allow for non-racial by-elections. If amended, Ward 12 is likely to be expanded to Steenberg and Retreat

A challenge for town clerk-elect

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The town clerk of Maritzburg, Mr Keith Nicol, leaves here soon to take over as town clerk of Cape Town — a move which he looks forward to as “a great opportunity and challenge”.

He takes over from Mr Donald Geyer, who is to retire on March 5.

Mr Nicol, 44, who took over as town clerk here in 1988, said he would be sorry to leave Natal, but Cape Town was a city where there was a lot of opportunity.

“I am certainly not going there with the idea of knowing everything and one of my first tasks will be to familiarise myself with the situation there.

“What I have seen of the Cape

Town Council I believe it is one that I can work with very happily and look forward to going there.”

Mr Nicol said he had enjoyed his five years as town clerk here and the city had made progress in a number of areas.

Mr Nicol, who is president-elect of the Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa, described the job of town clerk as

a multi-faceted one, with leadership and management abilities being the primary qualities required for the position.

Durban-born Mr Nicol was educated in Dundee and Durban, where he matriculated at Queensburgh High School in 1966. He obtained a BA degree at the University of Natal, Durban, and a B Proc and L LB degrees through Unisa



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Mr Keith Nicol

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Govt to probe city office for bribery

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By GUY OLIVER and ARI JACOBSON

THE government is to investigate allegations of bribery in the city's Registrar of Deeds offices after the Nel Commission of Inquiry into Masterbond yesterday heard that R25 000 was paid to top officials for "sub-contracting".

Directorate of Efficiency, Regional and Land Affairs head Mr Oppie Opperman said a productivity probe at the offices was already in progress — and that this would be expanded to include "allegations of bribery" in the department.

Mr Opperman said it was illegal to pay public officials for "a better job of work". He said officials received salaries from the state and any other income had to be declared or paid over to revenue.

This emerged yesterday after the commission heard how registrar officials went on hunting trips organised by Masterbond lawyer Mr Robin Hazell, a partner in the firm Hazell and Rabie.

And Mr Hazell admitted that "Christmas gifts" were bestowed on officials in the Deeds Office to speed up the registration of bonds.

Giving evidence, Mr Hazell told the com-

'R25 000 to top officials'
— evidence

mission that examiners at the Deeds Office were given incentives "for taking work home", for giving expert opinions and in the case of the registrar for providing certain rulings on bond registrations.

Mr Hazell referred to this practice "as sub-contracting at the Deeds Office".

Mr Hazell said that in May and August 1991 the then-Registrar of Deeds, Mr Piet Cronje, and the current Acting Registrar, Mr Mathys Bester, accompanied him on two separate hunting trips.

Mr Pieter Botha, leading evidence for the commission, then produced evidence of R25 000 received by current and retired

officials at the Deeds Office, over three years from August 1989.

Mr Hazell admitted since Mr Cronje had been replaced in early 1992, the practice of expedient bond registrations had become more difficult.

Among the payments made by Hazell and Rabie to Mr Cronje were amounts of R500, R300 and R50. The larger amounts, paid on December 21, 1989, and January 16, 1991, were described by Mr Hazell as "Christmas gifts".

He said "It was entirely my decision".

● Mr Bester said regulation 45 (3) of the Deeds Offices Act allowed officials to expedite deals at their own discretion.

However, he said discretion "wouldn't include bribery".

He said he had not accepted any cash payments and was not being investigated.

Mr Bester consistently refused to answer whether it was legal to accept cash payments to expedite deals, punctuating it with claims that he was not allowed to talk to the press, and hung up the phone.

Ms Ingrid Hoffman of the Cape Law society said they had been investigating Hazell and Rabie and they would pursue allegations of bribery in other law firms.

Committee to review study loans after query

Municipal Reporter

THE executive committee is to review council policy on study loans after Mr. Arthur Wienburg pointed out these were paid in advance and students need not pass exams.

Exco also agreed to review the system of overtime pay for work on Sundays and "excess" hours worked on Sundays.

Mr. Jack Frost said staff were paid double-time for Sunday, but a proposed new policy would mean if they worked shifts exceeding their normal shifts, they would be paid double that.

"In other words, they will be paid double-pay of their double-pay."

Exco agreed to re-examine the proposed policy.

● The city council is to en-

sure its lease of the station deck, where a minibus taxi rank is to be built, will be for at least 15 years.

This flows from an amendment proposed by Mr. Wienburg.

● Public toilets in Mowbray have been closed to the public to prevent vagrants using them.

Mr. Ian Iversen described this as a ridiculous bureaucratic decision as respectable citizens had nowhere to go while vagrants simply urinated on the pavement.

He also opposed a proposal to spend R300 000 of a Western Cape Regional Services Council grant for sports changerooms in Queens Park Avenue, Mowbray, when there were existing changerooms at a swimming pool across the road.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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A DEMARCATION board should be appointed to review municipal boundaries throughout the Western Cape, the Regional Services Council, has recommended

This follows a request by the Gordon's Bay Town Council to incorporate about 1 550 hectares, including 159 properties.

The town council said this was in line with the brief to the Malan Committee of Inquiry to investigate the inclusion of rural areas in municipalities.

But RSC chief executive Chris Mocke said the Malan Committee had not yet submitted its final report.

● The RSC reaffirmed its opposition to an application to amend the guide plan for the Cape metropolitan area to allow a township development on sand-dunes next to the Silvermine River in Fish Hoek.

The plan to build townhouses in Fish Hoek extension 7 provoked a storm when the town council approved it last year.

The application to amend the guide plan was turned down last year by the WCRSC, but the Department of Regional and Land Affairs asked it to reconsider.

● A R1,2 million minor roads and stormwater drains construction project for Grassy Park, has been approved.

Lotus River, Grassy Park and Ottery Residents Association began a rates and rent boycott in protest against lack of spending on roads and drains, and against a steep rates increase.

● AN amendment of the Cape Metropole guide plan to allow 130 hectares of Philippineland now used as smallholdings to be used for industry, has been approved, in spite of objections by the Cape Rural Council.

Industrial development would be allowed along Lansdowne Road, which planners hoped would form a "hard" boundary against creeping industrialisation.

"Most of the land affected is not being used for horticulture because of the steady infiltration of urban activities, which are difficult to contain because of the lack of a hard edge," it was reported.

Wave of support for Free Cape movement

FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

FLOODS of telephone calls, letters and other inquiries from enthusiastic supporters have engulfed the Free Cape Movement over its vision of a self-governing Western Cape region within a democratic South Africa.

The overwhelming response came after a report in Weekend Argus last Saturday disclosing the movement's plans to go ahead with a strident campaign for federalism.

Movement leader Mr Christopher Hill said "The response has been dramatic and very positive. More than 200 people from all over the Cape have telephoned Housewives, businessmen, church leaders and others — many want to know how they can join the movement."

In addition, completed application forms for membership are pouring into the movement's newly-opened office in Claremont, while teams of voluntary workers are distributing pamphlets in the Peninsula and Boland areas.

First indications are that the movement — with its call for an autonomous Western Cape free from interference by a Pretoria-based central government — has struck a powerful groundswell of public opinion favouring a federal system of government.

Mr Hill, 47, a Scottish-born businessman, said he has never been a member of a political party and is "not even slightly" interested in running for public office. Perhaps nobody is more surprised than he about the response to the concept of federalism and a "free" Western Cape.

He describes himself as a keen democrat and has represented South Africa for the last four years as a delegate to the World League for Freedom and Democracy in Brussels, Costa Rica, Taipei and in Budapest last year.

"I personally detest any and all forms of government that deny the strengths and courage of the individual and replace these qualities with state control," Mr Hill said.

"The labels of totalitarian systems, such as communism and fascism, reflect the same inner package — a small elite using might and fear of the state to control, misguide and exploit the many. In our country the Auditor-General's report and that of the serious economic offences' office bear ample witness to the corruption and incompetence which is rife at all levels of government."

On the issue of a federal alliance, Mr Hill said "We understand and have great sympathy for the other regions of South Africa and urge them to demand their own autonomy. We have proposed a federal alliance and held meetings last week with other regional groups."

He foresees an ultimate two-way line-up in South African politics: Federal democracy versus continued totalitarian domination in a new South Africa.

On the question of a "free Cape", Mr Hill said that — with a gross domestic product of R48 billion and a population of just over 4 million — the region can prosper.

"Once freed of state meddling in business, a free Cape government could address the real problems facing us —



Picture ROY WIGLEY, ...

□ **PAPER FLOOD:** Ms Liesel Seconds and Mr Christopher Hill with the thousands of letters of support received by the Free Cape Movement which is campaigning for federalism.

firstly the squatter problem"

The business community would be able to buy and sell their goods at the best prices available. Cape Town could be a free port — "the Hong Kong of South Africa."

A Cape Minister of Tourism could be responsible for increasing the quality and the flow of tourism. "Cape Town is a natural gateway to Africa, Europe, the Americas, the Far East and Australia." Investors would be drawn to a "free Cape."

While enthusing about the glowing prospects of a self-governing Western Cape, Mr Hill took a side swipe at Administrator of the Cape Mr Ko-

bus Meiring for suggesting this week people should "not be overhasty" with pronouncements about a regional government for this region.

Mr Meiring was telling people in the Western Cape to be "patient like good children", Mr Hill said. "You inform us that even the ANC and the government have not decided what regional powers (if any) you will bestow on us from your Olympic perch."

Mr Hill suggested that Mr Meiring's about-turn on this might have stemmed from "a party boss's rap on the knuckles" for having pleaded in December last year, in an address at the Cape Technikon, for an

autonomous self-government for the Western Cape." "For the ANC and the government to debate regionalism is absurd," Mr Hill continued. "The government has only a history of absolute state control — and the ANC/SACP, with deep roots in Marxism, are kindred spirits. It is ludicrous for two totalitarian groups to be given any decision-making power on regional government. The issue must be decided by the people in a region."

■ The first public meeting of the Free Cape Movement is scheduled for the Claremont Civic Centre on Wednesday, March 3, starting at 7:30 pm.

Water, rates on one account

Municipal Reporter

CITY households will receive a combined monthly water, electricity and rates bill from July next year.

The city council has started installing a R1-million computer to enable it to send out combined accounts

However, the whole project would eventually cost R6m if the 200 terminals attached to the computer, software and temporary staff costs are taken into account.

But city treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg yesterday said the new computer system would enable the council to save on administration and postage and recover the cost within three years.

Also, a smaller staff would eventually be needed.

The council at present sends out 248 000 electricity bills and 83 000 rates bills monthly.

Altogether 167 000 water accounts are posted quarterly and 54 000 rates bills sent out annually

Information services director Mr Terry O'Brien yesterday said those who still wished to pay their bills separately would probably be accommodated by being allowed to pay in instalments during the month. However, they would still receive single accounts.

Although housing branch accounts and electricity pre-payment meters would be on separate computer systems, these "satellite" systems would feed information to the new computer.

Also, Mr Landsberg said engineers are considering the introduction of a pre-payment meter system for water, similar to that for electricity.

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Computer will 'pay for itself'

Municipal Reporter

WORK on a combined billing system for rates, water and electricity is under way — and the computer equipment which will make it possible is little bigger than two suitcases.

The midrange processor, as it is called, has cost just under R1 million and with staff and other costs is part of a R6 million project.

City treasurer Mr Eddie

Landsberg said combined billing would be implemented in the middle of next year.

Savings from sending out one bill to each consumer meant the system would "pay for itself" within three years.

Cape Town is the largest municipality to buy the computer programme and equipment which is modelled on that used in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

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'Ikapa irregularities': CPA appoints probe

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has appointed an independent committee of inquiry to look into allegations of irregularities in tenders at the Ikapa Town Council in Guguletu.

Deputy director-general of community services of the CPA Mr C du Preez said the allegations were made in a recent informal report by the town council's internal auditors.

He said the CPA regarded the allegations in the most serious light and added that Ikapa had indicated its full support for the investigation.

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Ikapa council probe

WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

AN URGENT investigation has been launched into the financial affairs of the beleaguered Ikapa Town Council after allegations of corruption on a massive scale.

The investigation was instituted by the Cape Provincial Administration after it received a preliminary report on an internal audit at Ikapa from the Auditor-General's Office.

■ An independent committee has been appointed to investigate allegations of irregularities and corruption at the Ikapa Town Council.

■ The fragmentation of work in order to circumvent the need to submit tenders (tenders are required only for work costing more than R10 000)

■ Among the alleged irregularities are

■ The submission of false tenders to the council,

■ The acceptance of excep-

tionally high tenders, and

Dr Sas van Tonder, the CPA's chief director of local government, said the administration viewed the allegations in "a very serious light" and had appointed an independent two-member committee to investigate the alleged irregularities.

It also is alleged that in some instances competing tenders were not asked for, false competing tenders were illegally submitted and officials allegedly intentionally withheld the fact that competing tenders were from the same company.

The committee consists of Mr John Marshall, former town clerk of Bellville, and Mr

J van der Ryst, an accountant from the Eastern Cape and it is to begin its work on Monday.

Mr Jan van Eck, ANC MP, told Weekend Argus he had been informed that a number of senior officials at Ikapa allegedly were involved in irregularities and he had told Mr Herbert Beukes, CPA director-general about his concerns.

Mr Beukes had undertaken to set up an independent committee

"I don't think the committee will get the approval of the community. It makes no sense to appoint a retired official from one local authority to investigate another local authority," said Mr Van Eck.

He also pointed out that,

more than a year ago, he had revealed allegations of corruption at Ikapa involving millions of rand, but although an investigation had been held by the CPA, this investigation "had led to nothing"

This was denied by Dr Van Tonder who said the police had investigated Mr Van Eck's claims and could find no grounds for the allegations.

The CPA then decided not to appoint a formal commission of enquiry.

Mr Van Eck said "In the current instance my information is that the corruption is running into millions of rand"

Earlier this year, fires broke out at the Ikapa Town Council offices in Langa destroying ac-

countancy and housing records and have been investigating a link between the fires and alleged mismanagement

Mr Kobus Olivier, chief executive officer of Ikapa, said he had received the preliminary report from the Auditor-General's Office and was gravely concerned about the allegations of corruption

"The amounts involved are definitely not millions of rands I believe it is around R10 000 We will be prepared to comment fully once the investigation has been completed"

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Mr Beukes said everything possible would be done to ensure the alleged irregularities were fully investigated

Meiring backs Free Cape . . . conditionally

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FRANS ESTERHUYSE

Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

ADMINISTRATOR of the Cape Mr Kobus Meiring has signalled his support for the Free Cape Movement's bid for strong regional government in the Western Cape

In a letter to FCM leader Mr Christopher Hill this week, Mr Meiring writes "Your initiatives can play a very important role in the development towards strong regional government

"I believe your organisation can succeed to get the different communities involved, without being demonstrative and to cooperate in such a way that

South Africa will become the powerhouse of Africa"

However, Mr Meiring also warns against ideas of secession which, he writes, will not be in the interests of the Western Cape, in view of the economic situation, unrest and urbanisation

His letter was sent in response to recent criticism by Mr Hill of reported remarks by Mr Meiring that people should "not be over-hasty" about a regional government for the Western Cape

Mr Hill had suggested that Mr Meiring's remark was "an about-turn" after his reported plea last December at the Cape Technikon, for autonomous

self-government for the Western Cape

Mr Meiring, in his letter this week, denied he had made an about-turn and sent Mr Hill copies of the two speeches containing his remarks about regional government

"In last year's speech, I concentrated on the principles and possibilities for successful and strong regional government," Mr Meiring explained

"The second speech deals with a variety of themes whereof regional government is only a small part. With reference to regional government in the last-mentioned speech, I delivered a plea against secession"

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explanation

THIRTY Khayelitsha homes spent the weekend without electricity — and were not offered an explanation by the Lingelethu West Town Council

An irate resident said all the houses along Sikujeje Crescent, in Phakamisa section, were without electricity at the weekend.

Lingelethu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said the matter would be investigated

He said his council had a 24-hour service for complaints.

Poor services in Kommetjie could trigger boycott

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By CLAUDIA CAVANAGH

KOMMETJIE ratepayers attending the annual general meeting of the local residents' association last week appealed for a boycott of rates in protest against poor services in the area.

Tensions at the meeting were exacerbated by a power failure which left the residents in darkness.

During an address by the chairman of the Kommetjie Local Council, Mr Roy Anderson, residents asked what would happen if they refused to hand their rates over to the Regional Services Council and paid them into a trust fund, as ratepayers in Grassy Park had done.

Mr Anderson said it would be a fruitless exercise and that it was up to the ratepayers to organise "that sort of thing".

Residents were protesting about the development of an extension to Ocean View which adjoins the main Kommetjie road and has the appearance of a squatter camp.

The controversial development involves the allocation of a R5,24m site and service-scheme for people who earn less than R1 000 per month.

Result in a slum

Money for the project was made available to the people of Ocean View by the Independent Development Trust and is being implemented by Cape Utility Homes as well as a local planning forum known as the Ocean View Development Trust.

When first discussed, claims were made by segments of the Ocean View community that the development would result in a slum, but a spokesman for CUH refuted these saying that a residents' association would be formed which would impose limitations to control the type of development in these areas.

Over the past few months, numerous tin shacks have been built on the site and Kommetjie residents claim the value of their properties will be reduced.

"Will our rates drop along with the value of our property?" asked an irate ratepayer at last week's meeting.

Mr Anderson replied that this would not happen.

Another resident said he'd recently moved to the area from Lakeside and was confused by the talk of rates paid for services received.

He said "We have no tarred roads, stormwater drains or street lights. What are we paying for?"

Mr Anderson said 25% of the Kommetjie rates were at present fed into infrastructural development.

A spokesman for CUH, Mr Alistair Sempell, said last week that the organisation was "very concerned" about the Kommetjie residents' view of the situation.

He said "We are trying to deal with the situation and have been in touch with financial institutions and applied to the House of Representatives for access to small loans."

"The OVDT is working on a strategy to deal with the very low-income people who need assistance and are looking, for instance, at a block-making operation on the site."

Mr Sempell said it was important to take a long-term view of the project. Unsightly shacks would in time be replaced by houses, he said. At least seven are already building brick houses using their own means.

"It looks ugly now but will be different two or three years down the line," he said, adding that all the people who had been allocated sites were long-term residents of Ocean View.

"They own their properties and will therefore want to make improvements."

City council 'gone by July' to make way for interim bodies

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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INTERIM local government structures should be set up by July at the latest, a workshop of progressive organisations has resolved

This follows a prediction by city councillor Mr Neil Ross that the Cape Town City Council in its present form would be abolished by June

Cosatu representative on the Local Government Negotiating Forum Mr Sahe Manie said his organisation, with the African National Congress and SA National Civics Organisation, met at the weekend to discuss issues, including when local elections should be held and the form of interim structures

"The establishment of the forum on March 22 will have major implications for this city," Mr Manie said

The time-frame for the establishment of interim structures had not been finalised but would be worked out by the forum

The forum is to have three working groups, on legal, service and administrative issues

It was hoped the government would agree to "speed-process" legislation to give effect to forum resolutions

Local negotiations would follow swiftly on the heels of national talks

Talks in major cities would be held at metropolitan level, while it had been proposed talks in rural areas would be at district level

Integrated administrations would take the place of existing local authorities, including city and town councils and management committees

A proposal discussed at the workshop was that joint administrations could be made up of appointees from the local negotiating forum, or that establishment and non-establishment bodies could be given equal representation

Senior city council sources confirmed the government had hinted in meetings that phasing out of the management committee system could start next month

The Minister of Local Government, Dr Tertius Delport, is expected to unveil a package of reform measures for local government aimed at getting rid of the "anomaly" of different forms of government for different race groups



Picture DIRK VISSER

'151 lobsters undersized'

Crime Staff

TWO men were arrested and a rowing boat confiscated when police and nature conservation officials caught them with allegedly more 198 rock lobsters — 151 of which were undersized — in an operation at midnight

The Ocean View men, aged 42 and 24, were taken into custody at Long Beach, Kommetjie

Two alleged accomplices escaped but are expected to be arrested later today.

PALM TRANSPLANT:

Greening the city took on huge proportions at the weekend when five palm trees, each weighing more than 15 tons, were transplanted from Maitland to the city centre.

Here a big crane prepares to lower one of the trees into its new home outside the new Old Mutual/Safmarine House in Riebeeck Street

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Negotiations plea rejected

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

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PLEAS by management committees that the city council be forced to negotiate with them have been turned down by the government

The deputy minister of local government in the House of Representatives, Mr Cecil Herandien, told a meeting of councillors and management committee members that the Interim Measures for Local Government Act was "enabling" legislation and not there to compel any local authority to act

Deputy city administrator Mrs Gill Bolton said Mr Herandien had been asked whether the council and man-

agement committees were ready to respond to a rapidly changing local government scene

Management committee members said the council excluded them from talks.

Council representatives, including deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan and exco chairman Mr Louis Kremer, said their opposition was to government imposition of the management committee system, not to the committees themselves.

Mr Herandien urged management committees to get involved in discussions convened by Idasa on local government restructuring

Not comprehensive — community Ikapa study over in 1 day

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AN urgent investigation by an independent committee into alleged corruption and irregularities in the Ikapa Town Council started and ended last Monday.

The findings of the investigation are expected to be released by Monday.

Sources close to Ikapa this week expressed concern that the committee concluded its investigation in one day. It was felt a more comprehensive investigation was needed because of the severity of the allegations and the feelings of the community.

Mrs Melanie Dedekind, spokeswoman for the Cape Provincial Administration, said no time limit was put on the investigation. The brief was to investigate all aspects of the allegations and do everything possible to identify any irregularities that existed.

The CPA appointed the committee after it received a preliminary report of an internal audit of Ikapa's finances from the Auditor-General's office.

A number of alleged malpractices and irregularities in the formal and informal tender system of Ikapa were disclosed

■ The findings of an investigation into the financial matters of Ikapa Town Council will be released to the Cape Provincial Administration.

WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

in the report.

Weekend Argus last week reported on the alleged irregularities and the appointment of the investigating committee. The committee consists of Mr John Marshall, former town clerk of Bellville, and Mr J van der Ryst, an accountant from the Eastern Cape.

This week Weekend Argus was supplied with new damning disclosures about the alleged irregularities from sources close to the Ikapa Town Council.

It is alleged that:

■ The difference between legal and illegal informal tenders which were finally accepted by the council was as much as R8 000

■ Companies were allocated tenders without other firms being given the opportunity to tender for the work

A formal tender for refuse removal, initially granted to a private company to work in the

Brown's Farm area, was extended to incorporate the large Ikapa area without new tenders being called for.

It is understood the private company was paid about R600 000 a month to remove rubbish in these areas — an amount described as exorbitantly high.

Weekend Argus was told the company did not exist before receiving the Brown's Farm and Ikapa contract.

According to sources, the amount for the refuse removal service was high because the charge for cleaning was based on thousands more houses than actually existed.

And in many cases refuse was simply not removed and was piling up.

■ Concern was also expressed about the safekeeping of documents and papers relating to certain financial transactions.

Weekend Argus was told there was a very real possibility

ty some documents might already have been "misplaced", and some senior officials closely involved in the informal tender system had direct access to documentation.

It was felt all officials involved should be temporarily suspended.

Mr Jan van Eck, ANC MP, said the committee appointed by the CPA did not have the support of the community as it was not chaired by a retired judge or magistrate.

Mrs Dedekind of the CPA said all files were immediately sealed, but because of the lack of evidence in connection with irregularities and the alleged involvement of officials rectifying steps could not as yet be taken.

She said the CPA was seriously concerned about the allegations and was committed to do everything possible to ensure speedy and comprehensive action if necessary.

Mrs Dedekind stressed further actions might be instituted as soon as the CPA received the committee's report. If any other information was brought to the CPA's attention, even from outside the committee, it would be acted on.

Knysna council bans smoking

A BLANKET ban, on smoking in Knysna's municipal buildings has been introduced.

The move was initiated by Knysna councillor Mr W C Mather, who beat the nicotine addiction 17 years ago.

Knysna town secretary Mr Charles Erasmus said the ban, which would apply to all council chambers and the town hall, was enforced after a unanimous vote by all eight town councillors.

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Johnson left with no gold

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UNLIKE many battle-hardened politicians, Johnson Ngxobongwana did not get a golden handshake when he left politics

Neither did he move into a posh mansion to enjoy his "retirement"

The former Crossroads strongman, who now lives in the bush at Driftsands, quit politics because he got tired of "too many squabbles"

Unlike the old days when it was easier to catch a shoal of fish with your bare hands than get an interview with Mr Ngxobongwana, he is now much more approachable.

Gone are the armed police who guarded his brick house in the sprawling squatter camp when Mr Ngxobongwana ruled the roost in the famous Crossroads.

This week, I found him sitting in a half-completed marquee behind his shack in the bushes

After being in the limelight for almost two decades, Mr Ngxobongwana says he is no longer interested in politics, but is concerned about the "bread and butter" issues of the Driftsands residents.

Last month he resigned as mayor of Crossroads, a position he held for three years though he was no longer a resident, to lead a life in a "quiet and peaceful" area

Mr Ngxobongwana and his supporters left the camp in 1990 after bloody clashes with the new ANC leader of Crossroads, Mr Jeffrey Nongwe

The Ngxobongwane group set up their new "home" in the middle of a forest

Mr Ngxobongwana described plans to improve the area by installing enough taps for 500 families there, creches, schools, and streets.

He heads a 14-member committee which is negotiating with the Cape Provincial Administration for a R3,5 million development set to start in Driftsands in May

The former dock worker was associated with Crossroads for more than 10 years.

He was a darling of anti-apartheid organisations, his clout underlined when he shared platforms with former United Democratic Front stalwarts such as Oscar Mpetha and Christmas Tinto.

In the early 1980s, at the height of the protests against the Orderly Movement of Black Persons Bill, which sought to further halt the influx of blacks into the so-called white cities, Mr Ngxobongwana, a gifted speaker, produced endless arguments about the evils of the apartheid system

He was arrested countless times for pass law offence and openly defied the government about the bulldozing

■ Former Crossroads strongman Johnson Ngxobongwana is out of the limelight and living quietly in the bush at Driftsands where Weekend Argus reporter VUYO BAVUMA spoke to him this week.



of Crossroads. Many were convinced that Mr Ngxobongwana had impeccable qualifications to be a "dedicated comrade".

Because like many residents he refused to move to Khayelitsha, Mr Ngxobongwana was elected as one of the chairmen of the now-defunct Western Cape Civic Association.

Rumours of alleged misuse of funds by Mr Ngxobongwana and his henchmen in the camp were swept under the carpet by the progressives for fear such talk would be "exploited by the enemy to sow confusion"

But the cautious alliance with the progressives soon hit the rocks — and Mr Ngxobongwana began forging closer ties with the authorities, his former arch-enemies.

Soon Crossroads became a no-go zone for the comrades, who were seen to hold subversive ideas. And visitors included former President P W Botha and former deputy minister Mr Roelf Meyer.

The Witdoek wars in 1985 and 1986, which destroyed huge tracts of Crossroads, led to the expulsion of remaining progressive and African National Congress guerrillas then hiding in the area.

The gap between Mr Ngxobongwana and his former progressive partners widened when he opted for a local municipal system in 1987. Though there were no elections, Mr Ngxobongwana became a mayor.

ANC guerrillas attacked his house but he survived.

For a while, all appeared to be well at the camp, but after the departure of President Botha cracks opened in the Ngxobongwana empire and his opponents drove him away from the area he loved

He is optimistic about the future. "I am no longer concerned about politics. My concern is to upgrade the people's lives by improving clinics, sports grounds and schools," he said

Dated plan has at least one good idea

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CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

A DOCUMENT released last week by the action committee of the Council for the Co-Ordination of Local Government Affairs provides a useful insight into government thinking on how to reorganise local authorities

It is doubtful whether the recommendations of this document for the transitional period will be put into practice widely, because they are still based on race

Yet the central idea behind the paper is that it is unfair that so many black urban people should be excluded from enjoying the benefits of having commerce and industry in their cities, simply because they happen to reside on the wrong side of a municipal boundary that was drawn around the whites in the apartheid era

The vast majority of commercial and industrial areas fall within white local authority boundaries. People who live within the boundaries benefit in the sense that, according to the authors of the paper, property rates income generated by commerce and industry far exceeds what is spent on them

This means that if you live in a municipality with many shops and factories, you will get the benefit of this surplus, usually through a rebate on residential rates

Since all "population groups" contribute towards the growth of commerce and industry, the paper says, all should benefit from the income thus generated

It goes on to suggest that the size of the "surplus" to be distributed more broadly, should be determined by a formula. Large towns, grade six and upwards, can take off 8% of non-residential income to deal with their non-residential expenses, and the rest gets distributed through inter-local authority transfers of funds

An administrative area larger than a municipality is determined, and all the households on serviced plots in that area are counted and classified according to race

It is then possible to work out what percentages are white, coloured, and black, and that will determine what portion of the commercial/industrial surplus their respective local authorities should be getting

The difference between what they should be getting and what they are getting is sorted out by an inter-local-authority payment.

Although it was only released this week, this plan is apparently about two years old, and it seems history is passing it by

Yet it would not be surprising if one element of this scheme survives. That is the targeting of commercially and industrially zoned land as being the generator of a surplus from which a whole metropole should benefit directly

When a metropolitan council is established, with smaller local councils under it, the metro council might well levy rates on shops, offices and factories city-wide and distribute these as it sees fit, while smaller councils concern themselves with residential rates in their areas

16-sheep braai²⁶³ was 'unofficial'

By PETER DENNEHY^{15/3/93}

SEVEN of the eight committee members of the Khayelitsha-based United Residents Front (URF) have dissociated the organisation from a 16-sheep "anniversary" braai yesterday, organised by their "expelled former chairman" Mr Derald Zolile Feni.

A spokesman for the seven, Mr Anda Ntsodo, said divisions within the URF were getting "nasty".

All the committee members had received letters notifying them that they had been expelled at a general meeting on February 25. Some of the letters had been delivered by a woman "accompanied by men wearing balaclavas".

Mr Feni's name did not appear on this letter, which was signed by three other people.

According to the letters, the committee members were expelled for their "hardness", and "due to the enormity of your offence against the organisation and its chairman".

Mr Feni, who was expelled by his organisation on January 29, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his daughter said he was still chairman.

The URF committee said the organisation was launched only at the end of April last year, so they did not know what anniversary was being celebrated.

I'm still in charge, says 'expelled' chairman

Staff Reporter

MR Derald Zolile Feni said yesterday he was still the chairman of the Khayelitsha-based United Residents Front.

His "former" committee members, who claimed to have expelled him, had themselves been expelled, he said. He had earlier co-opted four of them on to the committee to help with his workload in negotiating with banks over mortgage bond repayments.

His committee had subsequently tried to expel him, and he believed this was because they were trying to bring politics into the organisation.

Mr Feni said he himself had received a threatening call on Friday.

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Budget overspent

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THE city administration service overspent its 1991/92 budget of R56 719 416 by R98 578 because of increasing stationery costs

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A report said the price of paper and cardboard went up by 20 percent during the financial year

"This amount must be seen against the entire budget for this service and normal monthly fluctuations in spending patterns," said the report.

Meiring seeks Ikapa cash probe.

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ADMINISTRATOR Mr. Kobus Meiring has asked the government to appoint a formal commission of inquiry into alleged financial irregularities in the Ikapa Town Council.

The request followed the findings of a provincial probe into the affairs of the council.

The law does not allow the Administrator to start formal proceedings without central government approval.

A BUNCH of regional chauvinists hankering to turn back the clock, or a legitimate new voice joining the chorus for a federal system of government?

Whatever the case, the Free Cape Movement — which held its first public meeting in Cape Town recently — is ringing the right bells for those who believe the Cape would not only be capable of, but also better off, governing itself under a federal dispensation.

Co-founder and spokesman Christopher Hill, a businessman who settled in the Cape after leaving Zimbabwe a few years after independence, claims the movement raised R32 000 virtually overnight after running its first advertisement in Cape newspapers last week.

Formed about three months ago, it claims 2 000 signed-up members and "tens of thousands of supporters", according to Hill. Run by a five-person committee (all of them white), Hill says one third of members are coloured people while the rest — bar about 50 or 60 black members — are white. At the end of this month, the movement will open an office in Claremont, to be run by a full-time secretary.

Hill says the Free Cape Movement speaks for people in the region who feel they're "in a lifeboat chained to the railings of the Titanic". The iceberg, in this case, is the threat of the Cape being ruled by either a dominant, uncaring central government, or "godless communist doctrines".

This antipathy towards both Pretoria and the African National Congress has drawn the movement into a liaison with the Inkatha Federal Party. Hill spoke at an IFP meeting in Cape Town last month, drawing cheers from an almost all-white, middle-class audience with rousing Free Cape rhetoric.

Cape of Good Riddance

Residents of the Cape who have long yearned to be rid of those money-bag Whites can turn to a new political group fighting for Cape autonomy, reports GAYE DAVIS

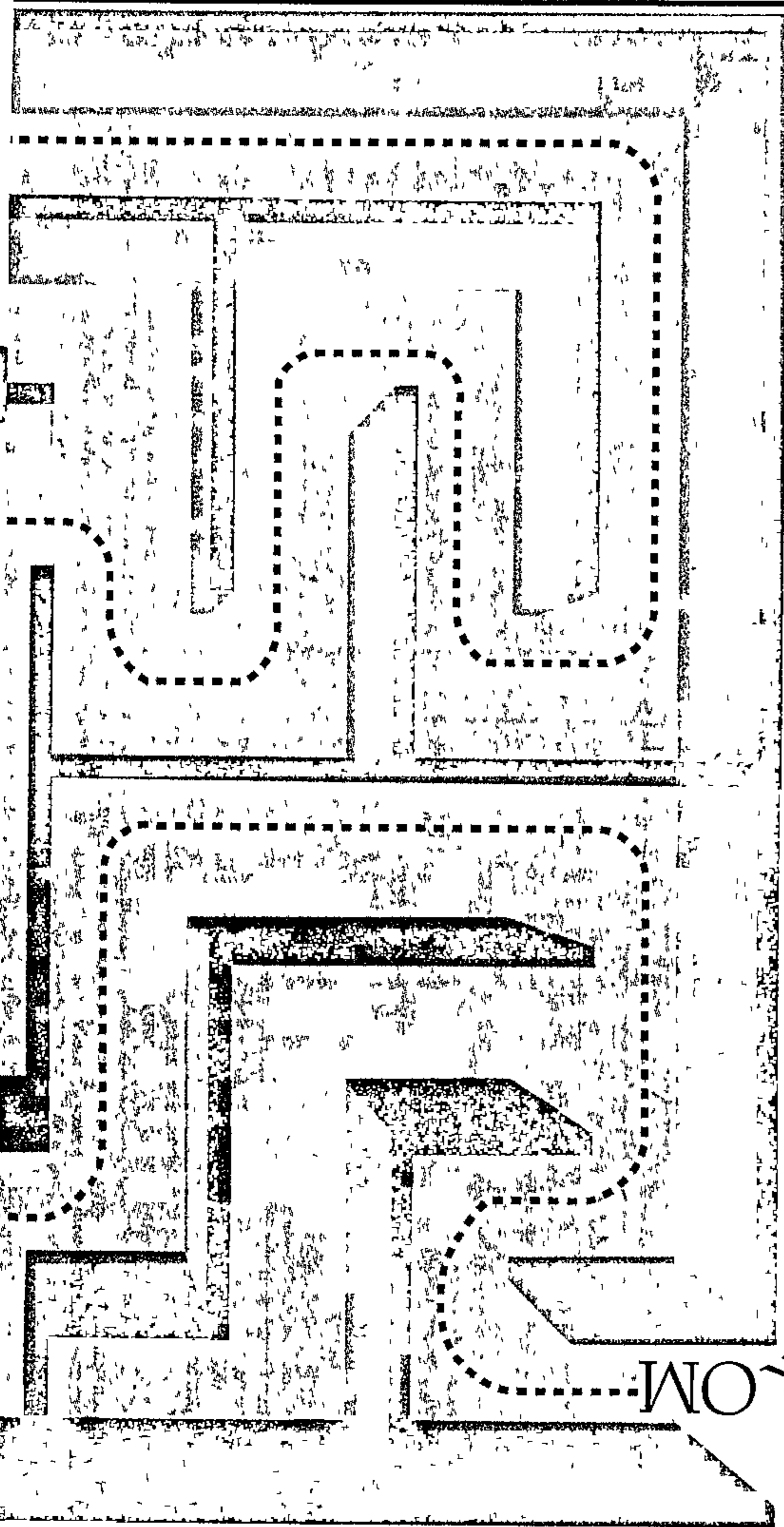
While the movement is considering a "federal alliance" with kwaZulu, Bophuthatswana, the Ciskei and "similar movements in the northern and eastern Cape, it (somewhat paradoxically) rejected an invitation to join the Concerned South Africans Group because, says Hill, "we don't want boerestats or homelands or ethnic divisions in a vote". What the movement does want is autonomous regional government for

the Cape, within a federal framework. "We don't see a unilateral declaration of independence as a viable option," says Hill, "but we do wish to reclaim the natural course of the Cape's history. If we hadn't gone into the Union of South Africa in 1910, we'd be a self-governing territory — and it would be non-racial, because at that time there were no race qualifications". With a population as big as Ireland's,

they could hold the government over a barrel when it came to acquiring the necessary two-thirds majority to change the constitution, Hill believes. "We would only become a political party if western Cape MPs weren't prepared to unshackle themselves from Pretoria, in which case we would field candidates against them. If elected, they would declare self-government for the Cape".

No western Cape MP has yet been persuaded to take this course. The Democratic Party's Roger Hulley, who — along with National Party President's Council member Willem Steenkamp — helped draw up the movement's mission statement and offered advice, says his relationship with the Free Cape Movement ended there.

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New face of local govt

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — The Local Government Department was formulating proposals for reforming local government structures which could be put on the table for negotiation, Minister Tertius Delpont said yesterday.

Opening the United Municipal Executive Congress, Delpont said a salient feature of the proposals would be the disappearance of management committees and local affairs committees as separate entities, and the creation of a single council for a municipality's whole area of jurisdiction. *8/11/19/3/93*

Another would be the consolidation of legislation relating to local authorities. Consultations were taking place as a matter of urgency to finalise a package of reform measures because he did not see municipal elections scheduled for next year taking place under the existing system.

It was time for organised local government to do away with the own affairs concept as there was no justification for the existence of racially-based organisations, he said. *19/3/93*

Education organisations set deadline for FW's response

TEACHER and education organisations have given President F W de Klerk until April 1 to respond to their demand for the establishment of a national education forum to address the crisis in the sector.

The deadline coincides with government's expected announcement of a new co-ordinating department intended to bring the fragmented education system closer to unity.

Speaking at a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday, SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) spokesman Randall van den Heever said only establishment of a national education forum could save the beleaguered sector.

The new government co-ordinating structure would not provide a binding negotiating process with extra-parliamentary groups and was part of the state's pattern of unilateral restructuring, he said.

To back their demands, student organisations have already planned a national day of action on March 24, to include boycotts and demonstrations. Sadtu is currently conducting a national strike ballot — also aimed at increasing the 5% salary rise offered by the state — the result of which will be known within a week.

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) president James Maseko said teachers and pupils were desperate to return to 'effective teaching and learning'.

Once they had a signal that government was committed to addressing the problems there would be a return to normal schooling.

Establishment of a national forum would provide the necessary signal. The forum would restore hope to the demoralised and frustrated pupil and teacher masses, Maseko said.

However, they were taking government's repeated refusal to take this step as a clear sign of its determination to shape education according to its own needs.

He added that the NECC was concerned about "elements who had tried to hijack student and teacher struggles for sinister ends", and called on the organisations to close ranks and engage in co-ordinated and disciplined activities.

GERALD REILLY reports from Pretoria the National Professional Teachers Organisation of SA (Naptosa) is to withdraw from all education advisory bodies because of "sheer frustration" at government's

inability to resolve the pay dispute. Earlier this week the Teachers' Federal Council withdrew from government education advisory bodies in protest against the "non-negotiable" 5% pay hike.

Naplosa president Leepile Tanyane said yesterday Naplosa had warned of the disruption and unrest that could follow government's unilateral stance on the pay issue. This had now happened.

It was tragic the crisis in education had escalated at a time when the country was moving toward a non-discriminatory education system.

Our Durban correspondent reports Society of Natal Teachers (Sonat) vice-president Henry Hendricks said lessons resumed at House of Representatives schools yesterday.

He said a Sonat delegation had been invited to meet officials from the departments of education and culture and national education in Cape Town next week.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports Sadtu's Free State region yesterday accused QwaQwa police of using live ammunition on "peaceful demonstrators" in Phuthaditjhaba on Wednesday.

The accusation was rejected by QwaQwa police spokesman Capt Walter Mofolo.



Muizenberg 'secession' move

Municipal Reporter

DISGRUNTLED Muizenberg residents are to petition the administrator to allow their suburb to "secede" from Cape Town.

They want to go it alone or join up with Fish Hoek and Simon's Town.

Mr Abe Katz, a Ward 17 councillor, said he had attended a meeting last week at which this was discussed by about 25 people

Figures supplied by deputy city

treasurer, Mr Neville Lomnitz, Muizenberg, Lakeside, Kalk Bay and Clovelly would face an 85% rates increase (excluding ambulance, fire and traffic services) if they were to go it alone.

Mr Katz said said many residents felt they lived in a "Cinderella suburb" and that the council was not fulfilling its promises.

Mrs Joye Gibbs, also a Ward 17 councillor, said leaders of local ratepayers', residents' and busi-

ness associations had been involved in the secession discussions.

Dr Craythorne had indicated that the CPA would want proof of broad public support for a break-away initiative, she said.

● Figures available to the Cape Times indicate that many Muizenberg property owners will pay less than they do now in rates after the revaluation that comes into effect in July

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Expert to sort out mess at Ikapa council

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WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

AN independent financial expert is to be appointed by the Cape Provincial Administration to handle financial matters at the beleaguered Ikapa Town Council.

This follows the call by Mr Kobus Meiring, the Administrator of the Cape, for a formal commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities at Ikapa.

Mr Meiring called for the inquiry after an informal, independent two-man committee investigated alleged irregularities into tender activities at Ikapa and reported their findings to the CPA.

CPA spokesman Mr Krige Visser said the executive committee of the CPA soon would decide who to appoint as a financial expert. This person would "regulate" financial matters and transactions at Ikapa pending the appointment of a commission of inquiry.

Mr Visser also called on people with information on the alleged irregularities to come forward so that sworn affidavits could be taken.

But, sources close to Ikapa told Weekend Argus that some workers and officials at the council feared that certain people in authority at the council might not only victimise them, but also put their jobs in jeopardy if they spoke out.

They said these people should be suspended temporarily from positions of power, especially as it was alleged some of them might be involved in the irregularities.

They called on the CPA to protect the identity of people who came forward and spoke out on the alleged irregularities.

The CPA also should seal files and offices at Ikapa in which papers on financial matters were kept to ensure important evidence did not disappear.

However, Mr Visser said Ikapa Town Council was an autonomous body and the CPA could not seal offices or suspend officials.

The council itself should take such steps if it thought it was necessary.

On the protection of officials at Ikapa who feared to come forward and supply evidence, Mr Krige said they had the same protection he would have if he were to be a witness to a murder and came forward in court to give evidence.

"They should put their evidence down in a sworn affidavit," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Tony Yengeni, secretary of the African National Congress Western Cape region, said the formal inquiry into alleged financial irregularities at Ikapa was long overdue.

"These 'irregularities' have been part and parcel of the Ikapa administration for some years and we have repeatedly called for a full and independent inquiry.

"We hope the commission will begin its inquiry as soon as possible."

Weekend Argus was told that a number of officials at Ikapa "suddenly went on leave" when Mr Meiring announced he would ask for a formal commission of inquiry to investigate alleged irregularities at Ikapa.

Sapa reported that allegations of bribery by banks, corruption in tenders and kickbacks for senior personnel had been made by an Ikapa Town Council employee.

The senior council employee, in a sworn statement, described how companies were formed specifically to exploit a corrupt tender system.

He also alleged that cash commissions were paid to senior personnel who deposited council money at banks, and that kickbacks were paid to senior personnel who arranged contracts for building, plumbing and waste removal.

Ex-town clerk ²⁶³ temps for council

STIME, Cape Town 21/3/93

By DIANA STREAK

THE former town clerk of Cape Town, Mr Don Geyer, who retired on March 5 following a heart attack in November last year, is being used on an "ad hoc" basis by the executive committee as a consultant for R200 an hour.

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said in a statement this week that Mr Geyer had been "personally involved in a number of important pro-

jects and in his absence little, if any, progress has been made in regard to these projects."

The statement did not outline the projects or say whether Mr Nicol had been consulted.

Mr Geyer, who worked for the council for 43 years, would have received a large gratuity and pension on his retirement, sources said.

R200 an hour for ex-town clerk's services

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council is paying consultants R200 an hour — for the services of former town clerk Don Geyer.

Mr Geyer retired on March 5 on medical advice after his heart attack last November

City administrator Gys Hof-

meyr is acting town clerk until Keith Nicol takes over in May

Executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner said Mr Geyer was "personally involved" in several important projects, and "in his absence little if any progress has been made"

Exco had asked Mr Geyer

whether he was available to complete and update the projects for his successor.

Mr Geyer was working for consultants Gilt Edged Management Services, which had made his services available to the city council "on an ad-hoc basis at their minimum fee of R200 an hour"

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Guguletu residents start drive to clean up filthy graveyard

VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter (263)

ABOUT 150 township residents have launched a clean-up campaign to improve the "filthy" Guguletu graveyard.

The residents, mostly women, collected rubbish and others removed weeds with hoes and spades at the weekend.

They put the rubbish in plastic bags and loaded them on to an Ikapa Town Council lorry.

Organisers of the campaign are the Guguletu zone of the Western Cape Civic Association.

The unfenced cemetery is used as a thoroughfare. Graves have been vandalised and tombstones stolen.

Most of the cemetery is strewn with litter and cattle have grazed among the graves.

Residents complain that rubbish is dumped near the cemetery and blown on to the graves.

Complaints follow the 40-fold increase in grave fees by the Ikapa Town Council. A baby's grave has risen from R2 to R50 and an adult's from R3 to R200.

Civic association spokesman Mr Wilson Sidina said cleaning up would continue until the area was decent.

"We want the council to upgrade the cemetery. Meanwhile, we will keep it clean and ask people not to dump refuse nearby.

● Last month Ikapa Town Council said it had allocated R1,5 million to upgrade the graveyard.

Ex town clerk being paid twice as much

Municipal Reporter

RETIRED town clerk Mr Donald Geyer, now working as a consultant, is earning R200 an hour — more than double the pay he received before

As town clerk he earned R179 572 a year

This comes to less than R100 an hour, assuming that one works a 40-hour week for 47 weeks of the year, although personnel experts say it is unfair to compare consultants' fees hour-for-hour with an annual salary

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said Mr Geyer was "in effect finishing off" projects on which he had been engaged when retired after having a heart attack last year

He now felt well enough to work "on different days at different times", Mr Doman said

The new town clerk, Mr Keith Nicol, starts work in May

Checks on illegal building

THE Constantia local council is to conduct spot checks on suspicious-looking premises after a spate of unauthorised building operations in the area.

Constantia councillor Mr Ron Gaylard said at a recent council meeting the increasing number of unauthorised building projects was becoming a "serious issue" and the council had earned the reputation of "just

white-washing a lot of illegal work".

The penalty for unauthorised construction is three times the fee for having the plan approved, which is 0,8% of the value of the new building.

Plan approval could be done on site within two days of contacting a council inspector, deputy city planner Mr Jock Schoeman said yesterday

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DP calls for negotiators to avoid hasty action

LOCAL government negotiators should avoid hasty action which resulted in chaos in the administration of major cities and towns, DP spokesman on local government Mr Jasper Walsh said yesterday.

Mr Walsh was commenting on calls by the ANC and the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) for white town councils to be replaced by interim structures, following the launch of the Local Government Negotiating Forum. (263) CT 25/3/93

He said that while the DP welcomed urgent moves to create non-racial, democratic structures, this should be decided in the forum. Transitional arrangements should be proposed to level the playing fields before electing interim structures — Sapa

Council firm on zoning curbs

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SOME residents are "naughty" in expecting the Local Council of Constantia Valley (LCCV) to always be willing to grant zoning scheme departures, said a councillor at a recent LCCV meeting

An application from a resident to permit three freestanding dwelling units on his Swaanswyk property zoned for residential purposes sparked the comment.

Unauthorised

In 1991, notice was served on the resident to submit plans for unauthorised extensions to a labourer's cottage. When building control officers conducted an on-site inspection, they found four dwellings on the property, one of which was used

as an "extensive physiotherapy practice"

Councillor Harry Spragg said: "Residents are being naughty — completely disregarding the rules and regulations. Until some of them are really bounced we are going to continue to get a lot of them."

One unit which had been extended had been in existence for 50 years.

Another building had been a barn, which had been converted into a cottage as had a reservoir.

Five adjacent neighbours had given written consent to the buildings. Later, however, one alleged, in a letter before the council, that one of the buildings had been used as a shebeen, and

that the traffic and the resultant barking of dogs caused a nuisance.

Approved

The council was told that since the first inspection the shebeen had been closed and turned into a storeroom.

The council approved the application for a departure for the other two buildings — subject to them complying with health regulations. The resident will also have to pay a triple surcharge for unauthorised work.

The issue of illegal buildings being built, and approval applied for afterwards, will now be debated at subcommittee level, to prepare a policy for its adoption by the council.

Council plans survey of ⁽²⁶³⁾ city opinions

Municipal Reporter

PUBLIC relations consultants hired by the city council have proposed a R300 000 opinion survey of residents of Cape Town, Langa and Guguletu, and of council employees.

Results of the survey would be used as the basis for a "communication strategy" aimed at increasing public awareness, knowledge and support for the city council's activities.

Staff would be "sensitised" to the communication strategy.

The proposal was discussed by the executive committee on Tuesday and an amended version will be put to them for approval later this month.

The full council is expected to make a decision on the project at the end of the month.

Stay tops striving Clive

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

LEADING business and political figures have given provisional support to a campaign to keep Cape Town one of South Africa's capital cities, says deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan.

Mr Keegan said copies of an interim report on "Project Geneva" were circulated about six weeks ago to top business people and politicians.

When the time was ripe to launch a steering committee for the campaign leading Capetonians would be asked to step away from partisan interests and give their all for the sake of their home.

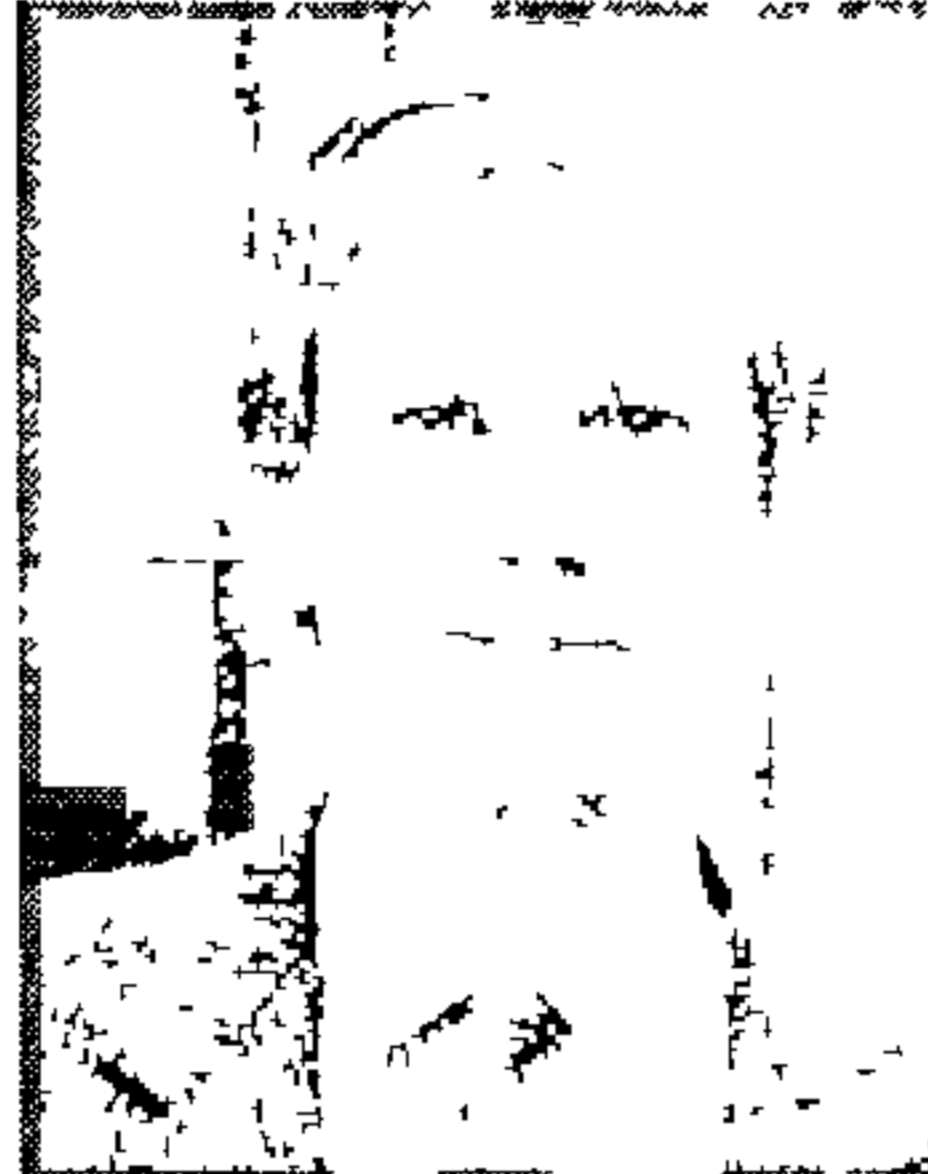
Project Geneva is aimed at ensuring Cape Town keeps its status as the summer home of government, host to the diplomatic corps and the focus of new investment and regional headquarters of international development agencies.

■ Clive Keegan is on the trail of a visionary mayor: adding the goal of keeping Cape Town's parliamentary capital status to that of securing the Olympics and a Millenium Exhibition for the city.

"Technology such as the fax machine enables the swift transfer of information, while to reproduce the legislative infrastructure of Cape Town in Pretoria would be an unjustifiable expense. It would bankrupt Pretoria," Mr Keegan said.

There was no doubt Cape Town's environmental attractions and traditions of liberalism and tolerance should stand it in good stead in holding on to its parliamentary status.

The Mother City would be ravaged if it lost that status: business would defect, investors would not be attracted,



□ **STATUS CHASE:** Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan

and "north and south" divisions would be cut deeper.

Campaigners would have to work against a number of negative perceptions, including that Cape Town symbolised colonialism, that political leaders could not be separated from the economic and political powerhouse to the north, that the city's own local govern-

ment was in directionless disarray, and that the western Cape lacked the infrastructure to support a civil service.

There were strong arguments for keeping the parliamentary capital here, and it was possible a team could be summoned to pull it off.

"In the Olympics committee we have seen the development of people willing to work for the sake of Cape Town rather than other interests."

Efforts to keep capital status would not be at the expense of spending on more obviously needed municipal projects like roads and drains.

He acknowledged that a decision on where post-apartheid South Africa's capital should be did not seem to be high on anyone's political agenda.

But that did not diminish the importance of securing Cape Town's future chances of investment and tourism, rather than risk it disappearing from the map of important international capitals.

Corruption probe for Clanwilliam

WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

TOP Clanwilliam public officials and businessmen are fighting for their honour and survival amid an eruption of allegations about fraud and other irregularities

Claims about poor administration in the picturesque town near the Cedarberg come hot on the heels of a call earlier this month by Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring for a government-appointed, formal commission of inquiry into the beleaguered Ikapa Town Council

In the Clanwilliam case, the Cape Provincial Administration has stepped in with the appointment of a two-man committee to investigate the municipality

This committee will report back to the CPA by the end of next month.

The investigation is a sequel to the arrest of town clerk Mr Boet Viljoen in January this year. He subsequently appeared in court on March 15 in

■ The north-western Cape town of Clanwilliam has been rocked by allegations of misconduct and irregularities by council members and officials of the local municipality.

connection with alleged fraud involving a suspected R60 000.

Mr Viljoen was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to April 26. He has since handed his resignation to the municipality.

According to a statement by the CPA, the appointed committee will not only investigate the municipality, but will also continue investigations into Mr Viljoen's own conduct.

This week mayor Mr Deon Burger was reluctant to discuss the town's affairs with Weekend Argus, saying "I am not prepared to comment over the telephone as facts may be misrepresented.

"I can confirm the investigation by the committee appointed by the CPA and I also can confirm that Mr Viljoen has resigned," said Mr Burger.

■ In December last year, Weekend Argus first reported the concerns of home-owners in the exclusive Crystal Waters

development on the banks of the Clanwilliam dam about alleged irregularities.

Residents were worried about a lack of promised services and a land-swap deal where a private developer swapped a piece of open land for another piece of prime land owned by the municipality which was twice the size.

The private land developer, Mr John Mountain of Green Point, who developed the Crystal Waters project, has since appeared in court on 14 charges of fraud. He was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to May 7.

It is not known if the investigation by the CPA is in any way connected to Crystal Waters and Mr Burger would not be drawn on the issue.

Mr Mountain had earlier been given the go-ahead by Clanwilliam municipality to build a multi-million rand luxury resort hotel on the banks of the Clanwilliam dam.

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Sally Mugabe estate lists only Zim assets

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HARARE — Mrs Sally Mugabe's R71 595 estate, detailed in documents before the High Court, reflected only her Zimbabwean assets, High Court Master Mr Jacob Moyo confirmed yesterday.

He said the only foreign asset drawn to his notice was "about £2 000 (R9 000) in an account with an unnamed British bank, dating from Mrs Mugabe's residence in London before Zimbabwe's 1980 independence.

Group, on behalf of Times Media Ltd, owner of the Cape Times, after a three-week legal battle to pierce the veil of secrecy thrown over Mrs Mugabe's estate.

The British sterling account, which Mr Moyo said would be repatriated and paid to President Robert Mugabe as his wife's sole heir, was not reflected in the accounts, and legal sources here said there could be a potential objection to the account because it was, prima facie, incomplete.

Mr Moyo said it had been unnecessary to advertise in Ghana or in Britain for information about a possible missing will by Mrs Mugabe because she had lived in Zimbabwe for the past 13 years —

That is the only one of which I am aware," he said, when he complained with a Supreme Court order to grant sight of the accounts.

The order granting access to the documents was won on Thursday by the South African Morning Star newspaper.

South African newspaper, Sapa-AFP correspondent, Sapa-AFP

'Bok Tobias' crash tackles council in building row

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By Quentin Wilson

MR ERROL Tobias, the first coloured South African who played in a Springbok rugby jersey, has threatened to sell his Caledon plot to the ANC if the local authorities do not grant him permission to build a housing complex.

Tobias, who in 1981 came under fire from anti-apartheid organisations for participating in a Springbok tour to New Zealand, is now trying to crash-tackle the town's white town council and coloured management committee.

After they turned down his building plans earlier this month, Tobias said he would offer the half-acre to the ANC for use as a squatter camp

if they do not reverse their decision.

"It could very well happen if they don't allow me to build," said Tobias. "I know the whites here don't want the ANC in Caledon, so they would have to choose between them or my building."

Plans for the complex, which would accommodate 20 families, were initially rejected by the white Caledon municipality and the coloured management committee because the building covered too much of the plot.

After redrawing his plans to suit their requirements, Tobias' scheme was still rejected.

"They still have not given me any reason for refusing the redrawn plans. It does not make sense. The venture would provide employment for builders in the area, it would

improve the suburb of Bergsig, where I live, and it would help to address the housing shortage.

As someone who was seen to legitimise apartheid sport in the early 1980s, Tobias has turned to fighting apartheid structures from the outside.

Apart from his run-in with the authorities over his housing scheme, Tobias is furious that they have failed to provide the necessary services for Bergsig.

"The park in Bergsig has been neglected over the years and so have the roads. When they tried to retar a road last year, they did not even flatten it beforehand — so it's useless.

"We need to build a civic in the area to put pressure on these people. In fact, the whole management

committee should resign. They do nothing to upgrade this area," he said.

Caledon town clerk Mr J Huisamen said the municipality still had to decide on Tobias' plan.

"I wish he would tell the whole truth. It is not the plan that is under dispute, but whether that area could be used for a housing complex.

"There have been objections from neighbours to the idea, and we are waiting for Tobias' response to their objections before we finally decide," Huisamen said.

Huisamen said he had "no problems" with Tobias' plan to sell the land to the ANC for use as a squatter camp.

"He can do what he likes with the land, that is none of my business — it's his land," Huisamen said.

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Keegan plea on white councils

Municipal Reporter

HOWEVER much one wanted democratic city councils, doing away with white local authorities overnight would lead to "absolute administrative chaos", Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the city council's constitutional affairs committee, said yesterday.

He was responding to calls by civic associations earlier this week for the scrapping of white town councils (263)

After a meeting of the Local Government Negotiation Forum in Johannesburg earlier this week, ANC head of local government Mr Thozamile Botha was reported to have said white councils must be replaced with interim structures

city moved to a fully democratic local authority, the better. "But the way of doing that is not through the appointment of political commissars by either Pretoria or Sango (the SA National Civics Organisation)", he said.

The wholesale dismissal of white local authorities would bring "absolute administrative chaos, and, possibly, a totalitarian regime", Mr Keegan said

Teleletters

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Pay taxis back in kind

LET'S blockade the minibus taxis and let them see what it's like.

Mr L. Rauch, Somerset West: It is time that motorists took a firm stand over the behaviour of minibus taxis and demanded firm action from traffic authorities regarding lane-jumping and the total disregard for traffic regulations. Maybe the public should block the city for a day and let them see what it's like



name, which is wrong. Only the daughters of earls and upwards are referred to as 'the lady'.

Mrs N Hyatt, Green Point: I am annoyed with the city's poor bus service. I waited one hour for a bus from Wynberg to Cape Town then missed it because of a car parked at the bus stop. The driver didn't see me in time. Later in Cape Town I waited for a Sea Point bus for an hour, but not one was in sight. I was obliged to take a taxi which cost me R6 instead of the R1 I would have

Man slapped, group ejected

Municipal Reporter

A DISSENTER was slapped and kicked, and ejected along with about 12 others, from a chaotic United Residents' Front (URF) meeting at the Khayelitsha Human Resources Centre on Thursday evening.

Mr Zolile Feni, URF chairman, said yesterday that Mr Moekeisi Se-fako — a supporter of a grouping that Mr Feni and his organisation had expelled from their ranks — had been slapped and kicked by Mr Feni's supporters because "he was insulting people and using bad language" (263)

The URF is an apolitical civic organisation which negotiates with financial institutions on behalf of residents over mortgage bond repayments, Mr Feni said.

Members of the opposing group could not be contacted yesterday.

Deputy minister ~~meets~~ meets ratepayers

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

THE deputy minister of Local Government and Housing has met ratepayers in Lotus Park, Grassy Park and Ottery (Logra) for the first time to discuss last year's high rates increase

Ratepayers have withheld their rates since July, paying them instead into a special fund, which now holds more than R400 000

The Regional Services Council was also represented at this week's meeting — which was the first occasion that it and the deputy minister, C B Herandien, had agreed to meet ratepayers on Logra's terms, spokesman Mr Philip Bam said

Logra had cancelled previous meetings because the department refused to discuss its demands, he said

The meeting, held over two days, was an attempt to reach agreement on local and municipal issues in Logra's area. Actions taken by the RSC, such as legal notices and interest charged on arrear rates, were also discussed

Although final notices and summonses to recover the rates arrears were "procedure", these were "unacceptable" as Logra was negotiating constantly with the RSC, Mr Bam said

The Regional Dispute Resolution Committee had organised training workshops in negotiating skills for residents

This had been done to ensure that possible "forced action" — planned by angry residents who believed that the RSC was stalling unnecessarily — would not erupt, Mr Bam said

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'Commissar' Koos hits back

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Staff Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL ministerial representative Mr Koos Albertyn, who has overruled the decisions of several local councils on town planning matters, does not have a university degree in town planning

Mr Albertyn caused a furore this week by granting an appeal by Norwich Life against the Cape Town City Council's refusal of a rezoning. His decision means that the company can now build three storeys of offices on a third of the Vineyard site.

He said yesterday that those who saw him as an "unaccountable commissar" were entitled to their views, but the fact was that he was appointed to his post by the State President under the law of the land and was accountable to his minister.

"I did not apply for the job, the State President appointed me because he thought I could do it. We have professional people advising me," he said yesterday.

Mr Albertyn, the former NP MP

'President appointed me — I did not apply'

for False Bay, was a career politician early in his life, before serving as a commissioner on the railways and occupying a seat on its board, according to Cape Times files.

He was a full-time National Party organiser for several years after graduating from Stellenbosch University with a BA degree.

He said of the Norwich Life uproar: "There were senior officials of the Cape Town City Council who were in favour of this (Vineyard) proposal, and some of the councillors also wanted the development, so it is not a case of

just me swimming against the stream."

Cape Times records show that the final vote on the matter by councillors was 20-3 against it. But the city planner's department had recommended earlier that the rezoning should be allowed.

"Residents of that area are not only getting the use of the Vineyard sportsfields in perpetuity, they are also getting the ownership of that land, which is privately-owned at present," said Mr Albertyn.

He said the land on which the offices were to be built already had a number of structures on it.

Bodies that had conditionally supported the rezoning included the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association, the Cape Institute of Architects and the National Monuments Council.

"Should the zoning be refused, the owners could apply for a residential zoning which would be difficult to refuse. Such a rezoning would destroy the sporting fields and place additional strain on the infrastructure of the area," said Mr Albertyn.

Mugabe estate furore

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Own Correspondent

HARARE — In the second editorial of its kind in three days, Zimbabwe's semi-official Herald newspaper flayed the South African morning newspaper group for their quest for details of Mrs Sally Mugabe's estate.

After a three-week legal battle, the master of Zimbabwe's High Court was forced to allow inspection of papers which he admitted were incomplete, showing only the R72 000 Zimbabwean assets of President Robert Mugabe's Ghanaian-born wife, who died in January 1992.

He said a £2 000 (about R9 000) deposit with an unnamed British bank was the only foreign asset "of which he was aware" but it was not listed.

The Herald, which is controlled by a para-statal trust, repeated its demand for amendment of the Administration of Estates Act to prevent "the invasion of privacy of the dead".

New Zim party led by former judge

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Own Correspondent

27/29/92

HARARE — Former Chief Justice Dr Enoch Dumbutshena yesterday called for “a fresh start for Zimbabwe” when he was elected leader of a new opposition alliance, the Forum Party, at its inaugural congress in Bulawayo

“Zimbabwe has never been in such trouble as it is now,” said Dr Dumbutshena, 72, who was forced to retire as head of the judiciary in 1991 following a constitutional confrontation between the judges and President Robert Mugabe’s government.

The party links the “young Turks” of Zimbabwe’s rising black professional and business classes and veteran white liberal critics of Mr Ian Smith

The right wing “United Front” formed last year by Mr Mugabe’s one-time mentor, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, with the backing of Mr Smith’s surviving followers, has failed to give a credible voice to popular grievances

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Further rise in city rates foreseen

By PETER DENNENY
CAPE TONIANS in white municipalities will face rates increases of an average not less than 20% when all local authorities are brought under a single metropolitan council for Greater Cape Town

This comes on top of massive increase — sometimes more than a doubling of rates — from July for those in the Cap

Town municipality whose properties have, since the last general valuation in 1979, appreciated in value by far more than the average amount.

Yet a rates increase of this magnitude would not be acceptable to, or affordable, by the general body of ratepayers. Additional and new sources of revenue would have to be found

This is said in a position paper on the restructuring of local government, written by the Cape Town City Council's constitutional affairs committee, headed by deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan

The report arrived at the 20% figure by adding up the total rates income of all white local authorities in the area bounded by Milnerton, Paarl and Gordon's Bay. The figure came to R445 million in 1991

Then the annual operating deficits, as opposed to the total of debts accumulated over several years, of black local authorities in the same area were added up, and they came to R90m (also 1991 estimates)

Thus the rate income from white local authorities to meet the deficit "would give rise to an aggregated rates increase of not less than 20%"

The report also recommends that the Western Cape RSC should be abolished, but its levies on businesses should live on under the metro council

Another recommendation is that Cape Town's present property-based franchise at local level should be scrapped in favour of one which allows all permanent dwellers over 18, including squatters, to vote for both primary local authorities and a metropolitan council

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Commission could solve regionalism

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THE proposed Regional Commission to be appointed by the multiparty negotiation forum could bridge the serious differences between different parties on regionalism

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said this in parliament yesterday, during the main budget debate

He said that some parties felt the question of regional powers, functions and boundaries should be decided by the multiparty forum and others by an elected constitution-making body.

The Regional Commission could help to reconcile these differences

It would consist of experts chosen by the multiparty forum and would make recommendations to the constitution-making body.

It could also reconcile differences between those who believed that regionalism should be a top-down process and those who believed it should be a bottom-up process

Regions could make their input to the debate through the commission

Mr Meyer said it was still possible to hold elections within a year

As long as the argument continued over how much support each party had, conflict and instability would continue. This could only be resolved through elections

It was also important to have elections as soon as possible to resolve the political situation and encourage investment

Mr Meyer said that broad unanimity — but not agreement — had been reached among negotiators on a government of national unity

Municipal vote plan for all

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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CAPE Town Chamber of Commerce wants all who buy services from the city council to have a municipal vote in a future constitution

Draft proposals by the city council constitutional committee include scrapping the property-based vote in favour of universal franchise for all permanent residents over 18

Committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan said he anticipated opposition from organised business to the scrapping of the property vote, but the present system was ridiculous because among those enfranchised were insolvent and deceased estates

One central city businessman had 39 votes, Mr Keegan said

Chamber executive director Mr Alan Lighton said it was accepted property-based voting would not survive in a new South Africa

But the Chamber wanted all juristic persons who bought services — including businesses — to have a vote.

At a Press conference yesterday, Mr Keegan said the underlying principle of his committee's proposals was to attempt reparation for the wrongs of the apartheid past.

"This is not just an accountant's attempt to create urban efficiency," he said

Enormous State assistance would be needed to address backlogs in public transport, housing and other areas

The two-tier system proposed by the committee provided for strong metropolitan government, which was needed to give effect to the principle of one city, one tax base

Metropolitan government would be an extension of local government and would spell the end of the administrative balkanisation of the Peninsula.

Mr Keegan said property taxes would be retained, while people in informal settlements would pay "site and service charges".

Democratic, accountable new local government would bring an end to the culture of non-payment and boycotts, he said

Mr Keegan said the proposals would require sacrifices from those who until now had enjoyed unquestioned privileges.

"But that forms part of the vision and courage we will need to make this a truly great city that offers stability, prosperity and quality of life for all its people"

Mr Keegan said the proposals, still subject to council approval, would be circulated widely and be submitted to national and regional talks on the future of local government.

Council moves on political stayaways

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A PROPOSED Cape Town City Council policy on political stayaways says unions and the council should commit themselves not to allow service disruptions which would endanger lives, health or property

The policy, to be put to the council for approval today, provides for "no work, no pay, no disciplinary action" Pay will be deducted on an hourly basis from both monthly and hourly-paid staff.

Employees will be allowed to apply for leave in advance, which will be denied only if granting it will endanger lives or property.

Retrospective leave will be granted if it can be proved an employee's absence was caused by intimidation or lack of transport This proof could include Press reports or other employees living in the same area being absent for the same reason

Non-racial by-election for city?

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A NON-RACIAL municipal by-election may be held in Cape Town

The city council has voted to investigate whether the city's administrator should be asked to change the voting laws to allow for a non-racial by-election in Ward 12 (Steenberg, Retreat, Heathfield, Bergvliet, Meadowridge, Kirstenhof), which became vacant with the resignation of councillor Mrs Bronnie Harding

The motion proposed by Mr Rupert Hurly was carried by 15 votes to 12

Feelings ran so high during the debate that virtually all the councillors seemed to be shouting at once yesterday. Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde had to use his gavel several times, and he appealed to speaker Mr Arthur Wienburg to address his remarks to him rather than directly to his many vociferous hecklers

Mr Hurly proposed that an election should be held on the traditional property-based franchise, but that the racial element should be removed from it

Ms Annamia van den Heever asked "Can we eliminate only one unfair provision, the racial one, without addressing the others?"

She was referring to the fact that adults who do not own or lease property, and who are not married to someone who does, may not vote at local level. Just two adults per dwelling have the vote

Mr Wienburg poured scorn on a proposal to nominate "representatives" to the council or its committees in the interim period, rather than have them elected. He charged that it was paternalistic to speak on behalf of the people of Ward 12 and say they did not want a non-racial election now. He accused his fellow councillors of "pious protestations"

Mr Leon Markovitz said one could not negotiate honestly about a new system while at the same time acting as if it would only come into being years later

● The acting town clerk received a letter from the administrator on Monday, telling him that he may postpone announcing a date for the Ward 12 by-election until January 7 next year

Survey instead of poll

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THE city council is to commission a survey instead of the referendum that Ratepayers in Revolt asked for last year.

This survey will be done by the communications consultancy De Kock and Kerkhoff and will involve interviews

with 900 ratepayers

The consultancy recommended that the 17 wards be divided into nine groups and that 100 residents from each group be interviewed

Topics will include whether the council should accept more or less responsibility to provide ratepayers with

an efficient service

Public confidence in the council will also be probed and questions will be asked about corruption, nepotism and the council's ability to run a cost-effective administration

About 180 commercial ratepayers will also be interviewed.

Geyer upset, will work for nothing ⁽²⁶³⁾

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RETIRED Cape Town town clerk Mr Donald Geyer is so upset by criticism of his return to work for the council as a R200-an-hour private consultant that he wants no payment for any work he does after today.

Mr Louis Kreiner disclosed this yesterday in his reply to comments by Mr Arthur Wienburg. Mr Geyer had a heart attack late last year, and his doctor advised him to retire, but recently he felt well enough to complete council projects he initiated.

Mr Wienburg said "we worked out that the town clerk gets about R144 an hour", but a mere 25 days after his retirement he was being hired as a consultant through a firm which charged R200 an hour. "We have enriched this gentleman. We sent him on a course overseas which cost this council R65 000."

Mr Kreiner said a town clerk's salary plus fringe benefits amounted to R20 540 a month. That worked out to R167 an hour, excluding the sick leave allowance. With that included, it came to R192 per hour. The council spent more on other consultants.

Job security is 'absolute' (2b3)

Municipal Reporter

JOB security in the municipal-
ity is absolute, says Mr. Arthur
Wienburg. *ARL 3/13/93*

Proposing an independent
study comparing council pay
packages with those in the pri-
vate sector, Mr. Wienburg said
there were many examples of
the council paying staff too
much.

But, councillors voted 12 to
six against the study, heeding
the view of Mrs. Eulalie Stott
that there was no dishonour in
trying to give staff a better
deal than elsewhere.

Former town clerk won't take pay as consultant

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2 month or R192 an hour; Mr Kreiner said

THE city council has already paid about R14 000 for three weeks' consultancy work by former town clerk Mr Don Geyer

But from today Mr Geyer would do any work free, executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said

He said a R200 an hour fee paid to Gilt Edged Consultants for Mr Geyer's services was not exorbitant

Mr Geyer's salary package on retirement was worth R297 866 a year, about R20 540

Mr Geyer, who retired early because of a heart attack, was hired to complete various projects he had been working on, and to advise the new town clerk

Mr Arthur Wienburg said the city council had been ridiculed about the amount it paid to a consultant to act as director of information services

"I believe the mood of the people is the same when it comes to Mr Geyer," he said

Mr Wienburg said his calculations were that Mr Geyer was being paid more than his salary on retirement, and had fewer responsibilities

He questioned why Mr Geyer had to advise the new town clerk when acting town clerk, city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr, was well qualified

Other council officials could have taken over completing Mr Geyer's projects, he said

Mr Kreiner said Mr Geyer had initiated the projects exco had asked him to complete

He confirmed Mr Geyer had been present at the exco meeting when it was decided to hire his services

"In 43 years of service, Mr Geyer had one day's sick leave He has written a letter saying that from Wednesday he will waive any payment," Mr Kreiner said

● Maritzburg town clerk Mr Keith Nicol takes office as Cape Town chief executive on May 1

Mr Hofmeyr will be acting town clerk until then, except for a week's leave in mid-April when Mr Arthur Clayton will be acting town clerk



Mr Don Geyer

Millions of rands to get rush work done

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

MILLIONS of rands are being reshuffled by the city council to enable various projects to go ahead as the end of the municipal financial year looms

Deferring construction of the station deck taxi terminus and the parking area at Rhodes Cottage in Muizenberg means road gangs will not have enough work to do for the rest of the financial year

To keep them busy, the executive committee has authorised transferring more than R500 000 from other projects so that road works in Koeberg Road and building embayments in Klipfontein Road can go ahead

Funds for the projects are available because the computer system for consolidated billing cost less than anticipated and funds for Sea Point pavilion renovations are in limbo

Funds for external repairs to the City Hall are also available because the contractor's work is behind schedule

This is one of the capital transfers being done by the city council as the financial year end on June 30 approaches and money and projects have to be reshuffled because some scheduled schemes cannot go ahead.

Exco has also set aside R298 000 for planning a revamp of Princess Vlei parkway and the False Bay coast road to cope with the transport needs of the southern suburbs and Cape Flats.

"Failure to plan and implement this road system could lead to the council losing major developments to other areas better served with road access and to traffic problems on the already congested local road system being exacerbated," according to a report tabled at this week's city council meeting

In another transfer of funds, R120 000 not needed for the combined billing system computer project will be spent on demolishing four reinforced concrete silos at a roads branch depot in Ndabeni. The silos were crumbling and falling pieces of concrete were a serious threat to workers and equipment, a report said.

Other projects which have got an unexpected boost are

- R5,8 million to buy two bin-lifting heavy duty refuse vehicles for the containerisation project, as well as to convert two vehicles to handle refuse containers

- R193 000 to make up a shortfall on the R4,7 million needed for the containerisation of the Wynberg, Claremont and Mowbray cleansing districts.

- A R55 000 shelter at the Mitchell's Plain compost plant, to keep compost dry. Annual potential production of 46 200 bags — a potential R138 600 income — was lost because compost was too wet to be processed, a report said.

- R70 000 for fixing the roof of the Mowbray/Claremont cleansing depot.

Keegan warns on risks if forum not instituted

Municipal Reporter ²⁶³

THE Western Cape must get a negotiating forum on local government going as soon as possible or run the risk of political marginalisation. ARG 11/4/93

This was the urgent warning issued by deputy mayor and chairman of Cape Town's constitutional committee, Mr Clive Keegan, at an Idasa seminar last night.

"We will be run by commissars from other regions unless we move as rapidly as we can to a negotiating forum."

He said an Idasa facilitating group which was already at work should suggest guidelines for such a forum.

He appealed to political and civic associations, local authorities and other important groups to prepare mandated policies for the forum.

Mr Keegan lashed out at "certain northern municipalities" who were in the habit of

leaving Idasa seminars on local government "every time it comes to decisions"

DP local government spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh said his party agreed about the urgency of the matter.

An ANC delegation told the meeting it was unable to put a standpoint agreed to by the ANC regional executive committee to the meeting, and could not comment on the proposal.

However, there was consensus among most groups on the need for a forum.

Idasa Western Cape director Mr David Schmidt said the facilitating group would devote its next plenary session to the topic.

Key problems debated at last night's meeting included "capacity building" — ways to help disadvantaged communities take part in talks as equal partners.

Muizenberg voters to have a referendum?

PEOPLE living in and around Muizenberg could soon have a referendum to determine whether they would like independence from Cape Town

Following a recent meeting attended by representatives of most areas affected, Ward 17 Councillor Mr Abe Katz said the Administrator of the Cape was to be approached for advice on the correct steps to be taken

"A referendum could well be held in the ward to test the residents' feelings on the issue," he said.

Disputed

Recent figures released by the City Treasurer of Cape Town revealing that the constituents

could face rates increases of about 85% in the event of a break-away, were disputed by many at the meeting

Councillor Katz said "It was decided to investigate the feasibility of the idea and further investigations into its financial implications will be undertaken"

Independence

The areas under discussion are Lakeside, Muizenberg, Marina da Gama, St James, Kalk Bay and Clovelly

"If it's acceptable to the Administrator, we may well join up with the South Peninsula Municipal initiative, it's not yet known if we are financially strong enough to go it alone"

He said the Administrator could call for an in-depth independent investigation into the situation

"This could take four to five months and cost R30 000 to R40 000," he said

Mr Garth Luxton, secretary of the Muizenberg Business Association and vice-chairman of the Lakeside and Muizenberg Residents' Association, said the association was gathering the names of people who wanted the idea taken "a step further"

The residents are seeking independence from Cape Town over what they feel is the lack of adequate supervision and maintenance of facilities, unfulfilled promises of upgrading and sub-standard services

ANC wants forum for Cape Town

Municipal Reporter

THE ANC believes it is time to form a negotiating forum on the future of local government in the city

Mr Thozamile Botha, head of the ANC's local and regional government department, said this in response to a question from the mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, at a Chamber of Commerce symposium on local government at the Mount Nelson Hotel yesterday.

The deputy mayor, Mr Clive Keegan, said a negotiation forum would be established in the Western Cape by the end of May.

Development policies

Mr Botha said such a forum should "deal with the provision of services in the interim period", and that a representative executive council at the metropolitan level was needed in Cape Town to "address the budget issue for the entire metropole".

Ms Anne Bernstein, executive director of the Urban Foundation's development strategy unit, said regions should be able to pursue their own development policies, as some successes and some failures would be better than a uniform national failure.

Dr Deon Brand, chief director of inter-government finance, said revenue sharing, or inter-government grants would be part of any dispensation, regardless of how regional boundaries were drawn.

Sleek new council for Cape Town

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CAPE TOWN'S plethora of ethnic management committees, town councils and wards will soon be scrapped and replaced by a two-tier system with a single tax base if the city council's constitutional affairs committee has its way.

A set of proposals unveiled by the ad hoc committee this week calls for the scrapping of the Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC), the abolition of the business vote and the integration of group areas created by apartheid.

Chairman of the committee and deputy mayor Clive Keegan said the city was being wrecked by urban crises of housing, transport, economic development and environmental issues—which were being addressed in a “desperately fragmented” way by almost 70 local authorities.

Local government in the region

Seventy organisations, all

working on the crises facing

Cape Town—and some

accused of corruption,

nepotism and violence—are

to be replaced by a

streamlined local

government.

By PORTIA MAURICE

“faced a crisis of confidence and a ‘disturbing tendency towards the emergence of corrupt, violent, nepotistic, inept and inarticulate elites, largely self-appointed and answerable to no democratic process’.” The widespread duplication of services and resources was wasteful of manpower and finances, and resulted in a “jealously guarded tendency towards empire-

building”.

Fragmentation had made it difficult to manage areas like Table Mountain and False Bay. Citing the stagnation of District Six as an example, he said economic development in the western Cape was being seriously retarded by the lack of legitimate local government structures. Cape Town's transport system was rapidly collapsing, and this could only be solved by an accountable transport authority which “took decisions based on the needs of the people rather than the insights of Pretoria bureaucrats”.

The business vote was outmoded, Keegan said. Voting by fictitious persons and bogus businesses had caused widespread corruption.

“It is absolutely important that if we are to make a clean break with the past we must do away with those elements which suggest that privilege is given to property ownership or wealth.”

Keegan said

A single tax base would give all citizens of the area equal access to the income from local taxation and other sources. From the central pool, funds would be distributed to local authorities according to need, but those areas which wished to add to their taxes and provide more services could do so.

“There can be few metropolitan areas in the country where the stark contrasts between rich and poor could be more obvious or more vulgar.”

The RSC, which governs large sections of the western Cape, should go because it was not accountable to any direct electorate, was an extension of tribalism and “carried too much political baggage”.

If passed by the city council next month, the recommendations will be its contribution to the “public conversation” about how post-apartheid cities should be managed.

State jobs on CPA payroll

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ABOUT 2 600 central government staff have become Cape Provincial Administration employees because of the demise of "own affairs" administrations (263)

Local government and health became "general affairs" yesterday and were given to the CPA.

The new staff, formerly paid by the Houses of Representatives and Assembly, were "heartily welcomed" and would be used in their present posts where possible, the provincial administration said

All former "own affairs" hospitals in the Cape, some of which had been run on an agency basis, and all oral hygiene services have been transferred to the CPA

The hospitals include Lentegeur in Mitchell's Plain, Alexandra in Pine-lands, Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital, Volks, William Slater and Walvis Bay South hospitals

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Govt AIDS decision

GOVERNMENT will not be making the HIV infection and AIDS notifiable, in line with the AIDS advisory committee's advice, National Health Minister Rina Venter has told Parliament. She says HIV infection should be made notifiable only if linked to mass screenings, which are not feasible in SA.

MP defects to Inkatha

INKATHA gained its second MP in the House of Delegates yesterday when Tongaat representative Michael Abraham left the NP to become the fifth Inkatha representative in Parliament. Abraham is also a former DP member.

Homeland assistance

THE four independent homelands received R6,12bn in assistance from SA during the 1992/93 financial year, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said yesterday. Bophuthatswana received R2,3bn, Transkei R2,2bn, Venda R665,6m and Ciskei R914,1m.

SA gains doctors

SA GAINED a large number of professionals last year, particularly in the medical field, Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said yesterday. Last year 289 doctors immigrated to SA against 35 who emigrated.

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Govt changes stance on VAT rate dates

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TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — Government has announced that the old VAT rate will still apply for goods supplied before April 7 but delivered before April 28, reversing its previous stance.

The provision of a 21-day period of grace follows urgent public representations, particularly from Sacob, which argued that applying the new VAT rate to goods delivered after April 7 was administratively complex and unjust.

Opening debate on the VAT Amendment Bill in Parliament yesterday, Deputy Finance Minister Theo Alant said urgent representations had been received in the last few days from vendors, whose commercial practice it was to deliver goods to their clients a few days after the sale transaction had been concluded.

They argued the present provision in the VAT Amendment Bill resulted in friction between vendors and their clients, Alant said. An amendment would be introduced later in the session in terms of which the supply of goods which took place before April 1, and where the goods were delivered within 21 days, would be subject to the lower rate of tax.

Similar representations had been received concerning lay-buy sales, and an amendment would also be introduced on this issue.

The legislation would also provide that the old VAT rate would apply where the agreement had been entered into before

April 7 even though the goods were delivered at a later date.

DP MP Geoff Engel said during the debate his party would not support the Bill because government was steadily bastardising a fine system of tax collection into one that would become unmanageable.

Sapa reports he said government was shifting a greater portion of the tax base onto the poor. In addition, VAT on medicine and medical services taxed misfortune and misery, he said.

ANC-supporting Independent MP for Simon's Town Jannie Momborg said the VAT increase from 10% to 14% was unacceptable to the ANC.

It represented an attack on the living standards of workers and the poor because it shifted the fiscal burden onto their shoulders. The increase was not only inflationary, but would dampen economic growth by reducing consumer spending when manufacturing production levels were critically low because of the recession.

The ANC supported progressive taxation which differentiated between taxing on the capacity to pay, such as a progressive PAYE system.

The organisation welcomed the exemption of basic foodstuffs, but believed there should be more relief.

Essentials, including medicine and medical services, electricity and water, should also be exempted.

General affairs expanded further

CAPE TOWN — Agriculture, health and local government became general affairs yesterday, ending an expensive, fragmented and race-based system of own affairs management, House of Assembly Ministers' Council chairman Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

The own affairs aspects of welfare, housing and works were receiving attention, and would be transferred to general affairs early in the second half of the year, he said in a statement.

An education co-ordination service had been implemented on April 1 to transform the prevailing system into executive regional departments as quickly as possible. Functions carried out by own affairs administrations would be executed by the equivalent general affairs departments.

The old own affairs dispensation was being replaced by a more efficient, cost-effective and decentralised system.

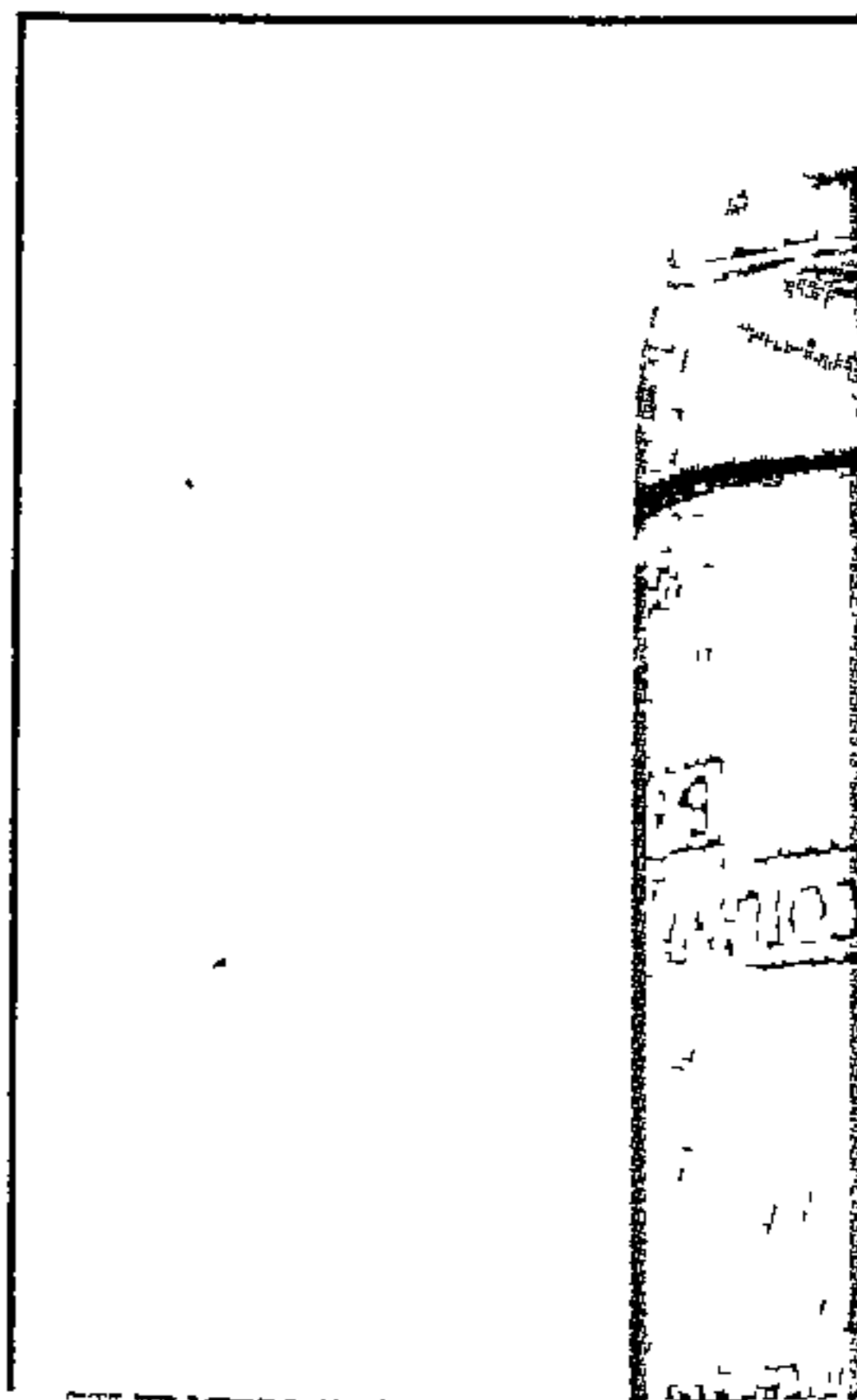
About 10 500 members of the House of Assembly administration were affected by the transfer of functions and were being posted with the least possible disruption.

Funds for the newly transferred services had already been included in the 1993/4 budgets of the recipient departments.

The Cape Provincial Administration announced yesterday that two own affairs functions, local government and health, had been handed to the CPA.

The effect of the transfer of own affairs functions to the CPA means that 2 600 officers and posts of the administration of the houses of Assembly and Representatives now fall under the CPA.

All former own affairs Cape hospitals, some of which had been run on an agency basis up to now, and all oral hygiene services, have been transferred to the CPA — Sapa.



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Supervisor for Ikapa Council

HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS
Weekend Argus Reporter

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FORMER Fish Hoek town clerk Mr Eric Fry has been appointed by the Cape Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, to supervise financial transactions by the Ikapa Town Council, which has been the target of widespread allegations of corruption.

Mr Fry, who began his new task this week, has been briefed by the Provincial Administration to "scrutinise all actions with financial implications before they are executed or adopted by the administrator of Ikapa".

In a statement the Administrator repeated an earlier request for a for-

mal commission of inquiry into alleged financial irregularities at Ikapa

The council manages community affairs in Langa, New Crossroads, Guguletu and Nyanga and residents have frequently launched campaigns against the council, accusing it of being "undemocratic"

Besides claims of kickbacks, it is alleged that senior council officials illegally submitted false tenders to council, accepted exceptionally high tenders and fragmented work to circumvent the need to submit tenders

Officials allegedly did not ask for competing tenders or intentionally withheld the fact that competing tenders were from the same company.

Residents may take council to court

By Rehana Rossouw

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ROBERTSON residents are considering Supreme Court action against the municipality after they discovered they were being charged more for services than what is laid down in municipal tariffs.

Robertson Civic Association spokesperson Mr Jean van Rooyen said over 500 residents decided at a mass meeting last week to embark on legal action to counter municipal "corruption".

He said a random survey of residents' service accounts showed that R14,95 was being charged for sewerage and R11,25 for refuse

removal, though the tariffs laid down R12,10 and R5,65

Robertson town secretary Mr At du Plessis said residents who lived in state housing paid higher service charges because they did not pay rates

"We have been charging more for services from rented homes for years. There is nothing sinister about it," he said.

Residents are determined to press ahead with their action against the municipality

They are demanding an independent cost evaluation, reparation and the scrapping of all arrears

"For the past few years many

people have been evicted from their homes because they were in arrears," Van Rooyen said.

"People were handed over to lawyers and sent to prison for not paying.

"We want the municipality to withdraw all arrears and stop all prosecutions."

The civic's lawyer, Mr Essa Moosa, confirmed that he had been instructed to bring Supreme Court action against the Robertson municipality

He said the legal action would be considered if the civic did not get a satisfactory response to their demands.

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Restructuring local government in the

“The new dispensation that is proposed gives Cape Town the chance to create a system of local and metropolitan governance which enjoys legitimacy and the support of all the peoples of Cape Town.”

“It has been developed in a spirit of vision and courage and seeks to make Cape Town a truly great city, offering stability, prosperity and quality of life to all its peoples.”

Clive Keegan, deputy mayor of Cape Town and chairman of the *ad hoc* Constitutional Affairs Committee

The Executive Committee of the Cape Town City Council appointed an *ad hoc* Constitutional Affairs Committee to investigate ways in which local government can be restructured to accommodate political change and at the same time ensure a stable and well-run Greater Cape Town area, which will provide the springboard for greater economic growth in the region.

The Constitutional Affairs Committee's proposal is the most detailed of its kind to have been prepared by any South African local authority to date and represents Cape Town's position on local government in future negotiations.

Some of the main recommendations made by the Constitutional Affairs Committee are the following:

Two-tier system for Greater Cape Town

It is recommended that the Greater Cape Town area be run on a two-tier system which would unite the present 69 local authorities into a single non-racial entity serving all the people of Cape Town.

Local government would then operate at two levels. The first would be a *metropolitan authority*, which would be an integral part of local government and not an independent level between central and local government, and a system of lower level *primary local authorities*

The Metropolitan Authority would co-ordinate crucial development policies for Greater Cape Town in such areas as transport, land use, low-cost housing and the impact of development on the environment. Special Purpose bodies, democratically controlled by the Metropolitan Authority and accountable to the public, would be established to manage each of these specific areas of responsibility

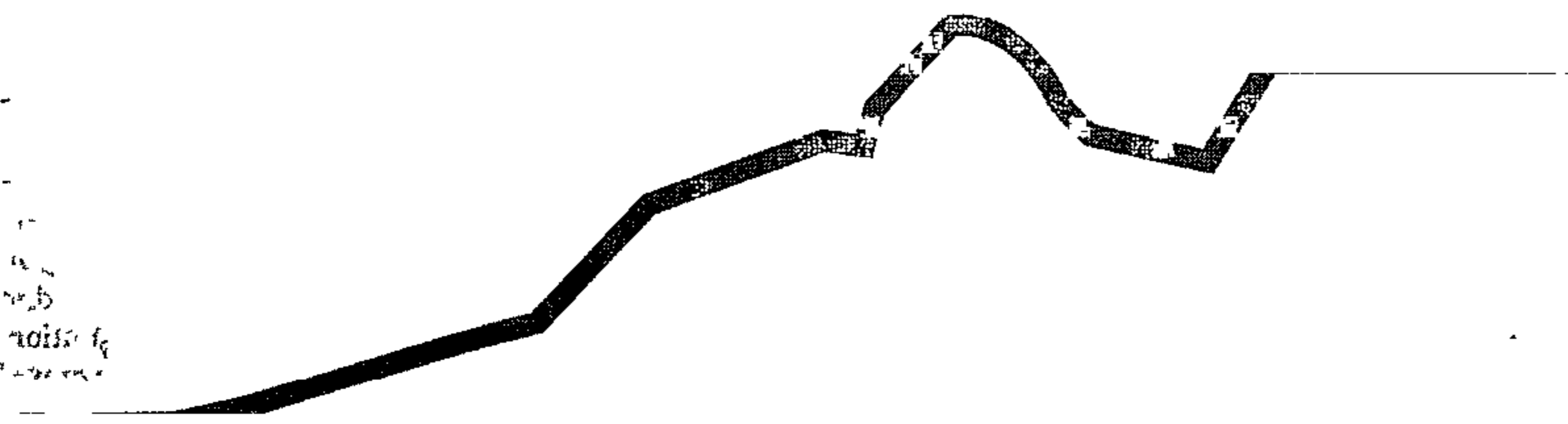
One city, one tax base

The two-tier system would be the most efficient option for the one city, one tax base principle according to which income is pooled and then redistributed in accordance with community needs

The *metropolitan authority* would be the principal taxing authority with responsibility to pool and redistribute funds across the region, while the *primary local authorities* would retain an adequate taxing capacity. The *primary local authorities* would, however, have the powers to provide local services and services of a higher standard than the minimum set for the metropolitan area. The latter could, for example, include more frequent refuse collection, maintenance of grass verges etc

Abolishing the Western Cape RSC

The Committee recommends that the Western Cape Regional Services Council, a remnant of the Apartheid sys-



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the Cape Peninsula Metropolitan Area

tem, be dissolved and all its functions and the income it derives be transferred to the Metropolitan Authority. For the two bodies to exist alongside each other would promote conflict and dilute the impact of metropolitan actions aimed at reconciliation.

Who gets the vote

Under the proposed new system the present franchise qualifications, linked to property ownership will fall away. Instead, all persons of 18 and older, with a South African citizenship and permanent residence in the area, would be eligible to vote.

Residents include tenants, family members and lodgers, temporary residents (such as university students), as well as persons occupying informal housing and squatters.

The voting rights of fictitious persons, which include businesses and even deceased and insolvent estates, would be abolished. (Such voting rights do not exist anywhere else in South Africa anymore.)

The Constitutional Committee believes that by creating greater opportunities for public participation and therefore greater access to the decision-making process, the influence of traditional voters to mobilise opinion and influence Council decisions will in no way be diminished. However, by extending the franchise it would be giving those previ-

ously denied the vote, many of whom are making an active contribution to Cape Town through their labour, an articulated voice and a share in the decision-making process.

Being accountable to the public

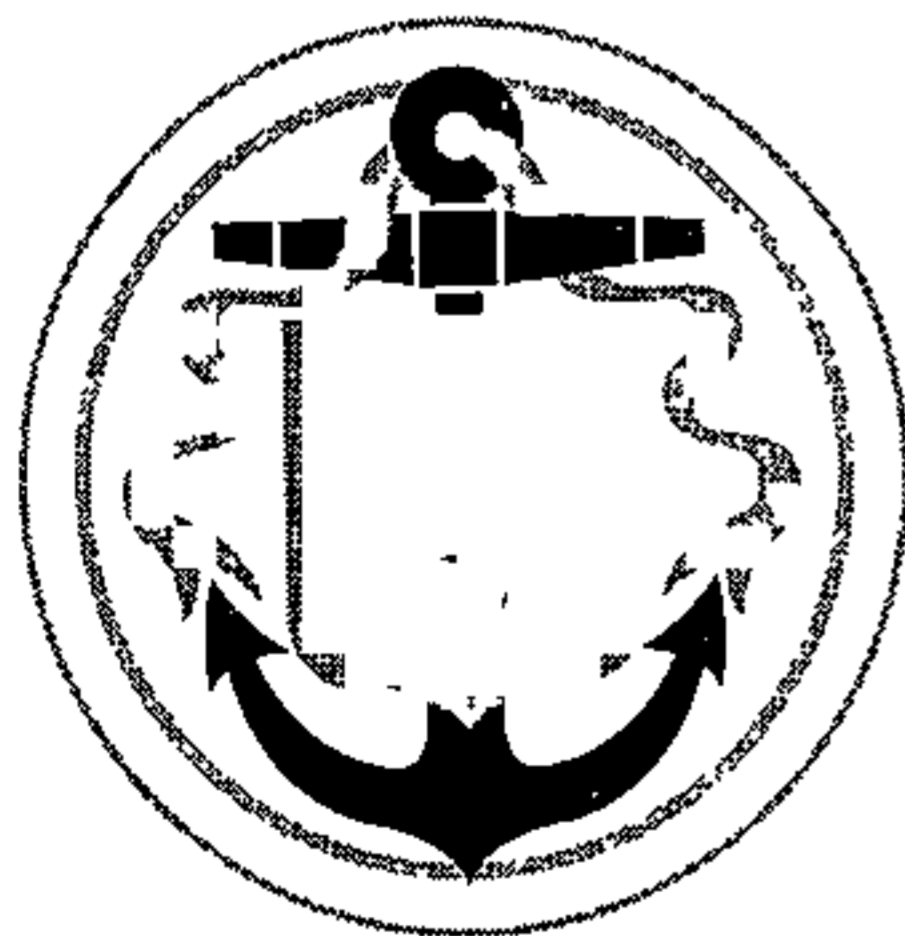
A set of stringent mechanisms, including a code of ethics and the close scrutiny of the books of account by the Auditor-General, would ensure that Council members would be accountable to the general public, their wards, political parties and local interest groups.

New boundaries for metropolitan Cape Town

New boundaries must be set for the Greater Cape Town area, that take into account not only technical considerations (such as topography which can affect the way in which services are provided), but also political, social and economic factors.

Taxation

Valuation for the purpose of determining property taxes should be streamlined and simplified. Until a national decision is taken on property taxation of black local authority areas, site and services charges should be levied. Similar charges should be applied in informal settlement and squatter areas. The Metropolitan Authority would also determine an annual uniform property tax.



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'Cape history is distorted'

By Rehana Rossouw South

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SHOULD human beings continue to be displayed in the South African museum alongside stuffed animals?

This was one of the issues raised at a one-day conference on "Symbols for a democratic Cape Town" organised by the Mayibuye Centre and the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa) this week.

University of the Western Cape historian Mr Ciraj Rassool suggested the display of original Cape dwellers be removed from the museum as it had potential to offend sectors of the population.

He said people had to begin grappling with how to publicly display the experience of black people in Cape Town.

Cape Town had suffered from the different ways its history had been depicted. It had, in tour guides and

brochures, been referred to as the foundation of the South African nation, the tavern of the seas, the gateway to the continent of Africa, the gateway to civilisation, a tourist and health resort, a refreshment station, the Mother City and the cradle of the Republic.

"What has been stressed is that Cape Town is not very African. It is the natural home of the coloured people which is known for its racial harmony and natural beauty," Rassool said.

"The myths about Cape Town's past have spawned a notion that Cape Town is different and needs to be freed from the rest of South Africa, the racial strife and the violence

"What is concealed here is a distasteful anti-African politics geared towards strengthening existing policies," Rassool said the official and down-

mant symbols in Cape Town all had political meaning — the rural Dutch settlements, the castle, wine farms and symbols of British colonial maritime history.

"Selective historical images have been used to distort the history of Cape Town," he said. "This is quite stark in the Victorian waterfront development which excludes most of its history.

"Absent are images of the Khoi, the slaves, political exiles, fishermen and convicts. Excluded are the first African migrants from the eastern Cape.

"The Robben Island landing dock from which so many political prisoners were released while the waterfront was being built around it is unacknowledged."

Rassool said District Six loomed large as a symbol of the destruction of community life in Cape Town. "But it is also a symbol of

attempts to retain a memory. The District Six experience is so locked in mythology and nostalgia and as an icon which subordinates other experiences of Cape Town forced removals."

Rassool said the coon carnival was hardly representative of aspects of working class culture in South Africa and was criticised as a stereotype of happy entertainers for tourists.

Bo-Kaap, with its recent spate of museums, monuments and tours as a symbol of post-emancipation Cape Town faced the danger of falling into an ethnic pigeonhole.

However, Rassool said, the solution may not lie in destroying the symbols of oppressive power.

"Do you topple the Voortrekker Monument or recontextualise it? Do you move Jan van Riebeck's statue from the foreshore to another place?"



PE probe — charges may be brought

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

CRIMINAL charges could emerge soon from the intensive seven-year investigation into widespread allegations of corruption and irregularities among councillors and officials of Port Elizabeth's Ibhayi council, parliament has been told

A commission of inquiry may also be appointed soon

Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring told MPs at the start of the Provincial budget debate yesterday that the findings of police investigations had been presented to the attorney-general of the Eastern Cape, "who now has to formulate charges"

In a separate statement, the CPA said "Enough background information is available now to make the appointment of a commission of inquiry viable — which the CPA has requested recently. The law can now take its course"

Signs of corruption and maladministration in Ibhayi first

emerged in 1986 during an audit.

Ten officials, including the town clerk, were suspended in December 1991, and all members of the council resigned in March 1992. The township has been administered since by the regional representative in the Eastern Cape, Mr Dami Bezuidenhout

Private auditors were appointed to bring Ibhayi's books up to the date.

The CPA statement said that "personal differences and discord among council members crippled the decision-making ability of the council"

It added "The council lost credibility in the community, which contributed to a large-scale boycott of the payment of rent and service charges"

The statement said the Province had considered appointing a commission of inquiry in the late 1980s "but it was thought not feasible as not enough proof was available to validate allegations"

It is evident that the allegations have now been validated

Zim businessmen ask for more funds

HARARE — Zimbabwe's Indigenous Business Development Centre (IBDC) intends to ask for more funds from the government to help cash strapped local businessmen the organisations new president, Chemist Siziba said yesterday

Siziba told Ziana news agency in an interview that his executive will work very hard to ensure continued availability of affordable finance for its members.

"We will try to pressurise government so that they make the Z\$100m, which was put in place to help indigenous business people, a permanent feature in the government budget and make sure that it benefits its intended target," he said.

Regional members of the IBDC have complained bitterly about the disbursement of the funds. Some members have alleged they were discriminated against by the national executive, whom they said favoured their relatives.

While acknowledging there was very little his organisation could do in the form of a legal recourse, Mr Siziba hit out at government for misleading the businessmen and releasing the Z\$100m earmarked for indigenous businessmen to commercial banks.

"These financial institutions operate to make profits. No wonder why they set conditions that most businessmen could not meet. In future nobody who is not a member of the IBDC should get those funds," he said.

During his term of office, Mr Siziba said he would fight hard to find markets and business for his members.

"We will be asking established organisations to sub-contract our members as those in the construction industry are doing right now," he said. — Sapa

Expect 'big health cuts'

PROVINCIAL health services faced dramatic cutbacks unless enough money was made available, Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring warned yesterday when presenting the province's R4,7 billion budget for 1993-4.

The total represented a 10,1 percent increase on the previous budgeted figure but was only 3,9 percent more than that year if the additional appropriation of R237 million was included.

He said the provincial system did not meet the challenges of the day because it did not represent the South African population.

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FW asked to probe Ikapa

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PRESIDENT F. W. de Klerk had been asked to appoint a commission of inquiry into the finances of the Ikapa town council, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr. Kobus Meiring, said yesterday.

The appointment of a commission was under consideration, he said during the debate in the Joint Committee on Provincial Affairs for the Cape.

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He said that although the provincial administration was doing everything possible to investigate allegations of mismanagement or corruption, the law greatly limited his role in this regard.

Many EC civic seats unfilled

NEARLY half the 49 black local authorities in the Eastern Cape (EC) are without any representatives (263)

Of the 239 positions on the EC councils, only 84 — or 35% — are filled

Administrator of the Cape Mr Kobus Meiring said yesterday Rini in Grahamstown had filled seven of its nine seats.

All 21 seats in Ibhayi Town Council (Port Elizabeth) were vacant, as were 14 out of 16 in Kwanobuhle (Uitenhage). CF 7/4/93

Shots fired after ANC Youth League visit council offices

STEFAANS BRUMMER (263)
and EDWARD MOLOINYANE
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SHOTS were fired when an ANC Youth League occupation of Langelethu West Town Council offices in Khayelitsha erupted in chaos

Youth League Khayelitsha branch-committee members said they occupied the office of Langelethu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence about 11am yesterday, demanding that town councillors and white officials resign, alleged maladministration and embezzlement be probed and an interim local government structure be set up

They said Mr Lawrence accepted "some of the issues we raised", but when they demanded he put it in writing, he went to consult his councillors

"They came out arrogantly, pointing guns at us and slapped us around

"We were attacked and we left the office under the threat of guns."

They alleged councillors "kicked and punched" them and fired in the air and at a crowd of people picketing outside the offices. They claimed 50 shots were fired in 25 minutes of chaos

Mr Lawrence said while he was talking to the occupiers, "about 200 youths gathered outside, broke the gate and stoned my office. I was almost hit by a piece of concrete"

Councillors went outside, fired "about five shots" and the crowd dispersed. He said Youth League claims that 50 shots were fired was "exaggeration"

He said occupation contravened the Peace Accord, was not sanctioned by ANC regional structures and was against the spirit of recent contact between the ANC and councillors

But he supported the call for a judicial inquiry into the affairs of the council.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said in a statement last night the commission had been informed "As soon as it is safe, our investigation unit will make appropriate inquiries"

'Disbelief' at squandering

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THE R25 million allegedly embezzled in Ibhayi would have kept the Port Alfred hospital going for 12 years, Albany MP Mr. Errol Moorcroft said yesterday (263)

Speaking in the provincial budget debate, Mr Moorcroft said he had "difficulty explaining to my constituents" that the central government could find R3m to pay its ministers to live in their own houses, but could not find the less than R2m to commission the Port Alfred hospital

"My constituents point to the squandering of billions and shake their heads in disbelief"

Koos Albertyn has his wings clipped

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■ Koos Albertyn, the controversial ministerial representative who has ridden roughshod over local authorities and overruled their decisions on appeal, has been hobbled.

WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE powers of controversial ministerial representative Mr Koos Albertyn, who has overruled the decisions of several local councils on public issues, have been curtailed.

Dr Tertius Delpoort, Minister of Local Government, said that in future Mr Albertyn would not handle any appeals on local government issues.

“As from April 1, as a result of certain amendments to existing legislation, all appeals against local authority decisions will be handled by the Administrator of each province, assisted by his executive com-

Some of Koos's controversial decisions:

- Overruling the Milnerton Town Council in allowing extensions to Professor Chris Barnard's house;
- Overruling the Blouberg local authority in allowing extensions to opera star Mimi Coertse's house;
- Overruling the National Parks Board objections in allowing the Myburgh Park development to extend into the nature area of the Langebaan Lagoon;
- Overruling the Paarl Council in allowing subdivisions on Paarl Mountain;
- Overruling the Montagu Town Council in allowing further business activity in its historic Long Street; and
- Overruling the Constantia Valley Council in allowing a conference centre with vehicular access on the Constantia Nek trail.

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“This is part of the whole process of the phasing out of own-affairs. Mr Albertyn previously acted as the own-affairs ministerial representative. Under the policy of regionalisation, these duties now will be dealt with by the various administrators and their executive committees.”

Mr Albertyn, who did not have any formal training in town planning, infuriated local authorities when he overturned some of their decisions on appeal.
“In an earlier interview with Weekend Argus, Mr Albertyn said he received delegated powers from the minister, which meant that, on appeals, the final decision

was his. He said if local authorities were unhappy about his decisions, they were welcome to fight him in court.

Dr Delpoort confirmed that, previously, before amendments to legislation, Mr Albertyn had had the final authority to decide on appeals. He said he was not prepared to comment on the merits of Mr Albertyn's decisions.

Mr Albertyn infuriated Cape Town city councillors when he gave the go-ahead to insurance giant Norwich Life to build a R20-million office block on a section of the old Vineyard sportsground in Newlands, against the express wishes of the city council.

Dr Delpoort said he had read newspaper reports about Mr Albertyn's controversial decisions and, on two occasions, had been approached by people about some of these decisions. He had told them he was powerless to act once the decision had been taken by Mr Albertyn.
Mr Albertyn was not available for comment.

Cost of dying rockets

By Sabata Ngcai

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GUGULETU Civic Association is seeking legal assistance to halt a "unilateral" decision by the Ikapa Town Council (ITC) to increase grave tariffs in the area.

The ITC, which controls Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga, announced last month it was increasing grave tariffs from R3 an adult to R100 and from R2 a child to R50. The new tariffs became effective from March 1.

Civic leader Mr Wilson Sidina said the organisation felt undermined when the ITC told them at a meeting it had informed the residents about the increases through the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco).

Sidina said the civic association felt sidelined because it was "the only civic organisation recognised by the residents".

He said the actions of the council had left the organisation with no option but to challenge the matter in court.

Sidina said residents were planning a protest march to the ITC.

An attorney at the Legal Resources Centre, Mr Mac Nodliwa, confirmed he was representing the civic.

He said court action could be based on the fact that the grave tariff increases were unfair.

"There are people who cannot afford to pay R100 and R50 to buy a grave," Nodliwa said.

Sanco denied it had been consulted on the matter.

The ITC had not responded to a fax from SOUTH by the time of going to press.

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PLANS to upgrade Bonteheuwel's medical facilities are on ice, thanks to party-political squabbling.

The players in the game are the Bonteheuwel Civic Association, the Bonteheuwel Residents' Association, the National Party, a controversial local Health Committee and the Cape Town City Council

The spectators are the sick and the elderly of Bonteheuwel, who have to walk 2km to the day hospital in Heideveld.

"Our elderly people are dying in their homes because they cannot walk to the day hospital in Heideveld," said Mr John Miranda, secretary of the Bonteheuwel Residents' Association

More than two years ago the House of Representatives pledged

Dispute over day hospital plan

R2 million to build a day hospital in Bonteheuwel.

But after a policy change, the provision of health facilities became the responsibility of local authorities, and the money passed to the Cape Town City Council

According to Bonteheuwel MP Mr Patrick McKenzie, the council delayed building until the community put pressure on them to proceed

The council insisted that residents elect a health committee to determine the needs of the community.

Dr Johan van Rensburg of the City Health Department

But the civic association and the residents' association suspect malpractice in the election of the committee. They claim that National Party supporters packed the public meeting where the committee was elected, and nominated enough members to ensure a majority on the committee. The residents' association has collected 996 signatures in a petition that condemns the health committee as undemocratic and illegitimate

Civic association chairperson Mr Garnat Ismail claimed that the per-

son chairing the meeting had simply written down the names of the first 10 nominees and ignored the rest

Van Rensburg, McKenzie, and committee chairperson Mrs Mary Jafra denied these claims. McKenzie and Jafra accused the residents' association of gathering signatures for the petition under false pretences

The civic feels all the organisations working in Bonteheuwel should be equally represented on the health committee.

The civic and the residents' associations are also incensed about the co-option of two more NP support-

ers on to the committee, to replace civic supporters who resigned

The City Council proposes to upgrade the existing clinic in Bonteheuwel to provide certain day hospital facilities. Van Rensburg said that while the council supported the demands for a proper day hospital, the council proposal made the best use of the limited funds available

The residents' association wants the council plan to go ahead; the civic is insisting on a proper day hospital

Both bodies reject the health committee, which they see as stalling the process. And the health committee rejects the council plan

Van Rensburg claimed the health committee originally accepted the plan but then rejected it because of the in-fighting — **Justin Pearce**

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'Avoid a highly centralised govt' —

By Washied Milsbach

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Brand

SOUTH Africa will have to avoid a "highly centralised" government structure in future for it to be financially successful, said Dr Deon Brand, Chief Director of the Department of Finance at a seminar on local government in Cape Town last week.

Brand said the government has realised the "old constitutional system was not only poorly conceived, but doomed for failure, and has not

been a financial success story. "Between the central government and regional governments there have been over 200 assorted departments," said Brand. "At local level there have been about 800 additional institutions, ranging from regional services, councils, and racially-based local authorities to rural councils".

There was also a need for a comprehensive policy to distribute revenue between governmental units. Currently revenue has been allocated and transferred on an ad hoc basis rather than according to a well-defined and accepted process, said Brand.

Raising revenue at regional level has also been a problem. Provincial administrations, the self-governing territories and TBVC states have very little powers of taxation.

Brand says the result has been a dependence on central government for finance. Quoting the World Bank on the issue, Brand says the result has been a "deterioration of urban services as well as lost productivity for the economy as a whole".

Decentralised government has a number of advantages. It is more flexible and can respond to needs quickly. Brand said the National Party

has proposed four to nine regions, while the ANC has considered 10 to 16, but have appeared to settle on 10.

As there is a high cost involved in many regions having their own bureaucracies, Brand suggested limiting the number of regions to between six and nine.

Brand also proposed the notion of "intergovernmental grants" that would assist poorer regions once geographical boundaries are drawn.

Further pressure on the government has come from black local authorities granted independence in the mid-1980's for political reasons — despite the fact that this decision was not economically viable, said Brand.

Residents not paying rents and service charges has resulted in central government footing the bill. Brand said there is a need to redistribute resources from wealthier local authorities to poorer ones.

PLANS to extend the boundaries of Randburg, Sandton, Verwoerdburg and Midrand have run into a wall of opposition headed by the ANC, which warned it may "at the appropriate time" reverse attempts to incorporate land south of the R28 highway into the four towns.

The ANC's concern is shared by hundreds of affected smallholders who flatly reject incorporation into the Big Four — but for vastly different reasons.

Mathole Motshega, chairman of the ANC's local regional government commission in the PWV, dismissed this week's recommendations by the Demarcation Board on land allocation as "unilateral government action"

He claimed it was part of a bigger scheme to rush things through before a new government was in place and said the decision ignored the views of the existing local government negotiating forum, which had already placed the question of boundaries on its agenda.

Conflict

The Transvaal Provincial Administration this week announced its acceptance of the board's suggestions to bring land south of the Krugersdorp/Pretoria highway under the jurisdiction of the four municipalities

MEC for local government Burger Lategan stressed the TPA expected these municipalities to move rapidly "to identify land for low-cost housing"

Conflict generated by the need to find a permanent location for homeless people squatting at Zevenfontein was a major factor prompting the Demarcation Board hearing.

The board's recommendations are as follows:

- No additional land should be incorporated into Roodepoort and Krugersdorp

- Randburg should be granted the area including Zandspruit, Nietgedacht, Lanseria Airport and Chartwell Agricultural Holdings

- Parts of Diepsloot and the whole of Zevenfontein should be included in Sandton, except for the Johannesburg waste water works and the nature reserve

- Midrand should gain Witpoort

- The southern section of Knoppjeslaagte should be in-

SHIRLEY WOODGATE and JO-ANNE COLLINGE

corporated into Verwoerdburg.
● Nootgedacht should become part of the Muldersdrift Local Area Committee.

Stuart Aitcheson, chairman of Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association said: "The board's decision, which co-incides with long-standing TPA plans, has set us back six years to the old Norweto days."

Claiming collusion between the board and the TPA, he accused Randburg and Sandton of being guilty of "continued apartheid planning" after literally being given the go-ahead to dump their low-cost housing on land they had set their sights on all along. Smallholders could offer housing to thousands of workers working on the plots, without the official intervention of Randburg, he said.

The TPA's Norweto design for black housing, followed by their 13 low-cost housing sites identified by The Star in 1991 had once again, after various window-dressing exercises, been given the official go-ahead under a new guise

"This is a political, not a planning, decision which has cost smallholders dear in property devaluation," he said.

Garden Triangle Action Group chairman Robert van Tonder said the incorporation had been approved to cover up for Randburg's failure to provide land for black housing.

They now planned to pollute the smallholdings on their northern boundaries with factories, refuse dumps and sewerage installations. The GTA had not been consulted on incorporation into Randburg, which it rejected totally.

Petition

The group planned to petition the administrator to appoint a commission to investigate the launch of a separate local authority to control land in the disputed triangle bordering Randburg, Midrand and up to Broederstroom

Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan said the wishes of landowners, specifically those in Diepsloot, had been 100 percent rejected.

In the final analysis, the TPA's decisions were a clear case of looking after the interests of Randburg and Sandton, which could ultimately be united into a single metropolitan area larger than the entire Johannesburg region

ANC warns it could reverse incorporation plan at right

Land scheme sparks an

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Robben Island panel to be set up

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PETER GALLI

A ROBBER Island advisory committee — as broadly representative as possible — would be appointed soon to steer discussions about future development, Cape Provincial Administration spokesman Johan Neethling said recently.

A private sector consultant would also be appointed, he said.

The island is currently a marine reserve and conservation area, housing a variety of marine and wildlife including penguins, buck, partridges and ostriches.

It has an operational prison that can house 850 criminals and 110 houses for correctional services staff. There are also shopping and sports facilities, a mosque and church.

Outgoing Tourism Minister Org Marais' request last week for R250 000 to conduct an environmental impact study of future development on the island was rejected by Parliament and funds for this would have to be found from another source, he said.

This assessment was imperative and would examine how many tourists the island could accommodate daily and the effects of this and development, he said.

However, any such development would probably not take place before 1997 and would involve across-the-board facilities ranging from a five-star hotel to self-catering accommo-

dation and camping facilities. Robben Island Correctional Services commander Col De Nysschen said the Correctional Services Department would relinquish control of the island by the end of 1996.

But premises for a new prison and funding for this still had to be found.

"Transport costs make Robben Island the most expensive prison in the country to run. The new prison will have to be able to accommodate the overpopulation of prisoners in the western Cape and will therefore have to be large enough for about 2 000 inmates," he said.

A site for the new prison had not yet been found.

Asked whether a new prison was economically viable at present, De Nysschen said one needed to "look at the present budget for the prison to see that it was viable".

In another western Cape development, work was under way on the infrastructure for the residential side of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront project. This would take the form of a townhouse development, comprising 600 units ranging from one to four bedrooms.

While a total of R40m would be needed to build the planned aquarium, an initial R25m would be sought, which would hopefully be raised from individual companies sponsoring specific parts of the aquarium.

Duties, VAT hike slammed

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PETER GALLI

THE increased VAT rate and higher transfer duties became effective last week.

Camdon's nationwide franchise chairman Scott McRae said government was "increasingly and misguidedly" tapping the property market as a tax milch cow.

"This is out of step with overseas trends, which have generous tax allowances to encourage property ownership. The budget underlined this short-sighted policy."

He analysed the increasing tax load on property as follows:

- When GST was in operation building a new home was subject to 13% GST on materials only. When VAT was introduced this was changed to 10% on materials and labour, which was now 14%.
- When buying a home from a developer, no GST was payable. Then 10% VAT was introduced, which increased to 14%. Estate agents' commissions were previously GST free, then subject to 10% VAT and now 14%.
- Under the GST system, transfer duty of 1% was payable on the first R30 000 and 3% on the balance. This rose to 1% on the first R50 000 and 5% on the balance. Now 1% is payable on the first R60 000, 5% on between R60 000 and R250 000 and 8% on all amounts over R250 000.

McRae said a new property tax vision would result in a healthier construction sector and greater housing affordability.

Plea on debts rejected

Municipal Reporter

THE Provincial Administration has turned down a city council plea for subsidies to clear debts of millions of rands owed to the council by black local authorities

Ikapa Town Council is understood to owe about R11 million to Cape Town for sewerage and other services

About R14 million owed by households in Langa and Guguletu will have to be collected directly by the council.

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said attempts to collect the debt were met with claims that paying was impossible because of a lack of provincial subsidies

In an hour-long meeting at the CPA offices yesterday, a city council delegation was told there was no money for subsidies, but ways of spreading the burden among other authorities would be explored. This included asking the Western Cape Regional Services Council for help.

Bid to postpone whites-only by-election defeated

Municipal Reporter

AN attempt by Grabouw Town Council to postpone a whites-only by-election has been defeated by a technicality.

The six-member council voted earlier this month to ask Administrator Mr Kobus Meir-

ing to put off a by-election caused by the resignation of a member.

A negotiating forum on local government has been set up in Grabouw.

A council source said there was reluctance to absorb one

of the management committee members into the council, as had happened at other municipalities. ARG 16/4/93

The council was told at a meeting on Wednesday the Administrator had turned down the request. (263)

This was in spite of an earlier CPA decision to postpone a management committee by-election in the town.

A CPA spokesman said the application had been rejected on a technicality.

Councillors under siege in township

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By RAMOTENA MABOTE

FIFTEEN township councillors were trapped in their Khayelitsha offices for more than five hours yesterday as a volatile crowd of more than 1 000 angry residents laid siege to the building.

The residents demanded the resignation of the entire Lingeletu West Town Council and said they would not leave until this transpired.

The tough negotiations — which included an hour-long telephone call to Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring and a signed fax from him — produced a compromise that the councillors be suspended immediately for six days.

The three-hour talks inside the council offices took place between members of the local branch of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) and town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence.

In a surprise and swift move Mr

Uneasy in a restless crowd

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

"AM I going to see the light of day," is the question that goes through my mind as I stand in the Lingeletu West Town Council offices while the tough negotiations progress and the toy-toting 2 000-strong crowd outside becomes increasingly angry and restless.

My heart pounding, my fears deepen as I recall the sight of the still-smoking shells of torched cars in Khayelitsha when photographer Benny Gool — now standing nervously next to me — and I drove into the township along the infamous Zola Budd Drive.

Lawrence condemned what he called the "unacceptable behaviour" of councillors, including assaults on residents, and said he had been assaulted by a councillor recently.

He agreed to suspend the councillors for six days, pending a meeting between Sanco and the CPA on Thursday.

Municipal services will contin-

ue to be supplied until then. And when the meeting deadlocks at one stage and I notice black smoke outside the offices, I nearly collapse — or maybe I do, but no one cares to tell me.

I realise that if Wednesday's march was anything to go by anything, including myself, could go up in flames.

And well, when I (or part of me) finally squeeze through the crowd shouting "amandla" to their victorious leaders, I realise with relief that although I am quivering, I am at least still intact.

During the meeting, the media were refused permission to talk to the councillors trapped in a separate room.

After agreement, the delegation was met by ululating and singing masses outside the offices, while a large contingent of police kept a close watch. The drama ended about 4pm.

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□ Khayelitsha station commander Lieutenant Winston Heunis signs an affidavit drawn presented to Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring.

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Marchers say:

'Lingelethu councillors out'

EDWARD MOLOINYANE, Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring has agreed to look into the affairs of the Lingelethu West Town Council, against which a number of allegations have been made by the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco), the ANC Youth League and other formations

The Administrator has also agreed to meet the groups on Thursday, to discuss several demands handed to the council yesterday

The undertaking was made after protracted negotiations at the council offices following a march there by more than 5 000 Khayelitsha residents yesterday

The demands call for the resignation of the 17 Khayelitsha town councillors, the probing of alleged maladministration and the embezzlement of funds and the setting up of an interim local government structure in Khayelitsha

Mr Meiring was unavailable for comment despite repeated approaches from Weekend Argus

The demand to Mr Meiring was signed under oath by Sanco chairman Mr Julian Ntsholo and witnessed by Khayelitsha station commander Lieutenant Colonel Winston Heunis

It read in part "The Lingelethu council has no support in the Khayelitsha area. My statement is based on the many delegations, petitions and marches against the council since their installation. Their continued presence in Khayelitsha poses a major threat to peace and stability in our community. If they are not suspended with immediate effect and a commission of inquiry appointed, conflict in our community will increase."

After three hours of often heated telephone exchanges between the Administrator and delegation spokesmen, with the crowd outside becoming impatient and beginning to burn tyres, Mr Meiring agreed to accord the matter his top priority.

He was asked to "send something in writing".

His faxed undertaking said "The Executive Committee of the Cape of Good Hope which meets on April 19 in Cape Town will specially consider an affidavit from Sanco in connection with the affairs of the Lingelethu West Council

"It is also herewith confirmed that I will meet a delegation of Sanco on Thursday, April 22, at 10 30am at my office in Cape Town"

Town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence, who was also made to "give something in writing", said he "fully" supported and endorsed the delegation's demands.

"These problems which are facing the people of Khayelitsha and are causing tension in the community have my personal voluntary endorsement and acceptance."

He added he had disagreed with the extension of the councillors' term of office by the Administrator after their term of office expired last October but had been ignored.

Lingelethu crisis given top priority

Staff Reporter

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THE crisis in the Lingelethu West town council where the councillors were suspended after maladministration charges by residents was given top priority by Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring yesterday.

About 1'000 angry residents laid siege to the council last week, refusing to leave until the councillors resigned. After negotiations by telephone with the administrator, a compromise was reached and the councillors were suspended.

Yesterday's meetings between CPA officials, a Lingelethu delegation and members of the peace committee were held in preparation for Thursday's meeting with the SA National Civics Organisation.

A spokesman for the administrator said the matter was being given priority as Mr Meiring "did not want to see more blood shed" and wanted to get services in Lingelethu going again.

● A decision by the administrator on the future of the informal traders in St George's Mall and a smoking ban in restaurants was held over.

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Local govt legislation to be brought before Parliament

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LINDA ENSOR (263)

CAPE TOWN — Legislation empowering the Minister of Local Government to postpone or announce the holding of municipal elections would be brought before Parliament in the current session, Local Government Minister Tertius Delpont said last night.

Opening the annual congress of the Municipal Association of the Cape Province, Delpont said government believed no further racially based elections should take place. "It is feasible to formulate a new constitution as quickly as possible so elections can take place on the basis of this constitution. If the necessary progress is made, there are no reasons why municipal elections should not take place before a central, general election."

Government recognised the importance of third-tier government and the urgency for faster reform at this level. Binding prescriptions would have to play a greater role. It was no longer possible to rely on the mere enabling provisions of interim measures legislation.

"It is my belief that we must move as quickly as possible to a point where the different local government ordinances are applicable to all local authorities." These ordinances would have to be stripped of racial clauses.

Real devolution of power was needed to ensure the accountability of elected representatives to their constituencies. Local authorities would also have to be geared towards development. This would necessitate the creation of metropolitan councils to undertake joint development actions.

Mayors muse and amuse on municipal morality

Municipal Reporter

BELLVILLE mayor Mr Awie Kempen was not amused when appeals for greater control over escort agencies caused this city to be the butt of some ribbing from other municipalities.

For the second time in two years, Bellville sought help from other councils in asking for the law to be changed so business licences can be refused on moral grounds.

Licence applications can be turned down only if health laws or the zoning scheme would be violated, or if the applicant is of "unsuitable character."

An appeal by Bellville to Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring to close down the city's escort agencies failed because the law did not allow this.

"Not one inhabitant of Bellville is in favour of escort agencies," Mr Kempen said.

But Mr M C Malan of Wellington said Bellville should move with the times. Once upon a time, councils had frowned on renting of videos on Sundays and cinemas being open on Sundays. Some councils still opposed topless bathing, he said.

One had to think of the benefits to the prosperity of

one's town. We would all

have been able to gamble had it not become a party political issue," Mr Malan said.

Councillors should not impose their own values on their town, he said.

Vredendal mayor Mr J Coetzee rose to tell a joke about a Namaqualander and an escort agency woman in a Bellville hotel.

Minerton mayor Mr D Krynauw followed with one about someone visiting Bellville, asking to see the escort agency, and being shown to a Ford dealer.

CPMA president Dr Danie Schumann reminded council-

ors they were discussing a motion.

Uppington mayor Mr G J Esterhuysen said local government was meant to govern, and should decide what was best for the electorate instead of trying to be popular.

"We are supposed to be a responsible government," he said.

● Mr Kempen's woes were not over. Goodwood councillor Mr Louwtjie Rothman told delegates after the lunch-break he had had an urgent message to phone a certain number.

It had been an escort agency in Bellville.

Fees urged for town planning appeals

Municipal Reporter

FEEES of up to R1 000 should be paid by people appealing against council town planning decisions, the Cape Province Municipal Association was told by the Port Elizabeth City Council, which said that appeals should be heard by an appointed tribunal instead of an official. Appeals should be granted

only if there had been procedural irregularities, and no extra points of argument should be allowed in support of appeals.

Central or provincial government overruling council planning decisions had been a bugbear for local authorities, Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr F H Kotze said. The present system meant officials wasted

their time

The provincial administration decided on appeals without giving reasons, he said

MEC Mr Danie le Roux said an amended ordinance was being prepared, which would provide for partly refundable fees for appeals

He asked councils to be patient until comment was invited on the new system

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Candidates 'should be literate'

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Municipal Reporter

LITERACY should be a qualification to be a candidate in a municipal election, says the Cape Province Municipal Association executive committee

The committee said local government elections should be held every two years

A five-year term proposed by a CPMA working group was too long

Property rates should be replaced as a source of income by service fees paid by every voter

● The committee is to recommend extending association membership beyond traditional white city and town councils

It is to recommend to the annual congress, meeting today in The Strand that local authorities other than those established in terms of Ordinance 20 of 1974 be admitted — opening the door to management committees and black local authorities

In a letter to the association, Lingeletu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said he had applied repeatedly for his council to be allowed to join the CPMA

Attack on civil servants causes stir at congress

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE hamlet of McGregor set the cat among the pigeons at the annual Cape Province Municipal Association congress with a motion slamming the role and attitudes of civil servants.

Tempers rose in Strand town hall and an attempt to quash the motion was fought bitterly.

McGregor called for councils to be given full powers at local level, without interference from government and civil servants

The council's stinging attack on decades of National Party rule rankled among delegates from small towns all over the province

"Governments since 1948 assiduously cultivated the idea it is somehow treasonable to try to defeat government policy," the McGregor delegation said in a document

The government had become arrogant and had forgotten it was meant to serve the people

The council accused civil servants of thinking of themselves as the masters of "doltish" citizens.

The government had forfeited the right to govern, and if its members had any shred of

decency they would resign

Civil servants had lost the confidence of their real masters, the people.

CPMA president Dr Danie Schumann said many delegates had not taken kindly to the harsh words

An attempt by veteran Oudtshoorn councillor Mr Sepie Greeff to scrap the motion was initially upheld by Dr Schumann

Mr Greeff apologised to State servants and MECs present that the motion was before the congress

Dr Schumann, after a show of hands, said Mr Greeff's proposal had been passed

This drew strong protest from various delegations, including Queenstown and Cape Town

Queenstown mayor Mr M H Johnson said "If this is an example of democracy in the new South Africa, God help the new South Africa"

Cape Town councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott called out: "You can't silence people, it is ridiculous"

She asked which clause of the association's constitution allowed Dr Schumann to guillotine debate, and questioned the way in which votes had been counted

After advice from Port Elizabeth town clerk Mr Paul Botha, Dr Schumann reversed his decision and allowed McGregor councillor Mr J Martin to speak

Mr Martin said he was glad the democrats in the hall had prevailed

"I have a right to speak and you have a duty to listen," he said

Mr Martin said soon other councillors would be attending conferences like the CPMA. "We are almost yesterday's men"

It was time for councils to assert their right to run their own affairs

Mr Botha said concrete proposals should be put forward on what councils' powers should be

A Milnerton spokesman associated his council with the "boldness" of the motion

But a second show of hands resulted in outright defeat of the motion

Cape Town councillors abstained.

Mrs Stott said she did not agree with strong local government, because of the potential of councils attempting to entrench apartheid in defiance of future central government policy

Municipal services in Khayelitsha suspended

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EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

MUNICIPAL services in Khayelitsha have been suspended until Friday — by which time the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, will have decided the fate of Lingeletu West Town council.

The council has been called on to resign by the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco), the ANC and other aligned organisations.

When they reported for duty yesterday, workers were told to "go home", with instructions that they return on Friday.

This followed an undertaking by the administrator to look into the affairs of the council after more than 5 000 residents marched on the council offices in protest last Friday, the second such act in a fortnight.

The marchers demanded the immediate resignation of the 17 Khayelitsha councillors; the probing of alleged maladministration and the embezzlement of funds; and the setting up of an interim

local structure in Khayelitsha.

In an undertaking during the march last week, the administrator said the executive committee of the Cape of Good Hope would meet on April 19.

"It is also herewith confirmed that I will meet a delegation of Sanco on Thursday, April 22, at my offices," Mr Meiring wrote.

CPA spokesman Mr Frikie Odendaal yesterday confirmed the meeting between the administrator and his executive committee on Monday.

He said the administrator also separately met Khayelitsha town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence and the seven-member executive committee of the Lingeletu West council led by mayor Mr Mali Hoza.

"The administrator also met members of the peace committee and it was decided that the meeting with Sanco tomorrow be held at the peace committee offices in Belville," he said.

Strong talk on devolution

A MOTION on "devolution of power" at the CPMA congress yesterday contained such strong words in its motivation that honorary life vice-president Mr Seppie Greeff of Oudtshoorn moved that it not be put to the congress

Mr J Martin, a councillor of McGregor, moved that all legislation interfering with the right of local councils to decide matters at local level with-

out the interference of government and its officials "be repealed forthwith" **CT 21/4/93 (263)**

The motivation said the government had forfeited the right to govern and that "if its members had even shreds of decency, they would resign in abject humiliation"

The chairman, Professor Danie Schumann, after some points of order, allowed debate to go ahead

Influx control plea dropped

Municipal Reporter

A SHORT-LIVED attempt to bring back influx control was made by the little town of Elliot at the CPMA congress yesterday

Local authorities should have the right to determine the number of dwellers in a town; the motion urged smaller

towns had water supplies and sewerage systems that could not cope with influxes

Professor Danie Schumann, the president, persuaded Elliot to drop the reference to influx control. Attention would be given to their particular problems, he said

● The CPMA is to ask the government to pro-

vide funds to local governments to build rental accommodation **(263)**

At present, government policy is to provide funds only for home-ownership

The Cape Town delegation said many people were unable or unwilling to take on the responsibilities of home-ownership **CT 21/4/93**

Civics approve all-race body

Municipal Reporter

THE previously all-white Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) was opened to all local authority bodies for the first time yesterday as a clear majority of the 600 delegates voted for change

Dr T G Schiebusch of Queenstown, an honorary life president of the CPMA, motivated the constitutional change saying "If we don't open up, we will lose credibility"

Until yesterday, CPMA membership was open only to white municipalities

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Night soil health risk to Khayelitsha schools

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JOHN VILJOEN, Education Reporter

THREE Khayelitsha primary schools face an appalling health risk because night-soil buckets have not been collected for more than a month

Vusamanzi, Vuselela and Nolungile primary schools in Site C are the only schools in the Peninsula with the bucket system. Together they have about 3 500 pupils.

Lingeletu West Town Council staff last removed their buckets on March 17 during the last school term, Vusamanzi principal Mr Shepherd Kama said.

The buckets were normally emptied twice a week, but municipal services in the area have been suspended.

Department of Education and Training Regional Director Dr Johan Brand said schools using the bucket system had been advised to platoon with those with flush toilets.

This was not easy as the schools were not close together. But it was the best possible solution at the moment, he said.

Contractors were unable to enter Khayelitsha, so it was not feasible to consider providing portable toilets for the schools, he said.

Mr Kama said the buckets in the toilets were filled to overflowing and the corridor in the toilet was strewn with excrement.

"Pupils are relieving themselves outside my office," he said.

It was ironic that the last time council workers collected night-soil buckets from the schools was the same week the State President visited the nearby Nolungile Clinic and spoke on health, he said.

The pupils could not be sent home to relieve themselves because the situation there was similar because of the suspension of municipal services.

The schools had asked the Lingeletu West Town Council and the DET to consider installing flush toilets, but there had been no response, he said.

City unveils policy plan

Staff Reporter

VISION 2000, the city council's plan for the transition to full democracy, will be unveiled at a press conference this morning (263) CT 22/4/93

It is expected to provide a framework for the planning and restructuring of local government in the Cape Peninsula

The Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, has already announced that the next municipal elections will be postponed until 1994 at the earliest and will be non-racial

The government has asked white local authorities to look for solutions to the problem of non-viable black local authorities

Vision 2000 is an interim document

Property-based vote defended

SEVERAL delegates at yesterday's Cape Provincial Municipal Association congress in the Strand spoke out strongly in favour of retaining the Cape Province's property-based local-level franchise

No decision on this matter was taken at the congress, but the new president, Mr Sanus Immelman, said his executive committee would "take cognisance of these viewpoints"

Dr T G Schlebusch of Queenstown explained that in the Cape and to some extent the Free State, votes at municipal level were linked to owning or leasing immovable property. Spouses of owners and lessees may also vote

"In the end, that property stands as surety for the balancing of the municipal budget," Dr Schlebusch said. If the vote were to be de-linked from property, then the suretyship should fall away as well, he argued (263) CT 22/4/93

Mrs Eulalie Stott said there was no shame in supporting a property-linked franchise, although the Cape Town City Council was divided on this

"The fact is, a property-based system means you can easily register and identify people

Resign now, local govt officials told

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Municipal Reporter

ALL councillors of apartheid local government should resign immediately, the ANC and the SA National Civics Organisation demanded yesterday.

A group of about 200 demonstrators pressed home this point yesterday by turning up at the Strand Town Hall, where about 600 delegates from white municipalities were attending the annual Cape Provincial Municipal Association congress

The ANC and Sanco want interim local government structures to be set up immediately, and want racially-based local government budgets scrapped

They demanded priority be given to improving the poor's living standards, a commitment to capacity-building and affirmative action

Professor Danie Schumann, outgoing president of the CPMA, said the association acknowledged that non-racial local government had to be established as soon as possible, infrastructure improved, and local authorities combined on a "one council, one tax base" principle



Time we stopped carrying the can for state, declares mayor

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde has lashed out at the government for shifting huge financial burdens on to local government.

Expanding on comments made during a clash with Department of Finance director-general Mr Gerhard Croeser at the Cape Province Municipal Association congress, Mr Van der Velde said the government was devolving burdens without devolving power.

He cited education, bus transport, metropolitan transport planning, housing and fire and library services as areas where the government had cut subsidies or transferred responsibility to local government.

"For instance, with schools they try to force us into forfeiting rates

income by using emotional arguments, asking us whether we are not prepared to assist our schools

"We are asking for a share of revenue collection but they are switching off development and choking off growth of the cities," said Mr Van der Velde.

"The money we are asking for is, after all, money collected in this region."

One of the most important debates on the future of metropolitan government concerned finance

"Many government commissions have looked into finance and it may be that our system of taxation is the most expensive

"Changes to local government economics must not happen by default as the government passes responsibilities to us piecemeal," he said

Councils were being asked to pick up the tab for atrocious economic planning, while the government congratulated itself on cutting spending.

"I have noticed this process for some time and it is time the government was called to account," he said

Municipal body open to all races

THE Cape Province Municipal Association has voted to open its ranks to black local authorities and management committees.

The change to the constitution slipped through with little debate at the end of annual congress in the Strand yesterday.

Vision 2000 set to put Cape Town on map

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

VISION 2000, the city council's strategic plan for the transition to democracy, will become a guide to budgeting priorities, acting town clerk Mr Gys Hofmeyr said.

The community would be asked to take part in refining the 160 steps outlined in the document, to devise ways to make Cape Town one of the great cities of the world.

The plan was presented to Press, ratepayers and labour organisations yesterday, and debated at a special meeting.

A video was shown, in which people appealed for the city to right the wrongs of the apartheid past and strive for greatness.

Among those who appeared were mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan, exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Trevor Manuel and Mr Reg September of the African National Congress, Mr Roseberry Sonto of the SA National Civics Organisation, Mr Salie Manie of the SA Municipal Workers Union, and Imam Solomon of the Mushm Judicial Council.

The video was scripted by Ms Sue de Villiers, ANC Western Cape spokesman. City council sources said Ms De Villiers had done the work as a freelance scriptwriter.

Mr Dick Friedlander said a bill of rights for citizens should be added, including the right to a municipal vote, a healthy environment, to walk and drive in public places free from fear, with corresponding duties to maintain a clean environment and pay for services.

The only dissenting voice was Mr Arthur Wienburg, who said the enthusiasm should be tempered with realism, and he was saddened to see little realism in the document.

Colleagues were amused when Mr Wienburg announced he had once attended a course in goals management in Waco, Texas.

He said the course had taught him there were people who were "someday honeys".

"They gaze at Cadillacs in shop windows and say 'someday honey' but have no programmes to implement them and never get the Cadillac"

The council risked becoming "someday honeys", he said.

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Administrator set to run Khayelitsha

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

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AN administrator will be appointed to run the affairs of Khayelitsha and the 17 Langelethu West town councilors will be made to resign.

This undertaking was given by Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring yesterday at a meeting with a delegation of 32 from the African National Congress, its women's and youth leagues, the SA Communist Party and the South African Civics Organisation.

Municipal services have ground to a halt in Khayelitsha after protest marches and other action.

The three-hour meeting, chaired by Professor Jaap Durand of the Regional Peace Committee, was also attended by observers from the United Nations, the European Community and the Goldstone Commission.

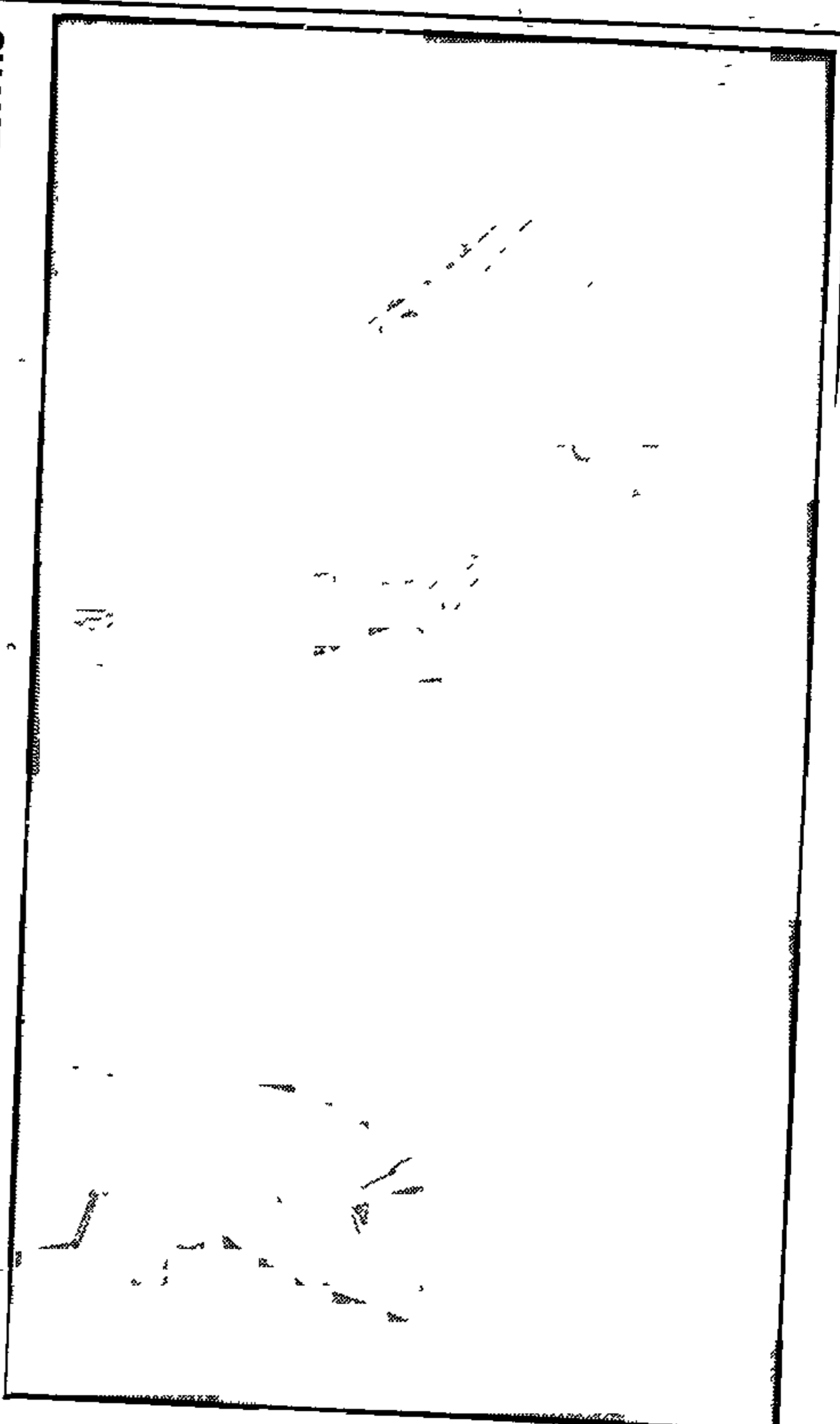
In a joint statement the groups said a "very serious situation" had developed in Khayelitsha and the parties wished to restore peace and stability.

"To open the door for inclusive talks involving all the relevant parties, the administrator undertakes to ensure that the councillors resign. It will be confirmed within seven days."

Sanco undertook to "do everything possible" to ensure its supporters allowed municipal services to be resumed immediately and to ensure the safety of staff.

"Likewise the CPA undertakes to do everything possible to ensure resumption of provision of services."

"The Western Cape Peace Committee has been asked to facilitate the establishment of an inclusive forum."



SHAKE ON IT: Western Cape Peace Committee head Professor Jaap Durand, centre, introduces Administrator of the Cape Kobus Meiring, left, to Mr Power Malgas, Khayelitsha media officer of the South African National Civics Organisation.

Picture ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

Whites may help pay for black areas

Municipal Reporter

WHITE municipalities are to begin contributing to neighbouring black areas from July 1 this year, according to a circular sent by the Cape Provincial Authority to all local authorities.

There was some doubt about this at the Cape Province Municipal Association congress in Strand earlier this week.

But the CPA circular, dated April 7 1993, said that the Council for the Coordination of Local Government Matters had last year accepted in principle that rates from commercial and industrial properties be "equitably shared" among local authorities in economically bound areas.

However, the formulae involved are so complex that they cannot be implemented in time for the coming year's budget.

The CPA has instead recommended that approximately 10% of rates income be reserved in the 1993/4 budget, in case it is asked for.

The context indicates that the circular refers to 10% of all rates, rather

than 10% of just those that come in from commerce and industry.

"The possibility of legislation whereby a financial contribution in this connection may become mandatory cannot be excluded," said the circular.

"Apart from this possibility, the realities of the present demand that the principle of distribution of income in support of the black communities (where separate local authorities cannot be financially viable) be accepted, and that planning in this regard be undertaken."

Should mandatory measures be adopted, the circular said, "it will not be possible to explain why no provision in this regard has been made in the budget". It said that white authorities should therefore set funds aside for black areas.

The 10% guideline was established on the basis of Kimberley's experience. The total operating budget of the municipality increased by about 10% after Galeshewe and the local coloured township merged with white areas.

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Looking forward

Van der Velde leads the

quest for new-look Cape

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THESE are the goals of Vision 2 000.

- To attain democratic local government;
- To address imbalances in access to opportunities and to quality of life;
- To be sensitive and responsive to community needs;
- To be a progressive and caring employer;
- To be a provider of effective and affordable services;
- To achieve sustainable economic growth;
- To protect and enhance the city's natural, built and cultural environments;
- To be an internationally competitive city.

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

THE blinkers are off, says mayor Mr Frank van der Velde.

Cape Town has paused from the hurly-burly of the daily running of a city facing twin challenges of development and urban crises it has cast its eyes to the millennium.

Vision 2 000, they call it. The breathtaking aim is to pull together citizens, councillors, officials and unions into a team to make Cape Town the greatest city in the world.

Mr Van der Velde said the city was beleaguered by unemployment and poverty on its periphery. Worse, central government was increasing the burden by

loading responsibilities on to the city without helping out with finance.

What was needed was a vision of the type of Cape Town its people wanted in the future, and to shape the work of its council and citizens in terms of that vision.

Acting town clerk Mr Gys Hofmeyr said a public participation process would help refine more than 160 "action steps" into a guide for the way ahead.

A supporting document said Vision 2 000 was meant to be a process of strategic planning with wide appeal and wide "ownership" — a sense that it belonged to all the people of Cape Town.

"Vision 2 000 should be seen as an interim plan aimed at facilitating the crucial transformation

of our society."

At a special city council debate on Vision 2 000 this week, councillors embraced the goals with enthusiasm. Well, most councillors.

Mr Arthur Wrenburg called for realism to temper enthusiasm.

"I associate myself completely with the desire for goals, but enthusiasm should be tempered by realism, and I am saddened because I see little realism in this," he said.

Selling the vision will include a glossy brochure in English and Afrikaans, and a video featuring the mayor, deputy mayor, chairman of the executive committee, and leading African National Congress, SA Municipal Workers Union, and SA National Civics Organisation figures.

Fears for democracy in new council plan

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STRONG metropolitan government proposed by the city council constitutional committee will be remote and make local councils reliant on money handouts.

This is the view of University of Cape Town senior lecturer in public administration, Dr Robert Cameron, who was commenting on proposals by a committee chaired by deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan.

The proposals were sent back to the committee for revision this week after a marathon debate at a special city council meeting.

The committee recommended a two-tier system of metropolitan government and primary local authorities for greater Cape Town

The vote should be extended to all residents over 18, but fictitious voting rights should be abolished, the committee said.

The metropolitan authority would fix a uniform annual property rate, and primary local authorities would have fiscal powers to raise funds for services of a higher standard than the average.

Dr Cameron said his criticism was meant to be constructive.

He welcomed the committee's call for non-racial and democratic local government, the need to redress apartheid inequalities through local government redistribu-

tion, and universal adult franchise. But he questioned the attempt to trade off equity and democracy.

The committee proposed a large metropolitan government to enable redistribution of wealth, but this could mean curtailing local democracy.

The proposals laid too much emphasis on efficiency and equity, at the expense of democracy.

Dr Cameron said there was a fundamental contradiction in the report.

"While in principle the city council is committed to both strong metropolitan and primary local authorities, financial proposals will lead to strong metropolitan authority and weak primary local authorities," he said.

An essential ingredient of local government autonomy was that local councils should have their own taxes.

This had not been a universal feature of South African local government, particularly under apar-

theid, with black local authorities not being able to raise enough money to be self-sufficient.

Loss of sources of income such as rates, water and electricity would mean primary local authorities would have to go cap-in-hand to the metropolitan council for funds.

Metropolitan councils, because of their larger jurisdictions, tended to be more remote and less accessible.

The proposed metropolitan authority would have the same boundaries as the Western Cape Regional Services Council, which would be abolished.

A population of three million would have to be served.

"Such a body could end up being as remote and inaccessible as any Pretoria central government department," Dr Cameron said.

The proposals also contradicted the principle of councillors being accountable for taxes paid directly to their councils.

"If (voters) do not get adequate

services they will be more likely to hold councillors accountable than under a system where local authorities get grants from higher-tier authorities," he said.

Local councils would not have to be totally self-financing and in poorer areas would have to get grants.

"But they should raise taxes from their own local electorate to give some practical expression to local accountability," he said.

Dr Cameron said the attempt to centralise power in the metropolitan authority flew in the face of recent international initiatives to decentralise power to sub-municipal councils.

These attempts had been made to "close the distance" between citizens and representatives, and to prevent unresponsive and uncaring bureaucracies.

The problem of remoteness could be worsened by the committee's proposals that "special purpose bodies" be created for functions such as transport and housing.

These bodies might be more flexible and removed from politics, but would have problems with accountability.

"In fairness, the report says these bodies should be established in a way to ensure accountability and democratic control," he said.

Special purpose bodies could also be unable to co-ordinate activities in the way ordinary councils might.

There could also be problems co-ordinating activities of special purpose bodies and metropolitan council departments such as land use planning.

Dr Cameron suggested an alternative model for greater Cape Town.

"It must be stressed such a model must be seen in the context of a unified South Africa.

"It would be economic suicide to divorce Cape Town from the prosperous PWV region along the lines advocated by some ill-conceived proposals of local political movements," he said.

There was a need for a metropolitan authority for certain services such as land use planning, transport, health, housing and engineering.

There was also a need for all local authorities to contribute proportionately to financing the needs of poorer communities in the region.

And strong primary local authorities were needed to promote local democracy and provide local services.

Primary local authorities should fix rates and pay a contribution to the metropolitan council.

Inkatha, (263) Free Cape in alliance

Staff Reporter

THE Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and Free Cape Movement, declared a federal alliance at a meeting addressed by IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in the Stellenbosch town hall on Thursday night.

Free Cape Movement chairman Mr. Christopher Hill said the new alliance had called on all regional governments to be in a position to create interim governments in the event of a central government collapse.

Mr Hill claimed nearly 2 000 people attended the meeting, which was disrupted by heckling ANC supporters who were later removed.

A Cape Times reporter who attended the meeting was told by the town hall caretaker that it could hold 1 092 people. The reporter estimated that about 800 people were present.

New public service body launched

PUBLIC sector workers will have more bargaining power after a body of national unity, the Congress of South African Public Service Organisations (Cosapso) was launched at a Sea Point yesterday *STimes*.

According to Cosapso acting secretary Mr Bernard Wentzel seven organisations have committed themselves to Cosapso and many others had indicated their willingness to join after proper mandates have been given by their respective members
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Local govt changes are likely to set off backlash

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CHANGE is taking place so rapidly in local government now that some kind of backlash is almost inevitable from those whose interests are detrimentally affected.

A series of meetings is due be arranged in the forthcoming month. At these, Cape Town City Councillors will take proposals for wide-ranging constitutional changes in local government back to their constituencies.

It will be surprising if ratepayers endorse the constitutional committee's suggestions as they stand, not because they are bad, but because the average ratepayer will surely see a threat in the broadening of the franchise base and in increased resource-redistribution.

Taking important proposals which affect lives and pockets to constituents is a healthy democratic practice, even when many of the objections they are likely to raise have little chance of prevailing in the



CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

broader scheme of things kind of reparation for white racism in the past

Refinements can at least, be made to the council's negotiating position. Speaking for myself, I hope amendments are made only to the proposals for affirmative action and capacity-building.

A distinction can be drawn between a policy of thoroughgoing non-racialism now, on the one hand, and affirmative action on the other. This is rarely done, either by Cape Town Municipality, or the government, or the ANC, which have all adopted both conflicting positions in their bills of rights or credos.

Affirmative action still deals with people on the basis of race, in some

Is it not indistinguishable from racism, albeit "the other way around"? The only difference I can see between affirmative action and racism against whites is that the former includes a notional time limit.

If we agree to affirmative action, there seems no reason why the time limit should not be inordinately long, to match the years of white racism. Espousing this seems as ridiculous to me as a communist would be wanting a classless society only in an ideal future, but in the meanwhile wanting a class society "the other way around", where up-

per-class people, become lower-class and vice-versa

There is an argument that whites cannot expect to reap the material benefits of racism and then give nothing back when it is overturned. Yet it will be possible to restructure local government to strive for equality now in city-wide municipal service-provision without even thinking of race.

Can more reasonably be asked?

As for capacity-building, surely this is largely an educational function? The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, spoke out last week against local government taking responsibility for education. His remarks do not seem to apply to capacity-building.

If existing forums and institutions make it difficult for some to get their views across, it may be better to look to the inadequacies there, rather than honing the skills (and shaping the views?) of leaders-in-waiting.

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Council expected to quit — and get golden handshake

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VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

LINGELETHU. West town councillors are expected to hand their resignations to Administrator Kobus Meiring tomorrow — and each is expected to get a golden handshake of 17 months' allowance.

The 18 councillors are expected to be paid their allowances from May 1 until October 1994 (when their terms of office were to have run out) and to hand in council property in their possession.

Their resignation packages are expected to include special security at their homes.

The councillors, who have been the target of a campaign to get them out of office, were elected in the controversy-ridden 1988 municipal elections.

Last year Mr Meiring extended their five-year term until October 1994 — a move that sparked further anger in Khayelitsha.

Last week Mr Meiring suspended the councillors and asked them to resign their posts so that they could be replaced by an administrator to take care of the affairs of the township until a new format for local government was completed.

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Youths attack council workers

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

AT least three vehicles were stoned and one burnt out when youths went on a rampage, attacking employees of the Lin-gelethu West Town Council in Khayelitsha yesterday afternoon

Town clerk Mr Graham Law-

rence said that the toy-toying youths from the newly opened Bulumko High School started stoning council and police vehicles, injuring the township traffic chief

SA National Civic Organisation regional chairman Mr Julian Ntsholo said the pupils were protesting against exami-

nation fees. He condemned their actions, saying it was the work of "skollies" in schools

Three juveniles were arrested and will appear in court this morning, police said

● Minor damage was caused when at least five cars were stoned in Wellington and

Mbekweni, Paarl, on Tuesday a police spokesman said yesterday

● Two juveniles and a 20-year-old man were arrested yesterday afternoon when they were allegedly caught stoning private vehicles and a police car on the corner of Spine and Bonga roads in Khayelitsha

Councillors again delay decision on non-racial poll

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CITY Councillors have put off for a second time a decision on whether to ask for a non-racial by-election in the Retreat-Steenberg ward

Debate was adjourned yesterday so that the views of the community could be canvassed.

A vacancy was created earlier this year by the resignation of Mrs Bronnie Harding.

The council voted 15-12 last month to draw up a non-racial voters roll for the whole municipality and to hold a non-racial by-election in the Retreat ward.

The decision was put on ice when Mr Neil Ross gave notice he would ask for it to be reversed at today's meeting.

Speaking today, Mr Ross said a key issue was the property based vote. To

ask for a by-election would magnify this issue and would be divisive and stupid

The United Municipal Executive, SA National Civics Organisation and the National Party all had put forward constitutional proposals which were at times "diametrically opposed"

"To ask the administrator to take a stand point prior to the completion of the debate on those proposals is not on," Mr Ross said

Mrs Eulalie Stott said she and colleagues Mr Gordon Oliver and Mr Rupert Hurly had tried to canvass the feelings of the community on the issue. A community leader had organised a forum to discuss the issue on May 11

A proposal to adjourn debate until the council meeting at the end of May was accepted.

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Council votes
against pay
rise debate

Municipal Reporter

AN ATTEMPT by Mr Arthur Wienburg to have a debate on councillors' allowances was turned down by 18 votes to 11.

Councillors are to get a 29.3 percent pay rise in July, in terms of a council resolution last August

Seconded by Mr Gordon Oliver, Mr Wienburg said he wanted to debate the matter because of the "timing and sensitivity" of the increases.

Those who voted in favour of debate were: Mayor Frank van der Velde, Mr Wienburg, Mrs Isobel Edelstein, Mr Rupert Hurly, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Abe Katz, Mr John Muir, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Oliver, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp and Mr Neil Ross

Those who voted against were: Mr Nico Basson, Mr Clive Bilski, Mr Dick Friedlander, Mrs Joye Gibbs, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Clive Justus, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mrs Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner, Mr Leon Markovitz, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Kenny Penkin, Mr Tony Powell, Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Llewellyn van Wyk.

Cutting verges will up rates

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Municipal Reporter

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EVERYONE would have to pay an extra 1% in rates if the mowing of grass verges was reinstated, Mr Leon Markovitz told the council yesterday

This would cover only a rough-cut once every six weeks or so, he said

Mr Markovitz was arguing against a proposal that ratepayers be asked whether they wanted the council to reinstate the service

The result would be predictable, he said Those who had verges would obviously like to have the council cut them again, as this service was worth more to them than an extra 1% on their rates Those who had no verges would not bother to reply

The amenities and health committee recommendation that ratepayers be asked whether they wanted the service reinstated was defeated by 14 votes to 12

Lingelethu council bows out en masse

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

SEVENTEEN Lingelethu West Town Councillors yesterday finally acceded to the demands of Khayelitsha residents to resign en masse — and are to get a "golden handshake" of at least R24 000 each

The Cape Times has established that the councillors were receiving R1 200 each in monthly allowances, and according to the resignation agreement, are due to get allowances up to October next year when their terms were due to end

At a press conference in the city, Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring refused to say what the councillors would get

He said the councillors, some of whom have said they are illiterate and unable to speak English, had opted to resign in the interests of peace and the people of Khayelitsha

Mr Meiring said tensions in the area had arisen because the system of local governments itself was unacceptable. In addition

the council was no longer representative of the community

A new administrator for the township would be appointed in the next 24 hours, but he could not reveal who it would be.

Members of the outgoing council said they were sure the administrator would be white

On the issue of alleged corruption in the outgoing council, Mr Meiring said that he would consider taking the matter further only if he received substantiated charges

Sanco

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By Chiara Carter

FOLLOWING the resignation of the controversial Lingeletu West Town Council, the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) is intent on removing local authorities from coloured communities.

Sanco's publicity secretary in the Western Cape, Mr Welcome Zenzile, said the resignation of the council on Thursday was a "huge victory"

Sanco would also be looking at the role played by the Ikapa town council's administrator, Mr Faan Naude of the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA). The town council has not been quorate for some time.

He warned that Sanco intended to focus its campaign against local authorities in coloured areas such as Elsies River, Manenberg and Bellville.

"In these areas there are problems with rent arrears, evictions and the like. People are not treated decently. We want all puppet structures to go," Zenzile said.

Lingeletu West's mayor, Mr Mah Hoza, and his councillors met for the last time on Wednesday morning amidst widespread unrest in Khayelitsha.

An outside administrator is likely to be appointed to replace the council.

A forum of representatives from community organisations in Khayelitsha will be set up to discuss local government in the area which houses more than 400 000 people

Demonstrations

This week's shock developments follow at least two tense demonstrations and sit-ins at the council's offices earlier this month.

Residents presented petitions demanding the council's resignation and a commission of inquiry into allegations of maladministration.

The heightened tensions led to a series of behind-the-scenes discussions between the council and the CPA and between the CPA and community organisations, especially Sanco.

It is understood that the CPA placed considerable pressure on the council to resign.

Lingeletu West Town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence, who is understood to have played a key role as a mediator between the various groups, said the council's demise was "inevitable".

Lawrence, an outspoken critic of the government's Black Local Authority system, said the BLAs had been designed to "self-destruct".

He said the legislation should have been abolished long ago and it was essential to bring local government close to the people by involving people at grassroots level.

Hulley calls to take colour out

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

REFERENCES to race should be removed from provincial ordinances to enable non-racial council by-elections to be held, says Democratic Party MP Mr Roger Hulley

After drawing attention to

pending resignations, he said urgent representations should be made to have non-racial by-elections. Otherwise, residents would have to wait too long — until the next general municipal elections for a by-election.

Mr Hulley added that whites-

only by-elections would be politically provocative and all reference to race should be removed from ordinances.

The council voted yesterday to postpone a decision on whether to ask for a non-racial by-election to enable the community to be canvassed.

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SAFETY MEASURE . . . Ms Diane Miller builds a sand bridge in front of her door, hoping it will keep their house dry this winter, while five-year-old Basil watches
 Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

Irate residents call for damage relief

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By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

SEVERAL Western Cape communities, who claim that local authorities have failed to act despite requests to upgrade stormwater drains, are demanding compensation for losses suffered as a result of recent heavy storms.

Residents of Ravensmead, Bridgetown, and Bishop Lavis claim that houses in the areas were extensively damaged by flooding during the storm at the Easter weekend — said to be the worst storms to hit the Cape in almost two decades.

In Ravensmead, which falls under the jurisdic-

tion of the Parow municipality, residents believe the flooding was the result of an inadequate stormwater system, the chairman of the local civic association, Mr Bennie Petersen, said this week.

The Ravensmead community is considering a rates boycott to get the municipality to act on their demands.

In Bridgetown, one of the worst hit during the last month's storms, at least 300 houses were affected by flooding, the chairman of the civic

association, Mr Frank Julie, said.

He said residents planned to march to the municipality this week as part of their campaign for compensation.

He claimed that an offer of compensation of up to R1 500 "content insurance" which had been offered by a private utility company responsible for the maintenance of services in the area, had been rejected by residents. The company, Communicare, acts as an agent for the Cape Provincial Administration.

"This is totally unacceptable . . . people's losses were much greater."

Communicare spokesman, Mr Eeuwrick van der Merwe, confirmed the offer which he said was merely an extended coverage on property insurance for houses owned by the company. This insurance did not apply to tenants renting their houses from the local authority, he said.

A Parow municipality spokesman said insurance on private property could not be taken out at taxpayers' expense.

PAC rejects plan to administer township

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□ Meeting with Meiring demanded by protesters

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

THE PAC and its allied organisations have supported the resignation of town councillors in Khayelitsha but have rejected the appointment of an administrator to run the township.

Its women's wing, the African Women Organisation (AWO) held a protest march and sit-in at the Lingeletu West Town council offices yesterday and threatened to sleep there unless the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, agreed to an immediate meeting to discuss the Khayelitsha crisis.

Dressed in PAC T-shirts and waving the organisation's flags, more than 500 protesters marched from Khayelitsha stadium to the council offices, which were guarded by security forces

In a memorandum addressed to the town council and the Cape Provincial Administration, the protesters demanded the removal of all white officials from the council, including town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence

"If the councillors are out, why not them? They must go. They are not here for the people of Khayelitsha. Our township is smelling because of these white officials who are here only for their wages and not for the needs of the people of Khayelitsha," the memorandum read.

Although on a PAC letterhead, the memorandum was said to be from the United Residents Front, Ntsika Yesizwe, Funda Parents' Education, Khayelitsha Education Centre and the Lingeletu Housing Trust.

After heated exchanges with Lingeletu Town Council secretary Mr Gerhard Ras, 20 AWO members were allowed on to the premises and they occupied an office, threatening to stay put unless Mr Meiring was called.

The women left after about four hours, when Mr Meiring sent CPA official Mr Gerrit Erasmus, who took the memorandum and undertook that Mr Meiring would meet the groups tomorrow

The organisations also com-

plained about being "left behind" in meetings between the CPA and the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco), which led to the resignation of the councillors

"We say those decisions were wrong as far as democracy is concerned. We are also the voice of the people of Khayelitsha," the memorandum read.

The regional PAC office called in a statement for the resumption of services in Khayelitsha, which were stopped because of violence after the assassination of Mr Chris Han

"We support the stepping down of all councillors, but we reject the appointment of an administrator who would be advised by appointed members constituting an Advisory Forum. This is repugnant

"We demand local democratic elections urgently," the PAC said

The organisation also called for "affirmative action that will rectify past practices. Each white employee who resigns must be replaced by a suitable local African".



DETERMINED MARCHERS ... Women give the PAC salute as they march to occupy Lingelethu West council offices in Khayelitsha yesterday in protest against the lack of services in the township

Picture HAROLD KING

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Women protesters sit-in at Lingelethu West council

By PETER DENNEHY

ABOUT 20 women moved into the Lingelethu West town council offices near Khayelitsha station yesterday and said they would sit-in there until tomorrow if necessary.

They had marched with about 300 others from the stadium to the offices to present a series of demands, the most immediate being that they should see the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, and Lingelethu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence

Spokeswomen Ms Mokhakha Mzamo and Ms Nomvula Dlanga said the marchers represented the African

Women's Organisation, which is PAC-aligned, the United Residents' Front, iNt-sika yeSizwe (pillar of the nation), Funda Parents' Education, Khayelitsha Education Centre, and the Lingelethu Housing Trust.

They said it was not enough for all the Khayelitsha town councillors to resign, as they had done recently. They wanted the "masterminds" behind them to resign as well. One of these, they said, was Mr Lawrence.

Mr Lawrence had a heart attack recently and is on sick leave.

The women said township services were at a standstill.

They said they disapproved of the burning of vehicles bought with ratepayers' money. They also said they wanted all organisations in Khayelitsha to be recognised by the authorities.

Mr Meiring has asked conflict-resolution expert Mr Oekie Grundling of Paarl, who is a private consultant and not a CPA official, to manage the process leading to a democratic and legitimate council for Khayelitsha.

Mr Grundling said yesterday he did not intend to rule Khayelitsha, but only to facilitate a process whereby all the people involved could solve their own problems.

Poverty: FW criticises mayor

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BRUCE CAMERON, Staff Reporter

PRESIDENT De Klerk has rapped Cape Town mayor Mr Frank van der Velde over the knuckles at an international conference function for claiming that not much is being done to relieve abject poverty in the Peninsula's squatter camps

And Mr De Klerk invited Mr Van der Velde to visit him for a cup of tea so he could make him a little less despondent

Mr Van der Velde made the offending remarks when he welcomed 300 guests — more than 100 from 38 foreign countries, attending the International Public Relations Association conference — to Cape Town at a dinner at the Civic Centre last night.

Mr Van der Velde, who was earlier involved in a disagreement with organisers about the presence of photographers, focused his speech on a description of the squalid conditions and high level of poverty of the poor living around the city



Mr De Klerk

Mr Van der Velde

He accused the business sector of "sitting on its hands" while there was a no change syndrome in government in its attitude to tackling the problems

He said a new government, which could be limited by a lack of economic growth, would inherit the problems. He pointed out that there would clearly have to be enormous changes to what were "apartheid cities"

Mr Van der Velde said relief of poverty and the development of infrastructure were the main reasons Cape

Town was seeking to be the venue of the Olympics Games in 2004

He said the Games would help Cape Town lift itself up by its own bootstraps

To loud applause Mr De Klerk, the main speaker at the function, said he wished to take issue with Mr Van der Velde

He said Mr Van der Velde was correct in spelling out the difficulties and the solutions, but he wished to take issue over the claim that "not much is being done about it"

Mr De Klerk said that over the past four years there had been an enormous change in government spending, away from bureaucratic functions to spending on education, housing and health

Thousands of millions of rands had gone to boost housing and to build schools and clinics "at an incredible rate"

"The mayor must come and have a cup of tea with me. He is becoming too despondent," said Mr De Klerk

Big clean-up in Khayelitsha as council workers return

□ Services which were suspended during violence to be resumed

EDWARD MOLOINYANE, Staff Reporter

LINGELETHU Town Council workers in Khayelitsha are back at work

Municipal services were suspended during the violence which followed the assassination of South African Communist Party secretary-general Chris Hanu on Easter Saturday

Council vehicles, especially refuse removal trucks, were targeted for attack in the aftermath of the killing and many were torched

Lingeletu town secretary Gerhard Ras, standing in for town clerk Graham Lawrence who is ill, said priority would be given to removing rubbish which had piled up in the streets

"Our men have already started with the removal of night soil in Site C and if you give us a day or two, you will see the difference," he said.

Most streets, especially in the shack settlements of Site C and Site B, have become impassable because of piled refuse

In some areas, residents resorted to burning the refuse, while in others children were rummaging through it

In one street in Site B, sewage has been pouring from blocked pipes for weeks

Also hard hit were three primary schools in Site C, where night-soil buckets were not collected for more than a month

Vuzamanzi, Vuselela and Nolungile — the only schools in the Peninsula using the bucket system — have about 3 500 pupils.

Vuzamanzi principal Shepherd Kama said the health risk was averted after The Argus reported the schools' plight

Following the report, the Department of Education and Training arranged for security forces to escort night-soil removal trucks to and from the schools

Dr Stewart Fisher, Regional Services Council chief director of health, said reports he had been getting from Khayelitsha were "certainly not good"

"There are risks of all sorts of diseases associated with gastro-enteritis. My main concern has been the non-collection of night soil in Site C

"The solution is to have municipal services restored so that sewers can be unblocked and refuse collected," Dr Fisher said.



UNHEALTHY MESS . . . Children play beside a fly-covered mass of rubbish at an overflowing skip off Bonga Drive in Khayelitsha. The council have started removing the garbage.

Picture Harold King

Rubbish mountain being removed

Municipal Reporter

REFUSE collection started again in Khayelitsha this week and officials hope to clear the massive accumulation of rubbish by tomorrow.

Garbage started to pile up after disturbances brought about by the assassination of Mr Chris Hani. Residents began burning and stoning the coun-

cil's cleansing department vehicles, making it impossible to get into the township.

Yesterday 10 youngsters unsuccessfully tried to petrol-bomb two council-owned bak-
kies in front of the training centre at the corner of Bonga and Spine roads, town secretary Mr Gerhard Rashe said. There was also a stone-throwing incident on Tuesday.

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Front-end loaders were sent in on Tuesday to gather up large quantities of refuse. All the council teams were out yesterday and there was already a perceptible difference in the amount of rubbish in Meeway Road, on the western perimeter of Khayelitsha.

In some areas rubbish is lying in fly-covered piles up to two metres high

Residents in Khayelitsha fear an outbreak of diarrhoea and dysentery because of the accumulation of refuse and the non-removal of some nightsoil over the past three weeks.

"We never entirely stopped the night-soil bucket removals," Mr Rashe said, "but now we are going ahead full steam again"

Mayor ready to meet FW

Municipal Reporter

THE mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, said yesterday he would accept any invitation from President F W de Klerk to tea — and plead on behalf of the city's people

This follows remarks made by Mr De Klerk in response to Mr Van der Velde's hard-hitting speech on Tuesday night at a

dinner in the civic centre to welcome about 300 guests to the International Public Relations Association conference

Mr De Klerk, who was the main speaker, said he disagreed with Mr Van der Velde that not much was being done about the conditions of the city's poor

He said there had been a huge change in government spending from bureaucratic functions to

education, health and housing. He also said "the mayor must come and have a cup of tea with me" CT 6/5/93

Mr Van der Velde said yesterday he had not seen the result in Cape Town of government millions being spent. The city council's housing division had not received a penny of Independent Development Trust housing funds, he said. (263)

Tension as new Khayelitsha boss moves in

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

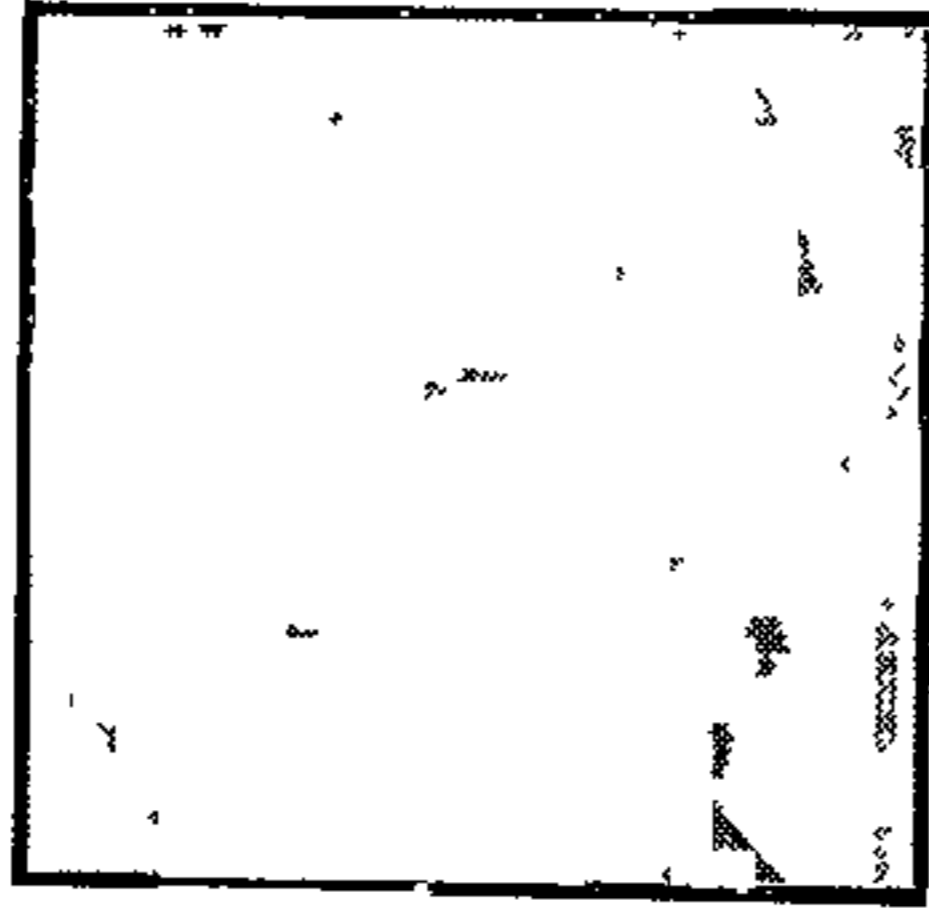
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THE new administrator of Khayelitsha, Mr Okkie Grundeling, reported for duty today amid growing concern for the future among white officials of the Lingeletu West Town Council

Ten Pan-Africanist Congress members, protesting against Mr Grundeling's appointment and demanding new municipal elections in the township and the removal of town clerk Graham Lawrence, are still holed up in the council offices

Anxious white officials are to meet their union, the South African Municipal Employees' Association, to discuss their future.

Town secretary Gerhard Ras



Mr Kobus Meiring

said some of the white workforce of about 55 felt threatened

The protesters say they want Mr Lawrence to go but are flexible in their attitude towards the other whites

They also demand that

Khayelitsha be run by a new town council — not an administrator in consultation with an advisory body of co-opted members ARG 6/5/93

Two attempts were made to burn council vehicles in Khayelitsha yesterday and a municipal traffic officer narrowly escaped death when a man shot at him at point-blank range

PAC members occupied the council offices and the Cape provincial building in the city yesterday to force a meeting in Khayelitsha with the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring

Mr Meiring says that if the meeting does not take place at his offices, a "neutral venue" should be sought, while the PAC insists that he meet the organisation in Khayelitsha

"where things are happening"

More than 200 PAC members marched to the council offices, where they understood Mr Meiring would meet a delegation

But Mr Ras told them Mr Meiring had arranged to meet them at his office at 10am

Mr Ras telephoned Mr Meiring, who suggested the council provide transport to take the delegation to the city for a 3 30pm meeting

This was turned down and, after giving an undertaking that there would be no sit-in, Mr Ras allowed 10 people on to the premises.

After speaking to Mr Meiring, who declined to go to Khayelitsha, the group refused to budge.

Main SA cities set to defy govt plan

By PETER DENNEHY

ALL major South African cities except Pretoria look set to defy a government directive that they set aside millions of rands in their budgets for the government to pass on to non-viable black local authorities.

The government has suggested that the income which municipalities throughout a metropole get from non-residential properties be pooled and redistributed to local authorities according to how many each has of the total number of serviced sites.

The amount for which Cape Town would be liable could be "in excess of R50 million", city treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said.

In his report he said: "The major cities organisation does not support the (government's) guidelines/formula, and except for Pretoria, no major city appears willing to make provision therefor on the 1993/4 budget".

Cape Town's executive committee decided yesterday that no specific contingency provision, as suggested by the government, should be built into the council's budget for 1993/4.

Cape Town council approves higher rebate

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town City Council yesterday approved an increase in the residential rebate to 35% from 26%, in spite of strong opposition from organised business.

The recommendation was then referred to the council's executive committee for further investigation

Residential property owners presently enjoy a rebate of 26% which in turn is loaded onto rates payable by industrial and commercial property owners. An increase in the differential imposes a greater rates burden on commerce and industry. The step was opposed by city treasurer Eddie

LINDA ENSOR

Landsberg on account of the severe recession and the need to stimulate growth.

The council meeting also approved the implementation of a new valuation roll — which would see municipal rates in suburbs such as Camps Bay, Clifton and Bantry Bay rise an average 80% — as from July 1 and decided to continue with the present flat rating system.

The immediate implementation of the 1990 general valuation went against representations made by the Chambers of Commerce and Indus-

tries which wanted the implementation to be phased in over three to five years. Commerce and Industry supported the continuation of the flat rating system.

A report to council said the new valuation roll would not bring any increased total income to council but pointed out that some property owners would pay more rates while others would pay less.

Sea Point's rates would rise 51%, Bishop's Court, parts of Claremont and Upper Newlands 42%, Green Point, Three Anchor Bay and Mouille Point 40% and Rosebank, Rondebosch and parts of Newlands 35%.

200 workers steadfast in protest

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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A BREAKTHROUGH protest has been held against a council 4 percent wage-hike offer

About 200 members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union and the SA Association of Municipal Employees stood shoulder-to-shoulder in the Civic Centre concourse during yesterday's lunchtime protest

Sapwu has its support base mainly among blue-collar workers in the cleansing and parks and forests branches, while Saame represents mainly administrative staff

The unions were racially split before the reformist legislation of the '80s with membership of one or the other compulsory in terms of a city council closed-shop agreement.

Wage talks deadlocked after council management refused to up their offer, which opened at 2,5 percent and closed at 4 percent. The matter has been referred to arbitration.

Employees said the possibility of strike action was being discussed.

PAC sticks to sit-in after negotiations

EDWARD MOLOINYANE

Weekend Argus Reporter

ADMINISTRATOR Mr Kobus Meiring has met the PAC, whose members have been holed up in the CPA's city offices and at the Lingeletu West Town Council in Khayelitsha in protest since Wednesday.

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But the organisation vowed after the meeting to continue the sit-in after what appeared to be a misunderstanding between the parties over the future of newly-appointed Khayelitsha administrator, Mr Okkie Grundling.

Mr Meiring, accompanied by CPA Director-General Mr Herbert Beukes and Mr Grundling, met a 20-member PAC delegation in Goodwood, which the PAC had suggested as a "neutral venue" after Mr Meiring refused to meet them in Khayelitsha and they to meet him at his city offices.

The meeting, which was also attended by a member of the United Nations observer mission in South Africa, Mr Vlad-

mir Zhaghora, was held at the CPA's offices and opened to the Press at the insistence of the PAC delegation.

One of the major PAC demands was that Mr Grundling, appointed administrator after the recent resignation of the 17 councillors, be withdrawn because there had been no consultation about his appointment.

Mr Meiring was also accused of taking unilateral decisions and only consulting with some organisations to the exclusion of others about matters in the township.

The PAC delegation, led by the organisation's vice regional-secretary Anda Ntsodo, said Mr Grundling had been a "complete failure hardly 24 hours after taking his post".

Mr Ntsodo was referring to an incident on Thursday night when Mr Grundling, who runs a Conflict Resolution Services consultancy firm in Paarl, failed to return from a caucus with other officials at the Lingeletu town council to attend



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□ **UNWANTED:** Newly-appointed Khayelitsha administrator Mr Okkie Grundling.

discussions setting up the meeting with Mr Meiring.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr Meiring appeared to accede to the PAC delegation's demand that Mr Grundling be suspended until after a meeting of all the organisations in Khayelitsha to decide the type of infor-

mal structure they envisage for the township.

These organisations, yesterday's meeting agreed, would arrange a meeting with the CPA, where any organisation with the name of a prospective candidate as a facilitator (not administrator) would be considered.

The facilitator would work closely with all the community organisations to establish an informal structure to run Khayelitsha because no local authority elections were likely in the present climate of national negotiations, the meeting agreed.

But when journalists inquired about Mr Grundling's future after the meeting, Mr Beukes said the CPA would continue to use him in Khayelitsha "until it becomes clear that he is a stumbling block".

This angered the PAC delegation who vowed to continue the sit-in, which they had agreed to "suspend", until this demand was met.



□ **BEFORE MEETING:** PAC vice-secretary Mr Anda Ntsodo and Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring, before their meeting at the Goodwood CPA offices yesterday.

Whites-only at City Hall

By Justin Pearce

IT was whites-only wartalk at Cape Town's City Hall on Monday night. (263)

Despite the Cape Town City Council's stated commitment to non-racialism, AWB guards made sure that "people of colour" remained on the pavement.

SOUTH photographer Yunus Mohamed was among those that the armed, khaki-clad guards tried to keep out.

"No people of colour are allowed in," he was told.

Mohamed had to argue his way in, saying he was there as a photographer doing his job. Eventually the AWB guards let him in, threatening to take no responsibility for anything that might happen to him inside the hall.

Other black journalists — and one olive-skinned white journalist — were denied the opportunity of covering the meeting.

A handful of people who attended conformed to the popular stereotype of beefy thugs with no foreheads and no necks. But the majority represented a fair cross-section of the white population of Cape Town.

They listened enraptured as AWB chief Eugene Terre'Blanche called President FW de Klerk a "jellytot", welcomed Chris Hani's murder, and urged armed action to maintain the supremacy of "the white man" in Africa.

● South African National Civic Organisation regional vice-chairperson Mr John Neels said the City Council had made an "unforgivable decision" by letting the AWB use the City Hall.

Cape Town's deputy mayor, Mr Clive Keegan, told SOUTH the City Council was opposed to the exclusion of people from the City Hall on racial grounds. He promised to raise the matter with the City Council executive.

PAC, Administrator reach agreement

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Staff Reporter

AN agreement to appoint a representative to the Lingeletu West Town Council to act on behalf of all communities was reached between members of PAC-aligned organisations and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, at a meeting in Goodwood yesterday.

Sit-ins by PAC-aligned members at the township council offices and the city administrator's offices have been suspended.

Residents want to defer by-election

Municipal Reporter

RESIDENTS in Heathfield, Retreat and Steenberg want to defer a non-racial by-election in their area because they are not on the municipal voters' roll yet.

This was said yesterday by Mr. Dave Parker, chairman of the Heathfield and District Residents' Association

A council seat for that ward, which also includes Bergvliet, Meadowridge and Kirstenhof, fell vacant earlier this year when councillor Mrs Bronnie Harding retired.

Now the council has to decide whether to ask the Administrator for permission to hold a non-racial by-election there now or to wait until there is

more clarity on who will be able to vote in an election.

Mr Parker said there had been talk in Bergvliet and Meadowridge (largely white suburbs) about a by-election. His association had discussed it but "apparently there are only about 125 of us from this side of the railway line who are still on the roll. So from our

point of view, there is no purpose in holding a by-election now."

Instead, Mr Parker and his association favoured a scenario in which the whole present council resigned and a non-racial general election was held.

In this way, he said, there would be a far better chance of enabling residents who had paid rent for years to vote.

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South Profile

Faan Naude *South 15/15 - 19/93*

If the hub of development in Cape Town's informal settlements is the Cape Provincial Administration, its pivot is the CPA's regional director for community services, Mr Faan Naude **CHIRACARTER interviewed him**

ALTHOUGH he maintains a low public profile, Mr Faan Naude, 52, is one of the most powerful men in the Cape. In addition to directing Community Services, Naude is also administrator for three black local authorities — Ikapa, Victoria West and Beaufort West.

Ikapa alone has an estimated population of about 300 000 and includes Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, Browns Farm, Millers Camp, Nyanga Bush and Black City.

As administrator, he is the council for three townships, but Naude said he rules through "consultation and consensus".

He meets monthly with an advisory committee in each area and also consults with community organisations, including the South Africa National Civic Organisation and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa).

As administrator, Naude said he is committed to providing the best possible services.

He hoped that black areas will eventually improve their financial position.

Like all Black Local Authorities (BLAs), Ikapa's financial base is fragile. However, its situation is not as dire as that of Langelothu West.

Naude commented, "Ikapa needs a financially stable base to render services. Like other BLAs, Ikapa has no economic base. There is not

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enough activity to raise money. Finance comes exclusively from rent and service charges, as well as central government's bridging finance. The area has a relatively high rate of payment — 46 percent — but we need more money."

Despite feeling the financial squeeze, Naude disagreed with the view that black areas will need bridging finance for a long time.

"We cannot perpetuate the present situation. We must reach a point where bridging finance supports, rather than is the mainstay, of income," he said.

Naude said he has added his voice to that of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, in requesting an official commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption at Ikapa. They are awaiting the state president's decision.

"The commission must be transparent, so that justice can be seen to be done. It must have the power to subpoena, cross-examine and take statements under oath," he said.

Naude has no illusions about the state of play in local government. "The present black local government system is purely a transitional phase towards an acceptable system. We are busy with a holding action to ensure necessary services are rendered," he said.

Naude acknowledged the pace of change in local government has been too slow, but said this was



because local government was so significant. "Central government rests on local government," he observed.

He said the spotlight had swung to local level government because negotiations at national level were not directly impacting on people on the ground.

He said that whatever the political changes, development must continue. "Community involvement was a principle for development."

Unless there is community participation and approval for a project, it won't work?

opment is essentially one of stabilisation.

He explained, "You give a person the right to a site and this takes away insecurity. They build shelters and settle down within the community. Their lives, and the community, are stabilised."

The Serviced Land Project (SLP) is a good example of the inclusive approach favoured.

The project involves a range of organisations and local government structures which meet in a "two-legged" forum.

The CPA holds bilateral meetings with Wecusa, which withdrew from the forum.

Naude said the tricky question of land allocation, rumoured to be used by leaders to entrench power, is "under examination" by the SLP.

He said the perception that the CPA had an unnaturally close relationship with Wecusa, and in particular with Crossroad's leader Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, was false, and the CPA had only once used the organisation as facilitators.

"We have the same relationship with Wecusa as any other group. Our commitment to community involvement in development means we have to work closely with organisations like Wecusa," he said.

"People in congested areas live under harsher circumstances than those in brick houses, so we have prioritised serviced land projects."

"We try to be sensitive to dynamism, but we have to work with communities and their leaders."

"It is a catch 22 situation — we are accused from both sides of favouritism," Naude complained.

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Council collapses

ANOTHER black local authority in the Eastern Cape folded when all 12 councillors of the KwaNobuhle Town Council, near Uitenhage, resigned on Thursday

On Friday, the Cape Provincial Administration said the councillors resigned in the "interest of peace and stability in the area" — Sapa, Echa

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13 women in Ikapa protest

Staff Reporter **(2/3)**

THIRTEEN ANC Women's League members occupied Guguletu's Ikapa offices yesterday and refused to move until seven demands — including that all rented houses in the township be transferred free of charge to the tenants by June 1 — were met.

The women began their sit-in yesterday at 10am. Late last night about 50 women were sleeping outside the offices in support.

Spokeswoman Ms Maksi Mampota said a march would be held at noon today **CT 20/5/93**

CAPE TOWN'S CLAMP ON HAWKERS

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Street traders in Cape Town's St George's Mall have accepted a deal to limit them to 60 stalls after they initially threatened to rebel against the new restriction. Under regulations published last week by Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring, however, it seems that only craft traders will be allowed. Traders were due to meet city officials this week to resolve the issue.

Until last week there were often more than 100 traders in the mall. Most sold clothing and other factory-made goods.

The traders moved into the mall last year after the Business Act came into force and deregulated hawking and business licences. The city council and retailers in the area immediately objected and appealed for Meiring to take action. But a move to restrict street trading was found technically invalid (*Business & Techno-*

logy December 18)

The agreement to allow 60 craft traders is a compromise by the city council, which had earlier decided that no trading would be allowed in the mall, and the traders. The move is also in line with a Cape Town Chamber of Commerce recommendation that the authorities should allow a reasonable amount of informal trading in the downtown mall network.

The chamber recommended that preference should be given to traders selling arts and crafts that would "add interest to the mall and reduce conflict with formal traders."

The traders said at the time that they were not totally opposed to the regulation but wanted it negotiated and not simply imposed by authorities.

RATE REBATES ^{FM} 21/5/93

The council's conundrum

A move to increase Cape Town's residential property rates rebate — in the face of a pending rates increase averaging 80% across the city — has been temporarily blocked by the city council

Councillors voted 14-13 last week to increase the residential rebate from 26% to 35%. But Leon Markovitz, a councillor opposed to the increase, subsequently won majority support for a notice that he will move for the decision to be rescinded at the council's next meeting

Markovitz, who represents a CBD ward, believes increasing the residential rebate will place an additional rates burden on owners of commercial property. The increased rates are the result of a new valuation roll. They are due to come into force on July 1 (*Property* April 23).

Many residential ratepayers, particularly in the more affluent suburbs, have reacted with horror at the prospect of having to pay substantially higher rates — even though the rates they are now paying are based on a grossly undervalued property valuation roll that has been in force for 10 years.

At a meeting of ratepayers in the Atlantic suburbs last week, Cape Town treasurer Eddie Landsberg said rates in Clifton would increase on average by 147%-163% depending on what rebate was agreed to by council. In neighbouring Sea Point the average increase would be 51%-69%.

Markovitz argued that Cape Town's relatively high rates on commercial properties had discouraged business investment in the city. If an even bigger burden were placed on the business community there would be a strong possibility that many businesses would relocate to areas on Cape Town's northern border, such as Bellville, Parow and

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Goodwood where rates were lower

Other councillors disagree. They say poorer residential areas have in fact been subsidising wealthier areas and that the new valuation roll largely eliminates the disparity.

The opposition of ratepayers to the increases has been heightened by a recent council decision to increase councillors' allowances by 30% from July 1.

However, not all councillors agree with the move. Neil Ross, a member of the council's executive committee, told a ratepayers' meeting last week that he would propose that the increase should be scrapped from the council's budget. ■

Sit-in: Food

smuggled in

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Staff Reporter

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MORE than 100 ANC Women's League members marched to the Ikapa Town Council offices in Guguletu yesterday in support of 13 other women taking part in a sit-in protest.

The marchers carried with them food and toiletries for the women, who are demanding the transfer of all rented houses in the township to residents free of charge, and the resignation of councillors.

The parcels had to be smuggled in by ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni, who was allowed to see the women. Security guards earlier said the parcels would not be allowed in.

12 women in sit-in at council offices

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Staff Reporters

TWELVE ANC Women's League members are occupying the Ikapa Town Council offices in Guguletu to pressure councillors to resign in favour of a "democratically elected people's council".

The women began the protest on Wednesday in the office of town secretary Mr Deon Adriaanse.

They wanted to negotiate a memorandum of seven demands, said ANC spokeswoman Ms Maksi Mamputa.

Today council workers were sent home early.

Residents who brought food for the protesters were turned away at the gates and hundreds of residents marched through the streets of Guguletu to the council offices to demand access to the women.

About 500 women marched to the offices yesterday to hand the memorandum to Mr Kobus Olivier, chief executive officer of the council, but he had already left, said Ms Mamputa.

The 12 women had vowed not to leave until they met Mr Olivier, which they hoped to do today, said Ms Mamputa.

"Undemocratic" councillors should resign "immediately" and be replaced by a democratically elected people's council "to run the affairs of our community properly", said the memorandum.

The women demanded the free transfer of all council houses to the occupants on June 1 and warned of a rent boycott if the council continued charging rent.

They also demanded adequate street lighting "so that the high number of rape cases every night can come to an end".

Electricity arrears should be scrapped "immediately".

The council should stop all building operations on council ground and at the Nyanga station. "We have not been consulted," said Ms Mamputa.

Protesters were not allowed to use the council's toilets, kitchen or telephones, she said.

If it is true that the delegations to multi-party talks have achieved a breakthrough on the question of regionalism and regional powers, we could be on the point of hacking through a slipknot which has — from a federalist point of view — been strangling the country all these decades

Yet "if" is the operative word. It remains to be seen whether the ANC, the Nats and others have the same conception of regionalism as the IFP, the DP and others

Federalists say the very fact that the debate is still going on proves that union — provinces under an all-powerful central government — has failed. They also argue fairly compellingly that if the well-organised Transvaal delegation had not been able to stampee the National Convention of 1909 into union instead of federation, all kinds of things could have happened and all kinds of things not

Apartheid could never have established itself as national policy. The only places it could have had a foothold would have been in the Transvaal and Free State.

In a federation, a central parliament would not have been able to frustrate the colour-blind constitutions of the Cape and Natal. True, the colour-blindness was largely theoretical insofar as it affected the African communities — especially in Natal — but it was a point of departure. And the extraordinary thing is that, until the 1983 tricameral constitution, individual Natal Africans still had the theoretical right to petition the State President (who inherited the powers of the colonial governor) for inclusion on the voters roll.

For apartheid read any other kind of crazy ideology with which a future central government might be tempted to flirt. In a federal/regional dispensation, the regions/provinces might be

Can SA now break the stranglerhold of union?

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The more things change, the more they stay the same. Eighty-four years ago they were arguing about federation versus union. Today the same argument has become rather more vehement.

Writes political commentator **GRAHAM LINSCOTT.**

able to frustrate many such excesses.

To revert to the early days, Zimbabwe would almost certainly have become a member of a Federation of South Africa. A Southern Rhodesian delegation attended the National Convention but, in a subsequent referendum, this very British colony shied away from full union.

Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland would almost certainly have become members as well. The South Africa Act (basis of our original constitution) provided expressly for their incorporation — the relevant clauses were removed only in the 1960s — but the British made clear from the outset that this would not be countenanced under a racially-based constitution.

But the Cape constitution? And if South Africa had followed this federal path, would Namibia not have joined as well? Could the United Nations have objected to a colour-blind Cape-style constitution?

The outcome, the federalists argue, would have been a vast country of immense potential, with at most two of its states/provinces pursuing localised apartheid which would eventually have fizzled out.

So much for what might have been. What is possible now?

Much must depend on what those with an unshakable faith in regionalism are prepared to concede. When they speak of regionalism, do they mean something approximating to the provincial council system, which Mr P W Botha was able to summarily abolish in 1986 when it no longer suited him? Or do they mean the reserved regional powers, the right to raise regional taxes and the balance between central/federal and regional/provincial government which is characteristic of true federations? If the latter, the ANC and the communists have moved light years.

If the former, we can expect a great deal more grinding negotiation, based ultimately on the essentially negative potential of Zulu traditionalists and Afrikaner conservatives to make a great deal of trouble if their vital interests are not safeguarded.

If the latter — well, South Africa could then be on the way to taking the potential shape of the early years Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia are already in a customs union with us. There would tend to be a blurring between these states and South Africa's federal regions/provinces. The Transvaal — or the PWV component anyway, if that province is to be sub-divided as many seem to wish — would be economically and demographically pre-eminent among them all.

However, a debate of 84 years is not resolved that easily. One suspects that some very tough negotiating still lies ahead

Yet delegations to the multi-party talks must be as aware of that as anybody. And they sound decidedly upbeat, in a way they surely would not risk without good reason, given the recent history of breakdown and disappointment. The question is being thrashed out in advance of elections, which is encouraging.

Could we at last be on the point of hacking through that strangulating slipknot?

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Hout Bay makes bid to get its own town council

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CLIVE SAWYER, Weekend Argus Municipal Reporter

HOUT Bay could get its own town council if an application to the provincial administration gets the nod.

A provincial spokesman said an application had been made for the area to become a fully-fledged municipality.

Hout Bay was administered by the old Divisional Council, but with the abolition of these councils, had fallen under the jurisdiction of the Administration: House of Assembly, with services provided on an agency basis by the Western Cape Regional Services Council.

Residents voted more than two years ago to push for a non-racial municipality, but the abolition of "own affairs" local government and its devolution to provincial administrations seems to have given the move new impetus.

The application was made after discussions with CPA department of local government officials.

The deadline for comment on the application, details of which are available at the Regional Services Council offices in Wale Street, is in three months.

Hout Bay Ratepayers Association chairman Dr Cedric Nathan said there would be groundswell support for the application.

"This has been in the pipeline for years and will be most welcome.

"Our rates are very high and go up every year, while authorities such as the Regional Services Council make decisions but are not accountable," he said.

Dr Nathan pointed to local councils in Llandudno and Constantia as success stories of financial control by residents.

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Strike ballot 'a first'

THE SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) is currently conducting its first ever national strike ballot on the issue of a four percent wage offer, president of the Cape Town branch, Mr Salie Manie, said yesterday.

This follows a council statement on Friday, which said that agreement had been reached with Samwu and the SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), that the current wage deadlock be referred to private arbitration.

Council is currently drawing up its proposed terms of reference for the arbitration which will shortly be submitted to the unions, together with a list of suggested arbitrators, it said.

It will also supply an analysis of the effect which salary increases will have on rates.

Council hopes that Samwu's support for the call to participate in mass action and workplace demonstrations, is not aimed at the municipality and rate-payers, the statement said.

'Party politicking' ⁽²⁶³⁾ of civic condemned

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□ Langa call for community interests first

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

CIVIC structures should act in the best interests of the community at large and not be used as a platform for party politicking or electioneering.

So said Committee of Ten chairman Mr Lungile Ngwevela at a lively meeting attended by about 300 people in the Langa Community Hall yesterday.

The committee was reporting back to the community on the reasons for disrupting a meeting of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) held two weeks ago at the same venue.

Accusing the civic organisation of towing a strict ANC line to the detriment of Langa, Mr Ngwevela said the best interests of born-and-bred Langa residents should be taken into account "first and foremost".

The Committee of Ten was formed last November by Langa residents with the aim

of social upliftment and community development. Its 10-person executive includes members of the ANC and the PAC.

Executive member Mr Amos Silinga said the committee had been formed as a response to "the so-called civic manipulating the word 'civic'".

"They would call a meeting and then put up ANC flags. At the end of the day we are not all ANC members and couldn't entertain this," said Mr Silinga.

Mr Silinga said it pleased him that the majority of the people in the audience were "Langa parents, for it is they who can guide the community on what happened in the past and on the way forward".

Earlier another executive member, Mr Lungise Maloney, told the meeting civic organisations had every right to exist providing they had the best interests of the community at heart.

"We do not reject Sanco. But the civic places too much emphasis on hostel dwellers and squatters while doing nothing

for the born-and-bred people of Langa," said Mr Maloney.

He accused Sanco of being undemocratic and disinterested in the upliftment of the community.

To loud applause Mr Maloney told the audience he was a member of the PAC "but when I attend residents' meetings I leave the PAC at home".

"People should not call residents to community meetings to canvass political support," he said.

The Committee of Ten has identified accommodation, cultural and community development as areas requiring special attention in Langa.

Among its proposals is the conversion of the North Barracks — deserted hostels formerly occupied by municipal police — into accommodation for the unmarried and homeless women of Langa.

The committee intends laying the groundwork for the formation of a formal Residents Association at its next meeting next month.

200 council staff support Ikapa sit-in

Staff Reporter

THE sit-in by six members of the ANC Women's League (ANCWL) inside the offices of the Ikapa town council in Guguletu reached its sixth day yesterday as more than 200 council employees embarked on a work stoppage in support of the women.

The women, who have been in the offices since last Wednesday, are demanding the transfer of rented houses to members of the community free of charge, and the immediate resignation of all town councillors and white council employees.

Yesterday workers spent the day demonstrating and singing freedom songs outside the gates. The workers were later joined by members of the ANCWL and regional secretary of the ANC, Mr Tony Yengeni.

Mr Yengeni tried repeatedly to speak on the phone with executive officer Mr Kobus Olivier, but failed to reach the Cape Administrator, Mr Kobus Mering.

While their anger mounted, residents and council employees added another demand to their long list — that Mr Olivier also vacate the offices and be replaced by someone elected by the community.

Food is being smuggled into the women staging the protest. During the demonstration Mr Olivier and all other white employees left through a side gate under heavy police guard. Mr Olivier has refused to comment.

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By MAGGIE ROWLEY
Property Editor

Council Services 'abysmal' on highest rates

UNLESS the City Council stepped up its services landlords should withhold a percentage of the rates, which were the highest in the country, to provide their own maintenance and services, says leading Cape Town broker Menno Brouwer

Landlords and brokers interviewed this week hit out at the City Council for levying by "far the highest" rates in the country yet putting little back in the way of infrastructure and services

Anton Musgrave, chairman of the Western Cape Branch of the SA Property Owners Association, said rates per square were twice as high in Cape Town then elsewhere

Total rates and fees as a percentage

of market rentals in the Cape Town metropolitan area were 11,36% against 6,33% in Durban, 6,30% in Johannesburg and 5,30% in Pretoria as of June 30 1991, he said

Brouwer said the level of services, maintenance, security and lighting provided by the City Council commensurate with the high rates levied was "abysmal"

"Landlords could provide a much higher level of service themselves and they need to give a very firm message to the Council that unless they either reduce rates or improve services to warrant the high rates they will take ac-

tion," he said.

Brouwer said from a property perspective, it was difficult convincing tenants to stay in Cape Town unless there was parking on the premises

"The environment is untidy, maintenance of roads, sidewalks, mancovers and the like is shoddy and lighting and security in many areas is far from adequate

Landlords, he said, were being surprised by tenants who objected to paying high rentals when services were not provided

"If rates continue to go up landlords are going to find it difficult to collect

rents" CT 26/5/91

Brouwer said they were canvassing landlords on the Foreshore to put pressure on the City Council

"If this is not successful we will consider withholding a percentage of their rate payments and instituting our own services"

Musgrave pointed out that the vacancy levels of A and B grade office space in the Cape Town area were currently in the order of 12,9% on a weighted average while that for Bellville was only 7,1%

"This is clear evidence of the effects of Cape Town's higher rates"

Musgrave said Sapa was concerned that the effect of the increase in residential rebates would translate directly into greater vacancy levels in the Cape Town area

"The reason for this is, simply that landlords are entitled in most instances to pass on increased rates burdens to tenants who are already under severe pressure

"The commercial and industrial property sector has for many years been paying a disproportionately high share of the rates revenue in order to promote further development and in-

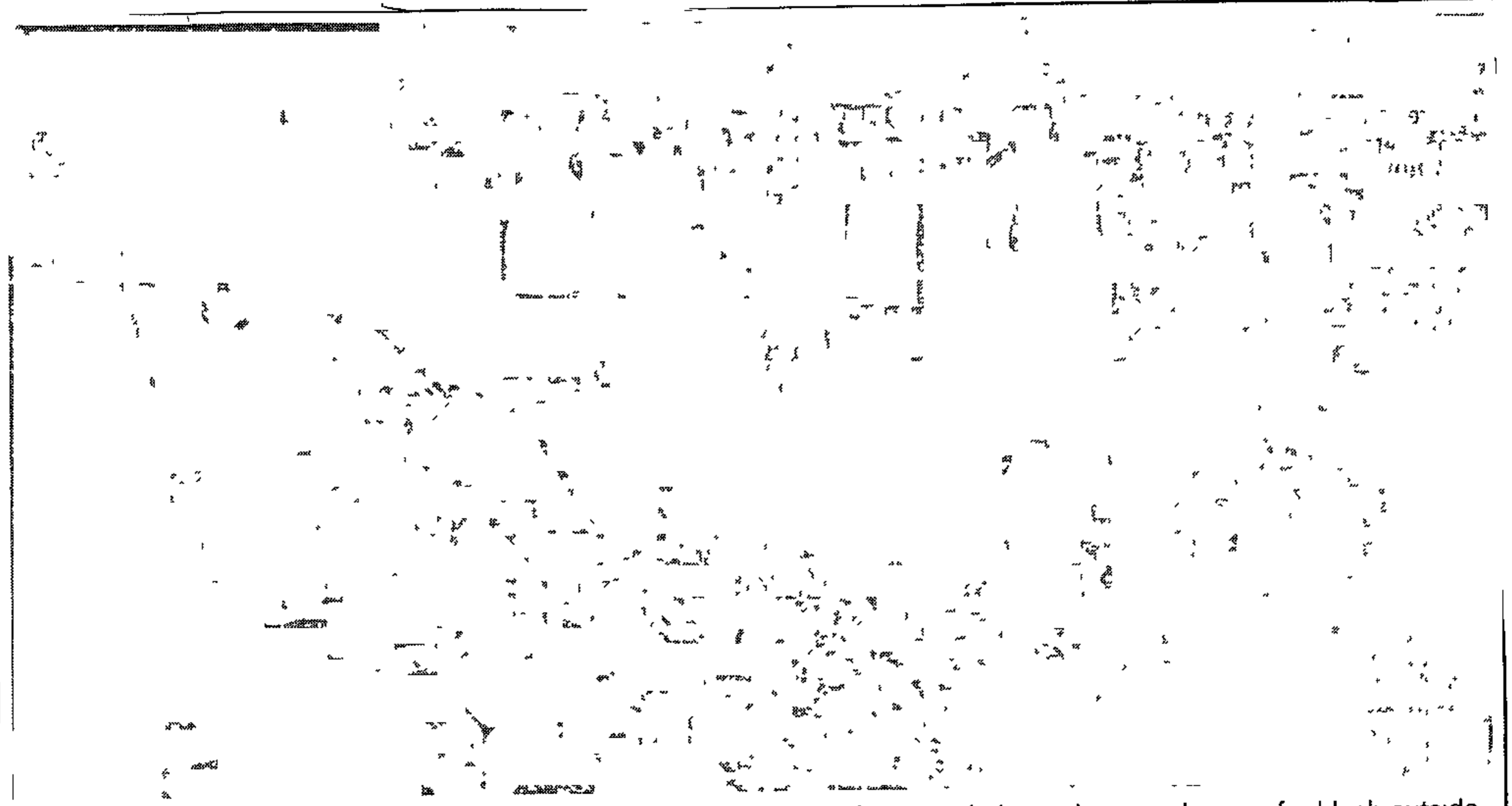
vestment in this sector and attract corporate headoffices to the city, it is imperative for the city seize the opportunity of remedying the position"

Glen Mackie of Baker Street Associates pointed out that large anomalies existed in the rates of different buildings of similar grade office space in the city CBD

"While one building might be paying rates and taxes of R2,40/m², a similar standard building are paying as much as R4,53/m²

"Rentals cannot be raised to absorb the rise in rates due to the weak market If the yield is not evident, the developments will not take place

"Hopefully the new rates to be implemented this year will at least level this playing field," he said



REACTION . . Members of the Internal Stability Unit approach a garbage truck driver dumping heaps of rubbish outside one of the gates of the Ikapa Town Council. The workers are on a work stoppage which reached its third day yesterday

Picture STEWART COLMAN

Waste dumped at Ikapa council gates

Staff Reporter

MINOR confrontations occurred between the police and cleansing employees of the Ikapa Town Council in Guguletu yesterday when the workers dumped freshly-collected refuse outside the gates of the council offices

The striking workers, who are demanding the immediate resignation of council-

lors and white council employees, blocked the only two exits to the offices with refuse. Employees and officials evacuated the offices under police escort.

The workers ignored police warnings that their actions were illegal and continued to dump refuse. Two drivers were arrested but were later released after workers agreed to co-operate with police. The strikers vowed to continue with

similar actions until council executive officer Mr Kobus Olivier agreed to meet them.

Meanwhile a sit-in by six members of the ANC Women's League inside the same offices continued yesterday.

The week-long sit-in is in protest against selling of rented houses to the community. The protesters want such houses to be transferred to the community-free.

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'Last all-white' budget passed

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Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER at last night's city council budget meeting

CITY councillors voted 27 to one to approve what was labelled the last budget to be devised by an all-white council

A snap debate on councillors' allowances came midway in the three-hour budget meeting

A proposal by Mr Neil Ross that the R3,2-million set aside for allowances and pensions for councillors and management committee members be "frozen" in a special account was defeated by a narrow 15 to 14 vote

A motion to keep allowances at present levels is to be proposed at tomorrow's city council meeting

Newspaper advertisements by the council inviting the public to attend the debate — shifted to the evening to accommodate this — attracted about 30 people to the galleries

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner broke with tradition by not reading the whole 15-page budget speech

He said the "resource-driven" budgeting policy had not been popular among heads of departments, who would struggle to cope with limits on spending

Mr Leon Markovitz said while tight limits had been set to the budget, bold planning and capital spending was needed to realise the vision of a great city

Dissenting voices included Mr Chris Joubert, who said he was frustrated at the council's inability to carry through its decisions to finality

Examples included the failure to implement cost-cutting recommendations by the ad hoc catering committee, the failure to extend duties of beach constables, and the Clifton bungalow sites saga

Lack of enforcement of litter laws was another frustration

The stiffest criticism of the budget came from Mr Arthur Wienburg. Many promises in this year's budget were repeats of those from last year's

He discounted Mr Kreiner's claim the budget was resource-driven

Priorities had not been set, a promised major review of the council's organisational structure had not happened, a promised move away from incremental spending had not happened, and nor had a promised restriction on the number of vacant posts to be filled

"This budget is like a rerun of a bad B-grade movie," Mr Wienburg said. "Only names and places have been changed"

A promised bid to rationalise and retrench staff had ended in a working group to entrench job security

No result could be seen of last year's undertaking to improve cleanliness of the city, which was repeated this year

Mr Wienburg said he accepted the "moderate" rate increase but would vote against the budget because priorities had not been worked out

Mr Ross countered this, saying the budget had been "heavily prioritised"

But the 29,3 percent increase in allowances for councillors was "not on" and he proposed freezing the spending

Mrs Eulalie Stott opposed this, saying it was high time the public acknowledged the service by councillors, which was equivalent if not more to that of members of parliament

Councillors "sat" for a full year, while parliament was in session for six months a year

"Colleagues have been told

by employers and partners they have been devoting too much time to council duties," she said

Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan said the mayor, deputy mayor, and executive committee should be allowed the increases

If this was not done, "men of calibre, men of substance will not offer themselves for service," Mr Keegan said

His allowance did not cover his costs carrying out his duties as deputy mayor, he said

Mr Dick Friedlander said he served out of love for Cape Town, not because he wanted the pension

A 15 to 14 vote after a division defeated Mr Ross's proposal

Replying to the budget debate, Mr Kreiner said Mr Joubert was wrong to blame exco for the delay in finalising the fate of the Clifton bungalow sites

Representations by counsel for the bungalow owners had had to be passed to council lawyers for a response, he said

On cleansing, Mr Kreiner said 60 extra posts would be created, and R1,2-5million spent on cleaning up the central business district

Meiring, strikers to continue talks today

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□ Bid to resolve Ikapa Town Council disputes

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

NEGOTIATIONS between the Administrator, Mr. Kobus Meiring, striking Ikapa Town Council employees and the ANC Women's League, whose members have been holed up in the council offices for eight days, will continue today.

Cape Provincial Administration spokesman Mr. Frikkie Odendaal said the parties had a two-hour "fruitful" meeting in Mr. Meiring's office yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the South African Municipal Workers Union, the ANC, the ANC Women's League, the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) and members of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee.

"It was quite a fruitful meeting but was not completed. It's a complex situation and we hope to have a series of negotiations as we are trying to get Ikapa Town Council involved in the process," Mr. Odendaal said.

Yesterday strikers dumped heaps of refuse outside the council premises.

Assisted by hundreds of Guguletu residents, they collected refuse from the township's streets where it had been piling up since Friday, loaded it on to council vehicles and dumped it at the council gates and around the premises.

Also targeted was Ikapa town councillor Mr. Denys Lobi, whose Guguletu home was reportedly littered with rubbish.

The 200 strikers, mostly members of Samwu, stopped work on Friday in support of the 12 ANC Women's League members occupying the council offices.

The women are demanding ownership of houses in Guguletu to be transferred to tenants free, the resignation of the town councillors and the removal of white employees.

The workers, who have their own demands and complaints against the council, have been demonstrating outside the council gates since Friday.

Their demands include a living wage, a halt to retrenchments and protective clothing.

Of cabbages and kings . . . and many other things

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TRADITIONALLY, city councillors may address anything which takes their fancy during the annual budget debate — and they did

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Early retirement should be offered to those over 60 at senior levels to help create opportunities for affirmative action appointments, said Mrs Patricia Sulcas Kremer

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“Banking for the poor” should be introduced as an alternative, cheaper method of financing housing, said Mrs Isobel Edelstein

Capital lenders — established banks — did not allow finance for “alternative building methods”

A scheme in Bangladesh where the poor had to prove literacy instead of provide collateral for housing loans had worked, Mrs Edelstein said

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A memorandum had been drawn up to point out to the government exactly what the

city council did to help disadvantaged areas, Mr Neil Ross said

It was “inequitable” that Cape Town might be asked to pay 10 percent of its income from commercial and industrial properties to black local authorities when for neighbouring councils such as Milnerton, this would be “10 percent on top of nothing”

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The council had built 52 000 houses for home ownership schemes, and had 11 000 rental houses and 18 000 flats, Mr Ross said

Meanwhile, the allocation of State funds for housing had dropped by two-thirds in a few years to R30-million this year

The city council hoped to build about 1 000 houses this year, he said

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The council should increase rates and “take a hammering for a few days from the Press rather than have criticism for a whole year because it can-

not deliver services,” Mr Ian Iversen said

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After eight months, a promised survey of public opinion about city council issues — including allowances — had not happened

And why not, Mr Iversen wanted to know

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The new valuation roll was very complicated and should be explained to ratepayers in a circular phrased in simple, understandable language, said Mrs Ruth Ortlepp

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The city council should help fund the Olympic bid, which at present was being paid for by the private sector, said Mr Gordon Oliver

The council should co-operate with other municipalities in planning capital projects because the Games would benefit the whole region

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Reducing population growth was the solution to

the city's ills, said Mr Joe Rabinowitz

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No more should be spent on consultants to probe “activity-based” cost accounting, said Mr Kenny Penkin

So far this had cost R350 000, he said

The money would be better spent on giving the city treasurer extra staff

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People living in terraced housing, as well as those in rental flats, should qualify for residential property rate rebates, said Mr Rupert Hurly

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The size of each plot set aside for starter housing should be halved so that money available for the house itself could be doubled, said Mrs Eulahe Stott

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Some way should be found to prevent people being forced to sell their houses because of sharp increases in property valuations, Mr John Muir said

'Affordability'

Authors of Cape Town City Council's R2 billion budget for the financial year starting in July make

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BBETTER service and a rates increase which will not break the bank — not an easy task in a city hit by an economic crisis and plunging levels of government subsidies.

The city council resolved last year to keep the increase below inflation, which produced this year's rates increase of 10,5 percent

For the third year running, reserves were dipped into to damp down the increase. The treasury is to take R6,5 million out of reserves to accelerate repayments to its own capital development and loans fund, reducing capital charges in the rate and general account and reducing pressure on rates increases

Reserves were healthy enough to sustain this because of an unexpected R40 million surplus in the 1992 financial year, while the tactic may be seen as returning part of the surplus to ratepayers.

And for the first time this year, a special budget committee was appointed to be the watchdog on operating expenses, stripping away millions from requested spending.

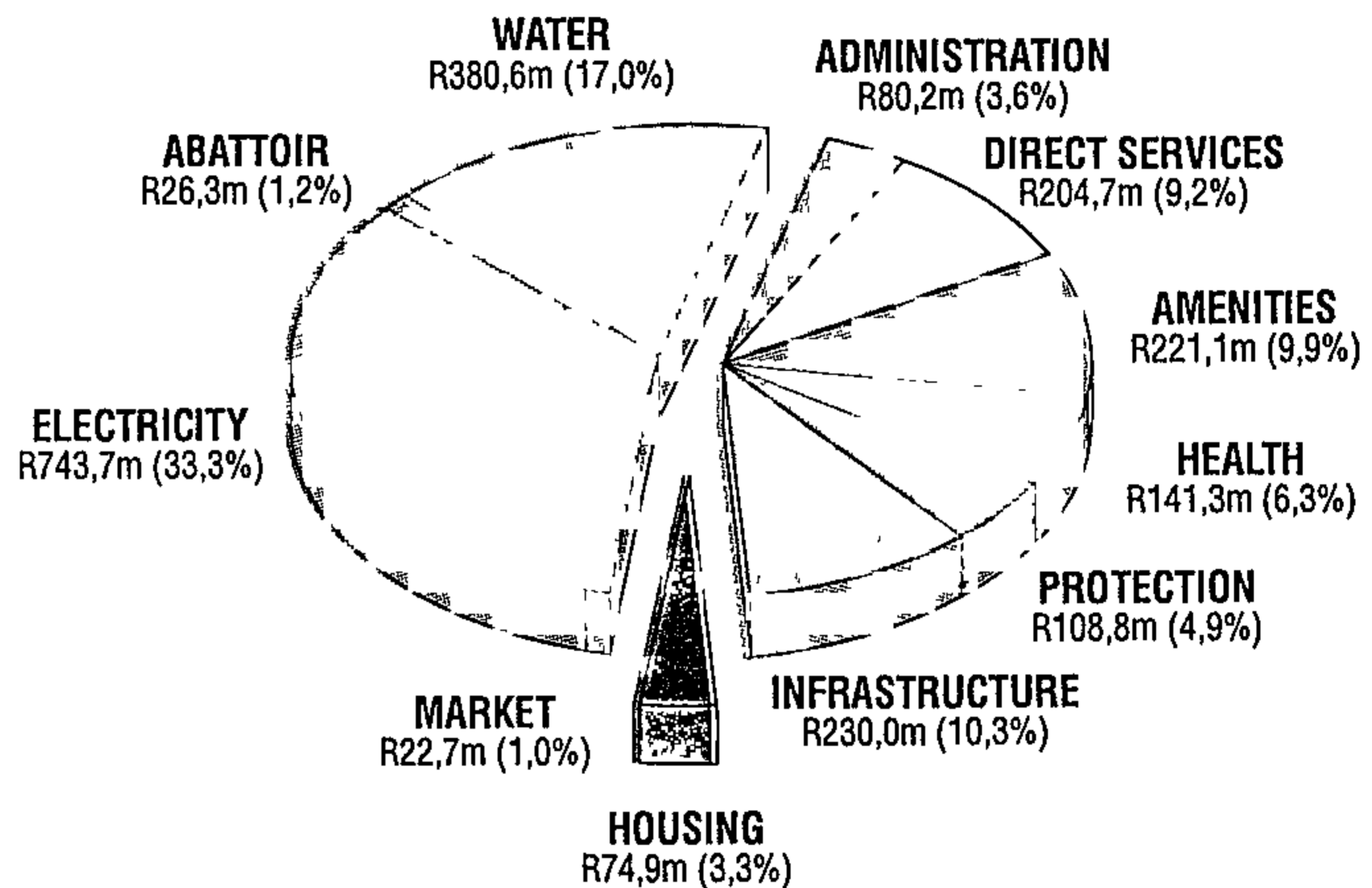
Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, ex officio the city council's minister of finance, said the budget would be affordable while improving some parts of the council service

- Cleansing — Additional staff will be deployed to keep the central city clean, particularly during the peak tourist season

Criticism of the "filthy" CBD and additional problems caused by informal trading had led to this spending, Mr Kreiner said

- Parks and forests — Weed control squads, scrapped two years ago, will be reinstated, while R750 000 will be spent on a one-off project to repair the damage to pavements in the past two years

1993/94 budget at a glance



SPENDING GUIDE: This chart shows where the money will go

But verge trimming by council staff would not make a comeback, Mr Kreiner said

- R30,4 million for new housing in areas such as Retreat, Hanover Park, Parkwood, while R8 million will be spent on improvements to council flats

These improvements will include creating 1 200 additional rooms by enclosing balconies

There is relief, albeit temporarily, about some issues which caused concern earlier in the planning of the budget

- There is no provision for user charges for library services this financial year, nor are any libraries scheduled to be closed — for now

- Rates exemptions for churches, charities, and private schools will stay. It is understood planned legislation which would have al-

lowed the exemptions to be lifted has been dropped

Outlining the capital budget, Mr Kreiner said pressure to contain spending on operating accounts made it essential to keep a tight hold on the number of capital projects

Stricter criteria had been introduced for approving projects, he said

Capital expenditure this year would be R167,7 million on rate-funded services and R229 million on trading services

The housing service, mainly dependent on State funding, was expected to be about R25,5 million — far short of what was needed

"It is imperative alternative sources of funding be found to redress the appalling backlog of low-cost housing, including houses to rent as

well as purchase," he said

- The Riviersonderend water augmentation project will cost R116,5 million in this financial year, and will have cost R550 million on completion in 1995

- Improvement of electricity supply facilities to Sun Valley should be completed this year, at a cost of R30,5 million.

- The Grassy Park transmission project will cost R16,5 million this year, and is expected to cost about R35 million to complete

- Installation of energy dispensers — electricity prepayment meters — will cost R20 million

- Work on the Green Point marine outfall sewer should be completed in the coming year, while work on external repairs to the City Hall, and the provision of 2400 refuse

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the key word

"affordability" their motto. But redistribution of wealth is another key theme, explains Municipal **E SAWYER.**

bins will continue

Mr Kreiner said rate and general and housing services would need operating expenditure of about R786,9 million next year

Mr Kreiner said planners took affordability into account in planning the budget, particularly against the background that many would face huge rates increases because of the introduction of a new valuation roll

This change in the valuation roll will bring no extra income to the city but each ratepayer will contribute a fairer proportion to the council coffers — correcting anomalies where some were paying too much and others too little

But there is no doubt this budget signals the introduction of redistribution of wealth, and an attempt to level the playing fields

- R1 million is to be spent on affirmative action, an increase of R250 000 over last year's allocation, which was the first of its type

- Upgrading facilities and infrastructure in disadvantaged parts of the city was a priority, Mr Kreiner said

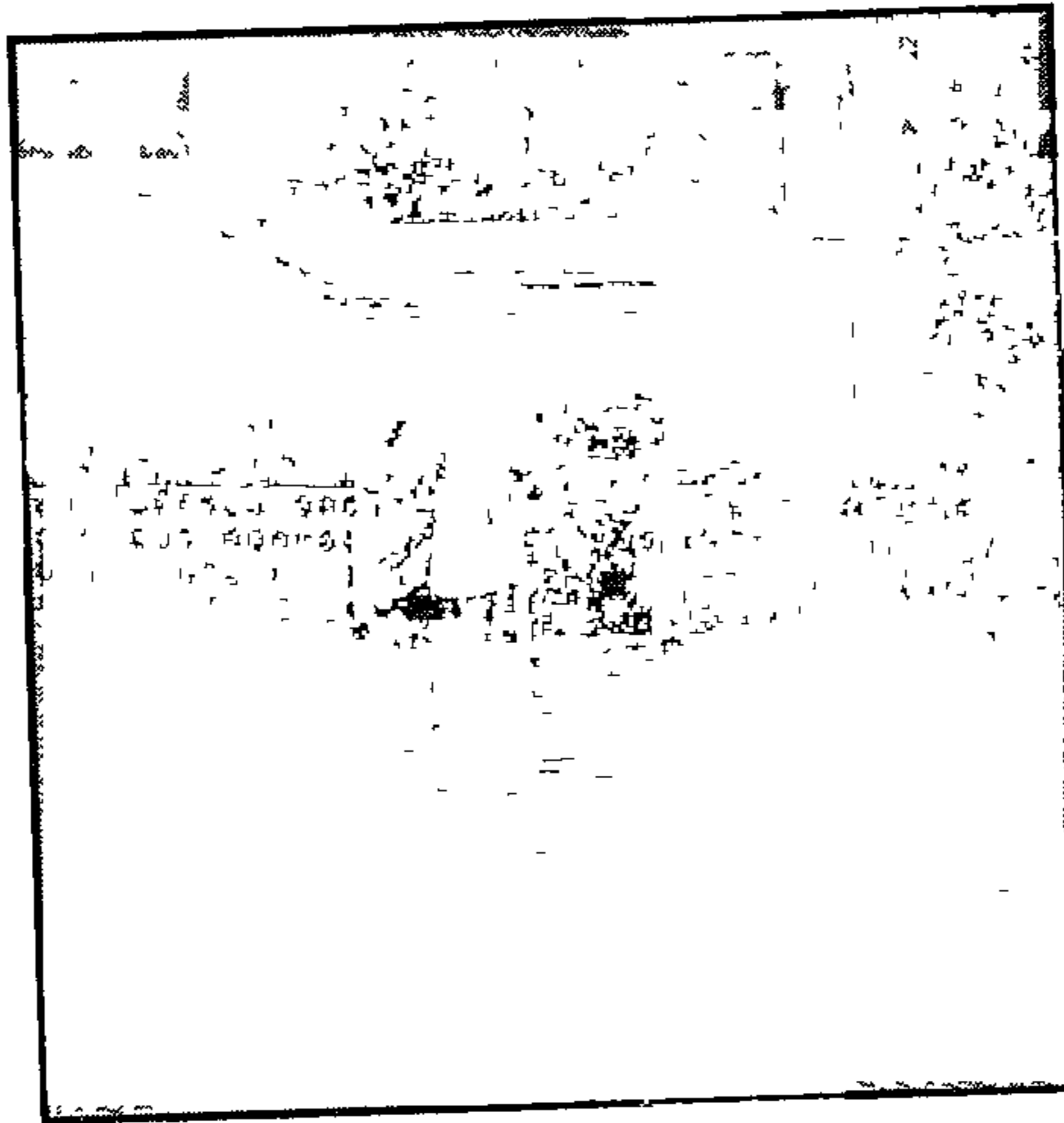
In addition to the funds allocated directly by the city council, the Western Cape Regional Services Council is to be asked for R48,2 million for infrastructural projects

"We'll be spending lots more on basic hard services such as sewerage, stormwater drainage and improving roads," said deputy city treasurer Mr Peter Lever.

Projects included a library at Strandfontein, a community hall in Vanguard Drive, and the Tafelsig swimming pool

Meanwhile, other major capital projects such as the Sea Point swimming pool — in need of drastic renovations — had been put on ice

- Half the money from the sale of Clifton bungalow sites and sales of other strategic



CASH FLOW: Flooding is an all too familiar sight on the Cape Flats during winter. Now more money is to be spent on stormwater drainage

land will be used for a "social development capital fund", for building houses and upgrading projects in poorer areas

- A special community liaison unit is to be set up to "establish a better understanding" between the council and the poor. Staff posts have been advertised in the press

Mr Kreiner said serious attempts had been made to canvass "the broader community" on how the budget should be drawn up

Questionnaires were sent to 95 bodies, of which 25 responded. Their requests were summarised and where possible, included in the budget

One of the successes claimed for the budget

- Capital budget growth will be six percent, compared to the 12 percent limit imposed by the Department of Finance

- Operating budget growth has been limited to 10,5 percent

- The biggest expense on the budget — staff — has been trimmed from last year's 42 percent to 41 percent

Staff levels had been subjected to careful scrutiny, Mr Kreiner said

The council would do an "internal organisational review" this year, once new town clerk Mr Keith Nicol had completed his own report on recommendations by his predecessor, Mr Don Geyer

Part of this review would be rationalisation of the leisure and recreation services

Throughout the municipality there would be an evaluation and possible rationalisation of facilities

"Operating duplicated resources is becoming prohibitive," Mr Kreiner said

Commenting on the stalemate between management and the two municipal unions, Mr Kreiner said the council could no more afford to give

Facts and figures

ACCIDENTS reported in Cape Town municipality in the 1992/93 financial year totalled 32 275

This is one of the statistics appended to exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner's budget speech

Administration staff processed 669 tenders and issued 66 936 dog licences

Properties sold in the municipal area that year totalled 14 915

Book stocks in libraries totalled 1 209 757, membership was 181 719, and total items issued 5 522 052

Workers collected 225 912 tons of refuse, and the cost of street cleaning was R14 325 a kilometre

Fire calls totalled 4 189 — and answering each one cost an average R4 571

large pay increases than any private company

Director of human resources Mr Dave Beretti had been told to negotiate early retirement and retrenchment packages with the unions, to have them ready when needed

And while reserves were to be used to cushion rates increases, it would be necessary to ensure they were adequate to meet the cost of retrenchment and early retirement packages

- Allowances paid to councillors and management committee members would account for R3,2 million if increases proposed to take effect in July went ahead

The controversial 29,3 percent allowance hike — frequently cited by disgruntled staff who have been offered a four percent salary increase — is to be challenged in a motion to be put to the city council tomorrow

Cape Town's R2,2bn budget

CAPE TOWN — Cape Town City Council last night adopted a R2,23bn annual budget for the 1993/94 financial year, a 12,4% increase over the previous year's revised figure of R1,99bn.

A 10,5% increase in rates (excluding the increase in VAT) was necessary to meet the projected budgetary shortfall of R43m, it was announced.

Domestic water tariffs would increase by 10% from July 1, and to assist low-income families the cost of the first 30kl of water consumption a quarter had been retained at existing tariff levels, executive committee chairman Louis Kremer said in his budget speech.

The electricity tariff would be adjusted towards the end of the year, but tight constraints on budgetary provisions should

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limit the increase to about 8%

Trading services received R1,2bn, housing R75m and the rates and general services account R986m. Capital expenditure has been constrained to R467,7m (R422,2m) and capital projects had been deferred and prioritised, Kremer said.

However, the upgrading of facilities and infrastructure in certain disadvantaged areas of the city had been treated as a priority.

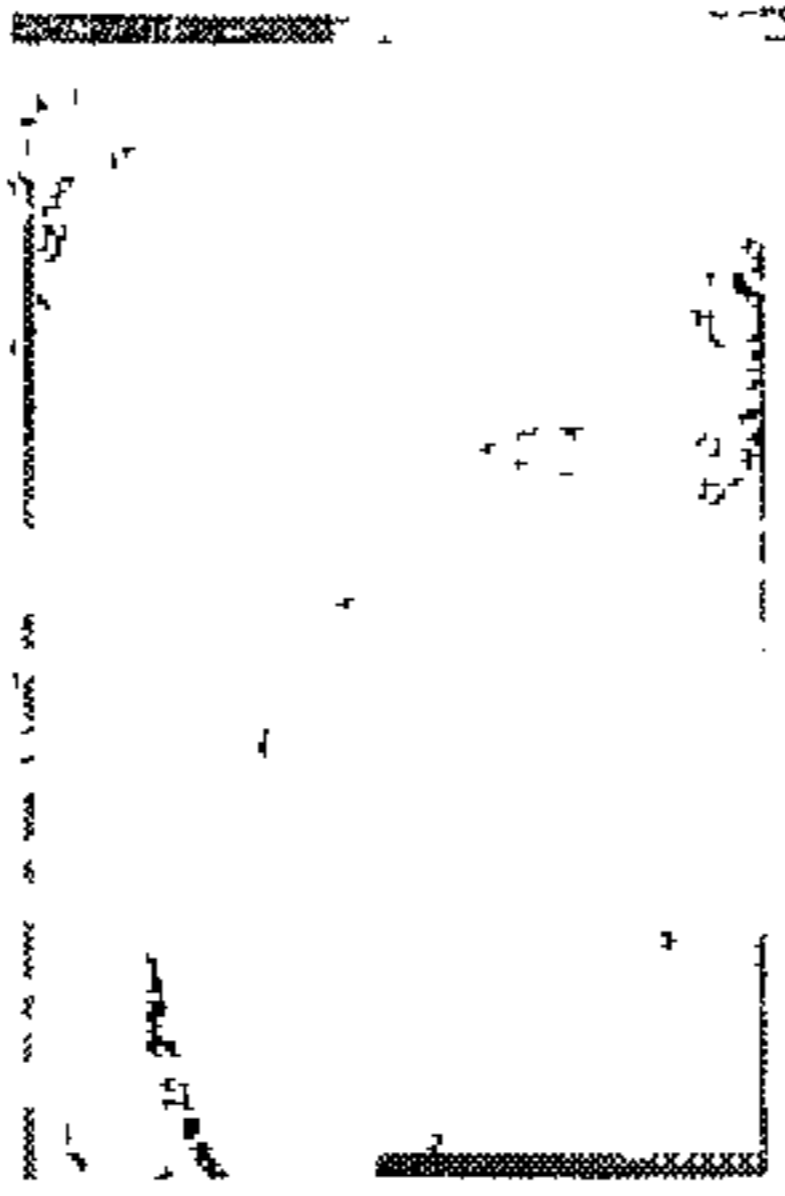
Kremer announced the formation of a social development capital fund, into which at least 50% of the net proceeds of strategic land sales would be channelled. The fund would assist the poor and direct the present deficit financing of housing away from blanket subsidisation of rents.

Consensus on govt forum

FIFTY major role
players in local govern-
ment have agreed on the
desirability of establish-
ing a local government
negotiating forum for
the Western Cape metro-
politan area (263)

At an exploratory
meeting on Monday, 15
groupings including the
ANC, PAC, the city coun-
cil and other municipali-
ties, agreed in principle
on establishing a forum

A 15-person committee
was set up to prepare
proposals on terms of
reference, representa-
tion and other questions



RETIRING
Graham Lawrence

'Fanciful' council warned on township

By GUY OLIVER

RETIRING Lingeletu West town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence warned last night of catastrophe for the city if the "fanciful" city council continued to ignore the plight of the 500 000 Cape townians in Khayelitsha

After five years as town clerk, and a heart attack last September, Mr Lawrence's physician has advised him to lead a less stressful life

Mr Lawrence hoped to swap his environment of "violence, intimidation, the breakdown of law and order, the breakdown of normal civilised standards of behaviour" for academia after a rest of seven months

People were being necklaced every week in the sprawling township as the "city council carries on with their fanciful things, but no one is consulted in Khayelitsha", Mr Lawrence said

The entire metropolis was being affected by the decay of Khayelitsha. "The thinking that Khayelitsha was somewhere up the N2, hiding behind the sand dunes has to change," Mr Lawrence said

To avert the catastrophe, Khayelitsha needs educational institutions, job creation and community structures, he added (2b3)

'Mfuleni councillors should quit'

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By EUNICE RIDER

MFULENI town councillors should resign so that essential services to the township near Blackheath could continue and violence there could end. Administrator of the Cape Mr Kobus Meiring recommended yesterday

Mr Meiring called a meeting with the councillors after talks on Tuesday with the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee, which has staged a sit-in at the town council's chambers since Friday

The committee comprises ANC Youth League, ANC and Sanco

members

The Mfuleni town councillors refused to resign saying they had been acting in the interests of their community and were being "held to ransom" by the Joint People's Committee which demanded their resignation

Statement today on Ikapa sit-in

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AN announcement is expected today on the crisis at the Ikapa Town Council where ANC Women's League members are staging a sit-in.

The ANC and the Cape Provincial Administration are expected to make the announcement after a series of meetings between the two groups.

CPA spokesman Mr Frikkie Odendaal confirmed that a joint press conference will be held this morning.

The two organisations have had two meetings this week with a view to resolving the crisis at Ikapa, where six ANC Women's League members are staging a sit-in demanding the immediate resignation of all councillors. The women are also calling for the free transfer of rented houses to residents.

Meanwhile, the regional organiser of the league, Mrs Caroline Makhasi, yesterday welcomed the lifting of restrictions by the council to allow ANC leadership to speak to the protesting women.

She said that from yesterday they could see the protesters, bring them food and also relieve and replace those protesters who had to go home or attend to other matters.

'Packing for Perth'?

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Don't be daft

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Deputy Business Editor

THE short term gains being sought by those who were "packing for Perth" would be more than equalled by those who stayed behind to see out the current economic recession

This is the view of chartered accountant Mike Flax who heads the Seeff Trust group

He said that in spite of sagging business confidence, individual investors in South Africa were still in a position to make money and achieve results not normally available to larger companies and organisations

"When I see some of the returns our individual clients are achieving in various areas of the market I am not so certain that those who are opting for a new life on other continents are acting with as much wisdom as they might think"

He said that on a recent trip to Europe and the UK he had seen very few opportunities for investors "This is illustrated dramatically by the vast amounts that are now being invested in this country in state bonds and gilts"

Cyclical fluctuations were a feature of all economies and as investors became more sophisticated they would discover how to make beneficial investments at all market levels

While conceding that SA politics was presently making investment decisions "somewhat more difficult" and lambasting the political negotiators for dragging their feet, Flax said they were continuing to take a positive outlook on the future of the country

"The decision to hold a general election before April next year has been a major positive step forward and once the date of that election has been declared, business confidence will no doubt make a powerful turn for the better"

Among investment products being sold in considerable quantities were

- The money market in SA which was offering 24 hour to 32 day call rates of around 11% to 12%,

- The abandonment of the sixth schedule which had placed serious limitations on insurance investments now meant that the five-year endowment product had become eminently attractive and returns at the moment were anticipated at around 14% and even greater upside potential a few years hence,

- Stainless steel container tanks produced locally provided a "superb rand hedge" investment available to anyone with about R110 000 to invest and produced returns of about 10% per year escalating at around 10%,

- Futures funds, and

- The property market itself where opportunities were now presenting themselves to take advantage of price declines

Allowances: Wienburg calls for 'staff rates' ⁽²⁶³⁾

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN city councillors are to be asked today to drop their proposed 29,3 percent allowance increase to the 4 percent offered to staff

A motion by Mr Arthur Wienburg is that while a 29,3 percent increase is justified, large increases were inappropriate at this stage

Councillors should show "true leadership," and set an example in restraint

Increases should match those offered to staff, and should take effect at the same time

Council management announced last week its wage dispute with the two municipal unions had been referred to private arbitration after deadlock.

● Out go the serpents and in come the Christians

Strandfontein snake park has asked to cancel its lease of city council land because there have been few visitors to the seaside site

The Young Christian Community has applied to lease the land for a rehabilitation and training centre for substance abusers

An amenities and health committee report said the community had been given

temporary permission to occupy the land to counter the danger of vandalism

A proposed nominal rental of R150 a month for a six-month lease is to be put to the city council for approval today

● An urgent request for R150 000 for stormwater drains in Epping and Devil's Peak is to be put to the city council today

The money is needed to fix a culvert roof which collapsed in Culvert Way, Epping, and to improve stormwater intakes on Plumpudding Stream in Devil's Peak, to avoid flooding

The utilities and works committee also recommended spending R50 000 to pave Claremont minibus taxi rank

About 2 000 people used the rank morning and evening daily Township taxis used an unpaved area north of the station entrance, which turned into a quagmire in winter, a report said

● The city council decision to give R1 million to the University of the Western Cape was ludicrous and provocative, the Lower Gardens Civic Association said The association told the council executive committee it took strong exception to the grant in a time of severe financial pressure

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A question of needs

Cape Town City Council has completed the first stage of a comprehensive plan for redevelopment of the Culemborg-Black River area. It is regarded as crucial to revitalisation of the central city.

Planners say the redevelopment could be the most significant since the construction of the Duncan Dock and reclamation of the Foreshore in the Forties. Central to the plan is a 300 ha site owned by Transnet and the SA Rail Commuter Corp.

Size and location make the site the most strategic area in the city. Both organisations have indicated that they intend redeveloping the land.

In a recently published summary of the first stage report, Cape Town deputy city planner Peter de Tolly and city engineer Arthur Clayton say a package-of-plans approach will best suit the redevelopment. A similar approach was used for the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront redevelopment.

The Transnet/Commuter Corp site is surrounded by the wider redevelopment area which includes District Six, Salt River, Observatory, Maitland, Brooklyn, Paarden Eiland, the harbour and the CBD.

The Transnet/Commuter Corp land is generally considered lost space, comprising mainly railway and related activity. It is isolated from the city and cuts off city districts from one another.

The first stage of the plan makes no proposals for redevelopment. These will be considered in the next two stages which will include public participation and policy decisions. However, planners point out that the size and strategic location of the area mean it could play a key role in resolving the housing problem in metropolitan Cape Town.

Suburbs in the redevelopment area have traditionally housed people of "moderate economic means" and it has good access to most parts of the city.

Three other major projects are being considered for parts of the redevelopment area: part of the infrastructure for the Olympic Games if Cape Town wins the bid to stage the event in 2004, the international Millennium Expo scheduled for 2000, and an export processing zone. All or any of these developments would contribute both infrastructure and jobs to the area. ■

Council members will get 29% rise

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By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN city councillors are to get 29% increases in their allowances from July.

Mr Arthur Wienburg tried to have a motion passed limiting the increases to 4%, which is what council employees are being offered at present.

"It is incumbent on us to set an example," he argued. "I am not saying that we are not worth the money. But if we agree to this motion, we will take the sting out of the tail of the unions."

Mr Gordon Oliver said the council was spending vast amounts of money on improving its image, "and now we are blowing that out of the water".

'Not ashamed'

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner argued, on the other hand, that a council labourer's salary had increased 445% from R250 in 1984 to R1 183,96 now, while a councillor's allowance had risen only 358% from R534 to R1 950 at present.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "If you take pensions into account as well, and add the 4%, then both labourers and councillors have increased by 463% each over the same period."

Mayor Mr Frank van der Volde ruled, after a point of order was raised, that Mr Wienburg's motion would have to be supported by 18 votes to be carried. A special resolution was required for increases in allowances.

It got only 16 votes in favour and 12 against, so despite the majority vote it was not passed and last year's motion providing for a 29% increase comes into effect.

City will spend R1m on a staff training centre

THE city council will spend more than R1 million over five years on hiring space in Southern Life's Matador Centre in Strand Street as a staff training centre. (263) CJ/28/5/93

The rental will be R212 946 a year.

Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the executive committee, said in response to questions yesterday that the cost of equipping a language laboratory in the centre would be "in the order of R250 000".

Councillors' pay rise to remain at 29%

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Vote to drop increase defeated on technicality

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AN ATTEMPT to drop 29,3 percent pay increases for city councillors to the four percent proposed for staff was approved by 16 votes to 12 — but defeated on a technicality.

The 29,3 percent increases will go ahead because 18 votes — a two-thirds majority — were needed to reverse the previous council resolution.

Matching councillors' increases to those of staff was proposed by Mr Arthur Wienburg at yesterday's monthly city council meeting.

He said he agreed with the size of the 29,3 percent increase, which had been based on a study by independent consultants.

But the timing was inappropriate

when the council was in a wage dispute with its staff and ratepayers were hard-pressed, many facing huge rates rises because of the revised valuation roll.

Mrs Isobel Edelstein said Cape Town councillors should follow their Durban counterparts, who had refused increases.

An amendment by Dr John Sonnenberg, that the increases be paid to the mayor, deputy mayor and executive committee members, was defeated.

Opponents — including exco members — said it was unfair because many councillors worked hard and the same principle should apply to all.

Mrs Eulalie Stott said it was unrealistic to expect Mr Wienburg's proposal to mollify staff.

Exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said councillors' in-

creases would have increased at the same rate as the wage of an ordinary labourer between 1984 and July this year.

Councillors who voted in favour of Mr Wienburg's motion were Mayor Frank van der Velde, Mrs Edelstein, Mr Jack Frost, Mrs Gibbs, Mr Rupert Hurly, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Abe Katz, Mr John Muir, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, Mr Neil Ross, Dr Sonnenberg, Mr Llewellyn van Wyk and Mr Arthur Wienburg.

Those against were Mr Nico Basson, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Clive Justus, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mrs Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, Mr Markovitz, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Kenny Penkin, Mr Tony Powell and Mrs Stott.



VICTORIOUS . Leader of the 10-day sit-in at the Ikapa Town Council, Mrs Nomalanga Mamputa, raises her arms in jubilation at the end of the sit-in.

Picture STEWART COLMAN

FW agrees to probe on Ikapa council

By RAMOTENA MABOTE

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk has agreed to the request for the appointment of an independent commission of inquiry into alleged corruption and embezzlement of funds by the Ikapa Town Council.

This was said by Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring at a joint press conference with the ANC yesterday where he also announced the immediate suspension of the six local councillors.

Meanwhile the sit-in at the council offices in Guguletu ended victoriously yesterday when Mr Meiring announced that the free transfer of rented houses to the community would begin on July 1 this year

Mr Meiring also announced he was seeking the resignation of the Ikapa councillors by June 1.

The announcements met the basic demands of the ANC Womens' League members who had staged the sit-in for the past

10 days and will be presented to the communities of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu.

ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengem said that the issue of a town administrator replacing the council would also be referred to the community, who would discuss his or her role and functions.

Mr Meiring also announced that chief executive officer of the council, Mr Kobus Olivier, who was also asked to vacate his position by the community, would retire with immediate effect

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Another local authority bites the dust after nine-day sit-in

VUYO BAVUMA (263)
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE title of British rock group Queen's hit song, *Another One Bites the Dust*, summed up the fate of the beleaguered Ikapa Town Council this week

Nine days after the offices of the unpopular council were occupied by 13 ANC Women's League activists, the administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, gave in to the protesters' main demand that the structure be disbanded and replaced with a democratically elected one

During the latest conflict angry residents and council workers, who openly sided with the protesters, piled heaps of rubbish in front of the gates of the Ikapa Town Council and the home of official Mr Denys Lobi who had been steadfastly refusing to step down

In what is considered a major breakthrough, Mr Meiring has also agreed to transfer ownership of more than one million rented houses in the townships to their residents from July 1 and their deeds of sale are to be signed by September 1

The payment of rent will cease after the signing of the deeds but this is expected to have little effect because the majority of the two million township residents

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are boycotting rent payments anyway

This week's "overthrow" of the council comes a month after Khayelitsha's Lingeletu Town West Council councillors were asked by Mr Meiring to resign because of protests. Mr Meiring said the officials did not have a democratic right to rule over the area as the population had grown immensely since they were elected in 1988

In a joint statement the ANC and CPA "agreed to seek resignation of the Ikapa councillors by Tuesday and create a more inclusive and representative forum to deal with the problems of the residents of Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga"

On Wednesday May 19 the sit-in began quietly when 13 activists went into the council offices to inquire about "buying houses"

They were ushered into the office of a Mr Niewoudt and the women jokingly asked for coffee while they waited for the official

When he arrived the women introduced themselves as ANC members and demanded to see the council's administrator Mr Kobus Olivier who refused to speak to them because they did not have an appointment

The women were told police would be called if they did not leave "within five minutes"

They refused and armed secu-

rity guards were called. All council office workers were asked to leave the premises

The women saw Mr Olivier briefly, but did not have a meeting with him

They decided to occupy another office, and smuggled a telephone in. Unknown to the Ikapa officials, they contacted "comrades" in the townships who arranged to bring them food, clothing, sleeping bags and blankets. They also brought in a television set

Inside the women danced and toyi-toyed

They spent the next nine days "living" in the council office

On Monday workers joined the protesters — and showed their support by dumping heaps of rubbish in front of the Ikapa offices and Mr Lobi's house

At 5pm a delegation from the protesters, with representatives of the South African National Civics Organisation and the ANC, met Mr Meiring in central Cape Town to discuss their demands

It was resolved that the ANC and the CPA should draft a joint statement responding to the demands

On Thursday the "victory" was announced at a Press conference jointly addressed by ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni and Mr Meiring

Breakthrough for Western Cape local govt

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NEW moves this week towards establishing a local government negotiating forum for the Western Cape metropolitan area have been hailed as a significant breakthrough.

For the first time, the long-awaited forum is within reach and may be established soon, after agreement in principle on the need for one by major local government players in the region.

The wide range and status of those who took part are said to augur well for the establishment of a forum representing most of the groupings in the Western Cape.

However, a word of warning has come from the Democratic Party about the danger of the proposed forum developing into a "two-sided negotiating table".

All the major political parties and groupings, as well as civic organisations, municipalities and others, were represented at an exploratory meeting earlier this week.

Significant advances in moves towards establishing a local government negotiating forum for the Cape metropolitan area include:

- The assembly of the major role-players to explore possibilities;
 - Their agreement in principle on the desirability of having such a forum, and
 - The start of "talks about talks" by a 15-person interim committee to prepare proposals for terms of reference for a negotiating forum, representation on such a forum, and other matters.
- Two meetings were hosted this week by a local government facilitating group convened by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) and established last year at the request of participating organisations.
- The new interim committee was established on the basis of a broad formula providing for six people from "establishment" groups, six from "non-establishment" groups and three from the facilitating group.
- However, this formula and its groupings have drawn early criticism, notably from the DP, on the grounds that it would tend to turn the negotiating forum into a "two-sided table" dominated by government groupings on one side and the African National Congress and its allies on the other.
- The DP's local government spokesman, Mr Jasper Walsh, MP for Panelands, told Weekend Argus he regarded this as a "critical point".
- He said that while the DP recognised and supported the reasoning for selecting organisations

■ The dream of having a negotiating forum where the Western Cape metropolitan region could work out how it should be governed came closer to reality at talks in Cape Town this week

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Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

from "statutory" and "non-statutory" groupings, the party did not in any way believe negotiations would be a two-sided process.

"We believe it healthy that a wide range of representative organisations be included and we have no doubt that, similarly, there will be a wide range of political views."

"It is a pity that both the Conservative Party and the National Party are not represented on the interim committee. Similarly, it would be essential to involve the Cape Provincial Administration and the Regional Services Council," said Mr Walsh.

On the whole, however, the DP welcomed the creation of a forum which it regarded as "vital" necessary in the political process of devising a new non-racial, democratic system of local government.

Mr David Schmidt, Western Cape director of Idasa, said the facilitating group had had many discussions with stakeholders in the region. Idasa had prepared and circulated a questionnaire on local government options and was completing a document summarising those responses.

The group also had convened regular open meetings for those with a stake in the local government of the region.

Idasa executive director Dr Alex Boraine hailed the outcome of the Western Cape local government initiative so far as "a real breakthrough".

He said this had been achieved after many months of hard work involving co-operation by a variety of organisations and role players.

Emphasising what he regarded as an important need in the peace process, Dr Boraine said "From its very inception, Idasa has been concerned with democracy at grassroots level."

"Notwithstanding the vital importance of the negotiations taking place at national level, there is no guarantee that we will have a culture of democracy in South Africa if the talks do not have an

impact where people are living, in terms of local government.

"In all the major cities of South Africa, therefore, Idasa has sought to involve itself in working towards a new dispensation in local government."

He said that, tragically for most South Africans, the negotiations at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park, were "remote and unreal".

What was really worrying people included matters such as the costs of housing, water, electricity, decent and efficient government where they lived and personal security.

"All of these hinges much more on local government than on a new constitution," Dr Boraine said.

Political parties and groupings represented at this week's exploratory meeting included The African National Congress, the National Party, the Democratic Party, the Pan-Africanist Congress, the South African Communist Party and the Labour Party.

Municipalities, civic organisations and others included Cape Town city council, Bellville city council, Goodwood municipality, Milnerton municipality, Parow municipality (observer status), Cape Province Municipal Association, Cape Provincial Administration, Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), Private Sector Co-ordinating Committee, South African National Civic Organisation, South Peninsula Initiative and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association.

The talks this week flowed from an initiative last year when Idasa convened a series of six monthly seminars focusing on the future of local government in the Cape metropolitan area.

The series was attended by most of the major stakeholders in the area and many important areas of consensus and of disagreement were identified.

Terms of reference suggested during the early stages of the initiative included:

- To prepare proposals on the possibilities of a major study tour of appropriate foreign cities to investigate local and metropolitan government change;
- To explore the feasibility of a metropolitan forum or convention created for making an input into any national negotiating process that might emerge; and
- To liaise with the major national players regarding the progress of national negotiating processes and their effect on local government and on the role of metropolitan areas and regions.

Ikapa destined for garbage heap

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By Sabata Ngcai

THE IKAPA Town Council is to resign following protests that included a week-long siege and the dumping of stinking garbage at the council offices.

The ANC and the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) agreed on Wednesday that the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring would seek the resignation of all Ikapa councillors by June 1.

The agreement ended a week-long sit-in by ANC Women's League members at the Ikapa offices in Guguletu.

Ikapa now is the second town council to collapse in Cape Town this year. Lingeletu West councillors in Khayelitsha resigned last month after similar protests by the ANC.

A sit-in by residents at the Mfuleni town council entered its fifth day on Wednesday.

The residents are demanding, among other things, the resignation of all councillors, the scrapping of an Interim Measures Act and the establishment of an interim metropolitan council.

The ANC and CPA have agreed to hold discussions with community-based organisations in Guguletu to decide on the appointment of a town administrator.

On Tuesday Ikapa employees dumped mounds of refuse at the entrance of the Ikapa offices and at the home of a town councillor.

The workers had collected the refuse in Guguletu and Nyanga in Ikapa's refuse trucks.

Ikapa employees went on strike last Wednesday in support of their demands for a living wage, an end to retrenchments, the dismissal of the councillors and the end of Ita-



VICTORIOUS: ANC Women's League members under guard at the Ikapa Town Council during their sit in
Photo: Yunnus Mohamed

pa's "white minority rule".

Workers said meetings with the town council had been fruitless as the council had "turned a deaf ear" on their demands.

A shop steward claimed only white workers had received increases after all employees' salaries were supposedly upgraded this year.

Ikapa employee Mr Solomon Kwinshu said workers had decided to dump refuse at Ikapa's gates "to put pressure on the council's

authorities to accede to our demands".

Councillor Mr Dennis Lobi was also a recipient of a truckload of refuse in his front garden which was piled roof-high.

Workers said Lobi "is a puppet who is oppressing us". Lobi refused to comment.

● Shadley Nash reports that black municipalities in the eastern Cape are also collapsing because of pressure from communities

Last week's collapse of the Kwanobuhle town council near Uitenhage brought to 42 the number of black local authorities in the region that have collapsed.

There are 85 black local authorities in the whole of the Cape Province, 51 of them in the eastern Cape and Border regions.

The Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has now taken over the administration of townships with no local authorities.

Keegan moots quick birth to Western Cape transitional authority

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By NAZEEM HOWA

THE Western Cape could have a transitional metropolitan authority within months, according to the deputy-mayor of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan

He was speaking after this week's decision by 18 major local government bodies and political parties to probe setting up a negotiating forum for the Cape metropolitan area

The initiative is the result of an exploratory meeting of the parties which was facilitated by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa)

But this optimism does not exist outside of the civic centre

The ANC's Ebrahim Rasool, for instance, believes that local government elections at regional level must take the lead from negotiations at national level

David Schmidt, Western Cape director of Idasa, also believes that it is too early to put a time-frame to the process

Mr Keegan was elected to a 15-member committee by delegates to the Idasa-initiated meeting to investigate how the negotiating forum should work, including terms of reference and representation.

Named to that committee are representatives of the Tygerberg councils, the southern Peninsula Councils, Cape Town City Council, the Democratic Party, Cape Province Municipal Association and the Labour Party

Extra-parliamentary groupings represented include the ANC, Cosatu, the South African Communist Party, the Western Cape United Squatters Association, the Pan Africanist Congress and the SA National Civics Association

The decision to consider a local negotiating forum comes at a time when it appears that

legislation to compel all local government bodies to participate in such forums will soon be drafted

Adding impetus to the initiative, is a meeting on June 7 between government representatives and the four provincial administrations. It is expected that a policy on the future of local government will emerge from that meeting

But, like the national multi-party negotiating forum, the Western Cape initiative faces many hurdles

Top of the list is the question of what "type of table" is used. Several groups are pushing for a "two-sided" approach which will see statutory bodies on one side and extra-parliamentary groupings on the other

The Democratic Party and its allies, who favour a Codesa-type roundtable, are opposed to that idea

Another issue which could delay the discus-



CLIVE KEEGAN
Deputy-mayor

sions is the question of who participates at future forums. Already, the selection of the 15-member steering committee has been questioned by smaller councils and rate-payers' organisations

Even among the 15-member group there are serious differences about the road ahead

The city council, for instance, believes the next forum should be all-inclusive, while

some extra-parliamentary groups believe that only democratically-elected bodies should be represented

Tensions are expected to be worsened by demands from the ANC and allied bodies for financial assistance from white councils. These bodies want assistance to ensure that delegates to future forums have access to the technical information available to statutory bodies

Grassy Park seeks funds from state

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration has undertaken to ask the government for millions of rands to build infrastructure in Grassy Park

This was disclosed yesterday by Mr Philip Bam, chairman of the Lotus River, Ottery and Grassy Park Residents' Association (Logra)

He said that in meetings with the RSC and the CPA it had been agreed that the CPA would approach the government for the funding

Mr Bam's disclosure follows a decision by the Regional Services Council last week not to provide an R800 000 subsidy for the area to offset last year's 9% rates increase

Logra has been withholding rates, amounting to hundreds of thousands of rands, since late last year and paying them into a trust fund

Mr Bam said he accepted that the RSC did not have the funds to subsidise his area

"We have now jointly petitioned the government for funding to subsidise Grassy Park, to keep the rates down and to complete the infrastructure

"It will cost about R30 million. The RSC has already earmarked R12m, and we need another R18m for the roads and R2m to keep the rates low for at least two years," Mr Bam said

Logra believed it was the responsibility of the state to correct the imbalances it had caused

Advisers differ on 'Free Cape' aims

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Staff Reporter

TWO of the original advisers to the Free Cape Movement have different views about the direction in which the outspokenly federalist organisation is moving

DP MP for Constantia Mr Roger Hulley, who helped write the Free Cape Movement's mission statement, has expressed uneasiness about some FCM members' actions

He had been happy to give advice but had never joined the movement and from day one had become increasingly uncomfortable with its "tactics and utterances", he said "They are increasingly taking on a secessionist tinge, and they have appeared on a public platform with Inkatha," Mr Hulley said

President's Councillor, journalist and author Mr Willem Steenkamp said he too was not part of the Free Cape

Movement, but like Mr Hulley he had provided "some sort of political input"

He said that as far as he was aware members of the FCM were still sticking to the original precept. "It is an organisation for all races, and believes the Cape should be part of a federal system," he said

Mr Christopher Hill, chairman of the FCM, has been photographed with a poster saying "The Cape says No to rule by communist mobs".

'Non-racist'

Mr Hill, a former Zimbabwean, said his movement had definitely not been hijacked by right-wingers or become a front for the Conservative Party.

"We are exactly what we say we are. We stand for a non-racist democratic strongly regional Cape within a one-man one-vote South Africa"

Louis Shill is sworn in as National Housing Minister

CAPE TOWN — Former Sage Group chairman and CE Louis Shill was sworn in as National Housing and Public Works Minister at Tuynhuys yesterday

Shill, who has taken leave of absence from the group, will be available for public office only until the general election

Aside from his business commitments, Shill has participated in the national housing forum and the national economic forum

He has pledged to boost the national housing effort, particularly to get houses built in the short term

Sapa reports that President F W de Klerk said at the ceremony that SA needed Shill's expertise, experience and drive

"In welcoming him to the Cabinet I realise his post will entail a great deal of sacrifice on his part How-

TIM COHEN

ever, he faces one of the biggest challenges in the socioeconomic sphere"

Shill will also take charge of the state's property portfolio

Reuter reports that Shill said "I see the whole challenge before me as the trick of combining long-term policymaking with the implementation of existing initiatives, which need to be pushed along

"The housing dilemma is one which permeates the economy. We have to try to combine the needs of housing with urbanisation and social development"

He also planned to work as closely as possible with the national housing forum

"Policymaking must be something that is developed jointly between ourselves (government and the forum) in the future."

N MAY 1990, in the wake of Nelson Mandela's release, the drab town of Middelburg became the setting of a dramatic sequence of events which have echoed around the country.

In the wake of the shock waves caused by the ANC's unbanning and perhaps flushed with the expectation of victory, a group of unemployed youths in the town threatened to attack black and white personnel officers at what was then Middelburg Steel if the company did not give them jobs.

The breathtaking effrontery of the youths was matched by the obstinate conservatism that at first overcame the company's management. However, the new spirit of conciliation encouraged local businessmen to take an unusual step — and perhaps also elicited an unusual response. Four managers bravely attended a meeting where they promised a formal meeting with the unemployed, an offer that was accepted.

The representatives of the unemployed at first refused to drink tea with the management representatives, drinking water out of a bucket they had brought instead. But the meeting went well enough to lay the foundation for what was to become the Middelburg forum.

Since that first meeting, representatives from the CP-dominated town council, members of the ANC and even the PAC, management from the steelworks, now the massive Columbus project, and many other groups have been meeting monthly.

Two questions dominated the first meetings of the forum: the local electricity boycott and, naturally, the unemployment problem. The electricity boycott was the subject of a marathon 16-hour negotiations session which culminated in the company paying off the entire arrears of R376 000 and the town clerk being woken in the middle of the night to switch the electricity back on again. But it was the unemployment problem that proved the most difficult and the most educative. For the first time, the township youths were forced to confront the difficulties of

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putting into practice concrete measures to satisfy the demands they made so flippantly. For the first time also, management had to confront what it really meant to exist in an interdependent community.

What the forum did was to establish a small enterprise that converted discarded stainless steel into pots and pans. The enterprise was called Compots, short for comrades pots, and still provides work for a dozen or so people. The range of products has been expanded to include braais. The scheme has been extended to other projects like sewing circles and car washing operations.

The forum is funded by a foundation and new subcommittees on housing, education and health have been formed. Although these efforts have been modest, the forum can point to at least one very large, concrete success. The forum managed to convince the IDT to build a new school, the H M Sefoloshe Learning Centre, at a cost of more than R1m. Members of the forum say one reason for its success is the brutal simplicity of its aim: to make Middelburg a better place to live. Grandiose visions have given way to serious thinking about how to organise the township's refuse removal. But perhaps the secret of the forum's success is that it has brought togeth-

er, in classic form, conception, ability, management, and delivery. The new school might have been built anyway. But the forum's lengthy motivation, which included a historical study of the town's education provision, plus the forum's wide-ranging support and credible management, constituted an irresistible formula for the IDT funders.

The Middelburg story has had its sequel in hundreds of other towns all over the country, and is also reflected in the many different forms of forums. There are now eight national forums, at least seven functioning regional forums, five well-developed metropolitan forums and at least 365 local government negotiation bodies. This excludes the mother of all forums, the negotiating forum, and peace committee structures.

The sheer number of forums is remarkable, how unobtrusively they have all been established is surprising and the huge diversity of their aims and functions is extraordinary. But in truth, it is also remarkable that they have achieved so little. Forum-watchers say while most have not really achieved anything yet, they have not failed. Most are in

the early phases of their existence and are still engaging in a process of researching the challenges.

The forums' strength lies in the way they point to a joint decision-making approach, rather than a bureaucratic one, one analyst says. But most suffer skills shortages and may not be sustainable if they cannot deliver a tangible product.

Political uncertainty has also tended to hold up the forums. The forums were established because ordinary people on the ground had the perception that they should speak to each other to get things done. People and institutions have been ahead of political movements, which have been forced to play a demeaning game of catch-up in an effort to stamp their authority on the forums, one analyst says.

Until recently, government in particular has been suspicious of the forums, which potentially strip away its authority. Last year Cabinet decided that government would not involve itself in forums because there should be "no interim government by stealth", as if joint decision-making was something only a thief would do. "Thankfully this has changed somewhat, although government bureaucrats' ability to listen to what the forums propose is still in question. However, Finance Minister Derek Keys held out the hope this year that

at least some of the forums would get the one thing they need more than authority' money.

Using the widely representative housing forum as an example, Keys said this was "exactly the way to go" and suggested that other forums would be funded should their operations be sufficiently well developed. Keys also insisted on the need for the forums to involve government departments, suggesting this would result in a marriage of technical capability and legitimacy.

Official sanction might be boosted further soon, and there are even suggestions that some of the forums might become arms of the subcommittees of the proposed transitional executive committee. There is even talk of a process whereby the forums can "fast-track" legislation. One of the main problems with forums as they are currently constituted is their lack of transparency and accountability. Because they are institutions where parties need to compromise on their positions, participants prefer to keep their meetings secret. However, the consequence is that the public is barely aware of their existence.

If they are to become, effectively, arms of government, this must change. Nevertheless, officially sanctioned and state-funded forums would be a powerful nation-building force. As Sebastian Mallaby says in his book *After Apartheid*, people who have never shared power seldom make good rulers. Post-independent African countries suffered because the optimistic new rulers had little experience of power and expected too much of it.

"South Africans' pessimism, and their disillusion with politics, may save them from such folly; they may avoid self-defeating ambition in government, and put their faith in individual diligence instead. Pessimism may help to breed a gritty realism," he says.

If SA does have a future, it is possible that its origins will be traced back to the hundreds of forums that, Phoenix-like, rose out of the calamities of the '80s and the hope and tragedy of the early '90s.

Agreement near on R5bn jobs plan

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THE National Economic Forum's short-term working group was close to finalising a proposal for a R5bn to R6bn public works programme to be launched in next year's Budget, forum sources said at the weekend.

Finance special adviser Japie Jacobs confirmed government had accepted the proposal for a public works programme in principle but that the financing was still under discussion.

A key issue for government was to avoid "off-budget" transfers such as those that occurred when the Independent Development Trust was financed.

Accountability would have to lie with central government, Jacobs said.

From a financing point of view, there would have to be great emphasis on how to make existing programmes more capital intensive.

Besides manpower, other government departments, such as housing, would be involved to tie in to major initiatives that were already being contemplated.

It is understood that the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and the Consultative Forum on Drought's employment task force will play a key role in co-ordinating efforts to get a public works programme off the ground.

They are expected, among other things, to lead an investigation into the issue in the

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next few months, evaluate projects that would qualify and co-ordinate the eventual spending efforts.

The DBSA, in its submission to the forum, outlined investment of more than R5bn with the potential to create direct employment for more than 300 000 people, but noted constraints on implementing the proposals. The bank said the process would contribute to structural change in the employment intensity of construction.

The Consultative Forum estimated that if R6bn was allocated in a financial year, 300 000 to 350 000 jobs could be created.

The Consultative Forum said potential existed for programmes focused on roads, water supply, sanitation and stormwater drainage. Its employment task force envisaged that investigation into a public works programme would be completed in time to launch a national programme at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

A key issue highlighted by both bodies was the establishment of a body to co-ordinate employment creation programmes. The Development Bank was expected to fulfil this function.

In the immediate short term, the R45m allocated to the National Economic Forum for job creation this fiscal year could be

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topped up by additional funds if this could be justified once programmes were up and running.

The amount allocated to the forum was reduced to R45m from an initial R60m this week as government decided to use the additional R15m for the promotion of small business. But Jacobs said the R45m was not "carved in stone".

The forum had not yet decided on the

programmes to be implemented during the present fiscal year, but it was understood that a final decision would be made in time for the plenary meeting at the beginning of next month.

The implementation of special programmes is one prong of a two-pronged strategy to create employment, with the major focus on the public works programme to be launched next year.

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SAA likely to lose R200-m

By John Miller

South African Airways is expected to incur a loss of almost R200 million this financial year

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the next 18 months, according to Myburgh, will include the "gain share" concept.

He told his staff he was prepared to share up to 30 percent of any money made over the next year as long as it was less than the predicted R192 million loss.

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By Thabo Leshilo
Labour Reporter

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New Bill to halt local elections

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By Chris Whitfield
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A Bill providing for the indefinite postponement of municipal elections was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The Local Government Affairs Second Amendment Bill would postpone municipal elections and enable the Minister of Local Government to determine a date for elections for "all local government bodies".

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A spokesman for the Department of Local Government said the Bill was designed to "give a bit of room" for negotiations.

The ANC and the Democratic Party yesterday expressed concern that the Bill was "prescriptive" because participants in negotiations had not been consulted.

DP local government spokesman Jasper Walsh said the elections clause granted extensive powers to the Minister of Local Government to determine election dates and make regulations on issues such as polling districts and voter qualifications.

Many of these matters were being negotiated in the Local Government Negotiating Forum, he said.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa added that the Bill appeared to pre-empt discussions at local and national levels.

Nationwide municipal elections were last held in 1988.

SABC pay row settled

LOYD COUTTS
A SALARY dispute between the SABC and its staff association has been settled, but the corporation's management said yesterday it was still investigating alleged sabotage of live television broadcasts during industrial action by staff members.

A joint statement released by SABC management and the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) said both parties had agreed on Friday night to an 8,25% salary increase.

"The agreement reached includes an increase of 8,25% for the period April 1 1993 to February 28 1994.

All industrial action will cease forthwith," their brief statement said.

Pretorius said the issue of the alleged disruption of the Super 10 rugby final and an opera would still be taken up by management.

Former sergeant faces 'Norwood rapist' charges

SUSAN RUSSELL
FORMER policeman Jacobus Petrus Geldenhuys, 26, who allegedly committed a series of murders and rapes attributed to the so-called "Norwood rapist" during November-December 1991, went on trial in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Geldenhuys, who faces 15 charges, including five counts of murder and four of rape, was not asked to plead and the case was adjourned until today.

The former police sergeant, who lived in SAP single quarters in Norwood, allegedly raped two women in the suburb on November 6 and 26 1991.

One of the women was 68 years old at the time.

Geldenhuys is alleged to have murdered his next victim, Julia Hitge, in her home on December 16-17 before he raped and murdered Jennifer Matfield

two weeks later. According to the indictment Geldenhuys claimed his first victim in Benoni on May 12 1989, when he allegedly murdered Franiswa Rachel Tundzi.

The woman, who was a neighbour of Geldenhuys's parents, was allegedly strangled and set alight in her room by the former policeman. Cause of death was given as asphyxia and extensive burns.

Geldenhuys is also on trial for the murder of two women in Brakpan and Benoni last year.

He allegedly murdered Susanna Elizabeth Wandrag in Larrendale, Brakpan, on May 7-8 last year. The State alleges Geldenhuys also murdered and attempted to rape Veronica Kay Taylor in Benoni two months later on July 15.

Municipal polls postponed

ADRIAN HADLAND
PRETORIA — Municipal elections scheduled for October next year would be postponed until further progress had been made in national negotiations, Local Government Minister Tertius Delport said yesterday.

Speaking at the 32nd conference of the Institute of SA Town Clerks, Delport said legislation tabled in the current parliamentary session was aimed at suspending nationwide local government elections for the second time since 1988.

The postponement would prevent wastage of money and energy by local authorities. A new date would be set "as soon as the necessary progress in the negotiations makes it possible".

Sapa reports from Cape Town that a Bill providing for the temporary postponement of local government elections was published in Parliament yesterday.

A memorandum to the Local Government Affairs Second Amendment Bill said the Local Government Minister would also be empowered to make regulations re-

garding wards and polling districts, qualifications for voters and office bearers, election procedures and expenses and illegal practices during elections.

At the conference Delport warned the amalgamation of black and white local authorities would make great demands on town clerks across SA.

He hinted it might be considered necessary to transfer clerks from one area to another to assist in the running of newly formed local administrations. "In the interests of the country it is necessary for town clerks to place opportunities and necessities above their own comfort."

Delport said the training of new administrators was vital to the success of local government's transition.

Institute president Paul Botha said town clerks had a significant role to play in encouraging constitutional debate, promoting participative management and being sensitive to community needs.

MULTIPARTY negotiations have seen the tabling of widely disparate proposals for redefining SA's regions. The parties' motives differ markedly.

The NP's primary motive is to limit the powers of a majority government, and it has voiced a rather equivocal policy of "regionalism based on sound federal principles". The DP has traditionally been concerned with limiting the powers of the centre, and advocates an unqualified federalism. The ANC, while it has recently made important concessions, wishes to ensure that the centre retains its power over the regions, but concedes that a certain (and as yet undefined) degree of political power should be vested in regional authorities.

In stark but predictable contrast, the Inkatha Freedom Party tends towards a confederalist approach to promote the autonomy of Natal-KwaZulu. Finally, there is little doubt that the homeland administrations wish to retain their power bases intact, while the CP and others to the right are concerned with maintaining Afrikaner identity.

Given the divergence of motivations, the potential for regions to be delineated on the basis of short-term political goals seems high. A further worry is that, to break a possible constitutional deadlock, the negotiating parties might settle for compromises that give short shrift to rational economic planning.

Wrongly and hastily planned regions could well be a recipe for disastrous and violent fission along ethnic, racial or party political lines. By contrast, many positive developments could flow from intelligently and sensitively constructed regions: the deepening and extension of democracy, the integration of regional sentiments into national politics, and the amelioration of regional economic imbalances.

Yet, an elaborate federal structure with well-entrenched regional autonomy may not be conducive to development. Economic reconstruction requires a strong central government with the power and compe-

Regional policies must aid the cause of economic growth

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tence to implement national development strategies, to engage in appropriate fiscal planning and to promote regulatory harmony.

The delineation of regions depends on the purpose they are intended to serve. Will the dominant purpose be to take account of population composition, or historical experience, or functional economic flows, or a rationalisation of existing administrative jurisdiction?

If (as it should be) the major concern is for economic reconstruction, and the need for economic growth, then solid recommendations can be made about the nature and structure of a future constitutional system.

Legitimate government functions in an economy are limited to three areas: the allocation of resources for the provision of public goods, the stabilisation of the economic environment, and the correction of distribution of income and wealth society deems inequitable.

Economists agree that central government is the appropriate level for policy-making aimed at influencing the distribution of income and wealth. In the provision of services, however, other levels of government clearly have a role to play. The stabilisation function concerns fiscal and monetary policy. In both unitary and federal systems, it has to be

carried out at the central level.

Experts have recommended regional autonomy for regional development policies. But what powers are necessary? Should regions be free to diverge from national policy in promoting regional investment incentives for industries and tourism? The question of which level of government should be given the ability to declare export processing zones is a related concern. The same applies to devolution of control over airports and harbours.

The fiscal relationship between the centre and regions is a crucial one. SA has an extremely centralised system of taxation with the central government raising about 93% of total taxes. However, regional and local authorities do need some degree of fiscal autonomy. Whatever jurisdictions are devolved to the regions, they require sufficient revenue to carry out their functions. But should limits be set on their expenditure levels and powers of taxation?

Provincial income tax was abolished in 1970, and the regional administrations have become more dependent on transfers from central government. These transfers need to

be equitable. Different regions have different needs stemming from such factors as population sizes, rates of urban growth, resource endowments and economic potential. It is desirable, to avoid disputes, that a simple, clearly defined formula for fiscal transfers from the centre should be evolved, these transfers should not be made ad hoc.

There are some interesting examples of fiscal transfer mechanisms in federations such as Malaysia and Australia, where central governments have the major taxing powers and then distribute funds to the regions. In Malaysia the distribution of funds is constitutionally guaranteed whereas in Australia the Commonwealth Grants Commission controls most of the grants given by the federal government to the states.

It appears that the Malaysian system has been more successful because the transfer of funds is tied, constitutionally, to a mechanistic formula. In Australia, by contrast, the federal government has been able to use its levels of funding to a particular state's acceptance and implementation of federal policy — which has led to a controversial undermining of state autonomy.

Fiscal transfers are clearly important to minimise inter-regional income differentials. The aim should

be to mitigate the extent of inequality by financial transfers from the centre. Some regions are likely to continue to lose inhabitants to regions of greater economic opportunity. It is in the national interest that these people should have equal educational opportunities to enable them to compete from an equal position for jobs in the cities. Thus, it is important that social service standards be similar across regions.

An agreed formula for fiscal transfers would be critical no central government should be able to penalise, or discriminate against, any region for political reasons.

Because SA is a nation of many peoples and cultures, the centre needs sufficient powers to hold the nation together and direct its economy through fiscal means.

On this basis, among the economic functions which it appears critical for the central government to retain are monetary policy, fiscal policy, foreign trade policy, regulation of financial institutions, transport and communications and the maintenance of national standards in terms of education, health and pensions.

The delineation of regions is likely to be based on an amalgam of homogeneity, functional economic flows and existing administrative criteria. SA has a plural society and regions should help, not hinder, the process of building, for the first time, a democratic society in the country.

The number of regions should be minimised bearing in mind that the system is costly, especially if the regions are federal states.

In financial terms, a federal system is a costly form of government. Each state has its chief executive, ministers, legislatures and the "paraphernalia, pomp and pageantry" that politicians love so much.

While these costs might be offset by sociopolitical benefits, the general policy should be minimal government, and the policy of regionalism should be in line with this goal.

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SPOT DESK



The commission on the demarcation of regional boundaries met for the first time in Kempton Park yesterday. Commission co-chairman Bax Nomvete and organiser Theuns Eloff addressed the media afterwards. Picture GARTH LUMLEY

Stop homelands building — ANC

WILSON ZWANE

THE ANC yesterday called for a moratorium on the building of new government buildings by homelands.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the construction of such buildings on the eve of a new constitutional dispensation was a "total waste" of resources, which should be reserved for a common parliament.

Mamoepa's statement followed disclosures that the KwaNdebele government had recently built new government buildings in Kwa-Mhlanga.

A source close to the homeland said yesterday it spent about R30m on the buildings, which were completed some months ago.

He would not give reasons for the building of the complex, referring inquiries to the homeland's chief minister's office.

Attempts to get comment from the office proved fruitless yesterday.

The source also confirmed that about R5m had been earmarked for the building of a police station in the area.

Mamoepa said the ANC would consult KwaNdebele's ruling Intando Ye Sizwe Party about the circumstances surrounding the construction of the buildings.

Only after consultations would the ANC be able to make an informed comment on the matter.

Demarcation of new boundaries begins

WILSON ZWANE

THE process of demarcating new regional boundaries began in earnest yesterday when a 15-member commission asked interested parties to make submissions on the issue.

The commission, appointed by the multiparty negotiating council on May 28, met for the first time yesterday at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park.

Commission co-chairman Bax Nomvete told a media briefing the meeting looked into the organisation's terms of reference and time frames within which to accomplish its task.

The commission would meet again on Saturday to consider criteria it would use to demarcate regional boundaries.

Nomvete, a University of Cape Town academic, stressed that the commission would not be investigating the structures, powers and functions of regions because that was not its brief.

He said since the regional question was important for SA's future economic, political and social prospects, the commission would ensure that submissions on the matter were received from all interested parties.

Commission member Chief Nca-

mashe-Burns said no submissions would be rejected because they emanated from certain political organisations. He said the commission would, if necessary, consider regional boundaries from the colonial days.

Co-chairman and Pretoria University academic Prof Flip Smit said the commission would use internationally accepted criteria when considering the submissions.

Ncamashe-Burns said the commission would also inquire into whether the demarcation of regions was possible before certain laws were repealed.

Also on the commission are the Urban Foundation's Ann Bernstein and the Independent Development Trust's Prof Wiseman Nkuhlu.

KwaZulu government negotiator Ben Ngubane said the commission had "enough credibility" to make proposals which the negotiating council could not reject.

The commission will make its recommendations to the council within six weeks.

Nkuhlu said the recommendations would not undermine the rights of people who had been deprived of their land to seek restitution.

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Erf 1009 Lenasia South Ext 1	644	16 07 91	Mrs R Pillay	Private Treaty
Stand 6869 Lenasia Ext 6	3721	27 03 93	P Padayachee	Public Tender
Erf 6870 Lenasia Ext 6	3480	05 06 92	Y Govender	Leased
Erf 9972 Lenasia Ext 11	1900	20 12 91	S A Essop	Private Treaty
Erf 10058 Lenasia Ext 11	5329	07/92	Omar's Towing Services	Leased
Erf 10202 Lenasia Ext 11	96, 478	Nov 92	Telcom Post Office	Leased
Erf 11768 Lenasia Ext 13	1610	24 08 92	SOMS Baloo	Private Treaty
Erf 8249 Lenasia Ext 9	1020		Aboobaker Ismail	Public Tender

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19 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Housing
 Whether, with reference to certain information which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, his Department has sold any land to a certain company, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) extent, (ii) official valuation and (iii) actual sale price of this property? D260E

erection of the school, the Department of Education had no objection to the release of the property and consequently on 9 December 1991, the former Minister of Housing approved the sale to Mr S M Nandoo
 (b) 7 February 1992
 (c) (i) 3,7779 hectares
 (ii) R300 000,00 (market value)
 (iii) R450 000,00

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING

Yes

(a) Prior to the expropriation by the State, the former owner of the land entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a Mr S M Nandoo representing a company called Capital Park Hospital (Pty) Ltd. When a rezoning application was advertised by the local authority, the Director of Indian Education objected to the rezoning as the site was identified for the proposed erection of a technical school. Therefore, to halt the transfer to Mr S M Nandoo, the Department of Public Works was requested to urgently expropriate and take possession of the property.

Mr Nandoo being unable to take transfer in view of the expropriation, applied to the Supreme Court to declare the expropriation invalid. The Department of Public Works defended the action and after some time elapsed, Mr Nandoo, probably realising that the Court would not set aside the expropriation, withdrew the application. Repeated representations were received from Mr Nandoo's attorneys by the Department of Education to release the property back to Mr Nandoo. Having identified an alternate site in the Pietermaritzburg area for the

Education and Culture: merit awards

56 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture
 Whether any merit awards were made in her Department in 1992 and 1993, respectively, if not, why not, if so, in respect of each such year, (a) to whom and (b) what amount was paid to each of the recipients of these awards? D256E

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes

(a) In 1992 and 1993 merit awards were granted to 721 and 778 Level 1 Educators, respectively. The list of Educators granted merit awards in 1993 is attached. However, the list of educators granted merit awards in 1992 is not readily available and should it still be required it will be extracted from the records and made available.

(b) The salary scale and salary notch in respect of the educators concerned were enhanced by one notch. This notch varies from R1 950, R2 328 to R2 547 per annum in view of the fact that the salary particulars of individual educators are not the same.

Achievement Recognition (Level 1)

- 1 P G Govender
- 2 G Govender (Mrs)
- 3 S Krupal
- 4 S V Nandoo
- 5 DR Gabriel
- 6 L S Chetty

- 10951733 Apollo Secondary
- 10939598 Apollo Secondary
- 10883690 Apollo Secondary
- 10883886 Apollo Secondary
- 10897488 Arena Park Secondary
- 10964894 Arena Park Secondary

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Mr N SINGH Mr Speaker, further ansing out of the hon the Ministers' reply, is he aware that the Durban City Council is trying to make enormous profits out of the sale of land that was taken away from people at a pittance? I should also like to ask him if he is going to do anything about meeting with the Durban City Council in that regard?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I have had one series of meetings with the Durban City Council. There are to be further meetings with the council, taking into account the concentration of the community within the Durban metropolitan area. If we want to resolve this issue, there is only one direction to take, and that is the direction of constructive and ongoing negotiation.

State Land Disposal Act: Minister's powers/duties

*3 Mr M MOHANLALL asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether he or his Department has implemented any of the powers and duties assigned to him as Minister in terms of the State Land Disposal Act, 1961 (Act No 48 of 1961), in respect of four plots of land, particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D309E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) No I am awaiting reports from my Department on each of these cases before any decisions are taken
- (2) Yes I immediately upon receipt of the State President's Minute 138 on 31 March 1993, addressed an instruction to the Head of the Department concerned to, and I quote

"ensure that the action necessary to finalise such matters/transactions are taken immediately and the required

documentation/reports is sent to me as expeditiously as possible "

Apart from the four properties mentioned, namely, Lot 635, Shallcross; Lot 313, Umzinto, Lot 112, Umzinto, Lot 820, Umzinto, there are a fairly large number of other sites, originally earmarked for educational purposes but which are no longer required for this purpose, the disposal of which also needs to be dealt with urgently. I have also written to the Department in respect of this issue.

The Department is in the process of finalising procedural issues relative to these newly-assigned duties which is also subject to inter-departmental legal formalities, which are currently being pursued. I am hopeful that I will soon be in a position to deal conclusively with the four properties referred to by the hon member.

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Housing Development Board: plots of land

27 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) What is the (a) (i) address and (ii) extent of each commercial and industrial plot of land leased or sold by the Housing Development Board since 1 January 1989 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) (i) when, (ii) to whom, and (iii) by what method, was each such plot let or sold,
- (2) how many of these plots were sold or leased for (a) resettlement and (b) other specified purposes? D164E
- The MINISTER OF HOUSING
- (1) Refer to attached schedule
- (2) (a) 9
(b) 118

(a)(i) Address	(a)(ii) Extent in M ²	(b)(i) Date	(b)(ii)	(b)(iii)
Lot 8714, Richards Bay	1504	31 10 89	Marne Panel Beaters	Public Tender
Lot 20 and Rem of Lot 19, Stanger	653 and 1370	30 01 90	National Co-operation Davies Ltd	Public Tender
Sub 2188 of Chat 1 No 14542	1999	12 07 91	Croftas Share Block (Pty) Ltd	Public Tender
Sub 71 of Lot Sykes No 15658, Phoenix	4042	18 02 92	Choonilall Ramlall	Private Treaty
Lot 9673, Richards Bay	3925	06 07 92	Daygro Investments	Public Tender
Lot 9672, Richards Bay	3975	14 07 92	Daygro Investments	Public Tender
Sub 4 of Weenen	1472	14 12 89	Ahmed Ismail Jadwat	Public Tender
Lot 259, Cool-Air	2488	22 08 89	P Premchund	Public Tender
Erf 1354, Malabar	2680	25 08 89	Trek Petroleum	Public Tender
Erf 58, Louis Trichardt	7247	29 09 92	A M Osman T/a Easy Build	Private Treaty
Erf 47 Louis Trichardt	1246	24 01 91	O J H Kalla	Private Treaty
Erf 44 Louis Trichardt	8578	10 01 91	Louis Trichardt Wholesalers (Pty) Ltd	Private Treaty
Erf 56 Louis Trichardt	3740	04 06 92	Bijshu (Pty) Ltd	Private Treaty
Erf 53 Louis Trichardt	3393	05 07 92	Surat Investments	Private Treaty
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Erf 1112, Nylstroom	261	19 03 92	Abdul Rashid Hassen Ravat	Public Tender
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Erf No 639	248	01 08 90	Charles Motor Trimmers	Leased
Erf No 643	743	06 02 91	Orient Property Holdings CC	Private Treaty
Erf No 664	248	30 05 90	Mariam Bibi Ismail	Private Treaty
Erf No 112 B	25 x 25 feet	19 03 92	I Singh	Leased
Portion No 18 of Erf 551	425	07 02 90	Charles Motor Trimmers	Private Treaty
Erf No 600	248	04 10 89	Dr M H H Ismail	Private Treaty
Erf No 601	248	06 08 91	Superkleen Dry Cleaners	Private Treaty
Erf No 606	253	31 05 91	Tanna Bros	Private Treaty
Portion No 7 of Erf 551	2038	01 03 92	Ahmod Suliman	Leased
Erf No 279	50 x 50 feet	01 09 89	N H Goolab	Leased
Erf No 369	50 x 50 feet	01 07 90	S Pillay	Leased
Erf No 502	50 x 50 feet	17 03 93	A Pillay	Private Treaty
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Erf 2367 (Ptn 28 of Ptn 10), Rustenburg	497	11 12 90	Mr O H Ebrahim	Private Treaty
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Erven 24719 and 24633, both portions of 14003, Kimberley	11943	20 11 92	City Council of Kimberley	Private Treaty
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Stand No 8572 Lenasia, Ext 10	3139	10 02 92	Mahendra Ajoodha	Public Tender
Stand No 8576 Lenasia, Ext 10	4395	14 07 90	G & S Govindsamy	Leased
Stand No 8577 Lenasia, Ext 10	3204	23 01 92	SBDC	Private Treaty
Stand No 8578 Lenasia, Ext 10	3159	02 07 92	SBDC	Private Treaty
Stand No 8579 Lenasia, Ext 10	3102	23 01 92	SBCC	Private Treaty
Stand No 8580 Lenasia, Ext 10	3196	14 07 91	Fazal Bhayat	Leased
Stand No 8584 Lenasia, Ext 10	2673	27 01 92	Dawood Hassen	Private Treaty
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Stand No 8588 Lenasia, Ext 10	672	04 11 91	C G H Peer	Public Tender
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Stand No 8590 Lenasia, Ext 10	704	20 02 92	Pregaluthan Agroomugam	Public Tender
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Stand No 8595 Lenasia, Ext 10	740	14 06 91	Trikor Equipment CC	Leased
Stand No 8600 Lenasia, Ext 10	670	10 02 92	Mewa Ajoodha	Public Tender
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Stand No 8607 Lenasia, Ext 10	600	18 10 91	Novelty Meats	Public Tender
Stand No 8608 Lenasia, Ext 10	600	18 10 91	Wizard Industries	Public Tender
Stand No 8609 Lenasia, Ext 10	600	20 10 91	Muslim Meat Products	Public Tender
Stand No 8611 Lenasia, Ext 10	702	10 12 91	Pather Investments	Public Tender
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Stand No 8623 Lenasia, Ext 10	744	28 11 91	FSH Investments	Public Tender
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19 Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Housing
Whether, with reference to certain information which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, his Department has sold any land to a certain company, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) extent, (ii) official valuation and (iii) actual sale price of this property? D260E

erection of the school, the Department of Education had no objection to the release of the property and consequently on 9 December 1991, the former Minister of Housing approved the sale to Mr S M Naidoo
(b) 7 February 1992
(c) (i) 3,7779 hectares
(ii) R300 000,00 (market value)
(iii) R450 000,00

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING

Yes

(a) Prior to the expropriation by the State, the former owner of the land entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a Mr S M Naidoo representing a company called Capital Park Hospital (Pty) Ltd. When a rezoning application was advertised by the local authority, the Director of Indian Education objected to the rezoning as the site was identified for the proposed erection of a technical school. Therefore, to halt the transfer to Mr S M Naidoo, the Department of Public Works was requested to urgently expropriate and take possession of the property.

Mr Naidoo being unable to take transfer in view of the expropriation, applied to the Supreme Court to declare the expropriation invalid. The Department of Public Works defended the action and after some time elapsed, Mr Naidoo, probably realising that the Court would not set aside the expropriation, withdrew the application. Repeated representations were received from Mr Naidoo's attorneys by the Department of Education to release the property back to Mr Naidoo. Having identified an alternate site in the Pietermaritzburg area for the

Education and Culture: merit awards

56 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture
Whether any merit awards were made in her Department in 1992 and 1993, respectively, if not, why not, if so, in respect of each such year, (a) to whom and (b) what amount was paid to each of the recipients of these awards? D256E

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
Yes
(a) In 1992 and 1993 merit awards were granted to 721 and 778 Level 1 Educators, respectively. The list of Educators granted merit awards in 1993 is attached. However, the list of educators granted merit awards in 1992 is not readily available and should it still be required it will be extracted from the records and made available.

(b) The salary scale and salary notch in respect of the educators concerned were enhanced by one notch. This notch varies from R1 950, R2 328 to R2 547 per annum in view of the fact that the salary particulars of individual educators are not the same.

Achievement Recognition (Level 1)

- 1 P G Govender
- 2 G Govender (Mrs)
- 3 S Kirpal
- 4 S V Naidoo
- 5 D R Gabriel
- 6 L S Chetty

- 10951733 Apollo Secondary
- 10939598 Apollo Secondary
- 10883690 Apollo Secondary
- 10883886 Apollo Secondary
- 10897488 Arena Park Secondary
- 10964894 Arena Park Secondary

Civics turn to big business

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — THE cash-strapped SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) is to approach big business for assistance and smaller local civic associations intend to bolster revenues by initiating small businesses.

Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso said a number of local organisations, such as the Development Bank of SA and the Kagiso Trust, had contributed small amounts to Sanco's coffers, but more assistance would be sought from big business.

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'Goals and sense of pride in belonging'

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□ Town clerk's belief in productivity, efficiency

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE veteran of municipal service eyed Keith Nicol with disdain, for he had sinned

Mr Nicol had referred to ratepayers as "customers"

That was quite a few years back in another province, and Mr Nicol — newly-appointed chief executive and town clerk of Cape Town — still refers to ratepayers as customers

President-elect of the Institute of Town Clerks, Mr Nicol, 44, has BA, B Proc and LLB degrees

The former town clerk of Maritzburg piloted a strategic planning exercise in the Natal capital five years ago, an exercise aimed at developing a vision for the city and at clarifying roles and goals within its council

Respective roles of policy makers and administrators had to be clarified and ways found for people to see issues in terms of the city, and not in parochial terms

"Outside consultants were used, in the hope that their recommendations would be credible and would not be seen as entrenching vested interests

The result, a commitment to serving needs of "customers", changed Maritzburg

"I believe in productivity and efficiency, and a management style that is goal-orientated rather than activity-orientated — anyone can look busy but there is a need for individual members of staff to have goals and a sense of pride in belonging," said Mr Nicol.

Cape Town in June 1993 is not an easy place for a new chief executive — there is firm union opposition to restructuring and rationalisation, while a wage dispute has been referred to private arbitration

"There seems to be a need for rationalisation, but it is essential that any restructuring



Mr Keith Nicol

fits in with a strategy for the future

"It is important to proceed as participatively as possible — that does not mean being held to ransom by the unions, but it does mean consulting people on revised structures

"As for privatisation, there may be room but one has to be cautious about what has become a buzzword, because it has been unsuccessful in some cases

"On the other hand, privatisation can mean the transfer of jobs without any losses to the private sector," said Mr Nicol

The new town clerk is not without experience of union action, Maritzburg having faced strikes of varying scale, on issues from pay to wider political matters

"One must not make stupid management mistakes and one must be aware of issues close to the heart of employees

"Management should be proactive, in areas such as induction, where management should tell a new employee his rights and role, and not leave to the union to substitute for management's role"

Part of his goal of furthering strategic planning is a need to

improve communication between customers and the council

"I am open to suggestions about how this can be done, ideas which would be feasible in a Cape Town situation"

A hotline is one idea which could supplement traditional channels, such as ratepayers associations

The hotline could inform the city council of issues important to customers, and problems could be handled with council staff guaranteeing an answer — if not a solution — in a given time

In a time of transition, education was needed for people not familiar with the type of local government whites were used to, Mr Nicol said

"We need to educate people — not in a patronising way — by going out to tell them how the system works and answering questions"

As chief executive, Mr Nicol's responsibilities will include the co-ordination of heads of departments

The town clerk himself would keep his door open, but not to be at the beck and call of everyone — a policy firmly enforced in Maritzburg and to be continued in Cape Town

"I see myself as a broad corporate strategic thinker, bringing parts together to function in harmony," he said

While the move from Natal, where he has served for nearly 20 years, has taken him away from his beloved field of local history, Mr Nicol intends to delve into archives of the country's oldest city and to slip away when possible to the eastern Cape, where his 1820 settler ancestors landed

"I do not know Cape Town as well as I would like I know parts I visited on business and on holiday over the years, and as a new resident and new town clerk it is a priority to familiarise myself with the city," he said

Municipal franchise survey proposed

CLIVE SAWYER
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AN URGENT survey of Cape Town opinions on the municipal franchise may be commissioned to be ready in time for this month's city council meeting — if officials say it is feasible

Mr John Muir asked exco to commission the survey yesterday to test which basis for the franchise — property or universal — had the most support

Recommendations by the council constitutional affairs committee that the vote be extended to everyone over 18, including squatters and university students, have sparked controversy, and resentment at the scrapping of the property-based vote

The committee has recommended scrapping business votes and votes for insolvent and deceased estates

Mr Muir said the survey should be ready for the June 29 council meeting

Exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said officials would study whether the survey would be feasible

"It may be feasible, but not in as much depth as would be suitable," he said

● Exco is to interview all applicants for the lease of the lower half of Greenmarket Square — again

Opinion in the council is divided over whether to give the lease to the applicant who offered the highest tender or to the applicant

seen as most politically suitable, the National Traders Association.

Exco interviewed all seven applicants last month. The first decision was to give the tender to the highest bidder, the operators of the Cape Town station market, but a recommendation to overturn this followed after the traders association protested

An exco recommendation to turn down all seven tenders and lease the square "other than by public competition" was challenged at last month's council meeting but opponents failed to rally enough votes to block it

Faced with their recommendation being sent back to them, exco decided to interview all seven applicants again

Franschoek mayor and deputy sign up for the ANNC

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By Christelle Terreblanche

SOUTH Africa's first black mayor of a previously white group area — he is the first mayor in the country to join the ANC.

Mr Frank Arendse, who became Franschoek's mayor last year when the management committee and the town council amalgamated, is not apologetic. "In my heart I have always been ANC and everybody knew it," Arendse told SOUTH in his Cape Dutch-style gabled house overlooking the Le Provance Estate he built two years ago.

As a clerk at Victor Verster prison in the Franschoek Valley during the late seventies and early eighties, he met ANC people — "people who were jailed for fighting for their rights"

"It is my democratic right to join the party I think could lead South Africa to peace and prosperity"

Arendse became mayor after the efforts of the previous mayor, Mr Arthur McWilliams-Smith, to join all interest groups in the valley in a negotiating forum.

McWilliams-Smith is now deputy mayor and reluctantly confirmed that he too joined the ANC last week.

However, he emphasised: "In no way is my joining the ANC a reflection on what local politics should be. Politics should stay out of a small town like this."

Arendse, who became chairperson of the local management committee in 1988, agreed their political views would not influence their management of the Boland town.

"This does not make us politicians with a political agenda"

There can be no doubt the culture of Franschoek has become distinct from neighbouring towns like Stellenbosch, where the mayor and a government minister joined a local high school last Friday in elaborate Republic Day celebrations.

Arendse, who turned 39 this week — making him the youngest mayor in South Africa — confirms that his eight months as mayor have been "difficult".

"But I have had incredible support from the council and the residents. Now it is going better." As far as local politics are concerned, Arendse has one conviction — that not only property owners should have the vote, but everybody over 18.

He sees local management as a tool in the upliftment of disadvantaged people.

The council is in the process of getting a non-racial town development proclaimed, to accommodate both the town's black squatters and poor whites.

Arendse, a third-generation Franschoek resident, says he is consulted widely by other towns about his model council.

"People say this is a safer place than other tourist destinations, because we have no racial strife. We have seen tremendous benefits — workers' salaries are increasing and relations between farmers and workers have improved.

"I expect criticism about joining the ANC. Maybe they won't elect me again," he laughs.

But he believes the ANC has won major support in the area recently, even among the conservative Christian settlements of Pniel and Johannesburg.

"It is not seen as a terrorist organisation here anymore."



COMRADE MAYOR FRANK: The youngest and first black mayor in South Africa, Franschoek's Frank Arendse, has now also become the first to join the ANC

Photo: Yunus Mohamed

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Stellenbosch rejects metro plan

Another setback for Keegan

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■ No major changes are expected when the city council constitutional committee resubmits its report. Meanwhile, small towns quake as the footsteps of a metropolitan giant thunder closer.

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

ANOTHER town council has rejected the "Keegan Proposals" for Cape Town's constitutional restructuring

Stellenbosch mayor Mr Koos van Schoor said his council had "firm objections" to the way Cape Town had put forward its proposals without consulting other towns

He has called a meeting of mayors of country towns to discuss joint rejection of the Cape Town proposals and ways for the towns to co-ordinate action on matters of common interest

Proposals by the city council constitutional affairs committee, chaired by deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan, were for a two-tier system of government for Cape Town, with a metropolitan council as the principal taxing authority

This metro council, which would be made up of representatives of primary local authorities and councillors elected by proportional representation, should replace the Western Cape Regional Services Council, the committee said

Last week, Goodwood Town Council rejected the proposals as one-sided "from a Cape Town perspective"

Mr Van Schoor said his council favoured a strong autonomous version of third-tier government

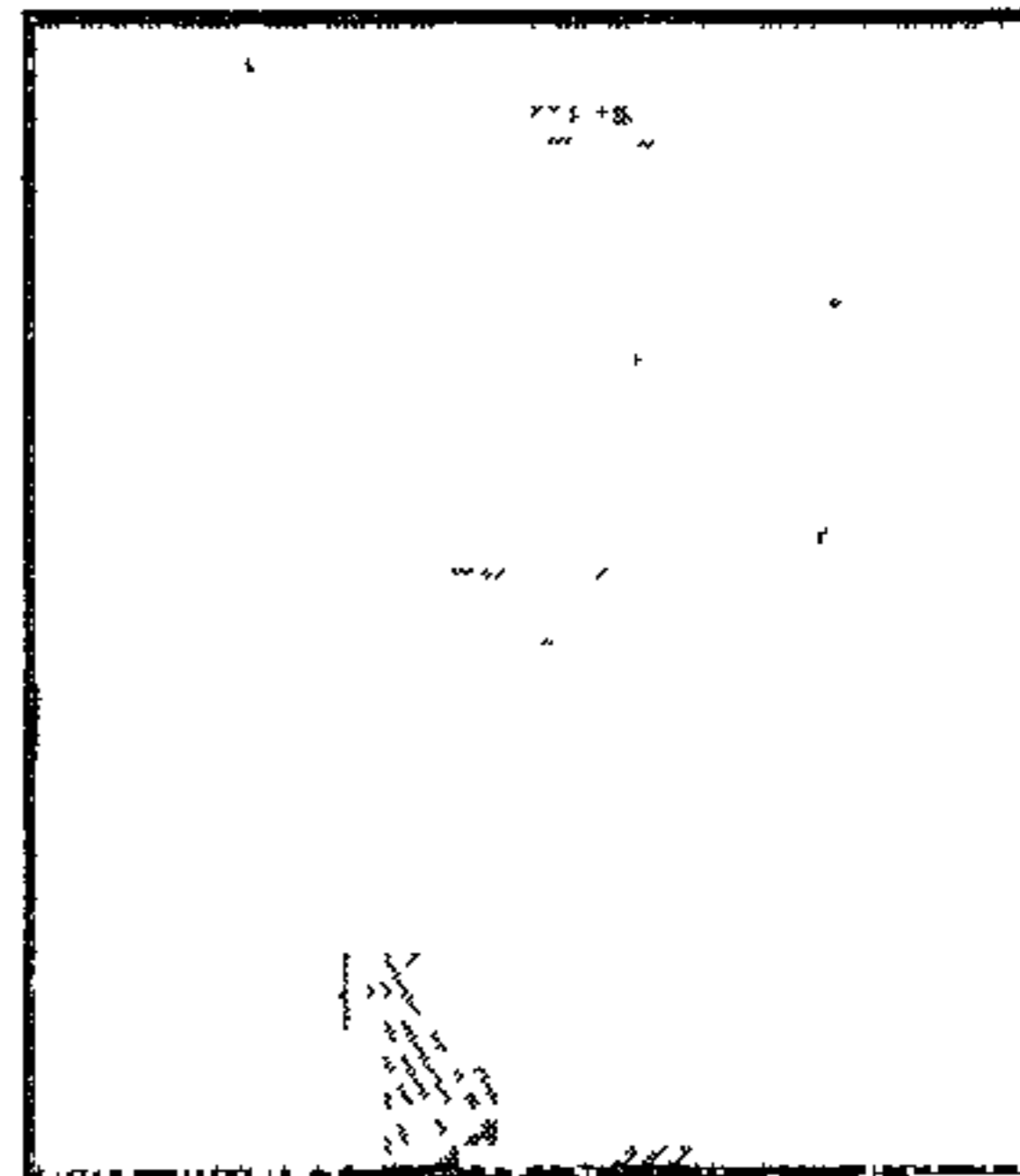
Metropolitan government should be limited to the urban area

"Peripheral towns like Stellenbosch, with primarily a rural character, should be excluded from such a metro government," said Mr Van Schoor

These "peripheral" towns, including some at present outside the Western Cape RSC boundaries, should act jointly in "interdependent" affairs

"There are indications that other towns share this opinion with Stellenbosch and a meeting with mayors of various towns has been arranged for this month," said Mr Van Schoor

Mr Keegan said he was not surprised by Stellenbosch's reaction "After all, they did not want to be in the Western Cape RSC area when that was set up"



□ Deputy mayor of Cape Town, Mr Clive Keegan.

The question of which areas would be inside metropolitan boundaries would be sorted out at the national negotiating forum, he said

"The proposals in our report were based on considerations like water catchment, physical features, and water and transport linkages, rather than political considerations"

It was likely metropolitan boundaries could be drawn wider than many expected

"Places like the Hottentots Holland Basin and the northern suburbs believe they can be metropolitan areas on their own, but that is not on"

Mr Keegan has presented the proposals to several groups in the past weeks

There was universal acceptance of the metropolitan concept and a "clear awareness" of its economic benefits

But, there was unhappiness about the principle of extending the franchise to informal settlers, seen by some as not contributing to the city

There was also unhappiness about scrapping the franchise based on property ownership and the business vote

Mr Keegan said his committee, which was a permanent standing one of the council, soon would submit a further report — with some minor changes — to the city council

No major alterations to standpoints were expected, but points like the definition of informal settlements and votes for non-South Africans would be clarified in the new report

Since the presentation of the report to the council — where it had a mixed reception — the committee had had written and oral evidence from individuals and groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, said Mr Keegan

Mfuleni: 'Sit-in' as talks break down

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Weekend Argus Reporter

MFULENI residents staging a sit-in at the local town council offices in protest against the continued existence of the council are staying put, but their attempts to meet the councillors have been snubbed

The Mfuleni sit-in, which has lasted 14 days today, follows similar action by Guguletu residents a fortnight ago against the Ikapa town council which is to be disbanded in terms of an undertaking by the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring

Two meetings with Mr Meiring and the joint committee — a grouping representing residents from all political persuasions in the tiny Kuils River township — have been held since the sit-in began, but both have deadlocked

According to joint committee chairman Mr Kent Mkalipi, Mr Meiring had insisted he had no legal powers to remove the councillors unless a "prima facie case" had been established

against them to warrant their sacking

"This is contrary to what he (Mr Meiring) has done to both Lingeletu and Ikapa town councillors in Khayelitsha and Guguletu," Mr Mkalipi said

Mr Mkalipi said the councillors had said that they wanted to meet the joint committee, but suggested a "neutral venue as they claim to fear for their safety in Mfuleni"

He said the anger in Mfuleni was reaching boiling point

A white official, Mr Wilfred Murray, had been asked by residents to leave the township after he ordered council staff not to render services. Thirty protesters were the only people present at the Mfuleni town council offices yesterday. A spokesman for the Regional Peace Committee, which has facilitated the talks, said the only solution was a meeting between the joint committee and the councillors

He believed the councillors' insistence on a "neutral venue" was "sheer posturing"

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Mfuleni council clings on

By Sabata Ngcai

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AS THE occupation of the Mfuleni Town Council by the residents entered its 12th day on Thursday, the councillors dug in their heels and refused to resign.

Mfuleni residents are demanding the resignation of all councillors and the scrapping of the Interim Measures Act and its replacement with an interim metropolitan council.

The Mfuleni People's Joint Committee (PJC) say the councillors are corrupt and have done nothing to improve residents' standard of living

since they came into office.

Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) spokesperson Mr Frikkie Odendaal said the CPA had tried to persuade the councillors to resign but they refused.

He said the administrator could only sack the councillors if there was "prima facie evidence of corruption".

Odendaal said Lingeletu West and the Ikapa Town Councils were toppled by sit-in demonstrations because there were "strong reasons" for the CPA to pressurise their councillors to resign.



IN DISPUTE ... the lease for the lower part of Green Market Square has become the focus of a dispute between the Cape Town City Council and some of the applicants Picture: JACK LESTRADE

Crunch council meeting on square

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By CHIARA CARTER

THE Cape Town City Council, accused of bowing to political pressure over the awarding of the lease for the lower part of Green Market Square, is to meet on Tuesday to try to resolve the issue.

The move follows several council about-turns which have given rise to accusations that its Executive Committee (Exco) has given in to pressure from the ANC.

Last month, the council's Amenities and Health Committee interviewed all seven applicants who tendered for the square. It recommended that the council award the tender to Cape Town Station Fleamarket, which had put in the highest bid and had a proven track record.

The recommendation was endorsed by Exco, but a few days later the committee reviewed and rescinded its decision.

Exco then decided to lease the area to the National Traders' Association (NTA) without re-interviewing the other applicants.

The NTA's tender for the square was R15 000 for 100 tables — half the amount offered by Cape

Town Station Fleamarket. The difference in revenue for the city would be almost R1 million over the five years of the lease.

According to well-placed sources, Exco's about-turn followed intervention by the ANC in favour of NTA, whose tender was supported by the South African National Civics Organisation and the Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services (Fabcos).

The NTA and its supporters have expressed opposition to the "head-lease" system whereby public land is leased to individuals.

However, the difference is minimal between the amount the NTA would charge traders for stalls and the Cape Town Fleamarket's charges.

Exco's decision, taken when St George's Mall was declared a prohibited area for hawkers and most NTA traders were made to leave, was in line with an earlier recommendation by the council's working group on informal trading.

The decision has unleashed a storm of controversy.

The Greenmarket Square Traders' Association wrote to the council expressing concern about the possibility of the NTA's administering the area. The association supported its claim with two affidavits from traders who claimed they had been intimidated by NTA members. One affidavit was by a former member of the NTA executive.

Meanwhile, councillors expressed concern that in an earlier interview, the NTA had indicated it would not automatically feel bound by council regulations.

At its meeting last month, the council turned down an Exco recommendation that the area no longer be put out to tender.

Exco chairman Louis Kreiner said that following representations from the other tenderers, his committee was now re-interviewing all seven applicants.

He denied Exco had been influenced by political pressure.

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Keegan eased out of city politics

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THE deputy mayor of Cape Town, Mr Clive Keegan, has been replaced as the city council's representative on several key constitutional bodies in what is seen as a move to depoliticise the mayoral office

Sources claimed this week that the "political" roles played by Mr Keegan and the current mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, had led to tensions with the Executive Committee (Exco)

They believe the move is intended to limit the mayor's position to a ceremonial role

By CHIARA CARTER

In the past eight weeks Mr Keegan has been replaced as council representative on two major constitutional bodies — the Major Cities Forum and the Constitutional Forum Committee, which are to play a key role in formulating Cape Town's position in a new regional dispensation

Mr Keegan has also been overlooked as a trustee on the Community Land Trust, which is to be responsible for the redevelopment of District Six and other state-owned land within the inner city boundaries of Cape Town

Initiatives

Although Mr Keegan has played a pivotal role in the delicate negotiations on the future of District Six and has chaired the District Six Steering Committee, he was passed over when the council selected a trustee to represent it on the Community Land Trust

Also, Exco chose one of its members, Mr John Muir, chairman of the council's Town Planning Department, to represent the council in constitutional negotiations on local government

Mr Keegan has spearheaded the council's constitutional initiatives for more than two years

and has played a key role in writing its constitutional proposals

He has also not been reappointed council representative to the Greater Cities Forum, a grouping of local government bodies

Mr Keegan said he was unhappy about these developments and would discuss them with Exco next week

"There are certain tensions we need to resolve," he said, but declined to comment further

Sources claimed the developments indicate Exco's determination to ensure the mayoral office is confined to a "symbolic" role and that political initiatives remain with Exco, the council's policy-making body

"The move is a snub to Clive," a well-placed source said

Exco chairman, Mr Louis Kreiner, denied that there was a power struggle between Exco and the mayoral office

"Mr Keegan will become mayor in just over two months. It is natural that we would relieve him of his committee duties. He was appointed to those committees when he headed town planning," Mr Kreiner said

He said the mayoral office traditionally was apolitical and that mayors were ceremonial figureheads

'Cool it' plea from Cape hot seat

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

KHAYELITSHA administrator Okkie Grundling, appointed to the hot seat after councillors resigned last month, has appealed to township organisations to help speed-up creating a multi-party negotiation forum.

In a statement Mr Grundling said unrest in the past few weeks had resulted in irreparable damage to municipal vehicles

Vehicles were attacked during pupil protests against examination fees and again after the police clampdown on the PAC last month.

"Unfortunately, council personnel were injured during these incidents, which are to the detriment of the community in Khayelitsha," he said

It was of paramount importance that essential services be rendered

The incidents had endangered the lives of council officials and led to the unneces-

sary breakdown of services because of loss of time and equipment

He said a meeting between the unions representing all Lingeletu Town Council workers and management was held last week

"It was unanimously decided that the security situation is untenable, that services must continue and that a multi-party process must now take place with a view to 'democratic stability' with in the community"

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SABC pay row settled

8/6/93
LOYD COUTTS

A SALARY dispute between the SABC and its staff association has been settled, but the corporation's management said yesterday it was still investigating alleged sabotage of live television broadcasts during industrial action by staff members.

A joint statement released by SABC management and the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) said both parties had agreed on Friday night to an 8,25% salary increase.

"The agreement reached includes an increase of 8,25% for the period April 1 1993 to February 28 1994.

All industrial action will cease forthwith," their brief statement said.

Pretorius said the issue of the alleged disruption of the Super 10 rugby final and an opera would still be taken up by management

Former sergeant faces 'Norwood rapist' charges

8/6/93
SUSAN RUSSELL

FORMER policeman Jacobus Petrus Geldenhuys, 26, who allegedly committed a series of murders and rapes attributed to the so-called "Norwood rapist" during November-December 1991, went on trial in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Geldenhuys, who faces 15 charges, including five counts of murder and four of rape, was not asked to plead and the case was adjourned until today.

The former police sergeant, who lived in SAP single quarters in Norwood, allegedly raped two women in the suburb on November 6 and 26 1991.

One of the women was 68 years old at the time.

Geldenhuys is alleged to have murdered his next victim, Julia Hitge, in her home on December 16-17 before he raped and murdered Jennifer Matfield

two weeks later

According to the indictment Geldenhuys claimed his first victim in Benoni on May 12 1989, when he allegedly murdered Franswa Rachel Tundzi.

The woman, who was a neighbour of Geldenhuys's parents, was allegedly strangled and set alight in her room by the former policeman. Cause of death was given as asphyxia and extensive burns.

Geldenhuys is also on trial for the murder of two women in Brakpan and Benoni last year.

He allegedly murdered Susanna Elizabeth Wandrag in Larrendale, Brakpan, on May 7-8 last year. The State alleges Geldenhuys also murdered and attempted to rape Veronica Kay Taylor in Benoni two months later on July 15.

Municipal polls postponed

8/6/93
ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Municipal elections scheduled for October next year would be postponed until further progress had been made in national negotiations, Local Government Minister Tertius Delpport said yesterday.

Speaking at the 32nd conference of the Institute of SA Town Clerks, Delpport said legislation tabled in the current parliamentary session was aimed at suspending nationwide local government elections for the second time since 1988.

The postponement would prevent wastage of money and energy by local authorities. A new date would be set "as soon as the necessary progress in the negotiations makes it possible".

Sapa reports from Cape Town that a Bill providing for the temporary postponement of local government elections was published in Parliament yesterday.

A memorandum to the Local Government Affairs Second Amendment Bill said the Local Government Minister would also be empowered to make regulations re-

garding wards and polling districts, qualifications for voters and office bearers, election procedures and expenses and illegal practices during elections.

At the conference Delpport warned the amalgamation of black and white local authorities would make great demands on town clerks across SA.

He hinted it might be considered necessary to transfer clerks from one area to another to assist in the running of newly formed local administrations "In the interests of the country it is necessary for town clerks to place opportunities and necessities above their own comfort."

Delpport said the training of new administrators was vital to the success of local government's transition.

Institute president Paul Botha said town clerks had a significant role to play in encouraging constitutional debate, promoting participative management and being sensitive to community needs.

Govt push for power over municipal polls

(263) CT8/6/93
THE government has proposed the postponement of all municipal elections — and is seeking extensive powers to decide whether and when new local government elections are held

The Local Government Affairs Second Amendment Bill tabled in Parliament yesterday will allow the Minister of Local Government to issue regulations covering all future municipal elections.

The measure also extends the terms of office of councillors as if they had been properly elected. The bill was slammed yesterday by the Democratic Party's spokesman on local government, Mr Jasper Walsh, who said it covered areas still under discussion by the Local Government Negotiating Forum and the Multi-Party Conference.

"It is therefore prescriptive for the minister to propose legislation now," Mr Walsh said.

'Political' Keegan in exco clash

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Municipal Reporter

DEPUTY mayor Mr Clive Keegan is determined to be a political mayor, but the executive committee is adamant that he should stay out of politics

Mr Keegan said yesterday that he expected that his future relationship with the council's powerful executive committee would be discussed at an exco meeting on Thursday, arising out of "a reference memo from the constitutional committee, about the way exco is making appointments"

Mr Keegan has been passed over recently in respect of two appointments, both made by exco for posts he would have been keen to take up

The first was an appointment as a city council trustee on the Cape Town Community Land Trust. This is the body that will hold the District Six land among others and make decisions about their redevelopment

The other post was on the steering committee for the establishment of a Cape Town Metropolitan Negotiating Forum. Mr John Muir, the chairman of the town planning committee, got both appointments

At the most recent council meeting, exco's Mr Leon Markovitz explained to Mr Keegan that "because you are about to be mayor (in September), we assumed you will step down from com-

mittees" and other commitments
"Did you ask me?" Mr Keegan asked angrily, but he declined to stand for election when Mrs Joan Kantey put his name forward

Reconsider

Yesterday, Mr Keegan said Cape Town had not had an apolitical mayor for several years now. "The days of the Victorian mayor who just opens fêtes and kisses babies have long since gone," he said. "There is nothing which is not political about this city"

He would have to reconsider his future if the question of the mayoral role could not be cleared up with exco, he said. He declined to be drawn further on whether he would consider not being mayor

Exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said yesterday that the mayor was supposed to be apolitical, so that it would be easier to "be a mayor to all the people, and enhance the city's image"

"I believe the way it is at the moment is the way it should be" However, a sub-committee of exco had been set up to examine the issue of the mayoralty

Support for Mr Keegan serving on the Community Land Trust came from an old sparring partner on the District Six Steering Committee, Mr David Buckingham, who said overlooking Mr Keegan as a trustee could set the District Six redevelopment process back

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

PARTY political local government has come to Cape Town with the formation of a Democratic Party caucus in the city council.

Membership numbers of the caucus were not given but a statement claimed a "majority" of the 32-member council had joined.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, a long-time DP member and former Progressive Federal Party provincial councillor, said today he would not join the caucus because of his office.

Deputy-mayor Mr Clive Keegan, said to be locked in a row with the executive committee over the politicisation of the mayor's role, said he would issue a statement later.

Executive committee chairman, Mr Louis Kreiner, political head of the council, said he had joined the caucus.

"It is a sign of things to come, and has been the trend in other cities — it will give discipline and cause good debate."

"I see no conflict of interests in being exco chairman because what is discussed in confidence at exco meetings will not be put to the caucus," said Mr Kreiner.

The caucus is the first party political one in the city council's history. There have been a number of loose groupings over the years — usually formed about a specific issue or set of issues.

Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban city councils are run on a party political basis.

All caucus members will abide by DP principles and policy, and will be subject to the constitution and regulations.

Formal discussions involving local authorities, political, labour and civic groups are expected to start within weeks on the metropolitan constitutional future.

Sea Point councillor Dr John Sonnenberg was elected leader of the caucus last night.

Other office bearers are caucus chairman and deputy leader Mr Norman Osburn, chief whip Mr Llewellyn van Wyk and deputy whip Mr Rupert Hurly.

In a statement, the caucus said its objectives were:

- To play a role in preparing the city council and all its stakeholders for a peaceful and negotiated transition to democratic local government in the region.

- To increase the efficiency of the council.

- To ensure caucus members will be subject to collective responsibility and accountability, and that as councillors they meet their obligations as servants of the people.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said today it would be "quite wrong" for him to take part in the caucus.

He would decide in September — when his mayoral office is due to come to an end — whether to join.

"The formation of a party political caucus was inevitable but regrettable. I have a nostalgic feeling about the way Cape Town has always operated."

Party political goes

□ 'Majority of councillors join Democratic Party caucus'

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Upgrade of Hout Bay ⁽²⁶³⁾

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CLIVE SAWYER ARG 8/6/93
Municipal Reporter

HOUT Bay Residents' Association has labelled as "racially-based unilateral restructuring" a bid to have the town declared a fully-fledged municipality

Hout Bay is administered by the Western Cape Regional Services Council

Responding to a Provincial Administration advertisement calling for comment and objections to the application, the association said no plan was available to indicate the proposed boundaries of the municipality

The law at present allowed only white South African citizens to vote, which was unacceptable

"At present, local government restructuring is taking place at national level and the establishment of a new municipality at this time is unnecessary and unwarranted

"Unilateral restructuring, especially if racially-based, is unacceptable," the association said

Hout Bay Ratepayers' Association chairman Professor Ron Millar, in a letter to the RSC, said residents voted in 1990 to press for a non-racial local authority

Boundaries would include the whole town, including the harbour area, with a population of about 13 000

The town would use existing legislation to apply for "the regular municipality option"

Once it had full municipal status, it would use the Interim Measures for Local Government Act to set up a non-racial town council

"This, in effect, would mean ultimately achieving the same objective through an alternative route," Professor Millar said

It was likely the new council would use the services of the RSC, but would appoint a town clerk

Two DP councillors shun the new caucus

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Municipal Reporter

TWO of the councillors who have refused to join the city council Democratic Party caucus are DP members.

Veteran councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott said she would not join the caucus.

"I do not see it is necessary or wise for the DP to have caucus in the council.

"Since 1948 Cape Town has always adopted a liberal line on racial issues.

"If there is a large caucus, council policy will in effect be decided behind closed doors and full council meetings could become a farce, as people will not be free to vote according to arguments advanced in debate.

"It is to be hoped the caucus will confine itself to certain issues," Mrs Stott said.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he had refused to join, but would not say why.

Caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said full membership lists had not been issued because some councillors were unable to attend last night's meeting.

It is understood about 17 councillors attended the meeting, and about five sent apologies.

Councillors not expected to join include National Party members Mr Nico Basson and Mr Tony Powell.

Mfuleni civic asks for residents' poll

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Staff Reporter

THE Mfuleni Joint People's Committee (MJPC) yesterday asked the Peace Committee to hold a referendum to test residents' support for the town council.

A sit-in at the council offices by 60 people entered its 19th day today. The participants have refused to leave until the councillors resign.

Peace Committee spokesman Mr Hannes Sieberts said the committee's executive would discuss the matter today. He said the committee could only monitor, and not call, a referendum.

"We are consulting with the council and everybody concerned to see if the referendum will have legitimacy and what effects it would have. But even if it could work, it could not be held this weekend," said Mr Sieberts.

A meeting with Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring, the six-member council and the MJPC will be held tomorrow in Bellville. It will be chaired by the Peace Committee.

Call for unison in council votes

Municipal Reporter

STRONG political groups are needed on the city council to prevent councillors from the same party pulling "in different directions" on political issues, the Democratic Party said yesterday

Chairman of the new DP caucus Dr John Sonnenberg said that although 80% of city councillors were DP supporters, they did not always voted in unison

"We felt it would be better if there was a cohesive line on certain issues," he said

Dr Sonnenberg said that the council would soon start negotiating with the ANC and other parties on a fundamental restructure of local government

He said the transition towards this stage of negotiations was "messy at the moment"

DP caucus 'needed' in local talks

Dr Sonnenberg said "We are getting to the stage where on land issues, one must have some kind of majority view (on the council)"

He added that although councillors had not been elected on a party political ticket, he felt they would be more accountable to the public if they joined the caucus

Caucus members would be subject to collective responsibility and their decisions would be more "transparent" to the public, he said

But Dr Sonnenberg said DP councillors would be given a free vote on some matters

According to a statement issued by Dr Sonnenberg and DP Western Cape chairman Mr Jasper Walsh, the DP caucus "will make a difference in improving service delivery and management of the council's affairs during the transition period leading to a democratically elected, non-racial municipal authority"

● Deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan yesterday said he had joined the caucus, but would reassess his position once he became mayor as it was not desirable to have a party political mayor

● National Party member and city councillor Mr Nic Basson said he only heard yesterday about the DP's plans for a caucus

He said there were certainly more than two National Party-inclined councillors on the council

Equal services 'insuperable'

PRETORIA — The demand for equal services for all races at local level would present an almost 'insuperable' challenge for local governments, Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said yesterday

In a speech prepared for a local government conference here, he said local authorities

were already demanding financial aid from central government and "something of the kind" might well be provided

However, as long as the economy remained in its present state there would be little money to fund this kind of assistance

A new constitution would have to provide for fiscal help from

central government for some or all of the federal regions. How much of this would trickle down to local authorities remained to be seen, Dr De Beer said.

"I would judge that if regional governments are responsible for schooling there is going to be precious little over for help to local government" — Sapa

Mayors fight metro plan

Municipal Reporter

MAYORS of Stellenbosch, Strand and Gordon's Bay and the chairman of the Hottentots Holland Chamber of Commerce are to meet later this month to discuss their joint opposition to being part of a future Metropolitan Council. (263)

Mr Riaan Smit, public relations officer for the Stellenbosch municipality, said yesterday that a date for such a meeting had been set, but he declined to disclose it to the press. CT 9/6/93

Instead, he said, the meeting would be held and the press would be informed afterwards.

Now it's party time at the Civic . . .

A SCHLENTER behind closed doors or an admission the realpolitik of local government has become highly politicised? Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER picks over the city council Democratic Party caucus

THERE has always been a sense that Cape Town is far too nice a place for tawdry politics to pollute its council chamber

An indefinable sense that we have always done things rather differently to those rough and ready types on the Reef, to say nothing of Durban

As in any legislative body worldwide, lobbying carries on apace in the council

Issues ranging from smoking to town planning decisions have produced exchanges of phone calls and hurried, private, debates sometimes on the very steps of the chamber — and sometimes in the chamber itself

In June 1993, the council finds itself facing challenges from the forthcoming metropolitan local government negotiating forum — part of the national process — and a government scheme to cream off funds to prop up remnants of the tricameral system

The subject of criticism from many members of its own electorate — while ratepayers — it like all other white local authorities has been the subject of SA National Civic Organisation-African National Congress calls to resign

Urgency grew in the past months as councillors found themselves invited to meetings to discuss the principle of whether city councils in major cities should be divided on political lines

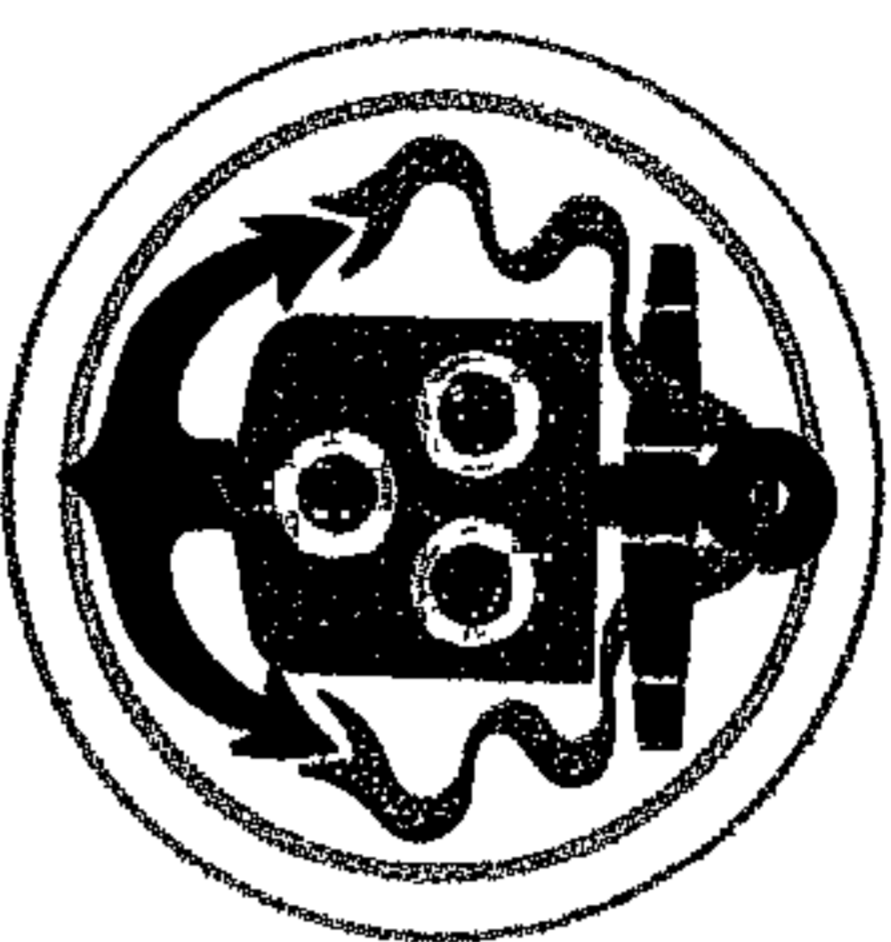
The meeting on Monday night which ended forever the political virginity of the city council was the third in a series

The formation of the caucus and election of office bearers followed a practice familiar to open council meetings — the earlier formation of a sub-committee to investigate principles

And there were many things to consider

The debate on whether to divide the city council on party political lines dates back years, say veteran councillors

"It was being talked about when



"Our relationship with exco will be developed as we go along," said Dr Sonnenberg — who as deputy amenities chairman is an acting member of exco when Mr Markovitz is available

The links do not end there. Chief whip Mr Llewellyn van Wyk is deputy town planning chair and caucus chairman Mr Norman Osburn is deputy housing chairman

"There are bound to be problems and difficulties, this is new territory we are entering," Dr Sonnenberg said.

It was likely caucus practices would be like those of the group of 12, with a united approach on political issues and a free vote on most ward issues

"Ward matters would probably be left alone while politically-related items would be closely studied"

Meetings would be held once a month, before council meetings

Asked whether this raised the prospect of government from behind closed doors because of the DP majority in the council, Dr Sonnenberg said presenting a united front in the chamber was in line with the parliamentary caucus system

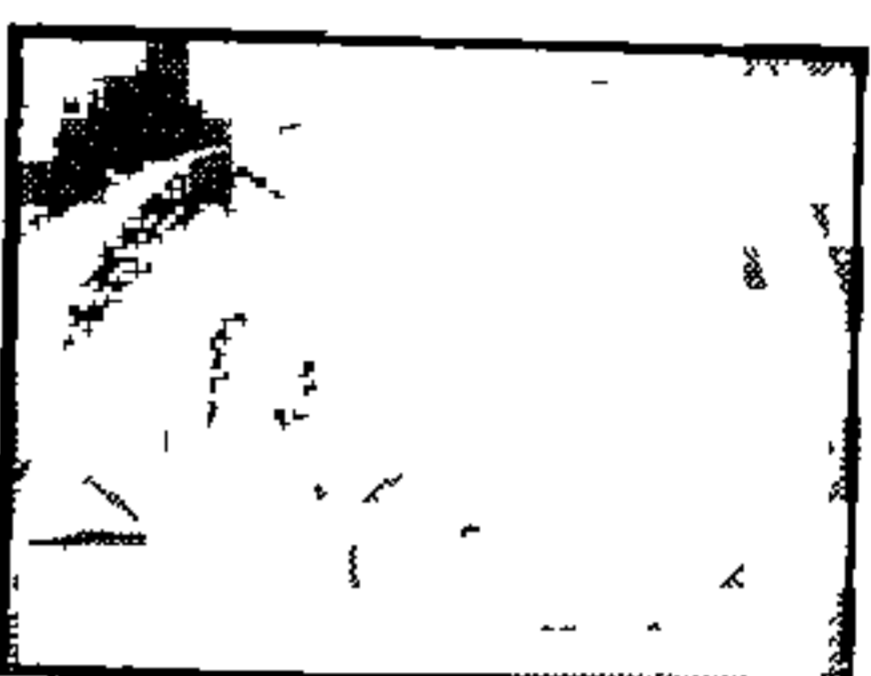
Another dilemma is that councillors were not elected as party representatives, but to represent the interests of their wards

In the rapidly-paced politics of South Africa and Cape Town today, the 1988 elections are a dim memory of another age

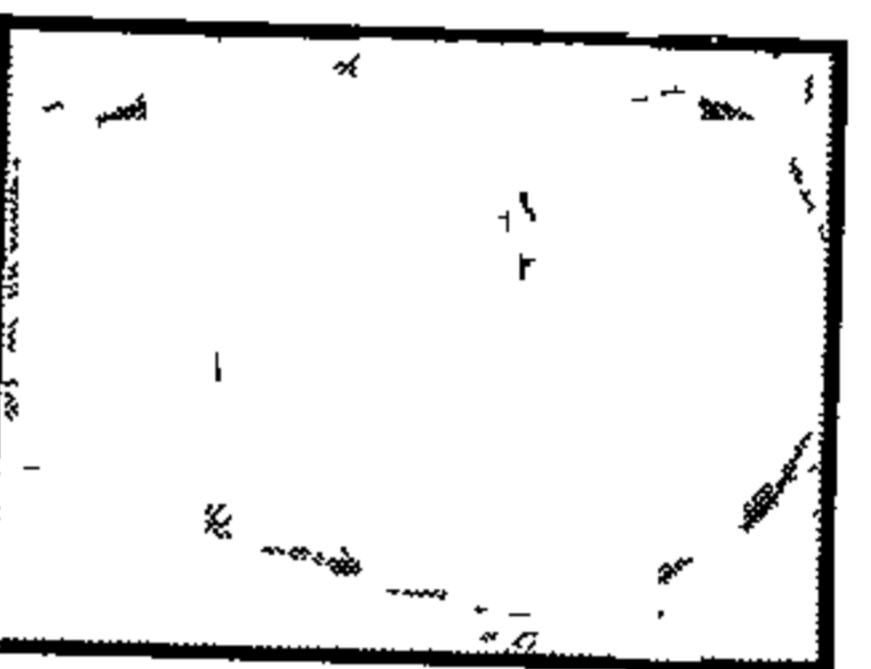
Some councillors were returned unopposed, others beat off challengers in some wards, issues such

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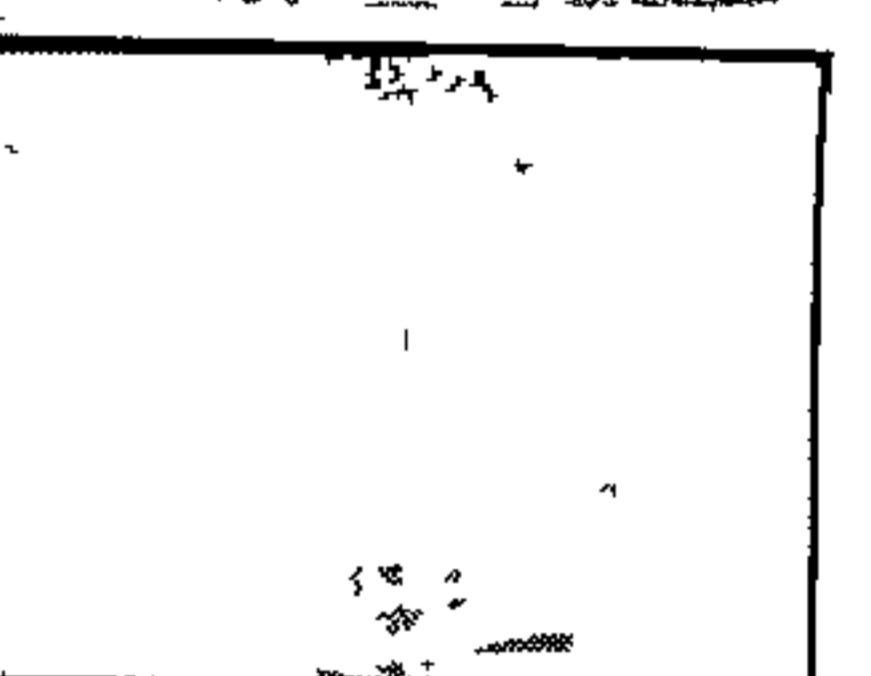
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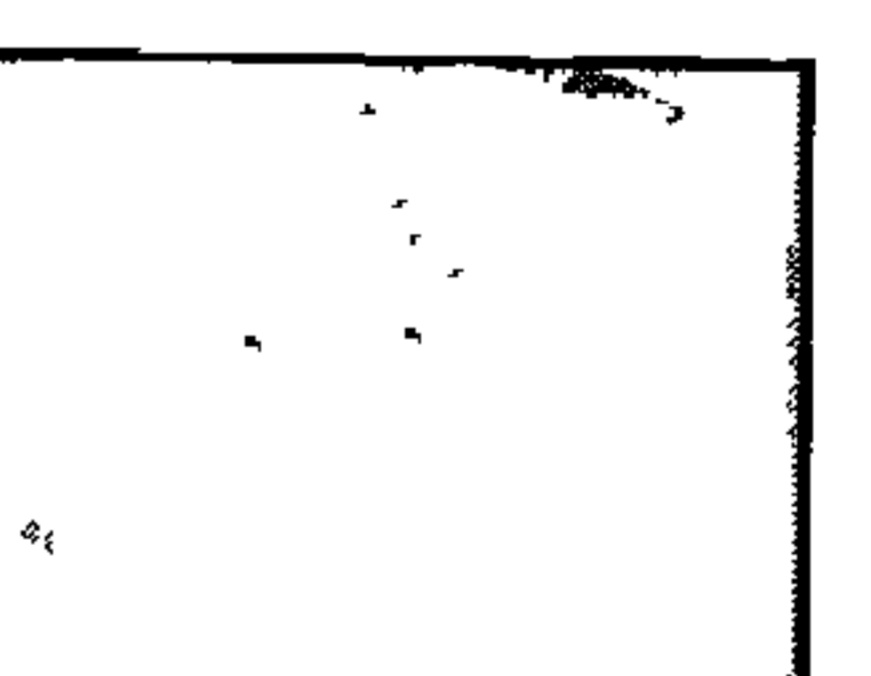
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John Sonnenberg (leader)



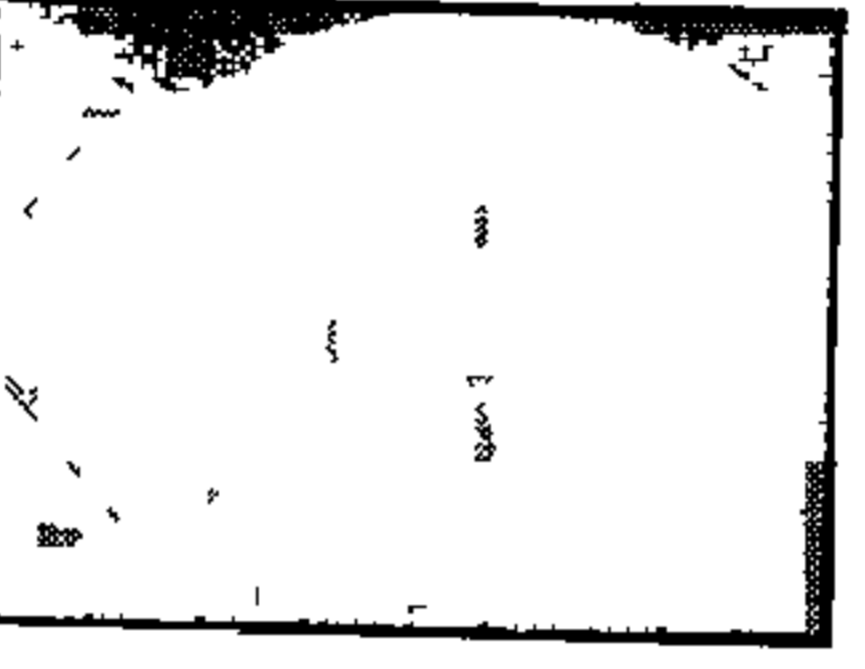
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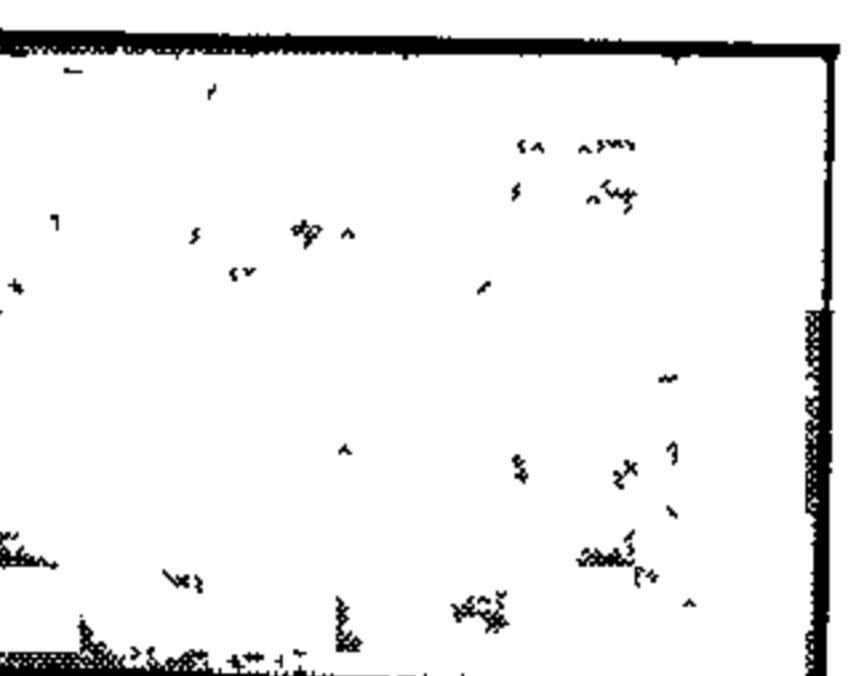
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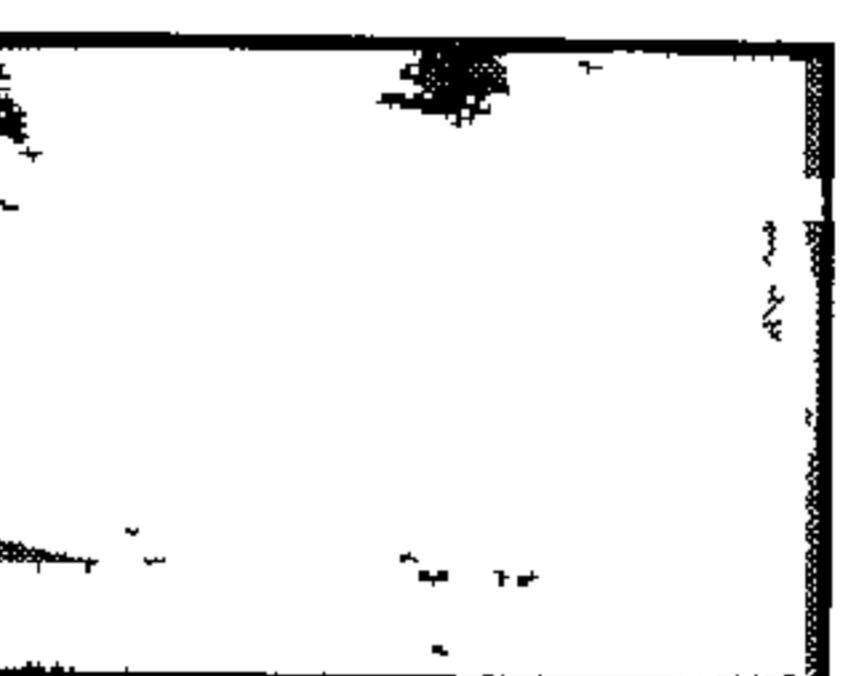
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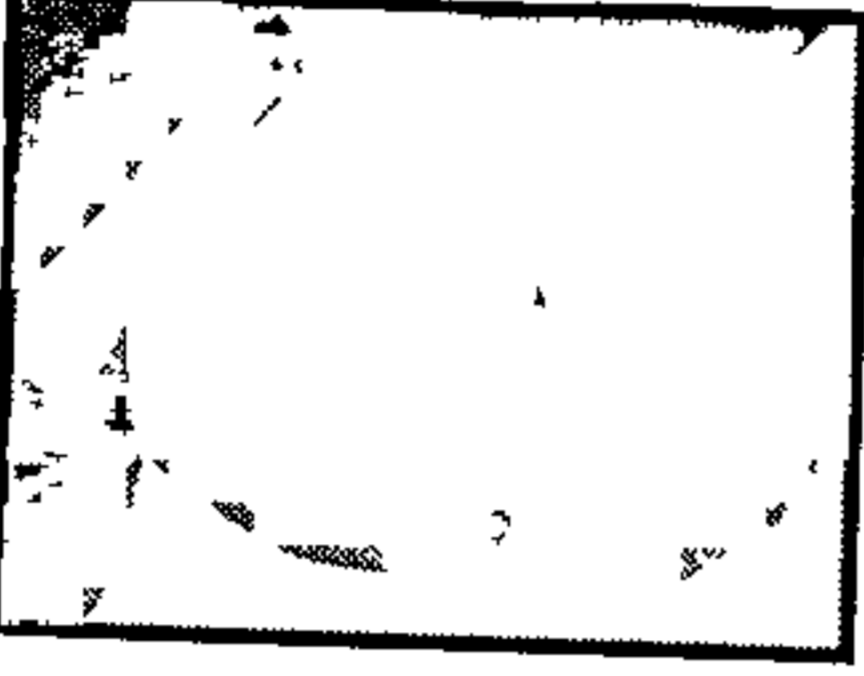
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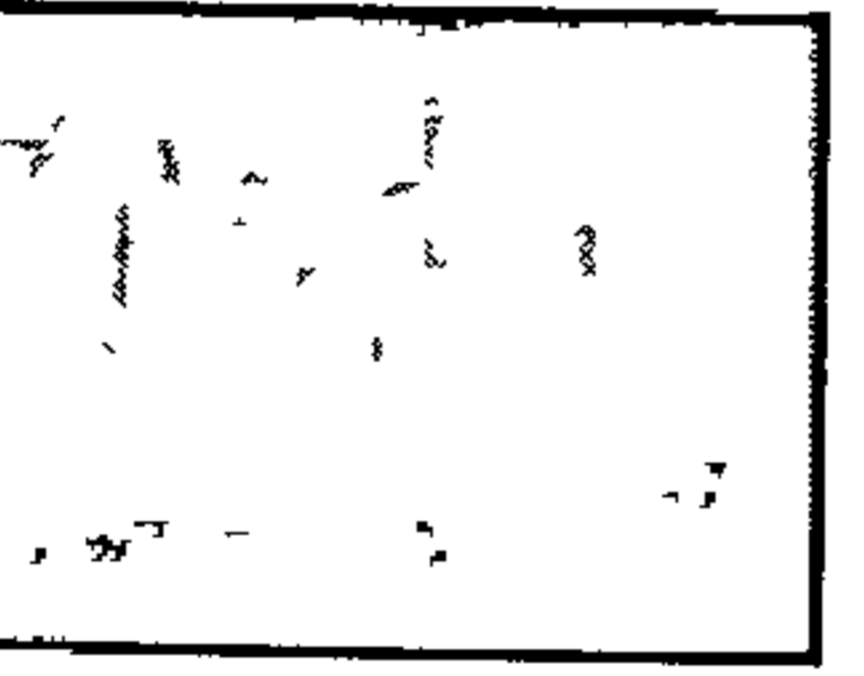
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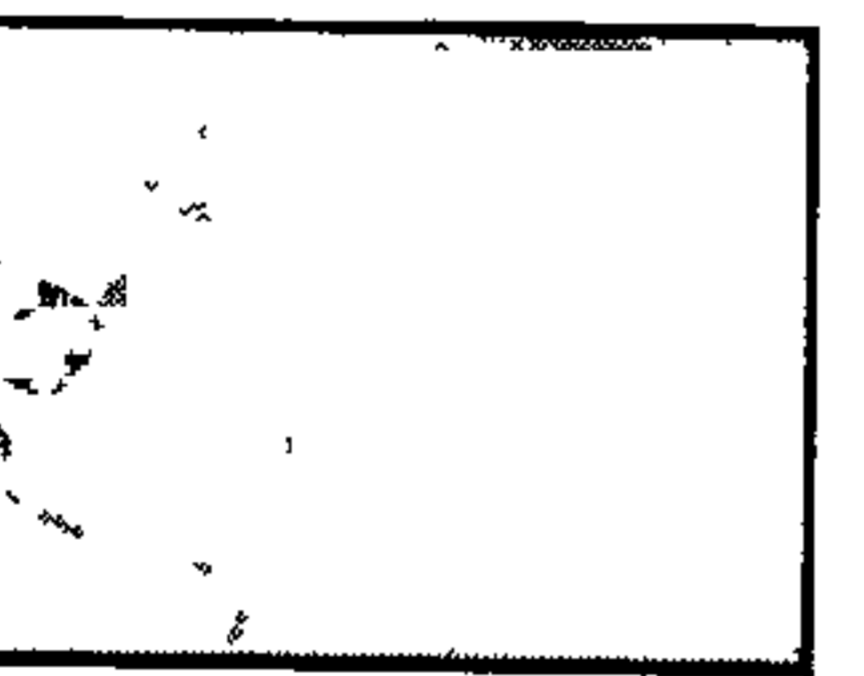
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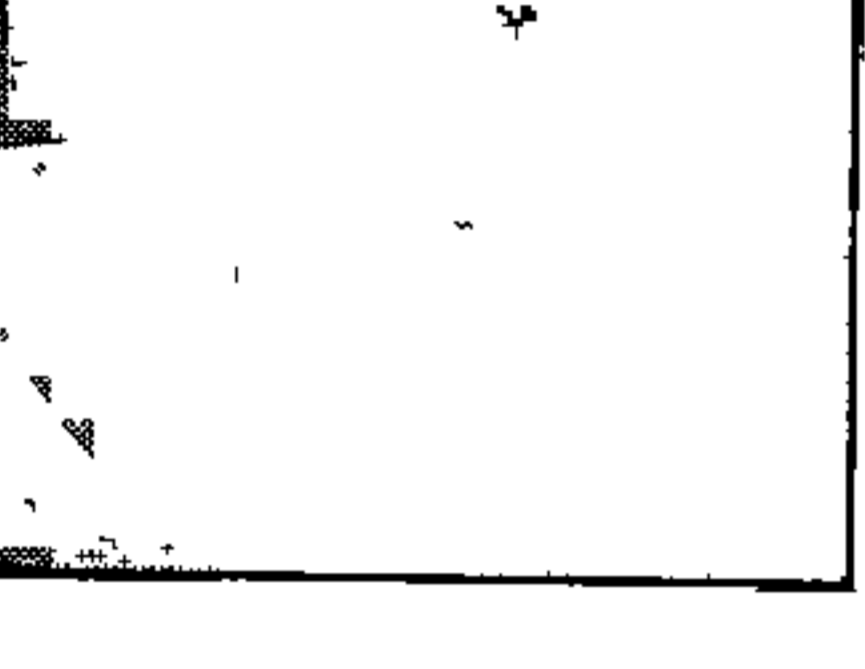
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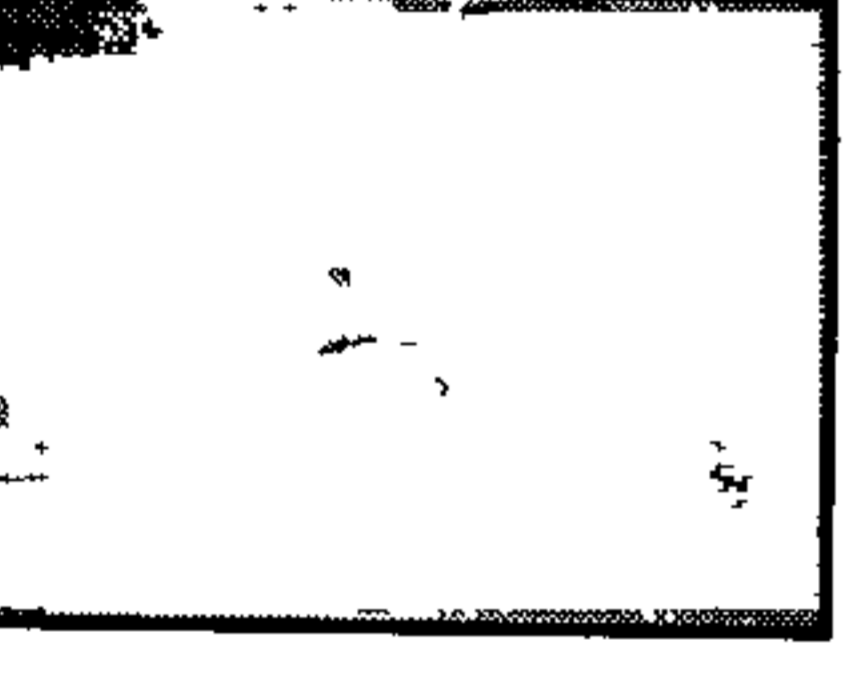
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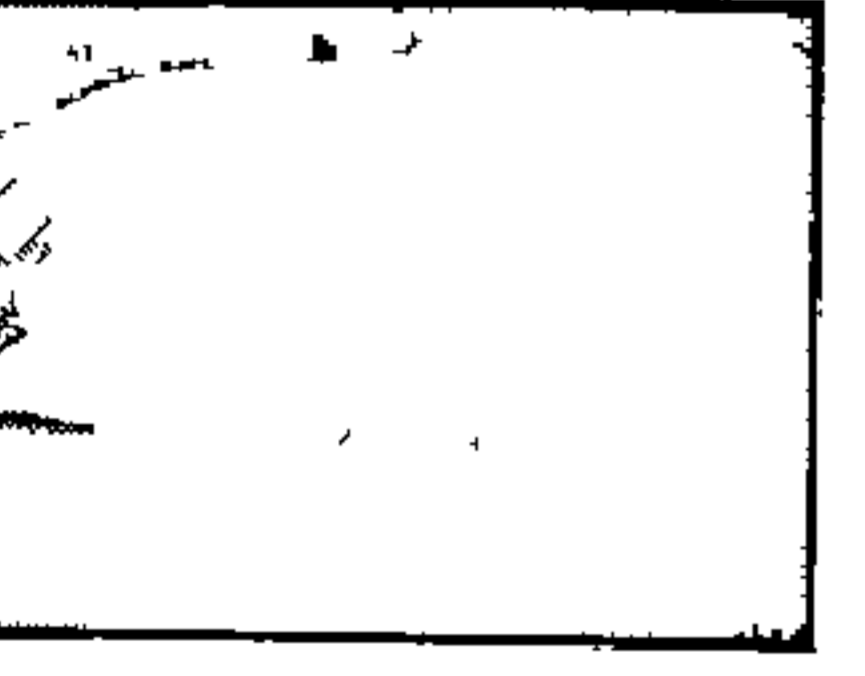
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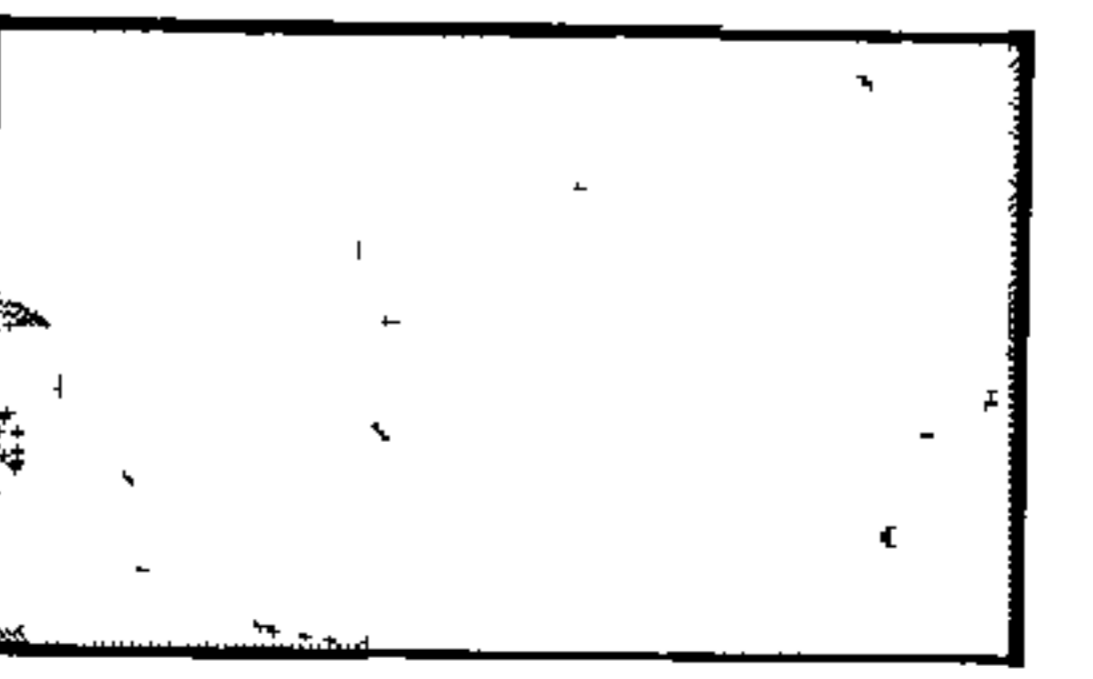


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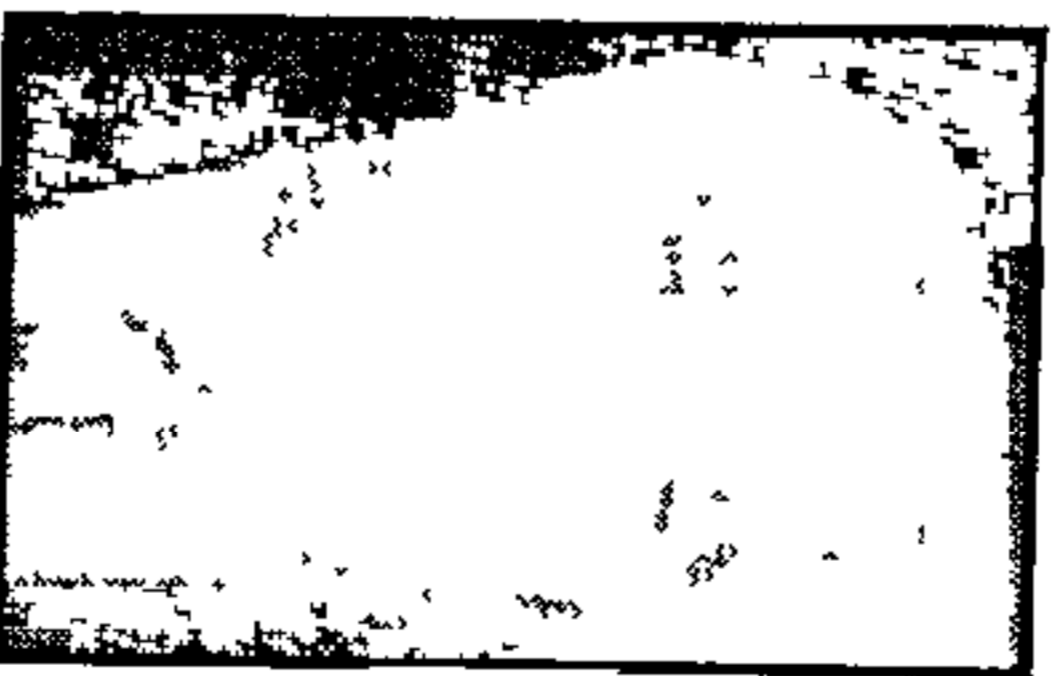


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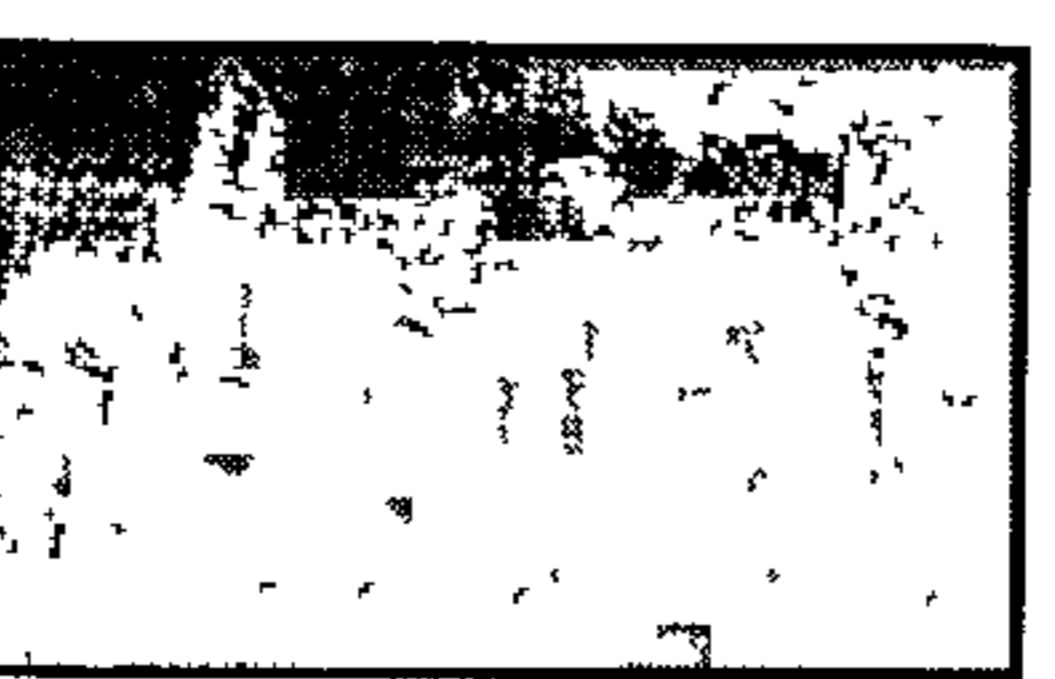


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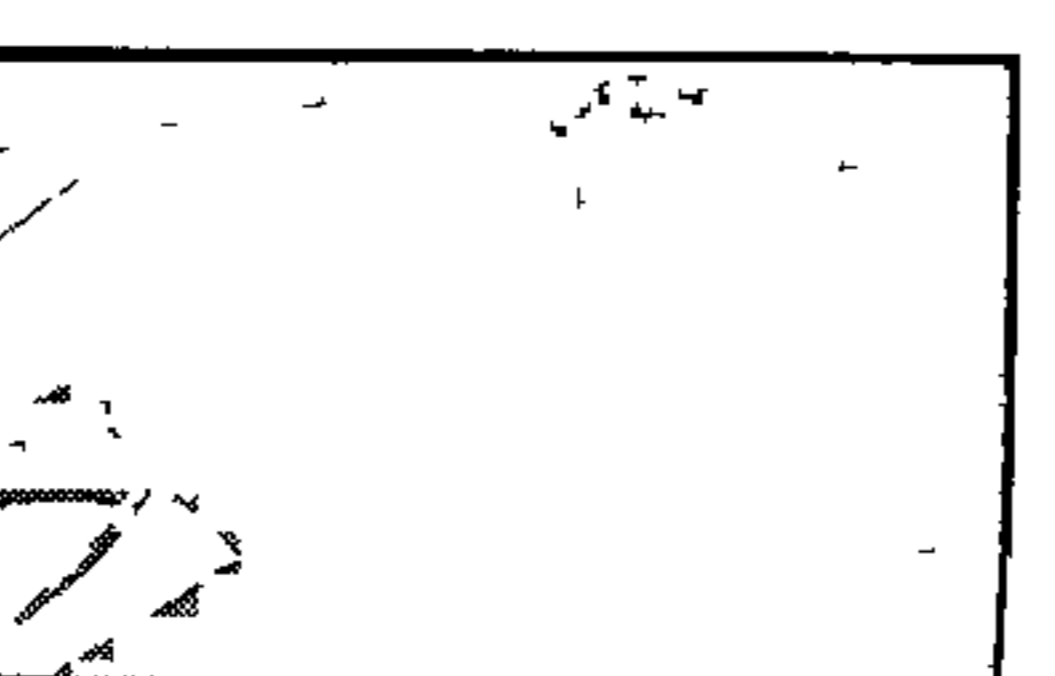
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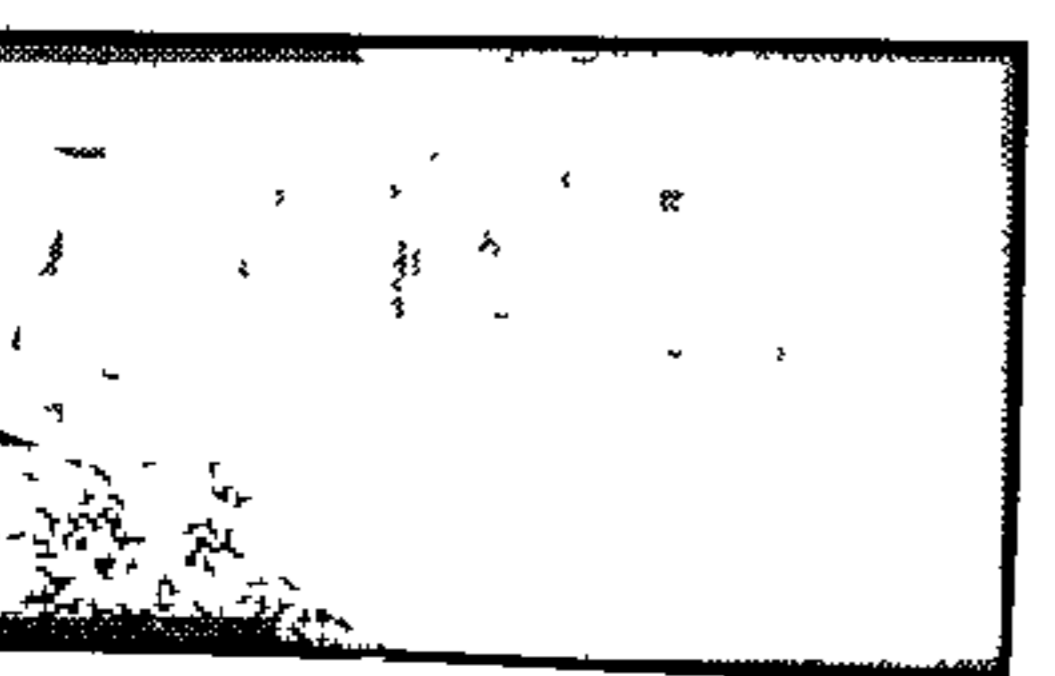
Tony Powell



Joe Rabinowitz



Eulalie Stott



Gerry Sullivan

Frank van der Velde

Since then, there have been a variety of groups formed around issues

The "caucus" — they preferred it not to be called that — formed by Mr Arthur Wienburg and 11 associates last year committed itself to ethical and open government, but foundered, seemingly after some members lost confidence in others

Mr Van der Velde confessed to a "certain nostalgia" about how the city council has run its affairs — that while the caucus was inevitable, it was regrettable

He said the caucus could play a positive role in formulating policy, provided it did not degenerate into petting exchanges and personally clashes

"There has been a little bit of looseness in direction in the council lately, though Vision 2 000 went some way to changing that

"The council has been focusing far too much on management issues, instead of leaving them to the appointed managers, and far too little on broad policy and visions of

Caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg, a councillor for 20 years and widely respected for his debating skills and ability to sum up both sides of an argument, acknowledged the caucus held potential pitfalls

There was the question of the relationship between the caucus and the executive committee, which is meant to be the political and financial organ of the council

Exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner has joined the caucus, along with his deputy Mr Leon Markovitz, town planning chairman Mr John Muir and housing chairman Mr Neil Ross. Utilities chief Mr Kenny Penkin is overseas

Mr Kreiner told The Argus yesterday the caucus would not be allowed to be privy to confidential sections of the exco agenda

Some might suggest this was a contradiction of the parliamentary tradition of caucus decisions being binding even on the Cabinet.

Riebeck's chair may remain party-free

DEPUTY mayor Mr Clive Keegan says he will reconsider his membership of the Democratic Party caucus if he is elected mayor or in September

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, a DP member, has declined to join the caucus because of his office, but will decide on membership when he leaves office in

went no further than who could best serve the area's parochial needs and gripes

Dr Sonnenberg said he believed caucus members would be accountable, even though they had not been elected as DP members

And party politics did not enter into ward issues

What he did not say — though it might be borne in mind — was that in the 1989 national elections, each constituency in the municipality returned a DP member to parliament, except for Matieland Ward councillors for that area, including Mr Nico Basson and Mr Tony Powell, have not joined the DP caucus

The R2 billion question — for that is the size of the city's budget — is whether the advent of the caucus will make any difference

DP local government spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh said the objectives of the caucus would be to help prepare the city council for a peaceful and negotiated transition to democratic local government, to increase the efficiency of the council, and to ensure members would be subject to collective responsibility and accountability

As Mr Van der Velde says, the caucus may bring a uniform direction to the council approach to national political matters

The formation of the caucus does not signal a change in council management, and observers doubt it signals a tilt in the balance of power within the council

The final conundrum is one facing the Democratic Party itself in allowing its members in the council to publicly identify themselves as a caucus, it risks criticism by association of the way the city is run

The real change will come when the Cape Town's first democratic elections are held for a truly representative council, when some city councillors might try their luck at the hustings under a DP banner

The African National Congress and National Party are certain to launch vigorous bids for control of the metropole associating the DP with an unpopular council could be a mighty arrow in their quivers

Riebeck's chair may remain party-free

September

Two councillors expected to run for office as deputy mayor, Mr Chris Joubert and Mrs Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, are members of the caucus

In parliamentary tradition, the Speaker is not a member of any caucus and rises above party alliances

Gordon Oliver

Ruth Ortlepp

Kenny Penkin

Neil Ross

Frank van der Velde

Arthur Wienburg

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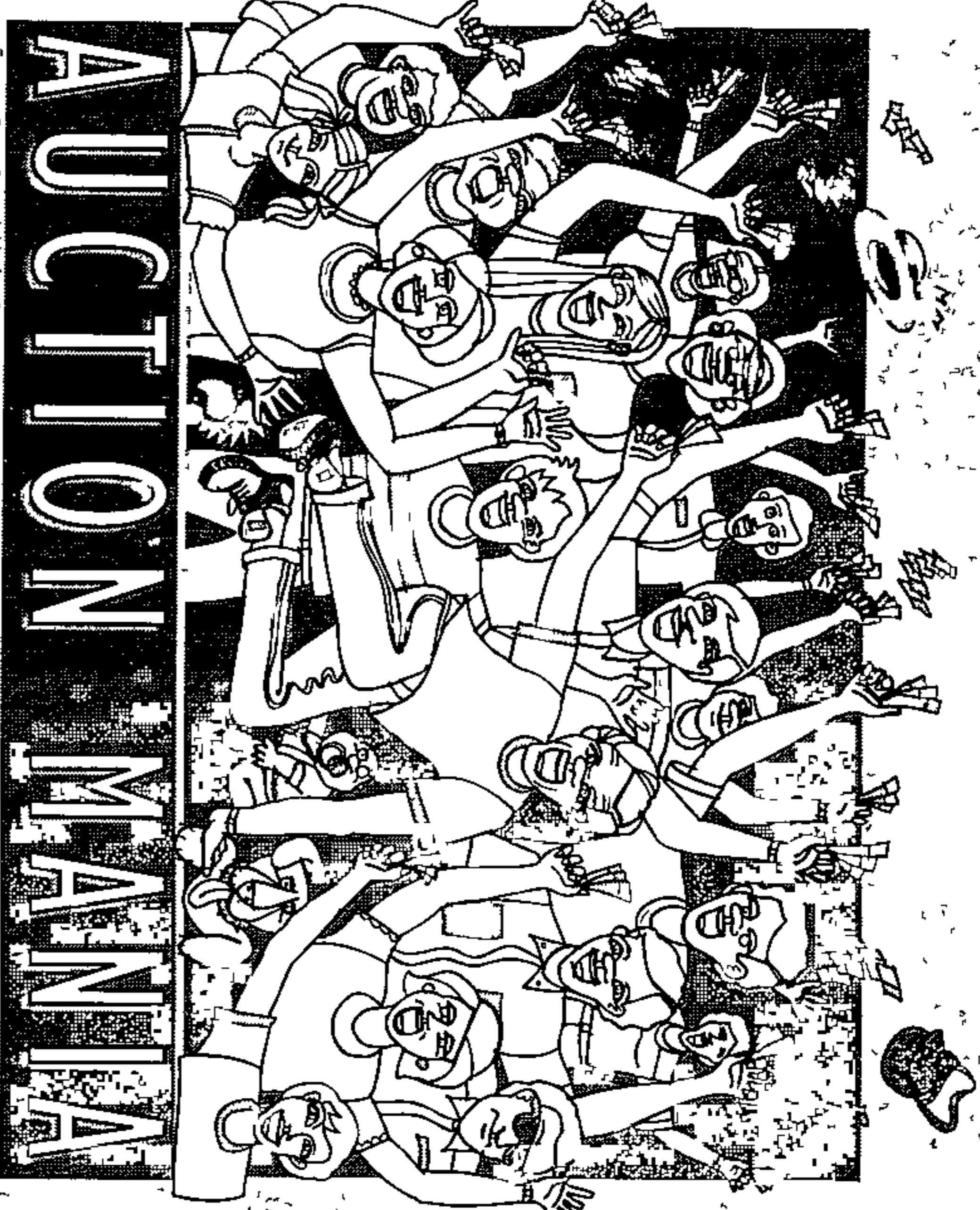
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Hopes for solution to sit-in

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

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HOPES have been raised for a solution to the impasse in Mfuleni — where a sit-in at the town council offices by more than 60 residents demanding the resignation of the the councillors enters its 19th day today.

Through the intervention of the Regional Peace Committee the Cape Provincial Administration, the councillors and the Joint People's Committee — a grouping representing various political organisations in the Kuils River township — have agreed to meet

at a "neutral venue" tomorrow.

At least two previous meetings between the residents' committee and the province became deadlocked when the residents demanded a meeting in Mfuleni, while the councillors insisted such a meeting be held at the neutral venue

The six councillors claimed they feared for their safety in Mfuleni, from where three of them have fled and reportedly live with "squatter colleagues and friends in the white suburbs"

CPA spokesman Mr Frikkie Odendaal confirmed tomorrow's

meeting and said the neutral venue would be Bellville

"The Regional Peace Committee has facilitated the talks and the People's Joint Committee has agreed to go there," he said.

A People's Joint Committee spokesman also confirmed tomorrow's meeting, saying the committee had agreed to the "ridiculous thing about the neutral venue".

The Mfuleni crisis follows similar action by township residents in the past months in the Peninsula.

Scandal-struck Zimpapers (213) profit plunges 70 percent (ARG 10/6/93)

HARARE — The scandal-struck Zimbabwe Newspapers (Zimpapers) group saw its after tax profit plunge by nearly 70 percent to R776 000 last year

Chairman Davidson Sadza warned that this year might be even worse than the last, according to the group's statement for the year ending December 31, 1992

Published yesterday, about two months behind schedule, the statement says there will be no dividend for shareholders, despite the fact that turnover for 1992 rose 35,5 percent against the previous year to R94 million, and income on trading operations went up 30 percent to R7,6 million

To the great surprise of market analysts, Mr Sadza made no mention of the multi-million rand scandal that burst last month with disclosures by the group's own editor-in-chief, Tommy Sithole, that top managers had milked the company for the past three years through a series of bogus companies which sold stationery, vehicles and computers to the group at vast profits — Sapa

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On a typical Namaqualand day, with not a cloud in sight, one can see the Eskom powerlines 20 km away from dominee Farao's house in Kuboes, one of the small settlements of the Richtersveld near the Orange River

Many years have passed since the first time the Nama inhabitants of the town applied for electricity. But still they have to read their Bibles by candlelight at night or — for those who can afford it — switch on the petrol-driven power generators in their backyards

The 300 families of Kuboes can only look on while tarred roads are built from one white village and mining town to another. And they can only wonder when an extension from the Eskom line will eventually reach their houses and *algemene handelaars* (general dealers)

While they follow news events on battery-powered TV sets, they are acutely aware of how isolated they are here in South Africa's remote north-west. "To make things worse, we don't even know who represents our interests at the negotiations in Kempton Park," says Kiewiet Cloete, Kuboes's self-proclaimed "one-man resistance movement"

To compound matters, the slightly more than 3 000 adults of the Richtersveld constitute less than 0,1 percent of the western Cape's electorate of more than three million, rendering them almost irrelevant as a voting force for a proportionally elected government

But last week the new South Africa finally reached the Richtersveld, when a small Democratic Party convoy led by Green Point MP Hennie Bester trekked up the West Coast to spread the message that there is a third force between the African National Congress and the National Party

It was from Farao's house that the call came for the DP in Cape Town "to please come and help us with our problems". The man who made the call was Petrus Alley, headmaster of the local school and originally from Steinkopf, a small village north of the mining town of Springbok.

That was in November last year. In February the DP's regional director for the western Cape, Stuart McLoughlin, drove the 1 000 km from Cape Town and immediately signed up 308 new members for his party in Kuboes alone

Not that it was easy. The MP for the area, Abraham Balie, recently defected from the Labour Party to join the NP. His management councils in the area are virulently opposed to political ideas that challenge their own — to the extent that five councillors locked themselves into the community hall and refused entrance to those gathered outside during McLoughlin's visit.

Alley, a smallish, wiry man in his mid-thirties, insists that the tricameral councils must make way for democratically elected bodies to represent the communities of Namaqualand

"Up to now we have been cheated by the Nats," he says. "Bodies created for us, like the Coloured Representative Council and the tricameral parliament, were a joke. Now, for the first time, we will be able to vote for a party that will enjoy real power"

Bester, at 30 the youngest MP in parliament and because of his Afrikaans farming background well suited for the role, was given the task of explaining the DP's policies to the Namaqualanders. His first destination was Eksteensfontein, a small settlement close to Vioolsdrif on the Namibian border and just north of the town of Lekkering. Eksteensfontein today is home to an Afrikaans-speaking coloured community forcibly moved there in the 1960s

The best rains of the past two decades have turned Namaqualand's moon landscapes into green hills and valleys. It has also turned the normally dangerous gravel road between Kuboes and Eksteensfontein into a nightmare

On a full moon-lit night last weekend I was a passenger in the back of a four-wheel drive bakkie with six others, five of them chain-smoking, dignified Nama-speaking coloured people from Kuboes. The bumpy 80 km drive through the stony hills of the Richtersveld was quickly turned into a political meeting of sorts, with all the passengers insisting on a *spreekbeurt* (turn to speak), their distinctive Namaqualand Afrikaans spiced with clicking yet sonorous Nama sounds.

Cloete, the most eloquent of the five, obvi-

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The people of the Richtersveld comprise only a tiny proportion of the voting population of the western Cape. Cut off from the cities, these hardy communities have been ignored or ill-treated by successive South African governments **CHRIS LOUW** went along on a Democratic Party electioneering visit to the far north west of the country



When we see, we will believe ... The people of the Richtersveld have lost faith in the government. Photo: PAUL GRENDON, Southlight

ously spoke on behalf of the others when he stated with conviction that he would never vote for the NP, which he sees as responsible for systematically robbing the Namas of their ancestral land

"The little Union Jack in the national flag — that mark is for me," he says repeatedly. "Our land was given to us by Queen Victoria in 1854, and then the NP and the mines stole it"

Simon-Petrus Fredericks, clad in a red waistcoat and with a worn-out frontiers-hat on the head, agrees. Namaqualand with its minerals and diamonds, he says, is the richest area in the country, yet its people are among the poorest. "The mine bosses take all the money. They've seen to it that we don't have mineral rights on land where we've lived for centuries"

Problems there are plenty, solutions few, and assistance none

Some two years ago the Parks Board reached an agreement with the local communities that they would jointly manage an area which would be set aside for conservation. Now many people feel that the Namas on the committee have been co-opted by the board

"Where are the advantages for us?" asks Cloete. "They said we'd get another stretch of land in return. Now they say we can't get it because the Department of Community Affairs hasn't yet transferred the land to the Parks Board"

The talk turns to party politics — and even this is seen in terms of the diamond industry. "The NP made us suffer for 45 years," says one of the faces in the dark. "We're looking for an alternative. We can't vote for the ANC, because where there is a black man, there you find smuggling"

"Yes," says Cloete, "and the DP is the alternative." Turning to McLoughlin, he adds "Here in the Richtersveld you have a golden goose, but you must treat this goose with care"

The bakkie stops. The driver, Mr Joseph, opens the back flap, saying, "*Dis tyd vir die manne om hulle se water weg te gooi* (It's time for the men to throw their water out)" We duly throw our water out on the spooky landscape

About 40 people turn up for the meeting in Eksteensfontein. Dirkie Uys, diamond prospector and community leader, is the chairman. The sound of the power generator makes it difficult

to hear people speak. An old man opens the meeting with prayer, asking God "*dat ons almal sal verstaan wat vanaand hier aangaan* (that we all understand what happens here tonight)"

After the prayer, Bester explains what the DP is, what it stands for, how it has opposed apartheid for decades. "More than anything else, we are the party for humanitarianism"

Question time, and soon it is clear that the people of Eksteensfontein, though interested in the DP's visions, actually want a party that can solve local problems. "*Dis u wat die party maak, maar dis ons wat hom smaak* (It is you who make the party, but it is us who taste/like it)," says Cloete, with the Namaqualander's expressiveness

And on a more serious note "*Ons Namaqualanders is 'n eiland sonder 'n Heiland. Niemand sien om na ons nie* (We Namaqualanders are an island without a Saviour. Nobody looks after us)"

Others mention more specific problems: the lack of tarred roads, electricity, telephones, building material, jobs

A teenage boy with a white complexion and a shock of yellow hair gets up. A woman lets slip a protracted "oe-oe" in expectation of trouble. His voice is shrill with anger

"Why during all these years didn't the DP ever come to the platteland? Now you need our votes, now you are here. We made a mistake to trust the white man. We cannot make that mistake again. We cannot vote for the white man. It's time that we give the black man a chance. This time we have to vote for the ANC."

The normally placid Bester also gets angry. "The DP is not a white party. Don't ever come with that nonsense again. At our youth congress near Pretoria last year, 60 percent of delegates were black."

Uys agrees. "Joe Slovo is also a white man. And just look where he sits. We have to remove our colour glasses."

The recurring issue is land, which always used to be farmed communally. We hear the same arguments at the other meetings, in Sanddrift and in Steinkopf. In Steinkopf an oom of 81, wiping his eyes, tells Bester "Sir, I don't mind about democracy, we only want our land back."

And like a refrain "How will Law No 9 of 1987 affect us when there is a new government?"

In the Richtersveld, everyone knows about Law No 9. It is the law that determines that the government holds in trust all the land set aside for the Nama communities

Bester — a lawyer by profession — scrupulously takes notes. He will help where he can. But he warns "You, the people of the Richtersveld, are the DP. No-one else is going to help you. You must organise yourself. The party can only be a walking stick, but you will have to do the walking."

The next morning in Sanddrift, situated among man-made hills where the mining companies have tried to rehabilitate the results of its hungry search for riches, Alley acts as chairman. "You from the city," he says, "see the wonderful nature of our area when you are here. But we who live here are only aware of the harshness of our world."

At the meeting Alley is determined that the days of political apathy are over. "We have to change our attitude towards the institutions that serve us"

Again, Law No 9 of 1987 haunts the meeting. "We are worried," says Alley, "that if the law expires and the land are sold by public tender, we will not have the means to buy our own property. We have been neglected for years. We are afraid of being thrown aside again"

An old man gets up. "During the years, all political parties have come with beautiful promises. But I am still here with my tears. What makes the DP different?"

Alley explains "All previous parties were babies conceived by the NP. The leaders we elected were all puppets. Now it is going to be completely different."

Another old man gets up. "I used to be a member of the management council. But then I saw that I couldn't work for my people. I just had to follow instructions. The government told me 'Here is an axe for you, go and chop off the heads of your people'"

Fredericks is also present. He has prepared a speech. "I have to get all these things off my chest"

"Where is David Curry now?" he asks in his sonorous voice. It was Curry who introduced the notion of private property when he was still a LP minister in the House of Representatives. Now he has joined the DP

"I have many questions that I want to ask him. If he were here today, I would have greeted him civilly, and then I would have confronted him directly, even though he belongs to our party"

Alley turns to Bester. "You will have to pardon us. We have been hurt too often. We here in the Richtersveld have become doubting Thomases. We believe in the religion of seeing. Once we see, we will start believing"

Only 12 people turn up for the meeting in Steinkopf, just north of Nababeep, close to Bulletrap. They are mostly old men in suits, with hats and walking sticks

One dignified gentleman tells the story of his people. "Our land that has been taken away from us, was given down from generation to generation. *Ons het die ge-erf van ons grootvaders* (We inherited it from our forefathers). We were already here in 1793. Our church was built in 1849"

Another octogenarian bends forward, his knotty hands resting on the equally knotty klerie. "I don't believe apartheid will ever go away," he says, his eyes watery. "I was born in apartheid and I will die in apartheid. I am sorry, but I don't believe anything anymore. All I ask, is Give back my land. *Ek is so gevermel, ek weet me meer nie* (I have been destroyed so much, I don't know anymore)"

It is quiet in the car on the N7 back to Cape Town, past Kammerkroon, Karkams, across the Spoegrivier towards Garies. "We Namas are proud people," one of the men had said in the back of the bakkie on the road to Eksteensfontein

And indeed they are. It shows in their bearing. It shows in the confidence with which they stand up and speak during meetings. It even shows in the way they drive their four-wheel drive bakkies, like people who possess the land

But with the metropole, home to 80 percent of the western Cape's voters, drawing closer, one cannot help but remember that the people of the Richtersveld constitute only 0,1 percent of the total voting population of the region

Not much, as far as political parties are concerned.

Van der Velde, Keegan have exco's support

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE city council executive committee has expressed its fullest confidence in mayor Mr Frank van der Velde and deputy mayor Mr Clive Keegan — and has acknowledged the changing role of the mayoral office.

Exco chairman Mr Leon Markovitz said this in a statement after Mr Keegan met the committee yesterday.

The item under discussion was council representation on groups dealing with consultational and related matters.

The discussion followed exco recommendations to nominate town planning chairman Mr John Mur to the council on a group and the Cape Town Community Land Trust.

Mr Keegan a former town planning chairman chaired the District Six Steering Committee and is chairman of the constitutional affairs committee.

'Council workers' may ignore vote

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

REGIONAL or branch action independent of the outcome of the national ballot by the SA Municipal Workers Union (Sanwu) cannot be ruled out, says branch chairman Mr Sabe Maine.

The national ballot started this week and will continue until Monday. The result is expected on Wednesday.

Mr Maine said, "Although this is a national campaign, it does not limit the varying regions from deciding on their own action on wage demands." The mood in Cape Town was militant and arbitration had been rejected by the union. Further action would be decided after the outcome of the ballot.

Mr Maine said it was hoped that municipal workers, who are among those classed as rendering essential services, would be given the right to

Mfuleni councillors agree to quit

But clarity will be sought on 'package' from provincial administration

EDWARD MOLONYANE
Staff Reporter

MFULENI town councillors under pressure from the community of the tiny Kulis River township agreed in principle to resign after a lengthy meeting behind closed doors in Bellville.

But their resignation will be subject to clarity about their package from the provincial administration and after consultation with whoever.

Slovo didn't pick poll date, insists Meyer

THE proposed election date of April 27 came from the government and no-one else says Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer.

Replying to the second reading debate on the Constitution Amendment Bill, he said Bethal MP Mr Chris de Jager — who claimed Mr Joe Slovo proposed the date as it fell in the week after the anniversary of the assassination of Communist Party chief Mr Chris Han — should see how many "liberation days" there were on the calendar.

The government had said last November that the election should be held before the end of April.

The planning committee had proposed April 27, but as there had not been full consensus the government had agreed to wait until June 15 for a final decision — Sapa.

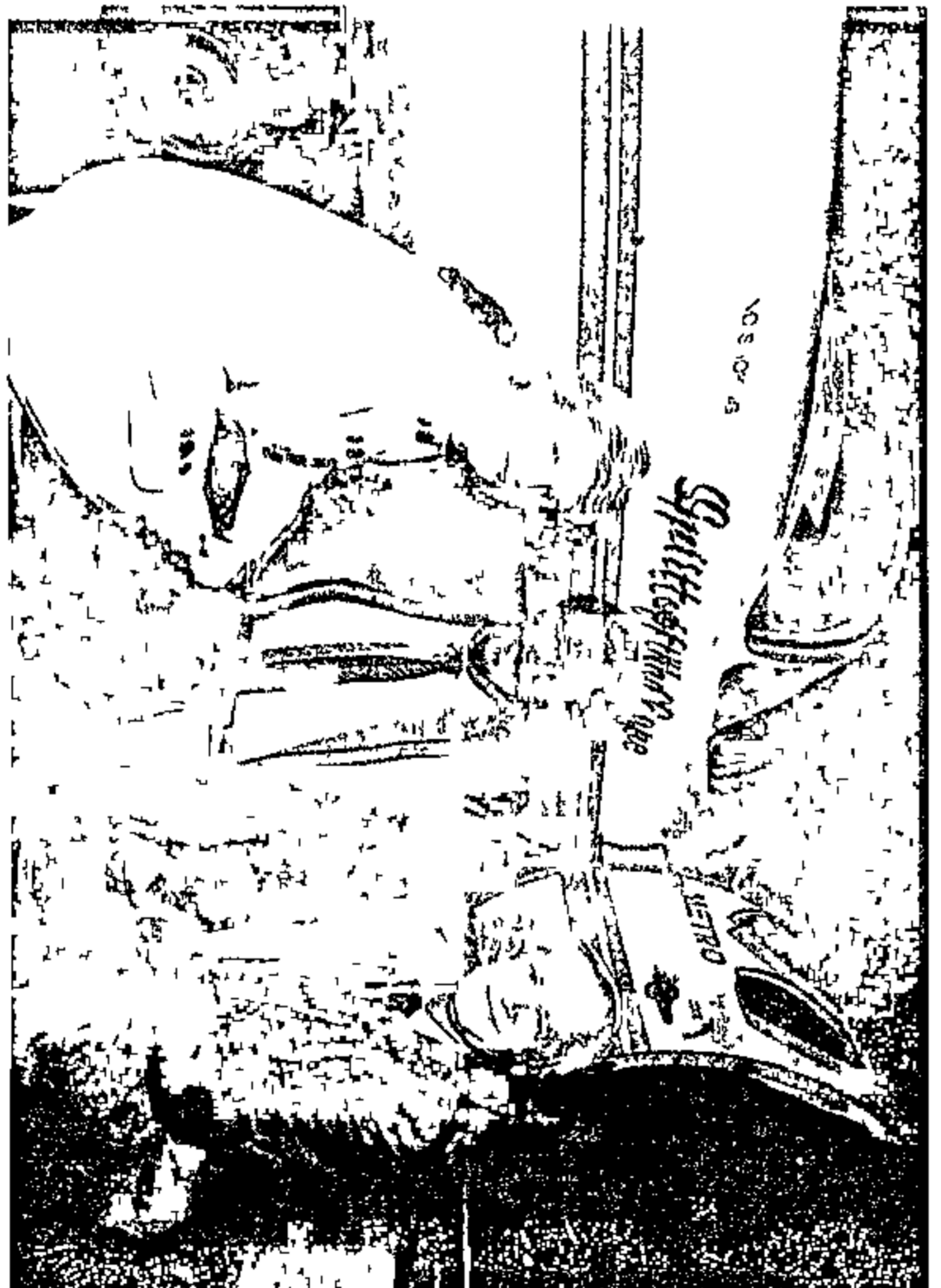
data as a summary of the meeting yesterday which followed a three week sit-in at the Mfuleni Town Council offices by residents protesting against the continued existence of the council.

The meeting facilitated by the Regional Peace Committee after it was initially stalled because of differences over the venue was attended by the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee representing political organisations in the township the CPA the Regional Peace

Committee and observers from the United Nations and the European Community.

The parties said in the summary that the six councillors had agreed to resign in principle. They added: "But they seek clarity about their packages from the CPA and want to solve their problems with that body as that had been what troubled them. They also want to be given a chance to consult with whoever."

The parties will meet again on June 16 for a final decision.



MERCY PLANE At a D F Malan Airport function the Red Cross Air Ambulance Service celebrates the fifth anniversary of the maiden flight of its Cessna Citation II jet ambulance. It is the only jet in southern Africa with a fully equipped intensive care interior. It is manned by volunteer doctors, pilots, nursing sisters and paramedics. At the function are, from left, Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter, vice-president of the SA Red Cross Society Mr Ray Kam/sengana and chairman of the Air Ambulance Service Mr Alan Marshall. Picture: DOUG PIHNEY. The Argus

Legislation for TEC not needed

— Meyer

Political Staff

THE transition to democracy could begin without parliament's legislative sanction after an announcement yesterday by Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer that the multiparty transitional executive council (TEC) could be installed without legislation.

The establishment of the TEC and the confirmation of an election date have been identified by the United Nations and the European Community as conditions for the lifting of most sanctions.

Mr Meyer said yesterday that as soon as there is agreement (in negotiations) we must go ahead with the installation of the TEC without necessarily waiting for legislation.

The TEC will be a multi-party body charged with leveling the playing field before an election by ensuring that no party is unfairly favoured. Its specific powers have yet to be agreed.

Government sources suggest that the legislation could go through parliament before the scheduled end of the session on June 24.

Mr Meyer's announcement during debate in parliament on the Constitutional Amendment Bill appears designed to defuse tension over the pace of negotiations and to give breathing space to some participants.

As things stand the negotiating council has six meetings before the proposed June 25 meeting of the larger negotiating forum which rattifies agreements.

Mr Meyer said it was clear that if all parties took part in talks and reached consensus there would be no need for legislation on the TEC. "The passage of legislation on the TEC should not have to delay its implementation," he said.

Lights and water payment date extended

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

DUE dates for electricity and water accounts should be extended by a week, the executive committee has decided.

An amendment to the municipal ordinance is to be sought to extend due dates for rates bills as well.

City treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said there were many complaints about penalties charged for late payment

of accounts, particularly if they were only a day or two late.

Many claim to have posted their cheques on time and insisted the penalty be waived.

To check a comprehensive filing system is kept where all envelopes in which cheques are received are date-stamped and filed for a long time which entails unnecessary work and is costly.

Further delays were caused by sorting cheques in due date order.

R351 000 survey of civic issues

Municipal Reporter

CONCILLORS staff and residents of the municipality as well as Langsa and Gugulethu should be included in survey of attitudes to civic issues, the executive committee of the Cape Town City Council has resolved.

Consultants are to charge R351 400 for the survey. Questions to be asked in the survey would not be finalised until the SA Municipal Workers Union had been consulted.

marked several buildings in Pretoria to house the TEC. This has fuelled speculation that parliament might eventually move to Pretoria. But it is widely believed in political circles that the first sittings of the new parliament will be in Cape Town.

FUELLING V&A MOTORISTS

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A R7m Caltex Oil (SA) flagship service station, museum and exhibition centre will be completed in March in the Gateway Precinct of Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The warehouse-themed development, which started in April on a 4 260 m² site on Dock Road Boulevard, is next to the main entrance to the Waterfront and diagonally opposite the City Lodge Hotel, also within the precinct.

Services are aimed at motorists visiting the V&A and will include a large convenience store, de luxe rest rooms, one-floor office accommodation, and parking. The museum records the history of oil in SA and Caltex in SA. A hi-tech auditorium seating 60 people is planned for the exhibition centre's audio-visual programmes.

The Gateway Precinct, within the Waterfront lease area at the western edge of the CBD, is also host to the two-year-old Arena Entertainment Centre and the V&A Theatre & Dance School (the historic Mission to Seamen building), the site of the old Amsterdam Battery, as well as several undeveloped hectares.

The most significant proposal in the development of the precinct is the construction of a canal system, which would link the harbour and city, starting at New Basin Precinct, through the Gateway Precinct and then possibly to the ICS/Power Station site and city.

While the V&A Waterfront Co has already spent several million rands on a short section of the canal next to the City Lodge Hotel — on the link between the Gateway Precinct and the New Basin Precinct — the final leg to the city depends on the extent to which development on the ICS/Power Station site could carry the costs of the canal outside the V&A area (*Property* January 29).

The land-owning parties in this site are Devland Construction and Cape Town City Council. Devland believes a consortium, including the council and itself, could erect a R200m mixed-use development as well as fund the R35m canal between the V&A and city.

However, council principal planner Rory Birkby confirms that the council has approved the advertising of the rezoning

of the ICS/Power Station site for subdivision. This could permit the present bulk rights to be redistributed across the entire site. Council's strategy is to draw as much public and development community comment as possible. So far the council says it has not been formally approached by any such consortium but discussions have been taking place.



Council to quit 'if we get deal'

Staff Reporter

THE controversial Mfuleni Town Council yesterday agreed at a marathon meeting with community organisations to resign "in principle" from the council for the sake of peace in the area

However, the councillors left open the possibility that they may refuse to resign if no agreement is reached between them and the CPA on issues relating to their resignation

A decision to suspend the sit-in at the council offices by local residents, which reached its 20th day yesterday, was expected last night

The five-hour-long meeting at the Bellville Holiday Inn yesterday was attended by the councillors, the CPA and the Mfuleni People's Joint Committee and chaired by the Western Cape Peace Committee

The six councillors are to report next week on the finality of their resignation

Sources indicated that besides the golden handshake, the councillors also want an undertaking from the CPA that some perks will continue such as the use of council firearms

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**Keegan,
exco still**

at odds

Staff Reporter

DEPUTY MAYOR Mr Clive Keegan and the city council's executive committee are still at loggerheads after a meeting last night aimed at resolving the question of his political involvement and position as future mayor

Exco said afterwards that Mr Keegan's recent appointment to committees could make major demands on him "at a time when his duties as mayor elect and mayor will themselves become even more onerous"

Satisfied

"It has been customary for mayors to withdraw from active involvement with various committees and other activities to enable them to devote their full time to the demands of the mayor," it said

But Mr Keegan said last night "I am satisfied that exco now understands the changed nature of the mayoral office and the political environment within which it operates"

Mr Keegan said the matter had not been resolved, but refused to comment any further

Local govt waits for progress in talks

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With community pressure mounting against black local authorities in the Cape, residents' forums can now get involved in running their areas, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, told **SABATA NGCAL:**

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With Black Local Authorities collapsing in African townships around the Cape, the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) can only offer an interim solution.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, says a new democratic local government depends on progress made at constitutional negotiations at the World Trade Centre.

Town administrators appointed by the CPA have taken over the administration of the Langelethu West and Ikapa town councils in Khayelisha and Gugulethu following the resignation of councillors.

The Interim Measures Act empowered Meiring to appoint administrators "so that services could be rendered" in townships.

Meiring said the town administrators would, in consultation with the community, establish an informal forum to advise them on the day-to-day management of the town.

He said forums could continue to operate after a future democratic local government was in place.

"We intend to appoint town administrators in the entire Cape Province if councillors choose to or are forced to resign, to make sure that services are rendered," Meiring said.

Thus was an interim measure until elections for local government were held.

At Mfuleni residents are occupying the town council offices demanding the resignation of the

councillors. If they resigned, the CPA would appoint a town administrator, Meiring promised.

No new administrator was appointed after Ikapa's town councillors resigned following a sit-in by residents. The local authority had an administrator appointed by the CPA in 1988.

Meiring said the metropolitan form of local government was the only solution for the Cape.

The Cape comprises 64 local authorities which include white municipalities, management committees and Black Local Authorities. Meiring emphasised that the form of government was a matter for negotiation where all municipalities in the Cape would discuss how a metropolitan local government would be formed and what its functions should be.

He said an independent delimitation board was needed to ensure the components were equal partners.

"All of this is a matter for negotiation, but it could lead to a sharing of resources between components to make them equal," Meiring said.

The representatives of the components would become members of a Metropolitan Board which would ensure joint management of the municipalities.

The Metropolitan Board would replace the present Regional Services Council.

Meiring said the metropolitan form of government had worked all over the world on the basis of equal



KOBUS MEIRING: The Administrator of the Cape says the future form of local government is a matter for negotiation

We intend to appoint town administrators in the entire Cape Province if councillors choose to or are forced to resign'

strength of negotiating partners. "But the success of a democratic local government depends on progress at constitutional negotiations."

Meiring said while the CPA was waiting for negotiations by the Local Government Negotiation Forum to bear fruit, it would con-

tinue with development projects.

The CPA, together with the government, the community, the Cape Town City Council and political organisations were continuing to plan the development of District Six, for example.

The parties had formed a steering committee which would initiate three bodies for development. These were the Land Community Trust, a utility company and a selection body.

The Land Community Trust would act as an umbrella organisation to look after proper organisation and planning of District Six.

The Utility Company would look into the actual development of the

area, and the selection body would examine individual applications for accommodation.

Meiring said after these tasks had been completed "the proposals would be tabled in parliament for cabinet approval as the land belonged to the government."

He could not say when development would begin but said the matter was a long process.

"Planning, development and allocation takes some time. It is essential that the area is developed in such a way that it does not become a slum again."

Meiring said District Six should be developed as a middle class area to attract tourists to Cape Town.

'District six will not go to yuppies'

By Justin Pearce

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CAPE ADMINISTRATOR Kobus Meiring stirred strong feelings this week by proposing that District Six become a new yuppie land

His view collides directly with the consensus that the area should have affordable housing for working people — as was the case before Group Areas destroyed the district.

In an interview with SOUTH, Mr Meiring said he believed District Six should be developed as a middle class area to attract more tourists to Cape Town. (See page 7.)

The most powerful official in the Cape Provincial Administration stressed this was a personal view.

But his controversial comment has met with strong disagreement

Mr ~~Cling~~ Keegan, deputy mayor of Cape Town and chairperson of the District Six Steering Committee, said the committee was committed

to low-cost housing in District Six.

"Our intention is to allow working class people to return to the city centre. That has been our policy for the past two years," Keegan said.

Another member of the committee, who preferred not to be named, said District Six has potential to be redeveloped as low-cost housing because the land is still state-owned.

"Even with buildings not exceeding four storeys, with careful planning it would be possible to house 23 000 people there"

Mr Vincent Kolbe, a former District Six resident and an expert on the history of the area, said District Six should regain its role as a home for the poor and for new immigrants to the city

"District Six was always a haven for new arrivals, providing cheap housing from which people could integrate themselves into the city. My view is that it should continue

to play that role, and not necessarily have the old residents coming back.

"Nowadays black people are the new migrants, and logic tells me that they should be accommodated

here," Kolbe said.

Urban consultant agency, the Development Action Group, also calls for cheap inner-city housing to compensate for Group Areas.

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Protest over squatters



RESIDENTS AT WAR ... Angry Table View residents demand that the council rethink its plans for another settlement Picture. AMBROSE PETERS

By JESSICA
BEZUIDENHOUT

EMOTIONS ran high as hundreds of angry Table View residents marched on the local police station yesterday to protest against the proposed Du Noon settlement.

Their anger was focused on the mayor of Milnerton, Mr Danie Krynauw, who remained inside the security fence of the police station during the protest.

A memorandum objecting to his council's decision to move squatters from the Marconi Beam camp near Milnerton to Du Noon was handed to him.

One angry protestor, who accused the Milnerton council of "making the area a dustbin", threw a handful of silver coins at his feet.

The protest followed a decision by the Milnerton municipality to go ahead with its plans to develop the site in spite of vehement objections by the Concerned Ratepayers and Voters of Table View (Cravot).

Residents are also concerned that the settlement is to be right next to the N7 highway to the West Coast. Considering what is happening on the N2 at the moment, they fear the development could endanger the thousands of motorists — including Malmesbury farmers — using the road daily.

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The organisation reiterated its call for an impact study at the site before anyone was moved there.

"Failing to do an environmental impact study will severely endanger the natural heritage of the Rietvlei Wetlands," said Cravot chairman Mr Danie van der Heever.

Cravot also condemned the council's proposal to dispose of storm water effluent from the settlement into the Rietvlei reed beds along open channels.

Meanwhile the organisation was considering a rates boycott, he said.

Allegations of aid abuses

BY DIANA STREAK

A GOVERNMENT job-creation scheme to assist underprivileged communities was allegedly abused by local authority officials who allegedly used project materials for their personal use.

This resulted in outstanding amounts — which could run into millions of rands countrywide — which will have to be written off.

The details of the alleged abuses were raised in a question in Parliament last week by DP MP Robin Carlisle.

Mr Carlisle said on Friday that the allegations were contained in a detailed document which had been supplied to him.

According to the document in

several townships in the Western Cape material worth over R364 000 drawn from the stores of the (then) Cape Town Committee for job-creation projects, has not been accounted for.

At the time the Development Board was handling the co-ordination of the project and the "balances" were transferred to Ikapa Town Council when the board was disbanded.

The Sunday Times is in possession of a statement by a former CPA employee who claims that he and several labourers were instructed to build a ballustrade, which was then installed in the Durbanville home of a senior official, during working hours.

Row over refuse to go to court

SI Times 13/6/93

(Cape metro)

A SUPREME COURT battle is looming over a multi-million rand contract for refuse removal in Cape Town's squatter areas.

An urgent application will be lodged this week by SA Bio-Tech and the Western Cape United Squatters Association (Wecusa) against the Ikapa Town Council's decision to re-

By DIANA STREAK

scind SA Bio-Tech's contract for refuse removal in several squatter areas. (268)

This is in spite of the fact that SA Bio-Tech's prices are considerably lower than those of local authorities

The council's decision to can-

cel the R7,2 million contract, awarded in August last year, comes just four months after the company was told by the council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr J J Olivier, that they were "highly satisfied" with SA Bio-Tech's standard of service

The case arose after a letter was written by the Western Cape manager of Waste-Tech, Mr S Kimber, to the CPA in November questioning the contract with SA Bio-Tech

The contract was awarded after the Regional Services Council withdrew their refuse collecting services from the squatter areas

The Ikapa Town Council extended SA Bio-Tech's existing contract from Brown's Farm and Hazeldene to other squatter areas because Ikapa said it was unable to render the service itself

A number of allegations in Waste-Tech's letter — dated November 18 last year — were claimed to be inaccurate by both SA Bio-Tech and the Ikapa council, which said the current contract saved the local authority R4m a year

Despite this, an attorney acting for SA Bio-Tech said yesterday that Ikapa had informed his client that they would oppose the application

Ikapa last week said there was no binding contract because of the manner in which the tender was extended to SA Bio-Tech, which levies a charge of R2,45 per household

Criticised

In a letter to the CPA Mr Olivier explained that "it should be pointed out that the rate per household of the Ikapa Municipality amounts to R3,07

"If calculated on a comparable basis with SA Bio-Tech, viz three units per household per week for both refuse removal and cleansing services, the rate amounts to R3,78 per unit

"This means that the commercialisation of the service is saving this local authority an amount of R1,33 per unit and, therefore, close to R4m per annum," Mr Olivier said

In a letter to Mr Faan Naude, the Ikapa Administrator, Wecusa criticised the council's cancellation of the five-year contract and threatened steps if it went ahead

Wecusa said it would not allow any refuse removal trucks, except those of SA Bio-Tech, into their areas, and would resist any further involvement by the Ikapa Town Council or the CPA in their areas

R3bn black debt write-off

FIFTEEN years of black local authority debt amounting to about R3 billion is due to be written off, increasing the central government's debt mountain.

Legislation tabled at the weekend proposes to convert R789m in loans granted to the development boards, which governed black areas up to 1986, into inter-governmental grants.

The Finance Bill also proposes to convert R2,253bn in bridging finance, made available by provincial administrations to black local authorities, into non-repayable grants.

The bill's explanatory memorandum says that, following the abolition of development boards, outstanding debts were transferred to provincial administrations in 1986 as total amounts

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Because no formal loan agreements were negotiated, the linking of such debt to original appropriations was extremely doubtful, and hence these finances had been transferred into non-repayable inter-governmental grants.

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Muller 'regrets' DP's caucus

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**CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter**

FORMER mayor Mr Peter Muller says the Democratic Party should have waited before forming a caucus in the city council

Mr Muller, who is not a DP member and was not invited to join the caucus, said he had not seen the need to be a card-carrying member of a political party as ward and most city matters transcended party political issues

"I have no problems with DP

policy in general.

"My own liberal views are well-known — as chairman of the amenities and health committee in 1984 and 1985, I caused legal means to be found which enabled my committee and the council to open all beaches, swimming pools and civic amenities to all citizens"

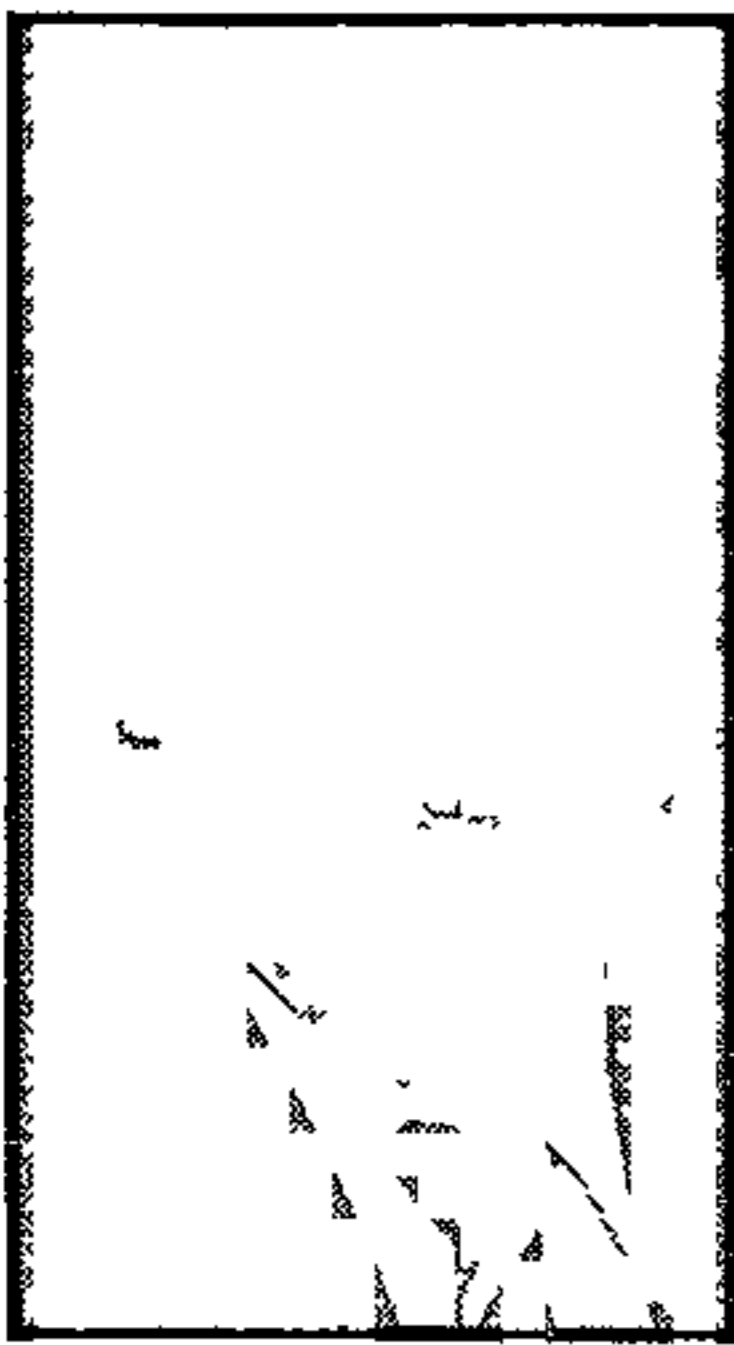
He said that, in the closing days of the present form of local government, it was regrettable the long and illustrious "non-party" record of the city council had been tarnished by a hasty

move

"The DP should have waited, as have other parties like the African National Congress, National Party and Inkatha, until an election date had been set for a new dispensation at local government level," said Mr Muller.

The DP obviously hoped to steal a march on other parties

"I fear their haste may well not work to their advantage as they now will be branded by the present lacklustre performance and image of the city council"



Former mayor Mr Peter Muller.

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Resignations revoked so sit-in continues

Staff Reporter

A CRISIS is looming in Mfuleni township after six councillors yesterday reneged on their agreement to resign. This has led to a deadlock in negotiations between the local town council and community organisations.

At a tense 2½-hour meeting at the Bellville Holiday Inn, the councillors told the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee (MJPC) that their resignation was tied to the resignation of all other councillors in the Cape.

The councillors had said in the first meeting last Thursday that they were willing to resign and would be talking to the CPA about their packages and matters relating to their safety.

Irate chairman of the MJPC, Mr Kent Mkalipe, said that the sit-in,

which was expected to be called off yesterday, would continue.

More than 60 residents, mostly women, have been staging a sit-in since the crisis began 27 days ago.

He said that they were going to demand the holding of a referendum this weekend to test the support of the councillors and would demand the election of a representative forum to replace the council.

CPA spokesman Mr Frikkie Oendaal said that the CPA had nothing against a referendum to test the support of the people, but had difficulty with its legality.

He said that whatever the referendum decided could not be legally recognised.

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By GAYE DAVIS Cape Town
SOUTH AFRICA'S first non-racial municipal election will take place in the Cape town of Citrusdal on June 23.

But to vote, residents must either own or rent property. This means the majority of the 926 residents who qualify to put their X on a ballot paper are white — in a town where coloured residents outnumber them by more than two to one.

Town clerk Jacques Carstens estimated that of the 926 people who qualified to cast a vote in the elections, 575 were white and 351 coloured. None of the town's 50 black residents — who live in a hostel at the Goedehoop Citrus Co-operative — will be able to vote.

Carstens said he couldn't comment on the system's fairness as he was an official. "It's because of the present electoral system," he said. "There aren't so many coloured people who own their own homes, only about 30 or 40 percent. The rest rent sites from the municipality. They live 20 or 25 in a house and only the occupier and his wife can vote."

Citrusdal, which has 900 white people, 2 250 coloured and 50 black people living within its boundaries, was the first municipality to merge its white town council with its coloured management committee, in March 1992.

The move — made possible by the Interim Measures Act, a piece of legislation rejected by the African National Congress for anticipating national negotiations on local government — resulted in the town having 12 councillors,

half of them white and half coloured.

This month's election is aimed at reducing the number of councillors to a more manageable — and, for ratepayers, less expensive — six-member council. Each of Citrusdal's three wards requires two councillors. In ward one, traditionally a white residential area, three whites have been nominated. In ward two, a "mixed" area, two

whites and a coloured candidate are standing. In ward three, traditionally a coloured residential area, the candidates are all coloured.

To facilitate the election in the light of Cape administrator Kobus Meiring's decision to indefinitely postpone municipal elections due to take place in October,

all 12 councillors resigned their posts in March, with effect from June 22, when the last meeting of the present council will take place.

Not much campaigning of any kind is being done, according to Carstens, who described the mood in the town as "fine and quiet" and the election itself as low-key.

"We're not expecting any anti-election campaign," he said. "It's the policy of all the councillors not to make it a political election. The voters know the candidates and will vote for the best man and not the best party."

As far as parties go, there's not much choice. Most of the candidates are National Party members, while one belongs to the Conservative Party. The ANC has yet to establish a branch in the town, which exists largely to serve the citrus farms surrounding it.

Sleepy Citrusdal blossoms in mixed election

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DP welcomes council suggestions

A PRESIDENT'S Council recommendation to abolish "fictitious" municipal votes for companies and additional votes for property owners has been welcomed by the Democratic Party

The report, *Aspects of local government in a new constitutional dispensation*, was produced by the council's constitutional affairs committee

DP local government spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh said the committee's main recommendations were in line with a formal submission by the DP

But clarity was needed on the recommendation for a half-half share of representation between councillors elected on a ward basis, and those elected by proportional representation

"We agree that half the councillors should be elected on a ward basis to ensure accountability

The total number of councillors should represent, as far as possible, the proportions of votes

"Proportional representation votes should be used to 'top up' total representation to achieve this proportion as closely as possible," said Mr Walsh

The report said the qualifications for registration as a municipal voter should be South African citizenship, being 18 or older, and being able to prove residence in the municipality for at least a year

It said the principle of accountability was important at local government level

"To ensure accountability, and also foster the principle of representativeness, it is suggested that half of the councillors should be chosen on a ward basis, according to the relative majority system, and the other half on the basis of proportional representation of the entire municipal area"

The report said the principle of "proportionality" should be extended to the executive committee of a council. Each exco should have the same political party proportions as the councillors

Mr Walsh said this had not been among the DP recommendations

"It may be impractical where specified skills may be sought"

The report said one of the challenges of local government would be unrealistic expectations of communities expecting immediate improvement of services and elimination of backlogs

Existing sources of income for local authorities simply could not accommodate greater demands

Integrated local authorities would depend for additional funds on grants from first and second tier government

The report said "community of interests" should be a primary consideration in delimiting wards

Other criteria included historical and socio-economic factors, geographic features and transport — as well as efficiency and the effectiveness of municipal administration and service

Boundaries of local authorities or municipalities should be set by a delimitation commission appointed on a regional basis

Election wards should be delimited by a committee of knowledgeable people living in that area and constituted by inclusive negotiation

The report said a combination of metropolitan or rural services councils and primary local authorities could meet all the needs of a new local government system, including the principle of one-town-one-tax-base and an equal call on resources and services

Rural services or metropolitan councils should be seen not as an additional or intermediate level of government, but as a "combination to ensure greater effectiveness"

The committee also recommended that to establish responsible and effective participatory democracy, even smaller units than primary local authorities should be considered

It was quite possible to formalise the effective participation of ratepayers' and civic associations

Residents of a particular ward should be able to decide whether they preferred a ward or a neighbourhood council, the report said

Mr Walsh said additional funding should be provided by first and second tier government to provide adequate service levels, and in addition provide for social upliftment and development made necessary by the ravages of apartheid

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

Recommendation to abolish 'fictitious' votes for companies

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Committee quorum fears

RESIGNATIONS of city councillors have sparked concern that some standing committees could be left without quorums

Town planning member Mrs Bronnie Harding resigned earlier this year and colleague Mrs Joan Kantey leaves at the end of the month

This will leave the committee with six members. The quorum is four

Deputy-mayor Mr Clive Keegan, who by tradition should become mayor in September, is a member of the town planning committee

Ms Annamia van den Heever, who resigned last month, was a member of the housing committee

Mfuleni residents 'are trespassing' with sit-in

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Staff Reporter

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THE Mfuleni Joint People's Committee (MJPC) is trespassing by their continued sit-in protest inside the offices of the local town council, legal representative of the councillors, Mr Barry Oberholzer, said yesterday.

Since the sit-in protest started 28 days ago, none of the six councillors — four males and two females — had been able to conduct their duties, he said.

A general residents' meeting last night was expected to reach agreement on the holding of a referendum to test the support of the councillors.

'Land the tool for future wealth redistribution'

□ Most whites not ready for changes, says Keegan

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

DEPUTY-MAYOR Clive Keegan says land could be used in future as the main tool of redistribution of wealth — as is being done in Zimbabwe

He was speaking at a conference on the metropolitan development process, hosted by the SA Institute of Town and Regional Planners

He said most white people in Cape Town were not ready for the profound changes which were coming, as evidenced by the war of words about the Du Noon informal settlement proposals

The land question was the most politically volatile issue of the moment

The Group Areas Act had worked perfectly in Cape Town, complicating the challenge of "rolling back" inequities in the city

Reuniting the city would need the co-operation of the private and public sectors, but at present nothing was being done

It was extremely dangerous that while the city was going through its most intense period of urbanisation, little was being done to develop low-cost housing

Continued urban sprawl could not be permitted because of the threat to rural and agricultural areas, and especially because of the tourist potential of the area. The city had to be "densified"

Ways to do this included building infill housing, subdividing plots and using vacant inner-city land



Mr Clive Keegan

But this was made difficult by the high cost of inner-city land, which was more than the poor could afford. State low-interest loans and land transfers at no cost could help

Mr Keegan called for "banking" of strategic publicly-owned land rather than disposing of it now

He warned against "gentrification" of areas built for low income dwellers, and said laws should be made to stop it

Land would be one of the principal instruments of redistribution

Noting fears by existing property owners that redevelopment of District Six and the Du Noon site could affect property values, Mr Keegan said this could happen unless urban solutions were well designed

He called on planners to include serving the public interest in their code of ethics

A return to Utopian visions in planning was necessary, Mr Keegan said

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Meiring misled Milnerton

By DIANA STREAK

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New framework for urban development

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AN INTERIM metropolitan development framework — expected to have a major impact on land use in the region — will be ready within three months

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Western Cape Regional Services Council deputy planning chief Mr Peter Tomalin said all rezonings of metropolitan significance would be decided in the light of the framework

Delegates to an SA Institute of Town and Regional Planners conference on metropolitan development agreed the framework would have a huge impact on planning in the region

Mr Tomalin said the Cape metropole was characterised by rapid outward sprawl, poor use of urban land, separation of people from activities, and uneven development

Future development should contain urban sprawl, intensify urban development in urban areas, integrate the city, redress inequalities, and manage the environment in a sustainable way

The framework would provide an opportunity for planning to be guided by publicly-agreed ethics

It would not replace existing laws, but would be a tool with which to evaluate applications

It would ease "equitable access" to metropolitan resources and encourage redistributive development

The process of preparing the framework was linked to the Western Cape Economic Development Forum

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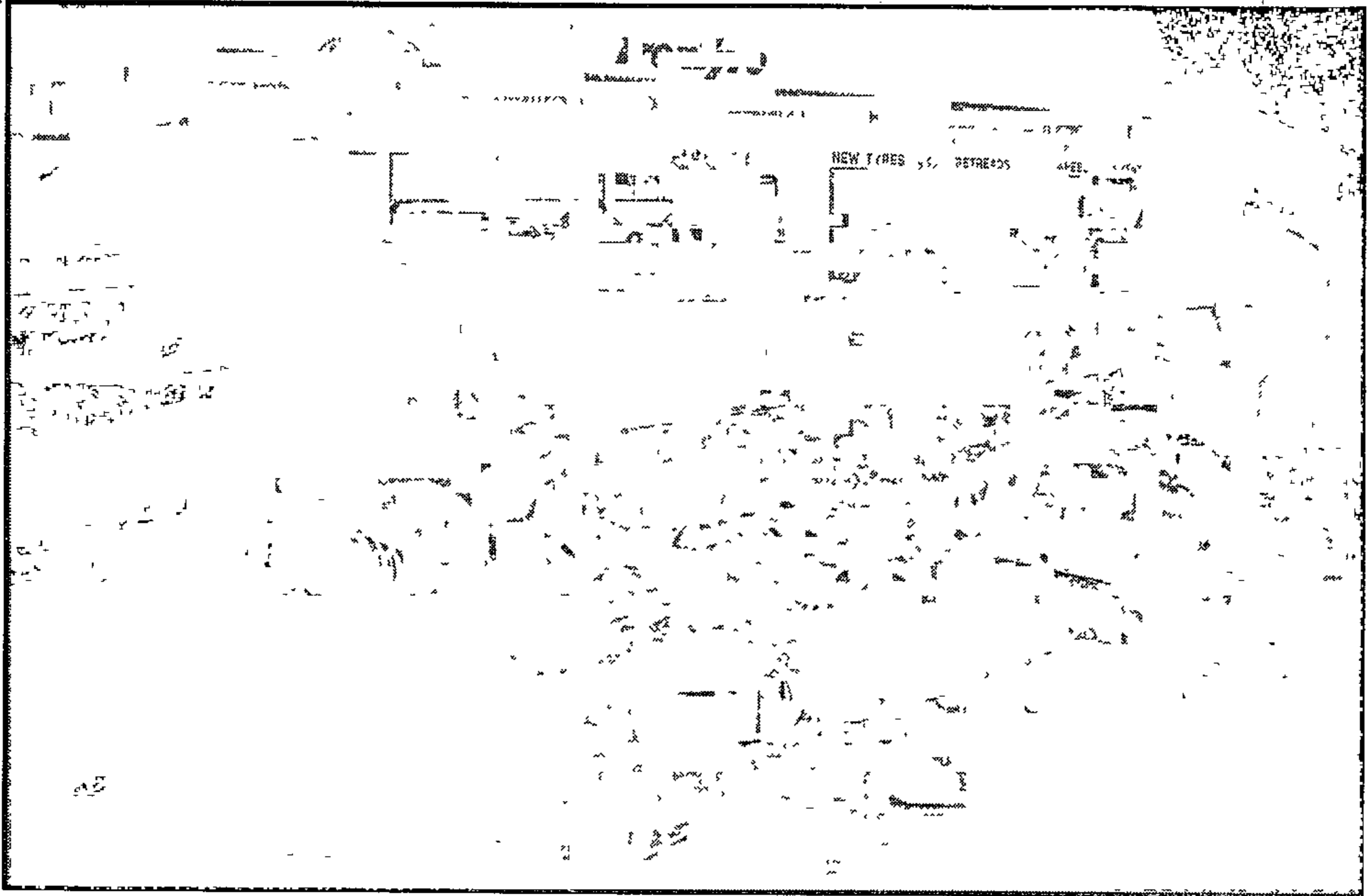
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ROTTING MESS: Hawkers survey the mess of rotting fruit and vegetables behind their stalls

Refuse and traffic pile up at Gunners Circle 'market'

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□ City council taken to task for not cleaning up rubbish

KARIN SCHIMKE
Staff Reporter

HAWKERS and businesses in Gunners Circle are taking the city council to task for not cleaning up refuse left by an informal produce market which has sprung up there

The complaint is that the market, which began operating in a small area between Gunners Circle and Viking Road about two months ago, is creating a health and traffic problem

"We don't have a problem with the market itself, but it is the council's responsibility to set up a proper system of refuse removal and chemical toilets," said Mr Chris Immelman, a director of a company with

premises across the road

Businessman Mr Rally Raw said traffic was also a problem because drivers of cars and trucks double parked to get to the hawkers' stalls

"Yellow lines were painted on the side of the road, but the traffic department is not monitoring the situation well enough to deter motorists and hawkers from parking illegally," said

When an Argus team visited the muddy site with its makeshift stalls, it was littered with rotting vegetables and other refuse. Five bins were overflowing and a man was seen urinating meters from a stall.

A secretary whose office overlooks the market said this was not unusual and she had

often seen vagrants defecating near the bins

Mr Mogamat Alie, a trader, said vagrants scratched in the bins for food and left a mess. He said the council last emptied the bins three weeks ago.

"We pay people to help keep the market clean, but the job is just too much for us," said trader Mr Glem Cassiem.

Mr Immelman said the market was growing daily and something had to be done to provide proper facilities before "things get out of hand".

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said the traders were supposed to make special arrangements with the cleansing department to collect the refuse, as hotels and restaurants did because it was "not a normal refuse situation".

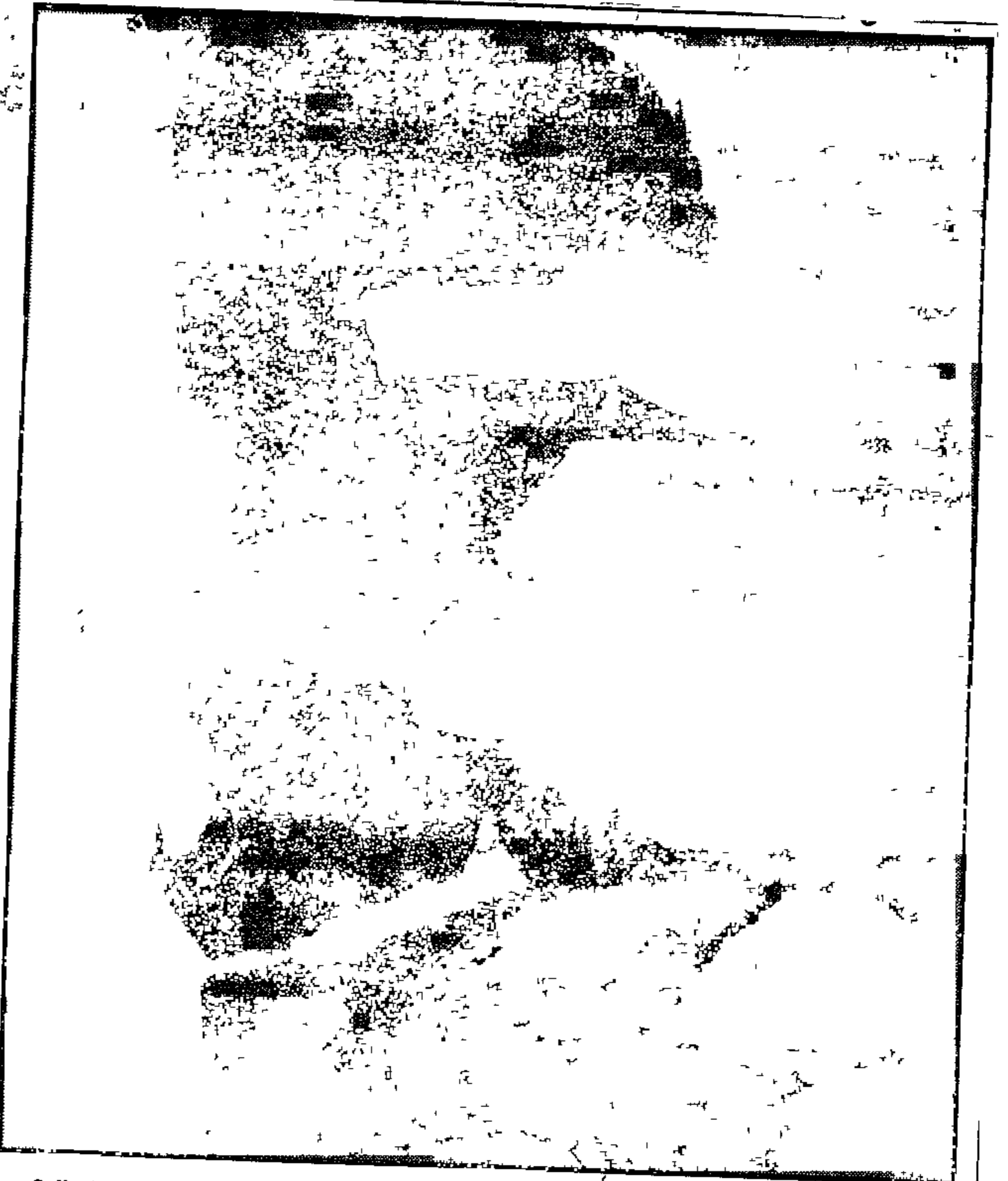
He said it was an offence to litter and defecate in public and the hawkers had a certain degree of responsibility regarding hygiene.

Assistant city administrator Mr Peter Alston said the council could not be expected to supply toilets wherever and whenever informal markets sprang up.

"Toilet facilities are the responsibility of the marketeers and the medical officer of health has the power to insist upon them."

He said a report on the market was pending following "numerous complaints" from business people in the area.

The problem was also on the agenda of a special meeting on informal trading to be held on July 9.



HISTORIC MOMENT: Mrs Olekers, flanked by Deputy Judge-President Mr Justice J J Fagan and Administrator of the Cape Kobus Meiring, signs on as MEC.

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Cape's first woman to

be an MEC

Staff Reporter

MRS Martha Olekers has become the first woman Cape Provincial Member of the Executive Committee.

Mrs Olekers was sworn in by Deputy Judge-President Mr Justice J J Fagan at a ceremony at the CPA offices today.

She takes over the Tourism, Nature Conservation and Museums portfolio.

Mrs Olekers was a member of the President's Council and is part of the government negotiating team.

Administrator of the Cape Kobus Meiring welcomed Mrs Olekers to the team and said it had taken 83 years for a woman to become a member of the executive committee.

Mrs Olekers said she was honoured to be chosen and would tackle her job with the same high standard set by her colleagues.

"Besides seeing to tourism, nature conservation and museums, I aim to be somebody the women of South Africa will be proud of," Mrs Olekers said.

Mr Meiring said a re-allocation of portfolios had become necessary.

Zimbabwe tobacco industry in crisis

ROBIN DREW
Argus Africa News Service

HARARE — Zimbabwe tobacco farmers have been told that they face one of the most critical situations in the history of the industry.

Prices have crashed because of the world glut of tobacco and farmers have been urged to cut back on production next season by 30 to 35 percent and aim at a crop of no more than 150 million kilograms.

The tobacco industry, the mainstay of the Zimbabwean economy, is in a horrific situation, Mr Ian Alcock, the president of the Zimbabwe Tobacco Association told the annual meeting last week. The association represents

nearly 4 000 growers

Mr Alcock said worldwide the industry was in a state of flux, turmoil and change. Added to this were the crippling interest rates prevailing in Zimbabwe.

If these did not come down the danger existed of a large percentage of growers going out of business.

Lands minister Mr Kumbirai Kangai said lower rates would come only when the demand for money fell sharply and more into line with the supply on the money market.

Growers would have to achieve greater efficiency and savings within their own operations and should concentrate on producing a high quality crop.

The auction system itself

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should be examined and a classification system with guaranteed prices might well serve tobacco growers better.

He had set up a task force of officials to examine the present production, selling, processing and export arrangements.

South African Minister of Agriculture Mr Kraai van Niekerk in a message to the association said South Africa had a wealth of expertise and goodwill to offer its neighbours, not as a senior partner but on equal and complementary terms.

He said agriculture was the main driving force for sustainable economic growth. Commercial farming should function on the basis of private enterprise.

Vote a test for caucus

THE recently formed Democratic Party caucus within the Cape Town City Council is likely to make its presence felt for the first time at next Tuesday's council meeting when the issue of the municipal franchise comes up

This is precisely the sort of political issue that will be discussed in advance by the caucus, in the hope that party discipline can be invoked to get hordes of councillors to vote in a manner consistent with DP policy

As I understand it, DP policy provides for "a vote of equal value for every adult"

Yet Mr Rupert Hurly argued this week, at a ratepayers meeting in Rondebosch, that the policy refers to national-level politics rather than the local franchise. He said the DP did not have a policy on the local-level franchise

Dr John Sonnenberg, the caucus leader, favours approving the council's constitutional committee proposals, which include universal adult franchise at local level

It will be interesting to see whether the voting goes along caucus lines, or whether Mr Hurly's view prevails and a "free vote" is granted on this one

My own limited observations at report-back meetings to the ratepayers lead me to believe that there is a very significant number of Cape-tonians who prefer a property-based local-level franchise to universal franchise

I personally far prefer universal franchise at every level. As far as I am concerned, every adult pays for municipal services. Some pay more directly than others do, but this is not an adequate reason to deprive the less direct payers of their vote

But irrespective of my own views, it is conceiv-



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By PETER DENNHY

able that there may be a majority of people of all races within the Cape Town municipality who actually prefer the now-traditional property-qualified franchise at local level.

If this is really what is indicated by the sum-total of report-back meeting results, it would be more democratic if the caucus did not swing into operation here

Then the council would have to go to the local negotiations forum with a position on the local franchise that it will have to negotiate with the non-establishment forces

These will surely point out, as Mr Clive Keegan does, that you can't restrict a whole lot of people's access to property for years and years, and then give the vote at local level to only those among them who have direct claims to pieces of property

Mr Hurly says issues such as this are likely to be decided upon at national level anyway. The national body will hand down a framework for everyone, to ensure that all get their rights

Yet it will be a pity if there can't be leeway for different systems, in order to accommodate most people in a given area who might just genuinely want an odd system such as the property-based franchise

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Councils in crisis

BLACK local government in the Western Cape is in a crisis with three of four town councils in the Cape Peninsula disintegrated and sit-ins at two council offices in the Boland continuing yesterday

The sit-ins at Mfuleni near Kuils River and Khayamandi near Stellenbosch followed after councillors of the Peninsula's Langeletu West, Ikapa and Crossroads townships were forced to resign recently

Councillors at Sidesaviwa near Beaufort West have also resigned —

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W Cape black council crisis

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The demonstrations at the council offices of Mfuleni near Kuils River and Kayamandi near Stellenbosch followed after councillors of the Peninsula's Langeletu West, Ikapa and Crossroads townships were forced to resign recently.

Councillors at Sidesaviwa near Beaufort West have also resigned.

Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring has called on councillors to remain in their posts until a new local government dispensation has been negotiated between the government and all interested parties.

Meanwhile councillors at Kayamandi have joined their Mfuleni counterparts by refusing to resign from their positions despite the ongoing sit-in in their offices

Protests, sit-ins hit local govt

In their response to residents — whose sit-in reaches five days today — the councillors said the community support of the ANC, Cosatu and the ANC Youth League, who are leading the protest, was questionable.

Legal representative of the councillors, Mr Barry Oberholzer, said the issue of restructuring of local government was presently being negotiated at the Negotiating Forum for Local Government (NFLG), and should be given a chance.

Mr Oberholzer, who also represents Mfuleni's local authorities, said the ANC was represented at

the NFLG and thus the present action in Kayamandi was in breach of their own policy.

A memorandum was handed to councillors last Friday demanding, among other things, the immediate resignation of councillors and the town clerk, the appointment of an interim administrator to run the township and transfer of all rented houses to lessees.

The councillors said they would only resign once the restructuring of racially based local authorities had been completed and free and fair elections could take place for non-racial local authorities.

"In the meantime, the council is committed to negotiate with any party which has the interest of the community at heart," said Mr Oberholzer.

CPA spokesman Mr Frikkie Odendaal said yesterday that no report about the sit-in had yet reached the administrator's office.

Boland town council sit-ins continue

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SIT-INS at two Boland town councils continued today as the crisis in black local authorities deepened

There was stalemate at Mfuleni and Kaya Mandi town councils as councillors rejected demands that they resign

The sit-ins, staged by the ANC, the ANC Youth League and Cosatu, reached their sixth day today

Demands include the resignation of councillors and town clerks, the appointment of administrators to run the townships and the transfer of rented houses to tenants

A Cape Provincial Administration spokesman said the CPA would not force councillors to resign as long as services were running smoothly and there was no prima facie evidence of corruption

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Angry residents ⁽²⁶³⁾ may withhold rates

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RATEPAYERS in the Lotus River and Grassy Park areas are to be asked tomorrow evening whether it is time to stop withholding their rates

Hundreds of thousands of rands have been paid into a holding account instead of to the Western Cape RSC, which collects rates as an agent for the government. Residents have been dissatisfied with the municipal services in their area.

Mr Philip Bam, chairman of the ratepayers' association, Logra, said a meeting had been called for 7.30 pm tomorrow in the Grassy Park Civic Centre.

Negotiations between Logra and various authorities had led to a draft agreement, this would be put to the meeting.

"If they agree to it, we will pay over the money that we have been withholding in rates," he said.

Municipal workers wait

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REGIONAL and branch action by the SA Municipal Workers Union on low wage offers would follow a national decision, said Cape Town branch chairman Mr Salie Manie

The result of a Samwu national ballot on a response to the offers is expected this week

No action would be taken at regional or branch level independent of the national decision, Mr Manie said

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Non-racial poll for Citrusdal today

Municipal Reporter

THE entire Citrusdal town council resigned at midnight last night — so that one of the country's first non-racial municipal general elections can take place as scheduled today.

Ms Melanie Dedekind, a spokesman for the Cape Provincial Administration, said yesterday

that there had in fact been two small non-racial municipal elections held already, one in Willowmore and the other in Hopefield.

Mr Thys Jonker, treasurer of Citrusdal, said yesterday that several foreign media teams had come to town for today's election. The polls open at 8am and close at 7pm.

He said Citrusdal's former white town council and its coloured management committee had merged, in terms of the Interim Measures Act, in March 1992.

This meant that the town council consisted of 12 people rather than the original six.

All the Citrusdal councillors agreed that it would be better to

have six councillors rather than 12, so they all resigned so that an election could be held.

Mr Jonker said Citrusdal had a property-based franchise, in terms of which only those who own or lease property, and their spouses may vote. Other adults do not qualify.

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Kaya Mandi sit-in for dispute body

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THE sit-in at Kaya Mandi Town Council offices near Stellenbosch has been referred to the regional dispute resolution committee after a deadlock in talks between protesters and councillors.

The sit-in, by the African National Congress, its Youth League and Cosatu, is aimed at forcing the resignation of councillors and the appointment of an administrator for the township.

Protesters have demanded the transfer of ownership of rental housing to tenants.

Talks arranged by the local peace committee deadlocked after councillors refused to resign, though they said they were prepared to negotiate about interim structures.

A charge of malicious damage to property was laid on Tuesday after rocks were thrown at Kaya Mandi mayor Mr Monde Mayekiso's house.

Services such as refuse collection are continuing normally, but Kaya Mandi town clerk Mr Andre Cruywagen has based himself at Stellenbosch council offices.

Some officials were being allowed to enter the offices by arrangement with the protesters, said a legal representative for the councillors.

Pocket of freedom

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Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER observes Citrusdal's first non-racial municipal elections

WE do not always mean to be first, says mayor Mr Louis Röntgen

Citrusdal was the first town council to amalgamate with its management committee, using the controversial Interim Measures for Local Government Act to do so in March last year

Yesterday, it took one step further by trimming its 12-member council down to six in one of the first non-racial municipal elections in the country

But while things change, others stay the same of 3 000 people in the town, only 962 qualified to vote in the non-racial poll because it was decided to stick to a property-based vote

Polling opened at 8am, drawing a steady stream to the single polling station at the municipal offices

Scrapping racial barriers did not erase class differences workers were brought in throughout the day, while lunchtime voting was dominated by the town's few white-collar office workers

Most workers were expected to appear after 6pm, in the last two hours of voting, when the sun set on the valley laden with the fruit which gives it its name and the basis of its economy

The sunset on a segregated voters' roll had two inspirations money and impatience with the national political process

Mr Röntgen said cutting the number of councillors to six would save about two percent on rates

Citrusdal pays councillors R300 a month, while the mayor gets R500

Tariffs increased in this year's budget by about five percent, and the town faces the challenge of extending infrastructure while — as a matter of policy — avoiding capital spending until interest rates drop

The town's economy was based almost solely on the orange, its fortunes matched prices in the export market

Population density in the poorest areas was more than five people a room, and there was "a little" unemployment

Services had been extended to almost all the town, but more was needed

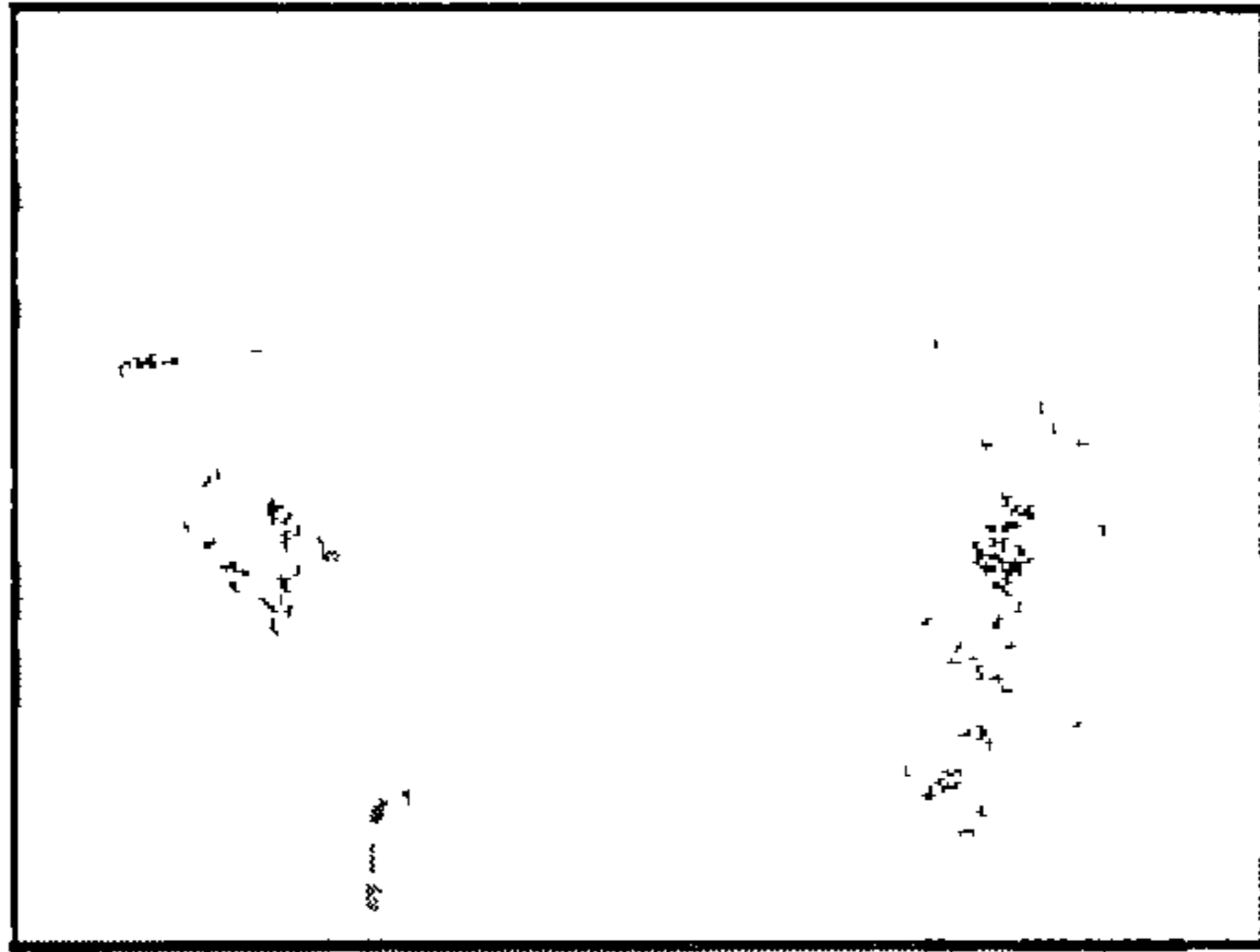
And the town had lost patience with the national reform process

"We are not waiting for the government, who do not seem to be giving the attention they should to third-tier government"

Citrusdal got around a ministerial decree that there should be no more municipal elections by using the proviso that by-elections could still be held

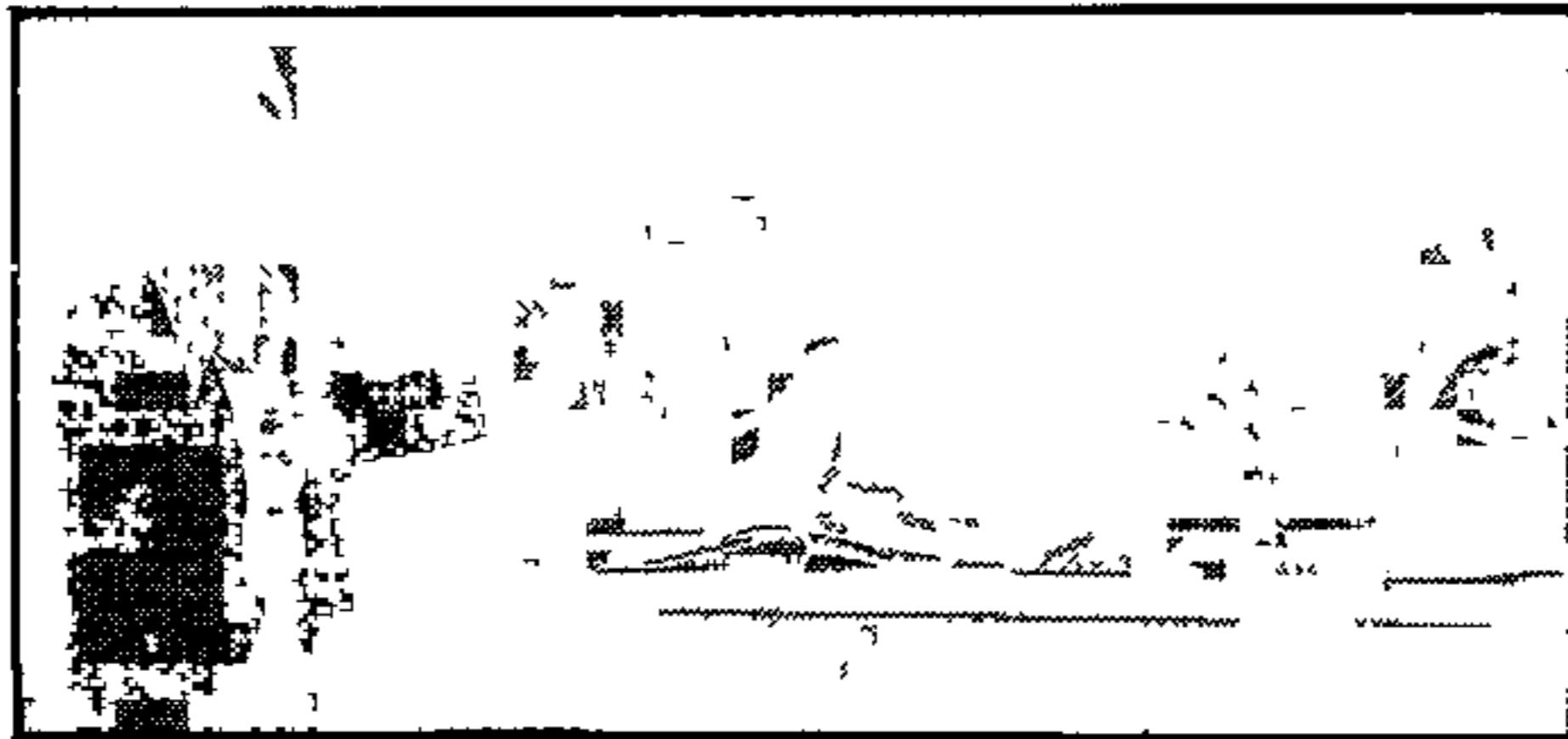
"We all resigned at once — there had to be an election"

A forthcoming step was to



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BALLOT BOX: The voter is king, at least for a brief moment Thys Jonker, right, looks on as a vote is cast The voter? He gave his name as Lord Smit



ANOTHER VOTE: Polling official Mr Jacobus Pijpers hands a ballot slip to a voter as colleague Mr Chris van Rooyen looks on

incorporate rural areas around Citrusdal, which would precipitate another election — possibly with an extended franchise, because farm workers did not own property

The push to incorporate areas was motivated by people outside town using facilities to which they had not contributed

Opposition from left and right to Citrusdal's restructuring had not been vociferous

"Our Conservative Party here are moderate, and the African National Congress originally took part in the forum which led to the amalgamation last year"

He emphasised, as did everyone else interviewed, the election was not being fought on a party political basis

For the election, Citrusdal was divided into three wards, with an attempt to get roughly the same number of plots in each

Ward One was mainly white, Ward Two mixed, and Ward Three mainly "coloured"

Mr Röntgen decided to stand in Ward Two, believing as mayor he should represent a mixed ward

Town clerk Mr Jacques Carstens said no public meetings, no protests and no talk of boycotts had preceded the election

The placid progress of the election was in tune with the town's ethos even the teachers had come to school throughout the recent SA

Democratic Teachers Union campaign

Outside the polling booth, Mr Nicolaas van Wyk — another Ward Two candidate — was in earnest conversation with Ward Three candidate Mr Jafta Botha

People had looked forward to the election, they said

Observing the traditional optimism of political candidates, they said they both hoped to be on the council after the votes were counted

And Mr Van Wyk, standing in a mixed ward, said he was sure some of the town's white people would vote for him

Mr Tielman Malherbe, a Ward Two candidate, has been on the council for more than 10 years

He must have seen changes?

"Man, we made changes! No riots or mass action, no political parties, we understand each other here and are working for a common goal"

He scoffed at the suggestion the election had been prompted by cost-cutting

"We need a more workable council — a smaller council will make it easier to come to a decision," Mr Malherbe said

The retired manager of the Goede Hoop co-op, he said he was prepared to go without a councillor's allowance

Mr Jan Strydom (Ward One) towered over Mr Conrad Brouwers (Ward Three) as they were photographed together

They seemed an unlikely

pair, the tan-jacketed no-nonsense type and the slimmer, sleeker personnel manager from the co-op

"Friends asked me to stand," Mr Strydom said

"I've got no problem with a multiracial municipality We have one already"

The main point of his standing was to keep service charges down, to help the town's hard-pressed senior citizens

Mr Brouwer, a first-time candidate said he believed getting on to the council would help him "make a difference"

As chairman of the Citrusdal welfare service, he said he had seen the important role of local government — echoing others' view that political differences were set aside when it came to the good of the town

As the day progressed, voters filed past the tables where their names were ticked from a register on production of identity documents

A burly man, arriving to vote, teased the officials "What, nothing to do that you can sit here all day?"

After that it was into the council chamber, being used as the polling station

Mr Chris van Rooyen handed them a ballot paper, they chose a booth, and emerged to head for a single grey ballot box where Mr Thys Jonker stood, pointing to the slot

Stepping back into the sunshine, Mrs Sarie Fortuin said it was the first time she had voted in a municipal election, having not voted in management committee polls

She had taken part in the "big voting" (groot stemmery) for parliament

Casting her ballot in the council box had been strange and exciting

It was also the first time for Mr Dawid Waterboer, a worker at the Goue Vallei co-op, home of the town's sun-richened wines

He had voted for candidates in wards two and three, having property votes in both

Voters came in couples, strolling in from the town's main road parallel to the council offices, others arriving in a range of dusty bakies and well-kept cars

They smiled, and repeated the conventional wisdom of the place we are a community, we know each other, this is how it must be

An attorney, who declined to be named, said he had lived in Citrusdal for 11 years and had voted in each election

"A non-racial election is no problem — it should not be an issue

"Anyone who thinks otherwise should seek another country," he said, smiling and heading back to his car

Mayor re-elected in historic Citrusdal poll

Municipal Reporter

CITRUSDAL has re-elected its mayor among six councillors in a 60 percent turnout for the town's first non-racial election

There were no spoilt papers, said town clerk and electoral officer Mr Jacques Carstens

Mayor Mr Louis Rontgen and deputy mayor Mr Alwyn Burger were re-elected at a

special council meeting after results were announced last night

The "mixed" council, elected after it was decided to cut membership from 12 to six, has four white members and two coloured members

The voting qualification for the non-racial election was ownership or tenancy of property

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GOOD LUCK: Citrusdal town council candidate Jan Strydom, left, shares a smile with candidate Conrad Brouwer. No falseness in the smiles or the hand-shake — the men were standing in different wards. Electoral official Thys Jonker, right, watches as Sophia van Wyk casts her vote in Citrusdal's first non-racial municipal election

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Stones damage mayor's home

Staff Reporter

AT least R3 000 worth of damage was caused to the home of the mayor of Kayamandi, Stellenbosch, by a stone-throwing crowd chanting for his resignation, police said yesterday.

Mr. Monde Mayekiso told the crowd he would not resign on Tuesday night. Police fired shots in the air to disperse the crowd.

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Citrusdal enjoys non-racial election

Staff Reporter

CITRUSDAL experienced one of the first non-racial council elections in South Africa yesterday.

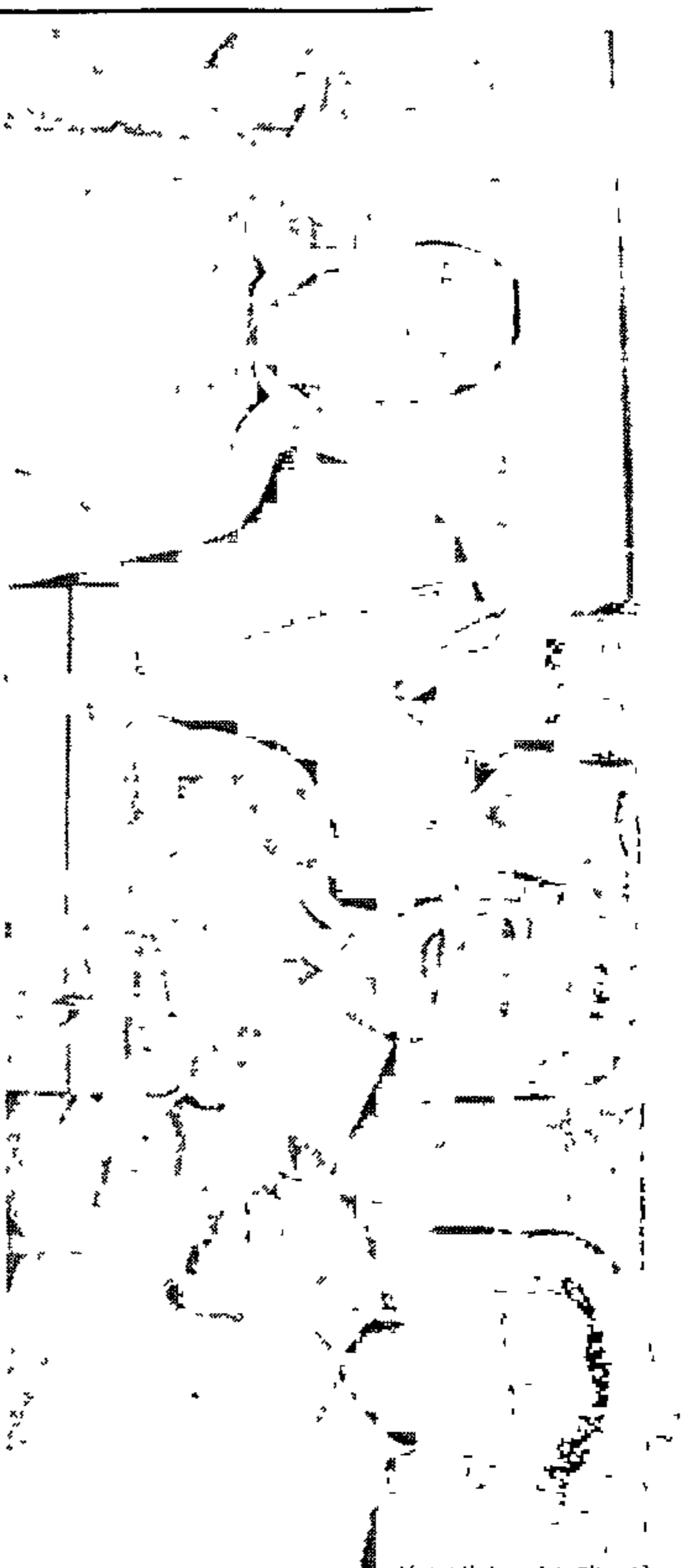
Although the municipal franchise — based on property ownership and occupier status — still ensured the lion's share of the vote goes to whites, Mr Oerson Januarie, after placing his cross for the first time, said it "felt natural".

Coloured candidate Mr Conrad Brouwers said, "People are calm and happy because we have an open election."

But politics took a back seat. "We're all ANC here," Mrs Ina Strydum, wife of candidate Jan, joked. The ANC has yet to establish a branch here.

Of the nine male candidates — four coloureds and five whites — in the three wards, eight were National Party supporters and the other a Conservative Party adherent.

This reflects an SA Communications Services opinion poll which put National Party support among whites at 83,5%, and among coloureds at 86%.



BALLOT BOX TIME . . . Voters at Citrusdal's first non-racial municipal elections Mrs Annie Valentine (left), Mr Dawie Jonker, former mayor's wife Mrs Pet Rontgen and Mr Freek Zimmer place their votes

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Sit-ins still close offices

STELLENBOSCH —
The offices of the Khaya-
mandi and the Mfuleni
town councils at Stellen-
bosch and Kuils River
were still closed yester-
day as a result of sit-in
protests by local resi-
dents

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The sit-in at Mfuleni
has already lasted a
month while the protest
at Khayamandi began
about a week ago

Recently, the homes of
the mayors of the two
councils were attacked

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Protesters sit tight

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By Edwina Booyen
and Mluleki Gantsho

MFULENI residents occupying the area's town council offices are adamant that the councillors will "never enter the building again".

As their protest entered its sixth week, residents have made themselves comfortable in the offices and have made it clear that they are not leaving until all the councillors resign.

The 30 "occupiers" are at the offices night and day.

"The councillors will never use these offices again, because they are not accountable to the people," said Mfuleni People's Joint Committee spokesperson Mr Ernest Qamngana (263).

"As long as they are in power we will occupy these offices."

The protesters, including women and children, spend their time having workshops, praying, singing and playing games.

When SOUTH visited the offices, a group of ANC and PAC Youth League members were playing



PLAYFUL PROTESTORS: The occupiers of the Mfuleni town council offices while away the time with a game of dominoes

dominoes

"They arrive here after school each day and stay all night," Qamngana said.

"Some will go into a quiet corner and study or do homework and others will have meetings or play dominoes

noes

"Some people are old and have pains, but they are still here to support the community."

● Residents of Kayamandi also started sit-in protests at their town council's offices last week following

the forced resignation of Lungelthu West, Ikapa and Crossroads councillors

The Kayamandi councillors have also refused to resign despite the sit-in which enters its seventh day on Thursday.

Clifton land dispute in Meiring's lap

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By NAZEEM HOWA
INCREASING pressure is being brought to bear on Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring to step in to resolve the long-simmering dispute over the sale of the land on which the Clifton bungalows stand

In recent weeks both the African National Congress and the Cape Town City Council have met Mr Meiring separately in a bid to bring a quick end to the years-long battle.

At the heart of the dispute is the seven-year-long attempt by owners of the Clifton bungalows — built on council land — to buy the land

According to well-placed sources, city council representatives met Mr Meiring recently to discuss an amendment to the Administrator's recent circular that stipulated that no public land could be sold without thorough consultation with all the major players in the region

Sources say several ANC regional executive members have also met Mr Meiring to convey



DISPUTED SITE .. The controversial houses

Picture: JACK LESTRADE

their unhappiness about the way the Clifton sales are being handled in contravention of the Administrator's ruling

The city council's public relations officer, Mr Ted Doman, confirmed that the council had met Mr Meiring about the bungalows but said he could not give details of the meeting (263)

A recent report that legal advice to council has cleared the way for sales to proceed has elicited a storm of protest from the ANC

Said ANC deputy regional secretary Willie Hofmeyr: "The Western Cape Economic Development Forum, of which the city council is a member, has made it clear that tourism is going to be a major source of income for the region. "It is therefore not

clear to us why there is this extraordinary haste to get rid of such a valuable public asset"

Several bungalow owners have already signed deeds of sale and paid deposits to the city council for the land

These agreements were entered into in recent months even though a memorandum dated March 19, 1993, from the City Administration department to the Executive Committee said there was no legal obligation on council to "dispose of the land to the lessees or any other party at the 1986 price or any other price"

The dispute is likely to heighten tensions between the council and the ANC

The ANC has expressed concern about

decisions on the Clifton properties being taken behind closed doors

"As we move towards a new dispensation it is essential that the entire process be transparent."

According to well-placed sources, the matter is to be discussed on the council's confidential agenda on Tuesday



WE'RE IN ... The newly elected non-racial Citrusdal City Council Pictures: AMBROSE PETERS

Voters go along for the ride in all-race polls in Citrusdal

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CITRUSDAL had its first taste of democracy this week — but it meant very little to the ordinary townsfolk

When Andries Ockers, 60, got back into the mayor's official car — used to ferry people to the polls — after voting in one of the first non-racial municipal elections in South Africa, he said "I don't know what this is all about"

He, like many other people, said he was voting because he thought it was obligatory

He didn't recognise the names from which he had to choose as he could not read, he said

"I voted for that man because he told me to," Mr Ockers said, pointing to one of the candidates who had picked him up in re-elected mayor Louis Röntgen's car

One woman said she had voted because she "wanted to be driven in the mayor's car"

The non-racial council has four white and two coloured councillors

The only new member is Goedehoop Citrus Co-operative assistant per-

By PETA KROST

sonnel manager Conrad Brouwers, 32, former chairman of the local welfare organisation

He and Jannie Fortuin, former Coloured Management Committee chairman, represent the coloureds-only ward

Of Citrusdal's 3 150 residents — 2 250 coloureds and 900 whites — only 926 (351 coloureds) and their spouses were entitled to vote as they were homeowners, or main occupiers of a house

Karel Petru, 64, was skeptical about the elections

He said he had been told that if he voted, the council would build new houses

"That's what the management committee said last time we voted for them three years ago — and we're still in the same house," he said, sitting at an old potjie outside his small dilapidated house in which 15 family members live

Another township homeowner, Henry September, 45, said he refused to vote because "so far they haven't got



NO NEW HOUSING ... Karel and Maria Petru, wary about the elections because of promises not kept in the past

anything right"

In the past few years, the town council has spent R9,5 million in upgrading the town, completed 60 homes for the coloured population, and begun installing flush toilets and electricity, said town clerk Jacques Carstens

"We were breaking down apartheid laws in

1990 when the white town council started holding monthly meetings with the coloured management committee," said Mr Röntgen, mayor since 1988

"We realised change was inevitable and decided to find a system that worked for all of us now, and not when the government decided"

Low turnout expected for meeting

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AND then there were 23.

Cape Town City Council, meant to have 34 members, was expected to muster only 23 for its monthly meeting today.

Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde is visiting Taiwan with mayoress Mrs Trish van der Velde.

An invitation to the mayor to visit Gaborone in Botswana for its "city day" celebrations on July 1 is to be discussed by the council today

Executive committee chair-

man Mr Louis Kremer is attending the International Union of Local Authorities Congress in Toronto, Canada and will be on leave until July 16. He is accompanied by his wife and fellow councillor Mrs Patricia Sulcas Kremer.

Permanent departures are Mrs Bronnie Harding and Ms Annamma van den Heever, who resigned earlier this year, and Mrs Joan Kantey, whose resignation takes effect tomorrow.

On leave or away on council business are Mr Nico Basson, Mr Dick Friedlander, Mr Clive Jus-

tus, Mr Sol Kremer, Mr Gordon Oliver and Mr Norman Osburn.

A council spokesman said a quorum of the council was 17.

● The Local Government Negotiating Forum is expected to discuss tomorrow a proposal by the African National Congress-SA National Civics Organisation for city and town councillors countrywide to resign in September and be replaced by interim administrators.

It has been proposed that these administrators be appointed by the various local government negotiating forums.

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Strike may halt refuse removal

Municipal Reporter

REFUSE removals and cleansing services may be disrupted in Cape Town and elsewhere from August 2, as the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) has decided to strike from that date

About 11 000 of Cape Town municipality's 15 000-odd employees belong to Samwu.

Mr John Ernstzen, general-secretary of Samwu, announced yesterday that the de-

cision to strike had been taken at a national meeting at the weekend

A strike ballot held among more than 70 000 municipal workers in 300 local authorities had been analysed and "nearly 90%" had voted for a strike

The decision will be reported to Cosatu's public sector forum on July 13, where joint national action will be discussed with other public sector unions

"Samwu remains committed to the ne-

gotiation process to try to reach agreement," Mr Ernstzen said, holding out the hope of a resolution before the strike took place

As far as the union was concerned, the municipal wage increases offered so far had been "totally inadequate"

Samwu was demanding a minimum wage of R650 a month, "with appropriate increases for those in higher wage scales"

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Cape scheme still on track

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Cape Town City Council's town planning committee yesterday granted conditional approval for a R15m office and residential development in Rondebosch by the Linton Partnership. (263)

The project would also involve the upgrading of the Rondebosch station by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation SARCC's development arm, Intersite, will sell 3 500m² of land on a freehold basis to allow for the residential development. It would also lease 3 800m² for the development's commercial component.

The residential project — from bachelor flats to three-bedroom houses — will be undertaken by Shearwater Homes under contract to Linton.

Council shift on Clifton

bungalows

By Day 2016/193
LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — The controversy over the sale of the Clifton bungalow sites was prolonged yesterday when the Cape Town City Council rescinded a decision to sell the sites to existing lessees without any public competition.

The council decided to first seek the approval of Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring for the sale of the properties to the lessees without competition.

If approval was obtained, the council would have to once again advertise the intended sale for comment and objections, and take a decision on this basis.

Senior counsel advised council to adopt this course of action as it was likely a court would uphold any application to review the sale on the grounds that there were no exceptional circumstances to justify a sale without public competition.

The council decided in September last year to sell the sites to lessees at their 1986 values escalated by 15% a year with effect from January 1987 and made provision for rebates for each year of tenancy.

An amount of R37m would have accrued to the council (263).

Fifty-one objections were received, with the ANC voicing strong opposition to the proposed sale.

Before the objections were dealt with, control over sales of public land reverted to the provincial administration and revised directives were issued to replace those applicable at the time the council decided to sell the sites.

ANC western Cape assistant secretary Willie Hofmeyr said his organisation believed there should be a proper process of negotiating the sale of public land with Cape Town's community organisations.

Allowances: Caucus challenged

RENEGADE Democratic Party member Mr Arthur Wienburg challenged the DP caucus in the Cape Town City Council yesterday to take a stand on councillors' allowances, and reduce the impending 29% increase to 4%.

The caucus failed to do so, and merely postponed the debate for a month.

Mr Wienburg, who declined to join the DP caucus, said his motion on allowances gave the caucus the opportunity to "lead from the front".

Council staff had been offered an increase of about 4%, he said, so the proposed increase for councillors — which is due to come into effect this week — had caused "rage and indignation" among ratepayers.

Dr John Sonnenberg, the leader of the caucus, said "I have been consistently against the proposed increase. On each occasion, I voted against it."

Yet he went on to say that Mr Wien-

burg's motion was "uncharacteristically sloppy and somewhat incoherent".

Mr Wienburg responded that Dr Sonnenberg was using "thin, veiled excuses" to avoid taking a vote yesterday.

Dr Sonnenberg's proposal that the matter be postponed to the end of next month curtailed the debate. His proposal was accepted by 18 votes to four.

Mr Wienburg and Mr Peter Müller's votes against were noted.

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Hawaii trip 'too costly' 243

A THREE-DAY course in Hawaii on undersea sewage outfall pipes to be attended by a council official was "yet another example of a wanton waste of ratepayers' money", Mr Arthur Wienburg said yesterday.

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The trip by chief engineer Mr Mike Marsden, with a 10-day visit to five cities on the US West Coast to study water quality issues, would cost R19 100.

Mr Wienburg said no three-day course could be worth R19 100 and felt the issues could be dealt with by correspondence.

Mr Leon Markovitz, acting chairman of the executive committee, said: "There is nowhere on this continent where we can make the contacts we will get at this conference, or get information like this."

'Mfuleni Six' want duties to be delegated

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□ New turn in township sit-in saga

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

THE saga over the resignation of Mfuleni councillors, which has dragged on for more than a month, has taken another turn with the councillors asking the Provincial Administration to "delegate" their functions to an official

Scores of residents of the township near Kuils River are still holed up in the council offices where they are protesting against the six councillors reneging on an undertaking to resign by June 16

Mr Kent Mkalipi, a spokesman for the Mfuleni People's Joint Committee, which represents various organisations, said a letter from the province was received on Monday and contained a number of proposals by the CPA

But these were unacceptable to the community who viewed them as a "trick" to end the sit-in

The letter read in part "As we are all very concerned about the state of affairs at Mfuleni, especially as far as the rendering of services and the safety of personnel and residents are concerned, the Mfuleni councillors are prepared to delegate their functions for the execution of day-to-day activities to the chief executive officer and withdraw from such activities for a period to be negotiated

"This will mean that during this period they will not be actively involved in the running of the Mfuleni council affairs

"This, of course would require that the Joint People's Committee likewise enable the chief executive officer to manage the day-to-day functions in an impartial manner"

The letter, from the chief directorate of local government, added that the councillors had not resigned

"The current situation as indicated by the councillors is that their decision will be made after discussions by the administrator with all remaining councillors

"The discussion by the administrator will only be possible after July 26, as he will not be available due to other commitments until then and suitable dates for such discussions will have to be determined," the letter said

CPA spokesman Mr Krige Visser confirmed that the letter had "been sent out" But he did not have details, saying officials were unavailable

Mr Mkalipi said the proposals were unacceptable to the community because the councillors would still be calling the shots in one way or another

"Our view is that the proposed administrator should work jointly with a body elected by residents or the 12-member People's Joint Committee as presently elected If they want to go about it their own way, it is unacceptable," he said

Some services, including the sale of electricity and refuse removal, were continuing as they were rendered by private companies

Prove mettle, Wienburg tells the DP caucus

□ Allowance plea put off

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

FOILED again!

For a moment, it seemed Mr Arthur Wienburg had the city council Democratic Party caucus where he wanted them

He asked councillors to approve a motion to cut allowance increases from 29.3 percent to four percent, with the exception of the mayor, for whom he proposed a 10 percent increase

Mr. Wienburg, a member of the DP but not in the council caucus, said his motion gave the fledging caucus a chance to prove their mettle by voting to lower increases

Any councillor with an ear to the ground knew there was huge dissatisfaction with the proposal by councillors to "feather their nests" with the allowance increase, he said

Accepting any double-figure increase would be insensitive

Explaining why he had made an exception for the mayor, he said the mayor had "exceptional additional duties"

The extra money would help pay for clothes for mayoresses

"Any mayoress needs an extra bit of dolling up," Mr Wienburg said

Acting mayor Mr Clive Keegan "My wife requires no dolling up"

Mr Wienburg said he was "thrilled as a loyal DP man to give the DP caucus an opportunity to look good to show the DP feels for the plight of the man in the street"

But DP caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg was having none of it

He said Mr Wienburg's motion was "uncharacteristically sloppy" because it made no mention of the executive committee, in spite of Mr Wienburg's having called for increased allowances for them in the past

As for the 10 percent increase for the mayor "How did Mr Wienburg come to that figure?"

"Is it because it is the first one in double figures? Why not 11 or 12 percent?"

Why was there no mention of the deputy mayor, Dr Sonnenberg wanted to know

He proposed that "rather than debate a faulty motion" the matter be postponed to next month's council meeting

Given five minutes to reply to this proposal, Mr Wienburg used four — to say Dr Sonnenberg's response was worthy neither of him nor the DP

"As a loyal member of the DP I am cringing," Mr Wienburg said

He said he was not in favour of exco getting an increase because they should tighten their belts like everyone else

He said the proposal to postpone the motion was "to work out how Houdini can get out of his ropes"

Councillors voted 18 to four to postpone the motion. One of those who voted against, Mr Abe Katz, is a member of the DP caucus

A bid to call for a division on the vote failed because too few councillors rose to support it

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RIDICULOUSLY high rentals for new Muizenberg bathing boxes — R1 609 a year — would frighten off potential lessees, said Mr Abe Katz.

He also lashed out at the amount to be spent on replacing the boxes, destroyed by the Easter storm, saying he could get it done for 50 percent less

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