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Appeal Over Ward Issue

□ Plea to split area because of large voter numbers

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Staff Reporter

AN appeal to split Hout Bay into two wards and to create an additional ward on the Cape Flats has been made to Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel by the Joint Executive Committee of the southern substructure.

The appeal was directed to Mr Kriel after MEC Peter Marais refused to consider the request

Peter Gabriel, joint leader for the substructure, said while the committee was thrashing out its 22 ward boundaries it became clear that it was not possible to have a reasonably equitable number of voters in each ward if there were only 22 wards.

It was found, for instance, that Hout Bay had nearly 10 000 voters while the average for each ward was supposed to be within 15 per-

cent of 6 545.

There was also a problem in the Cape Flats area where another ward was needed to keep voter numbers more or less equal.

"The wards are a difficult issue and we have to have equity. We really need to split Hout Bay into two wards and have an extra ward on the Cape Flats, but Mr Marais has refused to consider

our request

"We have had no option but to appeal to the premier and also to the office of Roelf Meyer," Mr Gabriel said.

If sanctioned this would mean that the southern substructure would have 40 instead of 36 councillors.

At its last meeting the committee agreed to nine of the ward boundaries and debated the re-

maining 13 following a counter proposal for these wards by Muzenberg councillor Joye Gibbs.

In an interview Mrs Gibbs said the ward boundaries were "coming right" and there was equity in just about all of them.

She said so far the ward boundaries were "looking good". Vrygrond was now back as part of the Muzenberg ward.

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Agreements on ward boundaries

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MUNICIPAL REPORTER

WARD boundaries have now been agreed upon for at least three of the six new municipalities that will make up metropolitan Cape Town, city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr said yesterday.

Those that have agreed are Central, Southern and Northern, covering the new Cape Town (which includes Langa, Guguletu, and Nyanga), the Southern Suburbs, from Wynberg down to Simon's Town and the Greater Milnerton area up to Atlantis.

Tygerberg's Joint Executive Committee (JEC) has not yet agreed on a set of ward boundaries, even though tomorrow is the deadline for JEC suggestions.

Members of the public and organisations will be given a chance to make their own suggestions about ward boundaries at a series of public meetings to be held this month.

The Tygerberg JEC will meet again tonight in the hope of reaching agreement.

It is not known whether the Eastern municipality (Greater Kuils River) and Helderberg JECs have agreed on their boundaries. They could not be reached yesterday.

● Cape Town's deputy city administrator, Mr Ben van Rensburg, said yesterday anyone who turned 18 years old before or on May 29, local elections day, could still register to vote.

DEMARCATION BOARD MUST DECIDE

Wards deadlock in three municipalities

ONLY three of greater Cape Town's six new municipalities have agreed on ward boundaries for the local elections. PETER DENNEHY reports

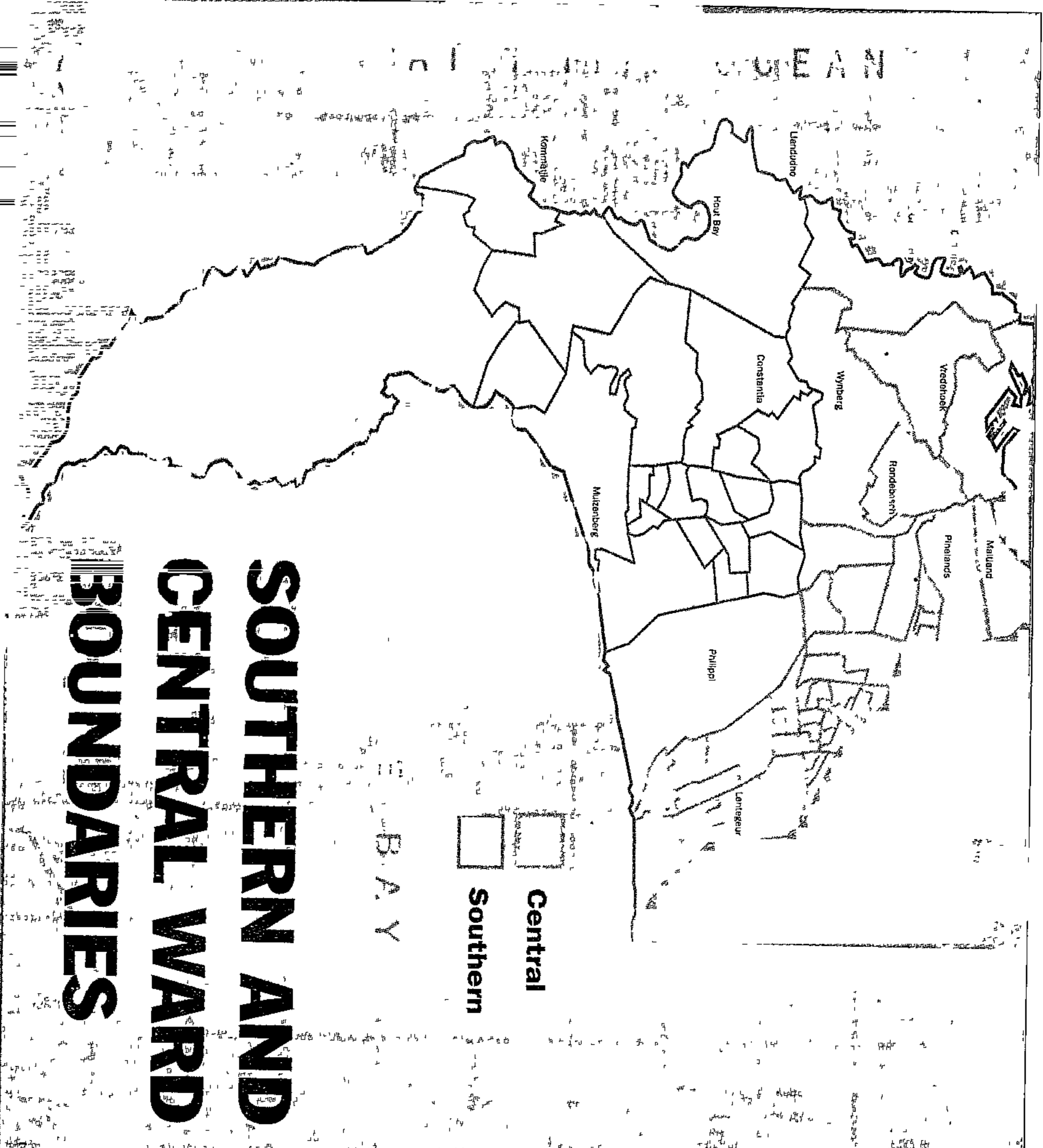
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WITH just hours before their 4pm deadline this afternoon, the Joint Executive Committees (JECs) of three Cape Town municipalities have not yet agreed on ward boundaries. JECs of both the Central and Southern municipalities have agreed, and last night officials from the Eastern municipality (Kul's River and surrounds) brought in amendments which their JEC had approved. A new map is expected to be drawn up today in time for the deadline. The deadlocked JECs — for the

Northern, Tygerberg and Helderberg municipalities — may each have to send in two versions, for the Demarcation Board and ultimately local government minister Mr Peter Marais and the Provincial Committee to decide on. JEC decisions on ward boundaries are not final, but will be the starting point for public debate. From next Monday to Friday the following week, the Demarcation Board will hold a series of public hearings at 16 different venues around the Peninsula. Anyone may speak at the hear-

ings, but Demarcation Board secretary Mr M.P. Randall has to be notified at the Provincial Administration by noon today.

The meetings are as follows: Monday January 8, Milington library and Saxonsea civic centre, Wednesday, Writebome Hall in Rosmead Road and Fish Hoek town hall, Thursday, Melton Rose library and Kraaifontein library, Monday January 15, Somerset West town hall and Lwandle community hall, Tuesday, Athlone civic centre and Pinelands town hall, Wednesday, Langa civic hall and the Podium Hall of Cape Town civic centre, Thursday, Delft civic centre and Khayelitsha resources centre; Friday, Parow civic centre and Durbanville municipal offices.



**SOUTHERN AND
CENTRAL WARD
BOUNDARIES**

Battle begins — no deals say the Nats

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Staff Reporter

FIRST punches in a bruising three-way battle for political control of Cape Town will be thrown in earnest in the next two weeks when the heavily disputed ward boundaries are put to the demarcation board — and public hearings

The boundaries themselves will have a considerable impact on the outcome and parties have taken care to grasp the most strategic advantage at this early stage.

But there are two main proposals for the central area . . . and they differ markedly

First out, last week, was the joint executive committee's carve-up: essentially a chequered compromise between the African National Congress and the Democratic Party, with trade-offs evident in the snaking lines of some ward boundaries.

The Nationalists — who represent the biggest bloc of voters, if the 1994 result is taken as a benchmark — would have nothing to do with it.

Now they have unveiled their proposals.

In contrast to the mainly ANC/DP boundaries, the NP's wards go much further in straddling white and coloured areas

Architects of the Nat plan, Senator Stan Fisher and councillor David Erleigh, go further in arguing that "we have applied ourselves to creating wards with a good community of interest, bringing together communities and making geographical sense".

But, strategically, the NP plan is also a signal reflection of the party's confidence in winning support in both communities, a factor which is not shared to the anything like the same extent by either the DP or the ANC.

The NP will be presenting its proposals at the start of oral submissions to the demarcation board on January 16 and — along with other parties — will have another four days after that to draft fresh written submissions

Disputes and counter-proposals during this period are expected to generate a lot of political heat.

The Nats have lost no time in shooting down the JEC's proposals — criticising, for instance, using

■ The battle for the control of Cape Town has started with political parties drawing ward boundaries to their strategic advantage. The National Party, however, is in no mood for deals.

Kromboom Parkway as a dividing line between wards (also a dividing line between races) because it "falls grossly short of the principle of bringing together the communities of Cape Town and Athlone"

They are also highly critical of the JEC's creation of a ward combining Athlone, Crawford, Rondebosch East and part of Hanover Park, "across the clear physical dividing line of the Athlone railway", and the "sausage ward" that stretches from the Rondebosch Common diagonally across the southern suburbs to Kirstenbosch "cutting right across the community of interest and physical barriers".

The Fisher/Erleigh proposal, on the other hand, creates a ward combining Groote Schuur Estate with Rondebosch, Rondebosch East and the bulk of Mowbray and Rosebank "which brings together communities, makes physical sense and has well-defined boundaries".

It also places Belvedere, Claremont, Lansdowne and Harfield Village in a single ward

Unlike the JEC plan — which links Green Point, the Foreshore and Woodstock in ward three — the NP proposes a single ward for Salt River, Woodstock and Observatory, one ward for the Camps Bay-Sea Point seaboard, and a third taking in Green Point, Mouille Point and the Bokaap.

It is evident the Nats are in no mood for deals with the other parties, but as counter-proposals are put forward the overall picture of the boundaries could change substantially, and some horse-trading at least is not being ruled out.

■ The Demarcation Board recommends ward boundaries to Local Government Minister Peter Marais, who makes a final decision next month.

New election crisis averted at last minute

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THE last-minute intervention of the Western Cape Provincial Administration this week helped ensure the holding of local government elections on May 29 and averted a new crisis.

Bickering over ward boundaries in three Cape Metropole substructures had threatened to derail the elections. The continued squabbling meant the January 4 noon deadline for the submission of ward delimitation proposals to the Western Cape Demarcation Board might be missed.

But Douglas Milne, Director of Survey and Land Information of Cape Town City Council, appointed by Provincial Administration to co-ordinate ward demarcations, confirmed yesterday that the provincial administration had intervened with alternative ward boundary proposals for three of the six substructures after it appeared that not all substructures would reach consensus in time to meet the deadline.

Only three substructures, Central (Cape Town, Nyanga, Guguletu, Crossroads), Eastern (Kuilsriver, Blue Downs, Brackenfell) and Southern (Wynberg to Cape Point), submitted

their proposals on time

Disagreement over ward boundaries prevented the Northern (Milner-ton and Atlantis), Tygerberg (Bellville and Khayelitsha) and Helderberg (Somerset West and Strand) substructures from meeting Thursday's deadline.

To avoid a delay, Mr Milne and his officials made "technical" ward proposals from available computer data. These proposals can now be approved or contested at Western Cape Demarcation Board (WCDB) hearings starting tomorrow.

A bone of contention during electioneering in the metropole is expected to be the agreement which allocates former Black Local Authority (BLA) areas 50 percent of contested ward seats. Substructures affected by this ruling are Central, Tygerberg and Helderberg.

Because Ikapa and Langa are ANC strongholds and benefit from this ruling, the ANC will go into the election in Central Cape Town with an advantage over the NP, which has virtually no foothold there. The same dilemma faces the Nats in Tygerberg which incorporates Khayelitsha, an ANC stronghold.

Just 22, and in the seat of power

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□ Plett's young mayor plans to tackle needs of the community

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THE man leading Plettenberg Bay into a new era just may have made history as the youngest person ever to serve as mayor in South Africa.

At 22 years old, Lulama Lennox Mvimbi appears slightly taken aback, and also faintly amused by new developments that have thrust him from relative obscurity into the limelight.

What has not amused him, however, are recent media reports of him going barefoot and wearing tattered clothes.

He has denied the accusations as having been concocted by someone trying to slander him.

"I've seen a few of those articles and they were very silly," he said. "I'm just ignoring them as they are a waste of time.

"I'm paying attention instead to the things that matter, to my work."

While the new council has not yet begun its work in earnest, he has spent the past few months learning the ropes and was instructed in matters municipal by town clerk André Coleski.

"I'm coping well. We plan to address the needs of the community and will tackle issues from housing to tourism," he said.

Mr Mvimbi lives with his parents in Bossiesgif squatter camp, near the industrial area, and is well qualified to identify the pressing needs of the communities.

His relative youth has presented another challenge to the municipality. As he does not yet have a driver's licence, transport and a driver are provided for him, when available, by the local traffic department.



Pictures OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

UNCONVENTIONAL: Mayor Lennox Mvimbi discusses the future of Plettenberg Bay's communities.

Dressed in jeans, tackies, a dark green blazer and the gold mayoral chain, he sat atop a desk in the council chambers and discussed with ease his

new role.

"It really doesn't arouse any special emotions," he said. "I take it as it comes."

His rise from school boy to

mayor has been remarkably rapid.

In 1992 he matriculated from Percy Mdala High School in Knysna and after a stint of unemployment, became involved with the Unemployed Workers' Union and was elected on to the executive in Plettenberg Bay.

He joined the African National Congress Youth League which, he says, was almost in tatters at the time, and ran the office for the national election campaign.

Shortly after the election he became acting secretary of the Plettenberg ANC and in November was officially elected secretary at the annual meeting.

He became deeply involved in the affairs of the ANC and represented the party country-wide, attending the constitution consultative conference.

"I was not intending to get myself involved in local government but something very unexpected happened," he said.

The favourite candidate was Memory Booysen, the chairman of the local branch, but due to a promotion at work he was unavailable.

Mr Mvimbi was nominated as a candidate for the proportional representation list, along with 23 others, five of whom accepted.

"I was not intending to accept, but due to pressure placed on me, I did."

His selection as the head of the list did not surprise him but in spite of this, the mantle of mayor was not one he anticipated, nor one he was prepared for.

Today, he heads up 15 councillors comprising six ANC members, three Democratic Party candidates, three from the National Party and four independents.

Concern over ward imbalance

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ON the eve of a series of public meetings on ward boundaries, the Demarcation Board was sifting yesterday through a huge pile of objections

Professor Fanie Cloete, chairman of the board, was unable to say how many written submissions were already in the pile

Where any of the six joint executive committees (JECs) could not settle on a single proposal, they had asked their constituent local authorities to put in their own suggestions

And groupings that are unhappy with their own JEC's submission have put in their own objections and counter-suggestions

One of the discontents, Hout Bay mayor Mr Dick Meter, said his Hout Bay/Llandudno transitional council was unhappy about the big difference in the number of voters in wards.

Hout Bay/Llandudno with its 6 944 geo-coded voters is to be a single ward, according to the Southern JEC proposal, while Simon's Town/Scarborough is a single ward

with 3 378 voters

Geo-coded voters are those whose addresses have been traced to a place on the map by a computer. Not every registered voter has been geo-coded yet, because some addresses given on the forms cannot be identified with addresses already plotted

Mr Meter says that if voters who have not been geo-coded are also taken into account the imbalance is even greater, as Hout Bay has about 10 000 voters in all

'Mockery'

"It makes a mockery of the 15% leeway rule," he said, referring to a requirement that the number of voters per ward should not vary in an individual ward more than 15% from the average for all the wards in the municipality

This requirement was devised to ensure that each vote within a single municipality has a roughly equal weight

According to figures released by the survey and land information

branch of the Cape Town City Council, which did all the computer and mapping work, the average number of geo-coded voters per Southern ward is 6 740

So Hout Bay is only 3% above the median. But sparsely-populated Simon's Town (3 378) is close to 50% out. The minimum number of voters per ward allowed should be 5 729, according to the 15% rule.

Noordhoek/Sun Valley with its 5 466 voters is also just below the required minimum, as is Wetton/Ottery (5 579)

On the other hand, there are four wards out of the total of 22 that have more than the 7 751 maximum of voters allowed by the 15% rule. They are Constantia with 8 155, Parkwood with 8 076, Plumstead at 7 879, and Grassy Park at 7 850

Mr Meter says his transitional council feels so strongly that the ward boundaries are unfair to Hout Bay that "we will not hesitate to take the matter to court". There will be a special court overseeing the boundary delimitations, he says.

Hout Bay to be biggest South substructure ward

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Municipal Reporter

HOUT Bay is destined to form the biggest ward in the new Southern substructure, unless Local Government Minister Peter Marais agrees to increase the size of the new council

Hout Bay's problem arises from its geography and a shortage of ward seats to go around the new municipality

While the joint executive committee, which draws together all the local authorities in the area, has reached agreement on ward proposals, it has petitioned Mr Marais to reconsider his decision to fix the number of ward seats at 22

Diane Salters, who chaired the ward working group of the Southern JEC, told a Demarcation Board hearing yesterday that Hout Bay's voter numbers were "significantly above the guidelines".

Residents of Hout Bay have also submitted a "minority proposal" in an effort to secure more seats for the area which has an estimated 10 000 voters

Ms Salters said the JEC had recognised the inequality of the situation in Hout Bay and had asked Mr Marais to increase the number of seats, but he had not put this to the provincial committee

Doug Milne, provincial adviser on ward delimitation, said his team had considered putting a portion of Hout Bay in with Constantia, but this was not feasible because of the mountain between the two



ST HELENA BOUND: Cape Town mayor William Bantom hands a message of goodwill to Bishop Johnnie Kriel of the New Apostolic Church for the people of St Helena. More than 180 members of the church sailed on the vessel St Helena for the island at the weekend. Also in the picture are, left, Bishop Mathew Arendse and right, Apostle Noel Barnes.

Picture COLIN JOOSTE

'DON'T SPLIT HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS'

Call not to divide Wynberg

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A DEMARCATION BOARD hearing in Fish Hoek yesterday heard calls to make Wynberg and Bergvliet-Meadowridge single wards, **PETER DENNEHY** reports.

A DEMARCATION Board hearing was warned yesterday not to split Wynberg into the haves and have-nots as people should be brought together.

NP senator Mr Mark Wiley suggested at the hearing in Fish Hoek yesterday that Wynberg should be a ward on its own.

Mr Wiley, who chairs the NP's Wynberg organisational region, said the southern suburbs railway line had been put forward as a boundary between several wards from Wynberg southwards, but he disagreed with this.

A map drawn up by city council officials shows that nine southern-suburbs wards have the railway line as part of their boundaries.

He suggested there should be a

single Wynberg ward from the Van der Stel freeway to the M5 where it goes past Youngsfield and the Royal Cape Golf Course.

To bring the number of voters in the ward to the correct level, Fairways would then be cut out of Wynberg and included in another ward, perhaps Ottery.

Immediately south of Wynberg, he said, the NP wanted a single ward for both Bergvliet and Meadowridge that would stretch from the Van der Stel Freeway to the railway line. These two suburbs would each lose their present Constantia components, to bring the number of voters in the proposed new ward into line.

The ANC's Mr Hanif Tisker said the ANC had no objection to a single Bergvliet-Meadowridge ward.

Provincial demarcations co-ordinator Mr Doug Milne has been asked by the board to draw up a proposal in which Bergvliet and Meadowridge are in the same ward.

● At the Fish Hoek hearing, strong representations were made for a rural ward which excludes the built-up area of Simon's Town.

Mr Duncan Bates, chairman of the Cape Rural Council, said that despite the low number of rural dwellers in the south, they should have their own ward because their concerns differed from those of urban dwellers.

They needed a voice on the Southern council, via one of the 36 councillors.

Rural people wanted to stop urban sprawl and the destruction of the natural environment, he said. They wanted far fewer services than urban people.

Mr Bates claimed there may be as many as 4 000 rural dwellers in

the Southern municipality, based on census figures. But Demarcation Board chairman Prof Fanie Cloete said the best available estimate put the number of registered rural voters at 1 700, which was way below the quota for a ward.

The board also had to consider pressure from other wards, like Parkwood, which had over 8 000 voters and was unhappy with this high number of voters per councillor, Prof Cloete said.

● Helderberg municipality is affected worse by the racial skewing of votes than any other Cape Town municipality. Half its wards have to be in black areas, yet virtually the only black area it has is Lwandle.

This leads to a situation where black wards have an average of 1 100 voters, according to information on a map made available by the demarcations co-ordinator, while the average white/coloured ward has 5 860 voters.

Call for rural ward in conservation hot spot

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Need for councillor with an understanding of issues, say proposers

Southern Reporter

STRONG representations for a rural ward in the new southern substructure have been made at a sitting of the Demarcation Court in Fish Hoek.

It would be an additional ward to those drawn up by the southern substructure's Joint Executive Committee and submitted to the court

The area in question comprises the Cape Peninsula Protected Natural Environment extending to south of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Masiphumelele at Noordhoek, Sunnydale, Ocean View and Kommetjie, with the possible inclusion of Noordhoek.

Supporters of this proposal felt it essential to have a councillor who would represent issues vital to a rural area, which they considered would not be understood fully by a councillor more familiar with urban requirements

Ahda Croudace of the Red Hill Conservation Group said "The area under consideration has been dubbed the 'hottest conservation hot spot' on earth by top-ranking conservation scientists and as such must be maintained as a major resource competently managed to ensure sustainable use.

"Unlike urban areas the issues affecting a rural area are predominantly conservation-oriented, whereas those in an urban situation revolve around rubbish removal and water supply as well as the upkeep of streets and pavements"

She said those living in rural areas were generally more self-sufficient in seeing to their own basic needs

Duncan Bates, chairman of the Cape rural transitional substructure, said "Rural interests cannot be served or understood adequately by

an urban councillor, who would consider urban problems prior to rural issues due to pressure of numbers

The proposed rural south ward is sparsely populated (4 340) with the figure given for registered voters as 178

This is considerably lower than the considered optimum of about 5 000 voters a ward and could mitigate against an extra ward being drawn up

John Cannon representing the Noordhoek Community supported the inclusion of Noordhoek with the proposed south rural ward

"It would be in keeping with the area now managed by the National Parks Board and would facilitate management of the area as the Board would be dealing with a single ward"

Other bodies supporting the formation of an additional ward were the Smitswinkel Bay Residents' Association and the Friends of Scarborough

The inclusion of Vrygrond into a ward with Muizenberg also came up for debate

Joye Gibbs speaking in her personal capacity said "There would be no problem including Vrygrond in the same ward as Muizenberg as co-operation between the communities has grown over the past years

She said that Vrygrond should be considered as the 52-hectares demarcated by the city council

"It would not be beneficial to include the area known as "Muizenberg East", as this has the potential to develop into a ward capable of standing on its own," she said

Mrs Gibbs felt the needs of Vrygrond for vital services and informal housing would not be in keeping with those of Muizenberg East which already had a framework drawn up

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Camps stay in M² Plain ward

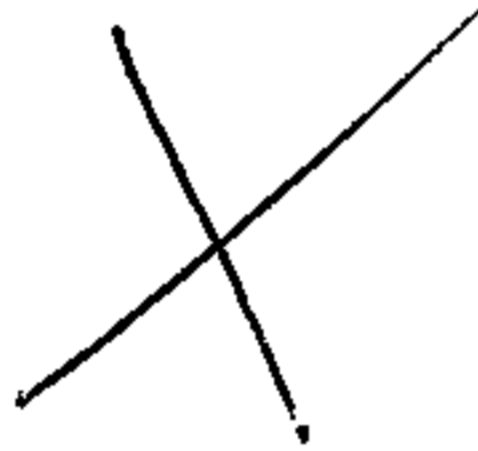
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SCATTERED shack settlements east of Philippi should remain in a Mitchell's Plain ward and not be included in an iKapa ward, the Central Joint Executive Committee decided yesterday.

The JEC earlier included the settlements — Samora Machel, Hyde Park, Heinz Park, Kayamandi and Sweet Home — in the Weltevreden Valley/Woodlands ward of Mitchell's Plain.

But the informal camps asked the Demarcation Board either to create a separate ward for them or to include them in one of the black wards to the north of them.

The JEC decided that they should remain in the Mitchell's Plain ward — Staff Reporter



The battle

Election hots up as ANC, NP and DP slug it out over demarcation decisions



ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

THE three major political parties are slugging it out for control of the city as ward demarcation gets into full swing.

Where you draw the line for the 152 wards scattered around the Cape metro could give parties the political edge in the local election scheduled for May 29.

The African National Congress, the Democratic Party and the National Party have each come forward with different permutations, reflecting their projected support bases

These proposals are being put to the Demarcation Board which is in the middle of a two-week fact-finding exercise, during which time groups will have the chance to make oral submissions

But when it comes to demarcation, board chairman Fanie Cloete has made it clear that board members will be relying on the criteria of community of interest, logical boundaries and voting quotas to make decisions.

Professor Cloete said the hearings this week — which covered the Northern, Southern and Eastern substructures — had revealed no major disagreements

They revealed "small differences of opinion", mainly arising from different political positions, he said

The board has until early February to make a recom-

■ The Demarcation Board has spent the past week grappling with the nuts and bolts of ward demarcation as oral hearings were held around the metro. Board chairman Fanie Cloete has made it clear that board members will be relying on the criteria of community of interest, logical boundaries and voting quotas to make decisions. The main area of dispute centres on the southern suburbs, city centre and Atlantic seaboard. The board's final recommendation, to local government minister Peter Marais, is expected by early February.

mendation on ward boundaries to local government minister Peter Marais, after which he will have to reach agreement with the provincial committee before a final decision can be made.

Only once ward boundaries are set will the election machinery start rolling, because then parties will begin to put forward their candidates

The main area of dispute, within the Central substructure, centres on six wards to be allocated west of the M5 (the Kromboom highway) — namely the southern suburbs, city centre and Atlantic seaboard.

Only the Atlantic seaboard, from Camps Bay through to Sea Point, is universally accepted as a logical ward in this area

Ian Iversen of the DP has proposed that three wards be given to the southern suburbs, in blocks lying between the M5 and the mountain with Rochester Road, Observatory, forming the outer southern suburbs boundary

In his view, another three wards should then be allocated to the areas closer to the city, one to the Atlantic seaboard, another to the Fore-shore running from Green Point through to Salt River and a third to the upper Table Valley from Vredehoek around to the Bo-Kaap

But the ANC-alliance has adopted a different view, limiting the ward allocation to

the southern suburbs to two large wards of about 15 000 to 16 000 voters each

It then suggests creating a separate ward for Woodstock, Salt River and Observatory, a proposal which would give the ANC a better chance of winning a seat in this part of the city.

Daphne King of the SA Communist Party argued that certain areas close to the city had been without representation in the past and therefore needed their own ward, but areas like the southern suburbs could do with less representation because they had enjoyed a high level of representation in the past

The NP, on the other hand, has taken issue with using the M5 as a dividing line and proposes that wards should straddle this highway to take in areas with a greater percentage of coloured voters, who might be expected to give their support to the NP, thereby diluting an expected DP power base

All parties have agreed, however, that it would be wise to do away with a "dog leg" in the southern suburbs, which had been designed to accommodate all schools and the University of Cape town in one ward

This ward, which has been described as a "rhino's horn", would have consisted of Bishopscourt and Ferndale, running through Newlands/Claremont to Park Estate

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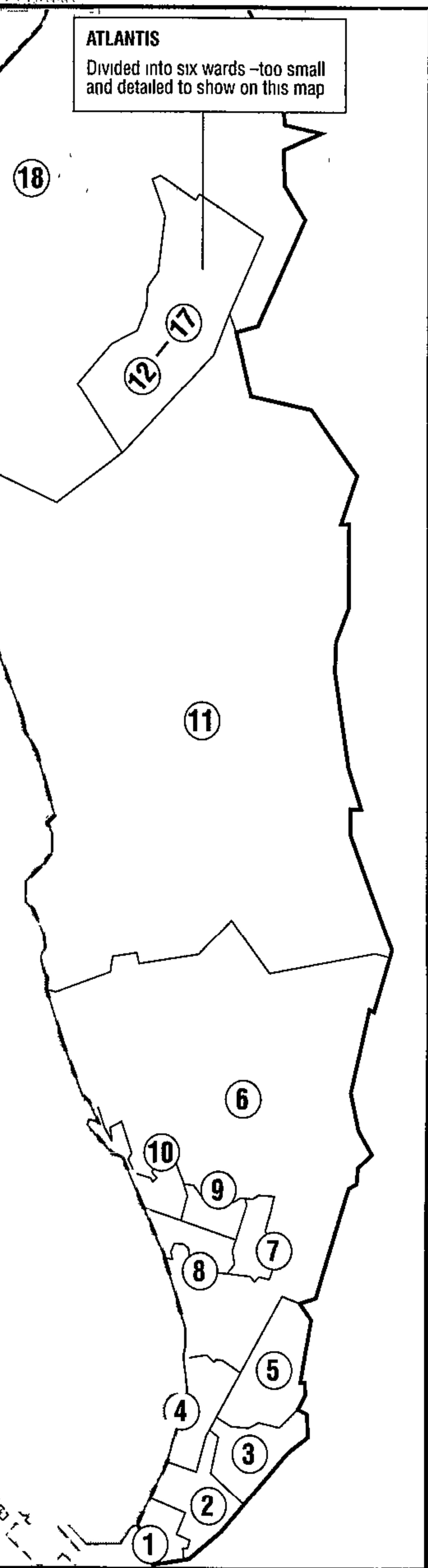
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ATLANTIS
Divided into six wards - too small and detailed to show on this map

Proposal for northern substructure wards

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□ **NORTHERN PROPOSAL:** Milnerton municipality put forward this proposal for wards in the new northern substructure, but a dispute has developed over the number of wards to be located around Atlantis, with demands for the mission stations of Mamre and Pella to have two separate wards. Although on the map, Robben Island will vote with Central Cape Town.

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Mr Iversen said the idea of putting all schools and the university in one ward had come from the Rondebosch Civic Association, which had a bursary fund. It had subsequently transpired that this fund had only R1 000 a year to allocate — “which won't give a month of schooling at a southern suburbs school”

In a dispute arising in the Southern substructure, residents of Hout Bay are demanding two wards rather than the one earmarked by the joint executive committee of the Southern substructure

Any delays in demarcation at this stage will certainly put in jeopardy the May 29 election date

Also in the Southern substructure, the NP and DP have differed over ward delimitation in the Constantia area, with the NP wishing Constantia to have its own ward, while the DP is campaigning for it to be divided between Bergvliet and Meadowridge

In Wynberg, the NP wishes to jump the railway line, with the view to scooping up the “coloured” vote, while the DP wishes to concentrate the ward in the traditionally white areas

The future of the squatter area of Vrygrond is also up for consideration because of demands that it should be incorporated with Lavender Hill rather than Muizenberg, even though it lies adjacent to the proposed multi-million rand Capricorn project.

Political interests aside, farmers out on Joostenbergvakte, who now fall in with the Eastern substructure, are campaigning for a rural ward and specifically do not wish to be included with the informal settlement of Bloekompos which is likely to take a ward seat there

Demands for rural representation have been a recurring theme in the Northern, Eastern and Southern substructures, where farming communities are afraid their voice will be swamped.

In the Northern substructure another bone of contention emerged when the Atlantis-alliance called for

separate wards for Mamre and Pella — even though Pella has only about 300 voters — while Milnerton was pushing for the two to be joined together

This split was characterised as a racial divide between the predominantly white Milnerton local authority and the coloured areas to the north around Atlantis.

To complicate the task of the Demarcation Board further, the Local Government Transition Act requires wards to be divided into A and B categories on a 50-50 basis.

The A wards will go to white and coloured areas and the B wards to former black local authorities. Only Helderberg, Tygerberg and Central are affected by this provision, which was written into the Act primarily to protect white towns in the former Transvaal.

Electoral regulations stipulate that ward sizes within the two categories should not be more than 15 percent above or below the median

In the Central substructure, 22 wards will go to former white and coloured areas (A wards) and 22 to former black areas (B wards). The average number of voters for the A wards is 13 230 and for the B wards 9 310.

The Southern substructure has 22 wards to distribute (with a voter average of 6 748), the Northern substructure has 18 wards (voter average 2 970) and the Eastern substructure has 24 wards (voter average 4 160).

Tygerberg has 44 wards to hand out, half of which will go to Khayelitsha and its environs. The voter average for A wards in the Tygerberg is 11 448 and for B wards 6 760.

In the Helderberg, the biggest discrepancy comes from the 50-50 provision, with Lwandle bagging 10 of the 20 available wards. The voter average for B wards there is 1 100 — compared to the average of 5 860 for the A wards in this area.

Next week, the Demarcation Board will hear oral presentations for ward demarcation in the Helderberg, Central and Tygerberg.

New study dismisses claims of W Cape

MICHAEL MORRIS

Staff Reporter

CLAIMS of a major swing to the ANC in the Western Cape's November local elections have been dismissed as "crude misinterpretation" in a fresh study which heralds a furious political fight for votes in May's metropolitan poll.

A close look at last year's re-

sults, the study indicates, shows a low-overall turnout and a collapse of the National Party vote, and concludes that if there was a "swing", it was not from the NP to the ANC, but from the NP to civic and other locally based organisations.

"The story of the local government elections is, above all, the story of the NP's failure to

mobilise its former supporters," writes sociologist Jeremy Seekings of the University of Cape Town in the journal *Indicator*.

He also concludes that:

■ The ANC's share of the coloured vote "has edged up by a few percentage points, but no more;" and

■ While the ANC actually won fewer votes from coloured

people in 1995 than in the general election in 1994, "its share rose because of the spectacular collapse of the NP vote."

The results of Mr Seekings' study points to the certainty of a major effort on the part of both ANC and NP strategists to deploy as many resources in the metropolitan campaign as they can muster.

An all-out battle is expected

for crucial metropolitan seats.

Looking back, Mr Seekings notes that most interpretations of the November results "have been framed in terms of 'swings', as voters are deemed to have rewarded or punished the parties."

But he adds: "Crude comparisons of the local government election with the results of the general election have given

rise to glib conclusions that there has been an overall 'swing' to the ANC."

In 1994, the ANC won more than 62 percent of the vote countrywide. In the 1995 poll, the ANC's share was 64 percent.

"The problem with this comparison is that like is not being compared with like.

"There were no local elec-

tions in either Kwazulu/Natal (19 percent of 1994 voters) or in metropolitan Cape Town (about seven percent).

"Excluding these areas, the ANC won an estimated 73 percent of the vote in 1994, so its share of the vote has in fact fallen."

Examining the "absolute" numbers of votes, he finds that the 1995 poll of 5.3 million

votes (compared with 1994's 14.5 million) amounts to just 37 percent of the 1994 poll, and perhaps as few as 32 percent of potentially eligible voters."

The Western Cape local government elections were a "resounding success" for the ANC which won outright control in 21 councils.

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voter swing to ANC

Holiday-jaunt scandal rocks Lingelethu West

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THE Lingelethu West transitional council has been rocked by allegations that councillors used council vehicles to go on extended Christmas holiday jaunts to the Transkei at the cost of taxpayers.

And although this is illegal in terms of the Local Government Transition Act, Lingelethu West acting town clerk Wouter Loots seems to find little wrong with the use of these vehicles.

Mr Loots has claimed that the council made a "political decision" to allow the use of these cars by the councillors.

A spokesman for the Western Cape provincial department of local government has warned that in cases of alleged misconduct or transgression of the Act by councils, Minister Peter Marais could order an official inquiry and, if the allegations were proved, "take corrective action".

At least five cars and two minibuses owned by the LW council were among vehicles used on holiday. Two of the cars broke down, one in Worcester and one in Lady Frere, and informants claim they are still there.

A light delivery vehicle and a 3-ton flatbed truck, also owned by the council, were apparently also taken to the Transkei and have still not been returned.

The Local Government Transition Act clearly lays down (in Schedule 7) that "no councillor

■ Lingelethu West councillors went on extended Christmas holiday jaunts to Transkei at the taxpayers' expense in official cars supplied by the transitional council, it has been claimed.



Wouter Loots

shall use municipal office facilities or municipal equipment, including telephones or motor vehicles, for his or her personal use outside his or her authorised functions as a councillor".

Mr Loots told SATURDAY Argus yesterday that because of "special circumstances", a political decision had been taken by the council to allow its cars to be taken on holiday.

As an official, he was obliged to go along with the decision, he said.

Normally, vehicles owned by the council could be used only within the metropolitan area, he admitted.

If councillors intended travelling outside the metropolitan area, they were required to make prior arrangements to pay special rates for the use of them.

The amounts payable would be worked out when logbooks were checked at the end of the

month and the money deducted from councillors' allowances, he said.

He had "heard rumours" that cars had been removed without prior arrangements and had asked for a report on this, he said.

Mr Loots said that he was aware of one staff member having removed a car, which was still missing.

He added that it was "a vicious rumour" that cars had been used illegally to travel to the former Transkei during the holidays.

Ted Doman, public relations officer for the Cape Town city council, said that transport was not provided for city councillors. The mayor and deputy mayor had the use of official cars on mayoral business only and the regulations laid down that such cars might be driven only by official drivers.

According to information given SATURDAY Argus, Lingelethu West cars which were taken on holiday were:

■ CA 246573, a Toyota Cressida allegedly allocated to G Magqaza, chairman of the executive council of the LW transitional council. This car apparently broke down in Worcester soon after the start of the holidays on December 15 and another car was supplied to Mr Magqaza, who could not be reached for comment yesterday.

■ CA 245265, a Mazda 323.

This car was returned on January 11. It is not known to whom it was officially allocated.

■ CA 745574, a Mazda 323, allegedly allocated to exco member C Sitonga. This car has been away from the council garages since December 15. Mr Sitonga could not be reached for comment.

■ CA 745264, a Mazda 323. Also "missing" since December 15.

■ CA 816601, a Mazda 626 allegedly allocated to deputy mayor M Tungwana. This car was said to have broken down in Lady Frere, in the former Transkei. Mr Tungwana could not be reached for comment.

■ Two minibuses, CA 813017 and CA 813018. One of them was allegedly used to transport councillors to the former Transkei before Christmas and was returned to base this week. The other is still "missing".

■ One LDV and one three-ton flatbed truck, registration numbers unknown, have also been "missing" since December 15.

Lingelethu West transitional council runs the area between Mitchell's Plain and Somerset West and includes most of Khayelitsha. The area was allocated to the Tygerberg sub-structure of the metropolitan council by the Electoral Court after a long-drawn-out legal battle between Peter Marais, minister of local government in the Western Cape, and the African National Congress.

The Demarcation Board originally allocated it to Tygerberg, but Mr Marais tried to over-ride this and have it added to the central sub-structure. National Party supporters in Tygerberg objected that they could not afford to subsidise Khayelitsha.

Squatters lose out on RDP

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CHRIS BATEMAN

RESIDENTS of the Peninsula's most famous shanty town, Old Crossroads, who have seen no development for six years, are being denied R38 million in "transformation" funds because their political leaders cannot agree on an integrated RDP Forum

While the latest upsurge of bitterness is aggravated by jostling for position before the Cape Metropolitan elections in May, the two main factions remain split along apartheid dispensation lines. The mainly tribal-based councillors (now the Transitional Local Council) and their predominantly white administrators and an ANC-aligned group, riven with splinter groups, but dominating the pivotal RDP Forum

The lack of a social compact and an inclusive RDP Forum means R12 million immediately available and another R26 million available from April 1 remain frozen while 45 000 squatters face yet another miserable wet and muddy winter

In the latest bout of tit-for-tat fighting, TLC mayor Mr William



INFIGHTING: Crossroads mayor Mr William Sidinana (nght) and his chief executive officer Mr Andries Wessels. **PICTURE: CHRIS BATEMAN**

Sidinana's home was set alight on January 5. His cellphone, office and car keys were allegedly "confiscated" by RDP Forum members and their allies a month earlier

This followed the TLC repossessing a bungalow loaned to the RDP Forum — whose members allegedly removed its door and lost the keys

According to veteran Cross-

roads administrator and current chief executive officer Mr Andries Wessels, metre-high walls of a partly-built creche near Unathi village were smashed (December 12) after claims by the RDP Forum that they were not consulted.

"Our dilemma is that we cannot give full recognition to a broad RDP Forum because the PAC, the Western Cape United Squatters Association (Wecusa) and the

Crossroads Residents Association are simply excluded — it's very, very frustrating," he said

There were Forum walkouts by the PAC when an ANC chairperson was elected and vice-versa.

Integrated Serviced Land Project co-ordinator Mr Colin Appleton said: "It is terrifying that we're breeding another generation of kids to grow up in this environment."

He warned that development undertaken without agreement by all parties would "return Crossroads to a war zone".

The province's Economic Affairs and RDP Minister Mr Chris Nissen said it was "completely unacceptable" that anybody could hamper improved living conditions for people

"In terms of RDP philosophy everyone should be involved. We are sick and tired of people jostling for positions at the expense of development in the area"

RDP forums are advisory bodies that monitor implementation of the RDP by local authorities and provincial governments.

Mr Nissen promised to intervene in Old Crossroads.

'Sun City' not black enough

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MUNICIPAL REPORTER

THE shack settlement "Sun City" near Sir Lowry's Pass Village has too many coloured people to be included in Helderberg's black wards

An astonished Mr Jaap Coetzee of the Sir Lowry's Pass Ratepayers' Association was told this yesterday by the Demarcation Board chairman, Professor Fame Cloete, at a ward boundaries hearing in the Somerset West town hall

Mr Coetzee had just suggested that 'Sun City' should not be included in the Sir Lowry's Pass ward, but it should instead be part of a black ward. He estimated that 60% of Sun City's residents were black and 40% coloured.

Prof Cloete said the law only allowed for the inclusion of concentrated settlements of black people in black wards, so he could not even consider including Sun City.

"So then we are talking about race," Mr Coetzee said. "We are still talking about race, despite the new constitution."

'People's budget' publicity

to cost council R900 000

Extensive community input to be sought for 1996/97

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has launched a R900 000 project to get extensive community input into the drafting of what it terms the city's first "people's budget" for the 1996/97 financial year

At a press conference characterised by the liberal use of new South African terminology — such as transparency, accountability, empowerment and reprioritisation — councillor Saleem Mowzer said "the old way of doing things" had passed

Mr Mowzer heads the council executive committee's budget review sub-committee

"We expect input from communities before May 29 for inclusion in the 1996/97 people's budget," he said

"As a council in transition, consultation is the only way to ensure that a truly representative budget is formulated."

The consultative process would include a combination of civic meetings and community workshops at which the budget process would be explained to communities

Mr Mowzer said "Through these workshops and community meetings the treasury department will be able to identify the projects and services which are most needed

"We are depending on communities within individual wards to tell us what their needs and priorities are"

Money was obviously needed to finance the required projects and services, so an integral

part of the people's budget process would be reinforcing the government's Masakhane Campaign, which urges residents to pay for services

Following the recent definition of boundaries and wards, the council would focus its attention on the Central and Southern substructures, which include areas of the city bowl, southern suburbs, Guguletu, Crossroads, Langa, Mitchell's Plain and Athlone

"Although progress has been made in restructuring local government, there are still significant disparities between the services and facilities which are provided, and those which residents need in their areas," said Mr Mowzer

"We can no longer accept that money is spent on those communities and organisations who have the means and the privilege to access it, while many other communities remain marginalised"

"Once communities are educated about how the budget is formulated, we will be able to assist them through workshops and community meetings to identify the projects and services which are most needed," said Mr Mowzer

- The 1996/97 budget has to be completed by June 1, two days after local government elections

- The R900 000 plus VAT people's budget price tag would cover the costs of the extensive consultative process, a media campaign and an educational booklet

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Dispute may bring delay in elections

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Municipal Reporter

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A DEMARCATION dispute, which could lead to a rerun of the delays which have been dogging local elections in the Cape metro, has emerged during ward delimitation hearings.

Fears have been expressed that the dispute, which is essentially between the National Party on the one hand and supporters of the Democratic Party and the African National Congress on the other, could lead to a confrontation at provincial committee level, leading to further delays in the election date.

The NP put its position to the Demarcation Board yesterday as it convened to consider new ward boundaries for the Central substructure which will absorb the core of the former Cape Town City Council.

A dispute over outer boundaries for new metro municipalities dragged on for nearly 11 months last year and delayed elections until May 29 this year, making the time scale for ward delimitation extremely tight.

David Erleigh, representing the NP, said the JEC purported to be a community orientated body but had held no hearings in its ward demarcation preparations.

Mr Erleigh said the positions put forward by the JEC represented those of the ANC and the DP, and not those of the individual local authorities.

But in response to this charge, JEC co-chairs Brian Watkyns of Pinelands and Nomajndia Mfeketo of Cape Town City Council, said they condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the efforts of NP councillor David Statham, who sits on the JEC, to use it for party-political campaigning.

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Crisis talks over W Cape R800 m shortfall

Staff Reporter

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THE Western Cape government is to hold crisis talks with the central government next week over an anticipated R800 million budget shortfall.

Pieter Coetzee, spokesman for regional Finance Minister Kobus Meiring, said the province's financial problems were chiefly due to larger-than-anticipated expenditure in the education and health fields.

The education shortfall was "linked directly to teachers' salaries", he said, while the health crisis was due to a combination of factors, including the cost of maintaining academic hospitals and the provision of free health care to children and pregnant women.

Mr Coetzee did not wish to speculate whether the province could run into difficulties paying teachers' salaries.

He dismissed reports that pensions would be affected.

Mr Coetzee said that a few months ago it looked as if the province's budget would be R1 billion in the red, but cut-backs had reduced the deficit.

Office row brings 'broedertwis' to Ulundi

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal legislature speaker Gideon Mdlalose has threatened to institute legal action against his younger brother, premier Frank Mdlalose, for failing to give him his own offices in Ulundi.

He also accused the premier of violating the constitution by failing to draw a distinction between the executive and the legislature.

The legislature's internal arrangements committee, on which IFP and opposition whips serve, threw its weight behind the speaker yesterday.

In a letter to the premier the speaker said he was forced to share an office with his personal assistant. There was

not even an office for his spokesman. This was "demeaning" and impinged on his ability to carry out his duties.

He expected KwaZulu-Natal director-general Otty Nxumalo to vacate offices for him. If not, he would have "no alternative" but to take legal action.

Hitting back, the premier said he doubted legal action would succeed. "The building in question has always been shared between the executive and the legislature, while the offices mentioned have always been those of the administrative head of government. The offices therefore are not the offices of the speaker, except where the executive agrees to such a request."

The speaker said it seemed that the premier had suggested "the status quo

that existed prior to the coming into existence of the new constitution should be maintained" in spite of its "clear unconstitutionality".

At the committee meeting yesterday, NP chief whip Rudi Redinger said the NP would refuse to attend legislature sessions in Ulundi if the premier did not ensure the separation of the legislature and executive.

ANC chief whip Ina Cronje said the executive had to realise it was there to execute laws made by the legislature, not the other way round. She complained that the Ulundi legislature still had "the taboo rooms" — Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi had retained the offices he had as KwaZulu's chief minister.

Cape provincial cabinet refuses to implement Act

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CAPE TOWN — Western Cape provincial and local governments are at loggerheads over the adoption of the Development Facilitation Act which the provincial cabinet is refusing to implement.

The council, however, supported the significant role given to local authorities in the legislation and believed the province's decision would impede development and reconstruction.

In terms of the Act, local authorities would be empowered to override decisions of the provincial, and even central government.

The Cape Town City Council's urbanisation and planning committee decided yesterday to seek an interview with provincial premier Hennis Kriel to discuss the issue.

The Western Cape provincial government has laid claim to the provincial competence provided by the

constitution to govern regional planning and development and urban and rural development. In these areas, provincial law would prevail over an Act of Parliament. At the proposed meeting with Kriel, the committee's representatives intend to stress the urgent need to establish a planning and development commission — as provided for in the Act — to draft short-term and long-term planning and development-related legislation.

The province objected to the Act because it did not participate in drafting it, it failed to recognise existing initiatives to rationalise legislation, its prescriptive nature, the power given to development tribunals to take decisions, and its failure to delegate to local authorities. Rather than implement the Act, the provincial government decided to amend provincial legislation to accelerate development.

MEETING MAY FOCUS ON BUDGET DEFICITS

Health, welfare top of W Cape cabinet's list

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THE MINISTERS of Health and Welfare are expected to outline strategies for cutting costs in line with budget shortfalls when the cabinet meets today. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

WAYS of meeting huge budget shortfalls in education and health without laying off staff and cutting back on equipment will almost certainly be top of the agenda when the Western Cape cabinet meets today.

Education Minister Mrs Martha Olckers, faced with an avalanche of pupils enrolling at African schools, has to cope with a budget shortfall of R600 million. The R200m owed to her department by the Eastern Cape Education Department was paid yesterday.

In a portfolio where 87% of

funds go to staff salaries, Mrs Olckers can make ends meet only through voluntary or compulsory lay-offs — but is bound by union agreements to take the latter course as a last resort.

Although there are not enough teacher posts, she would have to cut 6 000 to make ends meet.

Mrs Olckers is expected to tell the cabinet how she proposes to work towards teacher-pupil ratios of one 35 in secondary schools and one 40 in primary schools in five years.

Already, first-year enrolments at the seven provincial teacher

training colleges have been cut to 60 students each.

In Health and Welfare, Minister Mr Ebrahim Rasool faces a deficit of R329m.

His chief director, Dr Tom Sutcliffe, said yesterday every option would be implemented that allowed costs to be cut by natural attrition and improving efficiency.

No allowance would be made for inflation and a 3% efficiency gain would be implemented for all services. If the full deficit were passed down, this would be "catastrophic" for health.

Sports and Recreation Minister Mr Lerumo Kalako is expected to brief the cabinet on the December 12 signing of the Memo of Understanding among all role players in Cape Town's Olympic bid.

NP objects to ward

boundary hearings

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The National Party took exception yesterday to the Demarcation Board's recent consideration of a boundary proposal, from the Central Joint Executive Committee (CJEC).

At a hearing in the Athlone District Centre, Mr David Lyleigh of the NP said this objection was taken on the grounds that the CJEC had not had its proposals approved by the various councils represented on it — Cape Town, Pinelands, Ikapa and Crossroads.

The NP also objected to the alleged lack of "community hearings of any nature" being held by the CJEC and to its refusal to give the NP a hearing when views of other political parties (ANC and DP) had been presented under the guise of being the views of individual CJEC members.

Central JEC co-chairs M. Gomanndi and Mfek to and Mr Brian Watkins said it was Mr David Stath in the sole NP member of the JEC, who had ignored his mandate to represent his council, and opted for a court-mandated by the NP instead.

Demarcation Board chairman Professor Fanie Cloete said his board would hear the JEC proposals and those of any other interested individual or group, including the NP. The board would be swayed only by the merit of the arguments put before it.

250 000 pensioners must be registered

WILLEM STEENKAMP
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UP to 250 000 pensioners in the Western Cape have to be registered with the new fingerprint and photo-based identification system launched recently to combat rampant fraud and duplication.

According to recent reports, millions of rands are being lost to the Western Cape government every year through irregularities, including fraud, the disappearance of pension vouchers and the duplication of pension pay-outs.

The Department of Social Services yesterday said dual action had been taken — the new fingerprint system had been installed and the province's database was being updated.

Social security director Dr Waldie Terblanche said this would link pension pay-outs with pensioners' identity numbers, a system that was incomplete.

Eventually both actions would be married to form a cohesive and accurate database, Dr Terblanche said.

The fingerprinting and photograph system is being implemented by Nisec, the company contracted by the province to handle pension payments.

All pensioners will eventually have to have their photographs and index fingerprints taken.

This process, expected to take four to five months, would be followed by a filtering process to cancel out duplications and other irregularities, after which pensioners would be issued with pension cards.

A Nisec spokesman said he could not say how long the process would take, as this "depends on how well the beneficiaries respond." So far, however, "the clients are co-operating fantastically."

The fingerprinting was being done area by area, with pensioners being warned in the media and through posters placed in post offices on where to go and when.

The process takes between two and three minutes per person.

"We are trying to do this in as dignified a manner as possible," the spokesman said.

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CLAMP ON EDUCATION SPENDING

Summit to discuss R800m budget deficit

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AFTER the payment of R400m by Pretoria to the Eastern Cape, Western Cape ministers are to discuss their budget shortfall with President Mandela. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

AFTER nearly a year of lobbying, the keepers of the Western Cape's coffers are to have a "crisis summit" with President Nelson Mandela and his two deputies to discuss the province's R800-million budget shortfall.

On Tuesday, Western Cape Premier Mr Hennis Kriel, his Finance Minister Mr Kobus Meiring and his director-general Mr Herbert Beukes will meet the President and his deputies.

Yesterday the Western Cape cabinet were told current deficits would remain.

This was after Pretoria suddenly paid R400m to the better-financed Eastern Cape following a debacle involving the Western Cape's bank-rolling of its neighbour's education department.

The amount was made up in the following way: Pretoria initially paid R200m into the Eastern Cape's account after its education department missed three deadlines

to repay the Western Cape department under provincial Education Minister Mrs Martha Olckers. But this money was used to repay an Eastern Cape overdraft instead.

Only after the bank stopped all Eastern Cape cheques and Mrs Olckers had frozen education salary cheques did her counterpart phone her to say Pretoria "had made good with another R200m".

Finance and Fiscal Commission (FFC) chairperson Mr Murphy Morobe, briefing the provincial cabinet yesterday at its first gathering of the year, told ministers current deficits would be subtracted from their March allocations.

Mrs Olckers said her department had brought its deficit down to R519m.

She told the Cape Times the basic formula the FFC used to allocate funds to the province was "simply wrong". They had begun on the premise that the Western Cape department had no deficit

This would be the one of the basic points raised on Tuesday.

Some 6 000 local teachers would have to accept voluntary severance packages at the end of June to balance the local education budget. She was also considering reducing subsidies to private and special schools, phasing out bus subsidies in some areas, scrapping first-year student teacher bursaries and demanding an up-front payment of R17 000 a year for all non-resident student teachers.

Mr Meiring said yesterday that "under no circumstances" would he contemplate education or health workers not receiving salaries or loans during the current financial year.

Health and Welfare Minister Mr Ebrahim Rasool, whose department is struggling under a R329m deficit, denied rumours of lay-offs without voluntary packages.

"Given sufficient time we'll bring even this deficit right down," he said.

Mrs Olckers said she and Mr Rasool were trying to set up a meeting with Finance Minister Mr Chris Liebenberg.

New proposal could resolve dispute over municipal wards

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Municipal Reporter

CITY councillor Chris Joubert has proposed that the entire Atlantic seaboard through to Mouille Point be declared one ward, in a move which could resolve a dispute over ward delimitation for the central city

The African National Congress and the Democratic Party have taken up opposing positions on the demarcation of six wards to the west of the Kromboom Parkway

Mr Joubert's proposal, however, could resolve the difficulty by helping to absorb extra voters into one ward, leaving more leeway for a more equitable distribution of wards along the belt around the mountain

The ANC is pushing for a Salt River, Woodstock, Observatory ward, which it maintains has been under-represented in the past and shares a strong community of interest

The only problem with this proposal is that it creates two

very large wards in the southern suburbs, something to which the DP is opposed

Instead, the DP wants to have three wards in the southern suburbs including most of Observatory, using the argument that this area shares a community of interest with key educational institutions such as the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital.

Mr Joubert argued that while the Atlantic seaboard ward might contain 20 000 voters, it could be handled by one councillor because of the strong ratepayers' organisations in the area

He said the four organisations, namely Mouille Point, Green and Sea Point, Camps Bay, and Clifton and Bakoven ratepayers' associations, all endorsed his view

Mr Joubert said the current proposals put forward by the joint executive committee (JEC) for the Central substructure, to hive off Green Point and Mouille Point from Sea Point, did not make sense.

If Glengariff Road was made a boundary, it would mean the police station, which served the whole of the Atlantic seaboard, would be in a different ward.

Demarcation Board chairman Fanie Cloete said "I have the distinct impression that this is a new proposal. Have you bounced it off the JEC?"

Mr Joubert's reply was "No — I just have the support of the community"

Commenting to The Argus on this proposal, the National Party's David Erleigh said he thought the creation of a giant Atlantic seaboard ward would mean that the voters of that area would have a much smaller voting input than the voters in the rest of the city

"What Mr Joubert is trying to do is to discount the vote of the Atlantic suburbs which he has no right to do"

He said Mr Joubert was doing this as "an apologist of the DP" because it had stuck to the Kromboom Parkway as a boundary which would create a divided city

'State funds used for protection units'

MARITZBURG ~~(253)~~ (253) More than R8,5 million in state funds had been spent on training Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned self-protection units in the 1993-94 and 1994-95 financial years, KwaZulu-Natal auditor-general Chris Foster has disclosed.

His findings may embarrass Premier Frank Mdlalose, who told the legislature last year that the money used to pay the SPUs had come from a suspense account. He repeatedly denied state money had been used.

In a special report due to be tabled in the legislature's public accounts committee on Monday, Mr Foster says total expenditure incurred for SPU members amounted to R8 881 347 for the two financial years.

Mr Foster said that, according to available evidence, SPU members

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had been paid a once-off amount of R1 000 each, which came to a total of R6 940 000 paid in the 1994-95 financial year.

"As motivation for these payments it was stated that as the SPU members had not been incorporated into the police force as apparently previously promised, a number of these persons protested at the legislative assembly during September 1994," Mr Foster said.

"It was then decided by a senior official in the office of the premier of KwaZulu-Natal that an amount of R1 000 be paid to each person claiming to have been trained as a SPU member. No evidence could be produced to support the authenticity of the claims of the individuals who received these payments." — Sapa.

Local watchdog too costly

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Staff Reporter

AGGRIEVED Western Cape taxpayers will have to turn to the national Public Protector to settle complaints about provincial officials, because the province believes it would be extravagant to spend precious rands on its own ombudsman

This is the among the signs of a silent tussle between ideals and economic realities in South Africa's post-1994 shift to democracy and open administration — and good news for critics of the "gravy-train" mindset.

The appointment of Provincial Public Protectors was among a brace of measures devised at the Kempton Park talks to entrench and nurture accountability and transparency at all levels of government

And among the first laws passed by Western Cape legislators — in 1994 — was the Western Cape Provincial Public Protector Bill to provide for the appointment of an individual to investigate complaints and allegations of anything from maladministration and corruption to abuse of power, discourtesy and favouritism

However, a national Public Protector has already been appointed, and the provincial cabinet believes it would be a waste of money to duplicate the position at provincial level

As it is, the province is cash-strapped, with critical departments such as health and education having to pare spending to the bone to meet budgetary restrictions.

A spokesman for Western Cape fi-

■ Avoiding unnecessary costs and duplication is behind the Western Cape cabinet's decision to drop plans for a Provincial Public Protector.

nance minister Kobus Meiring said "We are having second thoughts about this — there's the cost factor and the question of duplication"

A provincial appointment has not been ruled out entirely, but will not be made in 1996

African National Congress legislator Cameron Dugmore said other provinces had been advised that appointing their own Public Protectors would, in law, duplicate the role of the national Public Protector

"So while there is that question hanging over the appointment of a Provincial Public Protector, we support the decision to hold back."

● National Public Protector Selby Baqwa, a part-time professor of law at Natal University, has a wide brief to root out corruption, end-bureaucratic unfairness and speed up unduly delayed official decision-making.

As the official government watchdog, he can enter any building and seize anything relevant to his inquiries, order anyone to answer questions and hand over information he requires

No member of the state, from the president down, may interfere in his work. Only the courts are off-limits for his investigations

Khayelitsha agrees on unconventional ward split

PETER DENNEHY

KHAYELITSHA'S councillors and other political leaders have agreed on an unconventional division of their suburb into wards.

Mr Anda Ntsodo, spokesman for the local council, and town clerk Mr Wouter Loots told the Demarcation Board yesterday they wanted just 11 wards for Khayelitsha — even though Tygerberg's black areas have been allocated 22 councillors.

This means most wards will have more than one councillor, with one

ward having four. Khayelitsha's 11 wards will have 20 elected representatives between them, and nearby Mfuleni will get the other two.

The ward demarcation is also unconventional in that guidelines on voter numbers per ward have not been followed. All the wards are supposed to have a roughly equal number of voters, with 15% leeway either way.

Khayelitsha has not followed this guideline closely.

Mxolisi Petane ward, which is the shacklands of Site C, has 40 720 voters and four councillors while the nearby

formal housing ward of Tembokwezi has one councillor for 2 229 voters.

Professor Piet Klaasen of the board noted that in some cases wards were 70% lower or 50% higher than the average.

Mr Loots said officials had to be able to identify voters as being on a particular roll, or list. And residents must know what wards they were in so they knew where to vote.

Otherwise, he said, some would stand in queues for hours only to find they were at the wrong place. It was not easy to draw lines in Khayelitsha.

A commentator from the floor, Mr

Richard Dyantyi, noted that the wards followed RDP forum areas.

Mr Ntsodo said the Khayelitsha organisations that had agreed on the 11-ward demarcation included the National Party and the ANC, the PAC, the SA National Civics Organisation, the United Residents' Front and many others.

Asked afterwards if there were Khayelitsha councillors who supported the NP, he said nearly half did.

Demarcation Board chairman Professor Fanie Cloete asked Mr Ntsodo to go to a Tygerberg JBC meeting scheduled for later yesterday and put his case there

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Council boots out officials in arrears

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Staff Reporter

TWO ANC councillors in Citrusdal have been told they no longer qualify as councillors because their rates are in arrears.

Elizabeth Januarie and Elizabeth Visagie were sent letters by Citrusdal town clerk Jacques Carstens saying their terms of office had lapsed because they no longer qualified in terms of local government elections regulation 21 (1)d.

Mr Carstens said the councillors' rates had been in arrears from the time they were elected.

Selwyn Hockey, an attorney representing the councillors, said the regulation did not apply as the women had qualified for nomination to the council.

Mr Hockey said it was the council's fault that his clients' rates had not been paid.

The councillors apparently had their rates deducted from their salaries, but this was stopped without them being notified, said Mr Hockey, and they blamed the council for the problem.

Mr Hockey said there was no provision in the regulations for his clients to be disqualified from their office.

ANC Western Cape spokesman Brent Simons accused Mr Carstens of "using his power for party-political means", to which Mr Carstens responded that he was acting on instructions from the the Department of Local Government.

Mr Carstens said there would be a by-election in April, and the two councillors could stand for office then.

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

THE Western Cape government is facing a financial crisis after the Department of State Expenditure this week cut R50-million from the province's local government budget.

Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel and a team of advisors are due to fly to Johannesburg this week to meet President Mandela "as a matter of extreme urgency" to try to get him to reverse the cuts, Local Government Minister Peter Marais said yesterday.

Mr Marais yesterday attacked the ANC-led central government and accused it of penalising the Western Cape, which is controlled by the National Party.

He said the budget cut, which is 34 percent of the previous financial year's allocation of R139-million, would mean that rates, taxes and service charges in the province could increase threefold.

"This will leave a few committed taxpayers to bear the brunt," he said.

If the ANC managed to pull this off, they would succeed in their "death wish" for the Western Cape, Mr Marais said.

Large numbers of municipalities in the province were already on the brink of collapse due to non-payment of services and at least 80 percent of municipalities in the province were in serious financial trouble because of non-payment, he said.

Municipalities in Worcester, George, Paarl and George were facing serious financial problems and could no longer survive on minimal budgetary allocations, he said.

"And this is not a problem caused by the Western Cape government, it is caused by central government's reluctance to act against defaulters precisely because they are ANC supporters.

"The ANC simply cannot stand to see a smooth-running province, because they know by 1999 voters would have seen who really delivers, that is why they are curbing growth in this province."

ANC councillor Mansoor Jaffer said the budget cut needed to be looked at within a broader context.

"Throwing money at the problem is very seldom the correct solution. It is our task to achieve maximum effect with minimal spending."

In the current financial year, the Cape Town Metropolitan sub-structure freed up about R40-million for RDP projects after re-organising its 1995/96 budget.

This will help improve street lighting, roads and flats in poorer areas.

"Mr Marais' irrational outbursts are to be regretted... his claim that the province is being punished is without foundation as rationalisation is taking place in all the nine provinces," said Mr Jaffer.

"His assertion that local government is on the brink of collapse is simply hysterical alarmist talk and cheap politicking."

R50m budget cut sparks

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The high cost of going to electoral court

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□ Southern areas 'won 1st prize': Now the bill...

PETER GOOSEN
Staff Reporter

BY taking its case to the Electoral Court to ensure that it became a municipality in its own right, the southern substructure had won first prize, said Andy Ross Munro, joint leader of the Joint Executive Committee of the substructure.

He was speaking in a JEC debate on how much local authorities were each going to pay towards its R170 000 legal bill

"If we hadn't gone to court we would never have been able to live with ourselves," he said.

The representatives of two areas, Grassy Park and Ottery East, expressed doubts at the meeting about paying their share

It was said at the meeting

that Grassy Park understood from the beginning that each area would not have to pay more than R20 000 and this was the amount Grassy Park was prepared to pay, despite the fact that its share of the bill came to R31 170

Ottery East representative D Kruse said his council had not yet discussed the issue, and in any case, at no stage did Ottery East agree to foot part of the bill.

"Who does Grassy Park think is going to pay the extra," asked Mr Ross-Munro.

According to the substructure agenda, Fish Hoek/Kommetjie/Noordhoek, Simon's Town and Scarborough have agreed to pay their share.

It was also suggested the committee approach the law firm involved and try to negotiate a discount.

Fish Hoek/Kommetjie/Noordhoek representative E R Anderson said he was disappointed with the way things were going and all should agree to pay a share of the bill according to their rates income

The substructure agenda showed Constantia is footing the biggest portion — R48 670.

The Fish Hoek/Kommetjie/Noordhoek share is R31 400, Hout Bay/Llandudno's R32 860 and Simon's Town's R17 850.

It was also suggested at the meeting that only 50 or 60 percent of the bill should be paid and the balance be negotiated

However, Mr Ross-Munro said this was "unprofessional" and the money would be paid over as it came in from each local authority

IFP claims inaccuracies in inquiry report

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The IFP has questioned the accuracy of KwaZulu-Natal auditor-general Chris Foster's findings following an inquiry into the payment of party self-protection unit members with taxpayers' money. The IFP claims inaccuracies in the report.

But IFP sources conceded at the weekend that if Foster's report was confirmed, it would be an indictment of premier Frank Mdlalose who denied to the KwaZulu-Natal legislature last year that taxpayers' funds were used to pay unit members.

Foster said in a report released last week that about R8,8m of public money was used illegally to train and pay salaries to between 5 000 and 8 000 unit members during the 1993/94 and 1994/95 fi-

nancial years

IFP MP John Aulsebrook said on Friday that the IFP did not accept Foster's report "in its entirety". The inaccuracies were cause for concern and the report still needed to be "verified".

Aulsebrook declined to say what the alleged inaccuracies were, and said this would be done at a meeting of the KwaZulu-Natal legislature's public accounts committee later this week.

Foster had been asked to attend so that he could be questioned on his findings. It appeared that there were certain facts that Foster did not have at his disposal. The IFP would make these available to him via the committee.

Aulsebrook said there would be no cover-up. The IFP was among the parties that had asked Foster to conduct the investigation.

"Whatever the inaccuracies in the report, it will not detract from the fact that we want the matter to be dealt with," Aulsebrook said.

If Foster's findings were proved to be true, it would be an indictment of Mdlalose, but it would not mean that Mdlalose had deliberately misled the legislature last year. Rather, it would indicate that payments were made without his knowledge.

Meanwhile, the ANC KwaZulu-Natal region praised Foster for assisting the provincial legislature bring about "responsible, transparent and efficient government". The ANC said it would ask the committee to "thoroughly scrutinise" Mdlalose's and finance MEC Senzele Mhlungu's statements in regard to the payments.

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ANC can take Cape Town Central

PETER DENNEHY
METRO WRITER

AN analysis of general election voting results, against the background of Cape Town's new municipal boundaries, indicates that the ANC has a good chance of winning the Central substructure

But it looks set to lose the other five by large margins, unless voting patterns have changed dramatically in two years.

In the 1994 general election the ANC received more votes than the NP at polling stations that now fall within the new Cape Town municipal boundaries, although in the metropole as a whole the NP won a solid victory.

The only available reliable statistics are those from counting stations in the area. There were 24

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vote-counting venues in what is now the Cape Town Metropolitan Area, at which the NP got a total of 641 080 votes, against the ANC's 466 181

The NP took 50% of all votes cast, the ANC's share was 36% and the remaining 14% went to other parties

But in what is now Cape Town Central, the ANC polled 250 874 votes against the NP's 157 820

At the Good Hope Centre, the ANC polled 162 051 votes against the NP's 8 950, according to statistics provided by political parties

Most of Mitchells Plain voted NP.

The NP took 77% of the votes counted at Princeton School, in Woodlands, against the ANC's 23%. In less-affluent Tafelsig the

NP got 68% of the vote, against the ANC's 32%. Those were the only two vote-counting venues in Mitchells Plain itself

At the Sea Point counting station the NP received 24 532 (52%) of the votes, the ANC 9 076 (19%) and virtually all the remaining 29% went to the DP.

In what is now the Northern substructure (Greater Milnerton) the NP got 28 722 votes and the ANC 5 385.

In the Southern municipality 179 809 votes were cast, of which the NP took 55%, the ANC 20% and the DP walked off with most of the remaining 25%.

In what is now the Tygerberg substructure the NP polled more than twice as many votes as the ANC.

In Helderberg, the NP also polled over twice as many votes as the ANC.

In the Eastern municipality the NP received 86 707 votes and the ANC got 53 740

If the results are "colour coded", ANC MP Mr Willie Hofmeyr estimates that in the metropole in the 1994 election, the ANC received 95% of support in the black community, 6% in the white community, and 25% in the coloured community.

The ANC is hoping for at least 35% of the coloured vote in the local elections, he says, and expects to win power in the Central substructure, which is the new Cape Town municipality.

He doubts whether independents will be a major factor

Demarcation worries business

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BY FRANÇOISE BOTHA

Cape Town — The demarcation board must make every effort to retain the integrity of commercial and industrial areas, says Geoffrey Ashmead, chairman of the Cape chamber of commerce and industry.

Ashmead made the statement while giving evidence last week to the Western Cape demarcation board.

The board was considering the delimitation of the Cape metropolitan structures.

"It would be preferable to have the Cape Town central business district and the Waterfront and

Foreshore areas within one ward, rather than fragment the area and allocate parts of it to surrounding areas," he said.

"If the area is large, there should be a number of wards in the area, but consideration should be given to the fact that people spend their daylight hours in an area where they don't necessarily sleep and that must be catered for."

"The requirements of businesses are different to residential requirements. It is important that there should be ward councillors (who) are responsible for ensuring that the legitimate interests of business people are catered for," said Ashmead.

Province fighting off the budget guillotine

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CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Western Cape's top administrators are to make a "last ditch" appeal to Pretoria today for finance to help them cut their health and education bill through a staged down-scaling rather than having to wield the axe

Failure will mean drastic cuts in services and staff this year, especially in health and education. The province wants time to transform its health service to a primary-care oriented service and to allow for voluntary staff cuts in education.

Director-general of Administration in the Western Cape Mr Herbert Beukes explained that his team would try and convince Pretoria to provide bridging finance to enable him to "bring the guillotine down slowly" "We need to make the transition more manageable," he said.

An irony of the national "equi-

ty" funding formula is that provinces less well off than the Western Cape, but incapable of spending their funding allocations, have healthier but little or poorly-used bank balances

By contrast, the Western Cape's finely-tuned plans to down-scale are in danger of being aborted through lack of funding — threatening to collapse service levels

An example of this is the building of rural health clinics aimed at taking pressure off Cape Town's provincial hospitals to enable them to render specialist tertiary and academic services only

Yesterday Mr Tom Moir, a national director of State Expenditure in Health and Welfare, said an inquiry had found that the country's "health function" had enough money and that shortfalls were caused either by bad management or by a poor division of funds between provinces.

Helderberg plan for amalgamation hits new conflict

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THE Helderberg Joint Executive Committee (JEC), already battling with disagreements on ward delimitations, now faces disunity on the proposed appointment of a co-ordinator to spearhead the amalgamation of all its substructures.

In a joint letter to Somerset West mayor Leon Deacon, the South African Association for Municipal Employees (Saame) and the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) in the Helderberg opposed the proposed appointment of an internal co-ordinator.

But it now appears that only Saame opposes an internal appointment. Samwu leader Howard Meyer said the union had distanced itself from the letter, claiming Samwu's Somerset West branch leader Jack Dampies was "conned" into signing it.

Each substructure or transitional council will put its proposals on the matter to a JEC meeting this week. At the meeting the JEC is expected to give a report-back on ward delimitation proposals received by the demarcation board.

The joint letter to Mr Deacon stated that both unions should have been consulted on the appointment of an amalgamation co-ordinator.

The letter said the unions opposed the Somerset West JEC's special meeting this week to select a co-ordinator or consultants, possibly from the staff of a substructure.

Saame Helderberg leader Stephan Morkel said it was not a political but a technical issue. Since union members would be affected by the merger they should have had input.

"To do the job, an outside person will be better and more objective."

Asked about the joint letter, Mr Morkel said it had been drafted by Saame after discussions with Saamwu. Copies had been sent to Saamwu.

But Mr Meyer said Saamwu was opposed to the appointment of an outside consultant, believing there was enough expertise within the substructures to guide the amalgamation process. An outside consultant would also be more costly.

Mr Dampies could not be reached for comment.

Ward dispute may end up in Electoral Court

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Fears are mounting that the dispute between the main political parties over the demarcation of wards in preparation for the Cape metropolitan local elections could result in the matter being referred to the Electoral Court.

Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais warned that this was a real danger unless the NP on the one hand and the ANC/DP on the other were able to resolve their differences.

Local elections in the Cape metropolitan area were postponed last year until May this year after a protracted interparty dispute over the demarcation of the metropolitan substructures.

Marais said in an interview that serious disagreements on ward boundaries within the six substructures of the Cape Town region had emerged during the hearings of the demarcation board which is due to submit its report to Marais early in February.

Marais' decision on the ward boundaries would then be referred to the provincial committee which consists of three ANC and three NP members. A deadlock on the issue was a distinct possibility, Marais said.

"Unless we can define wards to the satisfaction of all role players, the chance of me and the provincial committee reaching agreement on the question of boundaries will be remote. If there is no agreement it must go to the Electoral Court."

Marais said he objected to the constitutional allocation of the same number of wards for black areas as for white, coloured and Indian areas combined, irrespective of voter strength.

This, he argued, would result in a "gross under-representation" of the latter groups.

SABC, Mdlalose in talks

Business Day Reporter

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DURBAN — SABC CEO Zwelakhe Sisulu held talks with KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose's cabinet yesterday as part of an initiative to muster provincial government support for the SABC's troubled relaunch on February 4.

Mdlalose described the talks as fruitful. However, the provincial government would have preferred being involved in discussions over the relaunch rather than merely being consulted.

Sisulu said he intended to consult all nine provincial premiers. Provincial governments had a "vested interest" in communication.

Mdlalose said he wanted the SABC to be regionally controlled. The SABC head office censored news. "Another party" was given more air time than the IFP.

Observers pointed out that IFP public meetings were often marked by scathing attacks on the SABC, which was labelled as an ANC mouthpiece.

Overcrowding at schools

Ingrid Salgado and Farouk Chothia

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THE reopening of schools in Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal proceeded smoothly yesterday, although overcrowding was reported in many districts of the Eastern Cape, the two provinces' education departments said.

Eastern Cape education MEC Nosimo Bahndlela's spokesman Phaphama Mfenyana said the department's regional offices would move students from various overcrowded schools once the extent of the problem was known. The process would begin in about 10 days.

Pupils would not be turned away from schools filled to capacity, but could be moved to alternative sites including temporary classrooms.

Mfenyana said overcrowding had been exacerbated by a shortage of about 20 000 classrooms in the former Transkei.

KwaZulu-Natal education department spokesman Lampies Cornelius said there were no problems reported in the province yesterday.

The province's education acting superintendent-general Sidney Shabalala said 1 373 new teachers had been employed in the former KwaZulu education department and another 600 in the former education and training department.

REPRIEVE FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

Cape's funding crisis averted

A REPRIEVE FOR the Western Cape Province's health and education departments was granted yesterday when an appeal to the central government for bridging finance to help it scale down slowly was met with sympathy. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

A FUNDING crisis for the Western Cape was averted yesterday when its "A team" convinced their Pretoria counterparts that health and education

deserved at least short-term relief to deliver essential services. The province's overall budget shortfall is R800 million. An elated provincial finance Minister Kobus Meiring said on his

return last night "I'm optimistic we'll be able to avert a crisis in the financial year ending on March 31 — it's not a clean slate but things will be manageable in the short-term."

"We will probably be able to solve most of our educational problems. On the health side, there is still serious debate," Meiring warned, however, that the province would face a scarring down in services in the 1996/97 financial year.

He would not say how much money they expected

Of yesterday's meeting he said, "We were favourably received by the president and his two deputies and the treasury committee under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg."

Details of how far they were able to reduce the R255m shortfall in health and the R465m deficit in education were sketchy last night. A source said Pretoria had been able to "unlock money which we had assumed didn't exist". Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu's staff in particular were "willing to open the palm".

One source cautioned that Bengu and national Health Minister Dr Nkosazana Zuma still had to put the Western Cape's case to the central Treasury Department.

Meiring said his team were able to "convince them of the reality of our claims with sound arguments — we are in the process of transformation and we need time to manage the transition".

The real value of yesterday's success lies in the breathing space it gives the province to enter the new financial year — because all deficits are carried forward.

Western Cape Health and Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool and his deputy director-general of Health, Dr Tom Sutcliffe, spent Monday lobbying Zuma before yesterday's meeting.

Legislative chief of Social Services MS Vignia Petersen gave alarming details yesterday of the effects on the province's welfare services. In the Western Cape cabinet did not adopt suggested measures next week to shift funds internally.

The province's health services are in a dire state, she said. The province is about to gain at the expense of welfare in the shift. Cuts in social services in the 96/97 financial year would entail cutting:

- Old age home funding by 42,18%, which would leave 4 464 elderly people without finance,
- 128 social worker posts, leaving 9 100 families without services



BIG GAME TODAY: Today they will be put in the deep end at the FNB Stadium in the game against Egypt, but yesterday it was poolside relaxation for South African soccer stars Neil Tovey (left) and Mark Fish at their Johannesburg hotel. Victory over Egypt would put Bafana Bafana into the quarter-finals. ● See Page 25

PICTURE: THEMBA HADEBE

and 40 000 children without social service assistance.

- Funding for 1 394 children in children's homes,
- Treatment for 368 alcohol and drug dependent in-patients,
- The number of disabled people employed in protective workshops by 42,15%, and
- Rehabilitation programmes for about 168 000 convicts.

Dr Jocelyne Kane-Berman, administrative health chief, said last night that in all negotiations to reduce the R255m shortfall, "we've tried hard to protect new services that would make a difference to deprived communities".

"Anything that reduces the quality of care we render is of great concern. Failure to secure additional funding could affect the health plan 'quite significantly'."

Provincial Minister of Education Mrs Martha Olickers has said about 6 000 teachers will have to accept voluntary severance packages at the end of June.

Her other plans are to reduce subsidies to private and special schools, scrap first-year student teacher bursaries and demand an advance payment of R170 000 a year by all student teachers, 100m outside the province.

She said she would start to reduce 100m to Pretoria to a minimum and will cut visits by school inspectors.

The source at yesterday's meeting said, "We got a good hearing and bridged a major gap with the national departments — we were able to remove some misunderstandings about why we (asked) for increased assistance."

With gaining income this year, the next year and provincial hospitals losing income by shedding patients to private care, the province is almost totally financially dependent on Pretoria.

The province's "A team" included Premier Hennis Kriel, Meiring, Rasool, Olickers, Sutcliffe, director-general of administration Herbert Beukes and his finance counterpart, Dr Johann Stegmann.

Township debts rocket to R140m

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METRO WRITER

LESS than six months before Cape Town's municipal budgets are due to be integrated with the budgets of formerly separate black townships, worrying debt figures are emerging.

Debts owed by townships to their neighbouring local authorities are growing, instead of declining as is supposed to happen under the Masakhane campaign.

A report before the Cape Metropolitan Council executive committee this week says the five main black townships within the Cape Town metropolitan area — Crossroads, iKapa, Khayelitsha,

Lwandle and Mfuleni — owed a total of R36,7 million to the Metro Council at the beginning of this month. And that is not the sum total of their debts.

It is anticipated that these debts will grow to R48m by the middle of this year, the beginning of a new financial year and the first of integrated budgets.

This means that the debts to the Metro Council, for sewage treatment, refuse removal, water distribution to houses and community health services, are growing at more than R1m a month.

The townships also owe money to the Cape Town City Council, which supplies their bulk water. The most recent available figure (November 1995) for the total debt of black local authori-

ties to the city council is R104m, almost double the January 1994 figure.

A R52m growth in debt over two years works out to about R2m a month.

The central government is unlikely to foot the bill for township debts that have been run up since January 1994, says Mr Philip Schenck, the metro council's chief director of financial services.

It would probably not be practical to "wipe out" a debt as large as R48m with a single rates increase imposed on the local authorities under the CMC (the metro council itself does not levy property rates, but bodies under it do).

In Cape Town a rates increase of around 15% would be needed to eliminate existing township debts in a year.

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NP dispute over JECs may spark new boundaries row

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ANDREA WEISS, Municipal Reporter

THE National Party has taken issue with the joint executive committees (JECs) which have played a key role in ward demarcation, in a move which could signal a new major dispute in the run-up to local elections for the Cape metro on May 29.

The six JECs, made up of representatives of all local authorities within the new municipal boundaries, have made official submissions to the Demarcation Board which has until February 5 to prepare its report for Local Government Minister Peter Marais.

During demarcation hearings for Central Cape Town, the NP put in a separate submission to the Demarcation Board on the grounds that it had not been given adequate representation.

The NP's only member on the Central JEC is David Statham who was elected to that position as an African Christian Democratic Party member before crossing the floor.

NP leader for the Cape Town City Council, Leon Markovitz, said he believed the JECs had no legal standing and therefore could not make decisions on behalf of existing councils.

He has written a letter to city administrator Gys Hofmeyr to put his party's view.

● Mr Hofmeyr said he had written back to Mr Markovitz pointing out that the JECs derived their legitimacy from a proclamation which recognised that the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum agreement would guide the transition process.

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Province 'desperate' to avoid welfare cuts to elderly, sick, disabled
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PEOPLE of the Western Cape have been warned to tighten their belts — the coming financial year is going to be “difficult”, with the province trying “desperately” to avoid welfare cuts to the elderly, sickly and disabled.

Provincial Minister of Finance Kobus Meiring said provincial planners were working flat out to smooth the potential effects of a money-short 1996/97, but it was up to all people to play their part.

The 1996/97 budgets have not yet been finalised, but Mr Meiring said yesterday the Western Cape did not expect its budget allocation to keep pace with inflation.

He appealed to citizens to be aware of the situation and to employ general fiscal discipline to help the province through what was looming as a crunch year for the reconstruction of society.

Residents could take practical steps to lessen the burden on the provincial coffers. People attending tertiary health facilities when they could seek help at primary ones, and vandalism of state property such as schools were a particular drain on provincial resources, said Mr Meiring.

“We are all inhabitants of the Western Cape, we live in the best province of the country and we must all make it better. This is the responsibility of all residents — not just the government.”

Mr Meiring was speaking at a media briefing, having just returned — flushed with success — from talks with the central government on the estimated R800 million budget shortfall in the Western Cape for the present financial year.

He declined to disclose how much help the central government had undertaken to give the province, but praised the “frankness and openness” that had characterised the talks.

He gave an assurance that teachers’ and health workers’ jobs were safe for the present financial year, ending in April. But job cuts were unavoidable later in the year.

Mr Meiring said the Western Cape’s present financial shortfall was largely because of “underfunding . . . or overspending” by the education and health departments and the province having earned about R60 million less than expected in “own income” — mainly because of the provision of free health care to pregnant women and children.

“To have gone into the new year with a projected deficit of R800 million would have crushed us,” he said.

But Mr Meiring said the next financial year — 1996/97 — was going to be tricky anyway as the central government embarked more vigorously on its effort to distribute money equitably among the provinces.

“It (1996/97) is going to be a difficult year for the Western Cape, but we knew that and have been planning for it.”

Financial transformation — “especially in the provinces” — was essential, he said.

It would be necessary to “tune down” education, which would unfortunately entail teacher job cuts, while the coming years would also “probably” see the closure of some beds at tertiary hospitals, which would lead to job losses in that field too.

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Gravy train rolls again for councillors

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up the remaining 70%

THE gravy train started rolling in the City Council again yesterday when former Management Committee members demanded that their pensions be "topped up" to match their City Council colleagues at a cost of nearly R700 000 — and the executive committee acquiesced.

In 1988 the majority of the City Council, in a move which many saw as breaking faith with ratepayers, voted to participate in the controversial "buy back" scheme, in which they could "buy" years of service to increase their pensions.

This cost the city more than R2 million, leaving councillors to cover a fraction of the cost themselves.

Now the former Mancom members look set to pay a 30% contribution to higher benefits, with the city coughing

Management committees were often stigmatised as "junior parties" to city councillors, and had limited powers. They were also paid allowances on a much lower scale than the city's councillors, who are on the highest grade, grade 15.

Councillor Mr Ebrahim has been complaining for months that there is racial discrimination between the pension benefits of former city councillors, and former Mancom members.

With a local election looming and councillors facing defeat at the polls, the issue has come to a head.

Yesterday exco agreed to allow him and 13 other affected councillors to convert their pensions to grade 15 councillors' pensions.

This decision is still subject to ratification by the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund trustees, and also by the full Cape Town City Council at the end

of this month.

The former Mancom members have to pay 29,25% of the cost of upgrading their pensions, while the council's share will be 70,75%.

In Mr Ebrahim's case, he must pay in R20 889,67 to top up his pension since 1988, and the council's share will be R50 528,02.

Other councillors affected are listed below. The first figure represents the individual's share, the second the cost to the council.

J F Benjamin R21 218, R51 322, E Bevie R13 151, R31 810,47, J C Brydon R14 993, R36 267; E Y Cleinwerck R36 579, R88 479; R M Cloete R2 010, R50 819, A Creighton, R13 937, R33 711; R Dewrance, R23 797, R57 561, A W Emmanuel R2 824, R6 832, Y Kleinschmidt R12 331, R29 827,18; J Miranda R6 273, R15 174, G Naidoo R33 355, R80 681, J C Ridder R21 218, R51 322, W J Scheepers R15 418, R37 294

Fund gives nod to pension upgrade

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FORMER members of coloured management committees will be allowed to upgrade their pension benefits to bring them on a par with those of white councillors, Mr Dries Niemand, chairman of the municipal councillors' pension fund, said yesterday.

This will cost the council R694 000.

Last week, the Cape Town City Council executive committee decided in favour of allowing the 14 former management committee members who are now transitional councillors to convert their pensions — provided they pay in their own portions themselves.

The councillors are buying back years of pensionable service at a higher level than that which they had already paid for. They are only allowed to do so for years that they have actually served as committee members.

for new SA duke

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG Farmer Mr John Murray, the world's newest duke, is unfazed about inheriting a private army and the title of Duke of Atholl following the death of a distant cousin

But he will not inherit the ancestral home, the white-turreted Blair Castle on 54 000ha of prime Scottish land in Perthshire because his cousin disinherited him shortly before his death

Speaking from his home in Gaenertsburg, near Tzaneen, this week, Murray said he would not be taking up his new position in Perthshire, Scotland

He said neither of his two sons could be moving to Scotland either to take up the title

"I have no idea what the title entails," Murray said, adding he did not want to discuss his feelings about his dukedom with the press

Earlier reports said Murray had intention taking up his position

as duke and did not consider himself to be "duke material" at all

His predecessor, born George Iain Murray, who died on Monday, was one of Scotland's richest landowners and the head of the last private army in Europe, the 80-strong Atholl Highlanders

The 64-year-old, Murray's cousin three times removed, had been hospitalised in Scotland since suffering a stroke in December

Although disinherited, Murray is still entitled to the dukedom and the army. His sons in South Africa, Bruce and Craig, become the Marquis of Tullibardine and the Hon Craig Murray respectively

Sapa reports the duke had misgivings about his heir

"He came to see Blair for the first time and saw it, I think, as a commercial concern, not a home," the duke complained after Murray visited two years ago

The Blair Charitable Trust will manage the castle and several other trusts control the land

us off — taxi drivers

JACKIE CAMERON
CRIME WRITER

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TAXI drivers believe they have been ripped off by banks in their hire-purchase instalments for their vehicles and appealed yesterday to Justice Minister Dullah Omar for help

Hefty financial pressures — involving mainly paying their vehicle finances and insurance — have resulted in drivers overloading taxis and speeding, they say

At least 600 Western Cape taxi drivers believe they have been charged too much interest by banks, following a study by a Villedorp-based financial research company

Mr Dave Thomas, a spokesman for the company which is representing the taxi drivers, said he met with Omar yesterday

He said attempts to deal with the problem through police and the Department of Trade and Industry were unsuccessful

"The laws are not being enforced," Thomas said

Omar has agreed to look into the matter and is expected to meet him and taxi industry representatives next week, Thomas said

A spokesman for Omar's office

confirmed the meeting, but would not divulge details

A spokesman for Cape Amalgamated Taxi Associations, Mr Stephen Williams, said "Most of our 1 500 members have been ripped off by banks. Many taxi drivers have gone out of business"

He said a taxi with a price tag of R47 000 ended up costing almost R90 000 by the time the insurance and the vehicle had been paid off

Mr James Mafuya, a spokesman for Convention for a Democratic Taxi Association, which has over 2 000 members, said the average taxi driver made about R4 800 a month in fares, but about R3 500 went to paying off his vehicle

"Then he must maintain his vehicle and pay for petrol before he has money to feed his children"

Mafuya said taxi drivers lacked the educational background to understand the "fine print" of their contracts

Wesbank spokesman Mr Neville Nightingale said his bank had given the company which represents the drivers the formula used to calculate interest and information about his clients' accounts

"Thereafter we say 'If you want your money, then take us to court. They have chosen not to do so'"

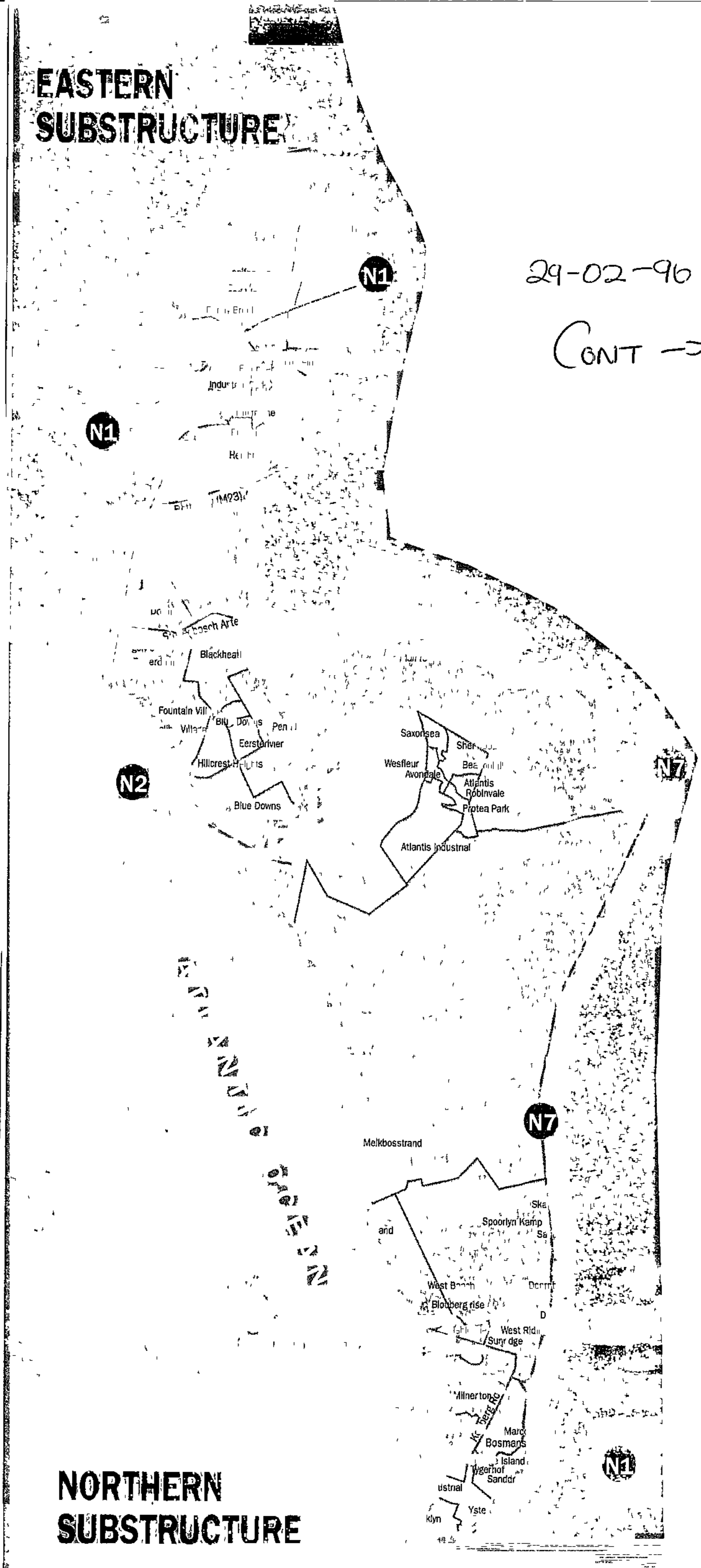
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High chair for adults

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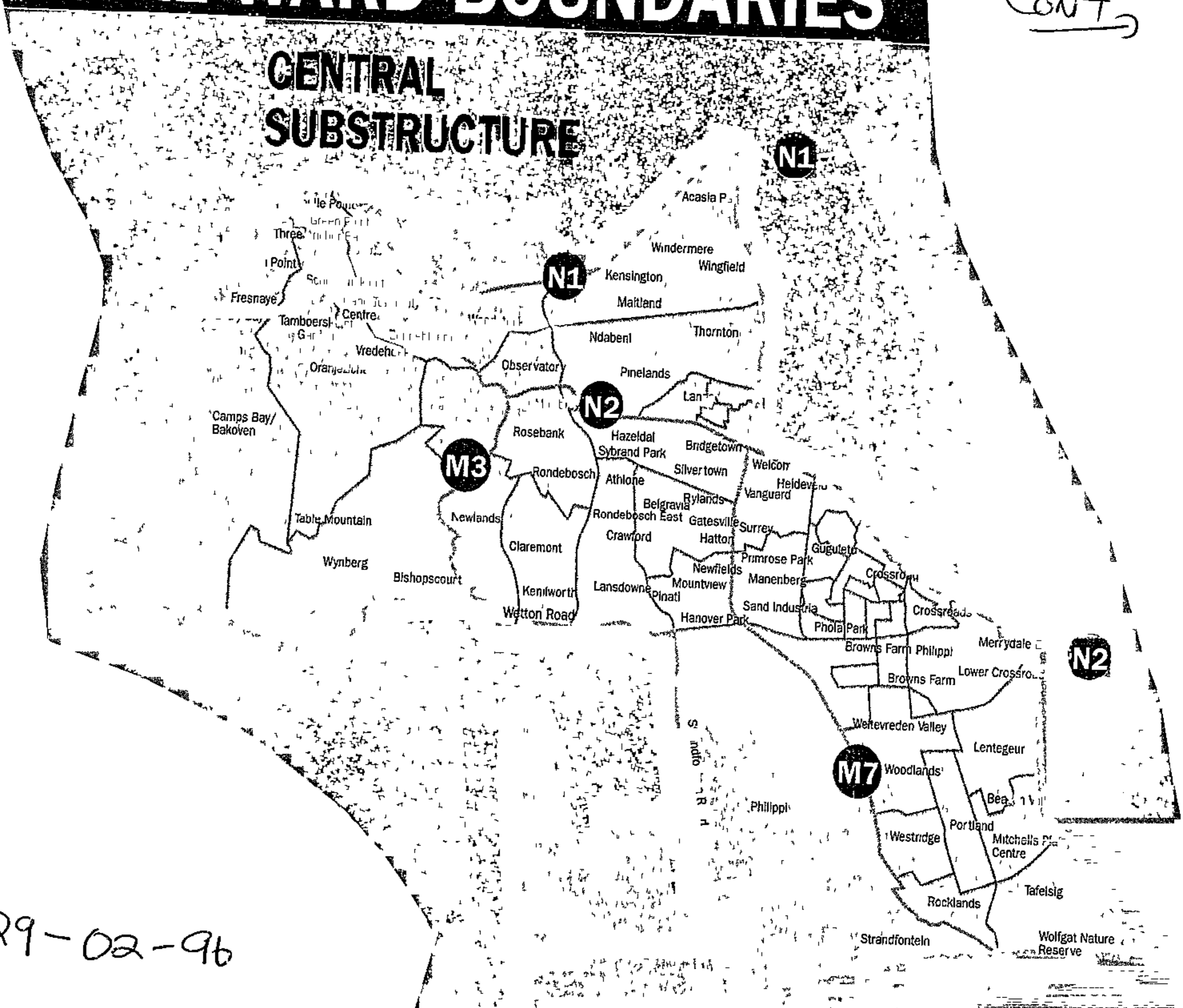


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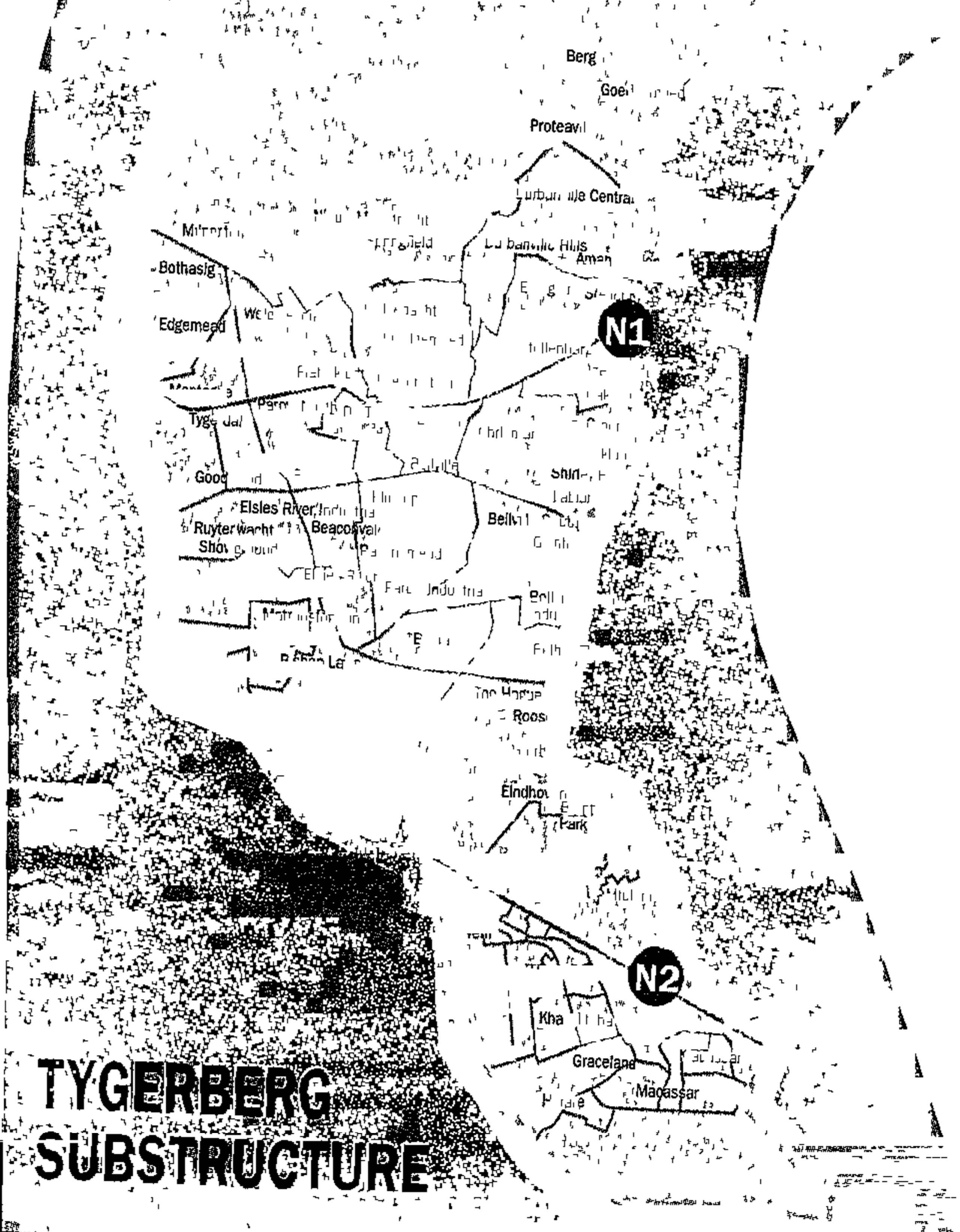
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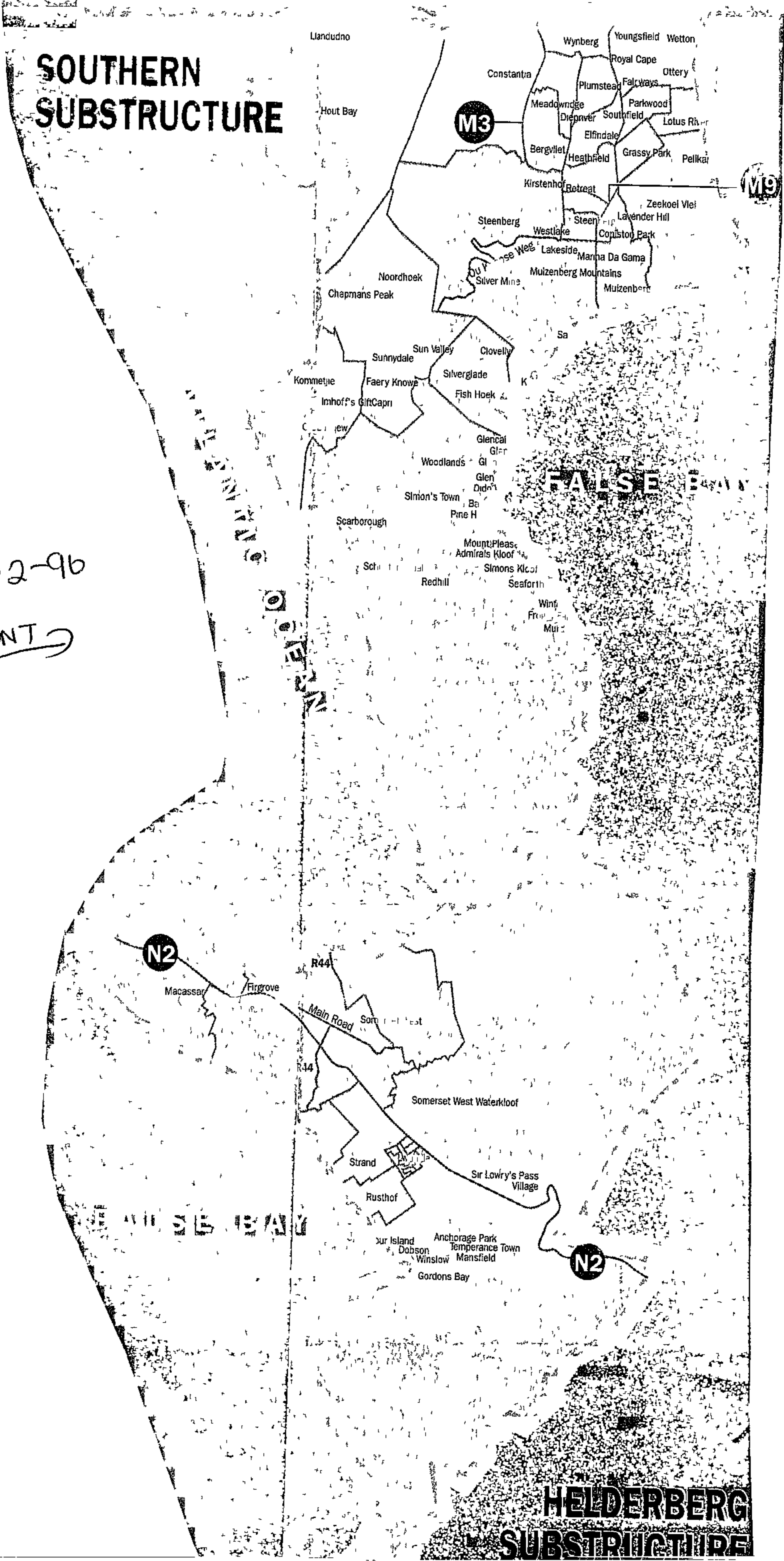


TYGERBERG SUBSTRUCTURE



SOUTHERN SUBSTRUCTURE

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HELDERBERG SUBSTRUCTURE

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ALL THE WARDS: These maps of the six substructures, or new municipalities, in the Cape Town metropole include the outlines of recently-agreed-upon ward boundaries. They appear on the maps as a network of thin red lines. The maps are too small for most road names to have been included, although roads form many of the ward boundaries. Agreement on the ward boundaries has signalled the start of the election campaign. Political parties are known to be casting about for suitable ward candidates. This is not an easy task because councillors' allowances are fairly low. An ordinary Cape Town councillor gets approximately R2 000 a month.

Boundaries of voting drawn

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PETER DENNEHY
METRO WRITER

LOCAL government MEC Peter Marais and the multi-party provincial committee have agreed on where to draw ward boundaries for the forthcoming city elections on May 29, and here they are, on the accompanying maps.

Ward boundaries are marked in red. Sometimes a major road which is also a ward boundary appears in green rather than red, but the context should make it clear where the ward boundaries are.

We now have the boundaries of 174 wards in metropolitan Cape Town — 44 each in Cape Town and Tygerberg, 24 in the Eastern municipality, 22 each in the Southern municipality and Helderberg, and 18 in the northern municipality (greater Milnerton).

As can be seen from the central substructure map, Green Point, Mouille Point and Schotsche Kloof have been included in the city bowl ward.

The Demarcation Board has approved this demarcation even though it makes the city bowl ward 43% above the average ward size in terms of voter numbers.

Green Point and Mouille Point voters preferred not to be part of the neighbouring central city ward, on account of a lack of "community of interest" with residents in the rest of that ward.

Ward boundaries were accepted with scarcely a murmur, after a huge rumpus last year over the metropolitan outer boundary, and a protracted and sometimes vicious political struggle over the demarcation of the six new municipalities.

Competing party-political and other views over ward boundaries were vigorously expressed at demarcation hearings, but the battle died down just after the Demarcation Board issued its report.

Marais accepted it this week, and so did the Provincial Committee.

Nine community centres planned for Metropole

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METRO WRITER

The Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) has decided to spend P11 million on building nine new community centres and to announce nine projects including the establishment of a night shelter, a training centre and a day facility.

The P11 million comes out of the year 96/97 budget.

Public consultation preceded the choosing of P projects in which the money will be spent.

All the local authorities in the metropole had a chance to put into it their preference.

The projects are:
Community centre in

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Southside of the Cape (P11)
of the Cape Town (P2m)
of the P11m (P1m) (P1m)
Bellona (P1.4m) (P1.4m)
West (P2m) (P1.4m) (P1.4m)
including (P1m) and (P1m) in
P1m

The other nine projects are:

The upgrading of the
Mint (P2m) (P1.4m) (P1.4m)
in Durbanville (P1.4m) (P1.4m)
and infrastructure in Mielie
ar (P1.7m) (P1.7m) (P1.7m)
upgrade in Strand (P1.7m)
infrastructure for municipal
services in Milner and Kudu
Pr (P1.7m) (P1.7m) (P1.7m)
drain in Mfuleni (P1.7m)
night shelter in Ede (P1.7m)
P2m) and a training centre in
Bellona (P1.4m) (P1.4m)

Councils to inherit debts

METRO WRITER

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THE debts of black local authorities will be inherited by the new municipalities they merge with, says Cape Metro Council chief director of finance Mr Philip Schenck

He told the council's monthly meeting yesterday that the debts to be inherited would be only those accumulated over the past two years.

This was when payments for housing and services were supposed to be in accordance with a Kempton Park agreement between Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr F W De Klerk

Schenck's statistics show Crossroads will come into Cape Town with a R10,3 million debt and iKapa with a R6,7m debt. Lindelethu West (Khayelitsha) carries over a R16,5m debt to Tygerberg.

These are debts for water, a

refuse removal service, the treatment of sewerage and for running health clinics

Meanwhile, answers to questions by Mr Arthur Wienburg this week showed that the iKapa Council's 11 000 council houses are poorly-administered.

Their rentals, and the rentals for 2 200 hostel rooms also owned by the local council, were last revised in 1978

As a result, the average rental for a dwelling is R5,20 a month. But the percentage of tenants who regularly pay their rent "is very low". No figures are available, because iKapa's financial and other records are in a bad way

Very little has been spent on maintenance for years, so the houses and rooms are in a very poor state of repair. The town engineer has estimated that it would cost up to R132m to upgrade all of them

Exco member R11 500 in arrears

METRO WRITER

A CAPE Town City Council exco member who last year was R9 400 in arrears with council accounts is now R11 500 in arrears

Yesterday, Mr Riedewaan Isaacs of the African Muslim Party, said he was paying off the amounts he owes by arrangement

Asked why he his debt was growing, he said he doubted the figures leaked to the Cape Times were accurate. Also, he was concentrating on some accounts rather

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The Cape Times first revealed in June last year that two exco members, and four councillors, were in arrears to the council

Details were also leaked of the accounts of Mrs Dorothy Campher-Williams of Cosatu, another exco member

She could not be reached for comment yesterday

The leaked figures show that although she is still in debt her debt has decreased from over R9 000 to under R6 000

Jobs on the line for 10 city councillors

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

Staff Reporter

THE jobs of city councillors who voted to write-off millions of rands in municipal arrears — while they themselves were in arrears on their own municipal accounts — are on the line

The Cape Town City Council is now investigating legal action against ten city councillors who are believed to have taken part in the voting and who between them owe the City Council thousands of rands in municipal arrears

Peter Alston, assistant city administrator, said the City Council was establishing whether the action of the councillors was in direct contravention of the municipal ordinance

By failing to recuse themselves from the voting, the councillors who were in arrears to council could also have been contravening the councillor's code of conduct, he said

It was not possible to say at this stage whether councillors could be removed from office if they were found guilty of an offence, he said

This week the City Council decided to write off the arrears of R25 million in water and refuse removal accounts, but not on electricity accounts

Democratic Party councillors issued dire warnings about a backlash from bill-paying ratepayers against the write-off

The hard-nosed move by the Cape Town City Council to investigate action against its own councillors in debt, could have ripple effects around the country

It follows action taken against two ANC councillors in Citrusdal who were told they no longer qualify as councillors because their rates are in arrears

The councillors plan to fight the move — but Citrusdal town clerk Jacques Carstens said their terms of office had lapsed because they no longer qualified in accordance with local government elections regulation 21(1)d

Mr Alston said the Cape Town City Council was doing a thorough check of its records to establish which

■ Ten city councillors — who are in arrears on their municipal accounts — are under investigation to establish whether they participated in a recent City Council vote to write-off the very same debt

councillors were present at which meeting — and who voted to scrap arrears

Records of meetings from November last year would be checked, said Mr Alston

"We want to see who voted in favour of the recommendations at that meeting — instead of recusing themselves," he said

Mr Alston said legal representation might be made to the Attorney-General's office once investigations were complete

Meanwhile, a report would be prepared for the Executive Committee (Exco) of the City Council, he said

However, two members of Exco are themselves in debt to the tune of thousands of rands on their own municipal accounts

SATURDAY Argus interviewed Exco member Riedewaan Isaacs, who said he had R7 000 arrears on his council rent accounts as a carry-over from the apartheid era

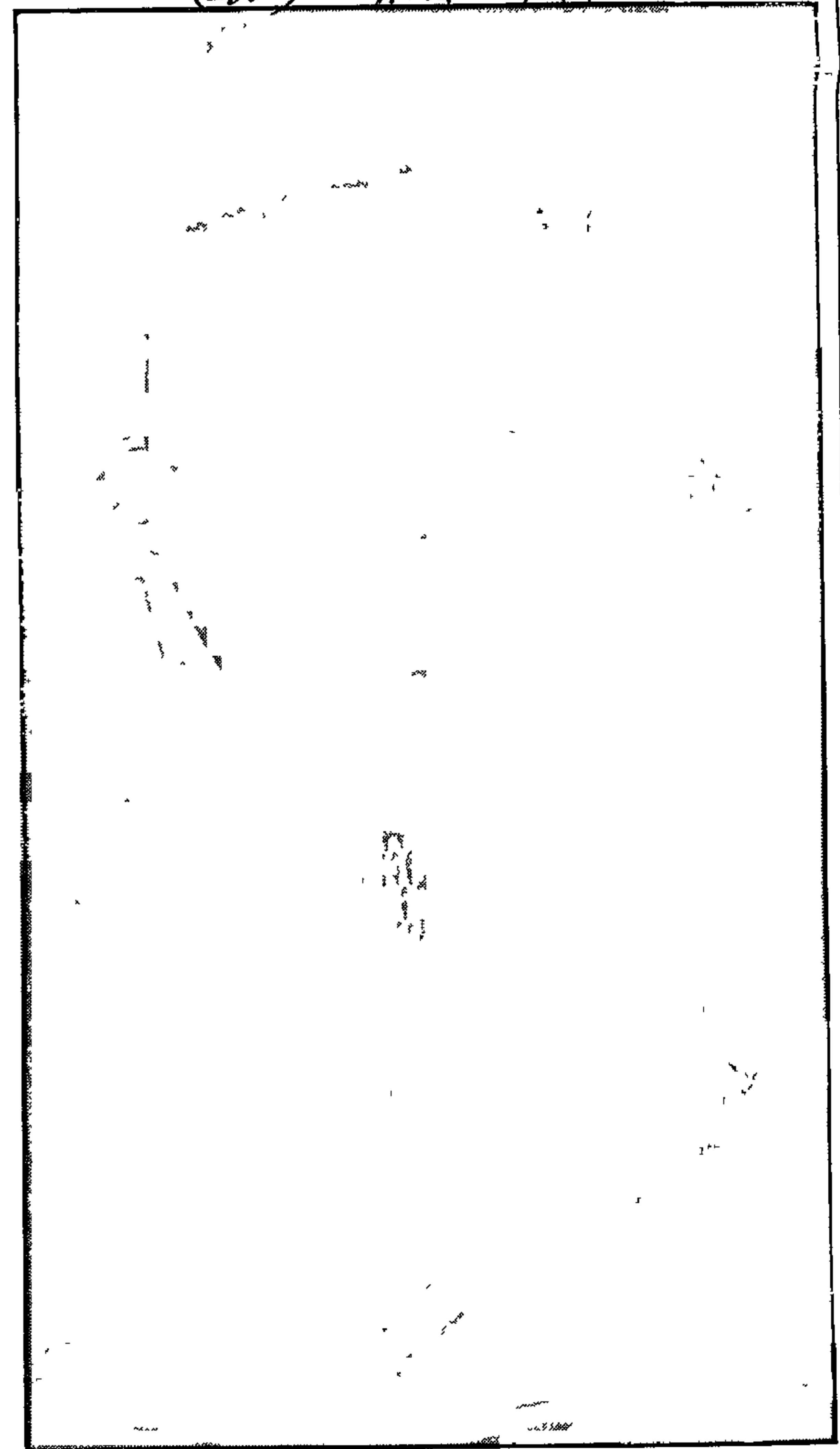
Mr Isaacs said he was not in debt for water, sewerage or refuse — arrears which have now been scrapped. He said he could not be implicated for voting as he had abstained from voting at the most recent meeting on the scrapping of arrears

Mr Isaacs said he was in arrears as a result of apartheid and the recession — and because he was unemployed from 1992 until he took up office in February last year

He said that while he earned around R6 000 a month in his current Exco position, this should be used as an allowance to serve his community — and not to pay his rent arrears

"If I use the money to pay my rent, it does not justify my purpose for being here. I'm being paid an allowance to serve the community. I am not being paid a salary or wage as an income to pay off rent or personal debt," he said

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□ **IN DEBT:** City Council Executive Committee member Riedewaan Isaacs, who admits to being in arrears on his municipal rent to the tune of R7 000, says it is a carry-over from the apartheid era

Municipal unions negotiate landmark deal with CMC

□ Agreement based on new Labour Act welcomed by all parties
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 Labour Reporter

A LANDMARK agreement, based on provisions in the new Labour Relations Act was signed today between the Cape Metropolitan Council and municipal trade unions

The agreement grants far-reaching shop steward and trade union rights which have been welcomed by both unions and employers

The agreement was signed by the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) and the South African Local Authorities and Allied Workers' Union (Salaawu)

Mark Tinker, head of the Cape Metropolitan branch of Samwu, the union which initiated the agreement, said it was an advance for the public sector

Willie van Schoor, Cape Metropolitan Council chairman, said the council was "very satisfied with the outcome of the shop stewards' rights agreement which we view as a major accomplishment for the public sector"

Among the rights provided by the agreement are that unions may have one shop steward for every 10 union members, one full-time shop steward for every 1 000 members, company-provided union offices and equipment and five paid working days off for shop steward training

Executive members of the unions will also have one day off a month to attend to union business and the unions will be able to hold annual general meetings during work hours

The Cape Metropolitan Council will introduce a training programme for line managers and supervisors to familiarise them with the agreement



BREAKTHROUGH The Cape Metropolitan Council and three trade unions today signed an agreement granting significant rights. Front row from left are Co-chairmen of the staff committee, city councillors Neil Ross and Judy Sibisi with Alex Cannemeyer of the South African Local Authorities and Allied Workers' Union. Back row from left are Mark Tinker of the Samwu, city councillor S G Ngqwebo, H Keyser of the Saame, David Dlal Exco head, Willie van Schoor chairman of the CMC and councillor FH Conradie

Picture ANDREW INGRAM The Argus

Vacant cabinet posts put the pressure on NP

CLIVE SAWYER
 Political Correspondent

PRESSURE is mounting in the National Party for black members to be appointed to vacancies in top NP-held posts in the cabinet and parliament

After the party disclosed details of its vision for the NP's role in a possible political realignment, insiders fear repercussions if members of the old guard are appointed to the posts

NP leader F W de Klerk has indicated that a reshuffle of

some NP-held portfolios is on the cards, probably within the next two weeks

The job of deputy-Speaker of the national assembly — vacated by Bhadra Ranchod, who is to take up an ambassadorial posting — could go to Mpumalanga senator David Malatsi

Mr Malatsi, one of the youngest NP MPs, speaks seven languages and is regarded by backers as having the presence required to deputise in the chair of the house

His appointment was regard-

ed as a likely prospect until the announcement of the departure of Roelf Meyer, Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development, to become the first NP secretary-general, prompted a fresh round of speculation in the party

It is regarded as even more vital for the party to nominate one of its black MPs to a cabinet post

The party could dip into its pool of provincial MPs in its

quest for a black candidate

The party may also use the opportunity for some reshuffles at provincial level, possibly moving P W Saaman to the leadership job of the Northern Cape NP, to replace national Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk

If Mr De Klerk chooses to pick a new minister from the Nat establishment, and possibly to avoid allegations of appointing a black person merely out of tokenism

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NP loses only voice on JEC as Statham quits

METRO WRITER

WITH the resignation of NP councillor David Statham from the Cape Town Joint Executive Committee (JEC), the National Party has lost its only voice on this powerful body

JECs must take a series of important decisions in the run-up to the elections. They must initiate the political merging of formerly separate councils into single entities and make a start on integrating their budgets and administrations

Statham's resignation was reported to Cape Town's JEC at its meeting yesterday. No reasons were given, but it is known that he and his party were extremely unhappy with the JEC while it was considering ward boundaries

The resignation also underscores the extent to which the NP has lost power on Cape Town's transitional council

The Cape Town City Council is meeting today and may elect a replacement for Statham on the JEC immediately.

Statham said he would also be resigning from the council from the end of this month and that he will not be standing for election in May

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He said the JEC body was poorly structured as the NP had no presence on it.

He himself had been appointed to it as a "non-statutory" representative when he was still a member of the African Christian Democratic Party

● At the JEC meeting yesterday, councillors decided that the executive committees of Cape Town, iKapa and the other councils within the new boundaries would hold joint meetings even before the May 29 elections.

Also, the requirement that budgets should be integrated from the end of March would be waived

According to regulations under the Local Government Transition Act, budgets should be integrated from 104 days after JECs were formed on December 13, which means the end of March. But these regulations can be changed by proclamation

Instead, the council will be run on the existing budget till July 1, the beginning of the financial year, leaving the new council to preside over the old budget for one month

City administrator Gys Hofmeyr said combining the budgets would be difficult enough without moving the date of the new financial year forward

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SCHEME UNJUSTIFIABLE — WIENBURG

Councillors' pension buy-back plan vetoed

AN ATTEMPT by former coloured management committee members to "buy back" their pensions at great cost to the council was rejected yesterday. **PETER DENNEHY** reports.

FOURTEEN city councillors who formerly served on coloured management committees were prevented by other councillors yesterday from topping up their pensions at an expense to the council of nearly R700 000.

The 14 had wanted to "buy back", at a cost of R267 000 to themselves, pensionable service. The R700 000 would have been the council's contribution. As in the case of most pensions, the individual must pay part of the contribution and the employer the rest

Through this "topping up" or "buying back", the manco members' pensions would have been upgraded to the same level as white councillors' pensions

But city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr warned the 14 that if they stayed in the council chamber, took part in the debate and voted, they would risk breaking the law as they had personal financial interests in the matter.

The manco group left the chamber, and in their absence their colleagues voted 38-15 against the upgrading.

Municipalities are graded by size, with Cape Town being in the top grade, 15. White councillors benefited from this grading, but

management committees did not.

They were virtually powerless advisory bodies, established to serve only small, racially defined sections of the city. Management committees had low gradings and the allowances of manco members were small in consequence, as were their pension fund contributions and their benefits

Councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, who never took part in the council's pension scheme, was scathing in his condemnation of what he said the former management committee members were trying to do.

"You have now joined the very party that treated you like dirt by devising a system in which management committees had only an advisory role," he told Mr Leslie Langenhoven of the NP.

The responsibilities of manco members, in most areas, had been absolutely nil in those days, he said. Even in areas under their "jurisdiction", they did not have their own budgets

"How do you justify people who had no responsibility having their pensions upgraded at a cost to the ratepayers?" he asked. "Two wrongs don't make a right."

Councillor Mr Abdul Ebrahim

said afterwards that the way the grading system had worked had been wrong. He also said that white councillors had at one stage been given an opportunity to "buy back", for pension purposes, years of service to local government.

Some councillors had such long service that the council had had to pay in hundreds of thousands of rands as its contribution to their buy-backs, said Ebrahim

"For Louis Kreiner it was R226 000, for Richard Friedlander it was R226 000, for Eulahe Stott it was R212 000, and for Emil Riese R185 000. If you add David Bloomberg's R130 000 and Kosie van Zyl's R121 000, it comes to over a million rand for six councillors "

He said manco pensions should have been upgraded long ago. "We already have a constitution that says no person should be discriminated against on the grounds of colour, and we will use this to destroy any form of apartheid "

Councillor Ms Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva opposed the manco members getting added pensions, but suggested that those councillors who had benefited should now give up their pensions

Mr Mzukisi Gaba of the Communist Party condemned any attempts to "dig dirty hands" into ratepayers' money to compensate those who had participated in the crime of apartheid

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Councillors walk out (263) of meeting

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Municipal Reporter

MIFFED, former management committee members, who lost a vote to have their pensions upgraded at a cost of R700 000 to the Cape Town City Council, brought the meeting to a halt by failing to return to the council chamber

The debate focused on a recommendation that 14 former management committee members be allowed to convert their pension entitlement to a Grade 15 municipality

A full council meeting had been convened to complete the agenda for January. The councillors in question removed themselves from the chamber during the debate after they were advised to do so by city administrator Gys Hofmeyr

The former management committee members have been campaigning for their pensions to be upgraded to the same levels of the former white councillors on the grounds they were racially discriminated against under the past dispensation. *ARG 9/2/96*

Neil Ross of the Democratic Party said the request should be rejected out of hand because the management committees were elected as advisory bodies and never had full legislative powers

He said that at the time of the introduction of the pension scheme, the DP had chosen not to join because the costs to the city were enormous. Mr Ross said "It's not an issue of colour, it's an issue of principle"

Councillor Arthur Wienburg took up the debate, saying "The gravy train is doing well, it's rolling nicely"

He said the pension scheme had been opposed by many of the former councillors, and it had been a disgrace for some of them to take the benefits, but a wrong from the past did not make a right

Of the management committees' status, he said the NP had devised their role which had given them no budget to control and no powers

Given the parlous economic situation within the city, it would be "atrocious" for the pension upgrade to be approved, Mr Wienburg said.

Llandudno residents object to guards

Staff Writers

TWENTY-FIVE Llandudno residents have objected to their local council hiring a private security company to patrol their suburb — at a cost of R182 500 a year to the ratepayers

The council has been hiring the company for more than two years, since Llandudno was an independent local authority. It is now part of the same transitional council as Hout Bay, and within six months Hout Bay and Llandudno are expected to be just one of 22 wards in the Southern municipality.

About R1 million a year is raised in property rates from Llandudno, so the cost of the armed response service amounts to about 18% of the suburb's rates burden.

Only Llandudno residents have this surcharge on their rates.

Objectors say the council has illegally exceeded its powers, but the council's lawyers disagree.

So if residents want to take the matter further, they will have to

sue the council.

The cost to individual ratepayers varies with the value of their houses, but one of the complainants, who asked not to be named, said yesterday it cost him R50 a month.

He had not been consulted when the council "imposed" the system on every household in Llandudno.

He felt the council should have made the service optional, as Llandudno was "a safe enough area".

The acting chief executive officer of the Transitional Metropolitan Substructure for Hout Bay and Llandudno, Mr C Steytler, argued, however, that the system was legal.

He said two separate legal opinions had both gone in favour of the council.

He also said that those people who were objecting formed a small portion of the community.

He said the ratepayers, the council and most of the community had been in favour of the system.

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Officials to keep jobs but not titles

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METRO WRITER

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JOBS and salaries of council employees will be protected when their councils merge, but the titles, particularly of senior officials, may change, Joint Executive Committees have been told

There are six JECs in the Cape Town metropolitan area, because there will soon be just six municipalities in this area. JECs are executive committees made up of the political leadership in each new municipality of all the existing councils that are soon going to merge

From July, it is expected that Cape Town, Pinelands, Kapa and Crossroads will merge into a single municipality with a single town clerk, for example. One town clerk will keep his title and preside over a larger area, and the other town clerks will lose their titles, but not their jobs

Similarly with Tygerberg, the existing councils of Bellville, Parow, Durbanville, Goodwood and Khayelitsha will all merge into a single local authority. In the Southern municipality, Fish Hoek, Simon's Town, Hout Bay, Llandudno, Kommetjie, Noordhoek and Scarborough will all be in the same boundaries.

The new boundary — ward by ward proposals

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Municipal Reporter

THE Demarcation Board, which has been sweating over ward demarcation for the past month, has made its recommendations, fording contentious political waters by sticking closely to the rules

Where it has recommended wards which are above or below the 15 percent deviation from the average number of voters in an area, it has spelled out its reasons to local government minister Peter Marais, who has accepted the report

The ward's findings are, in summary

In the Central substructure, which takes in the major part of former Cape Town City Council, the board has decided to allocate four wards to Langa because of its size

Philippi East gets four wards, Crossroads has been allocated two. The remaining number of B wards, which are allocated to former black local authorities, go to Guguletu and Nyanga which get 12 wards between them

In the A areas, which apply to the former Cape Town City Council area and Pinelands, the board proposes that Kensington and Maitland be included in a ward, and combines Pinelands and Epping into a ward

Silvertown/Bridgetown/Kewtown are combined with Sybrand Park and Hazendal into one ward

In the Manenberg area it allocates two wards

It has also proposed an Atlantic seaboard ward through to Sea Point, while suggesting that Mouille Point be included with the CBD, the Waterfront, Salt River, Woodstock and Paarden Eiland

However, the board says it will not be opposed to Mouille Point/Green Point being included in the residential areas of the city bowl with the Bo-Kaap and Tamboerskloof through to Vredehoek

In the southern suburbs, the board adopts the M5 as a boundary because it follows a

natural water course. Here it allocates three wards, one for Observatory, Mowbray, Rosebank and part of Rondebosch, another for Rondebosch through to Kenilworth bounded by the southern suburbs railway line and the M5, and a third which takes in upper Kenilworth, Claremont and Bishopscourt

The Athlone area is to get two wards east of the M5, rejecting the Cape Flats railway line as a boundary

Mitchell's Plain is to get seven wards, which include the squatter settlements of Hyde Park and Khayamandi because of their proximity to Woodlands. Sweet Home, Samora Machel and Heinz Park are included in the B wards because of their size

The Philippi area and Strandfontein are also combined into one ward

In the Southern substructure, the board finds that the joint executive committee's proposal is well-motivated and ward sizes do not deviate from the quota. It also finds that Hout Bay does not justify having two wards because it is within the permissible 15 percent deviant

It finds it can separate Constantia from Bergvliet/Meadowridge, and also has decided that the Vrygrond squatter settlement should be included in the ward with the Capricorn Park development, namely Muizenberg East which is to be combined with Lavender Hill

The only ward with a major deviation is the Simon's Town rural ward which is 44 percent below the average

In the Tygerberg, the board struggles to demarcate Khayelitsha because about 32 000 voters are unplaced making it difficult to determine in which ward they will be

It finds a late submission by the Joint Executive Council (JEC) for the area to be acceptable for the A wards, but says a better delimitation could be done if old municipal boundaries were ignored

A rural ward outside Durbanville is about 27 percent below the norm, but the board believes this is the rule to follow in areas with large rural content

In the Northern substructure, which consists of Milnerton northwards it accepts the bulk of the submission put forward by the Milnerton municipality, but demarcates Atlantis because the boundaries has been "arbitrary"

It also finds it cannot justify the demarcation of Mamre and Pella into separate wards because voter figures are too low. When these two areas are combined, the size of the ward is about 13 percent below the average

A rural ward in this area would have only 527 voters and this idea is also discarded

The largest ward in this area is Melkbosstrand which is surrounded by a large rural area

The board says Melkbosstrand makes up the bulk of the registered voters in this area, and because of its isolated location and distance, a deviation of 25 percent above the median is justifiable

In the Helderberg, the board finds there are a variety of positions put forward by parties serving on the joint executive committee, some of whom suggest wards which deviate widely from the 15 percent norm

The board's demarcation has only two wards exceeding the norm, by 17 and 21 percent respectively, while two other more rural wards are 19 percent and 48 percent below the average

In the Eastern substructure, the board concurs with the joint executive committee, making a few deviations. It also finds it cannot comply with requests for a separate ward for Penhill, and has decided to include the farms in Joostenbergvlakte with Bloekompos in spite of objections from farmers

thirds majority required. | The Vaal Dam was 100,6% full, langa.

Parties agree on Cape wards

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Agreement on the demarcation of wards in the Cape metropolitan substructure was reached yesterday by the all-party provincial committee.

However, there appeared to be deadlock on the demarcation of rural wards late yesterday afternoon. A decision is urgently required on this issue if the deadline for the Cape local elections on May 29 is to be met.

The committee accepted the Demarcation Board's recommendations. The board introduced distinctions between "A" and "B" wards

in metropolitan substructures only where black local authorities had been proclaimed, that is, in the Central, Tygerberg and Helderberg substructures

In terms of the interim constitution black communities were to receive the same number of wards as their white counterparts regardless of the number of voters.

The central Cape Town substructure was given 74 seats, 30 on the proportional list and 22 each to the A and B wards, which had 301 210 and 179 830 voters respectively. The

Helderberg substructure was allocated 31 seats, 12 on a proportional representation basis, 10 to A wards representing 59 620 voters and 10 to B wards representing 8 759 voters.

Tygerberg got 72 seats, with the proportional list getting 28 seats, and the "A" and "B" wards with 249 091 and 120 145 voters respectively getting 22 each. The Northern Cape substructure was allocated 30 seats, 12 on the basis of proportional representation and 18 to wards, while the Southern substructure received 36 wards.

In the Eastern substructure, 40 seats were allocated, of which 16 would be for the proportional list and 24 for wards. The Demarcation Board said it had decided to recommend wards which were as far as possible logical and easily identifiable units for voters. The board said it had attempted to avoid favouring any political group

University strike ends

Kevin O'Grady

THE University of Durban-Westville is to reopen for student registration today following a 10-day strike by the Combined Staff Association over the use in residences of a chemical that injured 39 employees and 11 students.

The strike by about 1 000 academic and non-academic staff ended yesterday after management bowed to demands for an all-inclusive commission of inquiry, and for action against two senior employees.

Several people were admitted to hospital recently after workers were allegedly told to use industrial corrosives Klenzstrip and Descaler to clean residence kitchens. Three workers who were discharged from hospital after a week were readmitted yesterday after again exhibiting symptoms. One worker's face was partially paralysed and another was paralysed below the waist.

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Agreement on Metro boundaries but new row over rural councils

BARRY STREEK
POLITICAL WRITER

AGREEMENT was finally reached yesterday on the boundaries for the Cape Metropolitan structures, paving the way for elections on May 29.

But a dispute between the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Peter Marais, and the ANC over the composition of the rural and district councils is likely to delay these elections again and result in court actions.

The agreement on the Cape Metro boundaries was obtained in the Provincial Committee on Local Government, despite some outstanding issues, including a request by the Pella community in the Northern substructure for a separate ward and the low level of registration of voters in some areas of Strand.

The committee's chairperson, Mrs Hilda Ndude, said agreement

was reached "on a number of substantial issues" and the committee as whole had concurred with Marais' acceptance of the demarcation board's report on wards in the metropolitan area.

The ANC said in a statement that the decision meant the elections were "on track".

It added "We are now in a position to begin the exciting process of electing ANC candidates for the 170 wards, the six substructures and the metro council itself

"Under the guidance of the ANC Provincial List Committee, ward conferences will be held in all 170 wards to decide on candidates."

The agreement on the boundaries ends a protracted dispute that involved high-level meetings between the National Party and the ANC, including President Nelson Mandela, disputes in the provincial committee and Constitutional Court hearings that pre-

vented the greater Cape Town area from participating in last year's local government elections on November 1

The elections for the rural councils in the province were also meant to be held on May 29, but the dispute over the composition of the seven district councils is likely to delay these yet again.

Ndude said the provincial committee was "deeply concerned about the inability to resolve issues around rural local government." She also said the NP members of the committee were unwilling to discuss again a refusal by Marais to review his decision.

These problems included excessive representation given to farms at the expense of other groups, such as workers, women and communities.

"Marais' refusal to resolve this issue may hold up the elections or end up in expensive, protracted court cases," she said.

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Constitutional Court president Judge Arthur Chaskalson and Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland at the opening of the court in Braamfontein yesterday. Chaskalson said a R6m gift from the Norwegian government would be used to ensure that the court's library became a national asset. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

ANC, town councils taking govt to court

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The ANC and the NP-dominated Western Cape provincial government are deadlocked over distribution of local government seats in rural areas and legal action is on the horizon.

The ANC and the George and Worcester town councils plan to take provincial government to the Electoral and Supreme Courts.

Their grounds are that the model used to allocate seats for transitional rural councils and the representation of rural and town councils in the district councils contravened the Local Authorities Act and the constitution.

ANC provincial executive member Cameron Dugmore said the organisation would finalise by Monday next week the date the action would be launched.

He said the ANC did not believe a dispute over the system of rural government would necessarily delay the May 29 elections in the Cape metropolitan region where agreement had been reached with the NP.

Central to the dispute was the acceptance and promulgation of a model for rural councils in December which the ANC believed undermined its rural power base.

ANC provincial committee members approved the model, but said they were wrongly informed

that the model applied retroactively and had been accepted by stakeholders. It wanted provincial local government MEC Peter Marais to amend the proclamation. Marais has refused to do this.

The parties discussed the issue on Friday but premier Herens Kriel refused to budge, sources said.

Dugmore said the ANC opposed the model because it gave undue weight to nominated interest groups such as farmers, it did not give fair representation to fairly large rural towns where the party did well in the November elections, and undermined the principal of proportional representation. He said the NP was stronger outside rural towns.

In terms of the model farmers and farm workers were given 60% of the vote in a transitional rural council, while everyone else was given 40%.

Small transitional rural councils were given 50% of seats on district councils, the same as in large municipalities such as George or Worcester.

In the winelands, rural towns such as Paarl, Wellington and Stellenbosch, with a total of 97 383 voters, would have the same number of seats on the district council as rural councils, which had a total of only 29 413 voters.

Constitution referendum

KRIEL CALLS FOR PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

Kriel in bid to rename Western Cape

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HERNUS KRIEL has said the province would give priority to writing its own constitution and warned the government not to interfere in local affairs CHRIS BATEMAN reports.

IN the strongest declaration of provincial autonomy yet, Premier Hernus Kriel yesterday invited the public to help rename the province and said the Western Cape needed "an order that fulfils the constitutional and social principles of a legal state"

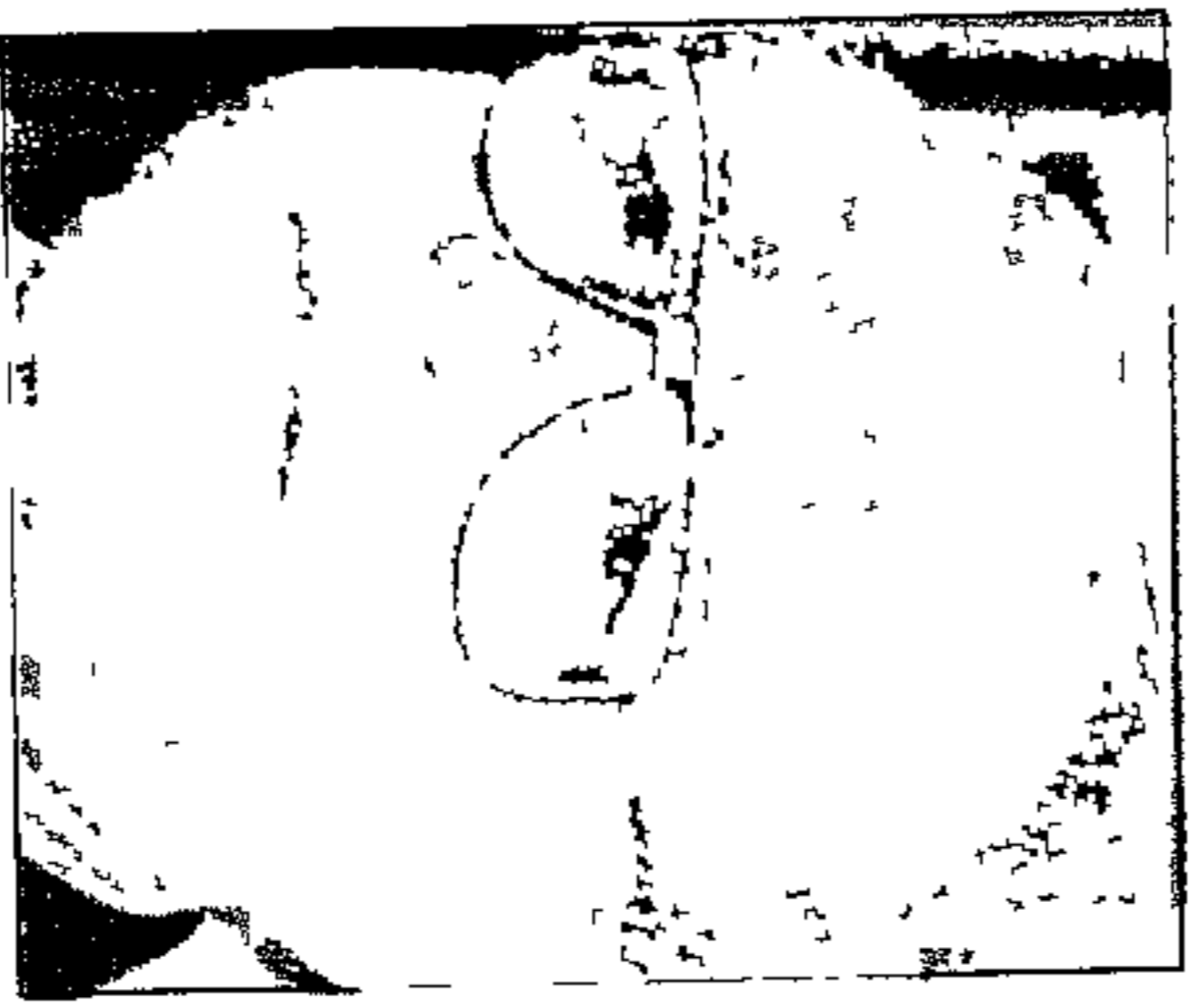
Opening the provincial legislature Kriel said he wanted a provincial constitution finalised within six months "I believe this is achievable there is a need for a constitutional and social order that fulfils the principles of a legal state and in which provision is made for the building of strong regional government"

The Swiss government, he said, had agreed to fund a probe into establishing a provincial development bank
Wald Street sources interpreted

Kriel's speech as "not so much a UDI but an assertive shot across the bows of Pretoria to warn them against interfering in local affairs"

"We have a unique identity which should be catered for," another said
Kriel accused the central government of pre-empting the findings of the Constitutional Assembly by drafting bridging legislation to replace the existing Local Government Transition Act, saying the powers of provinces "should be clearly spelt out"

Interference by the central government in a matter which was and should be constitutionally provincial was "totally unacceptable" and the Western Cape would draft its own Local Government Bill soon after the May 29 elections, he said



TOUGH STAND: Hernus Kriel

Appealing for fiscal federalism, Kriel said a system in which the Western Cape was "punished" to help provinces that did not use their funds productively was unacceptable "If equity means that every province should be relegated to a minimum standard of poverty, the future of the country is

indeed bleak"

The new provincial law on gambling and racing would be approved as a priority this year, he said, to generate much-needed local revenue and reduce financial dependence on Pretoria

Temporary licences for casino owners would be issued to generate these funds even sooner — but not before the next financial year

The director of taxes, levies and duties for the Western Cape, Chris Lotter, said there was "virtually no chance" of any gambling-related income this year

The intention was to enable people to whom permanent licences were granted to begin operating while their casinos were being constructed

"We'd grant a 12-month or so temporary licence in an existing building or any other approved site, so that licence can get going while their permanent facilities are being constructed," he said
The revised Gambling and Race-

ing Act will be submitted to the legislature for debate and enactment later this year

Mr Lotter said the target date for granting casino licences was March 1997

In his speech Kriel

- Slammed "obstructionists" who for political reasons prevented communities from accepting what modest state housing was available and calling for these "so-called leaders" to be rejected
- Said services would be trimmed to meet budget cuts
- Called for more emphasis on technical and vocational education and the expansion of adult education facilities
- Called for an increase in police station staffing levels during peak crime periods and for the redeployment of police to high crime areas
- Said consideration should be given to scrapping plastic bags in supermarkets and other shops in a bid to fight pollution

Dog-fights mar Cape politics

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Provincial Affairs Reporter

WESTERN Cape leader of the Democratic Party, Hennie Bester, will put the cat among the provincial legislature pigeons today when he responds to Premier Henus Kriel's opening speech by claiming the legislature is suffering from a bout of "debilitating own interest flu"

Mr Bester hinted at the content of his input into the debate on Mr Kriel's speech - delivered yesterday - at a media briefing today

Instead of throwing themselves into party dog-fights, local politicians should expend their energy on delivering basic needs, Mr Bester will suggest

Because, at present, the Western Cape legislature was nothing more than a "very expensive talk-shop" comprising councils, commissions, boards, committees, consultants, advisers, ministers, chairpersons and task groups - at about R30 million a year

Mr Bester said that as a member of parliament chairing a standing committee he earned R230 000 a year for doing precious little work



HERNUS KRIEL: His opening address has drew a critical response

The Western Cape legislature had passed 18 bills since its inception in May 1994. Of these, six were essentially pro forma Bills designed to set up the the legisla-

ture's infrastructure, four were minor adjustment and two were appropriation laws

Last year the legislature passed the grand total of five bills

"A sorry performance indeed," said Mr Bester

Party dog-fights, constant bickering and point-scoring were preventing the Western Cape from progressing

ANC warns that rebellion is brewing in Western Cape

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — A rural rebellion was brewing in Western Cape, the ANC warned yesterday as about 100 people from a remote Western Cape rural village, Saron, gathered outside the provincial legislature to protest against a lack of funding for their local council.

The ANC has also organised a meeting of rural communities in Worcester on Saturday to formulate a programme of action to protest against the planned model for rural government.

During a debate yesterday on premier Hennis Kriel's speech on Wednesday, ANC member Cameron Dugmore told the legislature that rural communities would rise against the proclaimed rural government model.

He said it was undemocratic and intended to maintain NP privilege.

Dugmore claimed the model was being "gerrymandered" through the legislature by the NP

in order to reverse the gains made by the ANC in rural towns in the November elections.

Saron community members, surrounded by police, demanded to meet provincial local government MEC Peter Marais to claim funding for their local authority, which Marais considered to be in a state of administrative chaos.

Saron civic association member Gert Marsh said "We urgently need funds to pay for services. We think this (lack of funding) is a move by Marais to discriminate against us because we voted for the ANC in the elections."

ANC legislature members stridently opposed any moves towards an autonomous Western Cape and suggestions of a Western Cape citizenship.

ANC provincial leader Chris Nissen voiced dismay over Kriel's "lack of vision" and his constant complaints about the insufficiency of funds received from central government. He called for a comprehensive plan to create jobs, attract

foreign investment and to support industries suffering because of tariff structure changes.

Provincial finance MEC Kobus Meiring disclosed that despite the bridging finance extended by central government, the province would still suffer a shortfall this year, although this would be smaller than originally anticipated. In particular, the health budget would begin the new year with a negative balance.

"This places us in an exceptionally difficult position. The end result is that of necessity we will have to cut back on services. This will also necessarily result in workers having to be retrenched in the new fiscal year."

Meiring accused President Nelson Mandela of inflaming teachers with his promise that none would be retrenched, when the only obvious solution was to reduce staff numbers. The proposed "redeployment" of teachers to other areas was unworkable in Western Cape, he said.

Row over lack of consultation on Cape elections

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Rehana Rossouw

A NEW local government row is threatening to erupt in the Western Cape over the MEC for Local Government Peter Marais' refusal to prepare new legislation for rural local elections and consult with all interest groups.

Although the electoral court resolved the protracted dispute between Marais and the ANC on metropolitan boundaries, ruling that Cape Town be carved into six municipalities in line with the Demarcation Board's proposal and not Marais' proposals, rural organisations signalled that the election rescheduled for May 22 could be delayed yet again.

In a letter to Marais last month, the Centre for Rural Legal Studies (CRLS) said the MEC would have to bear the blame for a delay in elections as he had ignored regular calls for consultation and transparency from NGOs and political parties regarding the development of his model for rural elections.

The Rural Local Government Lobby met Marais two weeks ago to raise these concerns, asking him to amend the voting formula for the rural areas from 60% proportional representation and 40% nominated representation of interest groups to 60% of votes for interest groups.

CRLS fieldworker Terence Fife said Marais accepted that he had not been consultative enough, but said he believed women did not require special representation.

Marais balked at the suggestion that he prepare new legislation for the elections, Fife said. The rural lobby was unhappy that the Regional Services Council run the elections next year.

Town comes to halt as residents hit at Marais

□ *Angry protesters spend night in Wale Street*

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ESTELLE RANDALL
Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape Minister of Local Government Peter Marais is under fire from the small Boland town of Saron, near Tulbagh, for refusing to finance the town

All services in Saron have come to a halt and about 200 residents who converged on Cape Town to voice their grievances spent the night in Wale Street outside his offices in the Western Cape provincial parliament building.

They would not budge, said their new mayor Dan Kotze, until they met Mr Marais today to hand over a memorandum and discuss the issue.

Last night local Minister of Economic Affairs, Reconstruction and Development, Chris Nissen arranged for school children and elderly among the group to sleep in his offices.

Yesterday residents of Saron, led by Mr Kotze, marched on the national parliament and presented a memorandum outlining their grievances to Deputy Provincial Affairs Minister Valli Moosa

They then marched to the provincial parliament building to demand a meeting with Mr Marais. But he was unable to meet them.

Speaking in the Western Cape Provincial Legislature to-

day, Democratic Party provincial MP Richard van der Ross condemned the fact that the Saron community had been left to sleep in the streets.

"These are people of honour who have come from country districts. They have reached the end of their tether and are seeking relief.

"We must not allow matters to go so far. Minister Peter Marais should have been there yesterday."

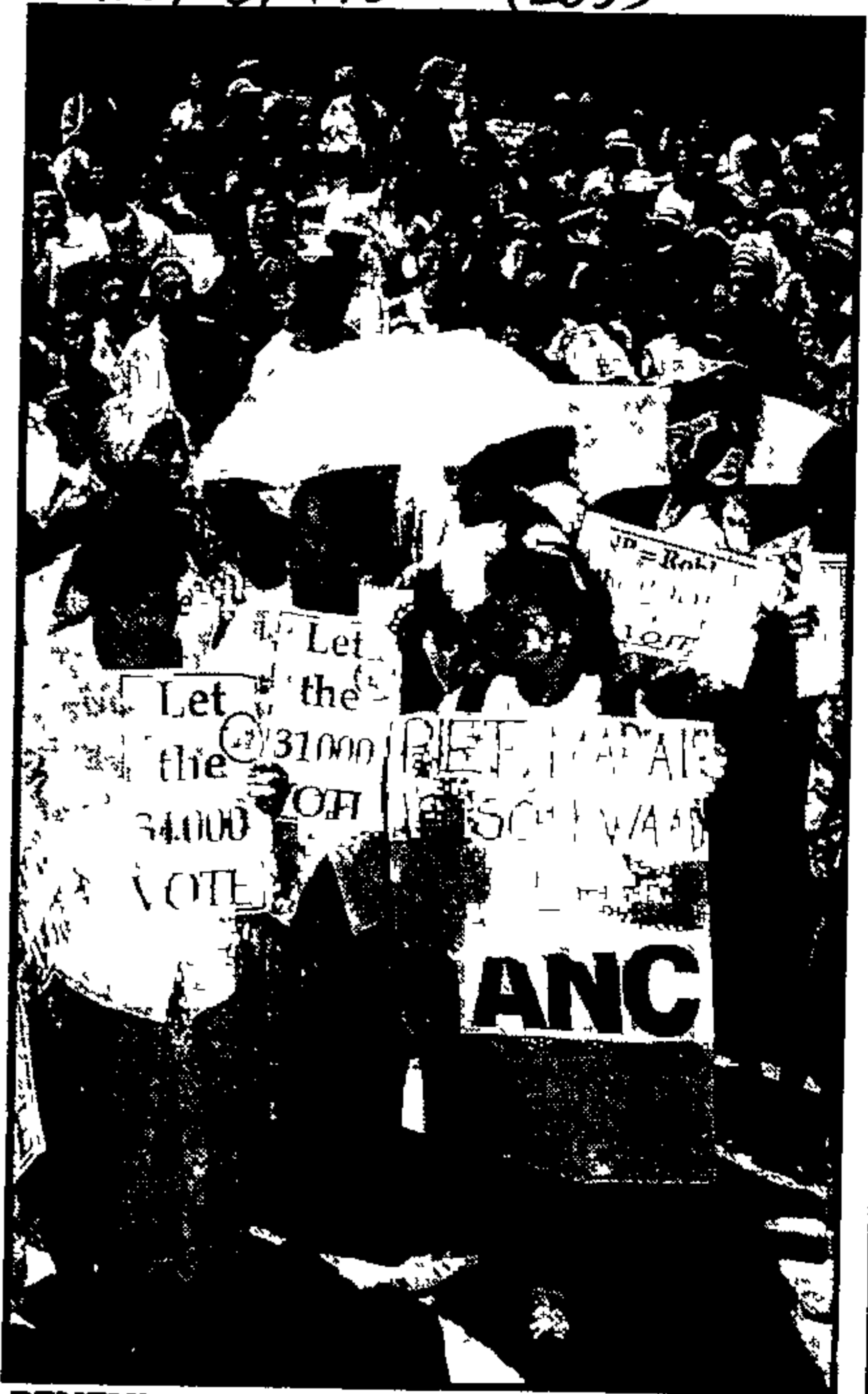
The Saron residents are demanding that the provincial government allocate R1,5 million so that the new local authority can run the town.

Mr Kotze said Saron had inherited a debt of R1,25 million from the previous management committee, which failed to supply financial records to the new local authority.

He said Mr Marais had refused to grant funds to the town since 1994. He had demanded that the town first repay the debt.

Fritz Marx, secretary for Mr Marais, said the town council was not entitled to funds from the government as help was given at the discretion of the minister.

Responding to allegations of mismanagement, Mr Kotze asked how the Saron Council could mismanage funds when it had none at its disposal.



REMEMBER US: Furious residents from the Boland town of Saron demonstrate in Cape Town against Western Cape Local Government Minister Peter Marais, who, they allege, neglects the town

Western Cape to get a new name

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By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

THE Western Cape Province is set to get a new name — with the favourite choice being "Province of the Cape of Good Hope", regional government sources have revealed.

This name has already been included in the preamble to the proposed draft provincial constitution which is expected to be finalised during the first half of June.

The new name has "found favour" with the majority of members of the Western Cape legislature, sources claimed this week.

Opening the 1996 sitting of the Western Cape Provincial legislature earlier this week, Premier Hernus Kriel said other provinces had already been renamed.

"I believe the time is right for us to do the same for inclusion in the constitution and I plan to invite the public to submit suggestions for a name for our province before March 31."

The Western Cape has also initiated plans, including a public competition, to design a new flag for the province.

Most designs which have already been shortlisted include a red daisy, the official flower of the province.

But a winner has not been announced because both the NP's Peter Marais, the Minister of Local Government, and the ANC's Western Cape leader, Reverend Chris Nissen, favour the recognition of the Cape's indigenous San and Khoisan tribes.

But Western Cape ANC executive member Cameron Dugmore said yesterday the ANC would "never allow the National Party to introduce a Western Cape citizenship or another flag, as we are happy with the existing national symbols."

The leader of the Democratic Party in the Western Cape, Hennie Bester, said his party was in favour of the province having its own identity, as "we have always been federalists."

In line with federal states worldwide, he believed the region should have its own coat of arms and symbols.

Agreement on boundaries for wards likely today

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ANDREA WEISS, Municipal Reporter

AGREEMENT on ward boundaries for the May 29 local elections is likely today

Provincial Local Government Minister Peter Marais has given his blessing to the Demarcation Board's recommendations for wards in the six new municipalities in Cape Town

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act, the provincial committee and the minister must agree on all major decisions before the elections, due on May 29

The three National Party members of the provincial committee — Cecil Herandien, Wynand Malan and Leon Markovitz — have also given written agreement to the proposals

The African National Congress alliance members of the committee, Hilda Ndude, John Neels and Kam Chetty, were to consult their organisations before today's meeting

Mrs Ndude, who chairs the committee, said yesterday there were no major areas of conflict and a final decision was likely today

The Demarcation Board said in its report that it had tried to avoid favouring one or other political group "Where specific proposals by political groups were accepted, that was done on technical merit"

Submissions from the joint executive committees from each of the substructures were treated on merit

The board had decided to recommend wards which were "as far as possible logical and easily identifiable units for voters as well as political organisers and the public"

It had favoured the use of physical characteristics such as highways, railways, rivers, mountains and other easily identifiable boundaries.

Where such boundaries were not available, the board had looked for "softer" alternatives.

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 It's been a painstaking process to have polls in KwaZulu-Natal and Cape Town

By Joe Mdhlela
 Political Reporter

THE LAST LEG of the country's democratic process, in which KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape will exercise their political will at local government level, is scheduled for May 29

Outstanding political differences involving the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party over the demarcation of KwaZulu-Natal have been resolved

This allows the local government elections to take place in the trouble-torn region in the knowledge that all the parties agree on a model to be used to demarcate the province

Three weeks ago President Nelson Mandela and the IFP leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, met to work out mechanisms to call an *imbizo*

The *imbizo* is an important meeting in which the king of the Zulus, King Goodwill Zwelithini, meets his subjects to address them on a variety of issues

During the past two years the king has not been able to call *imbizos* as even his chiefs' loyalty has been torn between the IFP and the ANC

With the agreement reached between Mandela and Buthelezi over the *imbizo*, holding the local government elections is now a distinct possibility

Also, the meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi may be aimed at ending the schism between the king and his subjects. In just over a decade, hostilities in the province have accounted for no less than 10 000 deaths

A general agreement was struck that the tribal leadership be involved in planning the *imbizo*

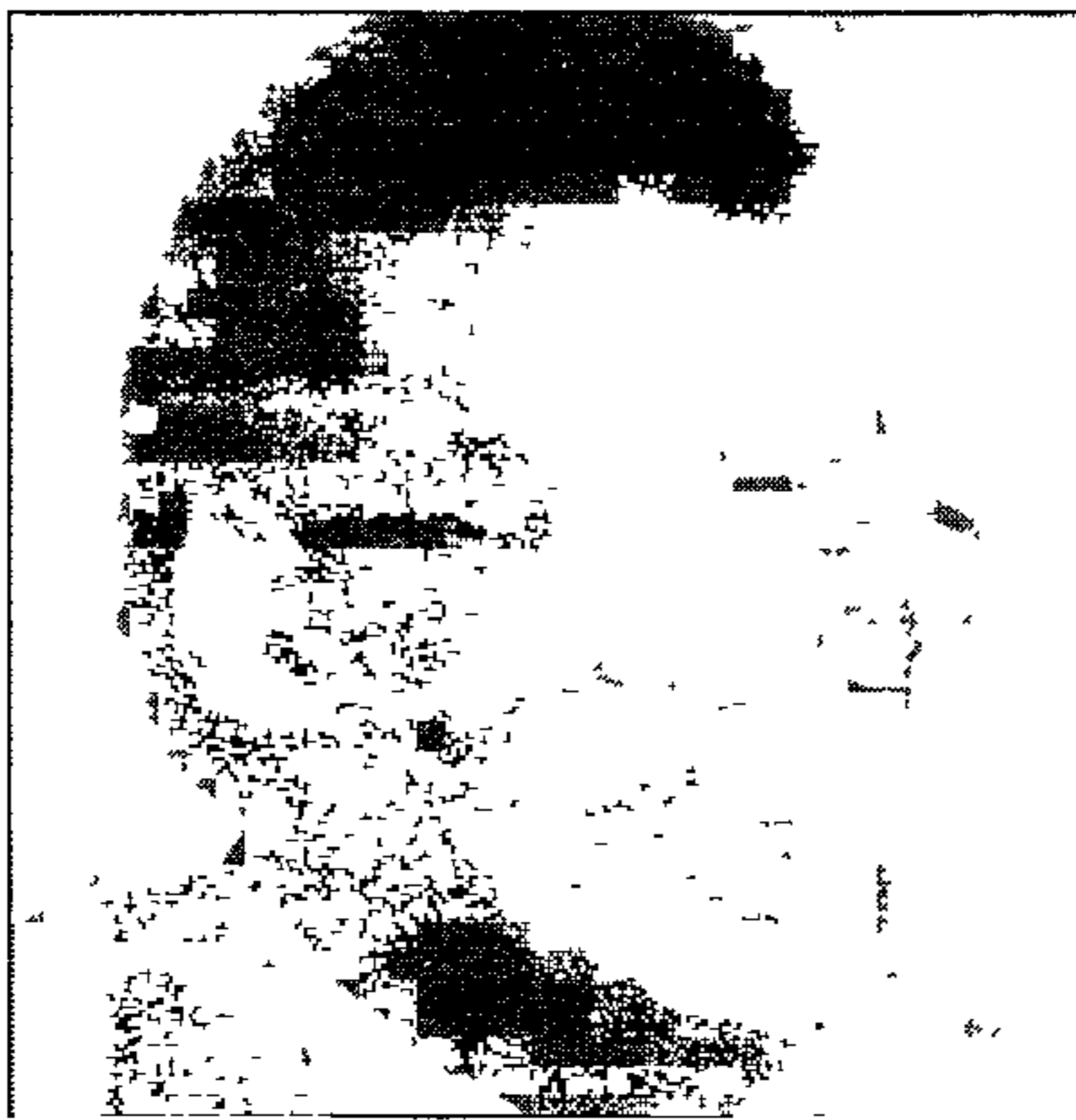
However, it would be naive to discount the possibility that the Mandela-Buthelezi meet-

ing also sought to address itself to the political tensions raging in the region

It is a well-documented fact that the IFP-aligned chiefs in the province are worried about what they perceive to be the "modernisation of indigenous and customary laws" by the Government of National Unity

It may well be that the chiefs see the local government elections as calculated to undermine their authority

However, that should not necessarily be the case. Already, a rural model to counteract this fear is in place



IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi ... believes his party's future is at stake in the elections.

province under way. Avowed political rivals, the ANC and IFP, have been at each other's throats for political hegemony

Sources close to the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal hardly want to accept that the IFP is capable of changing its spots

"Like a tiger, the IFP is incapable of changing its spots. The membership is hell-bent on using spoiling tactics as the countdown to the elections begin," a source said

The ANC commentator suggested that the IFP would not accept defeat in KwaZulu-Natal. "The truth is that the IFP has been living under the illusion that it is the dominant

force in KwaZulu-Natal

"Of course, everybody who understands the politics of this region very well expect the IFP to lose because the party has nothing to offer to the people of this province"

The ANC's national chairman and economic affairs and tourism MEC in the province, Jacob Zuma, was doubtful whether elections would be fair and open

No-go areas

His doubts stem from the knowledge that the IFP continues to create "no-go areas", which make it difficult for the ANC to engage in free political activities

Citing the December incidents in which 18 people were killed at Shobashobane on the South Coast, Zuma said "This incident illustrates the point I am making. The IFP is irritated by the fact that it cannot support claims that it is the dominant party in this part of the world"

Despite these difficulties, Zuma is hopeful that the ANC and IFP will settle down and begin the process of nation building

In a normal political climate, he said he would expect the ANC to win the elections

"If there were to be normal political activity in the province, the national pattern in which the ANC emerged winners would also emerge in KwaZulu-Natal"

However, the IFP replied by suggesting that the ANC was engaged in a propaganda war to discredit the organisation

Said IFP MP Nkosi Bhekizizwe Luthuli "The ANC thrives on propaganda. Instead of suggesting constructive methods to resolve the violence in the province, they apportion all the blame to the IFP. Obviously, they are as blameworthy for the violence as anybody else"

IFP spokesman Themba Khoza is on record as saying his organisation is preparing for a landslide victory in the province

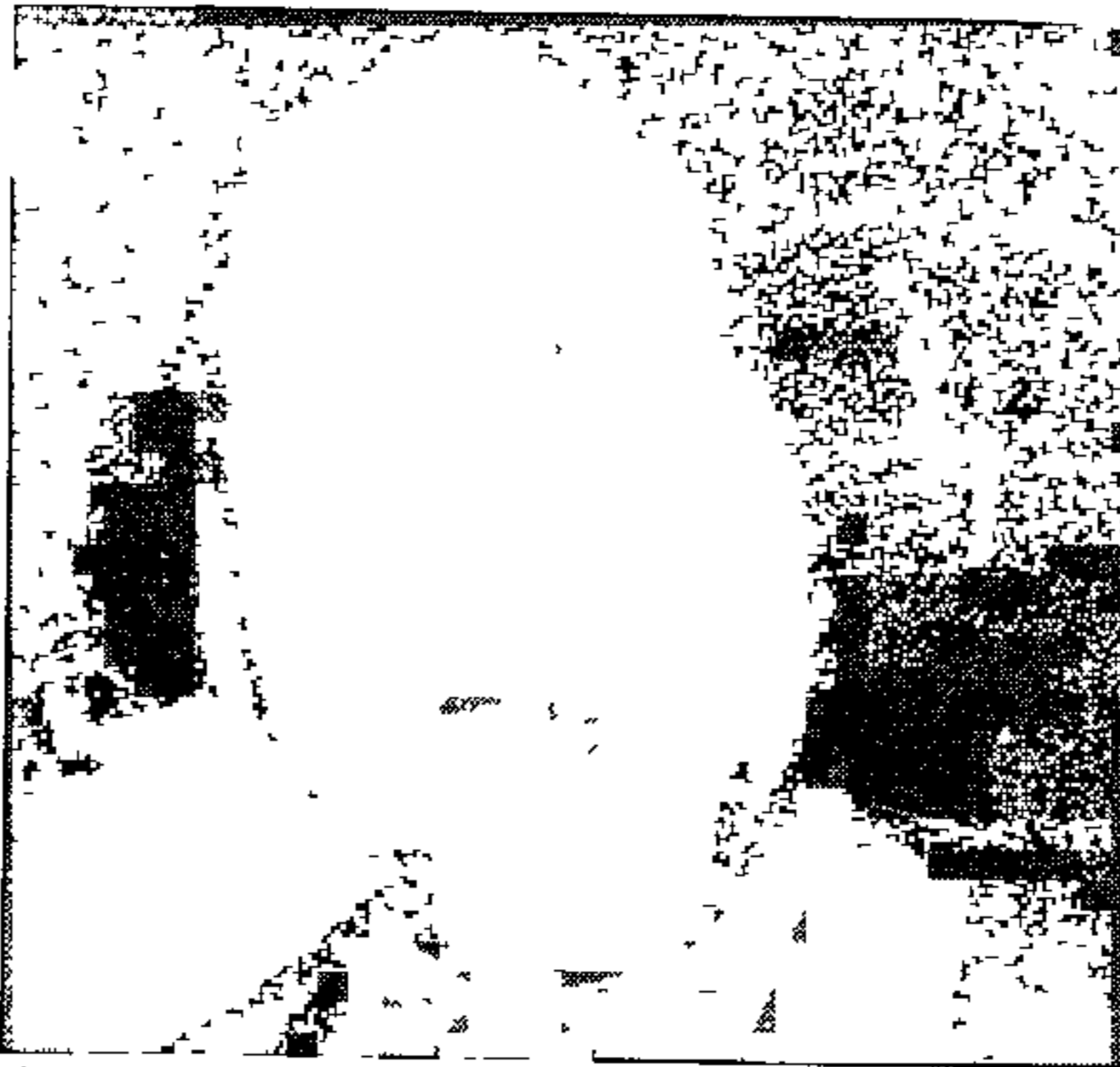
"We will do everything in our power to ensure that we win the forthcoming elections," said Khoza

Even Buthelezi expressed himself on the elections, saying the party's future was at stake if it lost the elections in KwaZulu-Natal

He was speaking after the IFP's poor showing during the local government elections in other provinces in November

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ANC national chairman Jacob Zuma ... doubts the elections will be free and fair in KwaZulu-Natal.

New party needed for W Cape

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ANC ACTIVISTS in the Western Cape have done much soul-searching since the organisation's bad performance in the 1994 elections. Among the issues being discussed at a series of unofficial meetings starting tonight is the formation of a separate organisation for coloured people. Leading the discussion is **TREVOR OOSTERWYK**, a history lecturer at the University of the Western Cape who co-ordinated the ANC's 1994 election campaign in Mitchells Plain. Oosterwyk has been involved in anti-apartheid politics since 1980. He was the first president of the Cape Youth Congress in 1983 and served on the founding executive of the United Democratic Front in the Western Cape. The following is an edited extract from his paper.

I AM a dedicated member of the ANC and have spent many years fighting to realise the objective of an ANC government, which I regard as the only vehicle to bring about genuine democracy in this country.

When the ANC won the national elections in April 1994 it was like a dream had become a reality for all those who had sacrificed so much for the cause

But despite this great victory, the task of building a democratic and just

not take into consideration the specific needs of this community and was therefore unable to sway the vote.

- Coloured voters bought into the NP's racist electioneering campaign

One could probably argue that each of these reasons impacted on the election results in some way

But it is important to try and understand which were primary reasons for the NP victory and which reasons given were less significant

It is my contention that we ANC members allowed ourselves to become duped into believing our own propaganda and were unable to assess our target group accurately

Therefore we were unable to develop strategies and tactics appropriate to that group

We believed that coloureds accepted non-racialism and would therefore automatically vote for the ANC

But we were wrong and the problem within the ANC is that this kind of thinking is still pervasive and dominates strategic planning

I think a broad forum involving modern activists and a few from the UDF days need to be brought together to do an analysis

This analysis should include discussions on some of the following aspects:

- Understanding coloured identity and its diverse historical genesis

- Non-racialism and the 1980s - a critical analysis

- Why political structures in the coloured areas collapsed after 1985.

- Revisiting holy cows such as African leadership in the Western Cape, African culture and attitudes to coloureds as well as our commitment to centralised planning and thinking

- The coloured community and our strategic objectives in the post-1994 political reality

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cult contradictions and tensions. One such thorny issue is the ANC's relationship with the coloured community.

My contribution to this debate emanates from sincere concern and a genuine attempt to deepen democracy and justice. It must not be seen as mischief-making or silly political games.

I will not attempt to engage in an extensive historical analysis of the coloured community but I wish to list the many areas of tension, discuss their implications and provide some guidelines to resolve these tensions.

It is important to stress that the views presented in this paper are mine, they are tentative and should merely serve as a basis for further discussion to address these tensions in the longer term.

It is a fact that the ANC enjoyed unprecedented support among coloured people during the 1980s. Prior to this - in my own experience - most coloureds on the Cape Flats had hardly heard about Nelson Mandela or his organisation.

But the struggles from 1980 onwards brought about a significant qualitative shift in the nature of politics in greater Cape Town. Colin Bundy described this development in an article saying "Historically, the ANC was relatively weak in the GCT (Greater Cape Town), by 1985 this had changed substantially, 'Charterist' sympathies and allegiances spread rapidly where they had previously scarcely existed."

Those of us who had spent time and energy helping to create the reality Bundy described had great expectations about the future of the struggle in the Western Cape.

And when the ANC was unbanned in 1990 we felt vindicated.

We looked to the future with optimism and the smell of victory filled our nostrils.

Apartheid was to be no more.

The future was democracy and justice and we knew that the people will vote for the ANC.

But the election result in the Western Cape brought many of us back to earth. Contrary to all our expectations the coloured community did not vote for the ANC.

The majority of 68,7% voted for the National Party and only 24,6% voted for the ANC.

Many speculated on the reasons for this. Here follow some.

- Coloured people are racist and did not want a black government.
- They voted for the NP to protect privileges given them by the apartheid government.
- They wanted to protect some notion of an own identity and did not wish to be taken up into a general black identity.
- The non-racial concept of the ANC movement had failed to win over large scale support among coloureds.
- Coloured activists had been unable to convince their own people to dispel their fears and mistrust for the ANC.
- The ANC election campaign did

is further underlined by post-election developments within and outside the ANC.

Apart from the split within the ANC Youth League one must acknowledge the general paralysis which has crept in among coloured ANC activists. Their frustrations and problems do not engender confidence that the ANC will win the local-government elections (notwithstanding the results in the rural areas last year) or that we would be able to change significantly the political realities of the Western Cape in the foreseeable future.

There are also some other issues that the ANC in the Western Cape should address. These include.

- The way in which the ANC is structured will always create tensions between the needs of the different constituencies in the region.

- The apparent lack of vision by regional leadership as well as the subjective interests of African activists places constraints on our ability to resolve some of the conflict from within the ANC.

- The manner in which 'problematic' comrades are sidelined or slandered.

- The notion of power-sharing, prevalent nationally, contributes negatively to the belief that it would be expedient to sacrifice the Western Cape in the short-term.

- Political decisions disadvantage the coloured community because this community is mistakenly believed to have benefited from apartheid.

- Our understanding of the concept 'nation building' needs serious reinterpretation.

- Lastly, we need to consider reviving working-class organisations at all levels and imbuing them with a new sense of purpose.

I believe that these concerns will not be addressed in any meaningful way within the ANC under current conditions.

Another form of intervention is needed.

It seems that we will only begin to resolve our problems if we are able to exert meaningful outside pressure on the ANC.

In this regard I feel that a new movement among coloured activists is needed.

Such an initiative, I believe, does not threaten the ANC in any way.

In fact I think it could be an advantage to the organisation in the long term.

But it is an initiative which needs careful planning, serious negotiations and mature political leadership.

I want to stress that this paper has been written with a lot of trepidation and care.

I am painfully aware of the fears and uncertainties that exist and it is my wish that this paper will be read and discussed in the same spirit that I have written it.

The future of the ANC in the Western Cape, the future of political power and the future of individual political actors are all at stake.

TOP IKAPA OFFICIALS RESIGN

Poll Payments Row

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THE TREASURER of iKapa town council paid R108 000 at R1 500 a day to the town clerk for duties as returning officer in a poll that never took place.

CHRIS BATEMAN reports.

THE acting town clerk of iKapa town council and its treasurer have resigned following a protracted wrangle over the irregular payment of more than R108 000 to the town clerk for November 1 election preparations last year.

Former town clerk Mr Deon Adriaanse was paid R1 500 a day for almost four months in his capacity as a returning officer for the November 1 Cape Metropolitan elections — a poll never held because of political and legal wrangles — documents revealed at the weekend.

Adriaanse received this in addition to his salary from the iKapa treasury, headed by Mr Hannes Smit, who also handed in his resignation, effective from the end of this month.

Adriaanse yesterday rejected any imputation of dishonesty, saying he had not received a copy of election regulation amendments, allowing for a R1 500 a day tariff for only two days.

Eleven other iKapa officials, includ-

ing chief administration officer Mr Ike Morape and acting town secretary Mr Joel Mkungwana, were paid a total of R60 188 — between R70 and R80 a day each — "in recognition of extra duties" in preparing voters rolls.

Auditors Coopers and Lybrand, called in to check iKapa's books, concluded in a confidential report obtained by the Cape Times that the iKapa council had not been informed of Adriaanse's overpayments and that this and the 11 other overpayments were all irregular.

But iKapa's executive council chairman, Mr Arthur Jacobs, said that while Adriaanse and Smit had been suspended on receipt of the auditors' report, the other 11 officials were still employed as they had done nothing wrong.

"They worked like Trojans to get people registered in time for (called off) elections — this cannot be grouped with Adriaanse as his duties concerned the date of election," Jacobs said.

The iKapa council last month approved a deal in which Adriaanse

will pay back the full amount from his leave pay, severance pay and pension and disciplinary charges against him and Smit are withdrawn.

Jacobs said of Smit: "One of his officials in the treasury advised him (Adriaanse) payment was illegal because it was not authorised by council — he must have ignored him and gone ahead."

Jacobs said the controversy could be "just the tip of the iceberg", citing a cheque book stolen from council late last year that was used to draw R295 000 in Lenasia and R600 000 in Newcastle.

"There might be a syndicate involved in all this," he said.

Adriaanse told the Cape Times he knew about the R295 000 and the stolen cheque book. Three people in Gauteng had been arrested in connection with this amount. "The bank took full responsibility for the money and there was no financial loss."

Adriaanse said he knew nothing of the missing R600 000 cheque.

He added that the reason the matter had remained low-profile was because police suspected there were "inside people and some kind of syndicate with other big businesses."

Cape Town City Council human resources official Mr Steve Beukes, seconded to iKapa to re-establish proper

administrative procedures and restore services after there had been a long history of corruption and maladministration there, said low-profile would not stop him from "pursuing any kind of corruption there."

The auditors emphasised that they had not checked iKapa's 1994/95 books and could therefore not give an assurance that all payments to staff for services rendered under the local government election regulations were included in their report.

The controversy comes as iKapa once again gears up — along with all other Cape Metropolitan local structures — for the May 29 election.

iKapa manager Mr Sakkie du Toit said advertisements for election officers closed 10 days ago and that the Cape Town City Council would make final appointments.

"We shall be issuing a formal statement about this (the auditors' findings)," he said.

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Marais issues ultimatum to 'ANC lapdog' body

CHRIS BATEMAN

LOCAL Government MEC Mr Peter Marais yesterday issued an ultimatum to what he termed his "ANC lapdog" provincial committee — come up with an alternative district council election model or face the NP in the Constitutional Court.

He accused provincial committee chairperson Ms Hilda Ndude of lacking independent opinion.

"You are being misled by an ANC clique and have yet to provide me with any alternative proposals — you cannot say how many councillors should be on a district council — this is not democracy, it's administrative paralysis," Marais charged.

He said the NP wanted to give farm workers a better say on district councils when it came to "dividing the kitty" — although all money spent in rural areas came from levies paid by farmers.

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His proposal that representation on district councils be equally divided between rural areas and Transitional Local Councils in country towns was opposed by the ANC, thus denying farm workers an ability to negotiate funding.

"The ANC want George, Worcester and Robertson (where they won controlling majorities in the April 27 elections last year) to dominate," Marais claimed.

With 1,5 million people financially dependent on farming in the Western Cape, farmers were solely responsible for housing, water, boreholes and rubbish removal in the country areas — and for paying regional services council levies.

"Therefore we have to put farm labourers and farmers in a position to serve effectively on district councils and this can only be done if rural councils are treated equally to transitional local councils," Marais concluded.

POLITICS

Ultimatum fires up demarcation tussle

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape local government MEC Pieter Marais has issued an ultimatum to the ANC — accept the Demarcation Board's recommendations on local elections in rural areas within two days or argue the case in the Electoral Court.

Resolution of the dispute is urgent if elections in rural areas are to take place on May 29 as scheduled.

Marais issued the ultimatum in the provincial assembly yesterday after he was advised by senior counsel that the proclaimed model for rural local government was not unconstitutional. "They said it contained nothing beyond the scope of the powers given to the minister," Marais said. If the ANC in the provincial committee refused to endorse the framework for the approaching local government election, the NP would declare a dispute and take the issue to the Electoral Court.

However, the ANC said that even if the Electoral Court ruled in Marais's favour on the issue of the framework for the elections, the ANC still reserved its right to challenge the model for rural government in the Supreme Court.

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Although ANC members in the provincial committee adopted the model in December, they subsequently claimed they had done so on the basis of false information from Marais.

Last week the party refused to endorse some of the Demarcation Board's recommendations — such as those relating to the constitution of rural councils — which were based on this model.

Marais now wants to force them to limit themselves to the board's report.

Some rural town councils and the ANC are looking to challenge the proclamation of the model on the grounds that it is illegal in terms of the Local Government Transition Act.

The model provides for only 40% proportional representation on the transitional rural council with the remainder made up of 30% farmer-nominated councillors and 30% farm worker-nominated councillors.

"It gives unfair representation to farmers who constitute a much smaller number of voters than farm workers," argued ANC provincial legislature representative Cameron Dudmore. "It also excluded ordinary workers and other employers from being nominated," he said.

ANC compromises on dispute over rural govt

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The ANC has temporarily compromised on its objections to the model for rural government, a move which will allow the local elections scheduled for May 29 to proceed.

However, it said yesterday that after the elections, other parties — such as local councils in rural areas — would still proceed with legal action to contest the model.

Prolonged negotiations during the week between the ANC and the NP on the provincial committee resulted in the ANC deciding to approve the Demarcation Board's report, including the contentious issue of the number of seats to be allocated to the rural and district councils.

The ANC — facing an ultimatum from local government MEC Pieter Marais to agree to the board's recommendations by 3pm yesterday or face an application to the Electoral Court — decided to compromise.

It had previously refused to pass the board's report on the grounds that it

was based on a model for rural government to which it was fundamentally opposed. Provincial committee chairman Hilda Ndude said the model had few supporters apart from the NP and organisations representing white farmers. "The tragedy is that Marais has now forced upon this province a model unacceptable to the majority," Ndude said.

She said that despite the ANC's objections to the model she and the other non-statutory members of the provincial committee had decided to accept the Demarcation Board's proposals in the interests of the elections proceeding on May 29.

"Soon after the elections, we, in terms of the Local Government Transition Act, reserve our right to refer the matter to the Electoral Court. If this is not done by us, it is clear affected communities will do it," Ndude said.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said the court action would not nullify the elections but, if successful, would alter the number of proportional seats allocated to the different parties.

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Land reform welcomed Intellectual

Kriel seeks 15 years of unity

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CHRIS BATEMAN
POLITICAL WRITER

WESTERN CAPE Premier Hernus Kriel yesterday unveiled his party's proposals for a provincial constitution, which includes a guaranteed 15-year "government of provincial unity", up to 10 extra non-voting "expert" seats in his legislature and an expanded executive council

Outlining the plan during his reply to the debate on his "State of the Province" speech, Kriel proposed five to 10 seats for interest groups such as organised trade and industry, agriculture and fisheries, labour and local government — but without voting powers

Kriel also wanted provision for up to two more executive council members.

He wanted the "government of provincial unity", with its multi-party representation, "protected for a period of 15 years" and said members of the provincial legislature should be allowed to change parties without losing their seats.

Other measures included:

- Proper recognition of Afrikaans, English and Xhosa — with Xhosa being "phased in"
- The right to choose instruction in any language where it could be "reasonably" provided at state or state-aided institutions,
- The right to educational institutions based on a common culture, language or religion — with no discrimination

Sports hall for school

IN a report yesterday about R4 million of land being sold by four Model C schools in the Western Cape, the amount received by Paarl Gymnasium for a parcel of land was incorrectly stated as R800 000

The school said yesterday it had received R335 000 which is being used to erect a sports hall. The figures were supplied by the DET

FIVAZ BEMOANS BUDGET

'No leeway to new staff for p

THE BELEAGUERED South African Police Service budget has only increased in marginal terms and recruitment of new staff will remain on hold.

THE government has awarded the police a marginal budget increase in real terms, but the two-year-old moratorium on recruitment will remain in force for another year, Commissioner George Fivaz said yesterday

"If we are going to stick to the budget they have given us and we are not going to get any additional support from the Department of State Expenditure, we cannot recruit in the coming year."

"We have had a moratorium on recruitment for the past two years and it will have to stay in

place," Fivaz said after members of his staff had briefed the parliamentary committee on safety and security about the budget for 1996/97

Deputy Commissioner Pat Bosman told the committee the department of state expenditure had fixed the South African Police Service budget for fiscal 1996/97 at R9.9 billion, 11.6% up on the R8.8 billion budget for the year ending in March.

He said this would be enhanced by R152m from the RDP fund to be used mainly for a building programme.

Aliens may stay in SA after five-year sojourn

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THE cabinet agreed yesterday to allow illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries who have been in the country for five years to stay.

Cabinet secretary Professor **Jakes Gerwel** said this was decided after Mozambican President **Joaquim Chissano** asked for a moratorium on the repatriation of Mozambicans

Home Affairs Minister **Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi** announced last week registered Mozambican refugees would be allowed to stay in South

Africa, but Gerwel said the government had decided to broaden the scope of the amnesty

Gerwel said anyone who could demonstrate he had been in the country for five years and had a formal or informal job, a relationship with a South African or a child in the country would be eligible

He could not say how many people might benefit from the amnesty, which affects citizens from countries such as Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia. — Ruter

Ex-Ikapa man to pay back R108 000

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A FORMER Ikapa council staff member who was handsomely paid for preparing for the postponed elections last November has agreed to pay back R108 365,10 to the council

Former acting town clerk Deon Adriaanse, who has resigned, was paid the money by Hannes Smit, who headed the Ikapa treasury and who has also since resigned

The financial irregularities were uncovered by auditors who gave the information to the Ikapa council. A firm of attorneys recommended that Mr Adriaanse and Mr Smit be suspended pending the outcome of an investigation

Nobody else was suspended, although other payments had been made because it was decided that they had been paid in terms of a council resolution for work on electoral preparations such as voter registration

Charges against the two men were to have been heard by an independent chairman, but on February 2, the council accepted the resignation of the two and withdrew charges against them.

Mr Adriaanse undertook to repay the amount paid out to him for his appointment as a returning officer. Of other staff members listed in the auditors' report, the council decided that they had been appointed to perform specific voter registration tasks and their allowances were for the extra duties they took on

Arthur Jacobs, chairman of the executive committee, said that other allegations of financial irregularity were being investigated

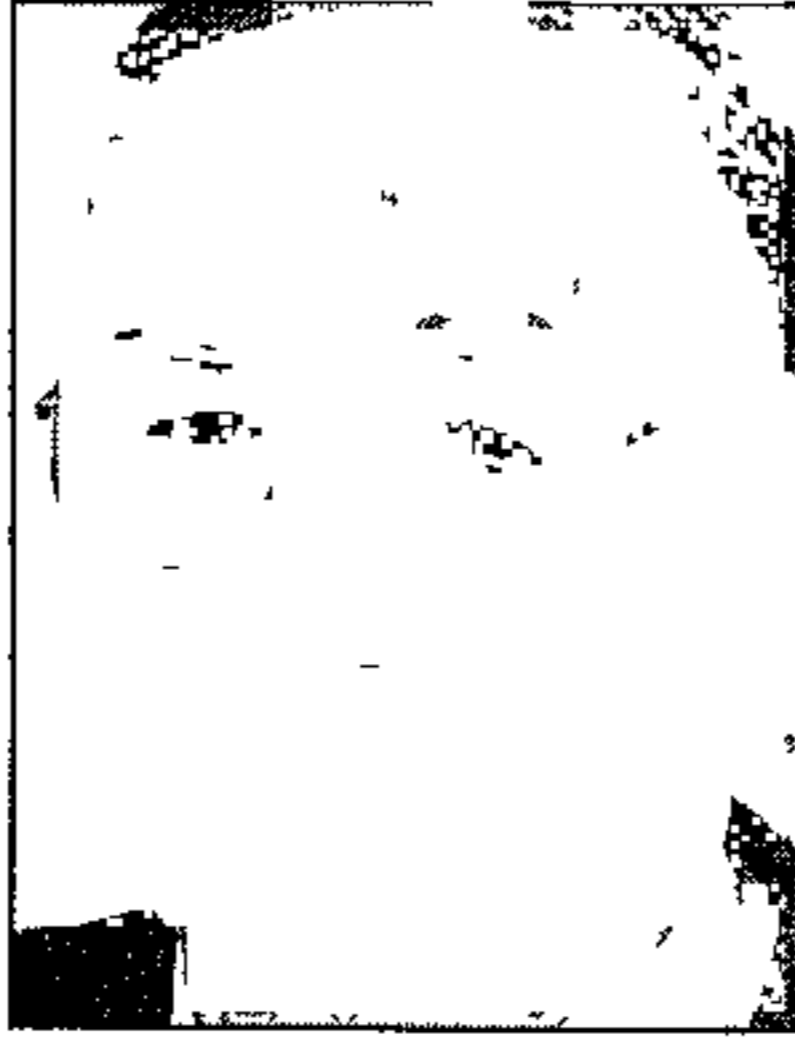
Van Schoor to quit local politics

METRO WRITER

CHAIRMAN of the Cape Metropolitan Council Mr Willie van Schoor announced yesterday that he would retire from local politics at the end of his term in office, on May 29

The nomination process for candidates in the local elections has now begun, so it is an appropriate time to announce the decision, he said

He has been considering retiring for some time and "events this year have lent finality to the decision", he said in a press release. He could not be reached at home last night for clarification



RETIRING: Willie van Schoor

on what he meant.

He is also vice-chairman of Bellville City Council, but he will not seek re-election in the new Tygerberg municipality

Van Schoor, an important figure in the National Party, was a co-chairman of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, the forerunner to the Metro Council. His "no-nonsense" style of chairmanship has kept many a meeting from straying

Van Schoor has been in local politics since 1974, when he became a Bellville City Councillor. He has been the mayor of Bellville for several terms

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All systems go for May 29 poll

CHRIS BATEMAN

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IT'S all systems go for the May 29 elections after a calculated challenge by Local Government MEC Peter Marais led to his provincial committee "temporarily" dropping demands for greater country town representation on district councils and agreeing on the current model.

The provincial committee's ANC component also fought to reduce farmer numbers on rural councils (ie magisterial districts) — saying the 30% representation (equal to farm labourers) did not fairly reflect low farmer numbers.

The ANC claims farmer numbers total around five percent of rural council areas — but Marais counter that farmers provide all the infrastructure and pay all the (former RSC) levies, and drive the entire region's economy has prevailed.

Marais' gambit, amid much invective between him and provincial committee chairperson Ms Hilda Ndude, was to give the committee until yesterday to agree to the rural election model — as proposed by the Demarcation Board — or face an NP court challenge.

Ndude said yesterday that the non-statutory component of her committee reserved the right to refer the dispute to the Electoral Court after elections.

Nehawu digs in heels over staff cuts, pay

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Labour Reporter

THE National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) has vowed to dig its heels in over possible wage restraints and staff cuts in the public service

This announcement has come on the eve of national public sector negotiations. Last year, strikes in the public sector accounted for 71 percent of "man" days lost in South Africa

On Monday, government and public sector unions will meet in Cape Town to negotiate wages and working conditions for public sector employees in health, state administration and correctional (prison) services

At issue will be finalisation and implementation of the grading system, agreed to in principle by trade unions in October 1995, and wage levels which should be attached to these

Nehawu assistant general secretary Fikile Majola said the cost of imple-

menting the new grading system had been estimated at about R9,1 billion for the 1996/1997 financial year. Yet, government had this year indicated only R6,5 billion was available

"We do not accept that government can put to us a proposal costing R9,1 billion, only to tell us later that only R6,5 billion is available. This is viewed as extremely insensitive and irresponsible," Mr Majola said.

There are about 1,2 million public sector employees, including all tiers of government, parastatals and public sector corporations, such as, Telkom and Transnet

Of these 1,2 million workers, about 500 000 are from the former homelands and self-governing territories

In March 1995, the average salary in the public sector had risen from R3 271 to R3 497 but there was still a wage gap between white and black salaries. There were also differences in the average salaries between different sectors of the public service.

Exco to split in two to speed restructuring

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has voted to radically reorganise its committee system in the run-up to the May 29 election because councillors have failed to devote their full attention to the restructuring process

The council has effectively decided to split its executive committee into two because it has been falling behind in local government restructuring

One half of the executive committee will deal with the day-to-day running of business, while the other will focus solely on restructuring, which involves attending meetings with representatives of other councils

A memorandum stated the council's participation was "not what it should be and if urgent steps are not taken to rectify this, the transition process will fall further and further behind the targets needed for a successful transformation".

Among the problems which have been cited are the absence of joint executive council (JEC) delegates from plenary or working group meetings, leading sometimes no quorum being present.

ARG 23/2/96 New challenge to Cosatu unions

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Labour Reporter

ABOUT 250 000 public sector employees have joined forces in a new federation which could pose a threat to public sector unions in the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu).

The Federation of Organisations Representing Civil Employees (Force), which was launched this week in Pretoria, comprises 50 percent of employees who are represented in the central chamber of the Public Service Bargaining Council, Force says

Force said it aimed to secure a "non-partisan, secure and career-orientated employment environment".

The first test of Force's mettle will be in the national public sector negotiations which begin in Cape Town on Monday

Marais warns of danger in budget cut

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

POLITICAL stability could be threatened if the central government insists in cutting its intergovernmental grant to the Western Cape, which is needed to keep ailing local authorities afloat

This was the view of Local Government Minister Peter Marais, who has told the Western Cape legislature that the provincial government is expecting a 40 percent cut, representing R50 million, in the intergovernmental grant for the next financial year

This is money used to prop up former black local authorities which are not able to collect sufficient money to buy bulk services

Mr Marais also warned that the budget cut could lead to the scrapping of the strategic management plans which have been put in place to restore services to former black local authority areas

This year, the province was given R132 million to spend on intergovernmental grants, calculated on a formula agreed to by the MECs of the nine provinces, which made use of a poverty index

"These funds were of great assistance to provide relief at various smaller local authorities which face bankruptcy as a result of payment boycotts

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■ Central government is likely to cut back on money used to bolster former black local authorities in the Western Cape. This could see the new municipalities inheriting huge debts, even though they were promised a clean slate after the election.

and poverty and were accepted with great appreciation," Mr Marais told the Western Cape legislature this week

Mr Marais said it was generally accepted that the Western Cape could rely on at least the same amount for the next financial year

"The formula did not change while the population increased month after month because of people coming to this province from elsewhere — people without work who cause an increase in the poverty index"

Mr Marais said it was consequently with great concern that he had learned of the budget cut, which came with "no acceptable explanation from central government".

In addition, he said his department had cut its own budget by 17 percent to accommodate the shortfall of funds from central government.

Ikapa alone needed an intergovernmental transfer of R45 million a year, with its salary costs alone running to about R4,4 million a month

Reduced income from central government would mean that personnel would have to

be cut with consequent labour unrest, services would have to be cut, which would create greater chaos, and rates in other parts of the substructure would have to be raised

Crossroads also could not pay its bulk service charges, and intergovernmental grants were vital for its continued survival. The township had no debit system which meant that no accounts were delivered and no income was being raised

Financial help amounting to R70 million was given to Ikapa, Lingeletu West and Crossroads, representing about 85 percent of the intergovernmental grants for this financial year

Mr Marais said that with the establishment of nonracial local authorities, former black local authorities were incorporated in traditional municipalities, but due to varying and uneconomical tariff structures, as well as non-paying residents, a heavy burden now rested on the new councils which would need financial help

"The cut in the intergovernmental grant may well be the last straw that breaks the camel's back," he warned

ANC faces coloured ire

MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporter

WITHIN days of publishing a paper castigating the African National Congress for not taking coloureds seriously, and promoting the idea of a new movement to challenge that shortcoming, Trevor Oosterwyk was under fire

But, the stocky history lecturer from the University of the Western Cape, a veteran of the turmoil of the 1980s revolt and a candid critic of the organisation to which he is still "dedicated", is sticking to his guns

He'll take the rebuke on the chin if he has to, not least because he believes that opening up debate on deficiencies in the ANC will ultimately benefit the ANC itself, and the country

Chief among his criticisms are the "lack of vision" in the ANC in the Western Cape, the "subjective interests of African activists", the "sidelining or slandering" of those who speak up, and, not least, "political decisions which disadvantage the coloured community because it is mistakenly believed to have benefited from apartheid"

What has deeply irked the ANC is his blunt assessment that he does not believe "these concerns will be addressed in any meaningful way within the ANC under current conditions"

and that "it seems we will only begin to resolve our problems if we are able to exert meaningful outside pressure on the ANC"

The initiative to marshal such outside pressure is being spearheaded by Mr Oosterwyk and a dozen other leading ac-

■ Thousands of coloureds in the Western Cape are politically disaffected and believe they have been left on the sidelines of the new South Africa. History lecturer and ANC activist Trevor Oosterwyk has called for a new movement outside the party to reinvigorate coloured politics.

tivists from within the ANC and the Anti-Crime Forums. Their first discussions with a wider audience took place at a meeting last week in Mitchell's Plain, and others are planned for the weeks ahead

Are they proposing another coloured political party?

Mr Oosterwyk's reply is unequivocal

"None of the people involved in this process has any intention of forming a political organisation in opposition to the ANC, but rather some sort of movement that begins to look at racism and non-racialism, and how the coloured community can be challenged and brought into the mainstream political life of the country

"People may say so — given the timing, with the metropolitan elections due soon — but there's no opportunism here. Nobody in this process has any intention of standing in the elections." He adds "In fact, this process could benefit the ANC, electorally, if we succeed in infusing people with renewed political enthusiasm"

What they do have in mind is "trying to open up channels within the organisation", but by exerting pressure from outside

Fellow UWC academic Farid Esack has acknowledged the value of Mr Oosterwyk's public stand, saying the issue is a "crucial one", and the message

one that the ANC should examine "calmly and openly"

"The certainty of their own non-racialism," Dr Esack adds, "should halt the temptation to kill the messenger"

But, not every response has been quite as measured

In a letter to a newspaper this week, ANC activist Dumisani Rasheleng says that calls for an "ethnic movement" of coloured people "negates and contradicts the genuine concerns (Mr Oosterwyk) raises" And he asks whether the idea of outside intervention "is not a serious violation of the fundamental principle of the sovereignty and integrity of the ANC?"

Mr Rasheleng wonders how "a comrade can be a dedicated member of an organisation in which he doesn't have faith and confidence"

Mr Oosterwyk's riposte is that coloured activists have attempted, and failed, to raise their concerns at the highest level within the ANC

"I am not convinced it can be. If you look at the break-away of Youth League members they were invited for talks with the president, but nothing was resolved, and they are still going on as a separate organisation

"In another case, people from Atlantis wanted to address similar problems and

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wrote to Deputy President Thabo Mbeki. There has not been any positive response since

"The ANC has been slow in responding to attempts to raise these things. They are frustrating these efforts rather than trying to resolve them"

He adds "There are those who believe that when you criticise as we are, it is problematic for the organisation, and engenders notions of division and breaking away. That should be challenged, which is what I'm doing. One can and should have public debate about problems, not just about good things and, for the long-term life of the organisation, it's healthy"

One of the factors that has hampered coloured activists in the ANC in the Western Cape is that their branches, and their representation, do not match the vigorous African bloc

But the irony, Oosterwyk argues, is that since 1990, disaffection among ANC activists in the coloured community has grown, and there is a general level of "frustration and paralysis", precisely because of problems within the ANC

His keenness to bring the 1980s activists back, to imbue them once more with political spirit, is not something that can be done, now, within the movement, he feels

"The weakness of our branches means that if you have position and it is defeated by strength of numbers, you simply have to accept it. That's how the party democracy works. But, we feel our initiative is too important. We can't run the risk of having it thrown out simply because the party democracy votes it down and says we cannot do it"

Wrangle over city's R54m sell-off cash

Housing department desperate for funds

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Municipal Reporter

THE financial crisis facing Cape Town City Council's housing department has put a question mark over the destination of R54 million raised from the sale of bungalows in Clifton.

Western Cape Premier Her-nus Kriel said the money should be put into the council's Social Development Capital Fund for further council housing or for the upgrading of squatter areas

But the council's housing department has rental arrears of R20 million, and its maintenance reserve is without funds. The current level of rentals is inadequate to meet costs.

Deputy city treasurer Peter Lever warned in a report that "to attempt to be pro-active and build new council-owned rental

units without linking in strategies to solve at least some of these problems has to be a dangerous route.

"There are limited funds available and the existing high level of rate-funded support for this service may be insufficient even in the short-term

"Without a structured approach to the utilisation of the Social Development Capital Fund, those problems will simply be compounded"

Mr Lever said that although the housing committee was keen to build new rental units, these would have to be carefully designed, located and allocated

Care would also have to be taken over the rentals charged and management and tenant responsibilities.

He said that until the housing department was in a better financial position, the Social Development Capital Fund might be needed to finance upgrading and maintenance on existing blocks of flats

Mr Lever also suggested that at least half the money should be earmarked for capital works in informal housing areas, to alleviate social and environmental problems and to minimise the impact on municipal rates.

He recommended that no more than R10 million be used for new rental units.

He also suggested that the housing committee should be asked to formulate strategies urgently to address the lack of maintenance funds and the high level of rent arrears.

Chairman's blast for stay-away councillors

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ANDREA WEISS, Municipal Reporter

ABSENTEE councillors were today chastised by Cape Metropolitan Council chairman Willie van Schoor, who said he hoped "the voters will deal with you".

Mr Van Schoor said three committees had been unable to complete their business because of a lack of a quorum.

"This is a very serious situation and totally unacceptable," said Mr Van Schoor at the start of the CMC monthly meeting.

The committees in question deal with restructuring, finance, and election preparations.

Mr Van Schoor praised ever-present councillors — or those with legitimate reasons for not attending who gave apologies — and condemned those "who simply stay away".

"You stall the work of council," he said. "My view is that you should not accept an allowance."

Mr Van Schoor also appealed for a clean and fair local election campaign.

"Our election has the potential to tear communities apart, but let us remember, we fight the election to enable us to govern afterwards. Let us therefore not campaign in such a way that co-operation after the election will be impossible."

Knives are out in City Council

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PETER DENNEHY

KNIVES are out for several members of the Cape Town City Council's powerful executive committee — and those who have drawn the knives, in increasingly sharp-edged politicking before local elections, are their own colleagues

On the agenda of tomorrow's monthly meeting is a motion to discharge councillor Mr Riedewaan Isaacs from his post, because of remarks he made about his own debts to the council. He intends to repay these debts only shortly before nomination day (April 19) so that he can stand for election.

Mr Arthur Wienburg has tabled a motion to unseat Isaacs, who belongs to the African Muslim Party, from exco.

Another motion will be proposed by Mr Leon Markovitz, NP leader in the Cape Town City Council, with the intention of unseating two other exco members.

They are councillors Mr Sedick Soeker and Mrs Pat Lategan, who used to be members of management committees. They are therefore formally part of the "statutory" side of council — in terms of a council resolution seats must be allocated on a 50-50 basis between the statutory and the non-statutory side.

Markovitz claims both Soeker and Lategan have shifted their allegiance to the non-statutory side. Since Mr David Statham was discharged for changing parties from "non-stat" (African Christian Democratic Party) to "stat" (NP), he says, the same should happen to Soeker and Lategan.

● Another potentially lively debate will be generated by Wienburg's attempt to extend credit "blacklisting" to all the council's debtors of over six months' standing. At present only those who owe the council money for rates are liable to be blacklisted.

employees

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Qualified blacks
sought in vain (27)

THE Western Cape legislature had reserved 24% of its middle-management positions for blacks, but was having difficulty finding qualified people, director-general Herbert Beukes said yesterday

Beukes told the legislature's portfolio committee that 50% of the present posts were filled by whites, 26% by blacks or coloureds and the remainder were vacant

Nats in bid to extend life of provincial government

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Provincial Affairs Reporter

THE National Party hopes to extend the life of the Western Cape government of provincial unity for 15 years by including this provision in a provincial constitution

The NP was hopeful that the African National Congress would accommodate a similar provision in the national constitution, but the ANC rejected the notion of power-sharing at central government level after the 1999 elections

Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel told the Provincial Legislature this month the province was in dire need of a "constitutional and social order consistent with the principle of the rule of law, and which provides for strong regional government"

The NP is the majority party in the provincial chamber Mr Kriel said he had held talks with the leaders of other parties, and wanted a provincial

constitution on the table by mid-year

African National Congress provincial leader, Minister of Economic Affairs Chris Nissen, was quick to respond

"We will not allow federalism"

Said Mr Nissen "We need to work together as a team, but not as a team in which one partner is simply dragged along by another

"We are part of South Africa and nobody in this house can deny it Because from the Rugby World Cup to Bafana Bafana we have all shared in the glory of South Africa's victories"

Mr Nissen said it was time for the provincial government to stop moaning about central government "We must stop crying like babies each time we suspect central government has dealt federalism another blow Our people do not eat or drink federalism They want better

lives"

Among Mr Kriel's constitutional proposals were

- A government of provincial unity wherein different parties are represented, and which should be protected for a period of 15 years

- Recognition of Afrikaans, English and Xhosa as official languages

- Recognition of democratic principles and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms.

- Provision for the province to levy taxes

- The establishment of cultural councils to play advisory and managerial roles in relation to cultural, linguistic and educational affairs

- The right to mother tongue instruction where possible, and the right to attend educational institutions - based on common culture, language or religion where possible - which cannot be perceived as discriminatory by any group

City council won't take legal action

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□ *But another 18 members absent from meeting*

Municipal Reporters

THE Cape Town City Council decided today against approaching the Supreme Court to ask for the removal of absentee councillors, because not enough time remained for court action to succeed before the election.

The problem of absenteeism in the council was one of the first items to be discussed at today's meeting, which saw about 18 councillors fail to turn up for a full meeting of its 98 members.

Some of the 18 had applied for leave of absence.

In addition, councillors challenged the accuracy of records supplied by the officials.

The council finds itself in a difficult legal position because the Local Government Transition Act requires the council or individual

councillors to get an order of court to have a councillor removed from office.

Previously, under the municipal ordinance, councillors automatically lost their seats if they were absent without leave from three ordinary meetings or absent with or without leave from more than six ordinary meetings during any 12-month period.

Leslie Langenhoven of the National Party described absenteeism as unforgivable, particularly when it came to executive committee members.

Llewellyn van Wyk, deputy chairman of the executive committee, said there was insufficient time to approach the Supreme Court prior to an election. In addition, the records appeared in many instances to be incorrect.

Meanwhile, Cape Metropolitan councillor Ashiek Mame has attributed the high rate of absenteeism among members of Western Cape municipal councils to councillors experiencing difficulty getting time off work.

Yesterday, CMC chairman Willie van Schoor said three standing committees had failed to complete their business before the monthly meeting because they could not get quorums. He slammed absentee councillors for "stalling" the business of the CMC.

Mr Mame said the issue should not be swept under the carpet, and that the non-statutory caucus had met to discuss the problem.

Certain sectors were not self-employed and struggled to get leave from work, he said.

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Another 'hard day' at the city council

Municipal Reporter

A CITY councillor had to be awakened after lunch. The cricket score was announced. And the Cape Town City Council spent an hour debating whether to start its deliberations an hour earlier.

In other words, it was business as usual at the monthly Cape Town City Council meeting yesterday, with 18 members absent, seven of whom had not applied for leave.

The missing councillors who had not applied for leave were Ebrahim Collier (Pan Africanist Congress), Achmat Diedericks (African Muslim Party), Mntwenzeni Mangweni (Azapo), Mziwonke Maphukata (African National Congress), Pinkie Mgudlwa (Western Cape Community Organisation), Benboy Ntsangani (Western Cape Community Organisation), and David Statham (National Party), who has resigned.

Several items on the agenda were referred back to committee, among them proposals to deal with vagrancy in the city and a request for funding for an adult literacy campaign. The first big debate of the day was the issue of absenteeism.

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DP strikes a blow in Plett

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Political Reporter

THE appointment of two previously excluded DP members to Plettenberg Bay council executive, after the reversal of a deal between the ANC and the National Party, could have far-reaching consequences for local government administration

The town's entire executive committee was forced to resign on February 20 after only a month in office when lawyers acting for the DP complained that the executive committee was "non-proportional"

The Democratic Party claimed the NP and the ANC, with the help of certain independent councillors, excluded the DP from the exco elected by the Plettenberg Transitional Local

Council (TLC) on January 16.

The DP leader in the Western Cape, Hennie Bester, said three DP members had been elected to the 16-member TLC on November 1.

But the TLC then decided to create an exco of eight, comprising three NP members, four ANC members, one independent and no DP, ignoring a provision in the Local Government Act for proportional representation

After the resignation of the exco, a new committee was elected which comprised four ANC,

two NP and two DP councillors.

DP Western Cape leader Hennie Bester said: "It was at all times, both at the negotiations at Kempton Park and during the demarcation debacle surrounding the Cape Town Metropolitan boundaries last year, a central tenet of the local government transition process that it should be inclusive and as far as possible, proportionately representative.

"We are still in the transitional phase and this principle should be adhered to until final legislation is put in place.

"The Plettenberg Bay incident is not only an important test case but also sets a critical precedent for other areas," Mr Bester said.

Cape Metro poll campaign now in full swing

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□ Ambitious ANC nomination plan

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

THE CAPE metro election campaign is gathering momentum with the major political parties well into the process of selecting candidates.

The African National Congress and its allies have announced an ambitious nomination programme for each of the wards around the metro area, which could involve mini-elections at each ward conference.

The National Party, in turn, has invited candidates to put their names forward so they can be scrutinised by senior party officials and members. Where there is competition for a nomination, NP branch committees and district councils will decide on their candidates.

Cameron Dugmore, ANC member of the provincial legislature who is closely involved in election preparations, said the ANC had made inroads in the November 1 election in rural towns because it had followed an inclusive nomination process which, although at times "tedious and time-consuming", had the most community support.

The ANC alliance consists of the ANC and its youth and women's leagues, Cosatu, the Western Cape United Squatters' Association, the South African Communist Party and the South African National Civics Organisation.

In the Cape metro area, the ANC-alliance has established teams for each of the six substructures, with four or five teams working within these areas. Each of the alliance members will be entitled to nominate a ward candidate, and where there is more than one candidate, a secret ballot will be taken which will be open to every card-carrying member of the alliance.

Candidates will also be required to compete for their votes by making a short speech at ward conferences on how they think they will best serve the ward.

The next phase will be the list conferences for the proportional representation component of the councils and the Cape Metropolitan Council.

Each of the alliance members will have a certain number of delegates at these conferences.

In addition, the ANC-alliance has decided that half its proportional representation lists should consist of women, and that they should also represent a good spread of organisations and geographic areas.

The provincial executive committee of the ANC will be the final scrutineers to ensure that nominated candidates comply with election regulations, among them the requirement that no one who is more than three months in arrears will be allowed to stand.

Mr Dugmore said the ANC was not planning to pay the debts of nominees who were in arrears, but communities who particularly wanted a candidate to stand could club together if they wished.

Tommy Immelman, NP metro election co-ordinator, said candidates had until tomorrow this week to indicate if they were interested in standing for elections.

A selection committee would then scrutinise these names to ensure that they qualified under the election regulations.

Where more than one candidate put themselves forward, the branches within a ward would be called on to decide who was the best person. This would happen on Friday and Saturday this week.

For the proportional representation component, the NP had also invited potential candidates to put forward their names by March 12, after which various district councils would decide on March 15 and 16 who the best candidates were.

Mr Immelman said the names would only be released once the whole process was completed because people who were low on the proportional representation lists might wish to try their luck in a ward.

As far as eligibility was concerned, Mr Immelman said the party expected members to renew their R5 subscription fee every year. Anyone who had paid up was regarded as a bona fide NP supporter and could stand for the election.

NP meeting poorly attended

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WRITER

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THE National Party's Tygerberg strongmen tentatively courted voters in their new bed-fellow suburb of Khayelitsha at the weekend — without incident — at a meeting attended by about 200 at the Nolungile Primary School in Site C

Chairman of the NP's Tygerberg sub-structure strategic committee Mr Frik van Deventer said that, while poorly attended, there had been no heckling or intimidation of the two dozen NP members.

Asked if any of the party, many of whom were entering the township for the first time, went armed, he replied. "There was not a single weapon, not even a pocket knife among us"

Van Deventer said his party was "realistic" about its limited capacity to win any of the 22 wards in Khayelitsha, but added that three positions were set aside for the township in the top 13 listed candidates, thus ensuring NP representation

He said of his former opposition to including Khayelitsha in the Tygerberg sub-structure on economic grounds. "When the court backed the Demarcation Board, I told people we don't question the courts and promised a meeting in Khayelitsha within one month — and this was it"

Van Deventer put the poor attendance down to "the end of the month, and a big stokvel".

ARREARS DISMISSALS OPPOSED

Fight for power in Western Cape towns

NP AND ANC leaders are exchanging warnings of "anarchy" and "political manipulation" in local government disputes.

CHRIS BATEMAN reports.

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DETAILS of a bitter political fight for control or greater influence in at least three Western Cape Towns — using local government regulations which allow for summary dismissal of councillors more than three months in service arrears — emerged at the weekend

Groot Brak River mayor Mr Edjon Frans (ANC), officially "dismissed" last week by (NP-supporting) town clerk Mr Jan Terblanche for such an "offence", is refusing to recognise the order, bringing the small town administration virtually to a halt.

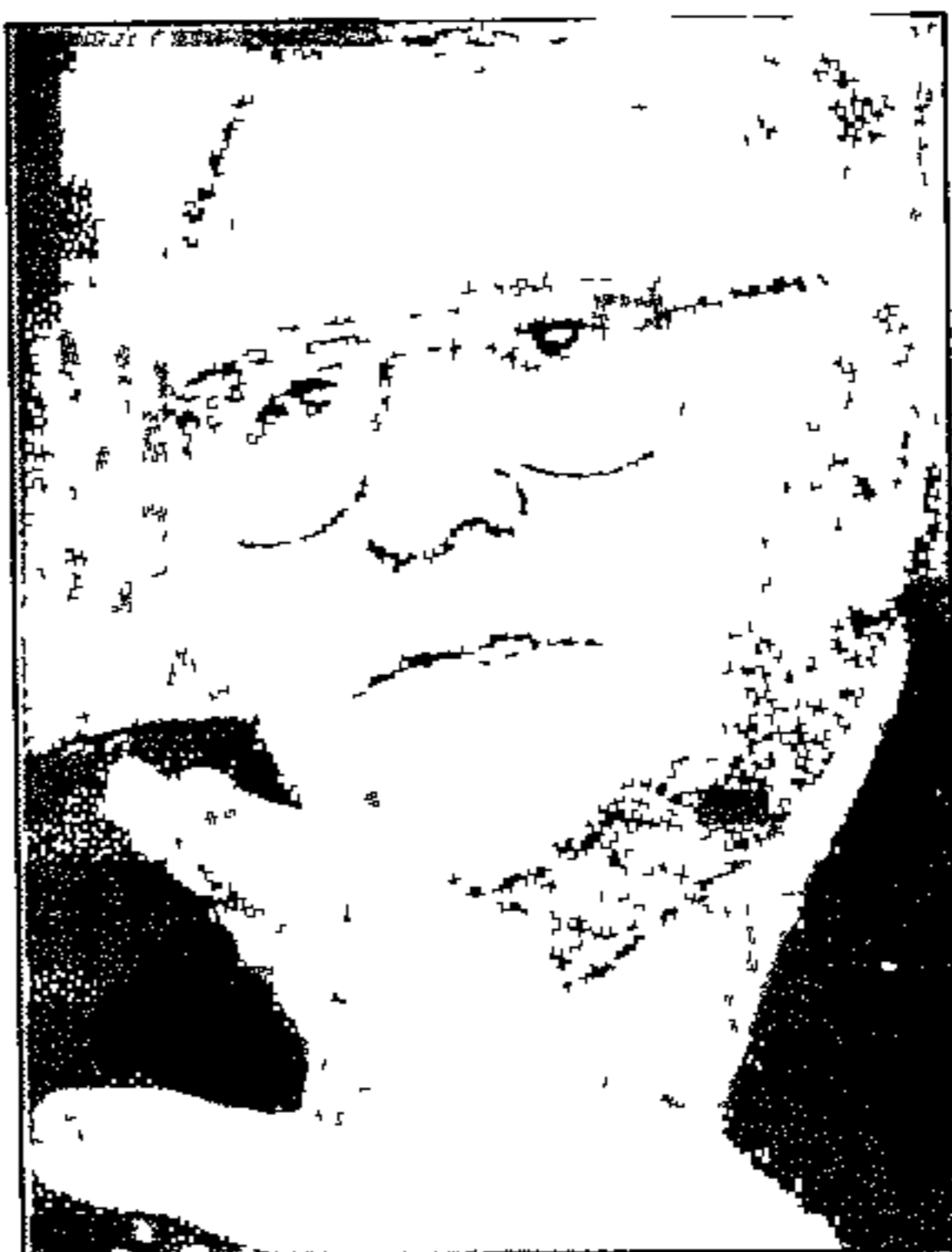
Frans holds the casting vote in a council equally split between the ANC and NP supporters — in a town where the ANC is blocking a potentially lucrative land subdivision/rezoning deal after some residents lodged objections

At a rowdy council meeting last week the NP asked for an adjournment, saying it would not recognise Frans as mayor, and called for Premier Hennis Kriel to intervene.

In Citrusdal two (ANC) councillors have been dismissed for alleged non-payment of arrears and a similar situation exists in Bitterfontein.

Local Government MEC Peter Marais — faced with what he terms "a total financial collapse of municipalities" through non-payment of services — said he could not afford an administrative collapse as well

"I appeal to the ANC leadership to abide by local government rules and not to try to defeat the system — if we don't stick to the rules we'll end up with anarchy in the province," he said.



REFEREE?: Premier Hennis Kriel may intervene in a Great Brak River dispute

However, ANC Western Cape spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said the regulation was open to political manipulation and denied councillors "due process"

His party was fighting a legal and political battle to enforce an existing municipal ordinance which requires at least written notice before any dismissal

"Summarily removing someone is so drastic it's untenable — what if there's an administrative error?" Dugmore asked.

He said the ANC would "take action" against councillors found to be in arrears and revealed that his party was fighting the Citrusdal dismissals in court.

Dugmore said the costs of holding a by-election and court cases to defend the principle far outstripped any arrears which some councillors might owe.

A written warning preceding dismissal would prevent political abuse of the rule, he said

No Groot Brak officials were available for comment



Picture HANNES THIART, The Argus

FINAL CHECK: Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) voters' roll officer, Coenie Thiart, and the chairmen of the CMC's revision courts, Ashraf Mayat and John Whitehead, certify the voters' roll for the upcoming community elections.

Cape voters' roll ready with 1,3 million names

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THE voters' roll for the Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC), which includes the name of President Nelson Mandela among the 1,3 million names, has been certified bringing to an end another important process in the run-up to the May 29 community elections.

The final roll also includes the names of 33 745 voters who might have been excluded because of an apparent technical error in completing their applications

The roll will be used for reference and counter-checking purposes before, during and after the elections

John Whitehead, one of the CMC's two revision courts chairmen, said the CMC appointed two revision courts to consider issues such as the inclusion of the 33 745 voters

The revision courts also would be used to determine claims and objections to the enrolment of voters during the period when the roll was opened for inspection

"Although no objections were submitted, a total of approximately 10 000 applications for inclusion were

accepted"

His fellow chairman, Ashraf Mayat, said their signatures indicated that the CMC's voters' roll was officially closed and certified

"I assure all voters that each of the 10 000 applications for inclusion received the attention and consideration they deserved and we are confident the roll is accurate"

Chairman of the CMC, Willie van Schoor, said he wished to thank all the people who went to the trouble of placing their names on the roll and for checking to see that they were included

"Voting in the coming elections is extremely important as new local government structures will enjoy increased power through which to facilitate overall upliftment and delivery, most importantly, of the reconstruction and development programme in the CMC area

"It is therefore imperative that every voter carefully consider their preferred candidate's competency and accountability before participating in the elections," said Mr Van Schoor

Province imposes new posts freeze

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The Western Cape provincial government would impose a three-month freeze on all new posts, projects and services, finance minister Kobus Meiring said in the legislature yesterday.

Tabling the supplementary budget for 1995/96, he said the province had ended the financial year with a total deficit of R75,4m — the first debt of the 1996/97 budget, which was already expected to be "extremely tight".

Meiring announced a series of stringent cost-cutting measures to enable the provincial government to balance its books in the coming year, saying it would not be able to rely on additional help from government.

These measures, approved by Cabinet and applying to the health and education departments in particular, would mean the tabling of the provincial budget would be delayed to May 31, much later than last year.

"Until such time as the main provincial budget for 1996/97 has been approved, an immediate and full moratorium (will) be introduced with immediate effect on all new capital expenditure not yet out on tender; expansions of services and new services not yet in process, (and) filling of posts that have not yet been advertised," Meiring said.

Heads of departments had been requested to review urgently all capital items already out to tender, the expansion and initiation of services and the need for posts already advertised. The treasury committee would have to approve any deviation from this policy.

In addition, budget and fiscal audits would be undertaken for all votes, fee structures would be introduced for services rendered by departments, a private sector expert would be brought in to ensure state assets were properly utilised, and rented accommodation would be scaled down or terminated.

Meiring said the budget shortfall had been originally estimated at R1bn, but this had been reduced by central government transfers of R602m and internal savings of R74,8m achieved in community services (R59,2m), agriculture (R4m) and finances (R7,6m).

The provincial budget for the 1995/96 year was R7,9bn, but by year-end the revised expenditure figure amounted to R9,244bn and expected income R9,1bn. This left a shortfall of R149m, reduced by internal savings to R75,4m.

The Western province asked central government for R764m but received R602,7m, of which R375m was for education and R58,8m for the shortfall in provincial revenue.

There was an R81m rollover from the previous year and other additional sums received included R268,9m for the improvement of service conditions and salary increases and R193m for RDP programmes. Of the latter amount, R170m was for bridging finance for health, R10m for discretionary funds and R12,9m rolled over from the previous year.

Meiring said there was a remote possibility that the health department would extend further funds to the province and negotiations to this end were continuing. "But there is no certainty that we will get any amount," he said.

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Municipal services to grind to a halt as workers plan to down tools

Labour Reservation
More than 100 000 municipal workers across the country have vowed to down tools on March 20 to force Pietersburg and Groblersdal local authorities to reinstate their colleagues who were fired last year.
The more than 700 workers

were fired by the two municipalities in October after taking part in the SA Municipal Workers Union's nationwide strikes in support of higher wages and better conditions.
Cities were left trashed and more than 100 workers injured in clashes with police during the strike. One person was killed in

Pietersburg when the strike turned violent.
Samwu secretary-general Roger Ronne said the union's national executive committee had decided to embark on the action, which would affect services such as maintenance and garbage removal, after numerous attempts to resolve the matter had failed. He

called on Minister of Labour Tito Mboweni, whose intervention last year led to the resolution of the strike, to intervene in the matter again to resolve a "potentially explosive situation which threatens to take on national proportions".

"The actions and intransigence of the Pietersburg and Groblersdal transitional local councils totally

undermine the letter and the spirit of the agreement," Ronne said through mediation," Ronne said He said thousands of workers would converge on Pietersburg on March 20 for a march, while protests would be held in other centres. Other forms of action, including the holding of rallies, were also planned.

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Budget shock for new Cape municipalities

ANDREA WEISS, Municipal Reporter

A BUDGET shock awaits the six new Cape metropolitan municipalities which will come into being after the May 29 election.

At least two of the new municipalities in the city are threatened with budget deficits running into millions of rands and the picture is likely to be similar for the remaining four.

This means that the new municipalities will depend on inter-governmental transfers to keep them financially viable.

This warning comes from Cape Town city treasurer Eddie Landsberg, who has reported preliminary financial figures to the central substructure's (Cape Town) joint executive committee, given the task of achieving political amalgamation in the new municipality.

The southern and central substructures both could face budget deficits of up to R60 million through the process of unbundling and merging with other local authorities, Mr Landsberg warned.

He told The Argus that Cape Town City Council officials had arrived at these figures using the budget for the current financial year and working out the income and expenditure of the new municipalities if they unbundled.

He said that if the council handed over its portion of the income and expenditure for the southern substructure, the new southern municipality would have a R38 million deficit.

While Cape Town central would have a R50 million surplus, this would turn into a possible R60 million deficit if the areas of Ikapa and Crossroads were added into the picture.

The southern substructure's deficit could be pushed up to about R60 million once the budget deficits of the areas managed by the Cape Metropolitan Council became clear.

Mr Landsberg said this situation would be exacerbated if inter-governmental transfers, previously used to bolster black local authorities, were not kept at the same levels as in the past.

A task team of treasurers representing all the joint executive committees, which are given the task of amalgamating the six new municipalities, was looking at the total picture for the next financial year.

Earlier this month, Local Government Minister Peter Marais told the provincial legislature that the Western Cape was facing a budget cut of close to 40 percent in inter-governmental transfers, representing R50 million.

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Give us the powers...

The devolution of powers from central government to the provinces is never far from Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel's mind in a wide-ranging interview with Provincial Affairs Reporter ROGER FRIEDMAN.

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THE Western Cape Government of Provincial Unity gets blamed for the high crime rate, but its Police Ministry still has very limited powers.

Premier Hernus Kriel has strong - some might call them puritanical - thoughts on the subject of pornography, but has no say over its regulation.

In fact, almost two years since its inception, the Western Cape government has very little say over anything - apart from such low-key issues as a dress-code for its members.

The situation is similar for all the provinces, but is perhaps most keenly felt in the Western Cape where the federal-leaning National Party holds sway - and in KwaZulu-Natal.

So it is not surprising it is a theme that permeates Mr Kriel's conversation as he expresses himself on a range of subjects in an interview conducted in his office this week.

All is not negative, however. Given the prevailing circumstances, Mr Kriel feels the provincial government is doing a good job.

He lists the establishment of sound governance and sound administration, and delivery in the fields of education and health care among the province's successes.

"I am fairly pleased with the way it's going. But we are not content about our achievements

We want to do better."

Says Mr Kriel "We have not been able to deliver services at the rate we wanted. But the reason for that is that we did not get money timeously from central government to make an impact."

He lists the lack of consensus over the demarcation of the Cape Metropole - which led to costly court actions - as a lone "failure" for the provincial government.

On power-sharing Mr Kriel believes power-sharing beyond the 1999 general election is in the best interests of the country and the province. Hence, he proposes incorporating a 15-year power-sharing clause in a provincial constitution to be drafted later this year.

Although the African National Congress has declared itself against power-sharing at central government level, Mr Kriel believes it is a concept the ANC in the Western Cape might embrace - seeing as the ANC is a minority party in the region.

"You must remember we are making this proposal from a position of strength in the province."

On pornography

Regulating pornography should be a provincial function.

"We may have different ideas to those expressed in Gauteng or other provinces. There may even be provinces that have stronger feelings on the subject than we do, although I doubt it."

Mr Kriel believes pornography

contributes to sexual crimes against women and children

On policing

"At the moment, the provincial government is being blamed for crime in the Western Cape but we have no powers. All the powers are sitting with National Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi, and National Commissioner George Fivaz.

"We want powers to be devolved down to us because we believe we know the local circumstances better and would be in a better position to redeploy resources to get the gangs under control.

Stop tourists being mugged, and Best look after our women and children - and the general public."

Mr Kriel says the Western Cape will miss Police Minister Patrick McKenzie, who has been promoted to the national cabinet in the wake of the Abe Williams affair.

"He had the gift to go into areas and talk to the people and get their support, specially when it comes to community policing."

On the spate of resignations rocking the National Party

"Obviously these will have an effect on the NP in the Western Cape. We are part of the NP family."

On corruption

"When we look at corruption and people being investigated - and I'm not saying anybody's guilty - it would appear that the ANC apparently does not have the monopoly

"Unfortunately, it seems NP people may also be involved in alleged unbecoming actions."

Mr Kriel says he does not wish to comment on the national corruption commission idea mooted in central parliament by President Mandela last week until he has seen its terms of reference.

But he would welcome "any positive steps" taken to stamp out the corruption curse.

"I think it has got worse. And that is also the impression of the people."

On the dress code for provincial parliamentarians

Mr Kriel is dressed in formal suit and lounge shirt with gaily-coloured tie. "I like to wear informal dress, but at informal occasions," he says.

"I think it gives a little bit of stature to a body like a parliament - whether provincial or national - if people are properly dressed."

"The standard we have set ourselves is that for a man to be properly dressed means he must wear long trousers, a tie and a jacket - at least."

"We are not a central parliament clone, we can have our own identity."

Mr Kriel said ANC members who entered parliament this week dressed in a variety of ethnic gear proved they could not be trusted to "dress properly."

On his own future

Mr Kriel is 54 years old. His

mother is 80, his father 82 and he has a history of longevity in his family.

"I'm fairly healthy, so perhaps the ANC will still be seeing something of me in the future, God willing."

"Only time will tell," he says, joking that he hopes to have ringside seats for the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Cape Town in 2004.

His choice of lettering on his tombstone

"He tried to improve the quality of people's lives. He was a political fighter."

HERNUS KRIEL

"We have not been able to deliver services at the rate we wanted. But the reason for that is that we did not get money timeously from central government to make an impact."

Delegation sees ⁽²⁶³⁾ Marais about progress on Metro

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Municipal Reporter

A DELEGATION from the Metropolitan Restructuring Forum (MRF) is meeting Western Cape local government minister Peter Marais today to hear what progress is being made to establish the six new municipalities in the Cape Metropolitan area.

The MRF, which has no statutory standing but which has been formed to help the restructuring of local government, decided on February 16 that the new municipalities should come into being after the election.

They agreed to send a delegation to Mr Marais to find out about a proclamation which is needed to set up the new municipalities while maintaining service, financial and legal continuity.

The MRF agreed that aspects which would have to be covered by the proclamation would include dissolving the 39 substructures and the provision for legal succession to the six new authorities.

It is proposing that July 1 be the effective financial date for the creation of the new municipalities, and that an interim top management structure be appointed.

Call for 'appropriate action' against councillors

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
Staff Reporter

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TWO members of the Cape Town City Council executive committee voted in favour of a proposal to write off millions of rands in municipal arrears — while they were in arrears themselves on their own municipal accounts.

This has emerged during a council investigation into legal action against 10 indebted councillors who are believed to have taken part in the voting. The council has found the

councillors acted in contravention of the municipal ordinance and the councillors' code of conduct.

The controversy centres around the council decision last month to write off the arrears of R25 million in water and refuse removal accounts.

The jobs of the city councillors are now on the line and the findings of the investigation into the controversial issue were referred this week to Western Cape Premier Hermus Kriel by Deputy City Administrator Peter Alston

Mr Kriel now is faced with the task of taking "appropriate action", according to a copy of a letter he received from the council. **AR5 9/3/96**

The 10 councillors are believed to have, between them, owed the council thousands of rands in municipal arrears when they took part in the voting.

The case of the executive committee members Ruedwaan Isaacs and Dorothy Campher-Williams has now been thrust into the limelight

The council report refers to a proposal to write off some municipal arrears during the proceedings of the executive committee last November.

"Two members of that committee — who were indebted to this council at the time, namely Mr R. Isaacs and Mrs D Campher-Williams — cast their votes in favour of the proposal. At subsequent meetings, these councillors were not in attendance when the item was discussed," states the letter.

The investigation has found

the councillors concerned did realise they had a "pecuniary interest".

The letter to Mr Kriel confirms that on each occasion, prior to debate, councillors were warned, either by the acting town clerk or the mayor, that they would be placing themselves at risk by taking part in discussion, or remaining in the room during the debate.

The councillors were afforded the opportunity of recusing themselves, states the letter to Mr Kriel.

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Councillors' scam exposed

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JEAN LE MAY

Staff Reporter

A SCAM has been uncovered involving transitional councillors in Western Cape towns who do not pay their rates and service fees

Saturday Argus has found that many of them paid off their arrears last year to avoid being disqualified as candidates for the local elections. But once elected they stopped paying — which could lead to them being sacked

The transitional councils of Mossel Bay, Robertson, Great Brak River and Ladismith are some of the places where this has happened

The situation has thrown doubt on the legality of decisions taken by the councils. Moreover, the defaults make nonsense of the Masakhane campaign, which was designed to encourage service payments on which the RDP largely depends

And a squabble about procedure between the provincial Department of Local Government and the African National Congress is holding up action against defaulting councillors

Peter Marais, provincial Minister of Local Government, is getting council's opinion to sort out an apparent conflict between the Local Government Transition Act (LGTA) of 1994 and the Cape Municipal Ordinance of 1974

Sunday Argus reported last week on an uproar in the Great Brak River council following the sacking of mayor Edjon Frans for non-payment of services

ANC provincial MP Cameron Dugmore said later that the ANC intended contesting his dismissal

Meanwhile an investigation by Saturday Argus has found that many councillors, who were in arrears last year, paid up in full just before they were nominated for the November local elections

They did this in order to avoid disqualification as candidates under the Local Government Transition Act

But, having been elected, they have fallen again into arrears

And mystery surrounds the position of the mayor of Mossel Bay, Johnny Stofile, a teacher at Imekhaya Primary School and allegedly a close relative of the ANC's chief parliamentary whip, the Rev Arnold Stofile

Information given to Saturday Argus showed that Johnny Stofile was in arrears to the tune of R1 481 in August last year, having made no payments since January, 1995

Nominations closed on September 22. On August 30 he paid the arrears and was duly nominated and elected

However, his account was again in arrears between October and February 26 this year, when he paid R689, leaving a balance of R136

Mr Stofile told Saturday Argus that he was not aware he

■ Many transitional councillors manipulated the electoral laws in order to get themselves elected.

had been in arrears until he was telephoned by a local newspaper

He referred Saturday Argus to the town clerk, Neels Zietsman. Mr Zietsman said that according to a report he had received from town treasurer Hermann Botha, Mr Stofile had not been in arrears

He intended asking the treasurer for a further report, he said

However, he confirmed that four other councillors were in arrears. He was writing to them to tell them that they were no longer members of the council, he added

Asked if Mr Botha had sent them written demands, he said "No. But they've had their monthly statements, same as everybody else"

The ANC caucus in Mossel Bay reacted angrily to the allegations. Spokesman Yolán du Preez denied that Mr Stofile had been in arrears

The criticism was an attempt to discredit the council and frustrate the process of change, he said in a fax to Saturday Argus

"All of this indicates that there is more than meets the eye. Certain officials are reluctant to change and accept the authority of the new council, but we will not allow these reactionaries to hold us back," he said

The provincial department of local government took the view that councillors were bound by the regulations of the Local Government Transition Act, said a spokesman. These lay down that a councillor shall cease to hold office when he or she ceases to have the qualifications required for nomination

Among these qualifications is the provision that the candidate shall not be indebted to the local authority concerned for longer than three months

The procedure with defaulting councillors was that the town clerk informed the councillor concerned that he or she was no longer a member of the council

In practice, this had never happened before in any Western Cape municipality, said the official

However, it was the view of the ANC that the LGTA regulations were applicable only to candidates and must be read in conjunction with the municipal ordinance, said Mr Dugmore

The ordinance says that a vacancy shall occur when a councillor who is three months or more in arrears does not pay within 14 days of a written demand from the town treasurer, or has not made arrangements to pay

Aids prisoner patients feel humiliated

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HIV sufferers in prison do not give their consent before they are tested

By Ruth Bhengu

THEMBA NKOSI (not his real name) is a long-term prisoner at Pretoria Central Prison. He is HIV positive.

Nkosi (28), who claims to be a qualified beauty therapist and part-time handdresser, is serving 11 years after being convicted on three murder charges.

He shares a ward in the prison's hospital section with 18 other prisoners who are also HIV positive.

There are currently 20 prisoners who are either HIV positive or have full-blown AIDS at Pretoria Central Prison.

Last week *Sowetan* managed to get into the prison and interview Nkosi after he sent a letter to the newspaper, appealing for media exposure about the plight of HIV-positive and Aids-suffering prisoners.

Nkosi, who wore dark glasses throughout his interview with *Sowetan*, is good-looking and charming.

Although he said he suffers symptoms like night sweats, swollen glands and sores on his body, when we visited him he was looking well.

Nkosi said he had worked as an agent for a legal firm and is articulate and very knowledgeable about Aids.

He found out that he was HIV positive in 1994 when he went to hospital because he was feeling "weak and unwell".

"When I found out that I was HIV positive, I wanted to kill myself," said Nkosi. "I had escaped from prison and was on the run. I did not believe the doc-

I did not believe the doctor who told me I had Aids because he had not even taken my blood for tests.

tor who told me I had Aids because he had not even taken my blood for tests.

"He just felt my swollen glands and decided I was HIV positive," said Nkosi. But a few months later when he was back in prison, he fell ill again. This time the doctor took a blood test.

"They (the prison authorities) take a blood test if you have symptoms of the virus," he said.

Asked if prison authorities obtain permission before doing the HIV test on prisoners, prison spokesman Major Koos Gerber said, "Prisoners may not be tested for the HIV virus against their will or without their knowledge."

"Before tests are conducted, the prisoners must give their informed and written consent. Pre- and post-test counselling is compulsory," he said.

But Nkosi said there was no counselling for prisoners. He also said the authorities made HIV-positive prisoners into outcasts by separating them from the rest of the prisoners.

"The fact that we have a separate cell sets us apart from the others," said Nkosi. "Even when you are sent to the charge office for an infraction of the prison rules, the fact that you are HIV positive will be mentioned."

"Our health status is common knowledge. The other day I called a friend who is outside, and I was shocked when he told me he knew I was HIV positive."

Another complaint was that if one HIV-positive prisoner broke the rules, the whole group would be punished.

"For instance, one of the prisoners was caught trying to sell sugar to another prisoner. All of us in the cell were punished. Our high-protein diet, which was prescribed by the doctor, was withdrawn."

"We receive no counselling to help us cope with the trauma of the disease."

Nkosi added that prisoners who were HIV positive were demoralised by being forced to watch other, more sick patients deteriorate and die.

"We watch people dying regularly and it is frightening," he said. "We believe if a man is dying, he should be released because the more we look at him, the more we suffer."

Radical change on SA's Aids laws recommended

Mr Zackie Achmat: "Segregation of HIV-positive people is totally wrong."

By Ruth Bhengu

THE Aids Law Project, attached to Wits University's Centre for Applied Legal Studies, has been agitating for a radical change of South Africa's laws regarding HIV and Aids for the past few years.

The organisation, which has done a lot of work with prisoners who have the Aids virus, has been lobbying to end the isolation of South African prisoners who are infected.

The Aids Law Project's argument is that segregation of prisoners is not the answer to combating the spread of the virus as the prison authorities cannot tell if those who have not undergone tests are HIV negative.

"We believe that segregation is completely wrong and that it discriminates against people who are HIV positive or have Aids," says the head of the Aids Law Project, Mr Zackie Achmat.

"That is why we have always argued for the provision of condoms to prisoners," he continues.

"It is demoralising for people who are HIV positive to be lumped together with those who are in the advanced stages of Aids (many of whom are physically ill)," says Achmat.

Achmat sits on a task group which is making recommendations to the Health and Correctional Services Ministers to change discriminatory policies against prisoners and adopt

policies in line with international standards.

"The task group - which includes Aids training, information and counselling centres and non-governmental organisations dealing with HIV/Aids counselling - is submitting recommendations to the Government."

The group recommends that the following policy be adopted on HIV and Aids:

- Prisoners with HIV/Aids should be given medical, psychological and social treatment on the basis of the relevant clinical guidelines at the same standard as services provided to members of the community.

- All health care workers who treat prisoners should be educated in the management of HIV/Aids. This includes the mandatory implementation of universal precautions in all situations where body fluids (including blood) are present.

- Prisoners are entitled to full information about their treatment and may refuse treatment (preferably in writing) if they so wish.

- No prisoner should be denied work, access to non-contact sports or recreation facilities, participation in study or undertake vocational training, or any other right or privilege on the basis of their HIV/Aids status.

- For contact sport, the guidelines of the relevant sporting bodies should be followed.

Mandela adds element of intrigue to Cape poll

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Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — An element of intrigue has entered the Western Cape metropolitan and rural election campaign in the form of who is to be the council representative for President Nelson Mandela.

Mandela will be voting in the Bishopscourt/Newlands ward and it is understood that a prominent Cape Town businessman with a creative flair has already been selected.

Mandela's presence will add an element of glamour to the ANC's fight to improve its electoral support in the province, but the party will certainly not be relying solely on this factor.

About 1,3-million voters — 150 000 in the rural areas — will be eligible to vote. The majority of voters are coloureds who mainly supported the NP in the national elections and observers have noted that the local elections would turn on the ability of the various parties to capture their vote.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said the party was in the process of selecting candidates for the 170 wards in the six substructures and the metropolitan council.

Ward conferences involving members of the ANC and its alliance partners were being held in each ward.

In addition, a conference was

planned to elect candidates for the proportional list in the metropolitan council. The ANC planned to formally launch its campaign and manifesto on March 21 and would announce its official list on April 19.

Dugmore said the ANC would emphasise its commitment to service delivery, the reallocation of resources to the disadvantaged, the revival of the Masakhane campaign and the principle of one city, one tax base.

The NP's campaigners have also swung into action. Election organiser Tommy Immelman said the party had formed a metropole strategy committee under provincial leader Dawie de Vilhiers, which would plan the overall campaign.

Nominations by branches were taking place and a meeting of all branches this weekend would nominate candidates for the wards.

The proportional list for the substructures should be finalised next Tuesday, Immelman said.

The DP has meanwhile been building up community support over the past year and would be looking to hold not only on to its traditional voters in the southern suburbs, but also to improve its performance in key coloured wards as well as in the traditionally NP-supporting Tygerberg and Helderberg substructures.

Govt bid to nullify model angers MEC

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — An apparent bid by central government to override a Western Cape provincial proclamation on a model for rural government has angered the province's local government MEC Peter Marais

He has accused the ANC of playing a "dirty game" to get its own way, and said yesterday that the provincial cabinet would have to decide what action to take. Marais said he was alerted by Deputy President FW de Klerk and provincial NP leader Dawie de Villiers last week that the Local Government Transition Act Amendment Bill had a clause which threatened to invalidate the proclamation.

The ANC in Western Cape has opposed the model for rural government on the grounds that it gave unfair representation to farmers and was unconstitutional. It agreed to allow the rural elections scheduled for May 29 to proceed on the basis of the model but planned to challenge its subsequent implementation in court.

Sources said Constitutional and Provincial Affairs Minister Chris Fismar introduced the relevant amendment. Fismar was in the Free State yesterday but indicated through departmental officials that he did not wish to comment on the issue.

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Marais said the offending clause removed provincial discretion in the choice of rural model and would force Western Cape to adopt the model used in seven other provinces

"What worries me is that the ANC allowed all the ANC-controlled provinces to choose their own model as long as this was not in contradiction to the Act. But they want to impose and dictate a model in this province," Marais said. "We have been pushed into a situation of non-cooperation with central government."

Marais believed Fismar wanted to enforce the adoption of the Free State model which guaranteed farmers 10% of the seats on transitional rural councils. If a model gave farmers 30% of the seats as nominations, as was the case in Western Cape, they would be subject to election on the voters roll. The Western Cape model gave farmworkers 30% of the seats, with 40% being elected on a proportional basis.

Marais objected to this saying one minority group could not vote on the representatives of another minority group, and warned that farmers would object to a new model being foisted upon them. He warned that if the Bill was promulgated it would delay rural elections as a new model would have to be devised, approved by stakeholders and promulgated.

Volkstaat survey rejected as flawed

PRETORIA — A recent survey showing most people in and around Pretoria favoured a separate Afrikaner state was a fallacy, the Pretoria City Council said yesterday. Council spokesman Peet du Preez said only people likely to support a volkstaat had been polled.

"If the survey had been done in any other city in SA, and the right target group was selected, the same result would be obtained," he said. "Unfortunately for Pretoria, the survey was conducted here."

In a survey commissioned by the Volkstaat Council, about 60% of whites questioned in and around Pretoria said they would support a volkstaat in an area such as Pretoria.

Releasing the results about two weeks ago, researcher Prof Lawrence Schlemmer stressed the poll had not been designed as a study to cover the

whole population. "Here lies the scientific fallacy," said Du Preez. "The survey is not representative of the city's population. All surveys ignoring the collective ideas of all cultures are flawed in principle."

Du Preez said a recent survey for the city council showed Pretoria was seen as a city which had adapted to the new political dispensation.

About 77% of people polled in Pretoria, the Witwatersrand, Cape Peninsula and Durban had expressed this view, and 50% favoured Pretoria as the capital city.

"In general Pretoria is viewed as being progressive, business-oriented and adapted to the new SA," Du Preez said. "Reports like the one published by the Volkstaat Council cause great damage to Pretoria and its people." — Sapa

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Disillusion as IFP fails to budge on key issues

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Crisis looms for KwaZulu Natal as talks end in deadlock

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KwaZulu Natal's constitutional process last night teetered on the edge of collapse after hours of private deliberations saw political parties appear disillusioned with the lack of progress and a perceived failure on the IFP's part to budge on key issues

Yesterday saw a great deal of discussions in a bid to thrash out a solution for the final constitution, which is merely a day away from its voting deadline.

But the IFP's tactics of first negotiating with the ANC and the National Party, to the exclusion of all the other parties, and then a reversal where it wanted to negotiate with all the other parties except the ANC, backfired when the minority parties refused.

The morning started with a meeting between the IFP, ANC

and NP.

Several ideas were floated, including the IFP's return to the Constitutional Assembly and a two-part provincial constitution.

Deadlock was reached in this meeting and the IFP then asked the NP, Minority Front, Democratic Party, African Christian Democratic Party and PAC to meet with it to find another solution.

The meetings were held because the key factor to the passing of the provincial constitution is a two-thirds majority of all parties in the KwaZulu Natal legislature approving the final draft of the document.

With the ANC and NP on their side, the IFP did not have to worry about the minority parties, and without the ANC, the IFP needed all the others aboard to pass the document.

The refusal of the minority parties to indulge the IFP saw a four-hour mini-constitutional com-

mittee meeting held behind closed doors, but members left looking utterly dejected and most said there was a "slim chance" of achieving a two-thirds majority on the present draft document.

However, IFP spokesman Walter Felgate said he was confident there would be a solution to the current impasse before Thursday's voting in the legislature.

He said all the outstanding issues were manageable and that even if there were not a solution shortly before the deadline, he was confident there would ultimately be one.

But ANC chief negotiator John Jeffery was not so optimistic. He said talks between the IFP and ANC had broken down over the status of the outstanding issues.

DP spokesman Roger Burrows said there were still fundamental differences to be resolved and the IFP appeared unwilling to accept changes to the current draft document.

KwaZulu Natal faces constitution crisis

The IFP may be forced to make concessions to smaller parties to break the deadlock and to get the two-thirds majority it needs

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BY MONDLI MAKHANYA
Political Reporter

KwaZulu Natal's constitution-making process was thrown into crisis yesterday when the provincial Constitutional Committee (CC) fell four votes short of the two-thirds majority it needed to pass the provincial constitution

The constitution was due to be voted into law by the provincial legislature today and tomorrow, but unless a miracle happens in the next 48 hours, the province will have to wait a while longer before it can claim to be the first province to have its own constitution.

The legislature will decide at today's sitting how to take things forward

A provincial cabinet meeting scheduled for today is likely to be cancelled in order to allow Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and the MECs to attend the sitting

Most opposition parties are going to push for the vote to be postponed and the CC be given more time to resolve the stalemate

There is concern that the IFP might once again attempt to ram the draft constitution through the legislature as it unsuccessfully tried to do with a less refined draft last year.

The only way out of the deadlock is for the IFP to make concessions to the smaller parties which will then give it the two-thirds majority

Several meetings are scheduled for this morning

The ANC voted against the

draft while the Democratic Party, the Minority Front and the Pan Africanist Congress abstained.

The majority IFP voted in favour of the constitution and the National Party and the African Christian Democratic Party supported it on condition that their grievances be addressed at a later stage

The IFP and the ANC are deadlocked on the question of provincial powers, the power and role of traditional leaders in rural local government, the proposal that the House of Traditional

Opposition parties are pushing for vote to be postponed

Leaders be able to remove the monarch, and that Parliament have the power to rule on the succession to the Zulu throne

The DP is also opposed to the amount of power traditional leaders will enjoy, as well as aspects of the Bill of Rights that make the carrying of traditional weapons a fundamental right

Like the ANC, the PAC wants the clause that would give the House of Traditional Leaders the power to dethrone the king removed. It also wants any reference to the property clause taken out of the constitution

Amuchand Rajbans's Minority Front on the other hand is demanding greater protection for

cultural minorities

The ACDP, which was initially threatening to reject the whole constitution because of its acceptance of abortion, has been mollified by the IFP National Council's weekend decision to allow for a referendum on the subject, and voted with the IFP.

According to NP negotiator Tino Volker the party voted in favour of the constitution on the understanding that its demand that some form of provincial power sharing beyond 1999 would be negotiated after the constitution was passed

PAC negotiator Joe Mkhwanazi said his party had abstained from voting because it wanted the vote to be conducted on a clause by clause basis.

This proposal had been rejected by the IFP

"It is difficult to vote yes or no for the whole package as if one agrees to or condemns the whole thing

"It would be more productive for the process to take things point by point," said Mkhwanazi.

The ANC's John Jeffreys said the ANC had proposed that a compromise constitution be passed with an addendum of "outstanding issues" to be referred to a multiparty constitution commission for resolution.

This had been rejected by the IFP which wants the whole package to be put to the vote

"Throughout this whole process every party except the IFP has moderated its position. Instead the IFP has gone in the opposite direction and moved away from the centre"

BUDGET & POLITIC

11,6% MORE FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

W Cape gets R8,4 billion

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THE INCREASE in the government's grant to the province is not enough to prevent health and education cuts. **BARRY STREEK** and **CHRIS BATEMAN** report.

THE Western Cape has been allocated R8,4 billion by the central government for the 1996/7 financial year

This is an increase of R868,8 million or 11,6%, over the 1995/6 allocation.

This has been provided under the Finance Vote in the Estimate of Expenditure, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday

The nine provinces have been allocated R75,3bn with R13,9bn going to the Eastern Cape, R1,8bn to the Northern Cape, R14,6bn to KwaZulu-Natal, R5,2bn to the Free State, R4,6bn to Mpumalanga, R9,3bn to the Northern Province, R6,4bn to the North-West and R11,1bn to Gauteng.

The Western Cape has been granted R3,2bn for education, out of a total of R29,7bn for education

in the provinces, and R2,1bn for health, out of R16,5bn allocated for the provinces.

A further R278,2m has been allocated in RDP funds to the Western Cape.

This involves R232,9 million for health projects, including R230,9m in carryover costs, R35,2

million for education and R10 million in discretionary amounts

The increase in the Western Cape grant from the central government would still present "serious budgetary problems" for the province in the new financial year and mean cuts in education and health staff, provincial Finance MEC Mr Kobus Meiring warned yesterday

Meiring said while he understood the government had to follow the recommendations of the Finance and Fiscal Commission to achieve provincial equity, "we will find it extremely difficult to manage it over too short a period"

He appealed to Pretoria to quickly define who the recipients of VAT on gambling would be as people in the Western Cape would be unable to carry any extra tax

burden levied by their own legislature.

Gambling was a provincial function and unless the VAT levied centrally was passed on to the provinces, it would be "of no avail"

Meiring welcomed the retention of VAT at 14% and the commitment to decrease the overall income tax rate

He said the reduction in the Budget deficit from six percent in 1995/96 to an estimated 5,1% of

GDP in 1996/97 was a "very positive pointer" towards further reductions in years to come

Welcoming the increase in provincial transfers from R66,4bn to R75,3bn (a 13,4% hike), he noted this was considerably higher than the total budget increase

This was borne out by 55% of the total estimated expenditure of R140bn (after deduction of debt interest) being spent on provinces versus only 45% nationally

If one added the R6,5bn provinces would get for improving service conditions, the percentage increased even further

Meiring added the government would have to give "serious attention" to the R311bn debt (or 55,6% of GDP) which took "too big a chunk of revenue" for interest payments.

The Western Cape legislature will debate its own budget at the end of this month and is expected to pass gambling legislation by the end of the year

BUDGET '96/97

Rural council battle ahead

THE scene was set yesterday for a major political battle over the agreed-upon Western Cape rural council election model — a battle that could end up in the Constitutional Court and force a second ballot after the May 29 polls.

The Western Cape ANC gave notice last month that it "reserved its rights" to challenge the validity of the rural council elections — but reluctantly signed the proposed election model, enabling May 29 country elections to go ahead.

However, the House of Assembly's Portfolio Committee on Constitutional Affairs yesterday recommended a technical change to the Local Government Transition Act which legally paves the way for an ANC-led Constitutional Court challenge that would invalidate the May 29 country polls if successful.

Local Government MEC Peter Marais reacted by vowing to change the agreed-upon rural election model so his party could retaliate in the Free State with an identical court challenge that would scrap elections already held there.

— Local Government Writer

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais has submitted to central government pressure and agreed to change the disputed model for rural government which he proclaimed last month.

Marais reached an agreement yesterday with all other parties in the province present at a multiparty committee meeting. The deal came a mere hour before an amendment to the Local Government Transition Act, which forced Marais to change the Western Cape's model, was adopted by Parliament.

Marais said that the Western Cape would now implement the model devised in the Free State, instead of one where the transitional rural councils consisted of 30% nominated farmer representatives and 30% worker nominations. Under the Free State model these representatives would be

Parliament forces MEC to change rural model

elected.

The ANC regarded Marais's model as illegal and unconstitutional and contrary to the spirit of the legislation, and threatened to challenge it in court.

All parties in Parliament supported the amendment proposed by Constitutional Affairs Minister Chris Fisser, except Fisser's own party, the NP, which opposed it on the grounds that central government should not interfere in provincial affairs.

Marais said he had met Fisser, premier Hernus Kriel, Western Cape NP leader Dawie de Villiers and Western Cape Agricultural Union officials on Wednesday in a last-minute bid to resolve the dispute.

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It was agreed that the Western Cape model would be amended and this was endorsed at the multiparty liaison committee meeting.

Marais said he hoped the amended model would be passed speedily through the provincial committee so that arrangements for the rural and metropolitan elections on May 29 could proceed.

Fisser introduced an amendment to the Local Government Transition Act at the constitutional affairs portfolio committee meeting on Tuesday which would have had the effect of forcing Marais to back down, though its ostensible motive was to ensure uniformity throughout the country.

It was understood

that he rushed the amendment through Parliament to ensure that the forthcoming elections did not take place on the basis of Marais's model.

Sources said it was also necessary to ensure local government structures established in the transitional phase were consistent with those which emerged when the final constitution was implemented, to prevent structures having to be dissolved and people removed from their posts.

They said that this was the reason why the Western Cape model was addressed by way of legislation, rather than by application to the Constitutional Court which would involve several months' delay.

Wienburg, Keegan bury the hatchet

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Municipal Reporter

FORMER political arch-foes Clive Keegan and Arthur Wienburg have announced they will be running for election together as members of the Cape Town Independent Civic Alliance

The two men, both long-serving councillors on the Cape Town City Council, have pledged to put Cape Town's interests first, and to set the pace when it comes to determining election campaign issues

And, one of the first issues they have tackled is the Olympic bid by issuing a statement calling for an independent and impartial referendum to show that there is demonstrable support on the part of the majority of Capetonians.

They have also called for an independent economic impact analysis to measure the financial implications of the bid for the tax and ratepayers of Cape Town.

In a statement released at a joint Press conference, the two men said that while their differences had been given a great deal of publicity in the past, neither had ever doubted "the sincerity of the other's passionate commitment to the interests of the city of Cape Town".

They did not believe the interests of Capetonians could be protected and promoted by a city council controlled by political parties "dominated by leaders who are based in Gauteng".

Because they would be "unencumbered" by party political agenda, their first loyalty would be to individual wards and to ensuring that the city was governed by councillors who were accountable only to the voters of Cape Town.

Mr Wienburg said it was with a heavy heart that he had resigned from the Democratic Party, which he had joined when he was still "in short pants".

His differences with the DP were a matter of "deep principle", he said, describing the party today as a group of "squabbling individuals" who were not honouring the principles to which he still subscribed.

Mr Wienburg indicated he would be standing against DP nominee Owen Kinahan in the Rondebosch/Rosebank/Observatory ward where he had recently sought nomination with the DP, but lost.

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Wienburg, Keegan join forces

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Mr Keegan, resigned as a member of the African National Congress late last year, announcing at the time he would be fighting the election as part of a new urban alliance. The two men said it was indicative of their commitment to Cape Town that they were prepared to campaign together.

The fact that they might agree to differ on issues like the Olympics was part of "the

richness of a council of independence"

Of their differing approaches to finance, Mr Keegan said he was "very grateful" that someone such as Mr Wienburg, who had financial insight, was able to watch over his "fairly lavish visions".

Mr Wienburg said where Mr Keegan tended towards "verbosity", he was known for his "bluntness". While Mr Keegan was a "dreamer", he was more of a "financial, hard-nosed chappie".

Old civic foes in peace alliance

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

TWO of Cape Town's most implacable civic foes, Clive Keegan and Arthur Wienburg, have made peace to fight the May 29 municipal elections as part of an independent alliance which, they say, puts liberal principles and Cape Town first

Both men are former Exco chairmen who have only recently privately settled a legal battle in

the belief that they could not allow personal differences to overshadow their commitment to the city's interests

Announcing their election partnership on Friday, they said "We are also convinced that the interests of Capetonians cannot be protected and promoted by a city council controlled by political parties, dominated by leaders who are based in Gauteng, and compelled to place party interests at a na-

tional level above the real domestic interests of the inhabitants of the Mother City"

The Cape Town Independent Civic Alliance is expected to announce the names of more supporters, who they claim will transcend all political and colour boundaries, this coming Friday

Mr Wienburg, who will stand in his Rondebosch/Observatory ward, also announced he had resigned from the DP over its "de-

viations from principle"

On their disagreements over the Olympic Games, Mr Keegan — who is vice chairman of the city's 2004 Bid Committee — said his commitment to the bid remained steadfast "This is one area where we've agreed to disagree" Mr Wienburg countered that he believed the Games were not financially viable

"People must see us as taking part in a common fight against interference by major political parties in the running of the city," Mr Wienburg said.

Echoing this, Mr Keegan said "We will not allow non-city matters to dominate the local government elections."

Mr Keegan said he would continue to vote for the ANC nationally, but was not prepared to accept a party political programme being imposed on local government

Mr Wienburg said the DP had to be blamed for the city's rates debacle, the ANC's civic record was dismal, and the NP's apartheid record was abysmal.

"People want leadership that they know and trust, not the rehashed verbiage from tired old people who have no contribution to make"

Both men said they complemented each other. Mr Keegan was "verbose" and a "visionary", Mr Wienburg "blunt" and "financially prudent"

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Key fight looms over rural polls

CHRIS BATEMAN

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A VITAL round will be fought tomorrow in the high stakes battle between Western Cape Local Government MEC Peter Marais and the ANC component of the provincial committee to secure agreement on the rural district council model for the May 29 elections.

The crux of the fight — which could postpone the May 29 rural elections altogether — is that the NP and ANC are each trying to settle on a model that favours either the towns (advantage to the ANC) or the farming districts (advantage to the NP).

Marais — reacting to the central government's fine-tuning of the Local Government Transition Act last week to reduce the power of Local Government MECs (especially the NP-led Western Cape and Inkatha-led KwaZulu-Natal) — has now altered the province's "agreed-upon" model

Instead of farmers and labourers being nominated with 30% representation each and a 40% proportional list system, he proposes farmers and labourers be elected at the same percentage levels with the 40% proportional list remaining (three votes)

This proposal comes before Ms Hilda Ndude's provincial committee tomorrow, but is unlikely to be accepted.

The ANC wants 80% of rural seats to be on the proportional representation system and 20% to be reserved for "interest groups" such as farmers and labourers.

ANC spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said 14 country business groups would back the ANC in a court challenge to render Marais' models invalid after the May 29 elections — forcing a second poll

BUSINESS OPPOSES ELECTION HOLIDAY

Battle lines drawn as election nears

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POLITICAL PARTIES CONTESTING the local government elections are well on their way to beating the official nomination day deadline of April 1, reports Metro Writer **PETER DENNEHY**

THE list of candidates for the local elections in the Cape Town metropolitan area is rapidly taking shape

Nomination day is officially only on April 19, but parties have to submit their candidates' names weeks before so that election officials can sort out any problems in advance of the nomination day.

In the central substructure — which is the new Cape Town municipality — the closing date for nomina-

tions is April 1. However, by last night

ANC ward conferences had already decided on candidates in 36 of the 44 wards of the central substructure, and the remainder will be decided on in a week's time

The ANC candidates were elected at a meeting of 400 delegates in Manenberg. The ANC and its women's and youth leagues had 180 delegates, its ally the South African National Civics Organisation had 80, Cosatu 40, the SA Communist Party

40, and the Western Cape United Squatters' Organisation 40.

Each of these delegates was presented with a list of 96 names made up of the various organisations' preferences. The different lists were added together, then pared down through caucusing within and between the organisations

Proposed candidates include leading architect Mr Revel Fox and former MK guerrilla Ms Shirley Gunn

Mr Arthur Wienburg resigned from the Democratic Party last week when the party failed to nominate him for the Rondebosch/Observatory seat. However, Wienburg told a press

conference on Friday he would contest the seat as a member of a new alliance — Mr Clive Keegan's Cape Town Independent Civic Alliance, which is standing on a "Cape Town First" ticket.

Mr Hennie Bester of the DP said Wienburg had given an undertaking not to oppose any DP candidate, so "his action . . . appears to be nothing but sour grapes" — an allegation that Wienburg vehemently denied.

Mr David Erleigh of the NP wished Wienburg well, and said he "knew he (Wienburg) will continue to serve Cape Town with distinction" — an indication that the NP may not be contesting the Rondebosch/Observa-

tory seat.

The NP will disclose the names of its ward and party-list candidates in a week's time

● The Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry has reacted with dismay to the news that local election day, May 29, is likely to be declared a local holiday

Mr Geoffrey Ashmead, president of the chamber, said yesterday another holiday would have a negative impact on business

He was reacting to a remark by Mr Willie van Schoor, chairman of the Cape Metro Council, that Premier Hennis Kriel was likely to declare election day a holiday

Police murders shock Mandela

PRETORIA — President Nelson Mandela yesterday expressed shock at the killing of four policemen in KwaZulu-Natal at the weekend.

Three policemen were shot dead by men with AK-47 rifles at Magoda, near Maritzburg, when they were allegedly searching a house for escaped prisoners. Another policeman, stationed at Malakazi in Isipingo north of Durban, was shot dead as he crossed a road. The policeman's firearm was taken by his attackers. Two people were arrested.

On the SA side of the Maseru bridge border a policeman was shot dead and another injured by the driver of a vehicle being searched.

Mandela condemned "in the strongest terms possible this heinous murder" of security force members.

"The government calls on members of the community to assist the police in tracking down these and other criminals. Together, let us ensure that all the country's citizens are afforded the safety and security they deserve," Mandela said.

NP leader in KwaZulu-Natal Danie Schutte said the death penalty should be reintroduced for people convicted of killing policemen.

Police commissioner George Fivaz said the "barbarous execution" of SA Police Service members showed the extraordinary and dangerous conditions under which they worked.

Rewards of up to R500 000 were available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of these and other police officials, he said. — Sapa.

Deadlock a threat to local elections in Western Cape

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Rural local elections in the Western Cape, scheduled for May 29, are in jeopardy because of the deadlock between local government MEC Peter Marais and the ANC over a model for rural government.

The ANC has rejected the amendments proposed by Marais last week, after promulgation of legislation in Parliament, on the grounds they fail to comply with democratic principles.

The provincial committee meeting scheduled for today has been postponed and provincial committee chairman Hilda Ndude of the ANC has called a rural summit of all non-statutory rural organisations in Worcester tomorrow to canvass their views.

Non-governmental organisations and rural settlement representatives from all over the province were expected to attend the summit.

"We need to find a model suitable and acceptable to the rural communi-

ties of the Western Cape," Ndude said

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said Marais' new proposal differed in important respects from the Free State model on which it was ostensibly based

The revised model provided for farmers and farm workers to each elect 30% of the representatives on the rural transitional council, rather than nominate them as was the case in his first model which was invalidated by the legislation. The remaining 40% would be elected from a proportional list.

The ANC objected that this not only excluded many rural workers who did not work on farms, but was also technically difficult to implement as it would require separate voters' rolls for farmers and farm workers.

Dugmore said the ANC would like to see at least 80% of the rural council representatives elected directly on a proportional basis, with only limited provision made for interest group representation.

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LIEBENBERG'S HEALTH WORRIES MALAN

'Inkatha may have launched other attacks'

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Trial provides 'licence to giggle'

DURBAN: Recruits pressured an Inkatha official to send them into action, the Supreme Court has heard.

INKATHA members covertly trained in warfare by the SA Defence Force were probably responsible for a number of attacks on ANC members in KwaZulu-Natal, the Durban Supreme Court heard yesterday.

However, only one operation — in which 13 people were killed at KwaMakhutha — was sanctioned by Military Intelligence, former military intelligence officer Johan Opperman said.

Opperman is a key witness in the murder trial of former defence minister General Magnus Malan and 19 co-accused. He said after their training the Inkatha recruits had been pressuring Inkatha official Zakhele Khumalo to send them into action.

DESPITE its weighty subject matter the KwaMakhutha murder trial in Durban has produced some lighter moments.

During yesterday's hearing, witness Captain Johan Opperman described the so-called "James Bond card" carried by Military Intelligence officers which allowed them virtually to do whatever they wanted.

He said the cards were

known as such because MI operatives could show them at road blocks and not be stopped.

Judge Janis Hugo (her) remarked the cards did not say "licensed to kill". Fits of giggles erupted around the courtroom.

Throughout the trial, Opperman has used very colourful Afrikaans expressions to explain the chain of events that led to the massacre.

"They would have carried out other attacks because all their families were being shot," he said.

Among the accused is former army chief General Kat Liebenberg, who is reportedly suffering from prostate cancer. Malan said yesterday he was worried about the

failing health of his friend and former colleague. "Of course I am worried. He is one of my greatest friends..," said Malan.

Earlier, Opperman told the court that ten AK-47 rifles were melted down after they were used to kill the 13 people. — Sapa

ANC candidates for Central

BELOW is a list of the 28 ANC ward candidates whose names have been announced for the Central Substructure, which is the new Cape Town municipality.

About 40 ANC candidates, of a maximum of 44, will be contesting ward seats.

Nomonde Tika will stand against the DP's Chris Joubert in ward 42, the Atlantic suburbs, Janey Halim for ward 44 (CBD/Woodstock/Salt River); David Saunders in a four-way fight in the Rondebosch/Observatory ward, against the DP's Owen Kinahan and independent Arthur Wienburg and an NP candidate, Shirley Penny against John Mur in the Claremont/Kenilworth ward, Galiel Desai in Crawford/Lansdowne, Saleem Mowzer in Belgravia/Gatesville;

Isgak Kamaar in Hanover Park, Gulzar Khan in Heideveld; Sicelo Mxolose, Joe Skweyiya, John Mokoena and Zibhonele Mphotya in the four Langa wards; Xolisile Mama, Mildred Lesia, Reverend Mtini, Toto Vuyani, Tony Gocmi and Sydney Ngcate in Guguletu and Nyanga East, Mnomfusi Mqikela, Zwelanzima Hlazo and Gladstone Ntamo in KTC and surrounds, Cecil Jacobs, Mtabeni Dlamini, Mtetho Ntlanganiso and Mzwandile Matiwane in Philippi and Brown's Farm areas; and Tony Jansen, Theresa Solomon and Dilshaad de Vries in Lentegur, Woodlands and Mitchells Plain town centre respectively.

The list is likely to be complete by the end of the week. — Staff Writer

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Failure to agree on model could 'scupper elections'

CHRIS BATEMAN

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UNLESS the ANC responded to his proposed district council model by Tuesday, free and fair elections in the Western Cape rural areas on May 29 would be impossible and administrative "chaos" would ensue, Local Government MEC Peter Marais claimed yesterday

It emerged from the continuing political wrangling — virtually a repeat of the build-up to last year's (postponed) November 1 Cape Metropolitan elections — that a delay in the district council elections would strategically benefit the ANC, which controls most large country towns.

Marais, who saw an NP-favouring district model slip from his fingers when the central government stepped in to "save" its provincial party cousins, is now faced with a recalcitrant non-statutory component of his provincial committee

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Led by the ANC's Ms Hilda Ndude, the provincial committee's "non-stats" held a summit yesterday to discuss Marais' amended rural district model

The new model — closer to the ANC's wishes than the previous one in that it proposes that 60% of the members be elected as opposed to nominated, with 40% of members coming from proportional "lists" — is what Ndude and her ANC colleagues put to their country supporters yesterday

Marais said yesterday that if there was no agreement by Tuesday it would spell administrative "disaster" for rural areas

"I'll not be able to constitute district councils which means we'll not have a legitimate body in place to deliver services," he said

Mr Kehla Shubane, co-chairman of the Electoral Task Group, said, however, that there was "still time for a meeting of minds"

Call to axe ANC representative

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — Local government minister Peter Marais this week called for the resignation of provincial committee chairman Hilda Ndude of the ANC, on grounds that she was incompetent and had acted beyond her powers in unilaterally calling for a summit of rural non-governmental organisations in Worcester today.

His challenge, rejected "with contempt" by ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore, was the latest salvo in the ongoing dispute between Marais and the ANC over a model for rural government in the Western Cape.

Ndude and her two fellow ANC members stayed away from yesterday's committee meeting, which meant no decision could be taken on Marais' amended model for rural local government.

"For the good of this province the ANC should ask Mrs Ndude to resign from the committee and replace her with a more knowledgeable and competent person," Marais said. "She does not apply her mind to matters placed before her by me as minister, but to the issues which the ANC considers politically expedient."

He blamed the ongoing dispute between the statutory and non-statutory members of the provincial committee over a rural government model on central government's interference.

Dugmore countered that the ANC had long warned the NP to dismiss Marais for failing to follow the Kempton Park agreement. He said Marais' authoritarian style and attempt to force through a totally unacceptable model was the cause of the current crisis.

By requesting a postponement of the provincial committee until Friday, Ndude was merely attempting to include as many stakeholders as possible in the decision, Dugmore said.

Security firms come under microscope

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Government had to impose stringent regulations on the "cloak-and-dagger" private security industry as it was the perfect vehicle to foment political violence in SA, the Network of Independent Monitors said in a report released last night.

The report said many security companies in KwaZulu-Natal had been used to provide weapons and training facilities to members of the IFP, and this could be a "more recent cause" for continuing violence in the province. It said the GM of one security company was an "enthusiastic" IFP supporter who was alleged to employ only IFP members.

There were allegations, too, that security companies had become involved in taxi violence, and recruited IFP and Umkhonto we Sizwe members who had access to G-3 and AK-47 rifles.

A guard interviewed claimed he had received three weeks' training in the use of AK-47 rifles, hand-grenades, .38 revolvers and 9mm pistols, and in making petrol bombs. This was a prelude to his involvement in a feud in Hluluwe, northern KwaZulu-Natal, between taxis and a bus service.

The report claimed that the IFP had used security companies to establish its self-protection units before the general election. The companies had since employed demobilised unit members. One Gauteng-based company was believed to have "received" 66 unit members from KwaZulu-Natal on January 3 last year. Unit members were believed also to have gathered in Ulundi in February and March last year for deployment as security guards in Durban and Johannesburg.

The Network of Independent Monitors, a non-governmental organisation monitoring violence, said there was prima facie evidence to substantiate each claim made in the report. The monitors investigated companies after persistent allegations of their involvement in violence. They said they had received information that companies had trained IFP members at a cost of R48 000 a month from 1990 to 1994.

The report said one guard claimed they worked with local police and were sometimes given police uniforms for "operations".

The report said ties between security companies and political parties had led to corruption. A R5m Spoornet contract in KwaZulu-Natal was given to a new company which had only 70 guards and limited infrastructure. The firm's parent company allegedly had strong ties with the IFP.

The report said there were companies that had been established as fronts for military intelligence during the "total onslaught" era. By the time the FW de Klerk government "pulled the plug" on the funding of such projects, many of the companies had acquired a life of their own. They now used profits from legitimate business to engage in anti-government activities.

There were many AWB members in the industry guarding government property in townships. This often translated into "tactical support for IFP warlords in their battles against the ANC".

One company on the East Rand had recruited IFP members and ANC self-defence unit members as part of a reconstruction programme in Kathorus. The project was being monitored to ensure it did not lead to violence.

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Stakes high as intriguing Western Cape poll looms

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — It is a hazardous enterprise, to try to predict the likely outcome of voting in the Western Cape metropolitan elections on May 29.

Two years after the election of the government of national unity, much has changed politically and economically, but whether to such an extent as to prise voters from the party of their choice since then, is open to debate.

What can be said with some confidence, however, is that when they vote, voters will to some extent be passing judgment on the showing, both of the ANC-dominated central government and the province's NP-dominated one.

As these are local elections, political parties are likely to see leakages of support to independent candidates and those put up by ratepayer and civic associations. In at least some wards, support for high profile personalities with a long history of involvement with local issues could override the regular party-political affiliation.

The key point of interest is whether the NP will be able to hang on to its support base in the province which saw it win 43,9% of the provincial vote in the 1994 general elections compared with the ANC's 36,2% and the DP's 2,5%. It will be labouring under significant structural disadvantages.

Altogether, there are about 1,3-million registered voters in the Western Cape metropolitan areas and about 155 000 in the rural areas.

While the main parties stress that they will be contesting all wards, most energy will be concentrated on the central, Tygerberg and Helderberg substructures which jointly represent about 63% of all voters in the province, excluding those in rural towns who voted in November last year.

However, the outcome of the vote in these three core substructures will be crucially determined by the constitutionally enshrined principle that areas which had black local authorities ("B"

wards) are guaranteed 50-50 ward representation with their white/coloured counterparts ("A" wards) regardless of the number of voters in the wards.

In the central substructure, which includes Mitchells Plain, Gugulethu, Nyanga and the Cape Flats, there are 301 210 voters in the "A" wards and 179 830 voters in the "B" wards, while the situation in Tygerberg is 249 091 and 120 145 respectively, and in Helderberg 59 620 and 8 759.

It is considered likely that the ANC will get very close to half the votes in the central substructure, and that the NP will retain its traditional stronghold in Helderberg. The fate of Tygerberg, which includes areas such as Elsies River, Khayelitsha, Bellair and Delft, is more uncertain.

DP provincial leader Hennie Bester said: "The system is designed in such a way that the NP will definitely lose its majority. The ANC has a totally artificial advantage. You will have a completely different view of local government after the election simply because of the system."

Strong lure

Bester said he believed that the DP would keep its traditional support base in the southern substructure, which includes areas such as Constantia, Wynberg, Fish Hoek and Simonstown, where this A-B divide does not apply.

In the November elections, this 50-50 principle enabled the ANC to win majorities in large towns such as George, Worcester and Paarl.

The November elections in rural towns demonstrated the strong lure of independent and other non-party political candidates who took 30,7% of the total number of seats compared with the ANC's 34,3% and the NP's 33%.

The stakes are high for all the parties, and with voting just 11 weeks away they are beginning to campaign in earnest for an election which has intriguing possibilities.

NP rejects ANC claims

CHRIS BATEMAN

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WESTERN Cape Local Government MEC Peter Marais last night rejected ANC claims that he was "disenfranchising" small platteland communities with his proposed Rural Council model.

ANC members at their party's local government election launch in Langa yesterday cited towns such as Witte-water on the West Coast, Merweville and Nelspoort in the Karoo and Karatara near Sedgefield as examples where voters could only register a single (proportional) vote.

They said that by defining a farm labourer as someone who lived on a farm for a minimum of six months in any year, Marais was excluding several communities, forestry workers, migrant sheep-shearers and harvest season workers from having a second vote.

SQUEEZE KRIEL, MANUEL URGES

ANC, PAC launch election campaigns

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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY themes featured strongly when the ANC and PAC launched their election campaigns in Langa yesterday, writes **CHRIS BATEMAN**

SUSPICIONS about the NP's own version of a human rights trust, exhortations to politically "squeeze" Western Cape Premier Mr Hennus Kriel and to "complete the revolution" marked colourful ANC and PAC election launches in Langa yesterday.

Held simultaneously and with Human Rights Day themes, the rallies saw crowds of between 700 and 1 000 people each at the Langa Community Hall (PAC) and the nearby St Francis Hall (ANC).

Trade and Industry Minister Mr Trevor Manuel told ANC supporters that the Western Cape and the national government should "squeeze Hennus Kriel until they (the NP) realise they don't have a role to play — we are the people of today and tomorrow".

Manuel warned the crowd that the mistakes of the April 94 election in ceding victory to the NP should "never be repeated".

One of the mistakes was having people who lost party nomination battles to stand as independents against successful ANC candidates. The other was people not casting their proportional votes in a ward where an ANC candidate was unopposed (on the ward list).

"Let us use this historic opportunity in the interests of our future, our children and to complete the revolution that our forebears started so long ago," he urged.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa introduced nine of the top ANC Central and Tygerberg sub-structure candidates for the Cape Metropole, urging the crowd to "throw them out if they don't represent you properly".

Addressing the hopeful councillors, he said "We're not a micky mouse operation. We have principles — don't represent yourself, don't make money out of it. If this drives some fear into your hearts,

now is the time to withdraw."

The nine ANC Metro candidates are David Dlal (CMC exco chairman), Saleem Mowzer, Abdoes Isaacs, Steelo Mxolisi, Nomlezi Skweyza, Johan Makoe-na, Zibonele Mphothwa, Mildred Lesia (all Central sub-structure) and Mathilda Ventura (Tygerberg).

In Washington Avenue, the PAC crowd, led by soldiers in battle fatigues and the man tipped as the party's next president, Mr Philip Kgosana, handed over a memorandum to Langa's acting station chief Captain Hendrik Jansen.

The memo, addressed to Justice Minister Dullah Omar, called for a suspension of all arrests and the "persecution" of former Apla cadres or PAC members for acting against the "defunct, illegitimate, apartheid, racist minority regime" and for the indemnity cut-off date to be extended to May 10, 1994.

Kgosana led a march of 50 000 from the townships to Caledon Square in March 1960 to protest against police violence in the townships following the massacres at Sharpeville and Langa.



CAMPAGNING Senior PAC member Mr Philip Kgosana (left), leader of the "March of 50 000" from Langa to Cape Town 36 years ago, retraced some of his footsteps yesterday and handed over a memo to the township's acting station commander Captain Hendrik Jansen (centre), while regional PAC security chief "Daddy" Gxasheka looked on. **PICTURE CLIVE SMITH**

Anonymous caller lands poll candidate in hot water

MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporter

ELECTION officials at Cape Town city council have been blasted for letting an anonymous telephone caller alter the voter registration of a leading city candidate - leaving her to sort out the mess herself

Democratic Party local candidate Belinda Walker was outraged to find yesterday that her written application for registration on the voters' roll for the May 29 metropolitan election had been overridden in January by an anonymous telephone caller

A shocked Mrs Walker said: "I found that this caller, claiming to be me, had changed my address from Tamboerskloof to Somerset West"

This could scupper her chances of contesting the election

While the act appears to be an isolated incident, political "dirty tricks" in the run-up to the toughest election Cape Town has ever had are not being ruled out

But a bigger shock awaited Mrs Walker when council election officials told her "their hands were tied" and there was nothing they could do to help her. They said they were bound to accept the telephonic alter-

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ation - though they could not be sure who had made the phone call and were in possession of her original written application - and suggested she consult her own lawyers

Mrs Walker plans to lay a charge of fraud. But she may also have to launch a Supreme Court action herself to correct the mistake. The city council's response has angered senior DP Cape Town MP Ken Andrew, who last night described the debacle as "outrageous and unimaginable"

"It is bad enough accepting registrations over the phone, let alone saying a telephone call can override a written application. It makes the thing look so mickey mouse it's unbelievable," Mr Andrew fumed.

Brent Gerberg, chief voters' roll officer for central Cape Town, said: "There is nothing we can do. Our legal department has looked at this and we cannot change it. Mrs Walker will have to get a court order to change it."

He pointed out that the telephonic registration system had been approved by the local government Joint Management Body overseeing registration "to make it easier for voters to get on to the voters' roll."

"This incident is of concern to us, but there were fewer than 100 cases of people phoning in to change their addresses."

Threat to rural elections

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By NORMAN WEST

(263) ATTEMPTS to reach agreement on an election model for rural districts deadlocked yesterday, raising fears that farmers and farmworkers will be unable to take part in elections at the same time as Cape metropolitan voters on May 29

The ANC has decided to consult rural interest groups on a "rural election model" on April 14 before introducing an alternative to the plan proposed by Local Government Minister Peter Marais.

But Minister of Housing and chairman of the Provincial Standing Committee on Constitutional and Provincial Affairs, Cecil Herandien, feels the move is a disaster.

He said yesterday. "The ANC's obstinate position and their proposed consultative meeting on April 14 will wreck the count down to the May 29 elections. This means there will be no elections on May 29 in rural areas. The ANC has finally succeeded in running that prospect."

All the major political players launched their election campaigns last week in a bid for seats on the six councils and a Metro Council.

The ANC in the Western Cape, backed by representatives from rural towns, settlements, and farmworkers' organisations has rejected a new proposal for rural local government by Mr Marais.

The chairman of the Western Cape Provincial Committee on Local Government, Hilda Ndude, said yesterday the new Marais model excluded thousands of people in the 22 rural settlements in the Western Cape by limiting the interest groups entitled to representation on rural councils to only farmers and farm residents.

But Mr Marais repudiated Ms Ndude's claims, commenting. "ANC members are being malicious, untruthful. The ANC's strategy seems to be to misinform people, sow confusion and make an election in rural areas impossible on May 29."

Retorted the ANC's Cameron Dugmore. "The ANC rejects Mr Marais' model. We call upon Mr Marais to negotiate the model in good faith. Otherwise the NP will once again emerge with a bloody nose and the elections will once again be delayed."

Western Cape elections hinge on ANC decision

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The ANC is expected today to reject formally Western Cape MEC Peter Marais's amended model for rural government — a move which could see local elections in the province's rural areas being postponed.

Marais gave written warning to the ANC last week that unless a decision on one of his models was taken by tomorrow, he would have to postpone the May 29 elections as there would not be time to make arrangements.

The ANC is likely to reject the model at a provincial committee meeting this afternoon. This follows Wednesday's rural summit in Worcester and a top level meeting with Deputy Constitutional and Provincial Affairs Minister Valli Moosa late on Friday.

Worcester mayor Riyahd Williams said at the weekend that unless a last-minute settlement was negotiated, Marais was expected to declare a dispute for the Electoral Court to decide

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on This process could take about three weeks to finalise

His latest model was devised after the ANC rejected his first attempt and after amendments were introduced to the Local Government Transition Act in Parliament to invalidate it. The model gives farmers and farm workers 30% representation each via nominations, with 40% being elected on a proportional basis.

Marais's new proposals were rejected by 150 representatives from rural towns, settlements, farm worker organisations and other rural organisations who attended the rural summit called by provincial committee chairman Hilda Ndude of the ANC.

They objected to the lack of consultation, the unbalanced composition of district councils which discriminated against rural town councils; the lack of adequate representation for rural settlements; the separate voters' rolls for transitional rural councils, and Marais's excessive powers.

Battle for W Cape poll model moves into Senate

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CHRIS BATEMAN
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THE battle for the Western Cape rural election model moves into the Senate today when debate is expected over which senators may vote on whether to accept the Local Government MEC Peter Janz proposal.

The SP senators are expected to push for a rule that only senators from a particular province may vote on a matter that only affects that province. Yesterday the Provincial Committee, the watchdog body set up to ensure a smooth transition to decentralisation, broke up in disorder after its statutory members disagreed over the rural election model.

Provincial Committee champion M Thibedi's study and a dispute arose over the minutes of a previous meeting.

Thibedi seemed to reflect the committee's acceptance of interim measures for Legislative Services Council until the polling day.

However, the minutes were incorrect and the non-statutory members may believe they had waited long enough for an acceptable election model.

The non-statutory members are also concerned about a decision on the rural local government model and re-election affecting it until national amendments to the Local Government Transition Act had been discussed and accepted by the Senate.

We believe the provincial and national decisions of the Senate should end

Councillors ousted in rent row

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Staff Reporters and Sapa

FIVE African National Congress councillors have been disqualified from the Hermanus Town Council because of outstanding rent arrears

Mandla Teto, Primose Jimlogo, Noble Makatima, Stanford Ncinjana and Amos Ngqameni, all of the Zwelihle township, were disqualified on March 12 after not paying rent for the past five years

The announcement of the disqualifications came as the fight for seats on councils in the Cape metropole heated up, with the National Party last night announcing the names of some of its candidates in the May 29 elections

The ANC branch in Hermanus has organ-

ised a march in response to the disqualification. The party's regional organiser, Patricia Kamana, claimed the councillors had been dismissed without notice or fair procedures. She said most people in Zwelihle were in arrears because the service rates charged were too high.

Most people in the area worked as gardeners or domestic workers and could not afford the R168 monthly fee, she said.

The list of demands drawn up by the ANC's Hermanus branch and the community included the immediate reinstatement of the councillors, urgent negotiations on tariffs and rent, independent auditing of municipal funds and the use of R2,6 million for scrapping all Zwelihle arrears up to the end of the current budgetary year.

Election stumbling block

THE African National Congress and the National Party are locked in battle over what form rural local government in the Western Cape should take. Municipal Reporter ANDREA WEISS looks at what is at stake.

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RURAL dwellers in the Western Cape are unlikely to go to the polls on May 29 because the National Party and African National Congress cannot agree on what model of government they should be voting for. At the heart of the dispute is how to accommodate special interest groups, such as farmers and rural women, without compromising the country's commitment to even-handed democracy which affords everyone an equal vote

Equally serious is the competition for the political power which can spread resources across impoverished rural areas.

On one hand, the ANC accuses the NP of securing a power-base for farmers at the expense of the democratic principle of equal franchise for all adults.

NP Local Government Minister Peter Marais has charged that the ANC is sowing "confusion and disinformation" by refusing to accept a model put forward by him, only because it is unsure of its support in rural areas.

"One can only guess whether they are sufficiently prepared for such an election or not. I doubt it," he said as a parting shot before leaving for South America last week.

He left behind a battle which, as with the epic Cape metropolitan boundary issue which delayed metro elections last year, could end up before the Special Electoral Court and the Supreme Court.

In the rural Western Cape, 27 Transitional Rural Councils outside the towns have yet to be elected in areas. In addition, seven District Councils must be constituted from representatives of the

Transitional Rural Councils and the Transitional Local Councils governing the towns. The District Councils will serve as overarching and redistributive bodies, similar to their predecessors the Regional Services Councils, for both the towns and the agricultural areas surrounding them. They will, therefore, have important controlling powers for the implementation of the RDP. On each District Council there will be representatives of several Transitional Rural Councils and Transitional Local Councils each wanting to have the best shot at the financial resources the District Councils will have at their disposal from levies on farmers and businesses.

Already, 14 ANC-controlled towns in the Western Cape are preparing to take their case to the Supreme Court on the basis that the disputed model, which gives towns only 50 percent representation on District Councils, loads the vote in rural areas despite their sparse population.

An example they will cite is that of the holiday town of Knopie with 56 registered voters which is afforded the same level of representation on the Southern Cape District Council as George, with its 45 000 registered voters.

Mr Marais could take the matter to the Special Electoral Court because the original model he proposed was "technically approved" by

the provincial committee for local government - which includes ANC representatives - in December.

The ANC's provincial representatives maintain that its members were misled at the meeting where the model was presented and argue that the agreement given at the time does not constitute acceptance of the model.

Hilda Ndude, who chairs the provincial committee, said the committee had been told the model had been accepted by the Ministers and MECs forum for local government (Minmec), when

this was not the case.

The model proposed that 60 percent of representatives on Transitional Rural Councils should be nominated, half by farmers and half by farm workers.

The national government is working on an amendment to the Local Government Transition Act which will determine that all rural local government representatives be elected.

To pre-empt this, Mr Marais has proposed a new model which he says narrowly follows the Free State model. It maintains the 30 percent quota for farmers and farm workers but says they must be elected. To achieve this he proposes separate voters' rolls.

ANC senator Mohammed Bhabha points out that the new Western Cape and Free State models are not the same.

For one, the Free State

does not provide for separate voters' rolls but determines that 60 percent of representatives on Transitional Rural Councils be elected from multi-member wards.

Each ward will have two representatives, a levy payer and a non-levy payer, effectively accommodating farmers and farm workers, but also making room for others in these groups, such as shop owners (levy-payers) or forestry workers (non levy-payers) who fall outside traditional definitions of farmers and farm workers. Each voter would be able to vote for both ward seats and not be restricted to one or the other as in the Western Cape model.

In the Western Cape, however, farmers and their families would be restricted to voting for the farmer representative, while farm workers would vote only for their representative. The definition of a farm worker in the Western Cape model is also contentious: someone who "is not a farmer" and is "ordinarily resident on a farm" for more than six months a year.

The ANC argues that the six-months disenfranchises seasonal workers who move from farm to farm.

Cameron Dugmore, ANC member of the provincial legislature, points out that the definition also excludes residents of about 22 peri-urban settlements in the rural areas, such as the Elim mission station.

"The only way to ensure that elections remain on track is for Peter Marais to negotiate an acceptable model in good faith.

"For him to have left the country at this point in time is inexcusable," he said.

"The only way to ensure elections remain on track is for Peter Marais to negotiate an acceptable model in good faith."

Cape Town alliance will contest five wards

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town Independent Civic Alliance, launched by former Cape Town mayor Clive Keegan and consisting of individuals drawn from various political persuasions, would fight five wards in the forthcoming local elections and would have six candidates on a proportional list, Keegan said this week.

A list of members, who would be bound by agreement on basic principles, would be announced on Friday.

Former councillor, DP member and fierce Keegan opponent Arthur Wienburg joined the alliance after failing to be elected as the DP's candidate for the Rondebosch/Observatory ward.

Keegan said the alliance would be offering a "lively and rigorous" alternative to political rigidities and the posturing of political parties.

The alliance, he added, would be urging Capetonians to place the welfare of their city "above the electoral self-interest of the mainstream political parties".

Row over maize import monitoring

Louise Cook

BD 28/3/96

PRETORIA — A row has broken out between officials responsible for monitoring maize imports, with allegations that imports through the Western Cape may not have been checked for potentially fatal poisons.

The Maize Board, whose responsibility for checking imports was split among agents amid deregulation last year, said yesterday that health officials checking the Western Cape had neither the funds nor expertise for the job.

Health department food director Theo van der Venter said importers had refused to accept the board as impartial, and his officials were now testing in Kimberley and Cape Town.

Buyers denied they had rejected the board. Tiger Oats executive director Hamish McBain said all large millers had requested that the board do the tests.

The Western Cape Maize Consumers' Association said it was not sure who had tested the maize coming through the Cape harbour.

Checks are vital to detect toxins common to damp maize, one of which is a major cause of cancer, while the other poisons cause infertility and nervous diseases in humans.

Sources said the toxins developed quickly when maize was exposed to moisture. Major causes included stacking maize next to ship engine rooms. The cost of testing equipment left gaps in quality control.

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Proposed rights offer

Proposed rights offer

Standard Corporate and Merchant Bank ("SCMB") is authorized by the Johannesburg Stock Exchange ("the JSE") and the Registrar of Companies to offer R20,6 million by way of a rights offer ("the rights offer")

Purpose of the rights offer

The purpose of the rights offer is to raise approximately R20,6 million for Protea Medical Services (Proprietary) Limited and to increase levels of working capital.

Terms of the rights offer

- (i) Amount to be raised (before expenses)
- (ii) Number of new ordinary shares to be issued
- (iii) Issue price per new ordinary share
- (iv) Ratio of rights offer

The new ordinary shares will rank pari passu with existing shares.

Application for listing

Application has been made to the JSE for a listing of the new ordinary shares and the 12 858 025 new ordinary shares to be issued in connection with the rights offer.

Underwriting

South African Mutual Life Assurance Society has undertaken to underwrite the rights offer for a fee of one and a half percent.

Documentation

The rights offer circular, to which will be attached the letter of offer from the JSE, the rights offer circular will be sent to the ordinary shareholders of Protea Medical Services (Proprietary) Limited.

Notice of last day to register

The last day to register for the rights offer is the close of business on 28 March 1996.

A further announcement providing information on the sale of the rights offer will be published in the newspapers.

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Senate passes amendment Bill

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The Local Government Transition Amendment Bill was passed by the Senate yesterday after Senate president Kobie Coetsee's ruling that the NP had no grounds to consider the Bill a provincial matter.

The effect of the legislation, once promulgated, would be to invalidate the model for rural local government proposed by Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais.

However, the amendment was intended to ensure adherence to the spirit of the original Act and would be applicable nationally.

The NP invoked section 61 of the interim constitution to argue that the Bill was a Western Cape provincial matter and should be decided on only by Western Cape senators. As the NP is in the majority in the Western Cape, a decision by Coetsee in favour of the NP motion would have meant the Bill being rejected.

In terms of the amended legislation, rural transitional councils would have to be elected rather than nominated, as was the case in Marais's original model. The ANC rejected the original model and Marais' amendment.

King accused of plotting rival KwaZulu govt

Farouk Chothia

ULUNDI — KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose claimed yesterday that Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and his royal council were plotting to establish a rival provincial government with eight departments

Mdlalose disclosed details of the alleged plot — including minutes of a confidential meeting at which Zwelithini appealed to former constitutional affairs minister Roelf Meyer and his deputy, Valh Moosa, to bankroll him as the provincial government was holding back funds — at the opening of the legislature session

Zwelithini, who was present, remained silent and his legal adviser, S'dumo Msthe, declined to comment

ANC national chairman Jacob Zuma hit out at Mdlalose for "abusing" and "almost humiliating" Zwelithini. The king had come to give the legislature his blessing but Mdlalose chose "to take him to task", Zuma said

As Zwelithini was leaving, several hundred IFP supporters outside shouted "Go" However, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi praised the king

Mdlalose said minutes of a meeting between Zwelithini and Meyer on February 23 showed that the king's council wanted to establish "another

government within the province"

At a news briefing later, Mdlalose disclosed a document titled "The institution of traditional leadership in KwaZulu-Natal" It stated that under the king's leadership the council had become "the source of hope and relief" in KwaZulu-Natal The council wanted to play a "vital role in the new dispensation" and wanted to be "capable of delivering" Council members included Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu, Prince Clement Zulu and Prince Sifiso Zulu

The document said government should immediately begin paying

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Zwelithini

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salaries to the council's senior management" at scales approved by the public service commission — "the equivalent being the director-general in government departments"

Government should also open eight subregional offices for the council in KwaZulu-Natal. The council would also have representatives in other provinces where Zulus lived.

The council would have eight departments, all of which had to be financed by government.

The political affairs department was necessary as Zwelithini needed a political representative in the legislature who would keep him informed on matters affecting the Zulu nation.

The foreign affairs department was needed to promote "friendships with other monarchies". The security department was needed to administer a newly created royal guard and to pro-

vide intelligence to the monarchy.

The minutes showed the royal house, constitutional affairs department and finance department had established a joint committee to consider Zwelithini's financial needs "within the financial constraints of SA"

Mdlalose said Meyer had sent him the minutes and had proposed that the provincial government send a representative to the committee. According to the minutes, Meyer said he was meeting the king on instructions from President Nelson Mandela. The minutes quoted Zwelithini as saying he wanted to be crowned king at a silver jubilee celebration in June.

Mdlalose said central government was central to the plot to establish a rival government.

Zuma said central government had merely informed Mdlalose of its talks with Zwelithini. Mdlalose should take part in the discussions.

Zuma said he did not believe Zwelithini or central government had ambitions to establish a rival government in KwaZulu-Natal.

Nat election plan gets nod from ANC

(263) By NORMAN WEST

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THE May 29 rural elections in the Western Cape may be on track again after a last-minute proposal by the National Party which has been cautiously welcomed by the ANC.

The ANC said the new proposal, which will be put to the multi-party Provincial Committee on Tuesday, was "indicative of a willingness to compromise and negotiate an acceptable model".

Details of the new plan were released yesterday by acting Local Government Minister Gerald Morkel, who is standing in for Peter Marais.

Mr Marais, who has been on an official trip to Mexico and Brazil, will be briefed on the new plan at a special caucus meeting tomorrow.

In terms of the new proposal — which replaces an earlier disputed version suggested by Mr Marais — every Transitional Rural Council (TRC) will have 80 percent of its members elected by all voters on the local voters' roll on the basis of proportional representation.

The remaining 20 percent will be

nominated by each interest group on the basis of one representative for farmers and one for farm labourers.

Mr Morkel said that the plan had been adopted in principle by the National Assembly "and there could, therefore, be no reason for further dispute or disagreement by the (Western Cape) Provincial Committee".

A meeting of the multi-party Provincial Committee, chaired by the ANC's Hilda Ndude, will be convened on Tuesday for its concurrence.

Senior ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore yesterday described the proposal as "an indication of willingness to compromise and negotiate an acceptable election model".

"It is a welcome shift from the attitude displayed by the incumbent minister (Peter Marais) up to now.

"We hope the outstanding problems concerning the District Councils and the method of nominating interest groups can be resolved in order to allow the elections to proceed on May 29," Mr Dugmore said.

New model offers hope for rural poll

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CHRIS BATEMAN

RURAL elections in the Western Cape are now technically possible on May 29 after the ANC cautiously welcomed a radically altered election model put forward by the NP at the weekend.

Confirming that he had received a fax from the Western Cape's constitu-

tional adviser Paddy Room outlining the altered proposal, Deputy Constitutional Affairs Minister Mohamed Valli-Moosa said he believed there was now "adequate time" to meet the deadline.

Room's new model has Transitional Representative Councils with 80% of the councillors elected on the proportional representation system, 10% elect-

ed as farmers' representatives and 10% as farm residents' representatives.

The Western Cape's Provincial Committee, chaired by the ANC's Ms Hilda Ndude, meets tomorrow to consider the latest model, which puts strong pressure on the non-statutory component of her committee to agree, as is likely to be favoured by an Electoral Court.

Poll battle begins

12 political groups join the local election fray

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ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape metro election campaign is set to begin in earnest after hundreds of candidates and more than 12 political parties and election groupings handed their names to returning officers throughout the metro area.

Early indications are that ward contests could involve up to five candidates in the most hotly contested areas while voters will have to choose from a confusing array of party political affiliations for the proportional representation vote.

The registration deadline, at noon yesterday, came and went

amid excitement as election hopefuls handed in their names and the required signatures.

Candidates may not be in arrears for any rates, rent or service charges for a period of three months at the time of nomination. In addition, ward candidates will have had to collect two per cent of signatures of registered voters in their wards. These signatures will also have to be checked to ensure they are from registered voters.

Twelve political groupings will fight for seats on the Cape Metropolitan Council. They are the African National Congress, National Party, Freedom Front, Joint Civics, Cape People's Con-

gress, Tygerberg Municipal Alliance, African Christian Democratic Party, Workers' International, Democratic Party, Cape Independent Alliance, Conservative Party and Pan-Africanist Congress.

At the Cape Town Civic Centre, a handful of latecomers were left standing outside a locked door and clamoured to gain entrance to the voters' roll office after the deadline had lapsed at noon. The Inkatha Freedom Party also failed to hand in its list for the Cape Metropolitan Council because the IFP was under the impression it could be handed in at the civic centre. The party has therefore fallen out of the metro contest.

English voted out of council

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Municipal Staff

XHOSA and Afrikaans have been made the official languages of the Stellenbosch municipality, but English speakers will still be allowed to raise issues at meetings in their mother tongue.

The decision by the town council means that all council documentation will be prepared and printed only in the official languages and all the council's business will be conducted using the languages.

But municipal spokesman Riaan Smit said he was sure that English-speaking members would be allowed to state their arguments in the language of their choice.

He said the language debate began when Councillor M F Patel introduced a motion calling for all the council's business to be conducted in English with the interpreters translating it into the other languages.

"This motion was rejected and the new motion was accepted," he said.

ELECTION FEVER HITS TOWN

ANC takes three seats

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THE ANC and National Party began flexing their electoral muscles in Cape Town yesterday, **PETER DENNEHY** and **WILLEM STEENKAMP** report.

LOCAL elections kicked off in Cape Town yesterday with the ANC taking the first three seats unopposed in the Cape Metropole — while Deputy President F W de Klerk was mobbed on a barnstorming visit to Manenberg to launch the NP campaign.

The historic poll on May 29 will be the first all-race election for city councillors in Cape Town, and will be contested in the six major substructures that make up the newly delineated Cape Metropole.

The poll will also be an important test of whether President Nelson Mandela's message of national reconciliation and non-racialism will garner the crucial coloured vote for the ANC or whether the NP can repeat its electoral victory of last April in Cape Town.

In November last year, the ANC won effective control of Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth and East London, and 19 out of 40 seats on the Greater Pretoria metro council. Durban, like Cape Town, has yet to hold its local elections.

The three new ANC councillors are Mr Gladstone Ntamo, for ward C14 (the KTC area), Mr Templeton Mgxekeni, for ward C11 in Nyanga East, and Mr Fezekile Sinuka for ward 16, in the Lusaka and Black City shacklands bordering the N2 near Crossroads.

They will be the representatives in those areas because no opposing candidates were registered by yesterday.

The three are all in the Central Substructure, the new Cape Town municipality, which appears set to be controlled by the ANC for the first time. The NP looks well-placed for victory in the other five municipalities.

Yesterday more than 1 000 Manenberg residents turned out, waving banners and screaming "Viva!", for a glimpse of their hero — De Klerk.

The National Party leader, who at times found it hard going through the throng of admirers, went "walkabout" — mostly by car — through the township.

NP media and information director Dr Johan Steenkamp said before the exercise yesterday that the party was "cautiously optimistic" that it could repeat its April 1994 success and take the most votes in the Cape Metropole.

Kicking off his visit at the Manenberg police station, De Klerk praised the policemen and women on duty for doing "good work" in the fight against crime.



MOBBED: A bodyguard struggles to keep supporters at bay during Deputy President F W de Klerk's "walkabout" in Manenberg yesterday, a sign that the National Party's campaign was gathering momentum for the Cape Metropolitan polls. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

"Criminals must know that in our beautiful land crime does not pay," he said.

From there he went across Duynfontein Road to visit residents in their homes. One of the NP party, Mr Kobus Dowry, said the homes had been chosen at random, but the home-owners confirmed they were all paid-up NP members.

Nevertheless, De Klerk went down well, and many were ecstatic at having met him. "We want a better life — we believe he will make a difference," said one of the home-owners, Mrs Rachel van Reenen.

Trailing streams of squealing children, the De Klerk entourage headed for the NP's Manenberg headquarters, where the biggest and most enthusiastic crowd waited.

More than 1 000 people roared as De Klerk, using a megaphone but struggling to make himself heard, said "You don't see me on TV any more, so I came myself."

"I can see Manenberg is NP country," he said to further roars of approval, before he went into the NP offices. Outside, NP supporters railed against the ANC-led government and screamed for the return of the National Party to power.

"Under the old government we had jobs, but now we have no jobs," said one man.

● Local Government MEC Peter Marais yesterday gave the deadlocked provincial committee until noon tomorrow to motivate their positions on his proposed rural election model — or face an urgent Electoral Court sitting next week.

The three non-statutory (ANC-backed) provincial committee members walked out of yesterday's sitting.

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ANC, NP clash over new rural model

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The statutory (NP-backed) trio insisted that the press be allowed access and resisted a non-statutory bid to introduce an independent minute-taker

Marked by loud exchanges — especially between the NP's Mr Leon Markowitz and chairperson Ms. Hilda Ndude (ANC) — the meeting came to an abrupt end after 30 minutes of heated debate

The NP-backed component favour the latest model in which farmers nominate 10% of councillors, farm labourers nominate another 10% and 80% are elected on a party proportional representation "list" system

The ANC-backed component fear this will give small towns like Noetzie (population 56) equal status with a large town like George on district councils and that

Marais will have veto powers if disputes arise over farmer/labourer nominees

Polls on May 29 would hang by a thread if there was no legally agreed upon model by Tuesday, election co-ordinator Mr Joppa le Roux warned.

Tuesday is the deadline for returning officers to put up election notices stating requirements for the registration of parties.

Names of election candidates released

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PETER DENNEHY

NAMTS of candidates for election to the Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) were released yesterday with a dozen political parties or civic groups contesting 36 directly elected seats.

There will be 60 seats on the CMC, but 36 of them will be filled by councillors who are elected directly to the six substructures or municipalities under the CMC Central, Tygerberg Southern, Northern Eastern and Helderberg will each elect some of their own councillors to serve on the CMC as well as on their own municipal councils.

The other 24 seats will be filled by proportional representation.

The 12 parties which registered their CMC candidate lists by the cut-off date this week are:

The DP, ANC, FIP, ACDP, CP, Freedom Front, Cape People's Congress, Tygerberg Municipal Alliance, Joint Civic Associations of the Eastern Substructure Areas, Women's International to Rebuild the 4th International, and Cape Independent Alliance (the Wienburg/Keegan group, although Mr Arthur Wienburg and Mr Clive Feegan are not on the CMC list because they are fighting the election in the sub-

structure). Here are the first 10 names on the lists of the larger parties:

NATIONAL PARTY Firiye-Lye Luvu Bonga, David Erlegh, Kim I Sanhaba, Herman Hattlingh, Daniel Plato, Jacobus MPE, Ananase Jimsoo E, Huma Henry Bosh, ANC David Diall, Andrew Madella, Rashid, Irah, Frank van der Velde, Welcomes, H. H. Moudien, Mohamed Mzukisi Gaba,

DP Rucht Hule, Isabel Edel, Bin Padu, Lachay Karen Henikman, David Gant, Nicola Poren, Edward Friedland, Herbert Hirsch, Popert Huri.

CAPE INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE Michael Egan, Enoch Chishan, Monica Sutherland, Walter Kitchard, Fannie Laegan, John Stanley, Murein, Stephen Bekimann (no further names given).

PAC Hende Mt-odu, M. Egalmat Yacsien, Michael Mubong, Sara Lungile Halmans, Kwint-ha Hlebe, Gaba Mompoti, Victor Mbe, uli, and Gubulok, whose first name was not given.

CP Fatri F. Mill, Johannes van Zyl, Jovy, man,

ANC Rhoda Soudie, Eleanor Sonnenb,

CAPE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS Firley, John China, Henry Wilsoh,

In the substructure elections, as opposed to the Metro elections, another seat has landed in the hands of the ANC. This brings to three the number of seats the ANC will get unopposed, two in Central and one in Helderberg.

Campaigning hots up in W-Cape election

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MTG 4-11/96

Rehana Rossouw

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela spent a windy, hot hour at the annual choir competition at the Athlone Stadium in Cape Town at the weekend, promising coloured voters a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow nation

It was the second time this year he has taken time out of his hectic schedule to attend "coloured cultural" gatherings. He reminded the 800-strong audience in Athlone that he had opened the annual Coon Carnival on January 1.

Mandela said in 1994 many people in the coloured community felt anxiety about the future. "I am aware of concerns among the coloured community that the programmes of government aimed at redressing the wrongs of the past are not always benefiting them as they should. All those who have been disadvantaged by apartheid have a claim," he reassured for the umpteenth time.

"Once again, I want to assure the coloured community that you have nothing to fear from democracy." He reminded the audience that voters chose the African National Congress in last year's local elections and asked them to vote in May in a way which would bring everyone in Cape Town together.

Mandela's magic touch was evident on Sunday as performers in the competition clamoured to shake their president's hand. With the ANC believing coloured voters are not committed to the National Party despite their choice in 1994, the party is bringing in its big guns to win the hearts of voters in the run-up to the May election.

All the major parties in the Cape have gone back to their drawing boards over the past year to formulate new campaign strategies. Without acknowledging that they still do not have a grasp of coloured voting trends, they have all enlisted experts to tell them what voters want.

The ANC's focus group discussions over the past six months have told it people are concerned that development in the Western Cape is lagging behind the rest of the country. People also feel threatened by affirmative action programmes and perceive a lack of delivery on the part of the government.

The ANC is fortunate it has candidates with excellent track records in community structures to field in virtually every community in the Cape. But it is not relying only on candidates to muster votes — its national leadership will be expected to chip in like Cyril Ramaphosa and Trevor Manuel did at the ANC's election launch last month.

The ANC is out to win. Spurred on by its 30% increase in the coloured vote during the November elections in the Cape's standalone towns, it is confident



Meeting the people: President Nelson Mandela greets youngsters at an annual choir competition at Athlone Stadium in Cape Town

PHOTOGRAPH RODGER BOSCH

it can wrest local power from the NP.

The NP is still waiting for the outcome of its market research, but launched its campaign last week by announcing it was contesting almost every ward in the metropolitan area. Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel and regional NP leader Dawie de Villiers immediately threw down the gauntlet by attacking the ANC's policies and its leadership's lifestyles.

Kriel kept a low profile in the 1994 campaign and left most of the electioneering to Deputy President FW de Klerk. De Klerk entered the election fray on Tuesday when he visited the crime-ridden coloured township of Manenberg and predicted the NP would triumph in the Cape in May. De Klerk promised the Government of National Unity was committed to supporting the police force.

Sources in the NP say after Kriel's damaging attack on Mandela last week, it was possible he would be asked to keep mum once again.

The Democratic Party brought in the liberal democrats from the United Kingdom to tell it what the NP and ANC already knew — test voter expectations through focus groups. It has sent questionnaires to thousands of households asking what their problems are and how they should be addressed.

Western Cape DP leader Henne Bester admits the party did not draw top-quality coloured candidates in the 1994 elections, but says this has been corrected and the party now has the most representative caucus in the Cape — but it still does not have African support.

The DP has also started community work for the first time, and intends opening advice offices and launching community policing operations in coloured areas.

Nominations for candidates close on April 15 and, until then, voters are just as likely to get visits from representatives of market research companies beating a path to their doors as they are to get candidates begging for votes.

Court steps in to Cape election row

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By NORMAN WEST

THE ROW between the ANC and Nats over a rural model for the upcoming election in the Western Cape, which is threatening next month's local government elections, is to be dealt with urgently by the Electoral Court.

Elections for the rural areas affecting hundreds of thousands of farm labourers and farmers are in dire crisis this weekend, only eight days before poll nominations for district councils must be in on April 16.

If not resolved, the dispute could scuttle the May 29 elections in rural districts.

The threat to the elections involves the issue of what election model to use to choose district councils. Negotiations between the NP and ANC deadlocked over this.

It has been urgently referred to the Electoral Court "because talks have now broken down irretrievably," said Minister of Housing, Cecil Herandien, a member of the Western Cape Provincial Committee (PC) which failed to reach agreement on the matter.

But Member of the Provincial Legislature and Head of Publicity and Information of the ANC, Cameron Dugmore, says the ANC will do "everything in its power" to rescue the situation.

"At the ANC we believe that a solution is still possible, despite the problems we have with the proposed model. We are in the process of consulting key stakeholders over this weekend," he said.

"The ANC will prepare for the Electoral Court as well as continue to seek a political solution," Mr Dugmore said.

The decision by the Electoral Court is final and cannot be appealed against.

There are only eight days left for the court to meet and come to a decision before the nominations deadline.

The Electoral Court was alerted by legal counsel of the Ministry of Local Government at the weekend.

Mr Marais gave the PC until 3pm last Thursday to reach consensus. When they failed to contact him by the deadline, he gave instructions to his legal team to alert the Electoral Court "as a matter of urgency".

Border board head quits

By NORMAN WEST

PROFESSOR Fanie Cloete has resigned as chairman of the Western Cape Demarcation Board so he can devote more time to his new job on President Nelson Mandela's Presidential Review Commission.

Minister of Local Government Peter Marais praised the work done by Prof Cloete and his team which saw to the vital demarcation of boundaries and delimitation of wards for the Western Cape elections.

"Prof Cloete performed his extremely difficult and complicated task with diligence, dedication and scrupulous fairness. He helped to write history, and the province and the country are indebted to him," Mr Marais said.

The Presidential Review Commission, which consists of 16 part-time local and international commissioners, has the job of conducting an internal audit and review of each ministry, department, provincial administration, organisation, component, office or agency to increase public accountability.

It will report directly to the president and is expected to complete its task within 12 months.

Showdown looming in W Cape

By HERMAN WASSERMAN

THE WHEELS are rolling to prepare the Western Cape Metropolitan area for the local elections on May 29 — elections which will probably be of national proportions as political parties prepare themselves for a showdown.

The voters' role for the Metropole has been certified by two advocates of the revision courts — and among the names registered was that of

President Nelson Mandela

Administrative preparations are already in full swing, although uncertainty about whether or not May 29 will be a public holiday is complicating things somewhat.

Brent Gerber, returning officer for the Metropole, says "If the 29th is not a holiday, it will be an administrative nightmare. We are presently trying to organise polling stations — but places like schools can not make their halls available if they are

not sure that it will be a holiday."

Approximately 1 000 polling stations will be needed in the Metropole, and between 230 and 260 in the central substructure alone.

The 1.3 million registered voters in the Metropole will vote for ward candidates, proportional party representatives and Metropolitan councillors. And the countdown to election day has begun.

On March 21 the Election Notice

was published, inviting candidates to register and giving details of nomination requirements.

One of these requirements is that nominated candidates may not be more than three months in arrears with municipal accounts like rates or rent.

The arrears issue is sure to be a hotly debated issue in the runup to the elections, and the Democratic Party has already warned that it will

focus on the arrears position in its campaign.

The addresses of polling stations were published on March 28 and nomination of candidates closed on April 1.

Accepted nominations will be made known on April 19. After that final administrative processes like the printing of ballot papers will be completed — and political campaigning will start in earnest.

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ANC furious over decision to refer dispute to electoral court

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POLITICAL STAFF

The ANC has slammed the NP over the Western Cape's decision to refer a dispute about the rural model for the pending elections to the electoral court, calling it "contemptible" because the party had made no real attempts at negotiating a solution.

"We have said, since 1995 when NP MEC (for local government) Peter Marais refused to call a rural summit with all role players, that any rural model should be negotiated with those affected.

"Up to now there has been no genuine attempt to consult and negotiate from the side of the NP," the ANC said in a statement.

It said the NP had only consulted with organised agriculture

and had ignored farm workers

It outlined three other problems it had with the model as

- The proposed powers and functions of the transitional representative council

- The way nominated farmers' and farm workers' representatives were appointed, which still gave the MEC too much power

- The "undemocratic representation" of municipalities and the transitional representative councils on the new district councils.

The ANC spent the weekend consulting key stakeholders and said it would submit proposals around the issue to the Multiparty Liaison Committee tomorrow.

The party has already registered its candidates for the rural election which are set to take place on May 29.

Court to decide on rural polls

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Sowetan 10/4/96

By Waghled Mlsbach
Political Reporter

THE FIGHT between the ANC and the National Party on a rural model for the May 29 elections will be decided in the Electoral Court this week - but the ANC wants to find a "political solution" so that elections can go ahead.

Talks on the issue broke down last week when the ANC and the NP could not find common ground on the issue.

Solution vital

Finding a solution is vital to enable thousands of farmworkers and farmers in the Western Cape's rural areas to go to the polls.

The court has to make a ruling on the issue by April 16 - which is the closing date for poll nominations.

The dispute between the two par-

ties centres on the model used to allocate seats on the new rural councils and the composition of the district council.

Cameron Dugmore, MP and head of the ANC's department of information and publicity in the Western Cape, said that a solution was "still possible" and that his organisation would be preparing for court as well as trying to find a "political solution" by continuing to have talks with the National Party.

A source close to the talks said yesterday that it was becoming increasingly unlikely that the proposed elections for the rural areas would go ahead.

The elections in the Western Cape's metropolitan areas will not be affected.

The elections in the province have been marred by squabbling between the NP and ANC.

Power struggle in Western Cape intensifying

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THE power struggle between the ANC and NP in the Western Cape hinterland has manifested itself over the past few months in a contest over ascendancy in the proposed new institutions of local and regional government.

The struggle has intensified with the approach of the May 29 local government elections.

The ANC's bid for dominance is considerably strengthened by its argument that its proposals on representation coincide with democratic principles, whereas the NP's claim to equity in its representation model veils the fact that certain interest groups within its support base are likely to be the greatest beneficiaries of such a structure.

The battlefield is the composition of transitional rural councils and district councils, which has already been an area of dispute between the two parties at provincial level, in the National Assembly and the Senate.

There are about 655 000 registered voters in the Western Cape rural areas; approximately 500 000 in the rural towns and 155 000 on farms and settlements.

The ANC's support base in rural areas lies mainly in larger rural

towns such as Knysna, George, Worcester, Mossel Bay and Paarl, where it made significant gains in the November 1995 local elections, winning outright control of at least 21 of the 95 councils and taking 306 seats compared with the NP's 292.

In some cases this was largely because of the constitutional principle that former black local authorities have the same representation as white and coloured wards. In addition, the party has a constituency in the thousands of poor farm and forestry workers and the people living on rural settlements.

The NP has sold support in towns and villages, but the heart of its backing lies with the wealthy fruit, wine and other farmers represented in the all-powerful agricultural unions.

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act, provincial MECs were empowered to create structures for local government. The NP MEC for local government in the Western Cape, Peter Marais, first proposed a model for the 27 transitional rural councils which provided for farmers and farm workers to each nominate 30% of the seats, the remainder being elected on the ba-

LINDA ENSOR in Cape Town

sis of proportional representation.

His model won widespread support among commercial farmers and agricultural unions as it would perpetuate their dominance of rural politics.

But the ANC objected, saying the proposal was undemocratic in that it gave too great a weight to the numerically small, wealthy farming community, was too heavily based on nomination; and excluded seasonal, non-farming and forestry workers and farm settlements such as Elim and Wupperthal.

Marais, under threat of national legislation which would invalidate his model by requiring that all representatives be elected, came up with an amended version, but this too was rejected by the ANC as undemocratic and illegal in terms of the amendments passed by both houses of Parliament.

Marais's amended model provided for separate voters' rolls for farmers and farm workers (the definition was broadened to include all farm residents) who would elect candi-

dates from a nominated list. Each group would have 30% of the seats.

Under pressure, he has now come up with a third proposal providing for farmers and farm workers to each nominate 10% of the council representatives, with the balance being elected from proportional representation. But bungled negotiations have resulted in Marais deciding to take the matter to the electoral court.

The same conflict appeared over the composition of the seven district councils. The district authorities, which are successors to the old regional service councils, will be critical in the implementation of the RDP and bulk service delivery, and the ANC obviously believes it must wrest control of these institutions to ensure effective delivery, determination of policy and the allocation of resources. It is fighting for town councils to get 70% of the district authority seats.

Marais's seemingly equitable division of representation on a 50/50 basis between town councils and rural councils on the district authorities would have entrenched the power of selected interest groups at regional level. This would have been

at the expense of the town councils, where the ANC was strongest, and would have reversed the gains it made in the November elections.

For example, in the southern Cape there are 20 transitional town councils with more than 200 000 registered voters, compared with 14 635 in rural areas. However, rural areas would have the same number of seats on district councils.

Hence the ANC's objection, arguing that the more densely populated, and the higher levy paying, towns should be given a greater proportion of the seats.

The NP might have won control of the levers of provincial government in the April 1994 election, but the ANC is fighting an inch-by-inch struggle to ensure that this control is not extended to metropolitan, district and local government.

Its strategy in the platteland is supplemented by an equally determined one in the metropolitan areas aimed at ensuring it occupies these seats of government after the forthcoming local elections on May 29.

In rural Western Cape, however, it is highly likely that elections will have to be postponed again.

Farm union hits at delay on model for rural polls

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Metro Reporter

THE Western Cape Agricultural Union has accused the provincial committee for local government of dragging its feet on deciding a model for rural local elections.

The provincial committee has been in an impasse over a model for rural government for several weeks, putting a question mark over the May 29 election date in rural areas.

In a statement, the agricultural union said the continuing uncertainty was causing confusion among rural voters, "specifically the thousands of farm workers looking forward to casting their votes on May 29".

"A full year has lapsed since negotiations on a model for local rural government started," said the agricultural union.

There seemed to be a "real effort" on the part of the provincial committee to delay the election, it said.

Exco member

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METRO WRITER

A CAPE TOWN city councillor has been kicked out of his powerful executive committee post by his own colleagues for failing to pay bills to the council for many months — although he was able to

Councillor Ruedwaan Isaacs of the African Muslim Party has now paid in full his debt of about R11 000, mostly for rental of a council house — but this was too late to save him from being ejected

Isaacs was also a member of the Transitional Management Committee. He will no longer be able to attend its meetings, nor will he get his executive committee allowance. This means he will get the R2 000 a month of an ordinary councillor, and miss out on the extra R4 000 or so exco allowance — until the election next month

According to local election candidate lists, Isaacs is not standing for election in the ward in which he lives, but is at the top of his party's list

Mr Arthur Wienburg proposed that Isaacs should lose his position on the executive committee, because it is essential that councillors and especially exco members should set a good example and pay their debts to the council.

Wienburg was upset by remarks that Isaacs made to a newspaper, indicating that he was in a position to pay his debts, but that he would bide his time and pay them when he was obliged to do so

Isaacs lives in Tafelsig in Mitchells Plain — not a wealthy area — and many residents are in arrears with payments to the council for municipal services

Forty-one councillors voted in favour of ejecting Isaacs from the executive committee. Several councillors abstained

● Mr Leon Markovitz, leader of the NP in the Cape Town City Council, decided not to proceed yesterday with a motion in his name to eject two more exco members, Mrs Pat Lategan and Mr Sedick Soeker, for alleged shifts of allegiances between the statutory and non-statutory halves of the council

ANGER APPEASED

Development council to be opened to greens

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THE NEW Provincial Development Committee should use newspaper advertisements and other measures to ensure public participation, Western Cape DP leader Mr Hennie Bester has proposed. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS, angry at being excluded from drawing up the draft constitution and bill of the Provincial Development Council (PDC), have been given a chance to have their say.

The chairman of the Western Cape's standing committee on developmental affairs and housing, Mr Hennie Bester, proposed at a meeting of the committee yesterday that specific measures should be implemented to allow aggrieved environmental organisations to be nominated onto the PDC.

This comes after numerous green organisations, who heard by accident that the draft constitution and bill of the PDC were developed at a workshop in Worcester last month, called for an extension of the date for the public to con-

tribute. The PDC aims to guide all development in the province into the next century. It will not have the power to veto or approve any development, but will provide a common vision by which all local authorities will be guided.

Bester proposed that special measures should be implemented to enable interested bodies and environmental organisations to be nominated onto the Provincial Development Council.

Bester had received many angry submissions from numerous green organisations who claimed to have been excluded so far.

The bill — still in its infancy — proposes the formation of eight regional councils to promote and co-ordinate development in the province.

The biggest unresolved issue to emerge yesterday was whether to include the 170 RDP forums — none of which, Bester claimed, had been officially accredited — in the decision-making process of the development councils.

Debate raged around whether the bill should by-pass them altogether, given the recent dismantling of the RDP office at central government level.

Green bodies complained they had been "completely" by-passed by the current interim management committee — whose members responded that most complainants were affiliates of umbrella bodies with which they were in constant contact.

Bester proposed the management committee bid for "maximum transparency and participation", with newspaper adverts inviting comments.

He promised that a "clear signal will go out to everyone before the formal setting up process begins".

COURT CAN'T SIT IN TIME

Breakdown in talks jeopardises elections

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THE WESTERN CAPE rural elections on May 29 are again in jeopardy after the breakdown of talks between the ANC and the NP. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

LAST-DITCH Western Cape discussions between the ANC and NP to end the rural election model impasse broke down yesterday — landing the matter in the Electoral Court

The court is unlikely to reach a finding in time for rural elections to be held in the province on May 29

Parties have to register by Tuesday, April 16, for the 80% proportional representation model, but it will be two weeks before the judges can sit, according to sources at the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein, where the Electoral Court sits

The local rural dispute was declared and referred to the court on Tuesday by deputy chairperson of the provincial committee Dr Wynand Malan

Non-statutory members of the committee — Ms Hilda Ndude, Mr John Neels and Mr Kam Chetty — have until tomorrow to lodge responding affidavits with the Electoral Court

Deputy director of local government Mr Michael Brewis said yesterday that unless judgment was handed down by Monday, "we will have reached the stage where we cannot make any more time adjustments"

Premier Hernus Kriel said yesterday that discussions between himself and ANC chief Mr Chris Nissen and their respective teams had been "sunk" by differences about equal representation of farm people and townspeople in managing rural areas

"We agreed a meeting with

President Nelson Mandela would serve no purpose — the Western Cape government will go ahead to get an Electoral Court decision by April 15," Kriel said

The DP's provincial chief, Mr Hennie Bester, labelled the party bickering "a pathetic, childish demonstration of self-interest, rather than serving the interests of the province"

"It's either a clash of personal egos or the ANC is bent on postponing rural elections in the Western Cape," he said

The model, as amended by the NP at the central government's request, was legitimate and "should have been put forward in the first place"

● Mandela and the cabinet are to be asked to intervene and decide whether the May 29 local government elections in KwaZulu-Natal should be postponed because of escalating violence and the absence of free political activity

Western Cape election dispute is sent to court

By **MONDLI MAKHANYA**
Political Reporter

The dispute over the Western Cape rural government model has been referred to the electoral court, putting more pressure on the province's election timetable.

The decision of the provincial local government committee yesterday followed the failure of the ANC and NP to agree on a rural model. The delegations were led respectively by NP Western Cape

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Premier Henrus Kriel and ANC provincial chairman and Economic Affairs MEC Chris Nissen

Should the court fail to take a decision by the April 19 deadline for party registration, elections in some areas may be postponed.

A planned meeting between President Nelson Mandela and Kriel, at which the two leaders were supposed to try to find common ground and thereby avert the postponement of elections, may now also be in jeopardy.

Kriel's spokesman, Frikkie Odendaal, said the premier saw no need for the meeting because the issue was now in the hands of the electoral court.

The disputed issue is the power of larger towns on rural district councils. While the ANC wants bigger towns to enjoy greater influence than smaller ones, the NP prefers an equal representation.

Mandela will be on the election trail in the Western Cape this weekend.

Local elections can stay on track

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THE CHAIRPERSON of the Western Cape Provincial Committee, **HILDA NDUDE**, traces the dispute over rural election models that is threatening to derail next month's poll for 150 000 voters in outlying areas of the province. She believes a negotiated solution between the ANC and the NP is still possible.

THE MEC for Local Government in the Western Cape, Peter Marais, has presented three models for Rural Local Government for the Western Cape. The models were presented to the Provincial Committee for Local Government (PCLG) without adequate consultation with rural stakeholders, therefore, the models do not take into account their views.

We believe that a political solution needs to be found for the impasse between the ANC and the NP to address the concerns of the rural people. The following outlines the history leading up to the final proposal:

MODEL ONE

In the latter part of 1995, Peter Marais placed a proposal for rural local government to the PCLG. This model is reflected in Proclamation No 152 of the Western Cape

The PCLG accepted this model because of misinformation from Peter Marais who stated that his model was the Free State model and had the support of the multiparty liaison committee and other organisations in the rural areas.

The model proposed a district council with half the representatives from the transitional local councils (TLCs) and half from the transitional rural councils (TRCs). The TRCs consist of 40% elected representatives. The remaining 60% are nominated by the MEC of which half represent farmers and the other half farm workers.

The model has a number of problems: the representation on the district council is totally disproportionate (it gives a council like Noetzie with 52 registered voters the same say as a council like George with 41 210 registered voters); the process of nominating 60% of the TRC is undemocratic; the powers of the MEC are excessive; and the rural settlements are excluded as interest groups.

The ANC and the non-statutory members of the PCLG leadership approached the MEC to review the model. The NP refused to make any

changes to its model and challenged us to contest it in court.

The national portfolio committee for local government amended the LGTA to ensure that all the representatives of the TRC are elected and not nominated

MODEL TWO

Marais then proposed a second model which had a complex system of split voters' rolls, was not constitutional and did not address the problems of the district council. This model was withdrawn.

PCLG held a major summit of rural stakeholders. A task team was set up to develop an acceptable option for a rural model.

MODEL THREE

MEC Morkel, as acting MEC for local government, then proposed the transitional representative council model (TREPC). It proposes that 80% of the representatives be from proportional representation elections with the remaining 20% from interest groups (10% for farmers and levy-payers and 10% for farm workers and residents).

The ANC finds the move positive, but this model does not address the problems of representation on district councils. In addition, the rural representatives are concerned that the TREPC does not have executive powers and that there is no reference to a deadlock-breaking mechanism.

The ANC has, in consultation with rural task team, developed two proposals which reflect the following:

- A district council based on a representation that is proportional to the number of registered voters in each council.

- That the MEC, in concurrence with the PCLG, as provided for in the Local Government Transition Act, will approve nominated representatives of interest groups.

The ANC believes that the envisaged negotiations with the NP can easily resolve these problems. The central principles that ANC proposals suggest are that:

- The majority of the members must be elected;

- The district council composition be based on proportionality;

- The powers of the MEC be in concurrence with the PCLG.

This is a significant departure from original proposals of the rural stakeholders. We trust that the NP will make similar compromises and avoid the costly process of the Electoral Court.

A negotiated solution is still possible and must be actively pursued to keep elections on track for May 29.

Urban population threat to W Cape

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BETWEEN 53% and 56% of the population are urbanised now, but it is estimated that up to 80% will be living in towns and cities by 2026. **BARRY STREEK** reports.

THE dramatic increase in South Africa's population, particularly in urban areas such as Cape Town, had disturbing implications for the future, a Stellenbosch University economist, Dr André Roux, warned last night.

The university's Institute for Futures Research has now estimated South Africa's population will grow to 64,6 million by 2026, a lower increase than it had predicted in 1990 from the estimated 41,9 million today.

But while between 53% and 56% of the population were urbanised now, up to 80% would be living in towns and cities by 2026.

These pressures would be felt particularly in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban/Pinetown, Roux said.

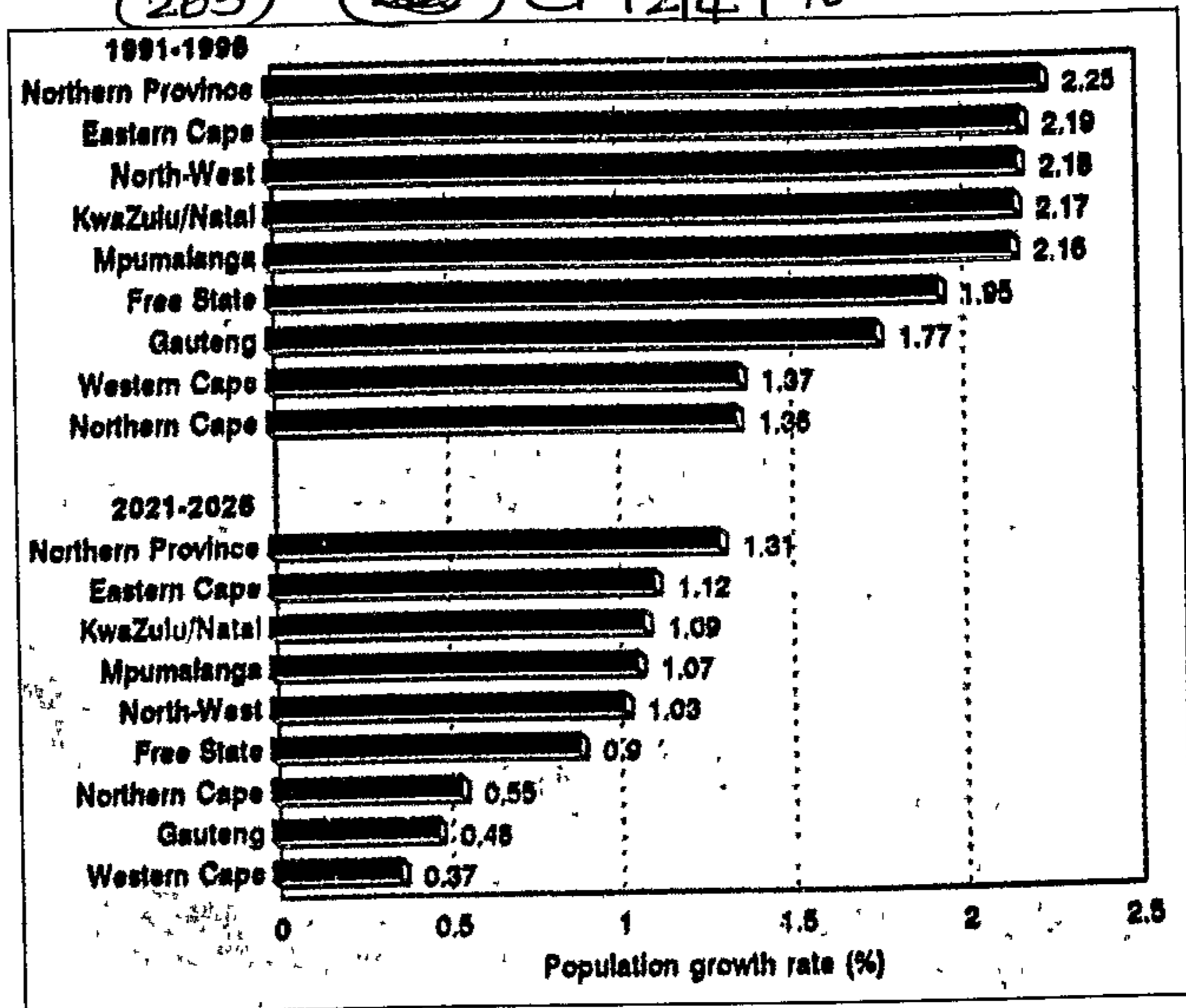
The institute's director, Professor Philip Spies, said that unless there was a balanced development strategy, Cape Town could face serious problems. Part of the solution to the Western Cape would be in the Eastern Cape, where development could reduce immigration to the Western Cape.

He also said these projections were a warning signal to the urban areas, although he added "It could have been worse!"

Roux, who spoke at the launch of the institute's *Forecasts of the South African Population*, by Dr Barbel Haldenwang and Mr Nelius Boshoff, said that although the total population is not increasing as rapidly as previously thought, the growth in absolute numbers remained enormous.

The implications of an increase of almost 23 million over the next 30 years were vast, particularly in regard to poverty, unemployment, housing shortages, lack of education and health care services, water and food shortages.

If the unemployment rate remained the



same, and there was a growth rate of about 6,75%, the number of jobless people would reach a staggering 14,2 million by 2026 and increase on average by 199 230 a year.

The potentially economic active population would increase by 61% to 67%.

Because of the annual increase of 189 133 schoolchildren over the next 10 years, about 5 000 classrooms would have to be built annually in addition to about 47 000 classrooms required over the next 10 years to accommodate 1,8 million children now outside the education system.

Roux said South Africa had a housing backlog of three million and the population growth would add 168 000 to this backlog for each year for the next 30 years. This meant 267 981 houses would have to be built every year at an annual

cost of R4,5 billion if basic units cost R16 933 each.

At present South Africans were each supplied on average 926 cubic metres of water, already below the international minimum of 1 000 cubic metres, below which was regarded as a severe constraint on social development and environmental protection, but if water supply was not increased, the supply would drop to 602 cubic metres per person.

Haldenwang and Boshoff said the population density would increase from 34,3 people a hectare to 52,9 a hectare over the next 30 years.

However, the birth rate was dropping among all groups and was now 2,02% compared with 2,5/2,6% previously and this would drop to 0,96% between 2021 and 2026.

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JUDGE CONFIDENT OF MEETING DEADLINE

Urgent meeting called to keep polls on track

IN A BID TO keep the Cape rural elections on track, Judge J W Smalberger has called an urgent meeting to mediate the dispute over election models. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports

TWO judges of the Special Electoral Court are due to meet non-statutory members of the deadlocked provincial committee this afternoon in a bid to mediate the dispute over the Western Cape rural election model.

Committee chairperson Ms Hilda Ndude said court chairman Judge J W Smalberger yesterday invited her and two non-statutory colleagues, Mr John Neels and Mr Kam Chetty, to a meeting with him and fellow judge Mr Justice Edwin King

"I hope we can find a solution which will enable the elections to go ahead," Ndude said yesterday

Local Government MEC Peter Marais, who yesterday called for Ndude's resignation for "incompetence and being unrepresentative of non-statutory role players" said a senior counsel and attorney would attend on behalf of the statutory committee members

Ndude said she objected to the "selective consultation" by Marais of rural communities and his insistence that farm people get equal representation with townspeople in managing district councils

The ANC claims this is undemocratic because it ignores population distribution

Judge Smalberger said yesterday his court would "do its utmost" to see that rural elections in the Western Cape were not delayed

He was reacting to a Cape Times report that the court was unlikely to

reach a decision in time for rural elections set for May 29.

Judge Smalberger said he and his four fellow judges were "very conscious of the need for elections to proceed as planned"

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Natal elections may be postponed

PPF TOPTA The postponement of the 22nd of February South African 20th anniversary election scheduled for May 29 had to be considered. President Nelson Mandela said yesterday

"We cannot ignore the fact that many people have died," he told reporters at his official Pretoria residence. "What is the point of having elections if no one organisation cannot do their political work in the area. The cause is the reason which has compelled us to examine the question of whether the elections should be postponed or staggered"

Stressing that all parties should be consulted before a final decision was taken, Mandela said he

would meet IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthe later today to discuss the matter in Cape Town today

He was earlier briefed by Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Chris Tramer and his deputy Mr Vuli Moolana on the situation in the province

Mandela said he had accepted their recommendation on the need for further consultation within the government on the date of the local poll in the province

This is a very delicate situation, he said. There should be consultation with various political parties contesting the election

— Sapa

"I am a political functionary and am therefore allowed to take political decisions," he said

It was incumbent upon the non-stats to have consulted before concurring with him — as they did last year on a "less favourable" model.

He said the purpose of regional service council levies was to tax rich industrial areas and business sectors and use this money to upgrade poorer areas which lacked infrastructure.

"My suggestion therefore is that poorer areas be placed in an equal position with industrial areas to bargain for finances," he said.

The ANC position flew in the face of their own policy of wealth redistribution, Marais added

The disputed model has 80% proportional representation, 10% farmer nominees and 10% farm labour nominees.

Judges fail to solve rural elections row

By NORMAN WEST

THE Electoral Court will sit in Cape Town tomorrow to rule on a formula for rural elections in the Western Cape after two of its member judges failed this week to mediate an end to the dispute between the ANC and NP

Electoral Court president Mr Justice J W Smalberger and fellow judge Mr Justice Edward King held discussions on Friday with ANC representatives Hilda Ndude, Kam Chetty and John Neels

The ANC trio are all members of the Provincial Committee on Local Government (PCLG)

The three were unable to reach agreement with the NP's three rep-

resentatives on the PCLG on a plan for the May 29 elections, which involve an estimated 155 000 voters on farms and settlements

At the heart of the squabble is the composition of future District Councils (DCs), which will replace the Regional Services Councils

Ironically, the ANC representatives had previously concurred on the composition of the DCs. Spokesman Cameron Dugmore confirmed yesterday that they had originally agreed on 50 percent rural representatives (farmers and farm workers) and 50 percent town council members

The Local Government Minister, Peter Marais, subsequently proclaimed the 50/50 election model in

the Government Gazette

However, sources said, the ANC appeared to have changed their minds after being grilled on the issue by their principals

Mr Dugmore explained the ANC had voiced its reservations after taking a closer look at the model, but Mr Marais had gone ahead with the proclamation

Added Mr Dugmore "At this late stage the ANC is still prepared to negotiate a settlement to avoid any delay in holding the elections on schedule"

Retorted Mr Marais "The ANC have wasted enough time

" They know they have no case. The legal process must now take its course"

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Council authorises floating of R350m municipal stock loan

By JEREMY WOODS

CAPE TOWN City Council has authorised the floating of a municipal stock loan of up to R350-million for infrastructure spending.

About R150-million will be spent this year on general infrastructure projects such as roads and drainage, while the balance is scheduled to be spent next year.

But the financing move has been severely criticised by councillor Arthur Wienburg, who maintains that if the consumer arrears owed to the city on rates, electricity and water had been collected,

the loan, and its interest rate charges would not be necessary.

"If the city was paid the money it is owed on consumer arrears, this loan and the cost of it would not become a burden on Capetonians," says Mr Wienburg.

Arrears owed to the city by consumers amount to some R154-million. Rates arrears are R60-million, electricity arrears are R67-million and outstanding water bills are R27-million.

But Mr Wienburg's view was not supported by council, who authorised the floating of a loan up to R350-million.

"In normal times this general infras-

tructure spending might have been satisfied from our cash resources. But this is an exceptional year for the council because areas previously under our jurisdiction will now be divided up into new structures who may well feel they have a claim on some of our cash resources," said Peter Lever, deputy city treasurer.

Mr Lever said that while the level of consumer arrears was on the high side, "they will always be an issue of concern".

"But the city does not have a cash flow problem. We are simply matching long-

term lending with long-term infrastructure spending. We cannot in this year of all years, legitimately use our cash reserves and provisions when they may have to be divided up at the end of the current year among interested parties with a claim on those resources."

Mr Lever emphasised the city was not suffering from a lack of cash.

"As at March 31, Cape Town had R405-million cash on deposit. Mr Wienburg is entitled to his view on this financing, but it is not a view that was endorsed by city council who voted in favour of the funding arrangements."

Mandela woos coloureds in poll campaign

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — President Nelson Mandela summoned his powers of persuasion at the weekend to prise the coloured community loose from their predominant allegiance to the NP.

In visits to the Cape Flats townships of Delft and Belhar to rouse support for the ANC in the forthcoming local gov-

ernment elections, he sought to allay fears about the future under an ANC government, fears he said the NP had tried to encourage.

Mandela said he was concerned some coloured people believed their best protection lay in seeing themselves as a minority who must close ranks with other minorities. With its apartheid history and the suffering

it caused, the NP could never be the coloured people's home, he said. Mandela repudiated claims that the ANC's affirmative action programme favoured only Africans, saying it aimed to empower all those discriminated against under apartheid, including coloureds and Indians.

He gave assurances that the ANC would respect all languages.

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'Battle of wills hampers Western Cape planning'

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — A tug-of-war between two Western Cape provincial government ministries over the nature of economic development and who should control the process has hampered the evolution of strategic planning in the province, sources have claimed.

They blamed the battle of wills between agriculture, planning and tourism minister Lampie Fick (NP) and economic affairs and RDP minister Chris Nissen (ANC) for the fact that no statute had been formulated to accredit the province's 150 RDP forums. It was also responsible, the sources said, for the delay in finalising legislation for a provincial development council.

Fick and Nissen denied any personal conflict, but Nissen conceded differences of opinion over the "definition and nature of development planning".

He denied that this conflict was holding back development and said RDP forums were playing an important role in implementing the programme even though they had not been formally accredited.

The main debate is about the redefinition of development planning nationally, Nissen said. He believed development planning was an intersectoral and interdepartmental activity and not "a function or responsibility of a single department, as minister Fick would like us to believe.

"He would like to use the opportunity to redefine development planning in such a manner that puts his department as a supradepartment within the province. In doing this he takes away the powers and roles of other departments involved in planning.

Because he believed development planning was an interdepartmental activity, Nissen has called for the establishment of a cabinet committee on development planning bringing together all the ministries involved.

Fick, however, said that Nissen's responsibility was to promote trade and industry only, while his department dealt with planning.

"My department formulates the inputs from each line-function department into one provincial strategy. There is no question who drives development in the province. The RDP is not a line function. It is a programme. Mr Nissen has the responsibility to drive this programme," Fick said.

While he supported the role of RDP forums he felt their establishment had been "heavily politicised".

The tension between the two ministries, has expressed itself in the formulation of the Provincial Development Council Bill, which provided for a 45-person body representing government, business, labour, agriculture and other interest groups to formulate economic strategy and monitor the implementation of the RDP.

District council

'undemocratic'

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MORE than 100 delegates, representatives from mission stations, rural settlements, farm worker organisations and some farmers, said yesterday in Worcester they could not accept the undemocratic structure of the district council.

The delegates unanimously rejected the model proposed by Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais, but said they would accept the proposed Transitional Representative Councils to allow the May 29 elections to go ahead, although it was not the preferred option. Rural Task Team convener Mr Riyahd Williams said a delegation would go to the offices of Marais and Premier Mr Hennis Kriel today to hand over their demands — Staff Writer

ANC, NP deadlock over polls

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The matter has now been referred to the Electoral Court for a decision

By Waghied Misbach
Political Reporter

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"All our pleas for him to listen have fallen on deaf ears," she said. Ndude said the Electoral Court will be sitting either on Friday or next week to decide on the issue.

Meanwhile, ANC's election campaign in the rural areas will continue despite the uncertainty about the structure of the rural councils, says the party's Western Cape spokesperson, Brent Simons. Simons confirmed that a number of prominent MPs, including cabinet ministers, will join a road show at the weekend aimed at wooing voters in Cape Town's coloured townships.

W Cape elections will go on - ANC

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Political Reporter

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THE African National Congress is "optimistic" that local government elections in the Western Cape will go ahead even if a dispute over a model for rural councils in the province had not been resolved by today's cut-off date

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"All our pleas for him to listen have fallen on deaf ears," she said, adding that the Electoral Court will be sitting on either Friday or next week to decide on the issue.

Meanwhile, the ANC was continuing with its election campaign in the rural areas and would continue despite the uncertainty over the council structures, said ANC Western Cape spokesman Brent Simons.

Mandela urged to solve poll dispute

Metro Reporter

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THE ANC is to ask President Mandela to intervene in a dispute over a Western Cape rural local government model, which is likely to delay elections in rural areas in the province

This was announced at a press conference yesterday after a summit in Worcester over the weekend when representatives of local councils, farm-workers, mission stations and other groups rejected a model put forward by Local Government Minister P ter Marais

Mr Marais has said that he is taking the matter to the Special Electoral Court

But the ANC appealed yesterday for a political solution to the impasse

Ryaad Williams, a spokesman for the Rural Task Team, said Mr Marais's proposal was not based on representative and democratic government but on political expediency

He accused Mr Marais of wishing to limit the influence of the ANC which had won majorities in some of the rural towns, by weighting rural representation on district councils

"There will be no settlement unless district council representation is in line with proportional representation," Mr Williams said

He believed the process could be salvaged if Mr Mandela intervened

He said the Special Electoral Court would not resolve the matter because an issue of constitutionality was at stake

Vredendal, Worcester and other towns had passed political resolutions to take the matter to the Supreme Court if necessary

Electoral Court to decide on NP's proposed rural councils

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — A second application to the Electoral Court, replacing the one lodged last week by NP provincial committee members, was brought yesterday by local government MEC Peter Marais

The court, which was due to sit yesterday to hear the first application, would now probably sit on Friday, sources said.

The first application was based on the failure of ANC provincial committee members to inform Marais of their decision regarding his proposed model for rural government.

Following an unsuccessful meeting with two electoral court judges on Friday afternoon, the ANC members forwarded their written reply to Marais rejecting his proposals. This led yesterday to Marais declaring a formal dispute in terms of the Local Government Transition Act and applying to the Electoral Court for a ruling on his proposed model for district and transitional councils for rural areas.

NP disintegrating in Western Cape DP

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The NP-controlled Western Cape government was frozen with inaction and impotence while the party itself was disintegrating through attrition, resignations and criminal investigations, DP leader Tony Leon said last night at the launch of the DP's local government election campaign.

He predicted that the DP would perform the strongest in Cape Town's southern substructure, hold the balance of power in the central substructure and win significant representation in other substructures.

Proclaiming that the DP was the only effective opposition to waste and corruption, Leon said it was "astounding how much the new govern-

ment has learned from the old about writing cheques, hiring expensive consultants to do the work of our bloated over-paid public service and flying around on planes".

The ANC was increasingly using the "dangerous trump card of race to stifle democratic debate ... The ANC is crying racism whenever their hands get caught in the cookie jar."

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Last ditch bid to end poll impasse

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PROVINCIAL Committee chairperson Hilda Ndude has called a meeting for this afternoon in a last ditch attempt to find a solution to the rural election impasse hours before the Electoral Court is asked to settle the matter.

Ndude is to meet with members of the Provincial Committee, the Western Cape Agricultural Union, the Rural Task Team and has also invited Local Government MEC Pétér Marais.

If an agreement is reached the way will be cleared for holding the May 29 elections and it may no longer be necessary for the Electoral Court to convene tomorrow.

In papers prepared for tomorrow's court hearing, the non-concurring members of the Provincial Committee claim proper consultation was not done when the rural local government structures were established.

They further claim that Marais had acted in bad faith and in conflict with the constitution.

The model proposed by Marais was not reasonably capable of "developing a democratic, effective and affordable system of local government" on the basis of a 50/50 representation on district councils.

The non-concurring members also claim that Marais had acted for "narrow party political gain" in electing to neutralise large councils where ANC support is known to be strong with smaller councils where the NP hopes to elicit support.

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Western Cape govt 'frozen'

GOVERNMENT in the Western Cape was "frozen in the ice of its inaction and impotence", with a decline of nearly 80% in contracts awarded to builders between the first five months of 1994 and the same period in 1995, Democratic Party leader Mr Tony Leon said last night

The value of the building contracts had dropped from R600 million in the first five months of 1994 to R129m in the first five months of 1995, he said at the DP's campaign launch for the Cape Metropolitan elections.

This decline was attributable to bureaucratic tangle and builders had told the DP it could take up to a year before a permit was granted — Political

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COURTING A RURAL MODEL

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Local elections hang on a thread for the Western Cape's 1,3m rural voters who will be unable to vote with the rest of the province on May 29 unless the Special Electoral Court can decide on a model for rural and district councils in record time.

It would be the second delay to local elections in the province because of in-fighting between the NP and ANC. In November, 75% of the Western Cape was prevented from voting with the rest of SA when the NP and ANC couldn't agree on new municipal boundaries.

Local government MEC Peter Marais referred the dispute to the court on Monday, after ANC members of the provincial committee on local government rejected his third proposal for the composition of the 27 transitional rural councils which will govern agricultural areas.

The court sits in Cape Town on Friday to rule on the NP MEC's proposal that farmers and farm workers each nominate 10% of council members, with the balance elected on a proportional basis.

The ANC is also opposed to Marais' model for the seven district councils,

which will have overarching control of rural towns and agricultural areas. It argues that to split the seats on district authorities 50-50 between town and rural councils as proposed would give the NP-dominated farming areas a disproportionate share of seats given their relatively small populations. It would prefer town councils to have 70% of the seats.

Marais' spokesman on constitutional matters Michael Brewis says the court will have to make a decision this weekend so that rural elections can be held in six weeks. Voter education and the printing of ballot papers cannot begin until there's clarity on the nature of the elections.

The dispute has obscured the main battle to be fought between the ANC and NP in the Western Cape — for the coloured vote. The NP needs to secure its only provincial power base against the inroads made by the ANC in the November elections, when it obtained control of 16 towns to the NP's 11 and won 306 seats to the NP's 292.

However, this does not necessarily indicate a huge swing in coloured support towards the ANC. Worcester was one of the few towns the ANC won without the leg-up of the 50-50 agreement which gave black local authorities the same representation as white and coloured wards.

At the time, an Institute for Democracy in SA (Idasa) survey showed there had been little change in levels of coloured support for the NP and ANC since the general election, when the NP won control of the province with 56% of the vote against the ANC's 33%.

Idasa's Bob Mattes says voter turnout on May 29 could be a major determinant of whether the NP can retain its hold on the province. Only 60% of eligible Western Cape voters did so in the November elections. "The NP has to push that percentage much higher to do well. African voters are likely to come out in larger volumes than whites or coloureds because of their greater level of politicisation. This is obviously to the advantage of the ANC, which also has the support of a core group of highly politicised coloured voters who will turn out in their numbers."

However, Mattes believes that the NP is better organised in coloured areas closer to Cape Town and may have better candidates than it had in rural areas. It's also delivered more infrastructure in the city, for which it can claim credit. ■

Path is cleared for Western Cape poll

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Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The ANC compromised yesterday on a rural government model for the Western Cape, clearing away the last obstacle to full elections in the province on May 29.

The ANC's concession on proposals — with which it still strongly disagrees — was conditional on a legal challenge being launched against certain aspects of the model after the elections.

Settlement of the three-month dispute between the ANC and NP allayed anxieties that elections in seven district councils and 27 rural councils in the province would be postponed for the second time.

The provincial committee agreed yesterday that, in the light of the ANC's formal concurrence, the Special Electoral Court sitting today on an NP application would not proceed.

ANC legal advisers said the electoral court was powerless to deal with the constitutional issues involved, and the matter would have had to be re-

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ferred to the Constitutional Court, which might not have been able to deal with it before June

Western Cape ANC leader Chris Nissen said: "The ANC views the rural local government elections as a crucial final step in the process of transformation towards democracy."

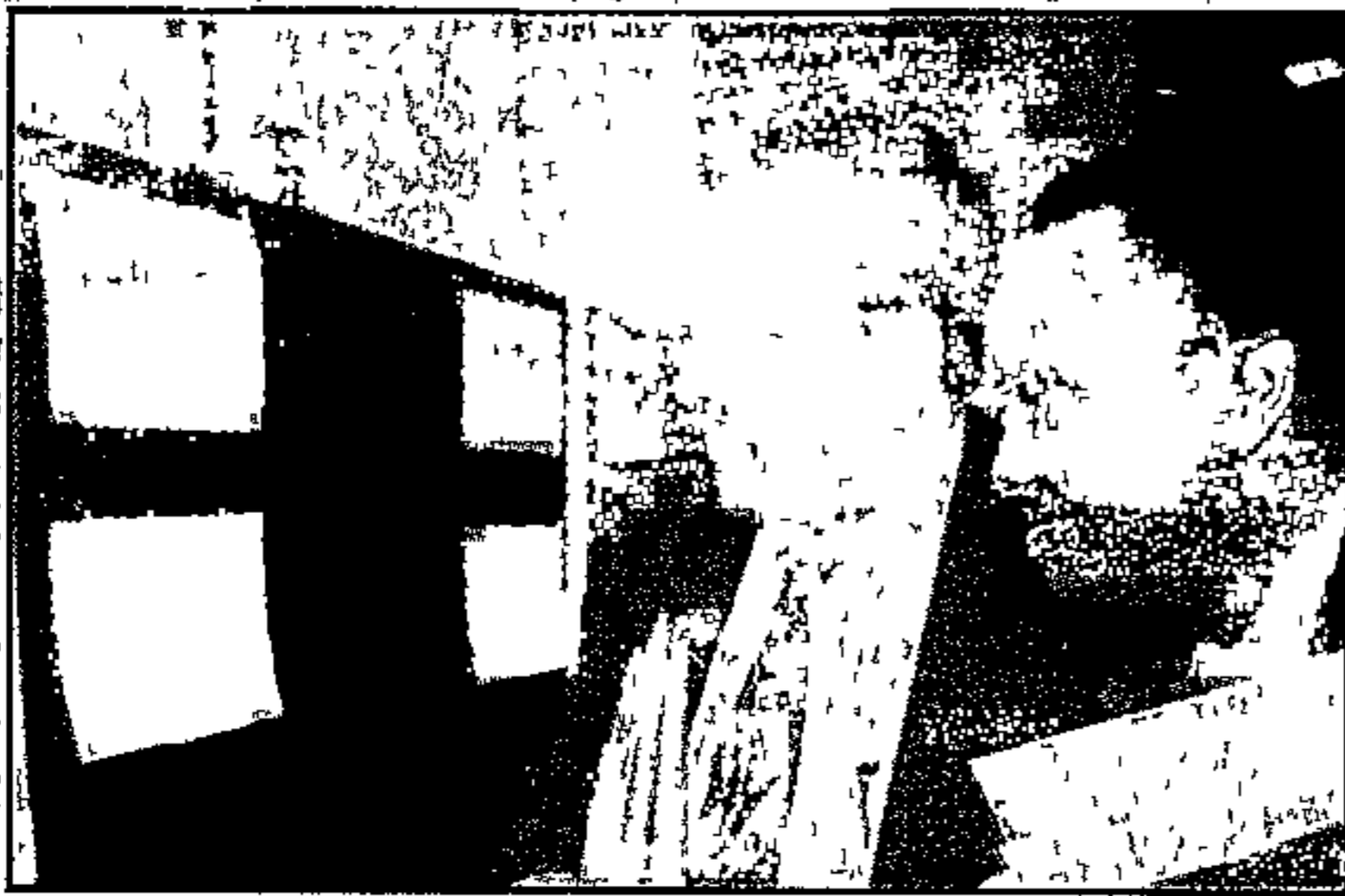
The elections would be held on the basis of transitional representative councils in rural areas elected 80% by proportional representation, with 10% of seats nominated by farmers and 10% by farm workers.

District councils would be composed of an equal number of representatives

Nissen said the ANC opposed this "deeply flawed" model for district councils and would support a challenge by rural town councils in the Supreme Court and/or the Constitutional Court within seven days of the election.

The councils of Worcester, Hopefield, Paarl, Robertson and other towns have resolved to contest the composition of district councils in court on grounds that they are unconstitutional and legally invalid.

The ANC called on local government MEC Peter Marais to hold a conference for the major rural stakeholders to reach consensus on a rural local government model. It attacked Marais for his lack of consultation in drawing up the model and resorting to "undemocratic devices"



Picture OBED ZILWA, Staff Photographer

KEEN CANDIDATES: Leon Markovitz of the National Party and Bathembu Lugulwana of the Pan Africanist Congress scrutinise the lists of candidates posted on nomination day. Yesterday saw the six substructures and the Cape Metropolitan Council announce which candidates had made the grade.

ANC scores pre-poll lead

ANDREA WEISS
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THE African National Congress has won 12 of the 174 ward seats in the Cape metropole election six weeks before the first ballot is due to be cast.

This emerged as returning officers in the six substructures and the Cape Metropolitan Council announced the names of 617 ward candidates who will be running for election on May 29. Hundreds of other candidates have been nominated by political parties on proportional lists.

The ANC won in unopposed seats.

Nomination day yesterday marked the start of the six-week race for votes, with more than 12 parties having been accepted to contest proportional representation seats on the new councils, including all the main political parties and several local alliances.

Four of the ANC's unop-

posed candidates are in the KTC/Crossroads/Nyanga area of the central substructure where opponents fell by the wayside, in three wards, while in the fourth there was one nomination. The other eight seats are at Lwandle, Somerset West, and fall within the Helderberg substructure.

All eight of these wards were opposed by "independent" candidates apparently backed by the Pan Africanist Congress but who were

rejected for non-payment of services.

In the other substructures, namely Eastern, Southern, Tygerberg and Northern, all ward seats are being opposed.

Some candidates were rejected for non-payment of services or because they did not collect enough signatures.

The PAC emerged as the party with the most rejections, with nine of its nomi-

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nations on the proportional representation list of the central substructure falling by the wayside, and a further five ward candidates falling out in this municipality.

This pattern was repeated in the other substructures. The major reason for rejection was for non-payment.

All the ANC's candidates in the central substructure were accepted, while seven NP candidates were rejected.

The picture in each of the substructures is as follows:

- In Central there are 44 wards being contested by 182 candidates while 12 parties will be fighting for 30 proportional representation seats.

- In the Tygerberg, 44 ward seats are being fought by 169 candidates, and 10 parties will campaign for the 28 proportional representation seats.

- In the Northern substructure, 80 ward candidates are fighting for 18 seats, while six parties are contesting the 12 proportional representation seats.

- In the Eastern substructure, there are 101 ward candidates fighting for 24 ward seats, and 10 parties fighting for 16 proportional representation seats.

- In the Helderberg, 55 ward candidates are contesting 20 ward seats, while nine parties are contesting 12 proportional representation seats.

- In the Southern substructure, 107 ward candidates are fighting for 22 ward seats and nine parties are fighting for 14 proportional representation seats.

Rural voters spared local poll delay

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RURAL voters in the Western Cape have been spared a delay in the election on May 29 after the African National Congress backed off its objections to a model proposed by Local Government Minister Peter Marais.

The ANC capitulated on the eve of a sitting of the Special Electoral Court to resolve the dispute, which has been five months in the running.

Premier Hennis Kriel said in a statement that he welcomed the ANC's decision not to proceed with court action, because it was "imperative that an orderly and democratic local government system be established in rural areas".

The electorate in rural areas will now vote for 80 percent of its representatives on a proportional representation basis, with 20 percent being nominated by special interest groups, namely farmers and farmworkers.

In addition, transitional rural councils and local councils will have equal representation on district councils, which are over-arching bodies for both farming areas and the towns.

This model of government was derived from the Local Government Transition Act, Mr Kriel said.

Mr Marais said that the ANC's concurrence with the proposed model effectively halted all legal proceedings.

He said the ANC action exonerated him from allegations that he had acted in bad faith or unconstitutionally.

The minister added that he regretted that "substantial legal costs had to be incurred because of the stubbornness of the ANC members on the provincial committee".

SATURDAY focus 1

election pot brims over with the boiling issues

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Local elections in the Cape metro have anything but a local flavour with President Nelson Mandela and deputy president FW de Klerk actively involved in their parties' efforts to improve their positions in the May 29 election. **ANDREA WEISS** reports.

TEACHERS' jobs, gangsterism and collapsing houses - everything is being thrown into the election pot as the two main protagonists in the Cape metro election, the African National Congress and National Party, square up for the "mother" local elections

President Nelson Mandela and Deputy President FW de Klerk, hit the campaign trail this week, proving that far more than just control of local councils is at stake when voters go to the polls on May 29

The Cape metro is the economic engine that drives the province and is home to 75 percent of voters in the Western Cape. Next to Gauteng, the country's second-largest centre of economic activity, and growing fast in importance because it is a desirable location for international investors. This makes it an important prize for whoever ultimately gains control of the province

For the NP, the priority is to increase, or at least hold on to the majority it achieved in the election in 1994, to prove that it will still be a force to reckon with in the future and to stave off attrition it saw last year when the ANC wrestled control of several large towns. In a sense, it's a battle for long-term survival, particularly in the province that is currently its seat of power, but because the party still wants to be on the national map after 1999, preferably as the official opposition

For the ANC, wresting control from the NP at the local level would place it in a better position to mount a challenge for the next provincial election. Local government is best placed to achieve its goals on the ground, not least because it has its own tax base and does not depend on central government as much as the province does for funding. This makes political control at the local level a valuable tool

De Klerk let slip what he believes is at stake in a speech to local election candidates in Cape Town this week



□ Squaring up: FW de Klerk and President Mandela

"At the end of the day, the question is about a very big issue. And that is the question of whether this country is going to be a true democracy, or whether this country will become a one-party state," he said.

At the same meeting, the NP made an effort to demonstrate that it had evolved into a truly "non-racial party", employing a traditional praise singer to introduce Mr De Klerk, and ensuring that his words were translated into Xhosa for the African candidates challenging the ANC in Khayelitsha.

But the party was also at pains to ensure that it nurtured its main support-base within the coloured community by employing familiar "Cape" cultural icons, such as the minstrel band that shared the stage.

Democratic Party leader Tony Leon confirmed that opposition politics was one of the key issues in the election campaign. When, at the launch of the DP's campaign on Wednesday, he described his party as the "only effective opposition to the parties responsible for the spectacular waste and corruption".

The NP and ANC were so close as to be virtually indistinguishable, he charged, calling them the "old socialists" and the "new socialists".

The DP has blitzed the suburbs where it expects to have a good showing with a poster campaign, styling itself as the party of principle that will fight for ratepayers' rights and keep the other players on their toes. The DP believes that it might secure its first majority within a local authority in the new Southern substructure, which stretches from Wynberg to Cape Point. It may well be in with a fighting chance, given that this area is not subject to the 50/50 provision within the Local Government Transition Act that reserves half the wards for former black local authorities. Last year, the NP lost its battle to keep Khayelitsha out of the new municipality of Tygerberg during the epic boundary dispute, and has begun its election in what ought to be its power-base at a disadvantage. The 50/50 provision does apply in Tygerberg, with the consequence that at least 22 of the 44 available

ward seats are likely to go to the ANC because they are in Khayelitsha.

With about 250 000 Tygerberg voters concentrated in the white and coloured areas, compared with about 150 000 voters in the African areas, the NP is likely to have the edge on the proportional representation component of the vote, but it will have to hold the line.

The DP also anticipates a look-in in Tygerberg, focusing its efforts on the well-heeled suburbs lying to the north of the N1, and every vote lost to the DP here could compromise the NP's thin majority on the proportional representation list.

This also explains why the ANC has been focusing part of its election campaign on the troubled residents of Delft, whose houses are in poor repair, with President Nelson Mandela making a personal visit to the area. Delft falls within Tygerberg, and votes accruing to the ANC would once again nibble at the NP's anticipated majority.

In the largest of the new municipalities, the Central substructure, it is widely acknowledged that the ANC is likely to emerge the victor. This argument is based on the calculation that the ANC will win its 22 wards seats in former black local authority areas, while the NP and DP vote will be split in the other wards, with the odd independent candidate thrown in, possibly including Arthur Wienburg, who is a strong contender. In addition, the ANC can rely on the largest proportional representation vote in this area.

While the ANC may not have a total majority, it will be the biggest single player in Central, with the DP possibly playing the "balance of power" role it so covets.

NP victories are likely in the remaining Northern, Helderberg and Eastern substructures, although the ANC believes it has grounds for optimism in Eastern, which has in its midst the Blue Downs and the informal settlement of Bloekombos near Kraaifontein.

Because of tensions between the province and local government, spurred on by the brash

style of local government minister Peter Marais, an ANC majority at local level could see it playing the role of the opposition party to Hermus Kriel's NP-led provincial government.

But quite clearly the tensions between provincial and local government are not what is driving the election campaign at present. Instead, the more open antagonism between the province and central government is occupying centre stage.

This explains why the future of about 6 000 Western Cape teachers has become the primary election issue, with the province accusing central government, and more specifically the majority party, the ANC, of forcing it to lay off teachers. The ANC, in turn, has countered that it's the Western Cape government that is choosing to manage the education crisis in this way.

Ironically, it may be the city's Olympic Bid that will save the open wounds bleeding so freely at present. While central government might have a political problem in supporting the Western Cape's bid because of this hostility, it will be hard-pressed to find a reason to walk away from the economic opportunity the Olympics presents for the country and the financial benefits some predict.

Mr Kriel has been quick to see the advantage of supporting the bid, issuing a statement this week that gives qualified financial support to the bid if all the other tiers of government make the necessary contributions.

He promised upwards of R200 million, or the equivalent of 15 percent of the costs of putting in the competition and training facilities and bulk services over the next seven years. However, he linked this undertaking to the need for more money to the Western Cape for the Olympics, saying this financial allocation should be fixed for at least the next five years.

In addition, he's asking for the VAT intended to be raised from casinos and gambling revenues to be paid directly to provincial government, thereby securing a tax base for the province, and giving it some financial freedom.

If he pulls that off, then he will have scored a point for his party's federalist ideals.

IFP hopes Western Cape poll will boost 1999 showing

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The IFP would be fielding only 13 candidates in the May local government elections in the Western Cape, a small number which it nevertheless hoped would raise its profile ahead of the 1999 elections, Western Cape chairman Alan Gibson said yesterday.

All the candidates would stand in

the black and coloured townships, where Gibson claimed the party's support had grown "enormously", especially among Xhosa-speakers

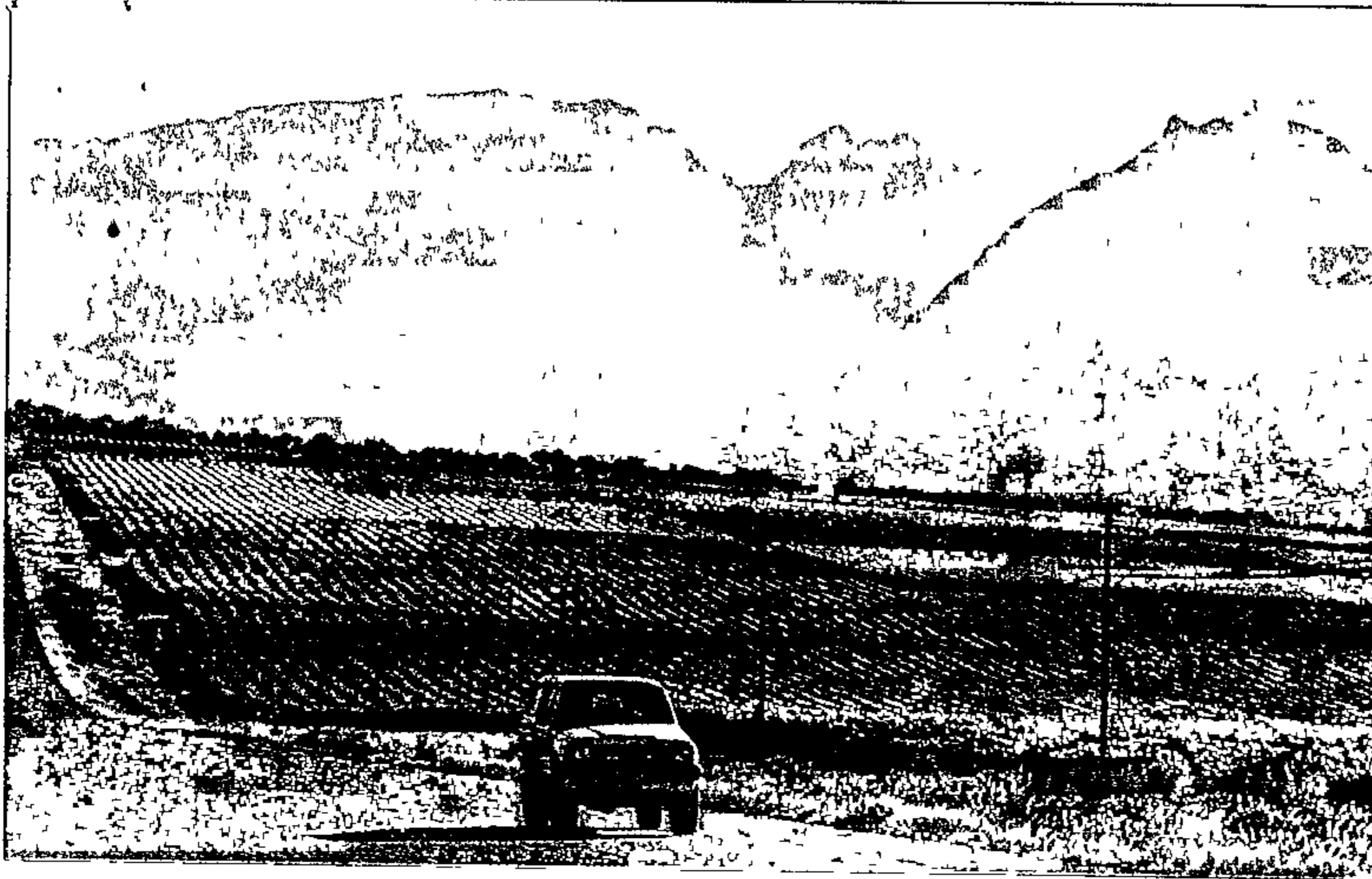
He estimated the party had 25 000 provincial members, saying that it was hampered by the wrong perception that it was a Zulu party

"We are looking to the future, as we sincerely believe that the NP will not be a force to be reckoned with in

1999," he said

IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi launched the party's campaign at the weekend, saying that he saw the Western Cape as a future IFP power base

Other speakers are to include arts and culture minister Ben Ngubane, correctional services minister Sipo Mzimela and IFP secretary-general Ziba Jiyane



POSTCARD PICTURE The Hex River Valley and the town of De Doorns is a picture of beauty and prosperity, but behind the vineyards there is hardship and poverty

SEVEN OR MORE PEOPLE PER HOUSEHOLD

Battling hunger in the Hex

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THE Hex River Valley and the town of De Doorns on the N1 is pretty and prosperous. It's the kind of scene we use to boost tourism to South Africa — but poverty is rife alongside the beautiful vineyards. Specialist Writer DIANE CASSERE and photographer BENNY GOOL visited Operation Hunger's pilot scheme at De Doorns.



JUST beyond the pretty town of De Doorns, in that lovely valley situated just before start of the Klein Karoo where people catch their breath at the beauty of it, is a squalid, poverty-stricken settlement

As we pulled into the township at 2pm, an Operation Hunger truck fitted with loudspeakers was urging inhabitants to come and have their children weighed. Inside were field workers Mr Clement Summerton and Mr Joe Kulu.

Operation Hunger, that stalwart of the malnutrition battle, has two pilot schemes at De Doorns and Klipfontein. The organisation is moving towards a new style of assistance for the hungry, one of making a community self-sufficient and nutrition literate before gradually moving out to resume the fight on another front.

There are three areas of poverty at De Doorns: Ekuphumleni, Hasiesdorp and Die Woonbuurt. In the latter there is formal housing, but in the other two there are only shacks.

Operation Hunger's community assessment says "Households are on the whole very large with 49% of respondents having seven or more members per household. The average household size is eight with some having as many as 22 occupants. Seventy-five percent of the respondents have only one or

two rooms in which to sleep."

The assessment continues further on "The overcrowded living conditions expose children to various diseases and it affects the general health of the community."

"Job opportunities in De Doorns are very limited. The main economic activity in the Hex River Valley is the production and exporting of table grapes. The De Doorns municipal area serves as a labour reservoir for grape producers. For most of the target community employment opportunities only exist during the 'season' which lasts for four to five months per year (roughly mid-October to mid-March)."

"There is no economic back-up for the survey community in the remaining seven or more months of the year. Work opportunities are limited to the agricultural sector and wages are said to be very low. The target community has no access to agricultural land for their own exploitation. Very little new work opportunities have been created in De Doorns in recent years."

The report continues to outline a bleak situation, in which many people scratch for food in the municipal dumps, resulting in illness. Others admitted to resorting to theft and shebeening.

Summerton says getting the scheme off the ground in De Doorns was difficult because of

problems among community leaders. He and Kulu formed a liaison group and together they are inching forward. This year in February they were able to start the first stage, which is the weighing of all children from birth to six years. If their weight goes down in the target periods, they will be fed by Operation Hunger. Later the malnourished adults will be fed and nutrition education for the parents will start.

The day of our visit, weighing was being done at the school at Ekuphumleni. The area is home to some 800 families, and babies, some led or carried by children scarcely older than themselves, appeared at the scales in a seemingly never-ending stream. Clement and Kulu, assisted by Ms Eunice Mangaliso, a member of the liaison committee, eyed admirably, bawling out weights and names.

When the stream slowed down to a trickle late in the day, Summerton, with interjections from Kulu who continued to weigh babies, outlined the plan for the area. "Firstly, if you address malnutrition you have to deal with the basic causes. After the problem of dietary intake is addressed, we will start nutrition and health education."

"We will then implement self-help programmes, schemes that

will help the people during the winter season. For instance we want to start (building) block making. There is a plan to build more formal housing in the area and the builders could buy the blocks from this community."

"Basically if you combat malnutrition, the community eventually takes off. Once it does and the self-help schemes are in place, we will implement a strategic withdrawal."

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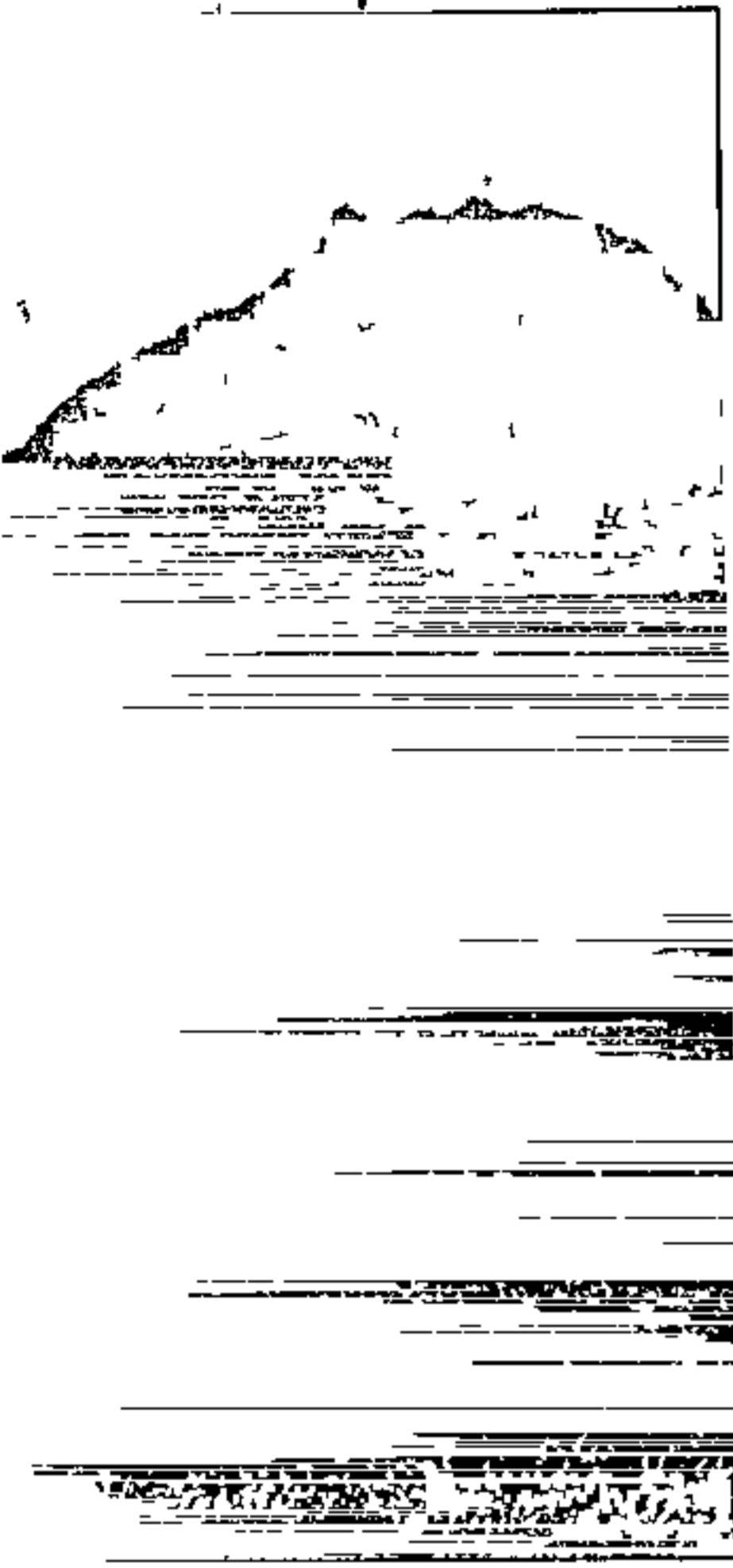


WEIGHT DOWN: Simnikiwe Mathlumba, age three months his weight went down from 13,78kg Hunger

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WEIGHT DOWN: Simnikwe Mathlumba, age seven years and five months, did not pass the weight test. In three months his weight went down from 13,78kg to 13,60kg. He will be one of the children fed by Operation Hunger.

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Cape Town debt loss R330-m

'Eventual result is higher tariffs'

ARG 25/4/96

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S losses through reduced cash inflows and irrecoverable debts were currently running at R53 million a year and the level of consumer debt - including black local authority arrears of R120 million - was about R330 million, acting city treasurer, Ronnie Grace has told the city council's executive

He was commenting on a motion by Councillor Arthur Wienburg, accepted by the council, to take all steps to recover debts owing to the city without fear or favour being given to any individual group or body.

The motion included the extension of the credit "blacklisting" procedure and establishing a policy in regard to genuine cases of hardship

Mr Grace said non-payment or delayed payment of debts had far-reaching and detrimental effects on the city's finances

Eventually the cost had to be borne by ratepayers and consumers through increased tariffs and charges.

His department applied commercial principles of credit control and debt recovery to the collection of arrears

This was done within the confines set by the council and its standing committees

The restriction placed on full recovery measures mainly related to moratoriums placed on eviction and repossession relating to council housing schemes and full disconnection of domestic water supplies

"Apart from these exceptions debt recovery measures are applied consistently and impartially throughout the whole of the consumer area," said Mr Grace

Arrears were currently increasing at the rate of about R7 million a month of which a major proportion, about R5 million, related to unpaid

service charges from black local authorities

But the government had recently given a firm commitment to the province to settle the major portion of black local authority debts up to December 1994. This would be done by way of three consecutive annual payments starting in the 1995/96 financial year

Rates and service charges (excluding black local authority debts) increased by R23,7 million, 11 per cent, in the 12 months ending December 1995 and council housing scheme arrears increased by R25,1 million

The housing committee had decided not to write off home ownership arrears and to establish a policy as far as home ownership arrears and convictions were concerned

Commenting on the credit "blacklisting" procedures, Mr Grace said the despatch of about 18 000 credit warning letters in January had proved to be reasonably successful

The measure was clearly less onerous from the debtor's point of view and the constraints and costs imposed through legal process

The extension of the scheme to arrears where primary recovery methods were only partially successful and legal recovery action not cost effective, should be supported

Commenting on poverty relief, Mr Grace said his department did not have the capacity or finances to establish and maintain a data base to administer a large scale poverty relief scheme

Consideration could be given to local financial support towards the relief of the poor, possibly through cross-subsidisation within local service tariffs through the introduction of life line schemes aimed at relieving consumers who had low or no income to pay for the minimum level of service required to sustain basic living conditions



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MANDELA MAGIC President Mandela arrives at the KVV function at the Paarl Town Hall. He is flanked by KVV managing director Willem Barnard, left, and KVV chairman, Lourens Jonker. Forming a "guard of honour" are members of the Paarl-Wellington regional choir

'Give parties access to farmworkers'

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Business Staff

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PRESIDENT Mandela has appealed to Western Cape wine farmers to give all political parties free access to farm labourers in the campaign leading up to the May 29 local government elections

"We must do everything possible to ensure that our democratic

ideals are realised, also by those who work on farms," Mr Mandela said yesterday at a ceremony in Paarl at which KVV presented him with a scroll of honour for his "decisive contribution in the lifting of sanctions and the opening of markets"

"Free access to farmworkers for all political parties will ensure that these voters have the freedom to vote for whom they will,"

Mr Mandela told about 250 farmers.

He praised KVV's stated opposition to the "tot" system, which KVV chairman Lourens Jonker assured him persisted in only one percent of 3 000 farms researched by the Rural Foundation

Mr Jonker described the tot system - in which farm labourers were paid partly with liquor - as "a totally unacceptable practice".

W Cape women vastly under-represented

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Metro Reporter

WOMEN in the Western Cape are vastly under-represented in positions of power and influence, two studies on the topic have found

The studies, one by the Development Action Group focusing on Working Women of the Western Cape, and the other by Idasa, entitled Women at the Periphery of Power, conclude that despite making up half the population, women are marginalised when it comes to positions of influence.

The DAG study found that the position was "dismal" when looking at boards of major companies and senior management in the Western Cape

Of six large companies with head offices in Cape Town, two had no women board members, and the other four had only one each. Most had only one woman in senior management. The best was eight percent women and 92 percent men in senior

management positions

In the provincial legislature, only 26 percent of seats were occupied by women and only one of the 10 members of the executive council (cabinet) was a woman - Martha Olckers, MEC for education and culture

At national level, only 14 percent of cabinet posts were held by women

The DAG study also found that women were more heavily represented than men in the lower-income groups, regardless of colour, but the biggest "in-race" gender income gap was between white women and white men. The smallest gender income gap was between African men and women, while African men and women were almost equally represented in the highest income categories

Idasa's Local Government Information Centre found that across the country, women secured 19,4 percent of seats on local councils, but at executive level, only 14,4 percent of seats

In the Western Cape's partial elections last year (in the towns), only

15,26 percent of seats had been won by women, and only two women had been elected to the position of executive committee chair

The bulk of women high up in councils were in the position of the more traditionally ceremonial appointments of mayor or deputy mayor, with women in the Western Cape clocking up four mayoralties and 12 deputy mayoralties

Only 19 women throughout the country held the position of chairing executive committees

The Idasa study concluded that while South Africa was one of the leading countries in terms of representation of women in local government - three percent higher than the average for the 25-member states of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - the fact that women held less than 20 percent of all elected positions in local government and just more than 14 percent of key executive ones showed that the country's "laurels quickly wither"

Independent Alliance warns on 'backroom manipulation'

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Metro Reporter

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THE Cape Independent Alliance has taken a dig at political party members who are standing on proportional representation lists without contesting ward seats

The CIA, which is led by Clive Keegan and Arthur Wienburg, said people who were on party lists but unwilling to fight ward seats were declining to "dirty their hands at the hustings and shamefully prefer to roll into senior council positions on the back of their parties' proportional lists"

They named Leon Markowitz, David Erleigh and William Bantom of the National Party; Neil Ross and Roger Hulley of the Democratic Party, and Nomandla Mfeketo, David Diali, Hanief Tiseker and Frank van der Velde of the African National Party as being in this category

"The Cape Independent Alliance has warned frequently against the manipulation of Cape Town's new city council by the party bosses in their remote smoke-filled backrooms

This warning call is reinforced by the alarming extent to which the senior leadership of all three major parties are riding into local government, anonymously and invisibly, on the back of PR lists," they said in a statement

"Community elections are either about seeking the mandate and support of local ratepayers, or they are a cynical exploitation by well-funded

party machines. It is frightening to note the extent to which local party bosses lack both the will and courage to fight ward elections"

The CIA said that by contrast, all its senior members were fighting wards with funds gathered from ordinary citizens in the conviction that "Capetonians want to be governed by Capetonians and not by the Gauteng-based Leons, Mandelas and De Klerks who festoon the city's lampposts".

● The ANC says its election machinery is "well-oiled" in comparison to other parties because it came up with a clean bill of health in the nominations for the Central substructure, unlike the National Party and the Pan Africanist Congress, and because it has already won 12 seats in uncontested wards

The party is also crowing about the apparent lack of interest shown by the residents of Mamre when Premier Hennis Kriel visited because "only five people turned up".

● The NP's youth committee has appealed to voters to cast their votes for their party because of its success in negotiating for the protection of minority rights in the constitution.

"The NP has taken the initiative with the idea of cultural councils which is now starting to pay off.

"The NP youth action would like to congratulate the senior party and appeal to the voters of the Western Cape to maintain untiring vigilance to ensure that the letter and spirit of this and other provisions of the constitution are adhered to"

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Kokstad and Matatiele 'should be part of Cape'

Farouk Chothia

BD 25/4/96

DURBAN — A central government-appointed commission had proposed the disputed towns of Kokstad and Matatiele, along with Umzimkhulu, form part of the Eastern Cape rather than KwaZulu-Natal, a government source said yesterday.

The source said the commission, chaired by Adv. Wim Trengove SC, had submitted its recommendations to Deputy President Thabo Mbeki on April 4. Central government was to have submitted the commission's report to the interprovincial committee, on which KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape government representatives serve, for deliberation. However, it has still not done so.

The source said central government preferred holding back the report until after local government elections as it was a "very sensitive" issue, and that the commission was divided over its recommendations. Mbeki's spokesman Ricky Naidoo could not be reached for comment.

KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose said last year the Eastern Cape government had "invaded" KwaZulu-Natal by setting up offices in Kokstad. Kokstad and Matatiele presently fall under KwaZulu-Natal while Umzimkhulu falls under the Eastern Cape. Both have laid claim to the areas, prompting central government to appoint the commission of inquiry. (263) (264)

Party leaders plan to defuse conflict over election period

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — Leaders from the main parties contesting the Western Cape elections have met to discuss ways to defuse possible conflicts which might arise between supporters of opposing political parties in the run-up to the May 29 local elections.

They also recommitted themselves yesterday to the electoral code of conduct and to communicate its contents to party members and supporters.

NP provincial leader Dawie de Villiers, ANC provincial leader Chris Nissen, DP provincial leader Henne Bester, ACDP MP Michael Louis, Freedom Front MP Eleanor Lombard and PAC secretary Yasiem Mohamed all made the public undertaking yesterday. They decided each party would appoint a senior leader from among its ranks to act jointly as a conflict resolution team with Prof Jaap du Randt as an independent chairman working in consultation with the provincial multiparty liaison committee.

The group would mediate complaints and attempt to prevent and solve conflicts.

Meanwhile, Sapa reported yesterday that the ANC had suspended about 30 party members in the Western Cape who decided to stand as independents in the elections. ANC provincial secretary James Ngculu said the candidates were mostly people who were not selected by the ANC or its alliance partners to stand for the elections. He said the members had been notified about their suspensions and that their positions in the organisation would be reviewed.

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Land-use

plan passed

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METRO WRITER

A LAND-USE plan that has
been drafted to stop urban
sprawl and lead to denser
development especially along
major public transport routes
has been accepted by the Cape
Metropolitan Council.

The nine-member report
made the report entitled the
Metropolitan Spatial Develop-
ment Plan by Bill van der
Merwe.

However the promoter still
has to approve the plan.

When the plan came before
the Metro Council a few
months ago, councillors
reminded to put a lid on
urban problems that

Some councillors are then
concerned about further densi-
fication and development
that would occur along routes
with a Metro Plan in the
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ANC, IFP LAUNCH POLL CAMPAIGNS

Buthelezi woos Bo-Kaap

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DANCING boys and singing girls laid on a special show for IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi when he launched the IFP's Western Cape election campaign in the Bo-Kaap yesterday, writes **MELANIE GOSLING**.

BUTHELEZI in the Bo-Kaap? It was a strange place to launch his election campaign and a very mixed audience that came to hear the Inkatha Freedom Party leader address his first Western Cape election rally.

In the Schotse Kloof Hall, women in IFP T-shirts sang traditional African songs and danced in the aisles, Hanover Park children sang "Wie het gesê jy moet in the pad van die IFP lê?", a few conservative-looking whites smiled and clapped toes to the music, and men in ethnic headbands and others in

Muslim fezzes waved IFP flags

Buthelezi quipped that photographers were probably "disappointed to see my regiment not carrying cultural weapons"

His political rally-cum-cabaret, opened with prayers by Sheik Ameroedien du Toit and the Rev Michael Abrahams, followed by songs from master of ceremonies Mr John van der Ross. A young woman in black lace sang "The Wind Beneath My Wings, stretching out her arm to Buthelezi when she sang the line "did you ever know, you're my hero?"

Mr Koos van der Merwe, MP, told a Van der Merwe joke and said in Afrikaans the IFP was "the only party which lets you stay as you are"

Ms Carol Jackson of Hanover Park told a beaming Buthelezi "I've finally met my prince"

On came the dancing boys — Van der Ross and four others in pink sequinned jackets, sunglasses and yellow bow-ties, who crooned "Cape Town is the place for me"

Buthelezi finally took the microphone. He apologised for not being able to speak in Afrikaans, adding that the IFP was not just for Zulus

● Referring to reports in Sunday newspapers regarding his alleged role in secret joint campaigns between IFP and South African security forces under Oper-

ation Maron, Buthelezi claimed the IFP had never deviated from non-violence

"Never have I been in any way associated with violence"

● The ANC local poll campaign got underway over the weekend, with rallies and house meetings addressed by provincial and national leaders, including Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale

Sexwale addressed rallies in Atlantis, Kuils River, Blue Downs and Wallacedene, emphasising his commitment to non-racism and the accountability of candidates

The ANC has already won 12 uncontested ward seats, four in the Central and eight in the Helderberg substructures. Eight NP candidates have been disqualified, some over their arrears on service charges



CAMPAIGN TRAIL: IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi bows to Sheik Ameroedien du Toit in the Bo-Kaap yesterday during the launch of the IFP's election campaign

PICTURE BENNY GOOL

Teams to probe council powers

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METRO WRITER

ET 25/4/96

MEMBERS of seven teams which will investigate what powers and duties the Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) should have, should each be paid R1 000 a day, the CMC recommended yesterday.

There will be 50 members in all, according to a report before the council yesterday.

From the detailed budget it is expected the 50 will not take more than five days for their task.

Much work has already been done on determining the future powers of the CMC. Schedule Two of the Local Government Transition Act lists 25 areas of CMC decision-making.

Since then, the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum — forerunner to the CMC — has recommended that metropolitan cultural activities, sports development and some responsibility for housing should be added to the list.

The forum also said the council should confine itself to matters

“which cannot by their nature effectively be addressed by the sub-structures (municipalities under the metro council)”

The forum agreement was not promulgated into law in its entirety, and there is still uncertainty over whether funding for the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra will be a metro function, for example. The same applies to building shelters for street children.

The seven teams have each been given three or four tasks to investigate.

For example, the first group will look at land use, transport and environmental planning.

Another will look at the supply of water and electricity in bulk, and at metropolitan infrastructure in general.

Members of the teams include several professors, doctors and retired experts in various fields.

● Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais has also set up a commission which will look into the duties of the metro council.

Election candidate shot twice

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PETER DENNEHY

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AN independent candidate for the local government election has been shot — and he and his supporters from a dissident group within the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) are blaming the ANC

The ANC and Sanco are supposed to be allies in the local election. They have a national-level agreement that Sanco candidates will stand in the elections under the ANC flag.

Mr Dumiso Diamond, whose support base is a faction within Sanco that has been snubbed by its own executive, has defied the agreement and stands as an independent candidate.

The ANC denied yesterday that any of its members or alliance partners were responsible for shooting Mr Diamond. He is one of four candidates in ward T20 in the western corner of Khayelitsha.

ANC spokesman Mr Brent Simons said the ANC and its allies adhered to the code of conduct for the elections, but he expressed concern that candidates "of all political parties" were indeed being intimidated.

Mr Diamond said from his Groote Schuur Hospital bed yesterday that he had been shot in the side and arm on Saturday evening while driving from Macassar to Harare, Khayelitsha. The shots came from a minibus taxi.

Asked why he thought the ANC was responsible, he said simply "There is conflict between us and them."

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Divisive Nats cannot represent interests of all

THE ANC last night launched its municipal election manifesto with song and dance at a lively meeting at the civic centre, where Deputy President Thabo Mbeki told over 1 000 people that the Olympic Games should not come to Cape Town if it was racially divided.

Stressing that "I must be careful when I say this", he said "The Olympic Games, I am told, are coming to Cape Town. But can they come to a city which is racially divided? No. Can they come to a city where we should be ashamed? No!"

The city needed to be transformed, he said, and power would

have to be taken away from the National Party if there were to be jobs and houses.

He said that an earlier ANC meeting he had just come from, which he had left early in order to attend the election meeting, had gone on so long "because the NP continues to give us trouble".

Some people wanted to pretend apartheid never happened, but it was not reasonable to expect those people who, through apartheid, had perpetuated crime, homelessness and conflict between coloureds and Africans, to "be able to represent the interests of all people" — Staff Writer

Provincial committee told it has until today to agree

CHRIS BATEMAN

LOCAL government MEC Peter Marais accused the Western Cape's provincial committee yesterday of deliberately dragging its heels.

He threatened to take it to the electoral court if it did not agree with him by 10am today on regulations for the agreed-upon rural election model.

With 19 days to go between nomination day (now May 10) and election day, the delay is reducing canvassing time and could make the printing of tens of thousands of ballot papers for the rural areas a logistic nightmare.

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Democratic Party regional leader Mr Hennie Bester called on all concerned to "grow up and sort it out" instead of posturing and making threats.

Marais accused the ANC-led committee of doing its "utmost to stop the election in its tracks".

The NP claims the ANC wants to throw all its weight into the metropolitan battle and KwaZulu-Natal before tackling their (the NP's) last rural stronghold.

The ANC says it will interdict the formation of Western Cape district councils after the poll, as Marais' model distorts the principle of votes having equal value.

Prosecution looms for 50 councillors

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By NORMAN WEST — Political Reporter

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THE names of 50 Cape Town Metropolitan councillors who allegedly voted on issues in which they had a vested interest have been referred to the Attorney-General for possible criminal prosecution.

This has been confirmed by Minister for Local Government Affairs Peter Marais, who said he had taken the action "in the interests of clean government."

Some of the councillors named are candidates in the upcoming metropolitan elections. Their political careers could be in jeopardy if they are convicted, according to a well-placed source.

A spokesman for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning, which is involved with the case, said the attorney-general had not yet taken a decision on the issue.

The names of the councillors, who belong to various political parties and groups, were passed on to Mr. Marais at his request by the office of the town clerk.

A letter accompanying the list says they may have breached a municipal ordinance stating that any councillor who attends a meeting at which there is discussion or voting on matters in which he has a direct or indirect financial interest will be guilty of an offence — unless it can be proved he did not know of such an interest.

According to the town clerk's letter, it appeared that councillors who were in arrears with their service payments attended meetings on the matter and voted.

He confirmed that councillors were warned on each occasion — either by the acting town clerk or the mayor — that they would place themselves at risk by participating in discussions or remaining in the room during debates, and were given an opportunity to recuse themselves.

Fraud squad probes councillor

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

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A CAPE Town city councillor and candidate in the upcoming local government elections is at the centre of a double investigation by the attorney-general and the commercial crime unit of the SA Police Services.

Although police were reluctant to give details of the allegations, they confirmed on Friday that Mr Balarajan Pather, who also uses the name Roger or Raja, was the subject of an ongoing investigation.

A well-placed source claimed detectives would be looking into an identity document dispute dating back two years when Mr Pather's purchase of a council-owned house in Pelican Park in October 1986 led to a council inquiry.

As a city council payee (at that time he served on the tricameral management committee) Mr Pather earned more than R1 200 a month, which disqualified him from buying a subsidised house. The source said the council investigation revealed his involvement in a number of suspect activities, including the registration of second-hand vehicles.

The ID document issue eventually led to Mr Pather's appearance in the Cape Town magistrate's court, where the case was provisionally withdrawn after he said a second ID number had been issued to him by the Department of Home Affairs in error.

However, the Sunday Times was told Mr Pather continued to use more than one ID number and owned several houses. His given address varies from Grassy Park to Rylands Estate to Pelican Park.

Another reliable source claimed different versions of Mr Pather's CV referred to him as a doctor of economics, or an industrial pharmacist with a PhD.

Mr Pather, who is believed to live in Grassy Park, could not be tracked down for comment.

● The electoral returning officer this week confirmed that NP councillor Balarajan Pather was a candidate in Ward 16 for the May 29 elections.

NIP and ANC square up in the Cape

By NORMAN WEST

THE National Party and the ANC in the Western Cape are preparing for next month's elections like two gladiators bent on fighting to the death.

The ANC wants to kill off the NP in the only province it controls. The NP is hanging onto its power because it is imperative for the party's survival beyond 1999 when the government of national unity makes way for an ANC-majority government.

During the general elections almost two years ago the NP won control of the province with a credible 56 percent of the vote against the ANC's 33 percent. The Nats received strong backing from coloured voters.

But the NP just about committed political hara-kiri by agreeing, at the pre-1994 national election negotiations, that in former formal black local authorities areas, half of the wards at local government level should go to the former authorities areas and half should be contested in white/coloured areas.

The 50/50 arrangement boomeranged on the NP during the November 1995 transitional local council elections when the ANC won outright control of at least 16 of the 95 town councils, taking 306 ward seats compared to the NP's 292.

The NP is desperate to reverse this trend on May 29. The majority coloured vote will be crucial.

The name of President Nelson Mandela is among those who will vote for 27 transitional representative councils, on the basis of 80 percent through proportional representation party lists and 20 percent on the basis of 10 percent nominated by farmers' groups and 10 percent by farm workers' groups.

The NP is having sleepless nights about the extent to which the Kempton Park ghosts will come back to erode its gains in the metropolitan elections where, once again, the 50/50 arrange-



POWER STRUGGLE... the Western Cape elections will be hard-fought by the ANC and NP

Picture. KIM LUBBROOK

ment will apply on May 29. The Cape metropolitan area, where 617 candidates will do battle for 174 ward seats, is subdivided into six municipalities or substructures.

Central — the former Ikapa areas of Gugulethu, Langa and Nyanga, the "coloured" metropolis of Mitchell's Plain, the squatter area of Crossroads and Phillippi adjoining the airport area, densely populated traditionally coloured areas like Manenberg, Heideveld and Athlone and the leafy, quiet suburb of Pinelands. The ANC has the edge here as in terms of the 50/50 ward rule, 22 of the 44 wards must go to the former black local authority areas. The NP's chances are likely to be split by the myriad po-

litical parties, civic bodies and alliances which have registered here and the DP is expected to do well.

The ANC has already won four unopposed seats in the Crossroads/Nyanga area, further diminishing the NP's chances from Wynberg southwards including Neordhoek, Toka, Steenberg and Lavender Hill, Lotus River, Parkwood, Grassy Park, Retreat, Simon's Town and Fish Hoek. Southern is not subject to the 50/50 rule and is the only area where the DP, with its traditional white stamping grounds, has a chance of pipping the NP.

Tygerberg — includes the sprawling black dormitory city of Khayelitsha, Belhar, Goodwood,

Parow, Bishop Lavis, Delft, Elsies River and Durbanville, an up-market Afrikaner and predominantly NP-supporting suburb. Tygerberg is subject to the 50/50 rule which means 22 of the 44 seats must be in Khayelitsha and are likely to go to the ANC.

But on the proportional list, the NP has the edge with 250 000 predominantly NP-included voters compared to the 150 000 ANC-included Khayelitsha voters.

Eastern — including areas such as Blue Downs, Kraalfontein, Brackenell and Kuilsrivier is not subject to the 50/50 rule. The NP is tipped to walk this area which is populated by mostly coloureds and conservative whites.

Northern — includes the

mushrooming Maroon Beam black informal settlement area and the coloured metropolis of Atlantis, 50km from Cape Town. It also includes the Milnerton-Bloubergsstrand-Melkbosstrand axis. This area is not subject to the 50/50 rule and with the conservative, semi-urban, coloured population in Atlantis and the predominance of NP-included Afrikaners in the rest of the area, it could be a NP walkover.

Helderberg — comprising Gordon's Bay, Somerset West, Strand, Maccassar, Sir Lowry's Pass and the black area of Lwandle as well as a number of historical farms such as Fleur du Cap, Vergelegen and Lourensford. The ANC has won eight seats unopposed in Lwandle.

'Final hurdle' for W Cape poll

CHRIS BATEMAN

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THE agreed-upon rural election model for the Western Cape faces its final hurdle today when Local Government MEC Peter Marais is due to proclaim regulations for the nomination of farmers and farm workers to rural councils.

With 80% of rural councillors coming from party lists on the proportional representation system, another 10% are nominated by farmers and a further 10% by farm workers.

The ANC-backed non-statutory component of the provincial committee fought tooth and nail with Marais over various models before reluctantly agreeing on the latest version, which provides for mediation as a first step if farmer/farm worker nominations outnumber vacancies.

If mediation fails to resolve a dispute over which farmer/farm worker nominee goes forward, the protagonists are legally required to try to forge consensus with Marais and his provincial committee.

The parties have agreed to stand by any executive committee (provincial "cabinet") decision.

The ANC wants to legally interdict the formation of Western Cape district councils after the poll, claiming that Marais' model distorts the principle of votes having equal value.

Quorum crisis: Council votes to dock pay of 'no-show' councillors

Metro Reporter

COUNCILLORS have voted to dock the pay of their fellow members if they don't turn up at meetings - by R250 each time a member is absent

This decision was taken at the Cape Town City Council's monthly meeting yesterday in a motion put forward by Arthur Wienburg

In his motion, Mr Wienburg motivated that R250 should be taken off a councillors' allowance if he or she failed to attend a standing committee meeting or full council meeting.

He said this was possible because the council was not obliged to pay the full amount of the allowance to councillors, especially in light of the lack of quorums at council meetings

In another motion, however, councillors serving on joint executive committees (JECs) are seeking an increase in their allowances to make up for the extra time and petrol they spend on the task. The JECs were set up to achieve the political amalgamation of the six

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new municipalities in the city

The recommendation from the transition management committee is that councillors in these positions be paid the difference between the maximum allowances and their present allowances, an amount of R590 a month, backdated to the appointment of the JECs

Ruth Ortlepp described the move as "selfish and self-interested", saying that the argument could be used for any additional meetings councillors had to attend in the interests of the city

Arthur Wienburg argued that nobody was forcing people to be councillors and if they felt they could not manage the workload they should resign

He said the backdating of allowances would also "not wash" with ratepayers

Jack Ridder, however, argued that councillors serving on the JECs had spent many hours at the expense of their families and at cost to themselves in the service of the city

"While you were lying on Plettenberg Bay beach, we were working," he said

Call for councillors to be fired over service arrears

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais has instructed town clerks to summarily dismiss councillors found to be more than three months in arrears with their rates and service payments.

Marais has relied on election regulations stipulating that if a councillor ceases to have the qualifications to be an election candidate, he automatically loses office.

The ANC has argued the municipal ordinance should be applied which requires the councillor be given written notice to pay his arrears before action was taken. The party also intends asking Mimec — the monthly forum of Constitutional Development Minister Chris Fisser and provincial local government MECs — to rule at its next meeting on May 14 how to deal with town councillors who are in arrears.

Two ANC councillors dismissed

from the Citrusdal council recently stood in a by-election and regained their seats. The mayor of Groot Brak River, Edjon Frans, has taken his dismissal by NP town clerk Jan Terblanche to the Cape Town Supreme Court. The matter is being opposed.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore believed Marais was trying to reverse the gains made by the ANC in the November elections in rural towns and was denying councillors "due process".

Marais has also submitted the names of 50 Cape Town metropolitan councillors from various parties to the attorney-general on the grounds that they have contravened a municipal ordinance by voting on the question of arrear service payments while having a vested interest in the matter. Marais said he had taken the step "in the interests of clean government". Meanwhile the ANC announced yesterday that several NP candidates were under investigation for alleged fraud.

Commission asks to extend deadline

Kevin O'Grady

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THE national commission on higher education bowed to pressure yesterday from delegates to its stakeholder conference in Midrand and agreed to ask Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu for an extension of its July deadline.

Delegates accused the commission of consulting inadequately with students, business and labour.

Commission chairman Jaram Reddy said he would "forcefully bring to the attention of the minister" delegates' demands for an extension and their concerns about the "inadequate" consultation.

He said the commission's original end-of-year deadline for issuing its final recommendations had been brought forward to July "under great pressure from the minister" and the commission was "very happy to go on to the end of the year".

Interviewed after the conference, Reddy said if an extension was not granted it would "leave us with some unfinished business, but what we produce will nevertheless be a very sound document".

The issue of certain student organisations — particularly the SA Students' Congress — not being consulted came to a head yesterday when SA Union of Student Representative Councils president Prishani Naidoo withdrew her organisation from a commission trip to Austria next month in protest.

Business SA and trade unions were also vocal about not having been consulted.

Despite the charges of insufficient consultation, delegates were mainly in agreement with proposals contained in the discussion document, calling only for minor amendments, mainly to funding strategy.

There was consensus on the commission's idea of a single co-ordinated higher education system, and that some teacher training, nursing and agricultural colleges be merged with universities and technikons, although there was concern that labour had not been sufficiently consulted on the second issue.

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Call for councillors to be fired over service arrears

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais has instructed town clerks to summarily dismiss councillors found to be more than three months in arrears with their rates and service payments.

Marais has relied on election regulations stipulating that if a councillor ceases to have the qualifications to be an election candidate, he automatically loses office.

The ANC has argued the municipal ordinance should be applied which requires the councillor be given written notice to pay his arrears before action was taken. The party also intends asking Mimec — the monthly forum of Constitutional Development Minister Chris Fisser and provincial local government MECs — to rule at its next meeting on May 14 how to deal with town councillors who are in arrears

Two ANC councillors dismissed

from the Citrusdal council recently stood in a by-election and regained their seats. The mayor of Groot Brak River, Edjon Frans, has taken his dismissal by NP town clerk Jan Terblanche to the Cape Town Supreme Court. The matter is being opposed

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore believed Marais was trying to reverse the gains made by the ANC in the November elections in rural towns and was denying councillors "due process".

Marais has also submitted the names of 50 Cape Town metropolitan councillors from various parties to the attorney-general on the grounds that they have contravened a municipal ordinance by voting on the question of arrear service payments while having a vested interest in the matter. Marais said he had taken the step "in the interests of clean government". Meanwhile the ANC announced yesterday that several NP candidates were under investigation for alleged fraud.

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Councillors to be fined for truancy

DAN SIMON

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CITY councillors are to be fined R250 for each council or committee meeting they miss.

The motion, proposed by councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, was carried by a clear majority at yesterday's monthly council meeting.

The council has been hampered in its work since late last year by its frequent failure to achieve a quorum.

Yesterday's meeting was ended before 4pm because there were insufficient councillors for the quorum needed to vote on a recommendation about an arts and culture policy for Cape Town.

Minutes earlier, there were too few councillors in the debating chamber to carry an amendment to the recommendation that would have given the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra a R2-million lifeline.

The council heard that unless the money came through, the orchestra would have to close in December. The money will carry the orchestra through to mid-1997.

The day's agenda was interrupted repeatedly because there was no quorum. A number of items had to be carried over to the next council meeting.

There are 96 councillors, half of whom have to be present for a meeting to have a quorum.

Yesterday's attendance sheet showed that 72 councillors had signed while 24 were absent for various reasons.

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ANC will improve this time round says Asmal

ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter

WATER Affairs Minister Kader Asmal has urged voters in the Cape metropole to put their support behind the African National Congress because it is "a minority party" in the Western Cape.

Mr Asmal was speaking at the Claremont Civic Centre where he introduced candidates from the southern suburbs.

"For those of you who still believe that they must vote for minority parties because they think that the ANC is too strong, too powerful, I would like to remind you that we are a minority party in this province and that here we are still ruled by the National Party," he said. Mr Asmal also said the ANC was the first and only party in South Africa "to take corruption by the throat and attempt

to deal with it"

He hit out at Democratic Party leader Tony Leon for having a "fevered imagination" which used the issue of corruption as "a new form of swart gevaar so dear to politicians of the past"

* Election candidates in Khayelitsha have been invited to sign a pledge for a peaceful election at the local police station

In the station commissioner's office is a large display board with the names of candidates who have committed themselves to the pledge

* The African Christian Democratic Party is proud of the fact that a woman heads their list for the Cape Metropolitan Council Rhoda Southgate from Retreat is their lead candidate and she believes that

women are well-placed to understand the problems and concerns of communities

* A panel of election candidates will appear on a common platform at SACS High School next Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm to debate issues such as an Olympic bid referendum, affirmative action and rates and service charges. They are Judy Sibisi of the ANC, Julia Swain of the ACDP, Howard Parker of the NP and Arthur Wienburg of the Cape Independent Alliance.

* The Workers International for the Fourth International, which is campaigning for seats on the metro council, will launch its election campaign on Saturday at 2 pm. The party describes itself as "the only socialist organisation" standing in the May 29 elections.

Candidates court Claremont voters

* Parties and candidates competing in the May 29 election have the right to appoint representatives to monitor the voting in polling stations. Ward and party list candidates are also authorised to personally monitor the voting in the ward or substructure where they are running. But representatives must be registered with the returning officer for the relevant local authority.

* The ANC has complained that its representatives are having trouble getting access to farms in the 27 rural areas in the Western Cape where voters are also going to the polls on May 29. The ANC said it believed it was gaining on its nine percent support from the previous election and was concentrating on farm workers' rights, including the issues of evictions, land claims, basic services and housing, and assaults on farm workers.

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Province drawing up new W Coast development plan

MELANIE GOSLING
ENVIRONMENT WRITER

THE Western Cape provincial legislature will not approve any applications for rezoning on the West Coast in terms of the present Saldanha Bay/Vredenburg structure plan.

This was announced at a press conference yesterday by Agriculture, Planning and Tourism MEC Lample Fick.

He said the province was in the process of drawing up a new structure plan for the Saldanha/Vredenburg region which should be completed within a year.

Because development could not be frozen, the first phase of the new plan had been completed.

It focused on the area where the controversial Saldanha Steel factory is being built, where the Namaqua Sands

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factory is and where Alpha plans to build a cement factory

The new plan zones the area around the steel factory and proposed cement factory for heavy industry

An area adjacent to it is zoned for light industry and the area around Namaqua Sands is zoned for general industry.

In between are areas zoned as "restricted development areas", which rule out heavy industry or residential development.

Fick said the landowners in the area had agreed to the plan

"It now has to be passed by the local authority and then has to go through the public participation process," he said.

Fick criticised environmental organisations and scientists whom he said were still making "unfounded

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and factually incorrect" statements regarding the rezoning for Saldanha Steel

"A well-known scientist recently remarked that the Western Cape government had got away with murder on the rezoning decision and it was reported recently that the Habitat Council stated that many recommendations of the Steyn Report were rejected," Fick said

He added that the report had made only two recommendations.

The one — that the structure plan be redone — had been started before the report was completed

The other — that the steel factory find an alternative site further inland — was "not executable".

"The Ramsar secretariat indicated that an alternative site would jeopardise the lagoon more," Fick said

Nats strongest on new council

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

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THE Western Cape will have six permanent and four special delegates to the new national council of provinces, which will replace the senate

Three of the permanent delegates will be from the National Party, two from the African National Congress, and one from the Democratic Party

The NP will have three special delegates and the ANC will have one

In terms of the transitional arrangements that will bridge the interim and new constitution, permanent delegates must be chosen from the ranks of serving senators

Senators who do not stay on will have the choice of becoming members of their respective provincial legislatures, or of resigning

Farmers bar ANC campaign

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Farmworkers may again be deprived by employers of voting opportunity

By Waghied Misbach
Political Reporter

FARMERS HAVE BEEN blocking local government election candidates in the rural areas from canvassing on their farms, and in one case have even threatened to shoot canvassers, the African National Congress has claimed.

The head of the ANC's rural task team, Marius Fransman, said yesterday that farmers wanted the ANC to give them five days notice before they are allowed to speak to voters on their farms.

But Fransman said that this notice period was only valid for the 1994 election. According to current law, canvassers are only required to inform farmers that they will be coming to speak to workers after working hours, said Fransman.

In one incident in the Overberg area, ANC advice office workers were told by farmers that if they tried to enter their farms without the five-day notice period, farmers will "not hesitate to shoot them".

Fransman said that the farmers were being backed by the Western

Cape Agricultural Union - a body representing farmers.

The Western Cape Agricultural Union could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

However, Fransman said farmworkers were among the most exploited workers in the country, who were still being paid according to the notorious "dop" system. This is the system where farmers pay workers with wine every day, as part of wages.

Other problems that had to be dealt with in the rural areas included assaults on workers, child labour, evictions, land claims, basic services in the rural areas, and housing, he said.

There have been a number of assaults on workers in the past few weeks in many areas, and the ANC is currently laying charges against farmers, said Fransman, also predicting that the ANC may not win in the rural areas.

The party received a mere nine per cent of the vote in the 1994 general election - but was confident of making major gains. The ANC was focusing its campaign on the 27 transitional representative councils which will be elected on May 29.

Mayors to launch joint legal challenge to councils

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The mayors of nine rural town councils in the Western Cape met yesterday to co-ordinate a joint legal challenge to the composition of district councils, which are regulated by local government minister Peter Marais.

The mayors came from towns falling under the Bree Rivier and Winelands regional service councils.

They oppose the equal representation given to the town and rural councils on the district councils, arguing that town councils should have more seats as they represent more people and pay higher levies.

Worcester mayor Riyahd Williams said nine rural town councils had already formally passed resolutions to legally contest the composition of the district councils, including Worcester, Tulbagh, Robertson, Saron, Riversdal and Beaufort West with decisions by Mossel Bay, Paarl and Stellenbosh in the pipeline.

The councils intended contesting the composition of the district councils in the Cape Supreme Court immediately after the May 28 local government elections on the grounds that it was ultra vires the Transition to Local Government Act and the constitution.

Williams also said that an application would be made for a Supreme Court interdict preventing the establishment of the district councils pending the decision of either the Supreme Court or the Constitutional Court on the constitutionality of the regulations.

We fear for our lives if police pull out, say MPs

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MEMBERS of parliament say they fear for their lives after the decision to withdraw police protection from their government-owned homes in Cape Town.

MPs who live in housing areas at Laboria Park in Belhar, Pelican Park in Grassy Park and Acacia Park in Goodwood are furious over the police decision to remove protection.

They said the issue would be raised in parliament this week.

The National Protection Services (NPS) decided last week that providing about 250 MPs with 24-hour protection by 110 police was a waste of taxpayers' money.

Confrontation also looms between the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) and the provincial police head office on the issue, with Popcru alleging that white racism was behind the move.

Defending the decision, police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said the NPS had a shortage of personnel.

With the formation of three president's guard units soon, it was necessary to withdraw police from the complexes.

Private security companies might be contracted to guard the MPs three complexes from June 1.

Acacia, Laboria and Pelican parks, surrounded by 3m wire fences - have been protected day and night by police.

Captain Holtzhausen said police based at the complexes would be transferred to other guard units in the Peninsula.

Siyabonga Cwele, African National Congress senator and leader of the residents' interim committee at Laboria Park, said the MPs had not been consulted.

Dr Cwele said "We were not informed of the reasons for the police withdrawal."

"The views of the MPs were not considered. We are considered unimportant."

He said the police guard units were specially trained to protect the sites and that private security guards were not adequately trained to do the job.

MPs in Pelican Park and Acacia Park said they would meet soon for talks.

Popcru spokesman Sidney Wentzel said police officers had no objection to the withdrawal, but against the "manner in which it was done."

NP candidates

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WILLEM STEENKAMP

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THE National Party is to take the ANC to the Electoral Tribunal following a number of incidents of alleged intimidation of NP municipal election candidates — raising of fears of necklacings — in Guguletu yesterday

But the ANC last night denied any intimidation or threats of violence, saying that "clearly the process of electioneering is a robust one in which opposition parties and candidates are open to political criticism"

The NP alleges that about 200 people led by ANC MP Mr Tony Yengeni went to the homes of ward candidates Ms Deborah Mfiki — who has been the target of earlier alleged intimidation — and Ms Maureen Xegwana, before moving to the shop of NP Metro candidate Mr Nimrod Bavuma

The party claims that at Xegwana's house some of the people threatened to return later "and kill her because she is an NP candidate"

At Mfiki's house, Yengeni allegedly referred to her as "the polecat of (Deputy President FW) De Klerk" — a reference that, the NP said, in black communities meant Mfiki was a "slut"

Threats to return to her home later, as well as calls by some of the crowd to "go and stab all of the people in the house" were allegedly also made

At Bavuma's general dealership, Yengeni allegedly called on township residents to "do away with" NP candidates

At a press conference last night, NP Cape Town sub-structure chairman Mr Leon Markovitz said that "in this case, there is a very real danger to the lives of our candidates"

NP Metro candidate Mr David Erleigh said the NP would approach the Electoral Court to seek "an urgent interdict and urgent relief"

Restraining order granted against Yengeni

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Firebrand ANC MP Tony Yengeni and other ANC members were ordered last night to refrain from intimidating and threatening NP candidates in the Western Cape local government election.

The NP brought an urgent application before the electoral tribunal alleging gross acts of intimidation by a Yengeni-led crowd in Guguletu on Sunday.

Yengeni was accused of leading a convoy of 11 cars and bakkies with a crowd of about 200 "screeching" supporters to the homes of the NP candidates, who were allegedly intimidated.

Adv Colin Pest granted an interim interdict preventing the ANC, its office bearers, representatives, members and supporters, "more particularly Mr Tony Yengeni", from assaulting, intimidating, threatening or harassing NP candidates Maureen Xegwana, Deborah Mfiki and Nimrod Bavuma.

They were also restrained from damaging the candidates' properties, propagating the boycott of any businesses and from using force or promoting its use. The ANC was given until May 15 to show cause why the order should not be made final.

General dealer and metropolitan list candidate Bavuma was allegedly

trapped inside his store while Yengeni made an inflammatory speech outside. Bavuma claimed Yengeni had called on people not to buy from his shop and that he had threatened his customers.

Xegwana claimed the crowd accused her of having been bribed by NP leader FW de Klerk to support his party. She alleged that as the crowd left, someone said they would come back to kill her.

Mfiki, who previously said she had been intimidated by SA National Civic Organisation members, claimed Yengeni and his supporters draped her

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Intimidation

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house with ANC banners and placards. Yengeni allegedly called her "De Klerk's skunk", told her "to take her jacket and go", and called on her neighbours not to visit her because "all the things in the house are De Klerk's things". She said she was told the crowd would return later for her.

NP spokesman David Erligh said the party was sickened by the event and asked what had happened to the

ANC's democratic principles. "Ordinary democratic political parties do not go around threatening the lives and livelihoods of their opponents," he said.

Yesterday the ANC rejected all allegations of intimidation, saying: "Clearly the process of electioneering is a robust one in which opposition parties and candidates are open to political criticism. The NP should not hide its total lack of support in townships by bringing trumped-up charges of intimidation against the ANC."

The ANC's Cameron Dugmore accused the NP of trying to buy votes by giving meat to people.

Metro ballot papers – W Cape printers upset

ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter

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WESTERN Cape printers are upset that the printing of ballot papers for the May 29 elections is being handled by only two companies

Selwyn Spolander of the Printing Industries Federation, which has about 250 members, said printers were hoping to avoid a repeat of the 1994 election scenario when South Africa's ballot papers were printed offshore at "huge cost", but had been disappointed at the handling of the printing of ballot papers for the Cape Metro

Mr Spolander said he had held discussions with Brent Gerber of the Cape Town City Council and members of the Cape Metropolitan Council to offer the services of the printing industry

However, his members were upset to find that Digitron, the company appointed to manage the process, would also be printing the bulk of the papers themselves

Only one member of the federation, Federal Business Forms, was awarded the contract for the CMC's ballot papers, which is for about 1,4 million papers

Digitron will be printing all the papers for the six substructures, each of which require ward and proportional representation ballots

Mr Spolander said his members had scanned the newspapers for advertisements, but none had

appeared

He had met Digitron and left the meeting under the impression that they would be managing the process only, and not printing, as they now were

Stefaans Olivier, deputy returning officer for the CMC, said a co-ordinating committee of the chief executive officers had asked three companies, Digitron, Time Slot and MCS, to submit tenders for managing the process

These companies had been chosen because of the complexity of the operation

Digitron won the tender because it put in the best price, R118 000, for managing the security, delivery and auditing of the ballot papers

Digitron, in turn, had asked members of the printing industry to submit their names, 22 of whom responded to their call. These 22 were given tender documents, with only five tendering

Mr Olivier said that at this point, there was a meeting with the returning officers of the various substructures at which it was decided that, because of the tight deadlines, security risks and complexity of the job, Digitron should print the ballot papers for all the substructures as well

Digitron has been asked to print 10 percent more than the required number of ballots, which includes papers for 172 wards

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Voter education advertising starts

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) has announced the start of the radio, print and billboard advertising leg of its R2,45-million voter education campaign for the May 29 elections

The announcement came amid widespread criticism that not enough was being done to reach voters at grassroots level

Speaking at a media briefing in Cape Town yesterday, CMC chairman Willie van Schoor expressed confidence that the advertising campaign would get the message across to voters of how, where and why to vote. He said the multifaceted, 11-phase campaign, launched two months ago, was now in full operation in an attempt to reach as many of the 1,3 million registered voters as possible

It was estimated that more than two million voters had been reached so far through voter education workshops and the distribution of posters and booklets

The main bulk of the education activity had, however, been planned for May because the experience of the November elections showed widespread voter apathy until the last few weeks before the election

Meanwhile, the Tygerberg joint executive committee has expressed serious reservations about the effectiveness of the voter education campaign and has requested a meeting with the CMC voter and election affairs committee on Thursday

Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilken said they were worried that because of the size and magnitude of the substructure, not enough people were being reached

The voter education programme during the next few weeks will include a print advertising campaign in community and regional newspapers, more than 3 500 radio ads and chat shows on various local stations, radio ads on music tapes supplied to taxi drivers, a moving billboard campaign and a ward/voting station knock and drop pamphlet designed for each substructure

A further 430 000 posters and booklets, in addition to the 530 000 already distributed, will also be disseminated during the next three weeks

The cost of the entire campaign for the Cape metropolitan area works out at R1,90 a voter. The national campaign totalled R6 a voter and the campaign for the Western Cape rural areas for May 29 totals R5,90 a voter

ANC rejects claims of 'intimidation'

NP: Yengeni's threats close to incitement to murder'

ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter

THE African National Congress has rejected claims by the National Party that party leaders including MP Tony Yengeni intimidated NP candidates in Guguletu

It has also accused the NP of trying to "buy votes" by handing out free meat in Site C, Khayelitsha

The NP said it would be putting in a complaint to the election tribunal because Mr Yengeni, accompanied by about 200 supporters, allegedly stopped outside the houses of NP candidates and shouted threats. The NP called Mr Yengeni an "economic saboteur" who drove away investors, and whose threats had come "very close to incitement to murder"

In a press statement, the ANC said it was a signatory to the electoral code of conduct and fully supported a campaign free of intimidation

The ANC had embarked on an "extensive programme of road shows" in Guguletu, Crossroads and Nyanga at the weekend, involving leading figures such as David Dlamini, Mcebisi Skwatsha, Nosipho Ntwanambi, Nomaindia Mfeketo, Thandi Modise and Mr Yengeni, the statement said

The aim of the road shows was to publicise the ANC candidates and also to persuade voters to support the ANC and not the independents. NP and

PAC candidates. Clearly the process of electioneering is a robust one in which opposition parties and candidates are open to political criticism

At no stage were any threats of violence made against any NP candidates or supporters by ANC leadership

We reject with contempt allegations that ANC leaders said that NP candidates must be done away with and challenge the NP to produce evidence to this effect

The statement said that if an ANC leader called an NP candidate in Guguletu a "puppet of De Klerk" this in itself did not amount to intimidation

"During this campaign, no meeting of the NP in the township areas has been prevented from happening by ANC members

The launch of the NP campaign in Khayelitsha and subsequent meetings were attended mainly by children

The NP in turn has issued a statement in which it accuses Mr Yengeni of delivering a "rampage of threats and falsehoods" with a "band of screeching comrades"

The NP said this proved that the ANC's much-vaunted democratic values were worth about as much as a cup of cold coffee

The party said Mr Yengeni and his supporters roared from house to house threatening and intimidating some brave black people who had

the courage and foresight to say 'no' to the ANC

The NP said the house of candidate Maureen Xegwana was surrounded first while Mr Yengeni "trumpeted a hymn of hate and lies" as she sat trapped inside. The Yengeni hate caravan then went on to the home of Deborah Mfiki who has already undergone two bouts of intimidation from Sanco (South African National Civics Organisation)

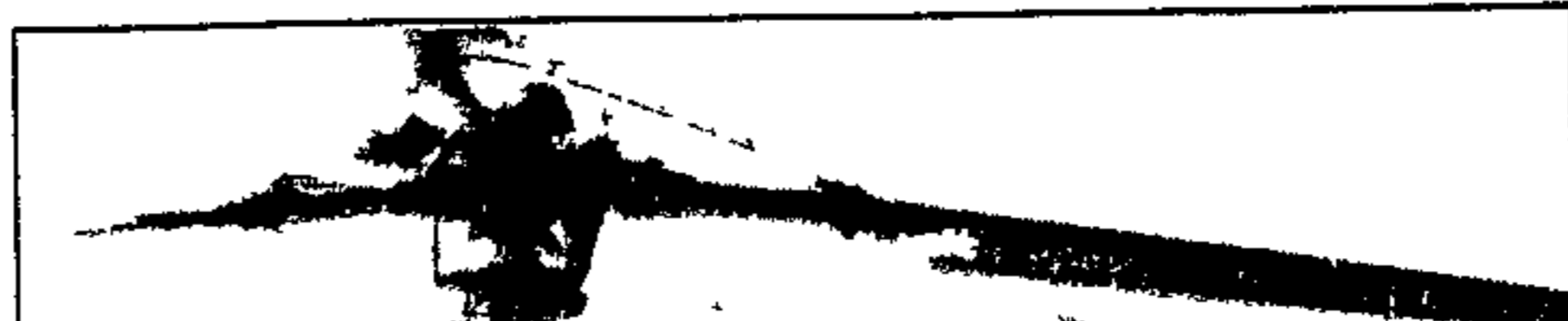
Finally, the group moved on to Nimrod Bavuma - a shopkeeper - who was also surrounded while Mr Yengeni made yet another speech

Mr Bavuma said Mr Yengeni had told people not to buy from Mr Bavuma's shop and said that his shop would be watched

The NP is sickened by these ghastly events and angry - very angry. What has happened to the democratic principles about which the ANC has been preaching for the past two years and which we in the NP have faithfully obeyed?

The NP described Mr Yengeni as "an embarrassment to the president the ANC and the country" and whose actions were the "sort of thing that scares foreign investors away from South Africa"

The NP has also tackled the Democratic Party accusing candidate Magdalene Marks of Ward 13 in the Southern sub-structure of removing pamphlets from letter boxes and tearing them up



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Interdict against Yengeni

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STAFF WRITERS

THE ANC and its office-bearers, including MP Mr Tony Yengeni, have been interdicted by the Electoral Court from intimidating NP candidates in the local elections

The interim order is an sequel to incidents on Sunday night when 200 people, led by Yengeni, went to the homes of ward candidates Ms Deborah Mfiki and Ms Maureen Xegwana before moving to the shop of NP Metro candidate Mr Nimrod Bavuma

The NP claimed that some of the people threatened to return later to Xegwana's house "and kill her because she is an NP candidate"

In terms of the order the ANC and its

office bearers are interdicted and restrained from assaulting, intimidating and harassing NP members or candidates or damaging property "in order to unduly influence voting for the forthcoming election"

ANC media officer Mr Brent Simons said the ANC in the Western Cape once again re-affirmed its commitment to the electoral code of conduct

"However, we have to dismiss the interdict .. as a political game without any substance." The NP candidates who had signed affidavits had cleared Yengeni and Mr Mcebisi Skwatsha of any wrongdoing.

The aim of the group was to convince people to vote for the ANC and its candidates and it was that democratic electioneering the NP was attacking, Simons said

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NP granted interim order over Yengeni poll 'threats'

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THE National Party has obtained an interim interdict against African National Congress MP Tony Yengeni after alleging he intimidated NP candidates in Guguletu over the weekend.

The ANC has until May 15 to give reasons why the order should not be made final.

The Electoral Tribunal ruled in Cape Town late yesterday that Mr Yengeni and others should refrain from "assaulting, intimidating and harassing NP members or candidates, or damaging property in order to unduly influence voting for the forthcoming election."

Commenting today after the order was given, NP media officer Anna van Wyk said Mr Yengeni had "still not worked out" that he was living in a democracy, which meant that one resolved one's disputes through politics and not violence.

"That is why you vote," she said. The NP claimed Mr Yengeni, accompanied by about 200 supporters, had stopped outside the houses of NP candidates in Guguletu and had shouted threats on Sunday. The NP said his threats had come "very close to incitement to murder".

Earlier yesterday the ANC rejected the NP's claims, putting Mr Yengeni's actions down to "robust electioneering". In a Press statement the ANC said it was a signatory to the electoral code of conduct and fully supported a campaign free of intimidation.

The ANC had embarked on an "extensive programme of roadshows" in Guguletu, Crossroads and Nyanga at the weekend, involving leading figures such as David Dlamini, Mcebisi Nkomo, Nosipho Ntwanambi, Modise and Mr Yengeni, the statement said.

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"We reject with contempt allegations that ANC leaders said NP candidates must be done away with, and challenge the NP to produce evidence to this effect," said the ANC.

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WHO GETS WHAT AFTER ELECTION?

Fight on for ownership of city council assets

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POLITICIANS differ on how the Cape Town city council assets should be divided between the new municipalities after the local election, writes **PETER DENNEHY**.

DEBATES are raging between politicians from the Southern municipality and those from the rest of Cape Town over who will own council assets immediately after the local election

Much is at stake for Cape Town in this debate, because it is now the owner of

- The Cape Flats Wastewater Treatment Plant in the South where nearly half of Cape Town's sewage is treated,

- The massive rubbish dump site beside it, which also serves far more than just the South; and

- The Hillstar depot in Wetton — a multimillion rand local government administration centre, with a traffic department branch and offices and storehouses

If the South owns these assets immediately after the election, whoever wants to transfer their ownership to the Metropolitan Council will first have to negotiate with the South

It may even set a stiff price on the assets, rather than offering them free of charge. This could offset some of Cape Town's debt which might be apportioned to the South

But the Metropolitan Restructuring Forum (MRF) — a voluntary and informal group that has broad representation among existing municipalities all over greater Cape Town — has a different view of what should happen

The forum has almost reached agreement on the restructuring

that must take place when 39 local authorities are narrowed down to just six new municipalities at the end of this month

The "restructuring road map" states that arrangements must be made, through provincial proclamation, for municipal assets and liabilities that are due to change ownership, to remain in the hands of one municipality until an equitable division has been decided

In Cape Town's case, the assets would remain with Cape Town for many months. But Southerner joint executive councillors, including Mr Andrew Ross-Munro and Mr Peter Gabriel, are resisting this

They say that if the South is to be the successor-in-title to the part of Cape Town that is to fall within the Southern boundary, all council assets south of the border must be part of the Southern municipality from the start

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Western and Northern Cape likely to get less money from government

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Cape Town — The Western and Northern Cape are likely to get less money in real terms from the government in next year's budget — other provinces will all get more.

The Financial and Fiscal Commission tabled its proposal in parliament yesterday for grants to the nine provinces in the 1997-98 financial year.

The constitution accords the

commission the task of overseeing the equitable distribution of national government funds to the nine provincial governments.

Last year the commission presented the government with a formula to distribute just more than half the funds it has in a financial year between the provinces in what it called "equitable terms".

In the current financial year, R75 billion will be distributed to the nine provinces in this way and another R69 billion will be spent by

the national government.

The commission yesterday proposed the grants for the Western and Northern Cape be cut by 3,8 percent in real terms from this financial year to the next financial year. The grants for Northern Province and KwaZulu Natal will increase 3,6 and 2,9 percent.

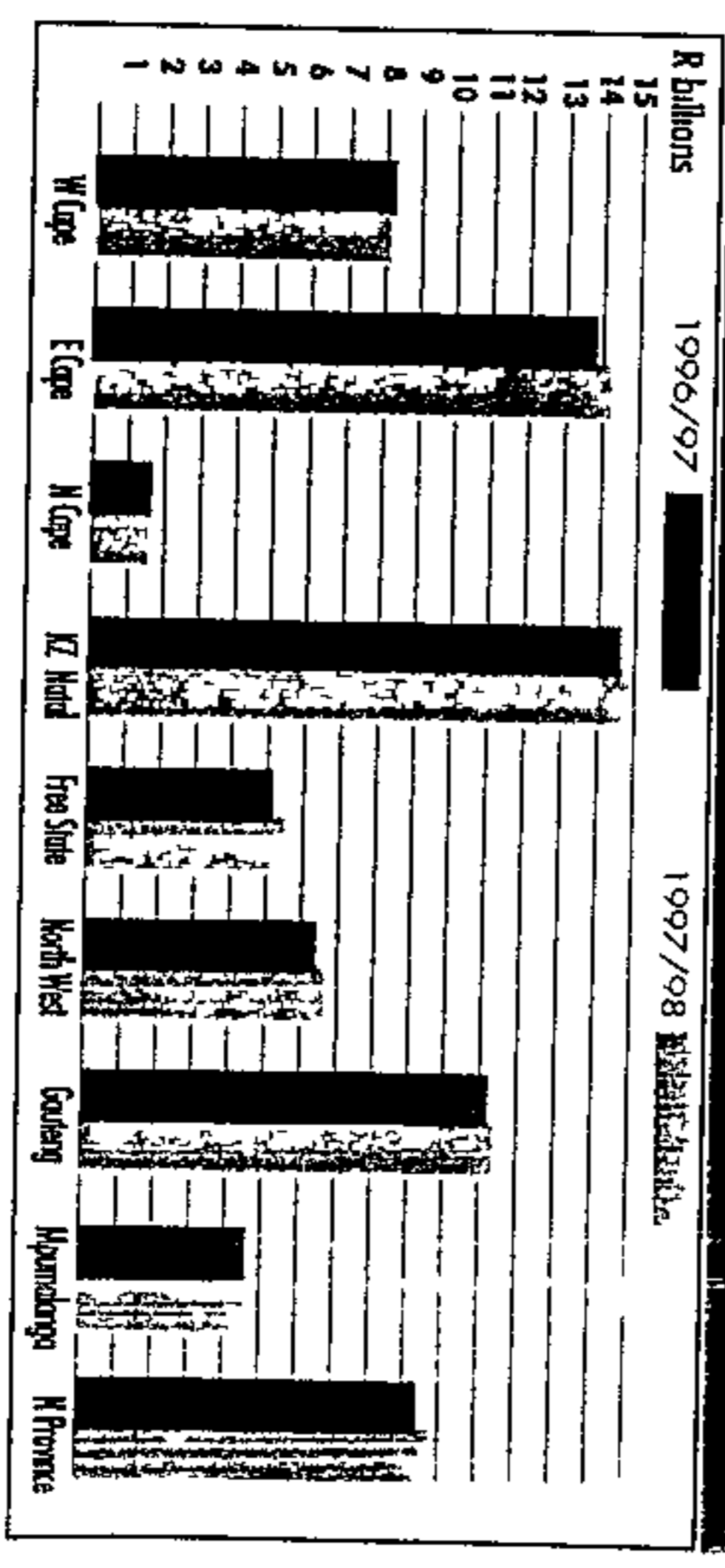
The commission also tabled projections for the financial years up to 2002-2003. It showed that the share of the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and Free State

would decline consistently throughout the period.

"By the year 2002-2003 greater equity will have been achieved between the provinces," the commission said.

Its proposal is based on the assumption that the economy will grow by 3 percent in real terms in the current financial year.

The government would budget for another decline in the deficit before borrowing in next year's Budget, the commission said.



Parties clash Over control Of farms

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ANC hopes to win the hearts of farmworkers for the local elections

By Waghied Mischach
Political Reporter

RURAL AREAS MAY represent a relatively small section of the voting public in the Western Cape, but these areas have become a battleground for political parties trying to control the region

The farming areas represent only 10 000 voters who will be going to the polls on May 29, while the region's 19 metropolitan areas have about 1,4 million voters

But both the African National Congress and the National Party have recognised that the farmworkers could provide just the right amount of votes to swing a future general election in their favour

Already, the ANC's stated policy is to use the upcoming local government election – for 27 transitional representative councils – in this region as a starting point for the future battle in 1999, according to its rural representative Marius Fransman

Major obstacle

In the general election two years ago, the ANC only managed to get nine per cent of the vote in the region and Fransman is hoping that things will be vastly different when the votes are tallied after May 29

These areas have seemingly been neglected by parties in the past, who have concentrated on the well-populated urban areas

But the major obstacle for parties, the ANC in particular, is trying to get past farmers who have been blocking access to farmworkers on their farms

In the Overberg area ANC campaigners have been told to get five days prior notice from farmers before they can visit farmworkers on the farms

“The ANC's policy is to use the upcoming local government election as a starting point for the future battle in 1999”

The ANC claims that farmers have even threatened to shoot anyone who comes into their farms without getting the notice period approved

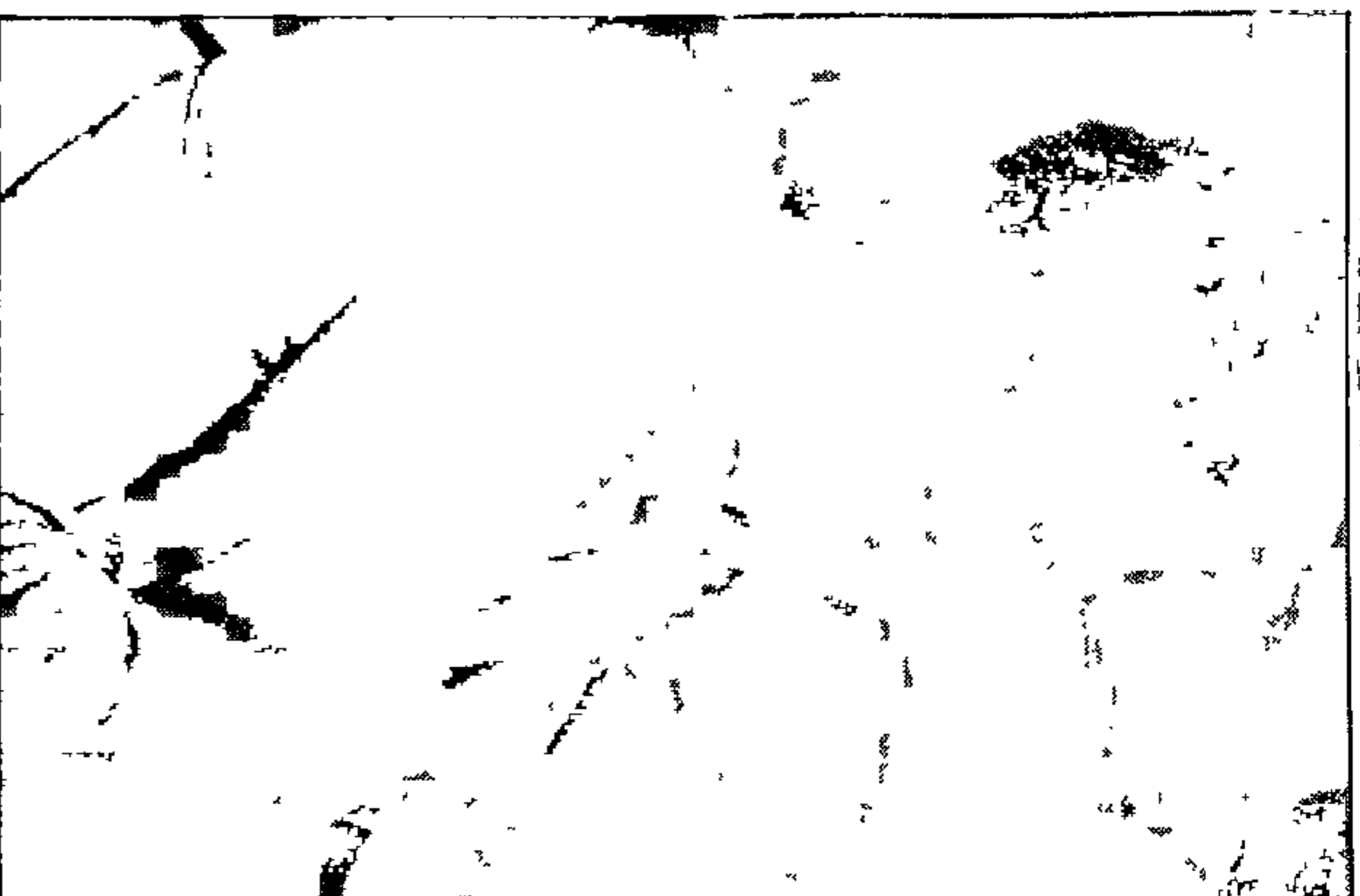
Fransman says farmers are using an outdated election ruling – from the 1994 general election – to exclude ANC workers. Canvassers only need to “inform” farmers that they will be speaking to farmworkers after working hours, he argues

The farmers have been supported by the conservative Western Cape Agricultural Union, a body representing farmers in the region

Fransman says the ANC plans to challenge this requirement and has requested a meeting with the union. He also claims farmers want to prevent the exposure of abuses on their farms by preventing outsiders from speaking to farmworkers

He says the ANC has catalogued widespread abuses on farms, including inadequate education, child labour, the use of the *dop* payment system and assaults on workers. Farmworkers face further problems including evictions from farms and a lack of basic services and housing

Fransman outlined some of the more pressing problems, which include the continued control of schools by farmers. He says that farm-



ANC Western Cape leader Chris Nissen ... hoping to make inroads in rural areas in the province.

ers subsidise and therefore control the farm schools

Teachers are not allowed to bring “new ideas” into the schools. “They are often overruled by the farmer, who tells them that it is his farm and that he has paid for the building in which the children are taught. This is paternalism in its worst form

“The farmer wants the farmworkers and their children to be dumbly loyal. He is not really empowering them,” says Fransman

He has also slammed the widespread use of the *dop* system of payment – where the farmer pays his workers with a cheap bottle of wine in the morning and evening, instead of paying them money

Depend on alcohol

The *dop* system has created an alcohol dependency among the farmworkers, largely among the men. “The farmer gets the workers to come to Bible study every morning,” says Fransman

“If they do not come, they do not get wine. In this way, people become dependent. In the evening they are given wine again, as payment for the day's work”



NP Western Cape leader Hermus Kriel ... his party has to convince farmworkers it has not abandoned them.

“One thing is for sure, the ANC has a great deal of work to do to bring changes into these neglected regions”

Fransman says that farmers have largely been uncooperative, but even in the rare cases when they have tried to change the system, they have found that workers tried to oppose change

“The situation has become so bad that even if the farmer refuses to give a worker wine, he will go from one farm to another to try to get it. This has created a tremendous breakdown in family life

“The women are especially against the system because their husbands are not really interested in providing for the family,” says Fransman

A further problem is that farmers have continued to physically assault their workers. Fransman is in the

process of drawing up an extensive list of cases in the rural areas and plans to lay charges against some farmers

When election time comes on May 29 the ANC is not expected to win a majority in the farming areas, but is expected to make major inroads into the NP's support

This will continue a trend from last November's local government elections in the Western Cape, when the ANC shocked the NP by winning the major rural towns

Fransman says that from initial studies the ANC has undertaken in the farming settlements, there is a “definite swing” towards the ANC

There is an increasing feeling among farmworkers that the NP has abandoned them and that it has not helped to change their conditions since the April 1994 election, says Fransman

One thing is for sure though – the ANC has a great deal of work to do to bring the country's democratic changes into these neglected regions of the country

If the party's positive track record in rural towns is used as a yardstick, there should be some measure of relief for farmworkers after the elections

ANC accuses farmers of breaking election rules

CHRIS BATEMAN

THE ANC has called for an urgent meeting of the Multi-Party Liaison Committee (MPLC) to discuss what it considers to be a breach of the electoral code of conduct by farmers they claim are preventing their canvassers from reaching voters.

They say farmers in the Overberg, Olifants River and Riviersonderend regions are refusing to grant access to farms unless five days notice was given — a regulation only applicable to previous elections

If the committee failed to resolve the issue the ANC would approach the electoral tribunal, ANC spokesman, Mr Cameron Dugmore said

The Western Cape Agricultural Union is a signatory to the electoral code of conduct, but Dugmore claimed that the Riviersonderend Farmers' Association had "refused to guarantee that canvassers would not be shot at".

Mr Marius Fransman, the ANC's rural

election co-ordinator, said local election rules — unlike those in 1994 — ensured canvassers access as long as the farmer was informed and canvassers did not interfere with labourers during working hours

The Western Cape Agricultural Union recently gave notice to Cosatu that if much-needed rain fell shortly before or on the May 29 polling day — due to be declared a holiday today — they would pay their labourers overtime to work in the fields

Dugmore said the ANC's concern was that this could be used to prevent workers, who often had to travel long distances to polling stations, from voting

● The ANC is calling for an "equalisation commission" to produce a formula that will enable more equal distribution of funds from the districts to the municipalities and rural council areas after polling day. To achieve this, the party intends obtaining an interdict within seven days of the election to stop the formation of district councils

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Commission to probe turmoil at Durban-Westville University

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — A judicial commission of inquiry would be set up to probe the "turmoil" which had plagued the University of Durban-Westville in recent years, education ministry spokesman Lincoln Mali said yesterday.

Mali said the minister would also call an emergency meeting of student leaders from across the country to discuss problems at tertiary institutions.

The announcement came after the university closed indefinitely yesterday as a result of violent student protests. A university spokesman said about 200 students had marched into the administration building, smashing windows and doors and burning files.

Acting vice-principal Prof Ramesh Bharuthram said academic activity had been suspended because of a possible risk to life. Graduation ceremonies had been delayed indefinitely.

Student representative council deputy president Justice Mthimunya said about 2 000 students had held a meeting where they passed a vote of no confidence in acting rector Dr Marcus Balintulo and his management.

He said needy students who had ap-

plied for financial aid had not received their money, and hundreds of students had been deregistered.

Bharuthram said an emergency meeting of the university council could be called to discuss the crisis.

Observers said the university selection committee had interviewed candidates for the rectorship, a post which Balintulo had filled since an embattled Prof Jairam Reddy left to take a post in the education department.

Mthimunya said one of the candidates was education department higher education chief director Prof Itumeleng Mosala, for whom students had expressed support.

However, students also wanted a "strong management committee" to spearhead transformation.

Mali said minister Sibusiso Bengu had condemned the demonstration, and believed that while students should be concerned about the transformation process they should not lose sight of the objective of learning.

Mduduzi ka Harvey reports the Scottsville campus of the Natal Technikon is to close after students threatened staff and barricaded the premises yesterday, allowing no one to leave.

Election could cost business R60m

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The public holiday on local government election day, May 29, would cost business in the Cape metropole at least R60m, Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Geoff Ashmead said yesterday.

Ashmead said business had made repeated calls on government to hold the elections over

the weekend or on an existing public holiday, all to no avail.

The Western Cape had a public holiday on November 1 last year, and business had suffered a direct loss of more than R60m.

"It is neither necessary nor desirable to shut down the local economy to allow voters to go to the polls," he said.

Meanwhile, the ANC indicated yesterday it

would be opposing a final interdict being granted by the Electoral Court today against MP Tony Yengeni and other ANC supporters.

The NP brought an urgent application for an interdict last week alleging intimidation and harassment. Instead, the ANC accused the NP of attempting to make "cheap propaganda" out of "robust campaigning".

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said yesterday a formal charge of fraud had been laid by the Klipfontein Community Upliftment Association against NP candidate Thelma Fischer, who had allegedly fraudulently acquired signatures for nomination forms.

A charge of fraud had also been laid against NP candidate Phillip Windvogel in Tafelsig for allegedly forging signatures on his nomination form. Windvogel denied the charge, claiming he had been framed by an ANC supporter.

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CAPE TOWN — Like many married couples, there is little love lost between the partners of the Western Cape provincial government, who are frequently at loggerheads with each other

Unlike their national "parents", however, they have decided to stay together rather than threaten provincial stability by getting a divorce.

The stormy relationship between the NP and ANC, periodically erupting into open conflict and needing marriage counsellors in the form of the courts, sometimes seems to be a fragile thing

Premier HERNUS KRIEL believes, though, there is an underlying strength within it which creates a stable environment for business

In miniature form, the clash reproduces the historic battle between two different forms of government, bureaucratic and unilateral on one hand and democratic and consultative on the other. The struggle concerns the way power is exercised in the province.

The parameters of the relationship are defined by the NP having legislative, executive and largely administrative power

NP MECs control the key portfolios of finance, environment, housing, education, police, local government and agriculture, tourism and planning, while ANC ministers are in charge of health and social welfare, public works, sports and recreation, economic affairs and the RDP

To counter the NP's dominance, the ANC has drawn backing from its strong support base in community and civic organisations — which it has mobilised to strengthen its opposition to NP initiatives in the legislature.

The ANC finds it difficult to accommodate itself with the NP's style of government, while the NP finds its effectiveness hampered by the ANC's constant need to consult and negotiate regardless of the delay this causes

"Our style of government is to consult, but to do so quickly. At the end of the day the final responsibility rests with the people you have elected," Kriel says

If the ANC felt emasculated by the NP's position of power, the NP was constrained by a watchful ANC-dominated national government which ensures that it does not overstep legal and constitutional principles

NP MECs have also felt frustrated at the perceived need to educate their ANC colleagues in the correct rules of procedure, while ANC provincial committee members have felt forced to wage an intense battle with their more technically experienced NP counterparts, whom they perceive as manipulating the rules of procedure to their own advantage.

Distrust has indeed sunk deep

Uneasy bedfellows of West Cape govt move closer, despite tiffs

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when not even minutes of provincial committee meetings can be accepted as a true reflection of decisions taken. As a woman, ANC provincial committee chairman Hilda Ndude has borne the brunt of the antagonisms and the NP's adeptness at maintaining control. ANC regional MPs come from



KRIEL

an activist tradition, are younger and impatient for change. They deride the NP as being without vision, intent on protection of the privileges of its historical support base, and not initiating reforms.

They see their task as being to exert pressure to bring about transformation, making the RDP happen at all levels of Western Cape society

DP provincial leader Henne Bester says: "A key dynamic is the hellbent determination of the ANC to secure the Western Cape

"For them this is not limited to the elections but is a persistent strategy — to counter and challenge the NP government at every turn. They are still very much caught up in the liberation struggle mode of doing politics."

The ANC, he says, sees itself as a zealous reformer of an iniquitous and unjust system, forcing the NP to defend its old positions rather than seeking new ground. "There has been a steady erosion of the spirit of negotiation and compromise," Bester says

The forthcoming local government elections have further frayed nerves and ignited short tempers. A sure indication that the spirit of compromise and negotiation has been exhausted has been the emergence of the politics of brinkmanship

Both sides have, time and again, threatened to use the courts to settle disputes, in what Bester describes as "government by judicial decision"

He accuses local government MEC Peter Marais of having soured the atmosphere with his confrontational approach and of picking battles with the ANC where the stakes are not in the best interests of the province

Ever since the provincial government came into being there have been tensions. Legislation on education which the ANC found unpalatable was pushed through the legislature

Draft Bills on gambling and establishment of a development council were fraught with conflict on the basic principle of participatory democracy versus executive authority. ANC proposals would have given communities and local authorities a key role in planning

Differences about the nature of development and which department should control it have also caused strained relationships between Economic Affairs and RDP Minister Chris Nissen (ANC) and agriculture, tourism and planning MEC Lampie Fick (NP)

In this context of strife, Kriel, a pragmatic wheeler-dealer politician whose instincts are those of the political fighter rather than the consensus-seeker, has not provided the vision to unite the warring parties. One can only surmise how deep the conflict would have been without the overriding role of the national government in forcing solutions

Kriel agrees that his instincts are those of a political fighter, but says he has had to undergo a not very easy transformation to fulfil the role of mediator and peace-keeper in the cabinet

On the ANC-NP relationship he says it has matured over the years into one where political differences are accepted without being personalised. Goodwill persists, despite the wrangles and court battles, he insists

"I think we have achieved a better relationship than has been achieved at central government level," Kriel concludes.

Western Cape has jaundiced view

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Most people in the Western Cape had a jaundiced view of the new democracy and of elected government at all. A recent Idasa survey on political culture in the province found.

A total of 58% — most of them Coloureds and whites — said they were dissatisfied with the new political system, while 34% of those interviewed said they trusted national government always or most of the time. Idasa executive director Wilmot James said the findings highlighted the need to foster a vibrant democratic culture in the province. Africans differed in their views from whites and coloureds, being very satisfied with the new democracy and believing national government represented them. They were more politically active, were very optimistic about their ability to influence all levels of government and placed a high level

of trust in national and local, but not provincial, government.

Whites were most pessimistic about the responsiveness of elected officials and institutions, while coloured people were most cynical of MPs, felt they had little influence over government and exhibited the least trust in it.

Coloureds interviewed showed the least commitment to democracy over the long haul — almost half would support non-elected leadership — and were exceptionally dissatisfied with democracy so far.

“Clearly there are significant obstacles to the development of a healthy, active, democratic culture in the coloured community in the Western Cape,” Wilmot said. “Whether these obstacles are the consequence of low levels of political information or high levels of political apathy and/or alienation is the subject of future research.” Generally the level of dissatisfaction with democratic politics and practices in

the province was unacceptable, James believed. About half to one-third of respondents said they would not allow their political opponents to exercise fundamental civil liberties and civil rights.

Compared to other provinces, Western Cape respondents attached less value to majority rule and greater value to minority rights; had less comprehension of local government, less contact with MPs, and significantly less trust in the responsiveness and representativeness of elected officials and institutions.

A large number (41%) of those interviewed linked democracy with economic progress and an improvement in living conditions, while an overwhelming 93% agreed that equal access to economic goods was an essential element of democracy.

Only 60% felt it was necessary to pay rents, rates and services always, with 21% believing people should pay only when they could afford it.

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NP plans to stay in provincial cabinet

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THE NP would not relinquish its one seat in the KwaZulu-Natal cabinet after its withdrawal from the government of national unity, while the ANC has no plans to withdraw as a partner in the NP-dominated provincial government in the Western Cape.

NP KwaZulu-Natal spokesman Pieter van Pletzen said there was no question of the NP relinquishing its seat in the IFP-dominated provincial cabinet to play the role of a Westminster-style opposition party.

The political situation in KwaZulu-Natal was "different" from the ANC-controlled provinces, and the balance of power more "delicately" balanced, he said. The recently negotiated provincial constitution not only guaranteed a government of provincial unity until 1999, but stated that consideration would be given to its continuation thereafter.

NP KwaZulu-Natal leader Dame Schutte is to switch from Parliament to the provincial cabinet this month to replace George Bartlett.

An IFP source said prospects for IFP-NP co-operation in the KwaZulu-Natal legislature would be enhanced in the wake of the NP's decision to pull out of the national Cabinet.

Meanwhile, ANC Western Cape leader Chris Nissen said that even if the NP's federal council decided at its

meeting tomorrow that the party would withdraw from governments of provincial unity, the ANC in the Western Cape would not follow suit.

Nissen said the ANC's continued participation would help maintain the stability of the province, which had proved a drawcard for foreign investors. The interim constitution allowed parties to decide whether to withdraw or not. They were legally entitled to stay on until 1999.

Premier Hernus Kriel expressed the hope that the ANC would not withdraw. He said he would propose the provincial constitution provide that power-sharing with minority parties, and their membership of cabinet should stay in place until 2004.

Kriel believed the withdrawal of the NP from the government of national unity could bolster the NP's chances in the Western Cape local government elections on May 29. He dismissed suggestions that the stature of the party had been diminished. "There has been lots of mumbling on the ground for a long time that as members of the government the NP had to share responsibility for bad decisions. A lot of people set great store in having a fully-fledged, effective opposition in the interests of multiparty democracy."

There was, he said, disillusionment with the ANC's failure to keep election promises and increasing confidence in the NP's governance of the province.

Majority of coloured people are the least interested in politics,

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TWO years into the new South Africa, key socio-political perceptions in the Western Cape still run strongly along old apartheid divisions

Because of this, those who are committed to a healthy democratic political culture in the region "have their work cut out for them"

This is the blunt assessment at the heart of Idasa's Public Opinion Service survey, *Building a Democratic Culture in the Western Cape: The Present Terrain*

The present terrain, it shows, is a sharply fragmented landscape. In many respects, the survey finds that the people of the Western Cape - in their confidence in the electoral process, their level of political involvement, and satisfaction with and long-term commitment to democracy - are not "out of step" with the rest of the country

But there are some significant differences, the most important of which is that they have much more negative views of the representativeness and responsiveness

of their elected officials and institutions"

The survey finds that this is not an NP-aligned antipathy to ANC-dominated institutions, but rather that "the people of the province have dismal views of their ability to influence provincial and local government as well", according to researchers Robert Mattes and Cherrrel Africa

Then they note "Besides differences between the province and the rest of the country, there were very important differences within that ran along the standard apartheid divisions"

African residents of the province, they find, differ considerably from the overall profile of the Western Cape

"They are politically very active, are very optimistic about their ability to influence all levels of government, feel that elected officials have a good idea of their opinions, place high levels of trust in national and local (though not provincial) government, and think the national government represents them

"Perhaps most importantly, they are

between-type responses"

The researchers, who conclude that there clearly are "significant obstacles to the development of a healthy, active democratic culture in the coloured community in the Western Cape", note that it is not clear whether these obstacles are the result of low levels of political information, or high levels of political apathy or alienation. This would have to be the subject of future research

But work on tackling the "obstacles" must begin now, says Wilmot James, executive director of Idasa

He adds "Not surprisingly, it appears as if we have a long way to go before achieving a mature democratic culture"

Motivating the people of the Western Cape and engaging them in democratic politics must be among the aims of the recently established Public Education Department at parliament, he urges. "The Department at parliament, its partners and of course elected representatives, is to turn such levels of political literacy around"

As a whole, the survey finds that the

On the eve of the Cape metropolises crucial May 29 election, a sobering survey points to "significant obstacles" to the development of a healthy, active democratic culture in the majority coloured community of the Western Cape. **MICHAEL MORRIS** reports on the latest survey by the Institute for Democracy in South Africa.

very satisfied with democracy"

Whites in the Western Cape have "relatively high levels of interest in politics, though they have little experience of political participation besides voting. They have the least contact with elected representatives, have the most pessimistic views about the responsiveness of elected officials and institutions, and are dissatisfied with democracy"

An even more negative picture emerges from the coloured community, the majority population of the region. "Coloured people are the least interested in politics, and give the highest support for non-procedural (non-democratic) means of registering dissent. Less than one third feel that

people of the Western Cape do firmly support key procedural elements of democracy, such as regular elections (73 percent say they are important), multi-partyism (71 percent), minority rights (61 percent), freedom of speech (69 percent) and majority rule (58 percent)

"Fairly wide" majorities of voters also hold relatively optimistic views about voting and elections

"However, less than half (44 percent) of the provincial population feels that national government represents them and trust in government is 'disturbingly low'"

Only 34 percent say they trust the national government always or most of the time, provincial government (32 percent) and only 27 percent feel they will be able to trust their new local councils. About half to one third say they would not allow their political opponents to exercise fundamental civil liberties and civil rights

"Moreover, these negative attitudes seem to have contributed to a significant dissatisfaction with the new political system"

citizens should always pay their rents, rates and services (compared to eight-of-ten whites and half of Africans).

"They also have the most cynical view of MPs, feel they have little influence over government, and exhibit the least trust in government. They show the least commitment to democracy over the long haul (almost half would support non-elected leadership), and are exceptionally dissatisfied with democracy so far

"Coloured citizens also exhibit the least understanding of the government

"Along with this, a recurrent tendency in this and other surveys is for coloured people to consistently give the highest frequency of 'don't know', 'unsure' and 'in-

says Idasa survey

Cape ANC to remain in provincial parliament

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Staff Reporter

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THE African National Congress will not be withdrawing from the Western Cape provincial cabinet

The ANC said in a statement last night that a discussion within the party on the long-term implications of the National Party's withdrawal from the government of national unity and from other provincial cabinets had been misconstrued

"There has been no decision by the (ANC's) provincial executive committee to withdraw from the provincial government

"Our leader Chris Nissen indicated immediately after the NP withdrawal that we would be staying on in the provincial government. This remains our position."

It dismissed any attempt to "portray our leadership as divided" on the issue of participation in the provincial government

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said the party's national executive committee had agreed last weekend that "all structures of the ANC should discuss the challenges raised by the new situation"

The Western Cape provincial executive committee met on Thursday night for its regular meeting and, among other things, discussed the implications for the party in

the Western Cape of the NP's withdrawal

"It was agreed that a discussion paper should be prepared to examine the implications of both staying and leaving the provincial cabinet

"This discussion paper would then guide the development of our overall strategy for the province"

Mr Dugmore pointed out that in terms of the new constitution, parties were entitled to remain on the executives at provincial level until 1999, or withdraw

Furthermore, provincial constitutions adopted by two thirds of a provincial legislature could provide for the structure of provincial government

"One of the issues to be discussed by the provincial executive committee will be our view on the provincial constitution and the question of power sharing beyond 1999

"It is clear to the ANC that Premier Her-nus Kriel's insistence on a 10 to 15 year power-sharing arrangement is rooted in a deep-seated fear of losing power in 1999

"His position on power sharing beyond 1999 is in complete contradiction of the NP's decision to withdraw from the government of national unity," he said

It was in the light of these factors that the ANC believed the implications of staying in or leaving the provincial cabinet should be investigated

'Barbaric ANC' halt Kriel visit

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course of action. In any event, there was no physical threat to him and the electoral code of conduct allows peaceful protest."

Mr Kriel was to have met representatives of the Malindi Women's Squatter Association, who had invited him to visit the area a few weeks ago.

As a matter of courtesy, he said, he had informed Mfuleni mayor Oliver Nqubelani - who is an ANC candidate in the May 29 election for the Tygerberg substructure - of his intention to visit the township and arranged to meet him at the local council offices yesterday.

"It was evident from the mayor that I was not welcome."

After "attempting to address the protesters", Mr Kriel decided to withdraw.

Mr Dugmore said that Mayor Nqubelani had told Mr Kriel he was quite welcome to visit the township, but should be aware of the "extreme unhappiness" of residents over the handling of inter-government grants for development by the provincial administration.

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Western Cape's temporary teachers reassured on plans

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — Temporary teachers fearful that they would be discriminated against when the Western Cape education department implemented its rationalisation plans were reassured at the weekend by chief director Carel van der Merwe

Uncertainty over their futures had led to severe disruptions in some schools and it was therefore necessary to defuse the situation, Van der Merwe said

About 2 000 of the 36 000 teachers in the province were employed on temporary contracts and there was a total of about 6 000 teaching posts to be closed in the rationalisation programme, Van der Merwe said at a media briefing

He emphasised that temporary teachers would not be treated any differently from their permanently employed colleagues when it came to their rights to voluntary severance or permanent appointments. Nor would they be discriminated against when redundant teachers were identified

He said the department had given instructions that all temporary appointments of teachers in substantive posts where appointments terminated on June 30, would be extended to September 30. However, the teachers could be redeployed in this period

Teachers have been asked in a circular today to indicate whether they intend to take the voluntary severance package. The department hoped to have an initial estimate by June 15, Van der Merwe said



Policemen from Rosebank, Johannesburg, attend a training session on expectations and service and telephone etiquette, run by SA on Friday. The project was initiated by station comm

Hung municipal council forecast for Cape Town

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — A hung central municipal council has been forecast for Cape Town by many political players, but the constitutional advantage enjoyed by the ANC is likely to prove decisive in its favour.

The two main contenders for municipal power, the ANC and the NP, appear to be neck and neck as the election race enters its final lap

While the NP is expected to garner a greater percentage of the proportional vote, this is unlikely to be sufficient to overcome the advantage derived by the ANC from the constitutionally imposed system of seat allocation

Of crucial importance will be the percentage poll, because if there is a high level of voter apathy, as is expected, this will affect the NP most

This is not only because the turnout among the NP's support base in the coloured community is likely to be low, but also because the proportional lists are directly related to the number of voters

There are about 500 000 registered voters in the 44 wards

making up the central metropolitan substructure

A total of 183 candidates are standing in these wards, excluding those on the parties' proportional lists which would elect 30 of the 74 council seats. Six of the wards have traditionally been white, 22 black, 15 coloured and one has elements of all races

Inside sources confidently predict that the ANC will take nearly all the 22 wards in the former black local authority areas of Langga, Nyanga and Crossroads

An estimated 160 000 of the total central substructure electorate live in these areas

The main opposition in these areas will come from the NP-aligned Western Cape Community Organisation which is fielding 13 candidates in the central substructure as a whole, and the PAC, which is putting up eight candidates

The ANC hopes to take at least four wards in coloured areas, namely Rylands Estate, Rocklands, Tafelsig and Weltevreden Valley where Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomons is standing. Here they will also be facing the African Muslim Party which has

seven candidates and the African Christian Democratic Party which is fielding 12 candidates

The ANC is also pinning its hopes on pulling in the white ward of Newlands/Bishopscourt where architect Revel Fox is standing and where President Nelson Mandela will cast his vote

The DP's Chris Joubert and John Muir look a dead cert to take the Sea Point/Camps Bay and Claremont/Kenilworth seats respectively.

If accurate, these projections would give the ANC 27 of the 44 ward seats

The NP is only fielding five candidates in black townships and 22 in white and coloured areas, and is "confident" that it will win a large proportion of the latter where its opposition will come from independents and civic organisations

Mitchells Plain and Mannenberg, regarded as NP strongholds, could optimistically deliver the party nine seats. With the ANC hoping to snatch four coloured wards, this leaves only an unlikely one ward for an independent. Independents would probably take three or four wards at the expense of the ANC or the NP

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ANC upbeat on poll

Party predicts voters will turn their backs on NP candidates

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WITH just six days of campaigning left before voters go to the polls in local elections, the African National Congress has predicted it will perform very well, winning the majority of seats in four of the six metropolitan sub-structures and dramatically improving its rural support

The party's Western Cape leader Chris Nissen said party organisers and leaders had seen a definite shift by National Party supporters to the ANC, especially in coloured areas

"We are very optimistic that we will do much better than we did in the 1994 elections as a common response from our leaders, including President Nelson Mandela, when they return from the campaign trail has been the mention of NP supporters now joining and supporting the ANC

"I think the people have woken up and are seeing through the racist lies the NP used in their 1994 campaign that under a black ANC government they would lose their houses, cars and pensions

"What they are instead witnessing is how the economy has picked up, how the government has delivered on many of its reconstruction and development programme (RDP) promises, and how ineffective the NP has been in governing the province"

Mr Nissen said he was still concerned that the NP was again beating the racism drum, and was to a certain extent being

successful in blaming the ANC for the results of apartheid

"They are blaming us for the crisis in the education system when just a few years ago it was the ANC who marched with the teachers in protest against plans to retrench more than 5 000 teachers

"We are still supporting those teachers and President Mandela has promised them that none will lose their jobs as a result of rationalisation

"And we support that position yet the provincial Education Minister Martha Olckers, an NP minister, is bent on retrenching the teachers and telling them that they cannot believe a man of the president's international standing

"The NP is trying to walk away from the mess it created, and trying to blame us, but their supporters are seeing through it and are turning to the ANC in their hundreds"

ANC election spokesman Cameron Dugmore said his party's election machine had moved into a top gear with a number of national and provincial cabinet ministers lined up to address election rallies at the weekend

He said the tempo would be sustained until midnight on Monday, when campaigning officially ended, and that they would be holding smaller meetings aimed at consolidating ANC support and convincing the undecided to vote for the party

"A key issue on everyone's mind is obviously the election results, and from our side

we expect an improved performance in both the metropolitan and rural areas. The trend, which was identified in the rural towns last year which saw the ANC winning the majority of seats as well as the majority of votes in the wards where coloured people were in the majority, is also evident in this election

"In addition we have launched a major push for votes in historically white communities and are fielding very strong candidates. This was not the case in the 1995 rural community elections"

Mr Dugmore said the NP faced a serious challenge from independents in several wards in the Tygerberg, Helderberg, Northern and Eastern substructures, some of whom had been expelled from the party, as well as from the Democratic Party and Freedom Front

He said this would affect the ward results and have some bearing on the proportional representation results as well

"We expect to make a strong showing in the Central substructure, where we have already won four seats, and by winning all the wards in the former black local authority areas and nine other wards in the former white and coloured areas, we will win control of the substructure

"The ANC will also win more seats than other parties in the Tygerberg, Helderberg and Southern substructures, and we expect a strong swing in support for the party in the Eastern and Northern substructures. We believe we will win more votes than the NP in the rural areas"

We'll stay in W Cape government

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THE African National Congress will remain in the government of provincial unity and that's final

ANC Western Cape leader and provincial Minister of Economic Affairs, Chris Nissen, said that in spite of attempts to portray the leadership as being divided on the issue of participation in the provincial government, the matter of withdrawing from the government had never been discussed.

"What is happening is a discussion within the ANC about the implications of the National Party's withdrawal from the government of national unity and all other provincial legislature cabinets, except for the Western Cape.

"As a party, we have to look and discuss the implications of the NP's decision on the Western Cape as a whole on how it could affect our policies and our working relationship"

The country's new constitution states that parties may choose whether to remain on the executive councils at provincial level until 1999.

Provincial constitutions, adopted by two thirds of a provincial legislature, will then determine a new structure for the executive councils at provincial levels.

Mr Nissen said the political parties in the province reached an agreement last September on the themes and principles for the drafting of a provincial constitution, but the provincial constitutional committee had not yet moved on the issue.

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Provision in import law is upheld

Deborah Fine

TEA supplier Ynucio Ltd has lost its Constitutional Court bid to have a section of the Import and Export Control Act declared unconstitutional.

The section prohibits the company from importing foreign tea unless it also purchases a percentage of domestically grown tea.

It empowers the trade and industry minister to prescribe in the public interest that "no goods of a specified class or kind or no goods other than goods of a specified class or kind" may be imported except in accordance with the conditions stated in permits.

The trade and industry ministry, in a Government Gazette notice in 1988, prohibited the importation of tea into SA without a permit.

The company submitted that the section fell foul of section 37 of the constitution. It argued that section 37 meant only Parliament had the power to make laws.

In a unanimous decision yesterday, the Constitutional Court ruled that the section and the notice had been enacted before the 1993 interim constitution.

Section 37 dealt only with legislative power after the 1993 constitution. Moreover, all laws prior to the commencement of the 1993 constitution were preserved by section 229 of the constitution which stated that such laws would remain in force subject to their repeal or amendment.

Dispute over political canvassing in factories

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape clothing manufacturers and the SA Clothing & Textile Workers' Union have clashed over factory access for canvassers ahead of next week's local government elections, with employers taking a hard line barring entry.

Rex Trueform and House of Monatic and others such as Pals Clothing, Modern Fashions, Peerless Shirt Manufacturers and Val Hua had refused access to canvassers in contravention of the provincial electoral ordinance, Cosatu provincial treasurer Randy Pieterse said yesterday.

In refusing Cosatu-affiliated Sactwu's request for access, several employers said they were abiding by Cape Clothing Manufacturers' Association policy.

Association chairman Jan Baard said the association believed that electioneering during work hours for party political purposes was "undesirable" and undermined the commercial interests of employers.

He believed it caused disruption and division among workers and lowered morale and productivity. Employers were therefore justified in turning

down requests for access if they had a reasonable apprehension that these negative consequences would result.

Baard felt chaos would ensue if all political parties were given access to factory premises during working hours, and would not accept canvassers had right to unfettered access.

In terms of the provincial electoral regulations "any canvasser or educator of voters shall have reasonable access to any public or private area where voters live or work". Baard said, however, that while the association was prepared to abide by a court ruling, it believed that electioneering on factory premises was not reasonable.

Rex Trueform personnel manager James O'Brien stated in a letter to Sactwu that "political electioneering in our factory is a sensitive issue with some workers having strong views on their political affiliations. Past experience has resulted in an unsettling of the work force which we can ill afford at this point in time."

Shop stewards were concerned, O'Brien said, that all political parties be given an opportunity to canvass.

Cosatu said it would continue addressing membership outside factories until the matter was resolved.

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FEW HAVE HEARD OF THE ELECTIONS, BUT ALL WANT SIGNS OF RAIN

It's just a dry, white season for rural voters

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PLOUGHING, planting and the anxious wait for late rains are more important to the farmers of the Cape than "non-party" rural elections — and few farm workers even know that elections are to be held. Assistant Editor EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN, who drove 1 500 kilometres from Stellenbosch Bay to Brackenford last week to talk to potential voters, reports.

EVERY day, from sunrise to sunset, 76-year-old Mr Karel Windvoel sits on an up-ended log outside his farm labourer's cottage and watches the traffic, on the R318 between Matroosberg and Montagu, rush by.

Wizened, barely able to walk and peering through spectacle lenses as thick as the bottom of a cool-drink bottle, he recalls voting, in the "groot verkiezing, lare gelede" for "EFFvee" because "Ek is 'n FW man".

He says he knows nothing about rural elections on May 29, but would vote for "EFFvee" again if he could.

About 300km west, off the N7 near Malmesbury, Mr Hendrik Owies, 20, manages a stall on the farm, Diepklouf. He has heard about the elections, has registered and is to vote for the ANC because they "will help the people".

Nearby, wheat farmer Mr Christo Englebrect sits in his bakke at the edge of a field on his 3 000ha spread, De Brug, and watches his tractor drivers plough the rich Swartland soil.

He is worried that the rains are late this year, the latest they have been. Rural elections are of no concern to him, he says. "On the



'FW MAN': Mr Karel Windvoel, director of local government and

During the 1 500km from Stellenbosch to Waenhuiskrans, the countryside changes from the arid semi-desert of the West Coast to the rich farmland of the Overberg, but ignorance about the elections remains the same.

What is important to the farmers, most of them white, is the ploughing and the stability of their workforces. What concerns them is the long overdue rain.

What worries the farm workers is anything that might anger the farmer on whom they depend for their jobs, homes and livelihoods. Ms Christelle Cronje, assistant

Stellenbosch and former chairman of the Demarcation Board, is less optimistic than Ms Cronje.

In Britain and the US, a 25% poll in rural areas is considered normal, he says, adding that a 35% to 40% turnout will be "good".

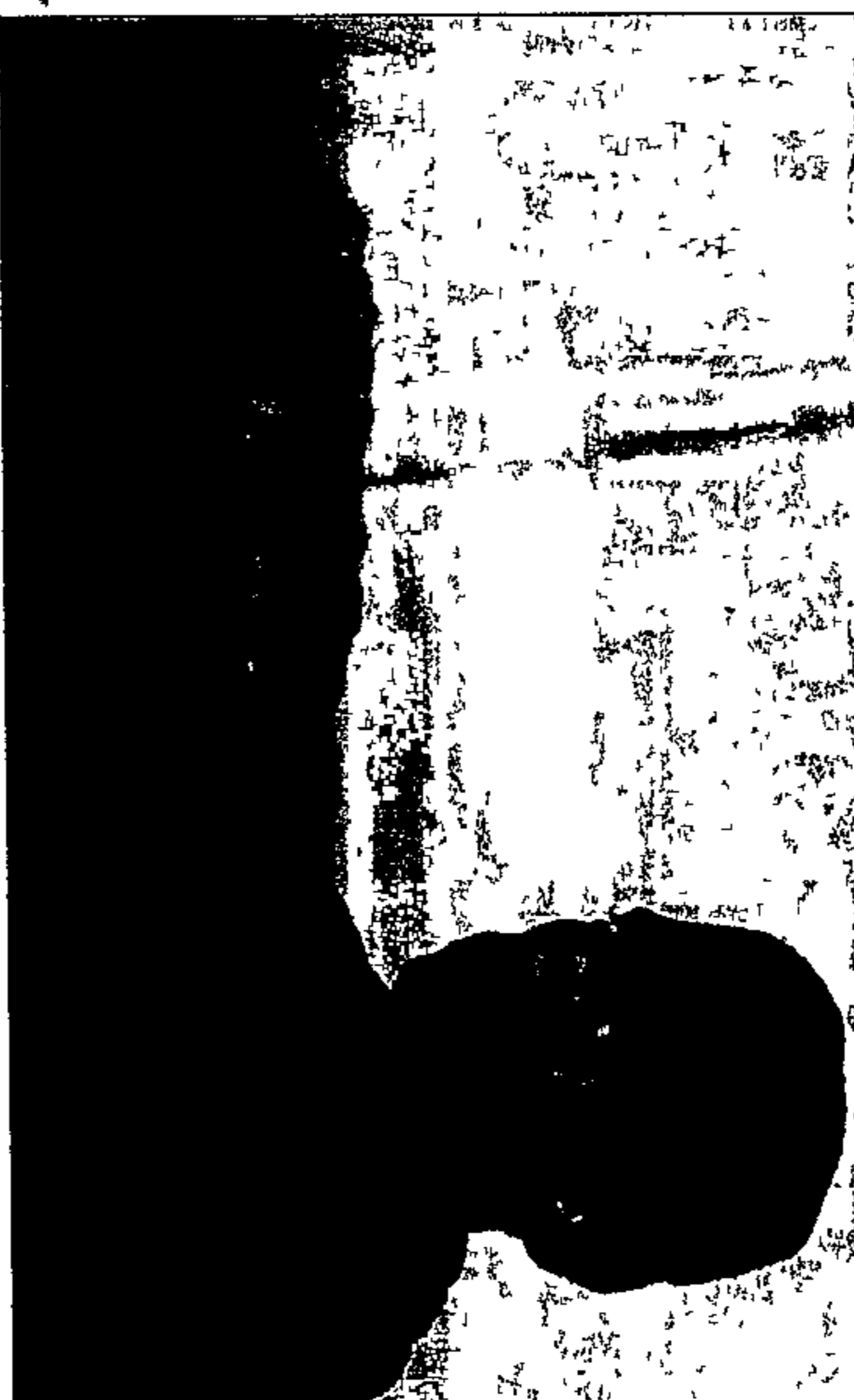
The problem is partly that the rural elections are just not "sexy", he says. It is difficult to get voters — especially uneducated rural voters — excited about local government when they do not see any immediate benefit in voting.

A look at the model for rural government proves the point.

Voters in the seven rural districts — West Coast, Beetswiver, the Winelands, Central Karoo, Small Karoo, Overberg and South Cape — will vote for eight representatives on 10-member Transitional Representative Councils. The remaining two seats on each TRC will be taken by a nominee representing farmers and a nominee representing farm workers.

The seven District Councils — which replace the former Regional Service Councils — will comprise 50% of members elected by the TRCs and 50% from the already-elected Local Transitional Councils or town councils.

The District Councils will be



ANC VOTER: Mr Hendrik Owies, who runs a farm stall near Malmesbury, says he will vote for the ANC because they "will help the people".

believe they have already voted — for or against Mandela and the ANC — and it is difficult to get the message across.

Cupido said she had had no difficulty in gaining access to farms, but it was difficult to speak to farm workers as it was the planting season and they were working from dawn to dusk.

She was aware of complaints about some farmers refusing campaigners access to their farms, but

"This election is just an event in the process of change"

pen overnight. It will take years for people, many of whom have only a basic education, to understand how local government works and that they can have their say."

Adds Mr William Lawrence, ANC candidate for Simondium, "Voter education begins with one or two people coming to us for help with a particular problem.

They go back to their farms and the message spreads that there is something that can be done to

"You call the farm and make an appointment to talk to the farm workers. When you arrive there is one farm worker to meet you. He says that the farmer is terribly sorry, but a problem has cropped up on the farm and the meeting has to be postponed."

"When this happens three or four times you get the message that you are not welcome on the farm."

"It's a clever tactic and it works quite well. But we are not defeated by it. Our message does get through."

De Kok gestures towards a tractor driver enthusiastically hosing down a tractor behind him.

"Hard-working" he says "Jurre, man, look at the comfortable seat on that tractor. And he's got a radio in there and a roof to keep out the sun and hold off the rain. It's bloody nonsense."

De Kok does not introduce me to the tractor driver. He has registered and will vote for the NP.

"We don't want the ANC here. They will ruin everything we have built up over all these years."

"Ja, they will vote as well," De Kok says. He will lend his workers a vehicle to go to Nappier when a voter education meeting is held and will allow politicians to address them.

"But they better know who to vote for, if they know what's good for them," he jokes.

Brikke's laughs. "We farmers have to stand together," he says.

Back in Cape Town, ANC provincial leader Mr Chris Nissen is buoyant. Party leaders are travelling from town to town in the rural areas.

It has been slow, but the campaign is gaining momentum and by election day there will be a great deal of enthusiasm, he says.

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Yes, he will allow campaigning to take place on his farm. "But not now, man, we are busy. The ploughing, planting and the harvest come first. I will allow no one and nothing to stand in the way of my harvest."

Near Nuy, back towards the East Coast, a group of men digging a grave laugh when I shout across the fence to them. "Sal julle stem?"

"Ons het al gestem, vir Mandela, jare gelede," they yell back. "Nee, ons weet glad nie" about rural elections, but would be keen to learn about them if someone came to talk to them.

Hundreds of kilometres east, Elin farmer and National Party candidate Mr Joseph Brinkels is doing all he can to convince farm workers to vote for the NP.

"We have to form a strong opposition," he says, "otherwise the ANC will run everything."



'FW MAN' Mr Karel Windvoel

director of local government and co-ordinator of voter education in the seven rural areas, is only too aware of the huge task she has in bringing news of the elections to the 156 654 registered voters.

The dispute between the NP and ANC over the model for rural government — which delayed the elections beyond the national date in November — has virtually left Cronje's voter education plan in the starting blocks.

**"What elections?" — tractor driver
Koos Januarie**

She has planned a blitz of meetings, radio and television advertisements and posters that will peak just before the elections.

"I am confident that in the end we will have a 60% poll," she says.

On my journey there was hardly a poster in sight — not in the towns nor on the roads.

The three or four I saw all presented a smiling Mandela championing the ANC cause, but none referred specifically to elections.

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The District Councils will be concerned mainly with the provision and co-ordination of primary health and oversee economic development of their areas. They will develop tourism, manage and control informal settlements and take care of conservation.

The TRCs will serve as conduits for RDP benefits to their communities, develop a "democratic, effective and affordable" system of local government and "in general" represent inhabitants of the area in any matter "relating to rural local government."

The contest for proportional votes is mainly between the ANC and the NP, although a number of independents and groups — such as local civics — represent particular interests.

In all, there are almost 500 candidates.

"This election does not have what it takes to excite voters like the 1994 elections when people could vote for democracy, freedom, power, Mandela and the rest," says Touws River ANC chairman and rural elections campaigner Mrs Maggie Cupido.

"It's far more difficult to create an air of excitement now. People

but it was difficult to speak to farm workers as it was the planting season and they were working from dawn to dusk.

She was aware of complaints about some farmers refusing campaigners access to their farms, but had no personal knowledge of any incident.

"The real problem is that it is ploughing season (and) the farm workers are busy."

Mr Appollis Solomons, ANC co-ordinator for the Winelands, is more philosophical.

"These elections," he says, with a dismissive wave of his hand, "are merely an event in the process of change. And change does not hap-

ANC candidate for Simondium or two people coming to us for help with a particular problem.

They go back to their farms and the message spreads that there is something that can be done to solve their problems, from health care to fighting for higher wages and fair employment practices.

"By 1999, things will be different — then the message will have spread and people will flock to the polls."

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"The real problem will come when we have to get farm workers to the voting stations — but we will deal with that."

Near Napier in the Overberg, NP candidate Brinkels and farmer Mr George de Kok stand chatting outside a huge workshop on the 1 200ha farm, Sanddrif, at sunset.

They are wary of reporters recently of how hard-working and underpaid farm workers were. The report mentioned tractor drivers in particular.

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"The percentage poll will be higher than 50% and the NP, according to my information is gaining ground all the time," she says. "Our campaign" — she reels off rural meetings convened by NP leaders in the past few days — "is definitely gaining momentum."

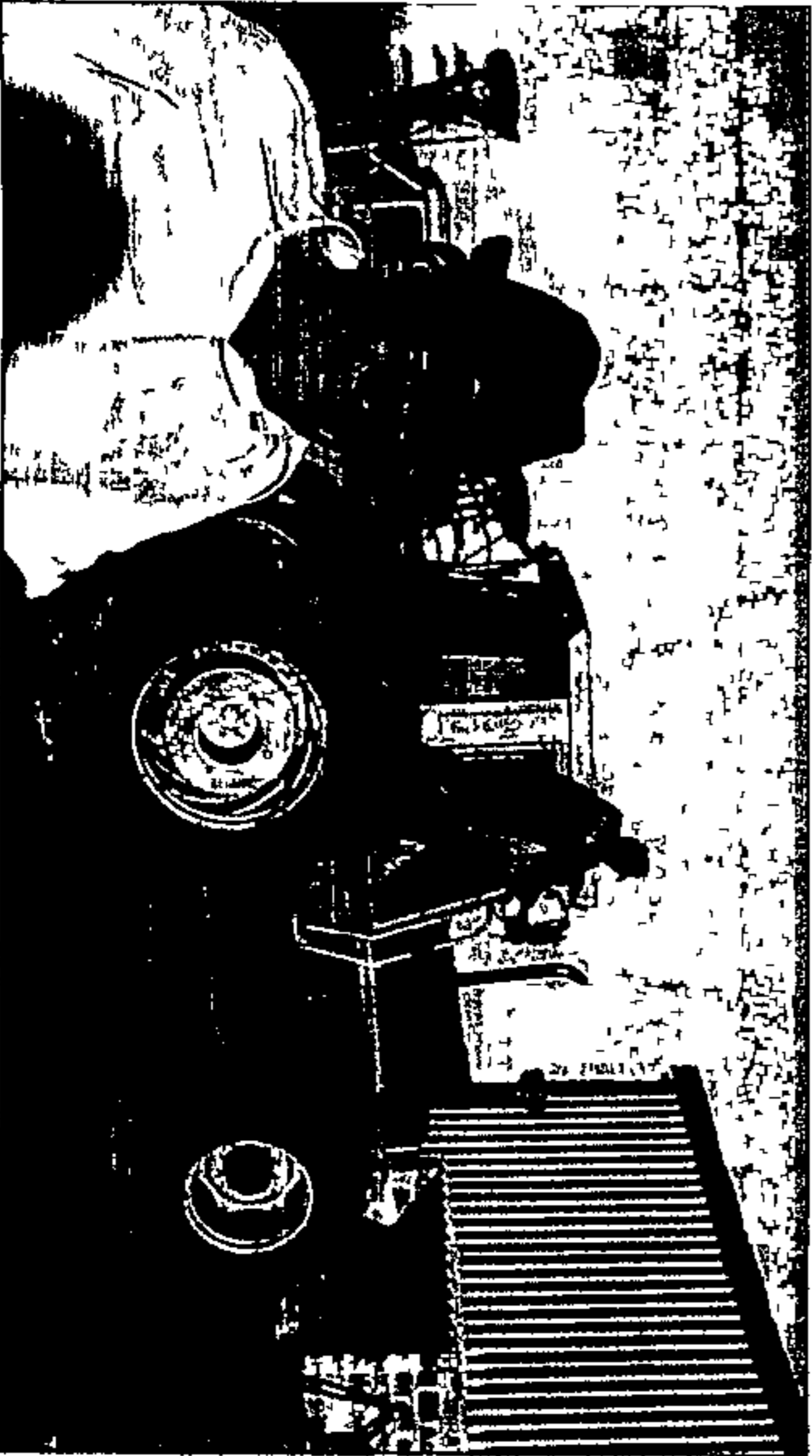
Back on the vast farms of the hinterland, the only movement is by tractors weaving across distant hills, the churning of dry soil and the rising of dust clouds.

And when the farmers — and their workers — look into the future, it's not for good local government, but for signs of rain.

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'STAND TOGETHER': Elin farmer and NP candidate in the Overberg region Mr. Joseph Brinkels says "We must keep the ANC out they will run everything"

Avoiding crucial mistake

WHEN President Nelson Mandela was called a "kaffir" during his campaign trail for the May 29 local government elections in Mitchells Plain, the reaction from political parties was pretty predictable

The African National Congress blamed the National Party. The NP denied everything.

Of course, the ANC is not too far off the mark by calling NP supporters racist. Many are, but this kind of simplistic label produces equally simplistic conclusions – that all people opposing the ANC are racist.

Nevertheless, in the Western Cape there is a great deal of racism among coloured people. There are many reasons for this: apartheid is the major one.

The previous NP regime successfully developed a Coloured Labour Preference policy in the region, which effectively meant coloured people were offered better jobs than blacks – people one might call Africans for want of a better word.

It was a classic case of divide and rule. Coloured people felt they were better off, they had better houses and their children went to better schools – not as good as the whites, but better than the Africans.

And many spoke Afrikaans, a language which made them feel closer to Afrikaners and particularly the Nats.

A little more refined

In the United States they would have called coloured people "house niggers" – those blacks who served the master in his home, who ate the rich scraps from his table and were a little more refined than those blacks who worked out on the cotton plantations.

And, like the coloured people in the Cape, they were among the first to bear the names of their master. You will not find a Verwoerd in the coloured community, but there are Van der Schyffs, Ruiters, Le Rouxs, Rossouws and so on.

But the Nats did not want these "dark" people to be part of their white tribe. So they tried another tack.

They conjured up the tricameral parliament, with dummies like former Labour Party leader Alan Hendrickse and Abe Williams to represent coloured aspirations.

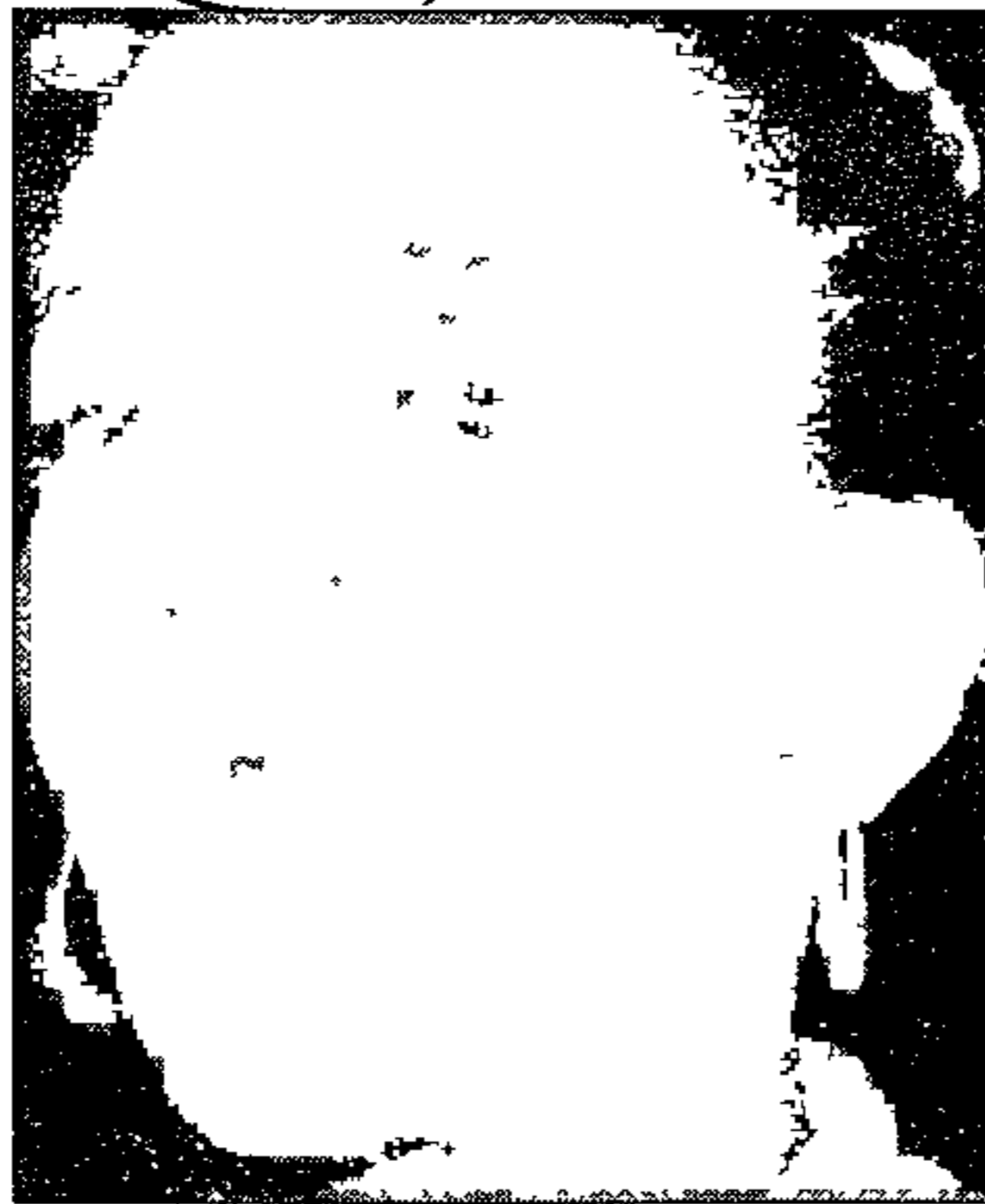
But coloured people were not interested in this smoke-and-mirrors trick, which meant only a few people went to the polls to vote during the coloured election in 1984.

While this did not work out as planned for the Nats, it did however create an increasing schizophrenia among coloured people in the Cape.

They did not know whether to identify with

The Western Cape elections are only seven days away and enough politicking has been done. It now remains to be seen if the classic case of divide and rule will be overcome. **Waghied Misbach** looks at the situation...

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Cheryl Carolus ... the former UDF leader openly identified with the ANC after its unbanning.

their fellow blacks in the townships or to try to continue their somewhat pathetic attempts to get closer to white Nats.

In the '80s, the ANC saw there was a need to bring coloured people into its fold. The formation of the United Democratic Front and the Mass Democratic Movement was to serve this purpose admirably.

Leaders like Allan Boesak, Trevor Manuel, Cheryl Carolus and others galvanised support for the UDF.

Coloured people filled up venues like the Athlone Stadium to listen to the charismatic Boesak, whose favourite slogan at the time was "*Ons is almal in die struggle, die mummies en die pappies, die uncles en die anties, die hondjies en die katjies*" (We are all in the struggle, the mummies and the daddies, the uncles and the aunts, the dogs and the cats).

Also, the songs were in Afrikaans, like *Klim op die wa* (Climb on to the wagon). This all served to ensure that coloured people felt they belonged in the struggle.

But the unbanning of the ANC also meant the demise of the UDF and the MDM. Manuel, Boesak and Carolus openly identified with the ANC and took up leadership positions.

In the subsequent euphoria, the ANC made a

crucial mistake: it assumed that coloured people would come along with them into the ANC.

Many did, but others did not identify with an organisation with leaders like Oliver Tambo and Mandela, who were branded as terrorists for almost 30 years.

The Nats gleefully jumped into the attack, recognising that the ANC had made a hash of the situation. In the 1994 general election, the NP successfully appealed to the coloured fears of a *swart gevaar* (black danger) and won the election in Western Cape.

Now the ANC is more circumspect. Unlike in the 1994 election, there have been no daring statements about winning the election.

Last November, however, the ANC did make some gains by winning the major towns in the rural areas, to the shock and dismay of the NP. But with most voters in metropolitan areas going to the polls on May 29 (2.4 million voters), the ANC can take nothing for granted.

Divide the vote

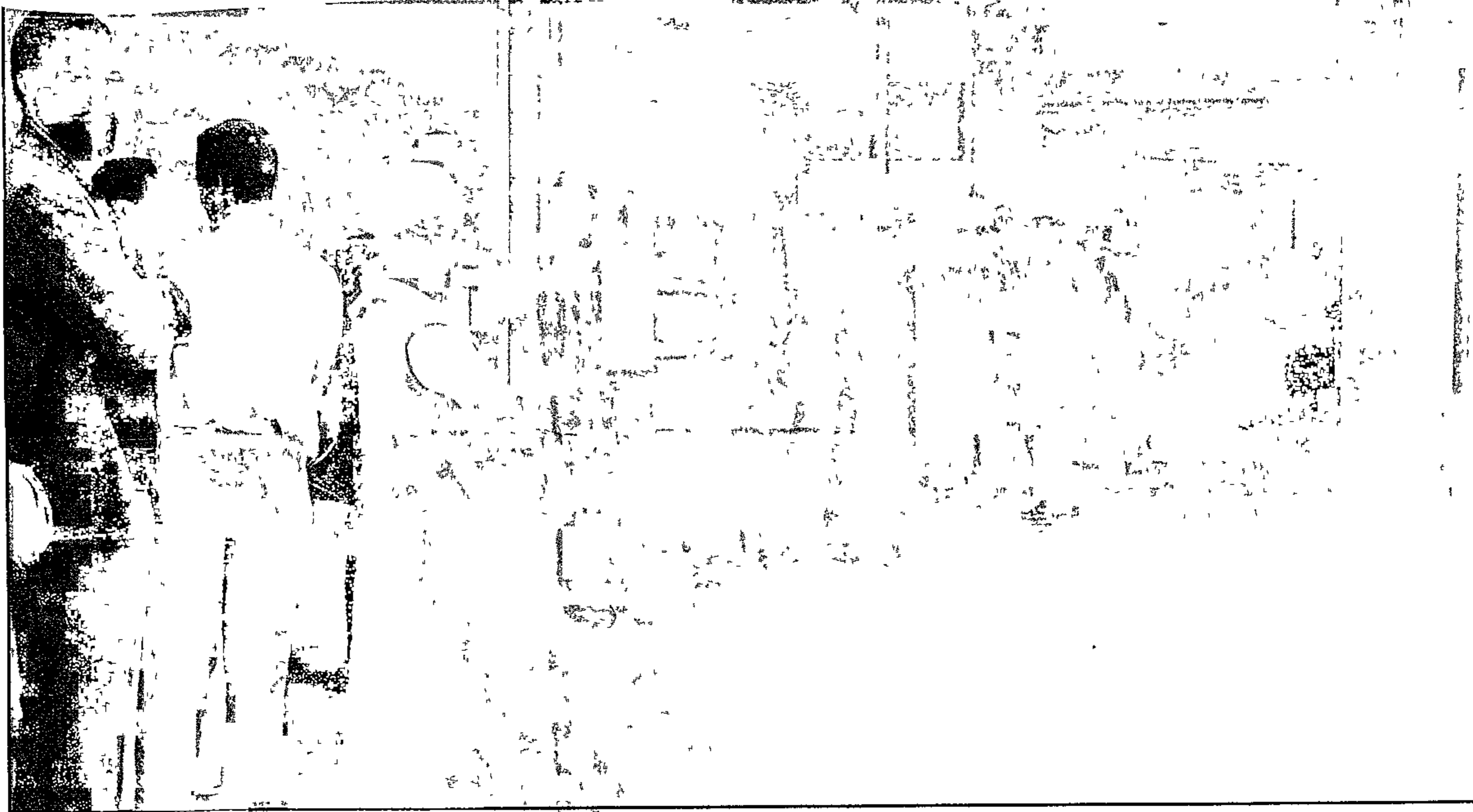
To the NP's credit, there has been no overt attempt at racism, although comments are still made about coloureds losing their jobs and Africans being earmarked for affirmative action positions at the expense of coloureds.

There were also attempts by Nats in the provincial legislature to separate black townships from white areas in an attempt to divide the vote. But, generally, they seem to have toned down their campaigning this time.

Mandela on his campaign trail in the Western Cape has always been at pains to point out that coloureds work with him in high-profile positions, including Manuel (now Finance Minister), Carolus (now ANC deputy secretary-general) and Professor Jakes Gerwel (the former University of the Western Cape rector, who runs Mandela's office in Parliament).

For the ANC one positive outcome of the postponement of the KwaZulu-Natal elections is that Mandela and all his ministers have been able to concentrate on the campaign in the Western Cape.

The ANC may not win on May 29 but it will take a sizeable number of votes from the NP this time. The racism will remain but perhaps the future is brighter than it was two years ago.



QUEUING UP: Above, residents line up to withdraw money at Khayelitsha's only shopping mall. Residents say there are as few as three areas equipped with ATM machines in the entire township.

New poll, old debate

Is Khayelitsha better off alone? Some voters think so

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MICHELLE LERNER reports

AFTER more than a year of heated debate over the future of Khayelitsha before its final inclusion in the Tygerberg, voter expectations in the controversial municipality resonate with fears, hopes and a little old-fashioned racism

"The way I see it, it doesn't matter what party you belong to. It's just important to keep white skin in our community to look after our own affairs," said one Durbanville woman, when asked which way she thought next week's voting would go.

In the week before election day, most of the Tygerberg area's white and coloured residents interviewed by The Argus were ambivalent about their position in the "marriage".

Fierce National Party opposition to the inclusion of Lingeletu West (Khayelitsha) in the new Tygerberg substructure was the major reason behind the postponement of local government elections late last year.

Warning against rates increases for the wealthier Bellville area and its surrounds, the NP wanted all black townships lumped in with the huge Cape Town municipality, already shouldering the burden of the entire Ikapa region.

And while Khayelitsha residents remained hopeful this week, those originally opposed to the alliance seemed warily resigned to the situation.

"Everyone says having them as part of our region means we'll have to subsidise them. It'll be a real disadvantage to us," said Linda of Bellville, who declined to give her surname.

"But with the new South Africa, I guess it's just something we'll have to get used to. If they want to be included in our structure they must start paying."

Although the area is plagued by a culture of non-payment, a local cam-

paign to galvanise residents has resulted in a tripling of those who are paying for services in the past six months, said a spokesman for Khayelitsha's finance department.

He said payments has increased from 5,9 percent in October to nearly 20 percent in April, but added that the area still owed the Cape Town City Council R32 million in water arrears, and R16 million to the Cape Metropolitan Council for health services.

Other residents from less affluent areas such as Bellville South worried that much needed improvements in their own neighbourhoods would be put on the backburner.

"In my area, there are no parks, no sports facilities, no places for the very young or the old. Some of that money needs to come back into our community," said Sarah of Bellville South.

"This is going to make things even worse when we have been neglected too. We'll be paying a lot but not getting the benefits."

CMC chairman Willie van Schoor would only say that funds would be spent "where the need exists".

Sources in Khayelitsha claimed rates were expected to go up 12 to 17 percent in better developed areas.

Many Khayelitsha voters say the sprawling township desperately needs a major overhaul if conditions are to improve, and that they are ill-equipped to go it alone.

Residents hope that not just financial support, but know-how and expertise, will speed up development in their communities.

"There are a lot of expectations out there," said a professor who teaches at a local high school. "It'll take time, but I'm sure we'll definitely see some kind of improvement now."

Macdonald Machaea, who owns a laundromat, believes the new arrange-

ment will create more interaction between people of historically insulated communities, and hopes joint representation will spur business development in his area.

Yandiswa Jaxa echoed similar sentiments, suggesting that working together "gives us the opportunity to collect ideas from people who are not black, and may have something else to say".

Recognising the difficulty of bridging cultural and racial gaps, Maboyiso Datimanti added that "we will come to understand each other as time goes on".

But not everyone in the township is enthusiastic about the coming elections, and some said Khayelitsha was better off looking after its own.

"Bellville doesn't need us and Bellville doesn't want us," said Edward Gclishe. "People there don't understand what is going on here."

Others didn't know what to expect after the ballots were cast, and could only hope they too would have a taste of the new South Africa, as for them, changes continued to come slowly.

Khayelitsha's vote in the upcoming elections is a loaded one, as the area will get greater representation than its population allows. A compromise clause in the Local Government Transition Act makes special provisions for minority communities by giving them 50 percent of ward seats in a given municipality.

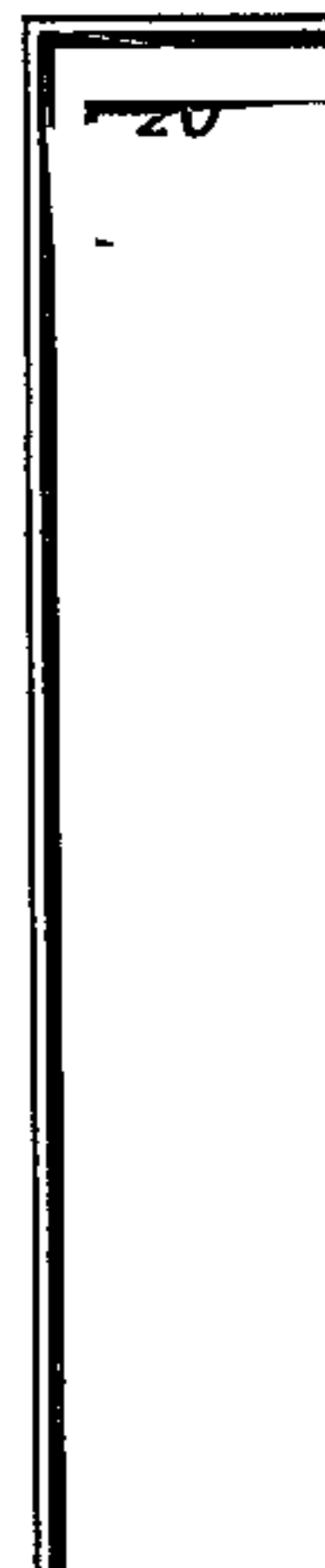
This was agreed on to placate white ratepayers in conservative areas of the former Transvaal, who feared being swallowed up by a black majority.

However, in the parts of the Western Cape where blacks are a minority, the measure has the opposite effect.

Khayelitsha's 150 000 voters will get an equal number of ward seats to the Tygerberg substructure's 250 000 white and coloured voters.

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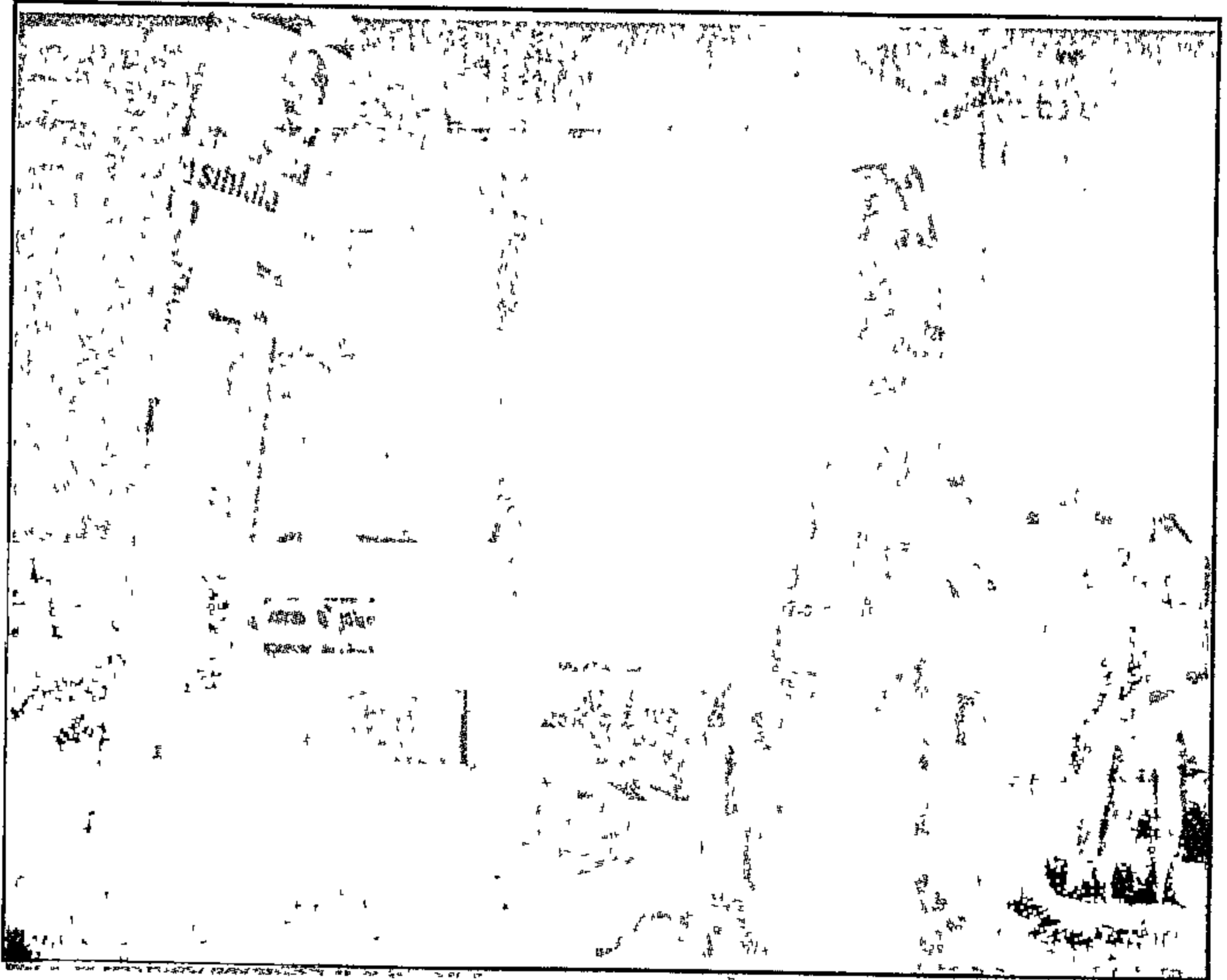
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The battle for the W Cape has begun

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COLOURED voters are once again the prize as Wednesday's Western Cape local government election gears up for a battle of the Titans between the National Party and the African National Congress

The NP were the victors in 1994 when coloureds chose them to rule at provincial level, this time round all the other parties — except the NP — are predicting a swing to the ANC

The ANC enters the election with two advantages. It has already won 12 uncontested ward seats and the constitutionally entrenched 50/50 clause gives them half the wards in African areas

The party's real battle will be to win the second, proportional vote. If it wins a majority here, the scene could be set for the Nats to lose control of the only province it governs in 1999

Coloured voters comprise almost 60% of the electorate and an overwhelming 68% of them voted for the NP in 1994. The ANC did surprisingly well in the November elections in Cape rural towns, gaining 43% of votes in coloured areas and a majority of seats. This bodes well for the ANC's rural vote next week, but is not expected to have much impact on voters in the metropolitan area.

In the past two weeks, the metro campaign has been bruisingly robust. National leaders of political parties have been glad-handing bemused voters in townships and suburbs across the Peninsula and have taken every possible opportunity to swipe at the opposition. National politics has provided excellent fodder

pected boost from the NP's decision to quit the Government of National Unity

It has been a relatively clean campaign, except for complaints by the ANC that the NP has whipped up racism to win support, and charges from the NP that they have been prevented from campaigning in African townships

The ANC is confident of winning more seats than any other party next Wednesday. Its campaign has focused sharply on local issues, its candidates have an impressive track record in community affairs and heavyweight national leaders have been roped in to help spread the message that the party is able to govern effectively

President Nelson Mandela is casting his vote in Newlands and has been campaigning ferociously in coloured areas in Cape Town. A substantial amount of his time has been spent in one-to-one meetings with families and interest groups

The ANC is confident of winning the majority of votes in the central substructure, the largest in the metro with almost 500 000 voters. Central has a budget of R2-billion — one-quarter of the provincial budget — and will be an important development agency. If the ANC performs well there in the next two years, it will have a convincing message for voters in 1999

The party's prospects are not as bright in the second-largest substructure, Tygerberg. In this amalgamation of Afrikaans-speaking white and coloured areas thrown together with Khayelitsha, it faces tough opposition from the NP and the FF.

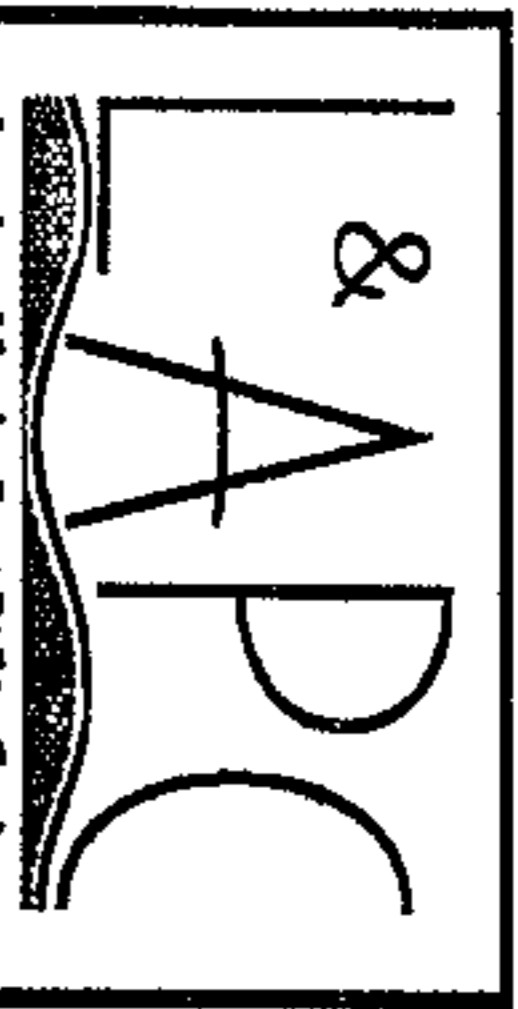
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AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICY: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Land and Agriculture Policy Centre (LAPC) is hosting a conference on Agricultural Trade Policy 24-25 October 1996 in South Africa. The theme of the conference will be an examination of the likely impact of Trade Policy changes on restructuring the South African agricultural sector and implications for regional integration. We are calling for relevant papers dealing with the following topics:

1. Economic comparative advantage for major agricultural activities in South Africa and the sub-regions;
2. Regional integration (SADC and SACU);
3. Impact of International Trade Policy agreement and agricultural policies in other regions (European Union, USA, and Asian regions) on South African agriculture.

Priority will be given to those papers that analyse the impact of changing Agricultural Trade Policies on *Inter alia*, the development of small-holder agriculture food security and employment in South Africa and the sub-region.

Interested persons should submit a 2 000 word abstract by 30 June 1996. Contributions will be selected on the basis of the abstract. Completed papers - in the requisite format - will be required by 31 July 1996. Submit abstracts to Ms Tracey Simbi, P.O. Box 243 WITS 2050 South Africa. Enquiries: 011-403 7272; ask for Sherry-Anne or Hubert.

Apathy among coloured voters would serve the ANC well. It has lost support from teachers, who traditionally are very influential in coloured areas. African voters gave more than 90% of their votes to the ANC in 1994 and are likely to flock to the polling stations once again.

"People have seen through the lies of 1994 when they were told the ANC would take away their houses, their jobs and even eat their dogs in NP election propaganda," said ANC Western Cape leader Chris Nissen.

"That has not happened. What has is that the ANC's Reconstruction and Development Programme has provided them with free health for their children, feeding schemes, the extension of municipal services and sport and recreational facilities."

With a clear win of 53% of votes in the 1994 elections, the NP goes to the polls next week with an advantage. Party leaders and campaign workers say they have not noticed any decline in support and are satisfied that their voters will flock to polling stations next week.

NP leader FW de Klerk and his wife Marike have been hard at work in the province, making more appearances at rallies and walkabouts than provincial leader Dr Dawie de Villiers.

The NP's infrastructure is much more sophisticated in rural areas than any other party and it enjoys overwhelming support from farmers.

The party is making brave forays into African townships, fielding five candidates largely drawn from councillors in former black local authority councils. It is likely to win two wards, in Site C, Khayeltsha and Mfuleni.

Two complaints of intimidation have been made by the NP during the campaign. Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel said he was turned away from the Mfuleni township by a mob of protesters and Marike de Klerk said she was prevented from addressing squatters in Mhlontri.

The NP's MEC for Local Government, Peter Marais, is confident his party will "bounce" the ANC next Wednesday.

Pensive campaigner: Nelson Mandela has spent many days campaigning ferociously in the coloured areas of the Western Cape

50/50 arrangement favours ANC

Rehana Rossouw

THE Western Cape's demographics has resulted in a unique power-sharing arrangement which could have a major effect on the outcome of the elections.

Clause 245 of the Interim Constitution allocated 50% of the wards to former white, coloured and Indian areas and 50% to former black local authority areas.

The ward vote counts for 60% of the total in local authorities with the proportional representation party vote making up the other 40%.

The clause was intended to allocate more wards to areas with a smaller amount of voters — in every other province this meant former

"Unless the factor is very high, the NP has the support of 80% of the voters in the Cape. Black people are still very ethnic when it comes to voting and will probably support the ANC, but their enthusiasm has waned a little.

"The ANC has no coloured leaders who can excite the people like I can."

The DP does not stand much of a chance of regaining the hold on local government it enjoyed until interim councils replaced whites-only municipal rule in Cape Town.

The party's biggest advantage is that it controlled the Cape Town City Council for years and has a track record in municipal affairs. But the DP has not made major inroads in African areas and has no record of community work in coloured areas.

Nevertheless, the party has made a brave effort, with national leader Tony Leon working hard in the metropole. The DP will perform well in its traditional support areas along the coastline and will win some wards comfortably.

The dark horse in the local election will be the Freedom Front which has won unexpected sup-

white local authority areas — than there normally would have been.

But in the Western Cape, where whites, coloureds and Indians are the majority of the population, the opposite has been achieved and 50% of wards were allocated to former black local authority areas.

The 50/50 arrangement thus favours the African National Congress, which won over 90% of the African vote in the 1994 elections.

There are six substructures in the metropole: Central (496 490 voters), Tygerberg (418 321 voters), Helderberg (69 853), Eastern (107 471), Northern (57 789) and Southern (165 625).

There are 27 transitional representative councils in rural areas and 152 000 registered voters.

port from NP members confused by their party's decision to withdraw from the government.

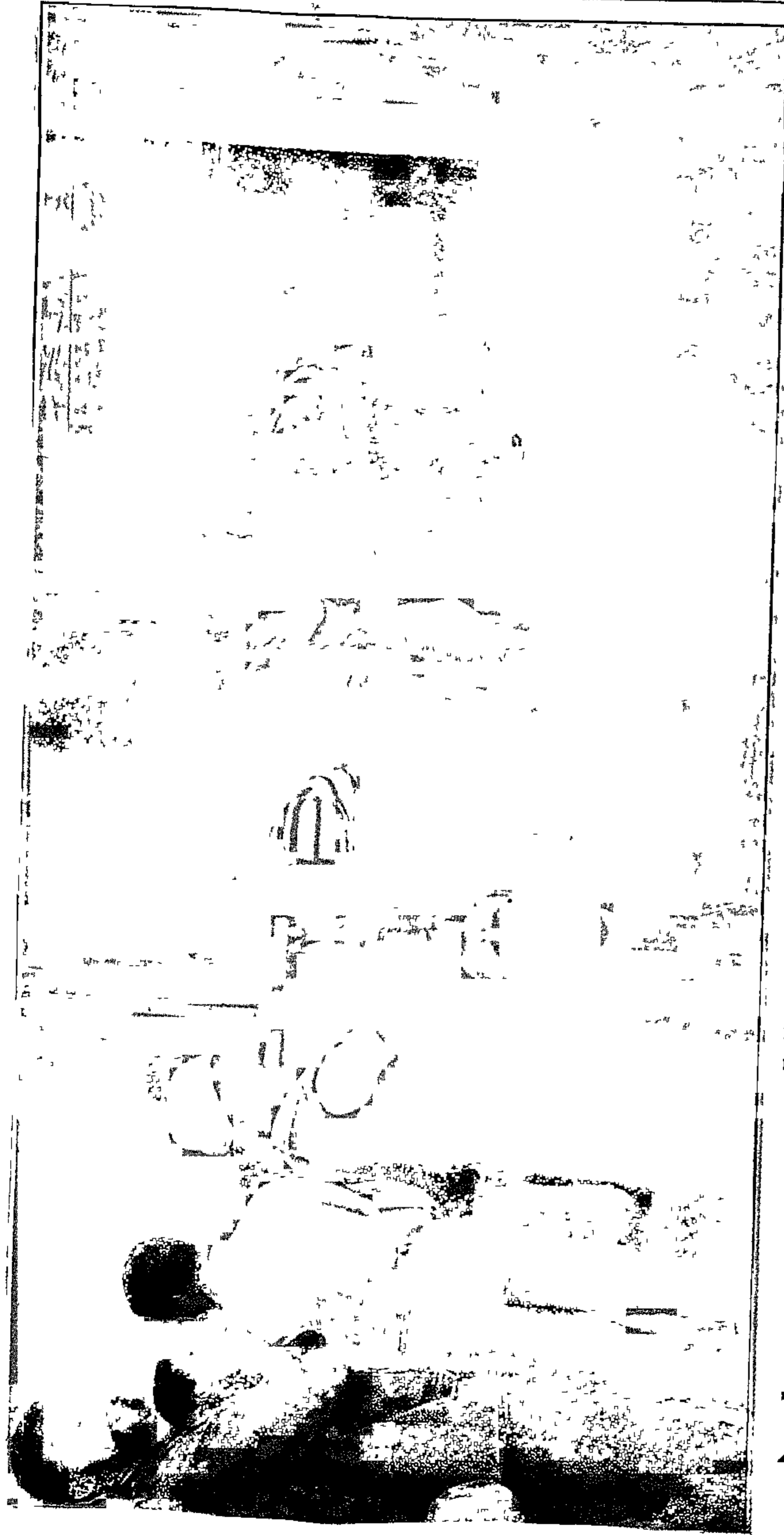
The party was also caught slightly off-guard by the enthusiastic response to some of their policies from coloured voters who agree with their campaign to preserve Afrikaans and limit the influx of jobseekers to the Cape.

It should easily improve on its 2% of the vote in 1994 elections. The FF is fielding 33 candidates in wards in the traditionally Afrikaner northern suburbs and has surprised its rivals with the support they are winning.

"We are the refuge of people who have lost their faith in the NP and we are slowly building the foundation for a hectic campaign in 1999," said the FF's Western Cape MPL Eleanor Lombard.

The PAC is fielding only eight candidates in the central substructure, so its hopes rest on drawing support on the second ballot form, where voters choose a party. (In the first ballot, voters choose a candidate for their ward.)

The African Muslim Party and the African Christian Democratic Party are not expected to perform very well, except among people holding strong religious views.



New poll, old debate ⁽²⁶³⁾

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Is Khayelitsha better off alone? Some voters think so

QUEUING UP: Above, residents line up to withdraw money at Khayelitsha's only shopping mall. Residents say there are as few as three areas equipped with ATM machines in the entire township.

Cont

MICHELLE LERNER reports

AFTER more than a year of heated debate over the future of Khayelitsha before its final inclusion in the Tygerberg, voter expectations in the controversial municipality resonate with fears, hopes and a little old-fashioned racism

"The way I see it, it doesn't matter what party you belong to. It's just important to keep white skin in our community to look after our own affairs," said one Durbanville woman, when asked which way she thought next week's voting would go

In the week before election day, most of the Tygerberg area's white and coloured residents interviewed by The Argus were ambivalent about their position in the "marriage"

Fierce National Party opposition to the inclusion of Lingeletu West (Khayelitsha) in the new Tygerberg substructure was the major reason behind the postponement of local government elections late last year

Warning against rates increases for the wealthier Bellville area and its surrounds, the NP wanted all black townships lumped in with the huge Cape Town municipality, already shouldering the burden of the entire Ikapa region

And while Khayelitsha residents remained hopeful this week, those originally opposed to the alliance seemed warily resigned to the situation

"Everyone says having them as part of our region means we'll have to subsidise them. It'll be a real disadvantage to us," said Linda of Bellville, who declined to give her surname

"But with the new South Africa, I guess it's just something we'll have to get used to. If they want to be included in our structure they must start paying"

Although the area is plagued by a culture of non-payment, a local cam-

paign to galvanise residents has resulted in a tripling of those who are paying for services in the past six months, said a spokesman for Khayelitsha's finance department

He said payments has increased from 5,9 percent in October to nearly 20 percent in April, but added that the area still owed the Cape Town City Council R32 million in water arrears, and R16 million to the Cape Metropolitan Council for health services

Other residents from less affluent areas such as Bellville South worried that much needed improvements in their own neighbourhoods would be put on the backburner

"In my area, there are no parks, no sports facilities, no places for the very young or the old. Some of that money needs to come back into our community," said Sarah of Bellville South

"This is going to make things even worse when we have been neglected too. We'll be paying a lot but not getting the benefits"

CMC chairman Willie van Schoor would only say that funds would be spent "where the need exists"

Sources in Khayelitsha claimed rates were expected to go up 12 to 17 percent in better developed areas

Many Khayelitsha voters say the sprawling township desperately needs a major overhaul if conditions are to improve, and that they are ill-equipped to go it alone

Residents hope that not just financial support, but know-how and expertise, will speed up development in their communities

"There are a lot of expectations out there," said a professor who teaches at a local high school. "It'll take time, but I'm sure we'll definitely see some kind of improvement now"

Macdonald Machaea, who owns a laundromat, believes the new arrange-

ment will create more interaction between people of historically insulated communities, and hopes joint representation will spur business development in his area

Yandiswa Jaxa echoed similar sentiments, suggesting that working together "gives us the opportunity to collect ideas from people who are not black, and may have something else to say"

Recognising the difficulty of bridging cultural and racial gaps, Maboyiso Datimanti added that "we will come to understand each other as time goes on"

But not everyone in the township is enthusiastic about the coming elections, and some said Khayelitsha was better off looking after its own

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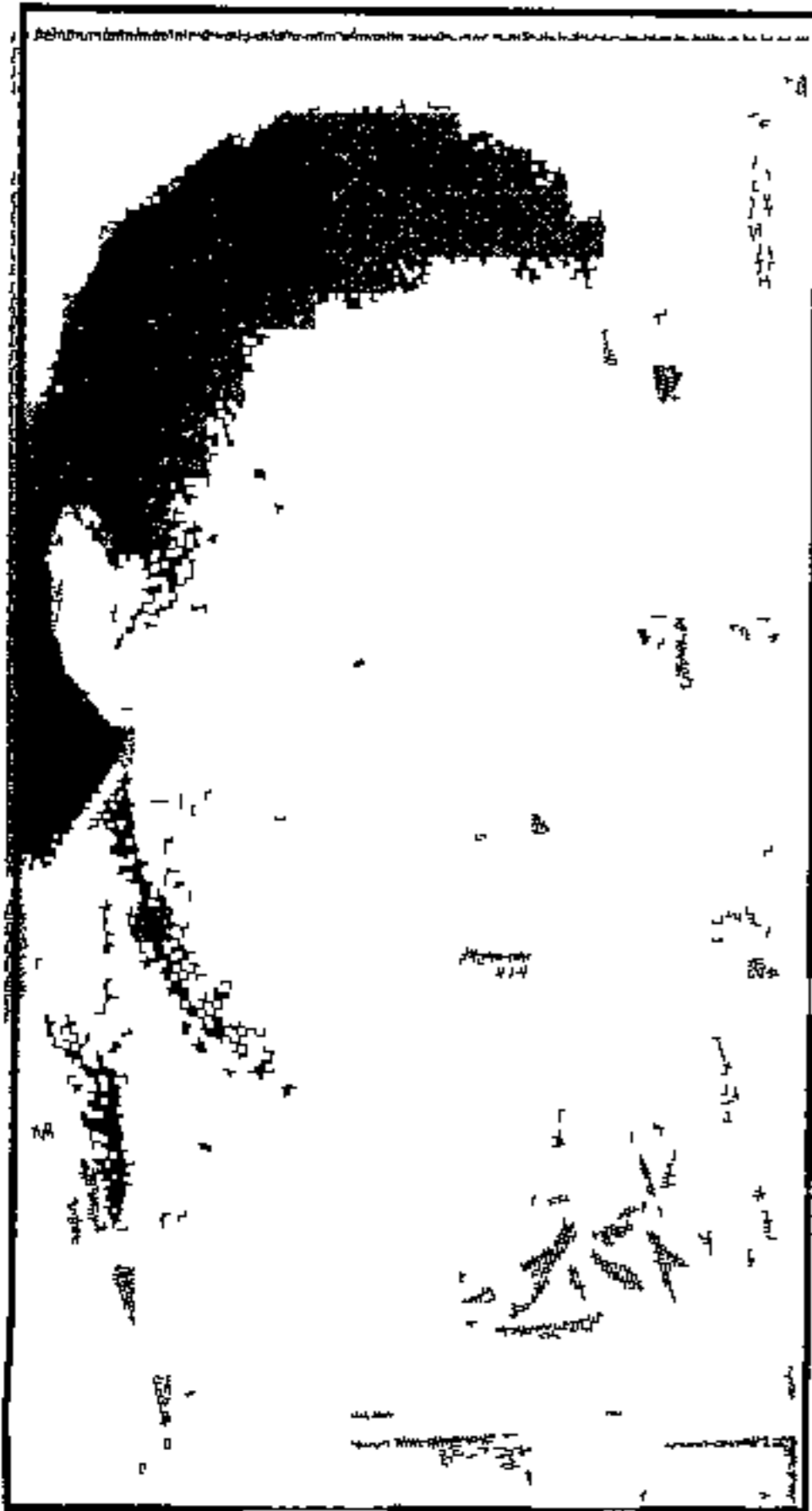
Others didn't know what to expect after the ballots were cast, and could only hope they too would have a taste of the new South Africa, as for them, changes continued to come slowly

Khayelitsha's vote in the upcoming elections is a loaded one, as the area will get greater representation than its population allows. A compromise clause in the Local Government Transition Act makes special provisions for minority communities by giving them 50 percent of ward seats in a given municipality

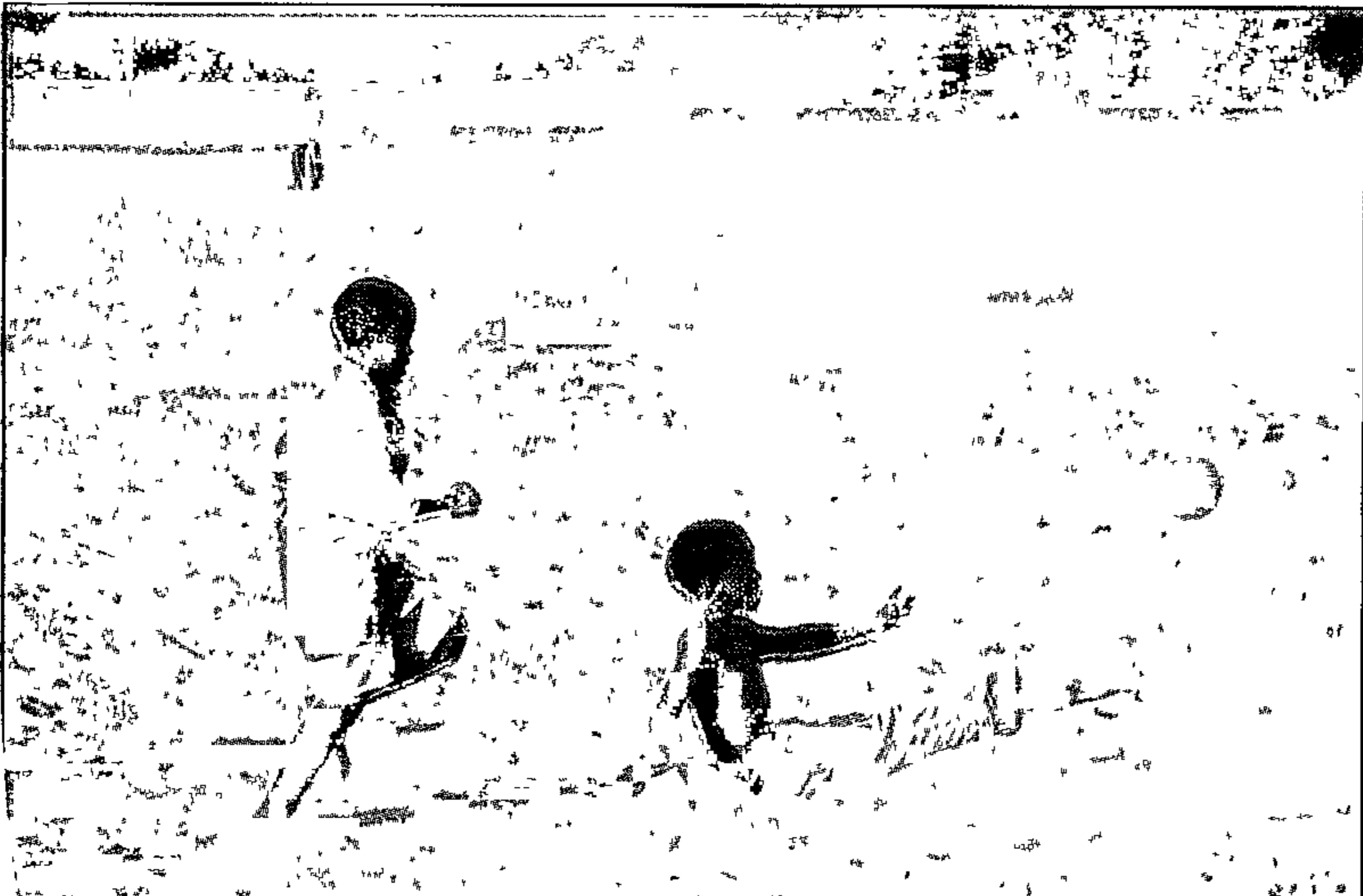
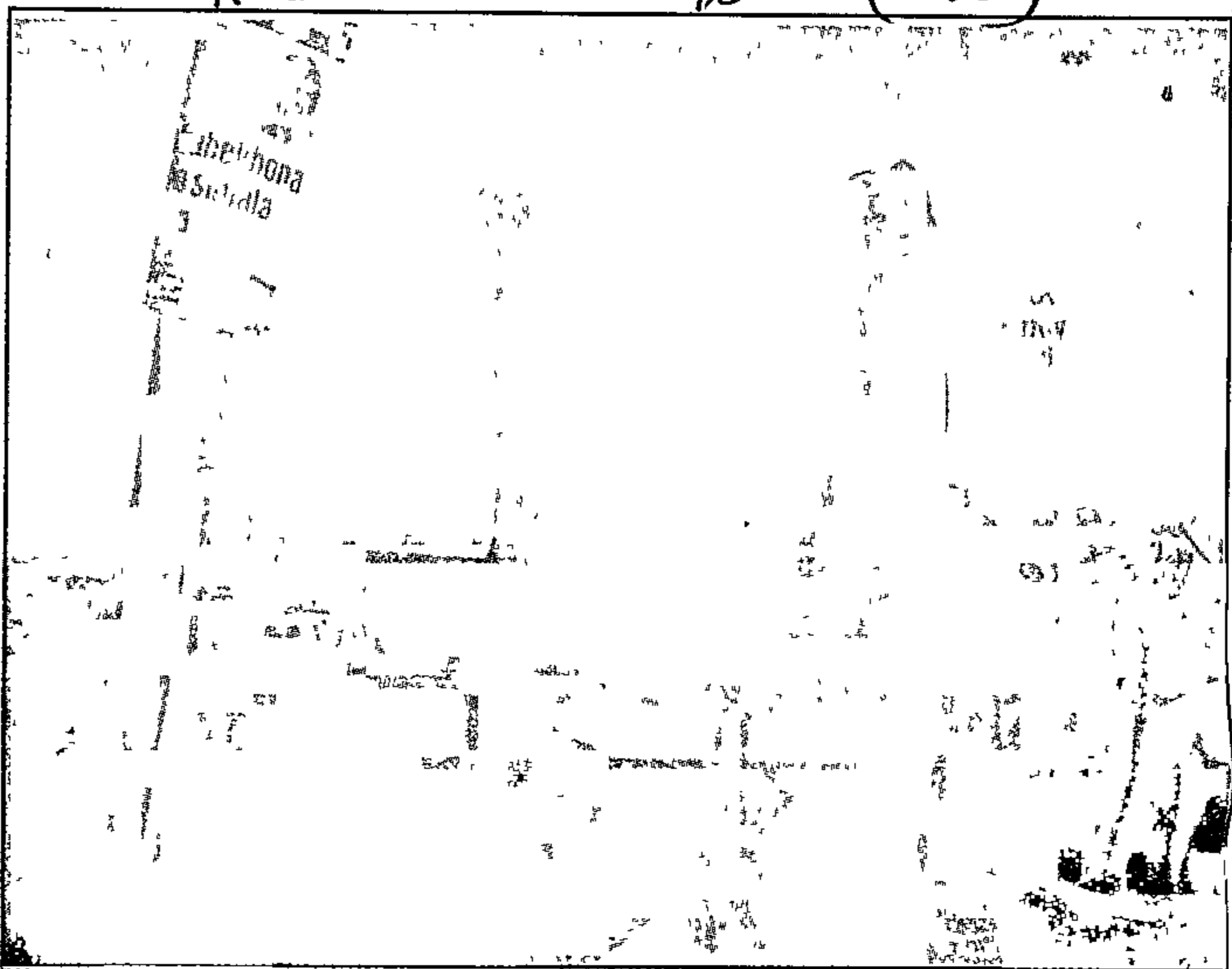
This was agreed on to placate white ratepayers in conservative areas of the former Transvaal, who feared being swallowed up by a black majority

However, in the parts of the Western Cape where blacks are a minority, the measure has the opposite effect

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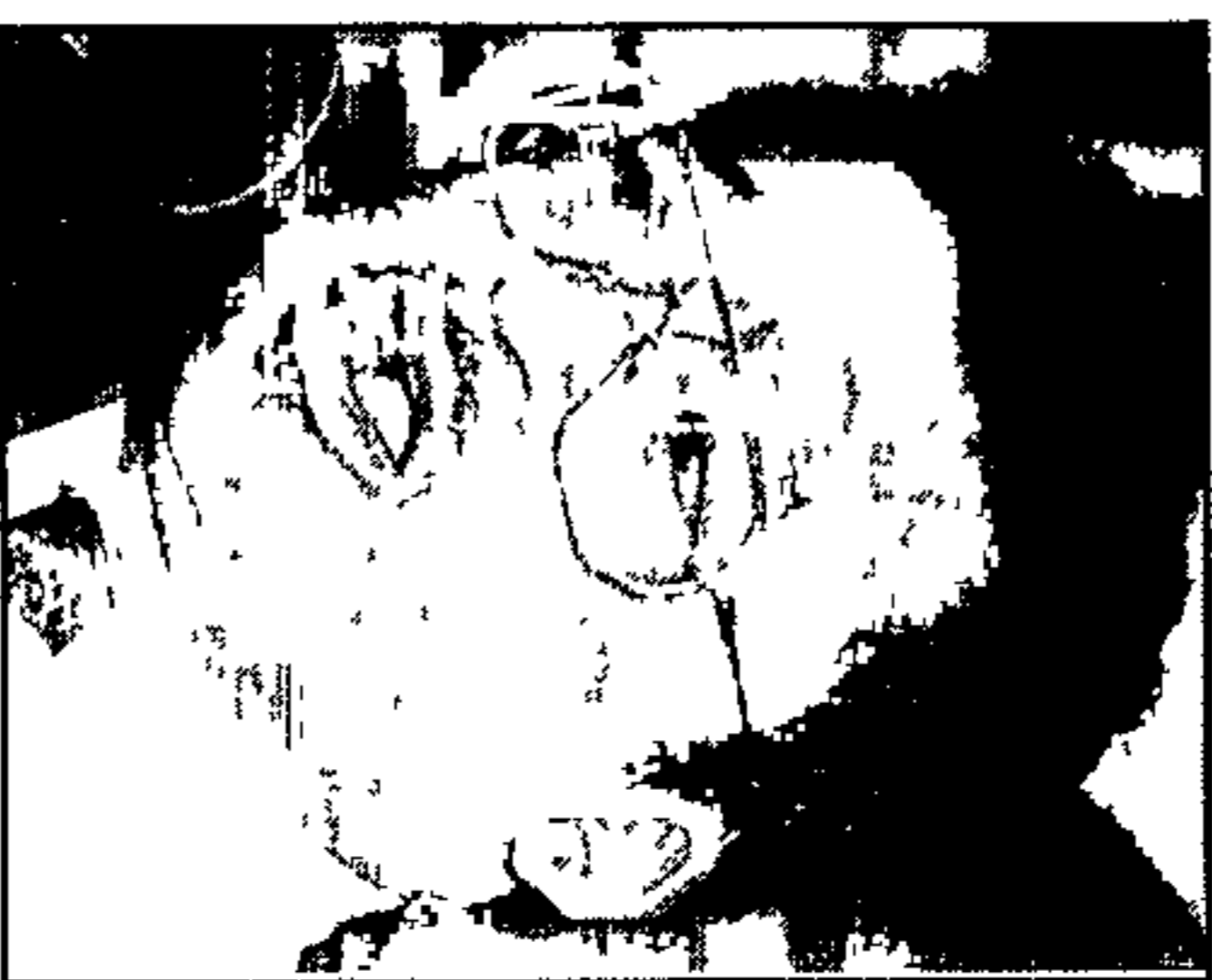
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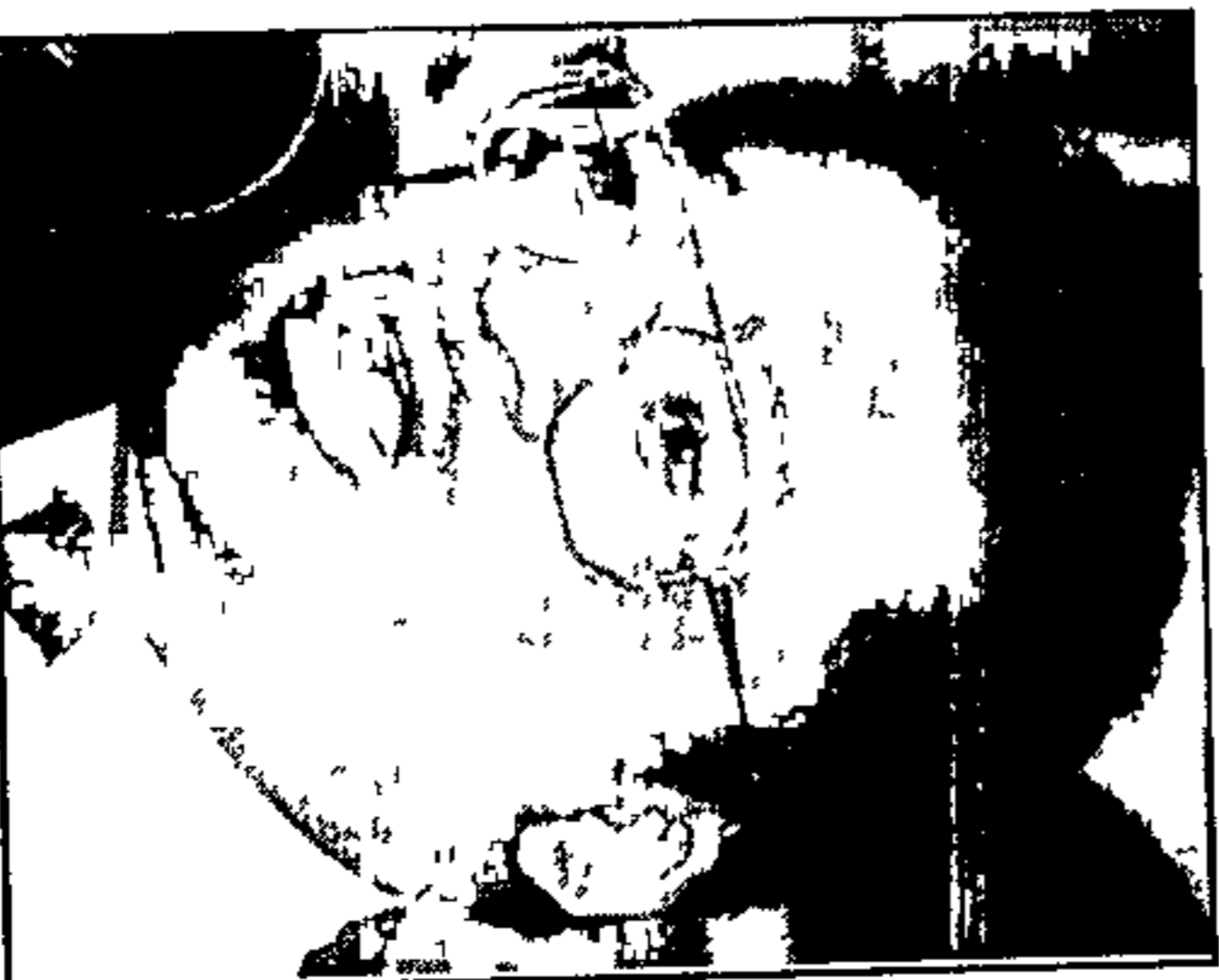
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He said the NP had left the government of national unity at national and provincial levels where it was in the minority, although this had meant less pay Why were the ANC in the Western Cape not doing the same? he questioned Because they wanted the money, was his answer They had bought 'big houses in Constantia' and were afraid they might have to give these up.

Listing the coloureds who were in leading government positions in the Western Cape Mr Marrais urged "We must become centre-stage in the Western Cape"

He said people were defined by their language and culture That they spoke Afrikaans made them Afrikaners

"We have never been revolutionaries, we were not in Angola we didn't learn to shoot AK47s But we built the economy of the Western Cape We are not being recognised for our worth We are losing everything, even our language If the ANC does not want to recognise our language then they have no right to our loyalty

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Political emotion is rising in the run-up to Wednesday's local government elections in the Western Cape, with the ANC threatening two legal actions against NP candidates for alleged intimidation and fraud.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said last night the party had laid a charge with the Man-

enberg police yesterday following an incident in Heideveld in which its canvassers were intimidated, and posters and pamphlets torn up. An NP MP was allegedly involved.

The ANC was also contemplating Supreme Court action to have two NP candidates disqualified for alleged fraud in their nomination signatures. Charges were laid against them two weeks ago.

SA doctors 'prescribed torture'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — White doctors examined detainees in the 1980s and prescribed them "fit for more torture", the truth commission was told yesterday.

The shocking allegation came from western region district council health director Dr Mangaliso Maqina, who named part-time district surgeon Dr Ivor Lang and a Dr Labuschagne as having taken part in "gross human rights violations".

When the Medical Association of SA (Masa) "said nothing" about human rights violations, Maqina said, black doctors and other health professionals formed an alternative association.

He said 99% of white doctors

belonged to Masa then. The association had since changed and is "now talking our language".

"I cannot believe that if you are a doctor trained to look after people for healing, that you can torture people," Maqina said.

He named a Dr Labuschagne as having once prescribed a beaten man as fit for more torture.

Lang was found guilty of improper conduct and cautioned at a 1985 disciplinary hearing for his part in Steve Biko's death in 1977.

When Maqina finished his testimony, commissioner Dr Mapule Ramashala said to him: "In our profession, our call is to save lives. It is very unfortunate that in SA doctors have participated in the perpetration of human rights violations."

Miller happy to get R21m aid

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Central government yesterday agreed to the KwaZulu-Natal government's request for an additional R21m to organise local government elections in the province, but was still considering a request from political parties for allocations to them as well.

KwaZulu-Natal local government MEC Peter Miller said he was "delighted" about the allocation, and that the Cabinet treasury committee had praised the province for the "high quality of financial management" in the use of election funds.

Spokesman Des Beykirch said the R21m would cover costs incurred as a result of the one-month postponement of elections to June 26.

The money would be used to pay thousands of election staff and voter education staff, as well as for reopening voter registration for four days. He said an additional R31m to fund expenditure carried over from the previous financial year had also been allocated.

Special truth hearing to be held

PORT ELIZABETH — The truth commission would hold a special hearing next month to hear evidence on the disappearance of activists Siphiso Mtimkulu and Topsy Madaka, Eastern Cape commission chairman Bongani Finca said yesterday.

Sapa reports this followed the invasion of the commission's Port Elizabeth venue by more than 1,000 schoolchildren from New Brighton and KwaZakele demanding that Siphiso's mother, Elizabeth Mtimkulu, be allowed to testify.

She was to have testified at the commission's hearings in East London a month ago. However this was postponed to yesterday after Brig Jan du Preez and Maj-Gen Nicolaas Jansé van Rensburg applied for urgent interdicts preventing the commission from hearing her evidence, which they said would incriminate them.

The commission agreed to a second postponement after the policemen asked the Cape Supreme Court to fine or jail the commission and its chairman Desmond

Tutu for disregarding the previous court order in their favour.

Addressing the crowd at the hearings, Port Elizabeth mayor Nceba Faku pleaded for understanding and asked the community not to allow their anger to spill over into violence.

Mtimkulu and Madaka disappeared after they visited Port Elizabeth's Livingstone Hospital in 1982. Mtimkulu was diagnosed as suffering from thallium poisoning after his release from detention.

Our Port Elizabeth correspondent reports former Port Elizabeth Youth Organisation president Mkhusele Jack told the commission yesterday that he would not be able to give 70% of his testimony because it related to Lt-Col Gideon Nieuwoudt.

Nieuwoudt and the commission reached agreement on Wednesday in terms of which people testifying before the commission would be informed that they were not allowed to name the him as a perpetrator. Jack was the first to be warned and said he would respect the ruling.

He related how the police had taken him and other comrades to a shop and pretended that "they were having a good time". As a result people had started to say "we do not trust these comrades".

"I was fortunate because I was not named as an informer, because there were some who lost their lives."

He said he had been taken to Louis le Grange police station by W/O Coetsee who put him in handcuffs and wrapped a towel around his waist saying "We don't want you to have any scars".

Another witness, Kirkwood mother Nosisana Celia Louw, asked the commission for witness protection after naming two policemen and a police informer she believed could shed light on her son's disappearance in 1985.

Louw said a few days after the disappearance of her son, Sizwe Mazungula, a policeman had driven past her house and announced over a loudhailer that: "Sizwe had gone to train in order to come back and fight with the police." She had not seen her son since.

POLL WAR

■ A war of dirty tricks is escalating as supporters of the different political parties reach an all-time low in tactics to try to ensure victory in the forthcoming local elections on May 29.

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Staff Reporter

THE African National Congress constituent office of Western Cape Minister of Health and Welfare, Ebrahim Rasool, has been smeared with "human excrement" as the war of dirty tricks escalates in the run-up to the local elections

Hundreds of political posters have been reported "stolen" by the National Party and the ANC as robust electioneering gains momentum. One of the ANC candidates, Revel Fox, claims to have lost more than 500 posters in the southern suburbs since his political campaign began.

The NP also claimed many of its posters were ripped off poles as tensions increased in the election wards.

"We are not involved in any dirty tricks. We have certainly had cases of intimidation of candidates, canvassers and workers," said Jan Kruger, media liaison officer for the NP.

The ANC is preparing to take many of the "dirty tricks" cases to the electoral tribunal, said Cameron Dugmore of the ANC information office. The ANC Tygerberg local election team is also concerned about the high level of intimidation in the sub-structure.

In another pre-poll incident five youths were beaten up in Khayelitsha and a number of ward candidates allegedly received death threats. An ANC candidate, Fundile Matoto, was chased by gunmen and had to run for his life, it has been alleged.

Meanwhile, the exterior walls and doors of the ANC office in Heideveld were smeared with excrement and one of its election vehicles was stolen while a campaign meeting took place inside the offices this week.

Ismail Schroeder, co-ordinator for the ANC local election in the Heideveld office, said the walls had been "desecrated" with excrement. Canvassers were prevented from working in the area as a result of intimidation tactics this week, he claimed.

Mr. Dugmore said the voters' roll at the organisation's Grassy Park office had been destroyed after a break-in and attempts had been made to set the office alight.

"These tactics of defacing offices, intimidation and pulling down posters reflect desperate attempts to prevent the ANC from making substantial gains on May 29. We are confident that no matter what form of dirty tricks, the ANC has done its work on the ground and the results will reflect this," he said.

As reports of dirty tricks flowed in, election monitors were expressing concern, especially in some wards in Khayelitsha where political intolerance was said to be rife.

One could not be sure whether there was a carefully orchestrated campaign or whether the incidents of dirty tricks were isolated, said Shaun Tait of the Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee.

Monitors and police were keeping a close watch on Khayelitsha, where there were strongholds of ANC, NP and the newly-formed independents - a grouping of former ANC members.

Labour unrest this week at the Lingeletu West Council was causing concern. Reports from within the council indicated political intolerance had reached an all-time low. A member of council staff allegedly was victimised for being a NP supporter.

"We are aware of the labour unrest and it does add to the tensions," said an election monitor. Claims were made to SATURDAY ARGUS that vehicles belonging to the council were "hijacked" for a morning this week by council staff, who rode up and down the streets with ANC banners.

While it had been alleged that Khayelitsha was "in utter chaos", this was denied by Dave Wilken, returning officer of Tygerberg for the election.

Mr Wilken believed the elections would be a success and would run smoothly in his area. Police also appeared to have faith in a free and fair election taking place.

"We are bringing in extra manpower in Khayelitsha from now until the elections. There are extra patrols as there have been reported cases of intimidation," said Hermie Esterhuysen, involved in policing the election. Hopes were high for a free and fair violence-free election, he said.

Election monitors said canvassers for the ANC alliance in Manenberg were chased yesterday by gangs claiming to represent the NP. "There is just no history of multi-party democracy and people are struggling to make the transition," said a police intelligence source.

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GETTING DIRTY

Dirty tricks reported as polling day approaches

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Cape Town - The ANC constituent office, of Western Cape MEC for health and welfare Ebrahim Rasool was smeared with "human excrement" this week as the war of dirty tricks escalated in the runup to the local election.

Ismail Schroeder, co-ordinator for the ANC local election in the Heideveld office, alleged the walls and doors of the ANC office in Heideveld were also smeared with excrement.

Five youths were beaten in Khayelitsha and a number of ward candidates received phone calls threatening their lives, according to the ANC.

ANC candidate Fundile Matoto was chased by gunmen and had to run for his life, it was alleged.

Revel Fox, another ANC candidate, claimed to have lost more than 500 posters in Cape Town's southern suburbs.

The NP also claimed to have had many of its posters ripped down.

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Parties in final bid ⁽²⁶⁷⁾ to sway electorate

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By NORMAN WEST and
KEN VERNON

WITH a photo-finish looming in Wednesday's local government elections in the Western Cape, political parties wheeled out the big guns this weekend in a last-ditch bid to sway voters.

President Nelson Mandela, deputy presidents Thabo Mbeki and F W Klerk, DP leader Tony Leon, WP Premier Her-nus Kriel and PAC leader Clarence Mak-wetu all hit the hustings in the battle of the heavyweights for the hearts and minds of voters.

But there are just 48 hours left to sway undecided voters.

Campaigning grinds to a halt at mid-night on Monday — and no campaigning is allowed on Tuesday or Wednesday.

In the final hours of the long campaign, tempers have flared and there have been several reports of violence, intimidation and racial slurs directed at campaign workers.

Offices and election posters have been defaced.

ANC election worker Erifaan Kelassim has filed a complaint with police after being assaulted and threatened by knife-

wielding thugs he claims were NP supporters.

The ANC, the NP and the DP have all alleged that their posters have been ripped down and their election offices vandalised.

At Heideveld the outside walls of the campaign office of Health and Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool, a member of the ANC, were smeared with human excrement.

The alarming trend in the campaign prompted President Mandela to appeal for calm during an address to supporters at Khayelitsha.

"I appeal to all of you not to get involved in acts to intimidate others," he told the crowd of several hundred.

Later he reduced an SA National Civics Organisation leader to tears when he spoke sternly to him about standing against the ANC in the township.

Earlier this week the Democratic Party lost an urgent application to the Cape Town Election Tribunal to stop the distribution of what they called an "offensive" NP pamphlet.

The application was turned down because of an error in the documents submitted to the court — costing the DP R20 000.

There are 1.4-million registered voters in the Metropolitan area who will elect a total of 284 councillors, 170 on a ward basis and 114 on a proportional basis from among 704 candidates to run six new municipalities and a new Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) after Wednesday.

The ANC believes it can repeat its successes of last November when the party took 35 percent of Transitional Local Councils (TLC's) ward seats against the NP's 33

This left the ANC with overall control in 16 key towns, compared with the 11 that fell to the Nats. The NP, however, points to its gains in the 1994 general elections when it captured 41 percent of voters overall against the ANC's 31 percent and the support of the majority of coloured voters (56 percent, ANC 25 percent).

They say, optimistically, there are no indications that this scenario would change at Wednesday's hustings.

MANDELA RAPS 'WILD ANIMAL' CANDIDATES

Poll battle lines drawn

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AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT election campaign reached its peak at the weekend, President Nelson Mandela appealed to candidates not to behave like "wild animals". **CHRIS BATEMAN** and **PETER DENNEHY** report.

WITH just over 48 hours to go before local government election voting begins, the National Party looks well-placed for victory in at least four of the six Cape Metropolitan substructures — although the ANC pulled out all stops at the weekend to reverse the 1994 trend.

By late last night the ANC's best chance of success seemed to lie in the Central substructure. In the Southern substructure, the NP may be outnumbered by Independents and the Democratic Party, who expect a strong showing.

Mandela told a Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain, crowd at the weekend that the ANC had gone "out of its way" to assure coloured people that the ANC was their party. To underline this, he listed at least five coloured people in top government positions.

Mandela dismissed as "NP propaganda" claims that teachers would be dumped and vowed that "not a single teacher will be thrown out on the street as long as the ANC is there". The ANC was raising R600 million abroad to ensure that those who wanted to retire "should have something decent in their hands".

Last night, addressing voters who packed the Baxter Theatre in support of Bishopscourt candidate Mr Revel Fox, Mandela appealed to candidates not to behave like "wild animals intimidating, removing placards, threatening and even assaulting one another". Both the ANC and NP had been at fault, he said.

He also criticised "irresponsible statements" by government and business members which were "harming our country".

The NP brought its campaign to a colourful crescendo with a show-tune extravaganza that saw more than 5 000 predominantly coloured supporters reveling at the Three Arts Theatre in Plumstead on Saturday.

Using political parody, song and dance, searing lights and throbbing music, the two-hour show built to a climax as the political "stars", Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel, regional NP leader Dr Dawie de Villiers and finally national leader Mr F W de Klerk took the stage.

The event was tailor-made for television, but the SABC ignored it. The NP is to lay a formal complaint with the Independent Electoral Commission.



SIMPLY THE BEST? Former rock singer and MEC for Local Government Peter Marais introduces Deputy President F W de Klerk and his wife Marike at the NP's final rally in Plumstead at the weekend. See Page 7. **PICTURE: NIC BOTHMIA**



ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Democratic Party leader Mr. Tony Leon with supporters in Retreat, which his party regards as a seat they can win. The DP candidate for the area is Mrs Maggie Marks. **PICTURE: NIC BOTHMIA**



COME UNTO ME: President Nelson Mandela hugs a boy at an Elm home for disabled children on an election blitz in the Boland yesterday. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

De Klerk pressed the popular anti-ANC buttons. To huge applause, he called for the reinstatement of the death penalty. He asked, in incredulous tones, how the ANC could "plead for the life of a heinous murderer and yet take the life of an unborn child?"

It was also a hit with the crowd when one of the candidates crooned "A sexy girl like me says 'No bail to rapists'"

The DP campaigned flat-out at supermarkets on Saturday. At the Riverside Centre in Rondebosch, Western Cape party leader Mr Henne Bester said he believed the DP had a real chance of becoming the dominant party in the Southern municipality. Of the 22 ward seats, the DP looked set to take "10 or even 12", he said. With the party-list seats added to this, the DP could win 15 or 16 of the 36 seats on the Southern municipal council.

A poor percentage poll could benefit the DP, Bester said. It did not have significant support in the black townships, but in a poor turnout, coloured voters who stayed away were more likely to be NP than DP supporters.

As electioneering enters its closing stages today, the ANC is going to the Supreme Court to seek the removal of the name of the Tafelsig NP candidate Mr Philip Windgovel, from the ballot paper. It hopes to argue that his nomination was invalid.

Two other complaints have been laid with the Central municipality's returning officer, who must refer these to the special Electoral Tribunal.

The DP failed to stop the NP, through the electoral court, from distributing a leaflet that contained details about Mr Jan Veytzen which the DP considered untrue.

● In the Northern municipality, also known as

Greater Milnerton, the ANC is contesting only six of the 18 ward seats and the NP 17.

● In the Southern substructure, the DP, NP and Independents seem likely to share the spoils.

● In the Helderberg, the ANC has won, without contest, eight of the 10 wards in the black residential area and should win the other two. Most of the rest of the seats will probably go to the NP.

● In the Eastern municipality, the NP is likely to dominate the seats, although the ANC is likely to win a couple.

● Tygerberg, which includes Khayelitsha, is unlikely to be dominated by the ANC as, overall, the numbers are on the NP's side.

● The Central municipality is all but in the bag for its candidates, the ANC believes. However, if the ANC takes

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Poll shows Cape race divide

A PRE-ELECTION survey on the Western Cape by Independent Newspapers has thrown up a host of interesting information about political support and the opinions held by people in this region. ANDREA WEISS and JOSEPH ARANES report the results.

A PRE-ELECTION survey in the Western Cape has revealed strong racial polarisation on a range of issues which is more marked in the province than in the rest of the country

The survey was done on behalf of Independent Newspapers by Marketing and Media Research, whose interviewers questioned 558 adults on a range of subjects between April 23 and May 19

MMR analyst Helen Tyson said the legacy of apartheid, with its separate group areas and ideological indoctrination, had clouded the perceptions of whole communities in their outlook on political and social issues

She said the survey confirmed that communities were not only polarised in their understanding of politics but other issues as well "It is clear from their

answers to a range of issues"

Support for the region's three main political parties is almost rigidly divided along racial lines with 88 percent of Africans supporting the African National Congress and 65 percent of the whites supporting either the National or Democratic Party

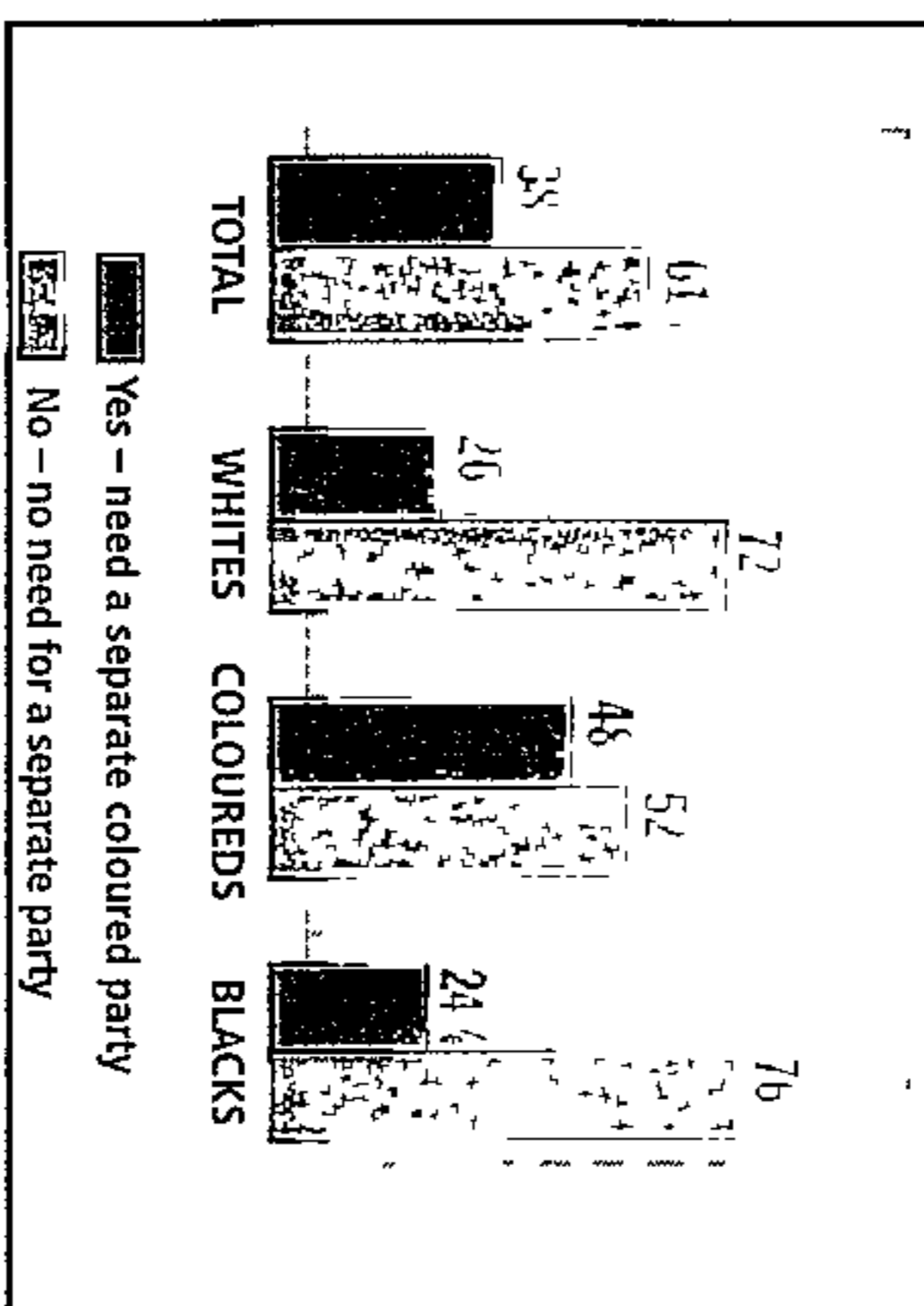
While Africans and whites are almost poles apart in their beliefs on some of the major debates affecting the development of the country, the coloured community hold divergent views on most matters and tend to support either the African or white position

The coloured community, 48 percent of whom feel they should have a separate party representing them, also seem to be the most diverse in their support for the major parties Thirty percent support the ANC and 44 percent the NP with the rest supporting a

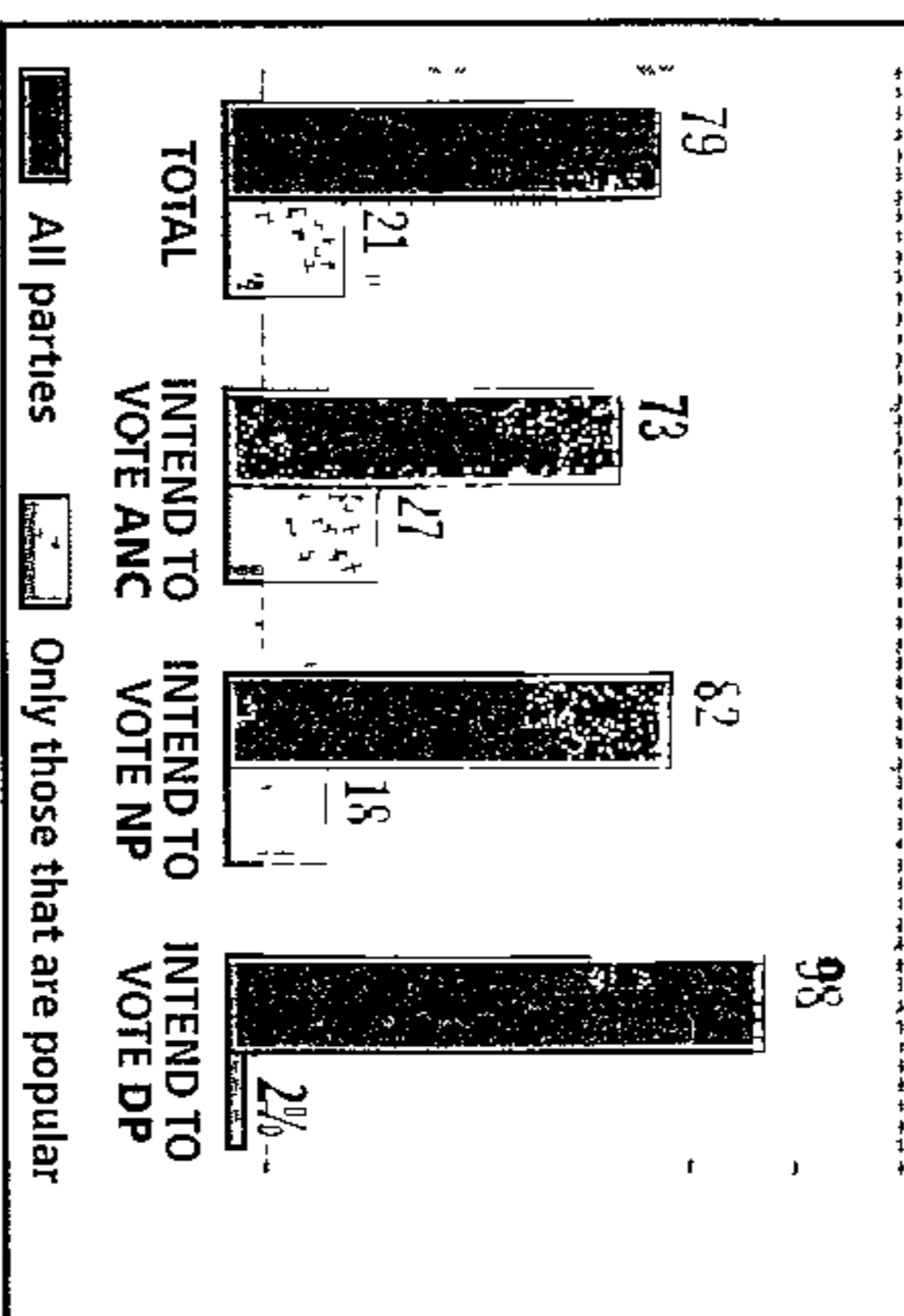
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Do you, or do you not, think there is a need for a separate party for coloureds?



Which political parties should be allowed to campaign in your community ... all parties or only those that are popular?



number of smaller parties divided in terms of their party political support, it was a forgone conclusion that the major parties would send their national and senior party leaders to the coloured areas to canvass the sup-

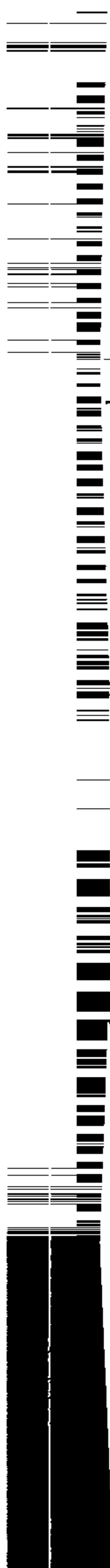
port of the province's biggest voting block But in spite of their obvious support for a particular party and that party's position on a range of issues, the coloured community generally differs in opinion on a range of issues The survey found

that while there were areas of common concern like 72 percent of coloureds not supporting abortion or 83 percent supporting capital punishment, on other matters they were less united Only 54 percent of coloureds felt the reconstruction and devel-

opment programme was benefiting the province, seven percent say racial tension is a serious problem in the province while 40 percent don't agree, half think affirmative action will benefit them and 22 percent fear President Nelson Mandela as a political leader

In contrast to the coloureds, African and white communities presented a more united face, but held opposing views, when confronted with the same issues About 87 percent of Africans felt affirmative action would benefit them while 76 percent of whites felt it would harm them Whites are far more likely to support abortion (52 percent) compared to 82 percent of Africans who oppose it

Whites (67 percent) feel the RDP is not benefiting the province while 65 percent of Africans say it is It is clear that the province has a lot of work to do in reconciling and uniting all the people of the region for while it is good for our emerging democracy to have different views, it should not be polarised



ANCO closes in on Nats as poll looms

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A TIGHT finish is likely in Wednesday's Western Cape local elections as a new opinion poll shows the gap between the National Party and African National Congress has narrowed.

This is the finding of a survey conducted on behalf of Independent Newspapers completed 10 days ago.

Although voters are likely to follow similar trends to the pattern of the 1994 election, several factors could have a significant influence on the outcome.

Among these is a projected three percent "swing" of undecided voters, as well as voter apathy. A high percentage of potential voters interviewed (58 percent) said they intended to vote, but last year's local elections in other areas saw only 38 percent of voters actually turn out on the day.

In reality, seven elections are being held in the Cape metropole, and a further seven district elections in the rural areas. The survey shows that the NP is likely to take most seats on the Cape Metropolitan Council, the umbrella body for local government here, if there is a high percentage poll.

The results in the six substructures could see the ANC gaining an advantage in certain areas where half the wards have been located in former black local authorities, and because its general support has crept up.

In the survey, the NP came in with 45 percent support of registered voters who say they are very likely to vote in the local election. The ANC had 41 percent of support, while the Democratic Party came in with six percent, and the African Christian Democratic Party with two percent of support.

During the provincial election two years ago, 53 percent of voters backed the NP, 33 percent the ANC and just over six percent the DP.

Helen Tyson of Marketing and Media Research, which organised the survey, said the results had a four percent margin of error, and were a reflection of support, but it remained to be seen on the day whether the votes actually materialised.

"Our findings show that the smaller parties, such as the ACDP and Pan Africanist Congress, do not have significant support. This could explain the growth in support for the ANC.

"We also found a degree of disillusionment among white Afrikaners voters who in the last election voted for the NP, but are now undecided. This accounts to a large extent for the drop in support from the NP. Provincial election results two years ago.

"There does not appear to be a significant shift in the coloured vote since the general election.

"There is also minimal declared support for independent candidates."

● See pages 3 and 17



HOUSE CALL: President Nelson Mandela talks about his prison experiences to Dulcie Woolfson, centre, during a visit at the Woolfsons' flat in Kenilworth. The president also introduced Reviel Fox, left, the ANC candidate for their ward. For more election news, pages 3 and 17

Picture: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer

NP leader tunes in on Mandela's wavelength

Staff Reporter

THE election battle has taken to the airwaves.

President Mandela made a guest appearance on Mark Gillman's breakfast show on Good Hope FM this morning, and minutes later outgoing Deputy-President FW de Klerk had a short interview on community radio's Cape Flats FM.

Mr De Klerk's short phone-in interview, an hour after Mr Mandela's extensive 75-minute interview on Good Hope FM, a station with a predominantly coloured listenership, was seen as an attempt to fight fire with fire.

Mr De Klerk, referring to a remark Mr Mandela made on the air, said it was up to the electorate to choose who the opposition should be.

Mr Mandela said earlier that Mr De Klerk was not the type of man who could get a really strong opposition together.

He said this while referring to the fact that Mr De Klerk is taking the National Party out of the government of national unity at the end of next month.



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Talks avert labour crisis threat to local election

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HIGH-LEVEL negotiations have averted a labour crisis that threatened Wednesday's elections.

Local Government Minister Peter Marais has agreed to amend a proclamation which puts in place the six new Cape metro municipalities for which there will be elections this week.

The South African Municipal Workers' Union planned a march at lunchtime today to protest against an earlier draft of the proclamation which excluded labour agreements made by the Metropolitan Labour Forum.

However, the problem may have been resolved over the weekend after the labour clauses were reinserted in the draft proclamation, which is to be published in the next few days.

The proclamation is necessary for transitional arrangements immediately after the election.

Workers feared that the omission could lead to "mass retrenchments" over the next few months.

The proclamation, which is expected from Mr Marais's office, initially left out all agreements reached by the Metropolitan Labour Forum, which was established to ensure an orderly transition on the labour front when the six new substructures come into being.

The municipal workers' union described the proclamation yesterday as "an undisguised attack on the rights of workers and the broader community".

It said the present draft of the proclamation was the same as one which had been submitted in April and which was "soundly rejected by all parties".

Workers planned to march to the provincial building in Wale Street to call for Mr Marais's removal from office.

His press secretary, Fritz Marks, could not say when the proclamation was due to be promulgated.

Workers in new march on Cape legislature

Linda Ensor



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CAPE TOWN — An estimated 18 000 municipal workers are to march on the Western Cape provincial legislature today, in the second major public protest by threatened public sector employees within a week.

On Thursday 15 000 disgruntled teachers and parents voiced their opposition to the planned abolition of 6 000 provincial teaching posts this year.

The province's 30 000 municipal workers are also concerned about mass retrenchments when the Western Cape's 39 municipal councils are amalgamated into six after Wednesday's local government elections.

SA Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) members plan to hand local government MEC Peter Marais a memorandum today demanding the immediate reinstatement of an agreement which guaranteed that there would be no retrenchments before June 1997.

The memorandum would also demand the immediate withdrawal of Marais as local government MEC.

The conflict erupted on Friday when ANC members of the provincial committee refused to adopt a new draft proclamation proposed by Marais which would lay the legal basis for the new transitional metropolitan councils.

SAMWU general secretary Roger Romme accused Marais of having declared war on municipal workers

Cape parties woo voters

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The leaders of SA's two main political parties, the ANC and the NP, marshalled their forces on the battle lines at the weekend and sent claron calls for votes in Wednesday's local government elections.

In the tense pre-election atmosphere, there were complaints of widespread intimidation.

ANC leader President Nelson Mandela, speaking in Cape Town last night, called on the Western Cape "to embrace the democratic ideal" by voting for the ANC. The previous day in Plumstead, NP leader FW de Klerk told supporters "to keep the Western Cape Nat".

Mandela said that in November the rest of the country had demonstrated its confidence in the ANC by returning an even greater majority.

At rallies yesterday Mandela stressed that the ANC's pact with Cosatu would remain intact.

De Klerk told about 5 000 people the NP would win a landslide victory which would be the first step to its becoming the majority party in SA. De Klerk said the ANC did not inspire foreign confidence as people were distrustful about the lack of agreement between finance minister Trevor Manuel, Cosatu leader Sam Shilowa and public enterprises minister Stella Sigcau on privatisation.

De Klerk said the ANC had two faces — Mandela's reassuring, fatherly face, which said there was no need to worry about education and the status of Afrikaners, when both were being undermined; and the other face which was in cahoots with Libyan leader Gaddafi and which "shivers in its pants" when Shilowa spoke.

Allegations of intimidation and dirty tricks mounted, with the ANC accusing the NP of intimidation in Khayelitsha. Election monitors said they planned to bolster patrols in the area.

There were allegations that the Heideveld constituency office of health MEC Ebrahim Rasool was covered with human excrement; the voter's roll at the ANC's office at Grassy Park was destroyed and that ANC canvassers in Manenberg were chased, allegedly by NP gangs.

In Athlone ANC canvassers were allegedly chased by nine men wielding knives. A Rockland Ratepayers' Association candidate in Mitchell's Plain laid a charge of crimes injuria and assault, claiming an NP candidate threatened his 14-year-old daughter and two campaign workers with a 9mm pistol.

The NP said it had insured the lives and property of its 44 candidates in the Tygerberg suburb as a result of increasing intimidation and threats.

The DP lost its urgent application to the Electoral Court on Friday to prevent the NP distributing what it claimed were false and misleading pamphlets.

THE NIGHT MASIPHUMELELE CAME TO SUN VALLEY

ANC wants Western Cape, says Mbeki

HUNDREDS OF BLACK residents of Masiphumelele gathered in the Sun Valley school hall on Friday night, where, six years ago, 1 700 angry white locals met to try to keep blacks from being granted a permanent foothold in the area. Not many whites returned to the school hall to hear Deputy President Thabo Mbeki speak in their backyard, but the diehards who still fly the AWB flag in the area stayed away too. News Editor **COLIN HOWELL** reports.

SUN Valley primary boasts an imposing school hall. Up until a few years ago, only white back-sides had warmed the thousand or so chairs it can easily accommodate. But today, many kids from Masiphumelele and Ocean View walk the two kilometres to the school, to learn and play with the fair-skinned boys and girls from Fish Hoek, Noordhoek, Kommetjie and Sunnydale.

The sky has not fallen on the heads of white residents, who took a hard line on squatting in the area in the past.

Masiphumelele (also known as Site 5) now comprises an estimated 30% of the Ward 19 voters, who will go to the polls on Wednesday in what is shaping up to be one of the more intriguing election battles in the Western Cape.

On Friday night, about 600 blacks — mainly from Masiphumelele and Red Hill — and less than 60 whites arrived at the school to hear Mbeki speak.

There wasn't a conservative in sight — most of the whites were ANC party stalwarts.

Very few, if any, of the 1 700 locals, who in 1990 went to the school on a similarly cold winter's evening to protest at the establishment of Masiphumelele, arrived to hear the gifted orator.

The Deputy President's security men were combing the building with sniffer dogs as the first busload of ANC supporters arrived. There were more people standing than sitting in the bus — and every seat was overloaded.



ORATOR: Thabo Mbeki — "W Cape voters made a big mistake in 1994"

For most of these supporters it was the first time they had been to a "white school", but this was their night — they sang, chanted and toy-toyed their way into the hall in exuberant, yet ordered fashion.

One could almost feel apprehensive eyes watching from behind twitching curtains in the box-like, middle-class homes that all but surround the school.

On the night of June 13, 1990, the mood at Sun Valley primary was quite different.

Current ANC MP Jannie Momberg was the newly elected Democratic Party MP for the constituency at the time, when he attended a Noordhoek Residents Association meeting that night to explain initiatives to give valley squatters a permanent home.

"It was an ugly, foul meeting," says Momberg. "At one stage, I honestly thought the booing crowd wanted to lynch me."

But, on Friday night an obviously delighted Momberg introduced Mbeki to the squatter-dominated audience.

The Deputy President discarded his prepared speech, choosing to chat and talk with the crowd informally, flipping regularly between English and Xhosa.

His message was clear — the ANC desperately wants to govern in the Western Cape because they are convinced the National Party does not have the will or ability to deliver

meaningful changes in the region.

Voters in the Western Cape made a big mistake in 1994, Mbeki said.

"People said that this person who was our oppressor yesterday could be our government tomorrow. I don't believe that this is possible," he said.

Mbeki said the national government had given Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel RDP money to improve the lives of ordinary people, "but he puts the money in the bank at the end of the financial year and rolls it over. Why?" The crowd murmured its disapproval.

In a ward contested by all the major parties and independent candidates, Mbeki was only intent on hammering the NP, particularly its leader, Mr F W de Klerk.

After leaving the government of national unity, De Klerk was now trying to create the impression that the NP had done its job of "bringing-up the ANC children", he said.

"Now he is saying that as an opposition party, the NP's new job is to see that these children they raised to govern the country don't lose their way," Mbeki said.

"The same people say they are going to watch us now — they don't know anything."

A couple of Vivas! punctured the late-night silence, as the people from Masiphumelele left the hall contentedly.

Sun Valley was almost asleep.

ANC undecided over W Cape pullout

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Divisions have emerged in the Western Cape ANC over whether to pull out of the provincial government and become an official opposition or to remain in the executive council, with a faction supported by its four MECs pushing for continued co-operation with the National Party.

A decision on the issue was postponed for the second time in as many weeks on Thursday when a special provincial executive committee meeting, where withdrawal was the only issue on the agenda, was postponed indefinitely to concentrate on election work.

The postponement of the meeting came as sentiment within the party moved towards a stance that ruled out leaving the government, with the ANC MECs saying they could not abandon the 33% of the electorate that had voted for the organisation in the 1994 election.

Provincial secretary-general James Ngcucu, however, has also claimed

there was strong support for the party to withdraw from the cabinet.

Meanwhile, the NP has made a proposal to the Northern Cape ANC that provides a basis for continued participation by the party in the provincial government.

The move follows the NP's decision to move out of the Government of National Unity and provincial executive councils.

The balance of forces in the Northern Cape is delicate - the ANC has 15 seats, the NP 12, the Freedom Front two and the Democratic Party one.

NP secretary-general Roelf Meyer said at the weekend that although the party had withdrawn from national and provincial governments - except in the Western Cape - the fine balance of power in the Northern Cape warranted a special dispensation.

But, he said, continued participation by the NP there would have to be on a different basis from that which had been in place until the pullout.

Meyer said negotiations with the ANC in the Northern Cape would be concluded within a week.

NP faces tough contest in Cape election

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — This week's local government elections in the NP heartland of Tygerberg will be perhaps the toughest contest between the forces jockeying for municipal power in Western Cape.

The final outcome is likely to be a close call heavily dependent on imponderables such as voter turnout, the extent of disaffection with the NP in its traditional strongholds, the ability of the ANC to lure coloured voters into its ranks and the extent to which ANC votes are split in Khayelitsha.

Guesses are hazardous, however it appears that the odds tilt in the NP's favour.

The broad sweep of the substructure incorporates a number of communities sharply differentiated along language, class and racial lines.

It includes the predominantly Afrikaans clusters of Milnerton, Bellville, and Parow, and the relatively affluent suburbs of Welgemoed, Edgemead and Platteloo.

In addition, there are the poverty-

stricken coloured townships of Delft, Bishop Lavis, Elsie's River and Bonteheuwel on the Cape Flats and the densely-populated shacklands of Khayelitsha, Harare and Macassar.

The 72-seat substructure council will consist of 28 representatives elected on a proportional basis and 44 from the wards.

As with the central substructure, Tygerberg's former black local authorities have been allocated the same number of ward seats as the white and coloured areas — 22 — on the basis of an agreement reached during the Kempton Park negotiations.

For the NP, this means its hopes of winning the council rely heavily on its proportional vote, itself vitally dependent on voter turnout. Of the about 418 000 registered voters in Tygerberg, only about 140 000 live in Khayelitsha/Mfuleni and the remainder in the white and coloured areas.

Unlike the central substructure, where the NP concedes it has not much hope of winning any black wards, in Tygerberg it has fielded candidates in all Khayelitsha/Mfuleni wards and re-

gards this in itself as an achievement.

Even if there is no likelihood of them winning seats — the ANC regards many of these candidates as having no credibility in the community — cumulatively they and the 14 independents standing could draw in a sizeable number of voters for the NP's proportional list.

Many of these independents are disgruntled members of the ANC who failed to be nominated as party candidates and were suspended after they stood as independents.

The much-weakened PAC is fighting nine wards.

While the ANC is optimistic about winning most if not all of the black wards, and is relying on a high turnout from the community, its proportional strength could be seriously undermined by the extent of the opposition it faces. This could be significant in that it has no electoral presence in the six traditionally white suburbs, and will be outflanked by the NP in the coloured areas.

In the white areas the NP will be up against the Conservative Party, the

Freedom Front, Tygerberg Municipality Alliance, Democratic Party, the African Christian Democratic Party and the Western Cape Community Organisation.

The NP won all these wards in the general election and though it is confident of doing so again, its opponents such as the Freedom Front report a measure of uncertainty over the party's future following its withdrawal from the government.

The wards most fiercely contested by the ANC and NP will be the 16 coloured wards. The ANC concedes the majority will go to the NP, but it is still hopeful of taking five.

The ANC desperately needs them if it is not to fall short on the proportional lists — many more voters live in NP territory and support it. In fact, some activists go so far as to say that if no inroads are made into coloured areas, the ANC will have only a slim chance of taking the council.

An NP win in the substructure would be tinged with irony, given its fierce court battles last year to keep it free of former black local authorities.

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Battle to get voters to polls (263)

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POLITICAL parties and local election candidates are working frantically behind the scenes to ensure they get every single possible voter to the polls tomorrow - even though electioneering in the Western Cape came to a halt at midnight last night.

Leon Markovitz of the National Party said his party had lined up the telephone numbers of NP supporters in different areas and they would be called during the day to remind them to go to the polls.

In other areas, the NP was hiring taxis to take people to polling stations and was intending to create a vibrant atmosphere in areas like Mitchell's Plain where people would spread the message by word-of-mouth.

"Our strategy differs from area to area, but we will be trying to get people moving," he said.

Cameron Dugmore of the African National Congress said his party had made arrangements to ferry people to the polls using minibus taxis and public transport. Voter education would take place in the taxis and people would be helped at voter tables.

Mr Dugmore said the ANC was also planning to meet Boland Bank representatives today to discuss the bank decision to open tomorrow - which the party felt went against the spirit of a public holiday called to enable people to exercise their franchise.

Hennie Bester of the Democratic Party called on all its voters and supporters to vote tomorrow. Mr Bester said that after a long and well-fought campaign, the DP was ready for elections.

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ANC fails to get NP man axed

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THE ANC failed yesterday in its application to the Supreme Court to have the NP candidate for Tafelsig, Mr Philip Windvogel, disqualified for allegedly forging the signatures of "NP supporters" so that it would appear he had more support than he did at the time of his nomination.

The application was brought by ANC candidate Mrs Isabel Dahlmini against Windvogel, the NP and Central area returning officer Mr Keith Nicol

In papers before the court, the former secretary of the NP office in Tafelsig, Mrs Beatrice Morris, said she had resigned from the NP because of Windvogel's conduct regarding branch affairs and herself.

She said that under local government election regulations, ward candidates had to be nominated by at least 2% of the voters in the ward.

She said they only had three days to collect the required signatures and had started on Easter Friday.

On Easter Sunday night she, her husband, Windvogel and his wife

were still collecting signatures when late that night they decided to stop.

They all went to Windvogel's home, where he asked them to forge signatures, which they did. They forged five signatures and she suspected that several more were forged after she and her husband left, she said.

But Windvogel denied the allegations in papers before court yesterday.

Mr Justice A M van Niekerk said he was unable to accept the ANC's claims of fraud and make a ruling in its favour, when the claims were clearly denied by Windvogel.

Swing to ANC in W Cape, says poll

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NP will still draw most votes - 46% - in tomorrow's local government election, but the ANC - with a predicted 41% - will have closed the 1994 voting gap

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The National Party will win the Western Cape local government elections to be held tomorrow by taking 45% of the vote, with the African National Congress coming in a close second at 41%, a survey has found.

The poll shows the gap between the NP and the ANC in the province is narrowing. In the 1994 provincial elections, 53% of voters backed the NP and 33% the ANC.

The survey, conducted by the Media and Marketing Research group among 558 adults in the province, also found that the Democratic Party will struggle in with 6% of the 1.3-million registered voters, while the African Christian Democratic Party will find only 2% support.

All other candidates and parties received a mention of less than 1% (or less than 15 000 votes), with the Azanian People's Organisation clocking in highest among those, followed by the Pan Africanist Congress.

Independent candidates come next in this category, followed by the Freedom Front. The survey found that the support base for the Inkatha Freedom Party was "too small to be of significance".

Although the two main parties appear to be neck and neck, the NP figure is likely to be higher be-

cause the swing vote, although small, appears to be moving in the direction of the NP. There could also be a reluctance to reveal support for the NP, as is indicated in the under-reading of NP support in the 1994 general election by the same survey.

"When asked, in this poll, who they (had) voted for in the 1994 election, respondents' replies were extremely accurate for the ANC, the DP and other parties. However, the NP was mentioned by a significantly smaller proportion, implying reluctance to mention the party," the survey said.

It added that at the time of the survey (a month to 10 days before

election day), most registered voters had made up their minds which party they were going to vote for, with 93% of registered voters mentioning a party or independent candidate.

"The remaining 'undecideds' were asked which party, if any, they felt close to, and the majority of these are likely to go the NP way," the survey found.

Half of the ANC support in the local election will come from blacks, and the other half (46%) from the coloured community. Only 3% of the party's support base is white.

In contrast, 60% of the NP's support base in the province is

coloured and 40% white. Hardly any support will come from the black community.

The ANC has a younger base than its rival - 57% are under 35 while only 37% of the NP supporters are under 35.

More than 20% of ANC supporters are unemployed and looking for work, compared to 8% of the NP, and 3% of the DP.

On which political parties should be allowed to campaign in their communities, 79% of those interviewed said all parties should be allowed to campaign. Ninety-eight percent of DP supporters said all parties should campaign, while 82% of the NP's supporters and 73% of potential ANC voters agreed.

Sixty-one percent of the respondents said there was no need for a separate party for coloureds, while 38% said there should be one.

Asked about racial tension in the province, 42% of those interviewed said it was a serious problem, 17% said it did not exist and 41% said it was not a big problem.

The most optimistic were the unemployed (70%), blacks (69%) and ANC supporters (68%).

The most pessimistic were whites (33%), those with a post-matric education (27%) or degree (35%), those with an A income (23%), people over 50 (19%) and those who intend to vote for the NP (19%).

Police open fire as protesters clash at city hall before Mandela's address

Cape Town - Violence erupted yesterday outside the Cape Town city hall where President Nelson Mandela was to address a labour rally ahead of tomorrow's local government election.

Police and troops opened fire with rubber bullets and birdshot to prevent two sets of demonstrators from storming the city hall, wounding at least six people, three of them seriously. About 20 others, including officers, were hurt in scuffles, police said.

As Mandela prepared to ad-

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dress a meeting with members of the Cosatu-affiliated SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), about 4 000 union marchers gathered outside to call for the resignation of Western Cape Local Government MEC Piet Marais.

After handing city officials a note protesting against a plan by Marais they said would result in a

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Protesters clash as elections loom

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loss of jobs, the demonstrators milled outside the city hall awaiting Mandela's arrival.

At the same time, a second march, involving several hundred members of the Cape Corps veterans' association, showed up outside the municipal building to protest over the pensions paid to ex-members of Unkhonto we Sizwe.

When the veterans tried to force their way into the city hall, the Samwu demonstrators did the same and police, reinforced by troops, opened fire to keep the two groups out of the building.

"Our demonstration was absolutely disciplined until the Cape Corps interferred," said Cosatu spokesman Randy Peterson.

The ANC's Carl Niehaus agreed, blaming the violence on "agitators who disrupted (the proceedings) on purpose".

Calm was restored by the time Mandela arrived, but the area was littered with broken glass and empty drink cans. Mandela said he was "extremely sorry for the innocent victims" of the violence, adding "We need to investigate what happened" - AFP

NP and ANC confident of victory

Nats believe Western Cape voters will keep them in power in the province, while ANC believes there has been a swing towards itself

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Parties campaigning in the Western Cape local government elections take the mandatory pre-election day off from campaigning today with both the African National Congress and the National Party confident of victory

Spokesmen for both parties said yesterday the first nonracial local government elections in the province since the installation of a new government in 1994 would go their way despite serious pre-election problems and robust electioneering which raised claims of racism on both sides

The election will be watched closely to see which way the balance of forces in the province tilts after the NP won the provincial elections in 1994. At the time, 53% of voters backed the NP, 33% the ANC and just over 6% the DP.

"Generally things have gone fairly well. We are aware that there is a swing towards the ANC among registered voters and we are confident we will do very well. We are confident there will not be a repeat of 1994," ANC provincial secretary James Ngculu said.

He said the organisation's members and candidates had been intimidated and abused by NP supporters and this had made campaigning difficult. Ngculu said the ANC would only be going to homes of voters today to try to get final commitments to the party.

The fact that tomorrow was a public holiday in the Western Cape could contribute to a large voter turnout.

NP MP Anna van Wyk said



On the campaign trail .. a dancing Winnie Mandela is flanked by members of the ANC Women's League during a local election rally held in Nyanga, Cape Town. The Western Cape is geared up for the poll to be held tomorrow.

yesterday "We are feeling very good. In the past, people were uncomfortable with the NP's role in the Government of National Unity but now our position is more clearly defined, and that is where our strength lies."

She said the ANC's downfall would be its recent clashes with teachers, who were influential in their communities and who had realised that their problems would not be solved by the ruling party.

"Many people who voted for the ANC in the coloured community are disaffected with the party. They feel sold out," she said.

Van Wyk also said intimidation of NP candidates in black townships had been "immense", but the party had managed to

overcome this.

Democratic Party leader Tony Leon said last night the DP was the only party which could lay claim to the true mantle of opposition in South Africa, Sapa reports.

Addressing his party's final rally in Claremont, Cape Town, he said the NP would learn from voters that the title "leader of the opposition" was not something simply conferred by the constitution. "It has to be earned through performance, vigilance and courage."

Only the DP had the guts and plans to fight crime in a meaningful way, and only through the DP had constitutional provision been made for municipal policing.

Leon added "before voters consider voting NP on Wednes-

day, they should remember that each and every atrocity, human rights abuse and denial of civil rights coming before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had an address - it did not happen in a void - the address was the NP government and the State Security Council in Pretoria."

On critical issues in which an opposition voice was needed, the NP would be muzzled into silence.

Turning to the ANC, Leon said voters should remember that "you are voting for the whole hog - the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance - and any hapless ANC candidate elected with southern suburbs votes is going to land up being a captive of the Cosatu-SACP-dominated caucus."

Poll narrows gap between NP, ANC

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CAPE TOWN — The NP will win the most votes in tomorrow's metropolitan elections but with a significantly reduced majority over the ANC, an opinion poll has concluded.

The results of the survey were published as 1,3-million registered voters geared up for the polls and election campaigning climaxed last night.

It was predicted that the NP would secure 45% of the vote, against the 53% it won in the Western Cape in the 1994 election, and the ANC 41% (33%), with the DP landing 6% and the African Christian Democratic Party 2%.

The survey ascribed the decline in NP support to disillusionment among white Afrikaans voters. Political observers also felt NP candidates would lose votes to independents.

Voting trends would remain largely as in the 1994 election, but apathy and a three percentage point shift by undecided voters would affect the result. The researchers noted that 58% of

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people interviewed said they intended to vote, compared with the 38% turnout in last year's November polls.

The NP was expected to win a majority on the Cape metropolitan council, which would oversee the six metropolitan substructures. ANC support in Khayelitsha was expected to have strengthened, with the party winning 30% of coloured voter support, compared with the NP's 44%.

The survey found only 54% of coloureds believed the RDP was of benefit to the province, and 22% feared President Nelson Mandela as a leader.

The survey — for which 558 adults were canvassed between April 23 and May 19 by Marketing and Media Research on behalf of Independent Newspapers — had a 4% margin of error, said research analyst Helen Tyson.

She noted strong racial polarisation on a number of issues.

DP provincial leader Hennie Bester said the survey should be treated with caution. A similar survey for Independent Newspapers before municipal elections in Gauteng had given the DP 1% of the vote; the party had won 10%.

Meanwhile, President Nelson Mandela, addressing municipal workers at Cape Town's city hall yesterday, described the NP as a "disappearing" party. He pointed to the ANC's strong gains countrywide between the general election and municipal polls last year. During that time, support for the NP fell 4%.

Mandela described NP chief FW de Klerk as a "mickey mouse" leader who could not achieve what his party promised unless he knelt before Mandela and begged for it.

De Klerk had displayed a lack of vision and intelligence in demanding that the ANC discard its union federation ally Cosatu, which the NP government had failed to crush during the apartheid era.

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Western Cape braced for watershed election today

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CAPE TOWN — Western Cape voters go to the polls today in what could be a make-or-break election for the ANC and the NP in the province.

The hotly contested election follows weeks of canvassing, intimidation, legal battles and violence. As late as last night the NP was threatening legal action over a statement distributed by the DP, while the NP said Hermanus's electoral officer was investigating claims that ANC candidates had signed their own nomination forms.

The elections were expected to render a significantly reduced majority for the NP and ANC control of at least the central metropolitan substructure.

Voters will elect a metropolitan council and six substructures, seven district councils and 27 transitional representative councils.

Leading the way to the polls will be President Nelson Mandela, who will cast his vote for ANC candidate Revel Fox in the Newlands ward.

By the end of tomorrow, when most of the votes are expected to have been counted, the NP will know whether it has a solid foundation for strengthening the party ahead of 1999 elections.

The ANC will learn whether its two

years in government have allayed coloured fears about a black government, affirmative action and minority rights, and whether it has any hope of winning the next general election.

For the DP, the election will be a crucial test of whether it will resist being marginalised.

A vital determinant of the outcome will be how many of the 1,3-million registered metropolitan voters and 155 000 rural voters turn out to vote. High levels of apathy are expected, especially among coloureds. This could seriously affect the NP's performance.

Yesterday NP organisers were frantically making transport arrangements and phone calls in a last-minute bid to ensure that as many voters as possible made it to the polling station.

The NP will be able to offset the advantage enjoyed by the ANC only if it pulls in significant support on proportional lists because in the central, Tygerberg and Helderberg substructures, former black local authorities have as many wards as the white and coloured areas together, regardless of voter numbers. Growing support for independent and ratepayer body candidates could also affect the outcome.

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Xhosa king refuses to vacate offices

BISHO — A Xhosa king given a Bisho government office by former Ciskei dictator Brig Oupa Gqozo has snubbed requests by the new ANC-led provincial government to vacate his much-needed office space.

AmaRarabe paramount chief Maxhoba Sandile has members of the ANC-led parliament reluctant to speak out against him.

He has refused to vacate his office in the parliamentary building despite a severe shortage of offices for parliamentary staff.

Provincial public works MEC Thobile Mhlahlo said yesterday that his department was responsible for the building and had asked Sandile to leave. Sandile refused, saying only parliamentary speaker Gugile Nkwinti had the authority to throw him out. Nkwinti chastised Mhlahlo for the lack of respect he showed the king in a curt letter asking him to leave. Nkwinti is expected to take steps soon. (263)

ANC MP Mike Basopu said his party had recommended that Sandile be advised to move to his home at Ndakana Great Place, where the central government had erected offices for him.

Sandile was said to have benefited from his relationship with Gqozo, who provided him with security and communication while his former Transkei counterparts moaned about the lack of support and respect they received under the rule of Bantu

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Clean break with sullied past

ROGER FRIEDMAN

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TODAY'S local government elections close the door on more than a century of white, bourgeois, predominantly-English governance of the Fairest Cape

The victory in the 1882 local elections of the reformist "Clean Party" — consisting of merchants and businessmen — was facilitated largely by the mobilisation of English ethnicity

As UCT historian Professor Vivian Bickford-Smith explains in his book, *Ethnic Pride and Racial Prejudice in Victorian Cape Town* "The Englishness they promoted could potentially assimilate all white English-speakers, including the numerous Capetonians from Scotland and even those Dutch speakers who had become sufficiently Anglicised

"To be acceptably English all one had to do was to be white, English-speaking, in favour of the Empire and respectable."

Cape Town was a growing city. The Cape government introduced more than 22 000 people, most of them British, from Europe and St Helena between 1873 and 1884.

Largely in response to demands from Western Cape farmers, the government also imported 4 000 Africans to Cape Town from the eastern frontier in 1878/79 and 2 700 indentured labourers from Mozambique in the following few years

Cape Town was bursting at the seams. The population of the municipality — excluding the suburbs — increased from 33 000 to 44 000 between 1875 and 1880. By 1891 it had almost doubled

The population growth, accompanied by an expansion in trade, required the building of more houses and more ships — and put a huge strain on the water supply

Improving these resources became a matter of growing concern to Cape Town's mercantile community. A concern in no way helped by the steady stream of British visitors to the Cape, who seldom failed to criticise conditions.

"A broad rhetoric urging urban reform developed, emphasising above all the need for a clean and well-watered city," wrote Bickford-Smith

As the visiting Mr John Noble put it in 1875 "A thorough system of drainage; the removal of stoeps, the construction of paved streets and some abatement of the plague of dust during south-easters have still to be accomplished."

Increasingly, the campaign to reform the town council, the sanitation and infrastructure of the city became part of the promotion of Englishness in Cape Town.

In the 1870s, most Cape Town councillors showed little inclination to increase rates — pegged at a paltry two pence to the pound — to embark

on costly infrastructural projects

These councillors were initially dubbed those who "oppose at all costs" or "reactionaries" by the English liberal press. They included P J Liebrandt, C G Prince and J C Hofmeyr. A few years later they were to become known as the "Dirty Party"

Hofmeyr appeared to be the leader of this informal political alliance, largely comprising property owners living in the municipality itself rather than in the suburbs — which were home to the "cleans".

The "dirties" feared the implications for rates of city improvements and they were opposed to English imperialism and intervention

The cleans — and their English press — criticised the dirties as being obstructionist. Associating the Dirty Party with "Malay" support became part of the attack

"Sanitation rhetoric became inextricably linked with the rhetoric of British imperialism. This fusion was taking place during a period of considerable resistance to both sets of ideas from Afrikaners, Malays and Africans alike," wrote Bickford-Smith

Cape Town elections had not been overtly political before, but by the early 1880s a clear choice had emerged. Voters had to choose between the Clean and Dirty Parties. Then smallpox ravaged Cape Town weeks before the election in 1882.

"Sing a song of smallpox,
Hofmeyr gone askew;
Ashley, Louw and Zoutendyk,
In a pretty stew!
When the scare is over,
These rascals will begin,
Their dirty tricks, to stop the bricks

Who would a Clean town win,
crowd the muck-raking journal, the Lantern.

Thirteen of the 18 successful candidates in the 1882 elections were identified with the clean camp. A major depression was about to hit

From tomorrow, there'll be something new

LOCAL ELECTIONS END 114-YEAR ERA

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TODAY'S NON-RACIAL elections will slash across old boundaries and see 226 new councillors replace 518 nominated posts, which were abolished at midnight last night. **PETER DENNEHY** and **ROGER FRIEDMAN** report.

THIRTY-NINE local authorities in the Cape Town metropolitan area were abolished at midnight last night, and six new municipalities established in their place

The first democratic local election to be held here brings to an end a 114-year chapter of white, English-speaking domination of local politics in the Mother City — and finally closes the book on colonial rule going back to the arrival of Dutch settlers in 1652

Today's non-racial elections are being held in accordance with new municipal boundaries slashing across apartheid divisions

The 226 councillors who will be elected to the six new democratic councils will replace 518 nominated councillors whose posts were abolished at midnight last night by Extraordinary Provincial Gazette. An additional 60 councillors must be elected to serve on the mother body, the Cape Metropolitan Council, replacing 160 outgoing Metropolitan councillors.

The newly elected structures will not only have to provide services to areas badly neglected to date — and help overturn the decades-long culture of non-payment for services — but will also

have to ensure they keep services flowing to the previously advantaged areas.

Among the municipalities that have disappeared, probably forever, are Pinelands, Goodwood, Parow, Fish Hoek, Simon's Town, Kuils River, Kraaifontein, Kapa, Durbanville, Brackenfell, Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay

The six new substructures — Central, Tygerberg, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Helderberg — will be able to choose new names for themselves, should they wish. So, for example, the Central substructure's name could soon revert to Cape Town Municipality

While the old councils will be done away with, most officials are staying on in the new structures until their long-term futures are decided.

The challenge facing those councillors you elect today will be to cast aside political differences accumulated over months of bitter party-political campaigning, to work together for the betterment of all citizens in the region

Unless National Party and ANC councillors — regardless of who wins today — can evolve a shared vision for local government, the Western Cape will fail where other major cities who voted in new officials last November are already showing promising signs of success.

As Greater Johannesburg Council chief executive officer Professor Nicky Padayachee said yesterday, Johannesburg's transition had been a smooth one

because "although all parties accepted the process was not perfect, all accepted the results of the election

"Whatever party they come from, we say they act in the interests of the city and the council"

Johannesburg had a budget excess of R92 million to plough into strategic projects immediately after its November poll

atly after its November poll

"Within a month everyone had access to clean water, even if it initially meant deploying water-tankers. Ambulance and emergency services were redistributed, and eight mobile health centres built," said Padayachee.

The town clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr Graham Richards, said he had noticed "very clear evidence of increasing legitimacy in

the eyes of the public

Communities held their councillors politically accountable, demanding report-backs and generally taking an interest in local government which had been totally absent before

In response, councillors had involved themselves in re-creating a culture of payment for services, to the extent of holding rallies and then leading demonstrations to service payment

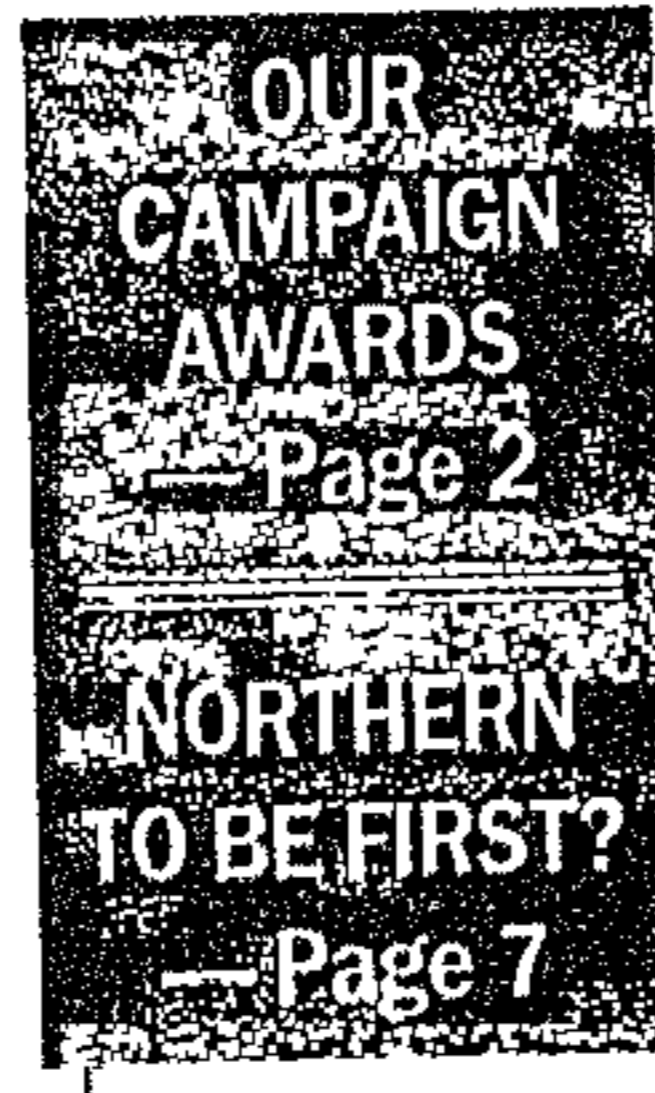
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Obviously, whatever services are to be provided will have to be paid for. In this respect, the deputy director of the Masakhane Campaign in the Western Cape, Mr Gerhard Scholtz, said his office was itching to make an impact once the new metropolitan structures were up and running

The campaign had largely ignored Cape Town in recent times, waiting for the advent of democracy before diving in. Six "launches" were planned for later this year, accompanied by six workshops — one in each of the new substructures

New Cape councillors will have to give their blessing, within a month of coming into office, to new municipal budgets for the year ahead

These have not been finally worked out yet, but much work has been done on budgets for the old local authorities, which will have to be combined by the new councils



Barrelly voters at the polls



Pictures JACK LESTRADE



FIRST IN QUEUE: Roslyn Solomons, above, casts the first vote in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, today assisted by polling station helper Ronald Titus

EARLY BIRDS: Some of the hundreds of Mitchell's Plain residents, left, who braved the early morning cold to cast their votes at the NG Sendingkerk in Tafelsig

Some voters started queuing long before dawn

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THE CAPE metro election got off to an early-bird start as voters streamed to the polls to cast their votes before dawn for the city's first democratic local government.

Enthusiasm was greatest in the townships where queuing started as early as 2am.

But several township polling stations opened late because of various factors, including a lack of electricity at polling stations and late arrival of voting material.

At the Tafelsig Community Centre in Mitchell's Plain campaign police were called in to remove people campaigning within the 500m perimeter of the polling station.

Police also intervened to separate National Party supporters and members of the Delft Residents' Association who nearly came to blows over the admission of election agents to the polling station.

Smiles and excitement were evident in Crossroads and Khayelitsha where squatter residents waited their turn. Many joined the queue as early as 2 am. Debevu Balani, 51, from Site C, Khayelitsha, said he woke up early "to cast a vote that will destroy my shack and build a house in its place."

Christina Zumana, 46, who joined the queue in Crossroads, said she could not sleep with excitement. "I just woke up and did not even wash myself," she said. "I woke up my husband and said 'let's go and vote for a better life.'"

Mrs Zumana and her family have lived in the shack since 1975.

There was enthusiasm and patience among the people and they were determined to wait even longer hours. Some of them carried motor car tyres to sit on while others brought chairs with them.

The telephone started ringing well before the Central substructure's voting inquiries centre at the Cape Town Civic Centre opened at 7.30 this morning.

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COUNTING STARTS WHEN VOTING ENDS.

Northern expected to be first with results

CANDIDATES IN today's Cape Metropolitan and rural district elections will be able to hear from midnight tonight whether they have been elected or not. Political Writer **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports. *CT 29/5/96*

THE first results in today's historic Cape Metropolitan and rural district elections are expected from the Northern (Greater Milnerton) sub-structure about midnight tonight — which together with the Central Karoo district will be the first to announce winners

Hard-pressed returning officers worked around the clock yesterday to ensure smooth voting today at hundreds of polling stations across the Peninsula and the province's seven farming districts

They also provided toll-free numbers to help voters. (See end of article)

Mr Ben van Rensburg, deputy returning officer for the Central sub-structure, expects his first results by early tomorrow afternoon, with all out by 5pm

He has 500 000 registered voters in 44 wards with 249 voting stations, including Robben Island

Counting will take place at six stations, with co-ordination at the Civic Centre

Central has 74 seats of which 30 are party-list seats.

Helderberg sub-structure returning officer Mr Paul Venter has appealed for the loan of wheelchairs to help disabled and injured voters to keep the polling brisk.

Venter expects the first results by 3pm tomorrow. He oversees 55 polling stations and 70 000 people voting for 32 seats (20 ward and 12 party-list seats)

Southern sub-structure returning officer Mr Kobus Marais expects his first results about noon tomorrow

He is responsible for 85 voting stations. Altogether 107 candidates are vying for 36 seats — 22 ward and 14 party-list seats. Southern has 165 000 voters

Counting in the Eastern sub-structure is expected to take all day tomorrow. It has 107 000 voters and 80 polling stations with 24 ward seats and 16 party-list seats. Votes will be counted at the Kraaifontein Town Hall from 9am tomorrow

In the Northern sub-structure, counting at the Cape Turf Club will start immediately after polling ends.

The sub-structure has 58 000 voters and 43 polling stations in 18 wards with 30 seats, 12 of them on the party list

Tygerberg begins counting at 9am tomorrow with the first results due by noon. It has nearly 400 polling stations for 418 000 voters and will count votes at 10 venues. It has 44 ward and 28 party-list seats

Voting at all polling stations starts at 7am and ends at 10pm

Each voting station has an enquiry counter with three clerks who will help voters find in which ward they are registered. There will also be two "queue walkers" with a voters roll to check whether people are on the roll.

To check if you are on the voters roll, which ward you are registered in and where you can vote, the following 0800 toll-free numbers for the various sub-structures are manned by 30 operators each.

- Central 0800 221350,
- Southern 0800 227373 (This sub-structure also has four control centres, namely at Fish Hoek Civic Centre at 782-1306, Alphen Civic 794-2631, Hillstar 762-0320 and the Muizenberg Civic Centre 788-2030);
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- Eastern 0800 222998,
- Northern 0800 221614,
- Tygerberg 0800 220093

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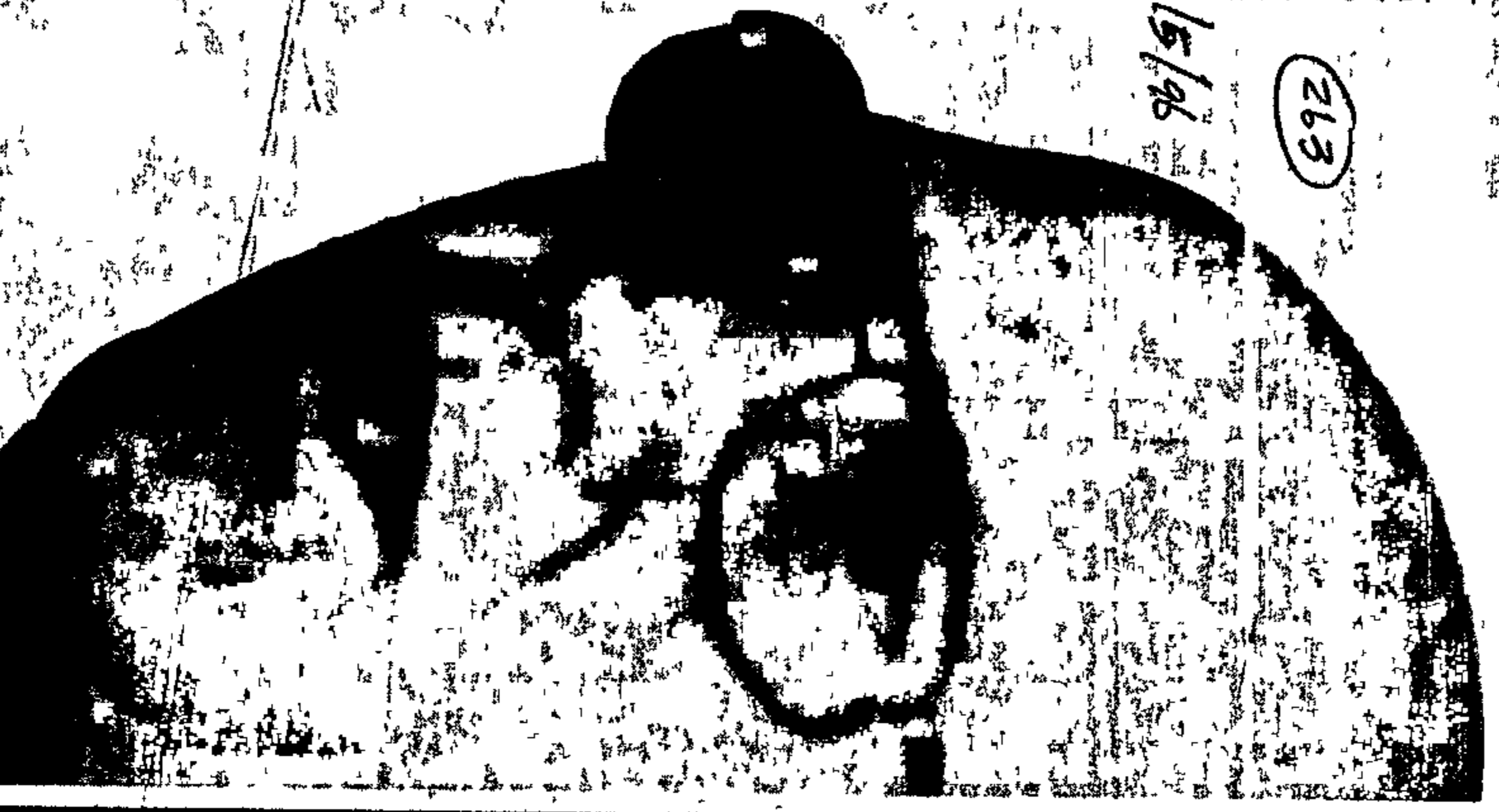
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Administrative chaos mars Cape elections

Business Day Reporters

CAPE TOWN — Administrative chaos marred the Western Cape local government elections yesterday and was believed to have had a significant effect on voter turnout

Administrative glitches appeared worst in black areas and may have affected the ANC's poll prospects. The ANC said the poll could be as low as 30% in some of these areas. In sharp contrast, an upbeat NP predicted it would win five of the six substructures

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and achieve strong representation on the metropolitan council

Many would-be voters gave up after delays of more than two hours and left without voting

The ANC was particularly unhappy with the turnout in the metropolitan areas, while it thought there had been a 50% turnout in the rural elections. A total of 1,3-million Western Cape residents were entitled to vote in the Cape Town metropolitan area and its substructures, as well as for 27 rural councils. However, provincial leader Chris

Nissen said the turnout had not harmed the ANC's prospects and it would accept the outcome

Provincial leader Dawie de Villiers conceded the fight for the central substructure would be a close one which the NP might lose

The ANC was confident it had strengthened its position in the Western Cape, while DP provincial leader Hennie Bester said his party had achieved a high turnout in traditional

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DP areas such as Constantia

Voting proceeded extremely slowly as poorly trained officials in the townships took an inordinate time to process voters. Voting procedures were also poor, De Villiers said. Long queues in many areas were attributed to the time it took officials to check voters' names against the voters' rolls. The complicated three-ballot system also created widespread voter confusion.

Nissen said the day had been marked by one administrative crisis after another, with polling booths opening late, an absence of voters' rolls and no electricity in some polling booths.

About 200 voters in Khayelitsha were unable to exercise their metropolitan votes because their names appeared only on the draft voters' rolls, which entitled them to cast ward votes, and not on the official rolls.

After an ANC petition to the multi-party liaison committee, the committee issued instructions that these voters could vote in the metropolitan elec-

tion if they appeared on the ward lists. But Nissen said this had come too late as many people had already given up.

Housing MEC Gerald Morkel and his wife were two of those who were prevented from casting their metropolitan votes.

Local government MEC Peter Marais denied he was to blame for the administrative bumbles, saying the Cape metropolitan council and its substructures had assumed responsibility for organisation and the training of officials, some of whom were described as "inept and unqualified".

Despite the difficulties, voter enthusiasm was high, with many rising as early as 3.30am to cast their votes. A balmy, sunny day boosted flagging morale and the election was generally peaceful with little need for intervention by the 4 000 policemen deployed across the province.

Counting in the northern substructure began last night, but was postponed to today in other substructures because of a last-minute rush to vote by many residents. Because of the large number of late voters, the liaison committee decided that voting could continue beyond the 10pm deadline.

Thousands denied the vote

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A POOR TURNOUT by coloured voters may have swung the vote in the ANC's favour — but nobody wanted to predict victory last night, write **CHRIS BATEMAN** and **PETER DENNEHY**.

CONTROL of the Cape Town Metropolitan Council hung in the balance as polls closed last night with thousands denied the vote because of voters roll errors. The ANC was confident it would win control of three of the six substructures — Central, Tygerberg and Helderberg — thanks to a poor turnout of the core of the NP's 1994 support base in the coloured community.

The NP seemed set to win control of the Eastern and Northern substructures, and the DP could hold the balance of power in the south.

Coloured voters — three out of every five — made up only an estimated 50% of people who cast votes.

With the first results due out early this morning, both the NP and the ANC leadership expressed disappointment at the turnout and administrative chaos that resulted in thousands of voters being turned away without casting their votes.

By late afternoon, the queries centre at the Cape Town Civic Centre had taken 20 000 telephone calls from election officials, mostly about voters who had gone to vote at the "wrong place".

Several Khayelitsha polling stations opened late, some under-equipped. A common sight Peninsula-wide was of people quitting queues in disgust at finding themselves unregistered.

In the rural areas the final percentage poll was 55%, thanks mainly to farmers trucking in workers en-masse, and percentage polls available from the Eastern, Northern and Southern structures stood at 52,2%, 52% and 55% respectively. Deputy President F W de Klerk said the high rural turnout was "good news for the NP".

With widespread administrative errors, the Multi Party

Political Liaison Committee decided at an emergency sitting to allow voters placed on the voters list for the incorrect ward to vote at the polling stations at which they arrived.

Presiding officers were instructed to telephone the "correct" wards and have the voters' names ruled out from those registers.

A candidate from Marconi Beam arrived at 9 30pm at the Northern control centre with a list of 500 voters he claimed had registered but whose names were not on rolls.

Deputy returning officer for Central Mr Ted Doman said township crowds became so large as closure approached that police were called in as a precautionary measure.

In Tygerberg, returning officer Mr Dave Wilken last night blamed problems on remarks by Constitutional Affairs Minister Valli Moosa broadcast on television.

Wilken said "thousands" who saw the broadcast and had been turned away earlier returned and demanded to vote, even if they were not registered at that station.

Hundreds of voters — the ANC claimed thousands — were also excluded from the Metropolitan voters roll in the Khayelitsha area. The ANC expressed concern that this could affect their party-list tallies.

The NP indicated it would accept that the polls had been free and fair. The ANC said it would "take up specific incidents before finally deciding".

Despite the problems, Mr Chris Nissen, the ANC's Western Cape chief, predicted his party would dominate the Helderberg, with 15 of the 32 wards. He optimistically

predicted that 14 of Tygerberg's 28 party list seats would be added to the ANC's more certain 22 Khayelitsha wards.

He claimed the ANC had "fared excellently" in the Tygerberg wards of Bellville South, Belhar and Elsie's River.

If the ANC fares well in populous Tygerberg and Central it stands a chance of taking a significant block of the pivotal Cape Town Metropolitan Council seats.

"I believe there have been significant gains in broadening our support base — but we don't want to count our chickens before they hatch," Nissen added.

NP provincial leader Dr Dawie de Villiers admitted it had been "tough going in the central substructure" but said the NP was confident of controlling the other five.

On the lack of violence, he said the Western Cape had "set an example of how democracy can take root in South Africa".

Premier Hennis Kriel — who predicted champagne corks would be popping at the NP offices this afternoon — said he noticed many people leaving polling stations after getting "fed up waiting in queues", and attributed this to voting officials "unfortunately not being au fait with procedures".

Regional Police MEC Mr Gerald Morkel expressed disappointment with administrative arrangements, saying he and his wife, who owned property in two substructures, had been unable to vote for the Metropole.

About half the complaints received at the NP party office were of voters not being registered in their areas.

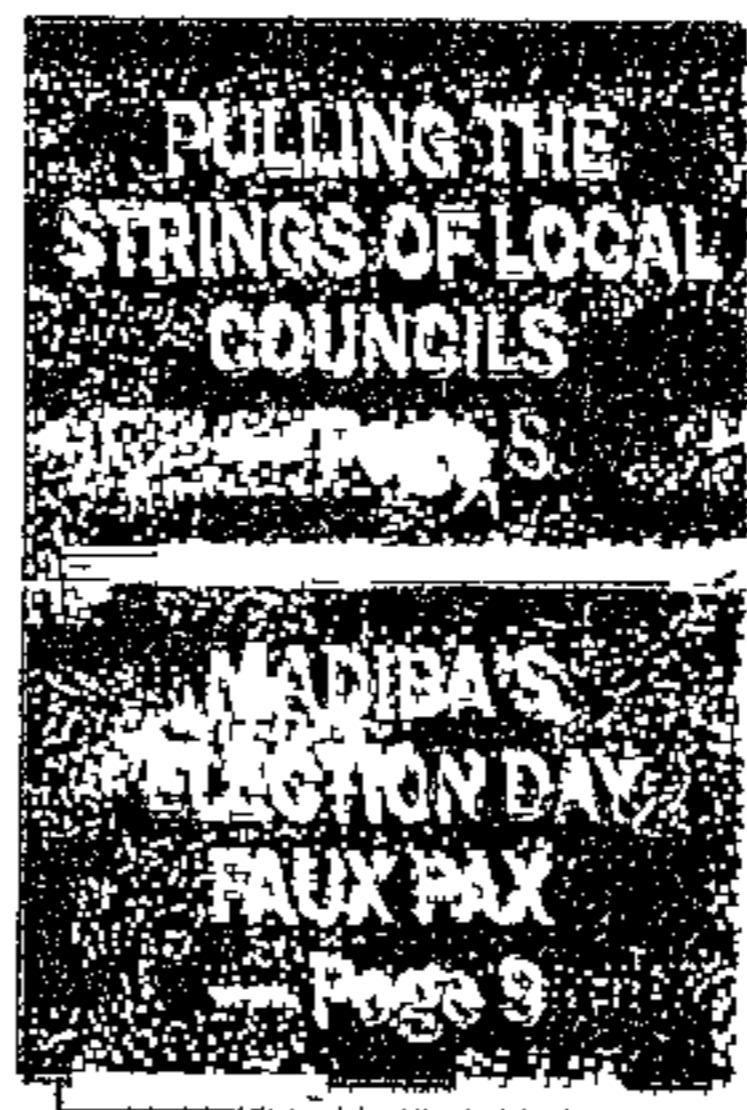
Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais said most administrative powers had been delegated to the substructures, who had insisted on non-governmental organisations "taking total control".

"At least we've given the community the opportunity to be directly involved. I also gave people three extra days to register and advertised this fact widely."

Mr De Klerk said "Everything seems to be going well — everywhere I've been things have been very good."

"I have never made specific predictions about election outcomes and I am glad I never did."

Democratic Party regional leader Mr Hennie Bester said turnout in key DP areas was over 60% and he was confident of his party winning control of the Southern substructure.





IRRESISTIBLE: Usually it's politicians who kiss babies at election time, but yesterday one F.W. de Klerk supporter at a Heideveld polling station couldn't resist planting an affectionate kiss on the NP leader's head. De Klerk smiled, but did not return the kiss. PICTURE: BENNY GOOT

Run on toilet paper at city polling booths

STAFF WRITERS

WHILE hoards of voters queued in Cape Town yesterday to put their mark on paper, a council logistics team was kept on the run stocking polling stations with toilet paper.

The serious business of local elections gave rise to lighter incidents.

President Nelson Mandela disappointed a little autograph-seeker who interrupted him on his walk from his Newlands home to the polling station. "Oh no, he wrote it in cursive," she cried to her mother when he handed over his signature.

At a Sea Point polling station the pre-

siding officer leapt chivalrously to the aid of wilting elderly women voters by offering them chairs and the services of his officers to shunt them along as the queue progressed.

A voter at Site 5, Masiphumelele, in Sun Valley, was confused when she discovered that the areas' two polling stations were right opposite each other. "Is one for ANC and one for the NP?" she asked a Cape Times reporter.

Early-bird voters at the Tokai Library

waited for up to an hour while election officials battled to figure out the garden's automatic sprinkler system that was blocking the library exit with a shower of water.

Courtesy, confusion and chirps for a chicken chain were poll booth features

Officials at Brown's Farm in Philippi turned into handymen when the generators powering the fluorescent light that ensures no one votes twice, broke down and they had to rig up a battery system. Western

Cape Premier Hernus Kriel delightedly told a Cape Times reporter that it was not every day he got to vote three times for

the National Party.

Nando's chicken outlets — who leapt on the election bandwagon with their own posters reading "No fowl play", "Simply the breast" and "Vote for the left and right wing" — placed flyers on voters' cars which read "You've made your mark! Now have your lunch."

Voting moms at the Oval North Secondary School in Beacon Valley were told that babies were banned from the polling station, forcing at least one woman to leave her child with a stranger while she voted.

Fine Music Radio 101.3 fm will broadcast results from around 10am today.

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ELECTION FOLLOWS

'TODAY WE WIPED OUT THE PAST'

Long queues, but township voters remain resolute

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ALTHOUGH THE LINES were long outside the Khayelitsha polling stations, voters were determined to make their mark, no matter how long it took **ANEEZ SALIE** writes.

KHAYELITSHA voters are starting to get the hang of it

Although it was only the second time around, many had come prepared — like true veterans

The extent, simplicity and nature of the preparations summed up an election which could prove to be the most important ever in securing a better life for them all

There was nothing elaborate or costly, just a dignified, down-to-earth ingenuity

"Oh, we've learnt a lot from the last elections," said voter Mrs Ndleka Hude "This time we are prepared"

She was spotted in one of the many queues which snaked around most polling stations in the sprawling dormitory township, with its mix of informal and brick-and-mortar dwellings which serve as a catchment area for the unemployed and the poor

It is to Cape Town that they flock to escape the dustbowls of poverty in the former bantustans, where children today still die of malnutrition

With Hude in the 200-metre queue was fellow-resident Mrs Antoma Dlubom

Both women (men were markedly outnumbered) were seat-

ed on plastic milk crates Further along some rather merry chaps were using beer crates for the same purpose

In other sections, many hopefuls brought along chairs or car tyres (to sit on)

Queues were long as early-bird voters had to wait for about an hour because of administrative snarl-ups

"When last we voted (in the first democratic general election in April, 1994) we were made to stand in line for hours on end," Dlubom said

"We feared the same thing would happen now, especially since Khayelitsha, an ANC stronghold, is so crucial to whether the Nats rule Tygerberg (one of six sub-structures in the Western Cape metropole)

"We are determined to make our mark, so no matter how long we have to wait, we will do so That's why we came prepared

"We did not want to return home without voting, frustrated because we had tired of standing and waiting, like the last time For these elections, we will be here the whole day if we have to

"We now have something to sit on, at least"

Dlubom eventually came out of the polling station after 90 minutes, beaming

Hude was more measured As she collected her milk crate for the journey home, where it is similarly used as an item of furniture, her pace was slow and dignified

"Today we have wiped out the past," she said "Tomorrow we begin a new life"



SITTING IT OUT. Mrs Victoria Gxabantshi, who has an injured leg, was allowed to sit and move alongside one of the many Khayelitsha queues. Good-natured co-operation was a feature of the polling here despite initial delays

PICTURE: CLIVE SMITH

Some of the crosses they had to bear ...

ESANN DE KOCK
Staff Reporter

It was a secretary's nightmare at the Central Substructure's control centre as Cape Town City Council staff had their hands full answering calls on 120 incoming telephone lines from the 249 polling stations in the area

But most queries were minor, ranging from staff shortages to reports of parties and candidates campaigning illegally within the 500m barrier of polling stations. These problems could be dealt with easily and efficiently.

Some of the lighter incidents reported to the control centre included:

● A presiding officer phoning to ask what the ink and sponge (to hold the ultra-violet ink preventing multiple voting) was for, and having it explained to him in detail over the phone

● An enthusiastic polling officer phoning deputy returning officer Ben van Rensburg on Tuesday afternoon, telling him what a successful dry run certain polling stations in the townships had had - and then asking if the staff could now go home

● A panic-stricken presiding officer phoning from the Qungu Primary School, asking that someone be sent to urgently unlock the toilet facilities

● Thick fog in the Philippi area that prevented an early turnout of local voters because people could not even see the signs indicating the location of the polling stations

● A candidate of the African Muslim Party who was discovered working in a polling station as an electoral officer and was asked to leave immediately

● A power cut due to electricity arrears in the Ikapa area which, naturally, also cut all the power lines to the polling stations. The

Whites rush to vote

Apathy, ignorance and administrative hitches hit coloured area wards

CHENÉ BIGNAUT
Staff Reporter

VOTERS in the former white areas of the Tygerberg turned out in force for the local elections but voter apathy, ignorance and administrative hitches seriously marred the procedure in some wards in coloured areas

Polling stations in Goodwood, Parow and Bellville saw a steady stream of voters throughout the day but voting was very slow at some of the polling booths in Elises River, Utitsig and Bellville South

The Goodwood civic centre, a polling station for ward T39, was one of the busiest voting centres in the north and had a queue of more than 200 people when the doors opened at 7am

With one Freedom Front, one Conservative Party and one National Party candidate, this ward is considered one of only a few where the rightwing could be successful

"The rightwing has a chance here because people are sick and tired of empty promises. We are opposed to the amalgamation with Khayelitsha because we will have to pay

more taxes and lower our standards," said Chris Strumpher

In other traditional white areas in the north there was overwhelming support for the National Party among voters, who believed white Afrikaners had to stand together

In the traditional coloured areas, where most voters elected local government representatives for the first time, the election process was hampered by voter apathy and a lack of voter education

By lunchtime yesterday about 40 voters had been turned away at the community hall in Utitsig because it was discovered they were not registered. At the Elises River community hall voter ignorance and confusion slowed down the process and resulted in waiting periods of more than two hours

The African National Congress seemed to be a strong favourite in these two areas where people listed crime, housing and unemployment as issues which had been neglected by the NP-led Western Cape government. Presiding officer Johnny Jacobs ascribed the disappointing turnout to a lack of information



ELECTION FEVER: NP candidate Osborne Adams is lifted on the shoulders of his supporters at a voting station in Heideveld



SMILING PRESENCE: PAC president Clarence Makwethu shakes hands with a supporter at a Gugulethu voting station

Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus

Hopes of a 'first-class life' in M Plain

JERMAINE CRAIG
Staff Reporter

IMPROVED living conditions, more housing, a lower crime rate and better educational and recreational facilities - these were the main things Mitchell's Plain residents voted for

"I've always lived a second class life. I know it will get better after this," said 45-year-old Lorraine Cloete, after casting her vote in Tafelsig yesterday. "I hope and I know that the party I am voting for is going to deliver the goods. I feel I am in the middle-class category now and I know I can reach the top with the party I am voting for," said Mrs Cloete, who disclosed that she voted for the National

Party. "I wish for a better life and hope that my vote will mean opportunity and freedom for my children."

"Our area needs upliftment and it needs education in a very big way," said Westridge resident Maggie Roman, while waiting to cast her vote in the elections yesterday. "I wish for a better life for him, better in every way," Mrs Roman added, looking at her one-year-old son Joshua who she took with her to the polls. "Some people say they don't want to vote. I feel I should come for the sake of the future and for my grandchildren," said 73-year-old James Meyer from Westridge

Most people interviewed in Mitchell's Plain by The Argus revealed they would be voting for the NP, saying they felt this party would improve the living conditions in their area. But not everyone agreed. "It feels very nice to be voting today just for one reason, because I get to vote out the NP for all the injustices they have done to us in the area," said Ismail Gameddien from Tafelsig. The majority of people interviewed knew what the local elections were all about, but there were a few exceptions. "I don't know what the elections are about, I am just voting for the sake of voting," said one Eastridge woman.

Crossroads goes for break with

violent past

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Staff Reporter

IT WAS like Christmas in Crossroads where people who had traditionally been ruled by fear, intimidation and violence at last felt liberated by yesterday's local elections

Crossroads was among the most violent areas in the country when supporters of the United Democratic Front were pitted against the apartheid-backed "Witdoeke"

But the former leader of the "Witdoeke", Jeffrey Nongwe, generally regarded as the Crossroads "warlord," ironically had to play a low-key role in the Crossroads local government elections after his suspension from the local ANC. He contested a ward as an independent

This was in contrast to the high-profile roles he had played in the past as self-styled local ANC leader, bishop of a religious sect and deliverer of mail in his area, Section 4. Mr Nongwe's long-awaited excommunication from the ANC began with a demonstration led by Section 2 residents, who were among the chief victims of the violence

His decline had begun a few months ago when he, his wife and other members of his family were injured in a car crash. Although he has recovered from the broken ribs and other internal injuries, his wife is still on crutches with her left foot in plaster

The ANC MP for Crossroads, Myamezeli Boo, was excited by the enthusiasm displayed by Crossroads residents, although voters had to put up with a slow electoral process that kept most of them waiting for hours to cast their ballots in various parts of the metropole. "It is like Christmas in Crossroads," Mr Boo said. "I'm excited, and so is everybody here that we can now all see the RDP taking over from where violence and destabilisation had once ruled. "This augurs very well for the country as a whole"

Nat landslide in the North

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PETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

THE National Party has won a landslide victory in the Northern Substructure, taking every ward it contested.

The only ward which the NP did not take was in the African National Congress stronghold in the Marconi Beam informal settlement, where the NP did not have a candidate.

The ANC won Marconi Beam comfortably against a candidate from the African Christian Democratic Party. The NP won all 17 of the other wards.

The NP had been expected to win the Northern Substructure easily, but the extent of the win stunned observers. The substructure includes Milnerton, Botshasig, Table View, Atlantis and Mamre.

NP workers are hoping that that the strong pro-NP trend will continue in the five other metropolitan substructures where counting begins today - Central, Tygerberg, Eastern, Southern and Helderberg. The Northern was the only one in which counting began last night.

The NP mood at the Northern counting station at the Milnerton Turf Club was buoyant, with Nat supporters cheering loudly as ward results became known.

"We can't believe it. We knew there was a swing to us. While canvassing we detected huge support but we still can't believe we did so well," said NP member of the provincial parliament Annette Renneke.

ANC candidate Noel Williams, who was until now mayor of Atlantis, said the ANC had not yet been able to put its finger on the reason for its poor showing.

In the parking lot outside the counting station at the Milnerton Turf Club, some ANC supporters were seen weeping over their party's performance.

With the proportional representation vote still outstanding, NP candidates are predicting they will take at least 27 of the 30 seats.

The NP expects to win at least 10 of the 12 proportional seats, with one each going to the ANC and possibly the Democratic Party.

A despondent Peter Wrench, independent candidate in Table View Ward 7 said "It's back to the laager mentality."

"Voters fearing that the ANC would control the council voted NP en masse, ignoring good individual candidates."

Mr Wrench lost to the NP's Ruth Wolter. Tired election officials worked through the night counting votes while candidates stood by watching as counters checked for spoilt ballot papers before discarding them.

Many candidates were also up for most of the night, snatching a few hours in the early morning.

A chain-smoking Martin Holland, an independent candidate in Ward 6, stood by helplessly as he saw NP candidate Wayne Smith win the ward easily.

Tired vote counters who had finished their task said they could not want to go to bed after being up for 48 hours. Most of them had almost managed to fall asleep.



VICTORY HUG: Happy National Party members hug Ward 14 winner, Regina Osendorp, left. Ms Osendorp won 699 votes. **More reports and pictures on pages 3, 4 and 5.**

Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus

Peninsula counting held up as staff fail to arrive

ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter
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COUNTING for the Western Cape local elections was delayed this morning because staff enlisted to do the job did not report for duty.

Foggy weather was partly blamed for the delay, although there was an over-supply of volunteers in Khayelitsha, which also delayed counting.

Red Doman, spokesman for Central Substructure in Cape Town, which has six counting stations, said that in some instances only a quarter of the staff had turned up, prompting officials to put out an appeal to council staff to help.

Council staff members were taken by bus to the counting centres, which were to have opened at 9am. Staff should have reported for duty at 8am to be instructed in counting procedures, which include looking for a secret mark and laying all the ballot papers face down.

Each paper is counted three times. Heavy fog delayed the arrival of the ballot box from Robben Island this morning. In the Tygerberg substructure, which has 10 counting stations, only six were operational on time.

In Khayelitsha, three counting stations could not start work because there were too many volunteers reporting for duty. Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilken said that in Khayelitsha counting at three stations had been delayed because there were too many volunteers.

He described the situation as "politically sensitive", but said that he had sent staff to sort out the problem.

Mr Wilken said his staff had taken "a hard bash" on polling day and were tired. The expected order of results is Northern, Helderberg this afternoon, Eastern overnight, and Tygerberg, Central and Southern possibly only by tomorrow afternoon.

Westertford High School in Newlands

Intimidation claims made in rural areas

Samantha Sharpe

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CAPE TOWN — The late withdrawal by six ANC rural candidates from the local elections in the Western Cape amid allegations of NP intimidation marred an otherwise peaceful election process in rural areas.

ANC spokesman Brent Simons said he was certain NP victimisation was responsible for the 11th-hour decision by the six — two from the Central Karoo, three from Hermannus and one from Maraisburg — to back down as ANC candidates.

They had withdrawn their candidacy at NP offices hours before polling began — a clear sign of intimidation, he said.

Simons said the surprise withdrawal, compounded by the fact that some rural voting stations were on farms owned by NP candidates, was clearly problematic.

NP spokesman Anna van Wyk said her party believed the withdrawal had nothing to do with NP intimidation.

She said there had been intimidation by the ANC at Bergvliet and Hopefield, where ANC candidates had verbally threatened NP voters.

Independent Centre for Rural Legal Studies researcher Terence Fife said that voting had generally proceeded well in the rural areas.

However, there had been several cases, especially in the Grabouw, Overberg and Malmesbury areas, where people who had registered to vote did not appear on the voter's roll. In the Overberg and Malmesbury areas, initial indications were that at least 30% of voters were not on the roll.

Substantial swing away from NP in Cape predicted

Business Day Reporter

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(263)

CAPE TOWN — The NP, ANC and DP last night predicted a low voter turnout in the Tygerberg and eastern suburbs in the Cape metropolitan elections, as polling closed on a relatively incident-free day.

ANC spokesman Brent Simons predicted a substantial swing away from the NP, in line with last-minute opinion polls. "The winds of change are blowing across the Western Cape," an upbeat Simons said.

However, the NP said it was confident it would win the hotly contested Tygerberg suburb, despite its claims that NP supporters had been intimidated in Khayelitsha township.

None of the other parties complained of intimidation, and there were no reports of violence in the two suburbs.

NP MP Flip van Deventer, chairman of the Tygerberg NP strategy committee, warned at one stage before polling closed of NP "fears" that intimidation of its supporters could "erupt in violence".

DP provincial leader Hennie Bester said he was "quite positive" about the party's chances in Tygerberg after a good turnout by the party's supporters. The DP did not target the eastern suburb.

ANC and NP election officials predicted a poll turnout in the two suburbs of about 50%. The DP said voter turnout had been "extremely low in many areas".

The Tygerberg suburb has almost 400 polling stations for 418 000 voters. It has 44 ward seats and 28 party-list seats.

The smaller eastern suburb has 80 polling stations for 107 000 voters. It has 24 ward seats and 16 party-list seats.

The biggest administrative problems were reported in Khayelitsha, where hundreds of registered voters found that their names appeared on only one of the three voters' rolls in some wards. Elsewhere in the township voting proceeded smoothly.

According to the ANC's Cameron Dugmore, parties agreed to instruct presiding officers to record the names of voters not registered. They could be allowed to vote "at a later stage", Dugmore said.

Khayelitsha election task team liaison officer Zalsie Kewana said that because of voting delays at some stations, polling would be extended if necessary beyond the 10pm deadline.

Most of the other administrative problems in the Tygerberg and eastern suburbs occurred in the morning, but were resolved by lunch-time. Polls opened on time in most wards, although voting was slow at first in some areas.

In the Wallacedene squatter camp in the eastern suburb, hundreds of voters were kept waiting from about 7am after initial problems with documentation and official stamps. By mid-morning voting was proceeding smoothly.

Blacks areas were neglected — ANC

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Poor organisation and administration in the former black local authorities of Greater Cape Town made voting a misery for many voters yesterday, with the ANC expressing concern that the black areas had been doled out "second-hand" treatment

Polling stations in Guguletu, Crossroads and Browns Farm opened late because there were no ballot papers. At other polling stations, computers arrived late or were not working.

Certain polling stations had no electricity. Some voters exercised only one of three votes because of what the ANC described as an "administrative mess".

The problems were acute in the townships of Khayelitsha, Langa, Guguletu and Crossroads. The presiding officers did not appear to have the problems in hand, resulting in intense negotiations between the ANC and Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais yesterday afternoon.

An average of 40-60 voters an hour were being processed in some wards, when it should have been as high as 240. Marais denied responsibility for the administrative faults, saying the Cape Metropolitan Council, in conjunction with non-governmental organisations, had taken over the task of appointing and training officials. The aim was to make the process as inclusive as possible, he said.

Marais said voters had only them-

selves to blame if their names were not on the metropolitan lists as they had been given ample time to check.

In many central substructure wards, inaccurate voters' rolls meant disappointed voters waited for hours while officials sorted out the discrepancies. Many left without voting.

The names of some voters featured on rolls other than those for their area of residence. Transfers caused delays.

Multiparty liaison committee member Cameron Dugmore said hundreds of people had not been able to vote for metropolitan candidates as their names did not feature on the metropolitan rolls. This was despite the fact that they were on the ward and proportional rolls for the substructure.

The committee only agreed at about 3pm that these voters should fill in forms, leaving open the question as to when they would exercise their votes.

NP chairman in the central substructure Leon Markowitz said the Vredehoek polling station was a "hopeless mess". In hotly contested wards such as Rylands and Mitchell's Plain, there was rivalry between political parties making last-minute attempts to canvass voters.

Renewed gang violence in Elsies River, after the murder of a prominent gang member in Pollsmoor Prison on Sunday, prompted the redeployment of 40 extra policemen to protect voters at polling stations. Police also patrolled areas around the polling stations.

ANC set to win Louis Trichardt poll

Mduduzi ka Harvey

THE ANC seemed set for a clear victory in the Louis Trichardt local election yesterday, with the NP saying it would be happy to take second place.

Sapa reports the ANC predicted that 65% of the 26 700 registered voters would cast their ballots.

By mid-afternoon, the poll was more than 30%.

The election, originally due to have taken place last November, was postponed after the Supreme Court ruled the last-minute inclusion of tribal areas in the local authority unconstitutional. However, after consultation between political parties and residents, the Sinthumule and Kutama tribal areas, comprising 18 villages, were incorporated into Louis Trichardt earlier this year.

Louis Trichardt deputy returning officer Daniel Kruger said 7 784 voters had cast their ballots by 3pm yesterday and their numbers were gradually ris-

ing. Results were expected today.

Kruger said it was difficult to cater for rural areas covering 550km² and with a population of 92 000 people, where there were no phones and poor roads. Two-way radios had proved problematic in the hands of inexperienced election officials, who were clogging the airwaves with unnecessary communications.

Twenty candidates are contesting seven of the 10 wards, with three being unopposed. The ANC, the NP and the PAC are standing in five of the wards.

NP MPL Nyambeni Ramaremsa said his party acknowledged it had no chance of winning the election, and would be satisfied with second place. The NP was still educating its membership to vote for the best candidate, rather than on racial lines.

ANC spokesman Ian Madikoto said the organisation was determined to secure a two-thirds majority with its strong support base in the Vleyfontein, Sinthumule and Kutama townships.



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Keegan concedes defeat

PETER DENNEHY

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FORMER Mayor of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan, standing for the Cape Independent Alliance in the Bishops-court/Upper Newlands/Upper Claremont ward, conceded defeat yesterday even before polling closed.

He was opposed by Mr Ian Iversen of the DP, Mr Revel Fox of the ANC and Ms Babette Bekker of the NP.

Keegan remained sanguine about his chances of surviving as a local government politician, however. Local politics is his sole career.

The Cape Independent Alliance is one of the parties on the party-list for the Central substructure (new Cape Town municipality).

His name is second on that list;

after Mr Arthur Wienburg. If Wienburg wins the Rondebosch seat, Keegan's name will move to first position on the Alliance's list of the candidates to be given party-list seats.

There are 30 party-list seats on the new Cape Town council, and close to half a million voters. To get a single seat, a party has to have 16 000 votes. "We estimate that we will get at least two seats," Keegan said.

His alliance appeals to the urban voter who is not strongly aligned to a political party.

He said both the DP and the ANC had "thrown massive resources", which he could not match, into the battle in his ward. Both of them regarded it as symbolically important to win the ward.

THE Cape Times tomorrow morning will be filled with the lion's share of election results — and an expert analysis of how the parties fared. Also tomorrow, Top of the Times for listings of your best weekend leisure options — and food, movie and CD reviews.

Tractors haul labourers to polls to harvest democracy

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EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

POLLING officials and party monitors in the rural areas of the Cape were predicting 50% polls in some areas yesterday

From Worcester to Bredasdorp, farmers and their wives, farmworkers and their wives and families began arriving at the polling stations soon after dawn to vote for members of Transitional Representative Councils

In Worcester East voting station officer Mr Chris du Toit said the day had begun quietly with some congestion in the queues

A number of farmers had used farm vehicles from trucks to tractors and trailers to get their workers to the polls

ANC co-ordinator Mr Clarence Johnson said he was satisfied with the "situation" and was confident that there would be a high percentage poll

He had heard of incidents at other polling stations where voters had been "influenced" by farmers to vote but had no evidence to

back his claim

By noon 525 people of a possible total of 1 400 registered voters in the area had voted

Further east, in the Winelands, Simondium polling station official Mr Johnny Volmink said 400 out of a total of 1 050 registered voters had voted

"There were quite a few people queuing this morning but things have quieted down. There might be a rush after sunset, after work," he added.

"I think the farmers are taking advantage of the dry weather to get as much ploughing done as they can. When the day's work is over more people will arrive."

The National Party official at Neuwe Berg near Villiersdorp, Mr John Badenhorst, where 400 people had voted by early afternoon, also said he was "happy" with the turnout

Most poll officials said people had been turned away for not being registered.

"That seems to be the biggest problem," said Mr Andrew Jou-

bert, poll official at Napier

Confident of winning at least 50% of the vote in Bredasdorp was ANC co-ordinator Mr Isaak Stevens. He said that as far as he could see most farmers in the area had "joined in the spirit" of the elections and given their workers time off and lifts to the polls

"We have all heard stories of farmers being difficult, but we have seen no evidence of that here today," NP representative at Napier, Mr Rupert Mizon, said

Ten days before the election Ms Chnstelle Cronje, assistant director of Local Government and co-ordinator of voter education, predicted a 60% poll. Fanie Cloete, professor of political analysis at the school of public management at the University of Stellenbosch, said it might be closer to 30%

After a sweep through the rural areas from Worcester to Bredasdorp, it appears both will have to adjust their predictions as a 50% poll of the registered 156 645 voters was being predicted by most polling station officials.

Apartheid finally goes in W Cape

By Rafiq Rohan
Political Correspondent

ONE of the final vestiges of apartheid came tumbling down in the Western Cape yesterday, when thousands of people in the Cape metropole and rural areas went to the polls to vote in a new local government.

One fact emerged quite early at most polling booths - that although enthusiasm was not at the same level as in the 1994 general election, people nevertheless lined up in snaking queues at polling stations.

As in 1994, they were there from quite early, despite the cold, misty, wintry morning. Most came to the polling stations to ensure that 114 years of white rule came to an end.

Thus thought was summed up by one of the early voters at the Woodstock Town Hall, Mr Sedick Samuels. "I am here to vote to pave the way for future generations."

"I am also here because of the freedom we have achieved after a long and arduous struggle to be able to vote for whom we choose, regardless of colour or creed."

Who was he voting for? "Auntie Jame, naturally!" (Ms Janap Halim, an African National Congress stalwart from the area.)

In terms of the new order, the 518 posts that were available for nominated

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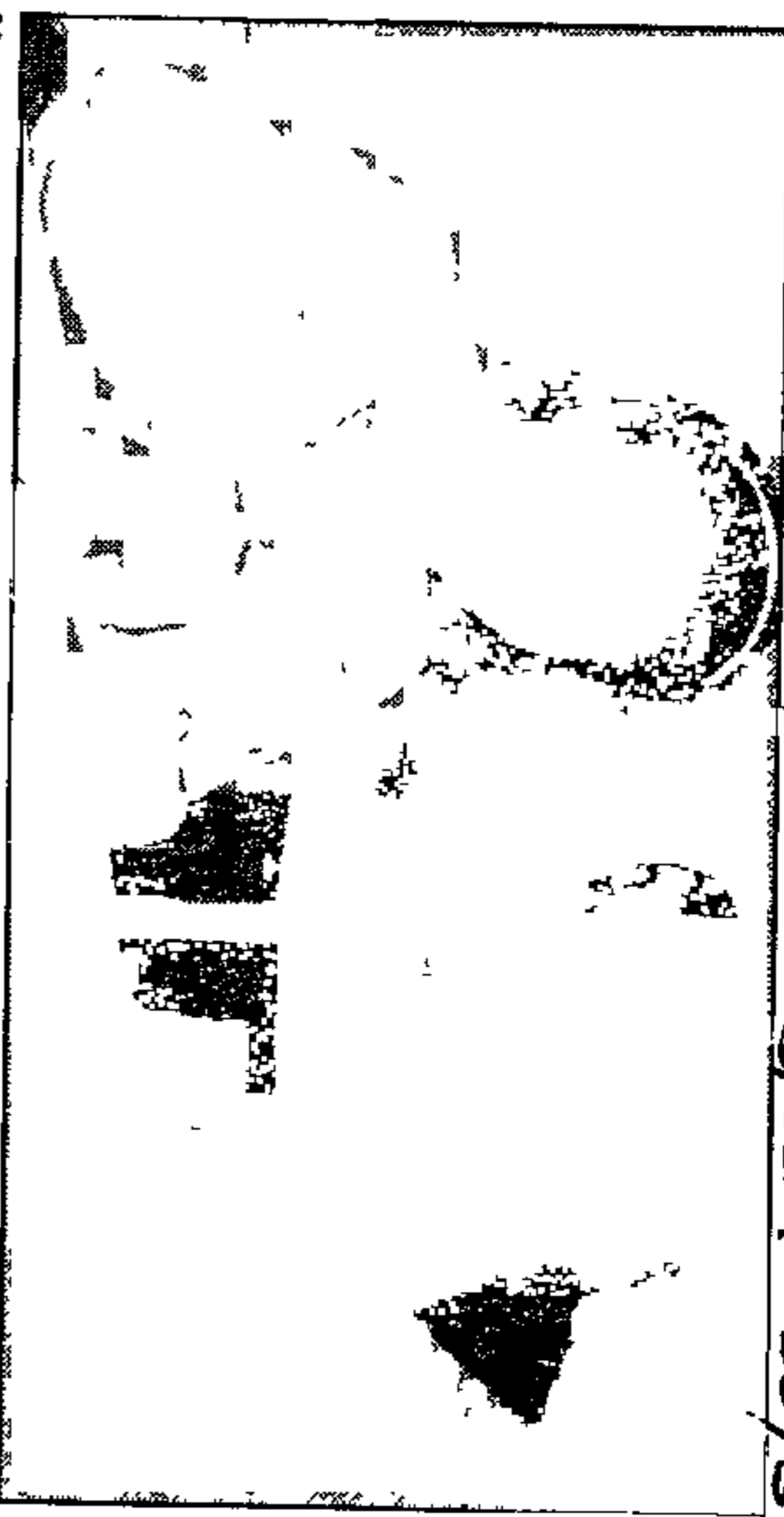
— mostly white — councillors are abolished and the new structure will contain 226 posts filled by those voted in by 10pm last night.

In addition 60 councillors will run the Cape Metropolitan Council, the region's controlling body. This number sharply reduces the former 160-member Council.

Over the past few months people in the Cape merely had to sit back and observe the headway being made by newly established councils where elections were held last November.

Cape voters had to endure the frustration of watching the bitter battles around the demarcation dispute involving the political parties, which led to the postponing of last year's election until yesterday.

Many observers were concerned the elections would fail due to voter



New era ... thousands of people voted in the Cape metropole yesterday for a new local government.
PIC OBED ZILWA

apathy that set in while the political wrangling went on.

However, yesterday many of those observers were proved wrong. When polling booths opened at 7am, the voters pitched up despite it being the middle of winter.

One of the more revealing facts that emerged when speaking to people in the queues were that they were not overly concerned about the party for which they were voting.

The general feeling was that neighbourhoods must be cleaned up, there must be better facilities and something must be done about getting better policing structures.

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Around the corner in Woodstock, a group of elderly women made their way towards the queue outside the town hall.

"We woke up early this morning and, because we are all friends who live nearby, decided to make an outing of this," said Mrs Mavis Daniels, clutching a flask of hot tea.

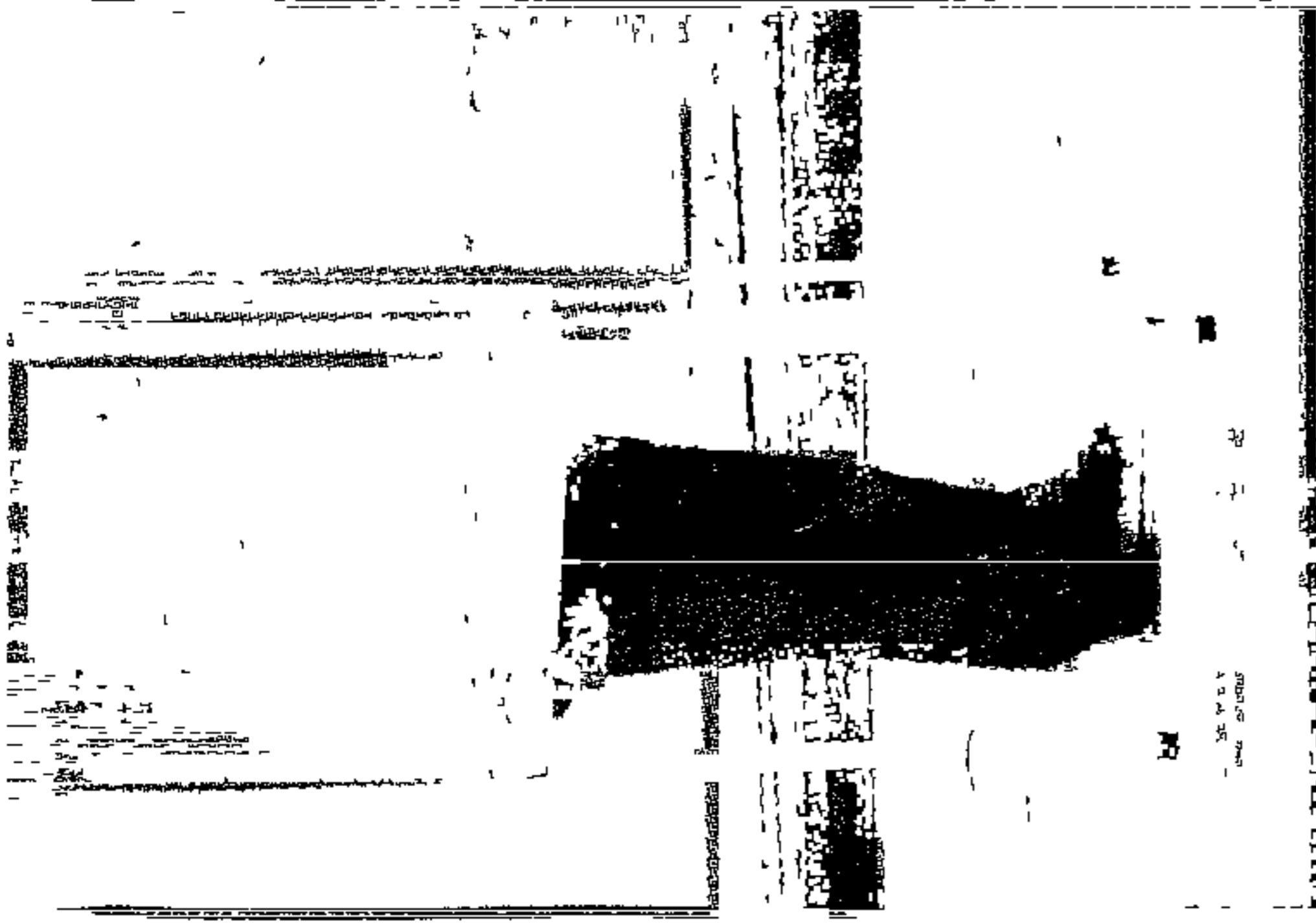
Who were they voting for? "We are not telling because voting should be a secret," they giggled.

It was not a secret for Mr Gasant Davids, who was at the Woodstock queue at 7am. A black, green and gold button with the words "I am voting ANC" left little doubt.

"It just feels lekker to stand here and know I have the power to vote for the candidate I like and not have someone imposed on me like the Nats did all those years. I have faith that Auntie Jame can deliver the goods."

What goods did he mean? "I want my area to be safer. I want to take my children to a park to play. I want to see better street lighting. But most of all, I want them to drop my blertie rates!"

By late yesterday, there were reports about certain polling booths not being properly equipped to handle the voters and this led to delays in areas like Khayelitsha, Nyanga, Wallacedene squatter camp and Crossroads. The hitches appeared minor, and elsewhere things went smoothly.



paper (left) and puts it in the ballot box (right) in Cape Town yesterday in the local government elections. Mandela voted in the only province controlled by the National Party.

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Peace at the polls

Sowetan 30/5/96 (263)

Some voters turned away because names not on roll

By Waghied Misbach
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THE Western Cape local government elections were conducted peacefully yesterday apart from a number of administrative headaches faced by organisers, which saw some voters being turned away from polling stations.

Speaking at a polling station in Grabouw, a rural town about 45 minutes outside of Cape Town, President Nelson Mandela said he was happy with the way the elections had been conducted.

"It seems the elections went very well and I am very proud of that. It is

not so much the result - which we all desire to be in favour of our party - but the result that would lead to credible and legitimate institutions in this important tier of government."

However, there were problems, especially in the township of Khayelitsha when voters were turned away from the polls in frustration when their names did not appear on the voters' roll.

Khayelitsha falls under the Tygerberg substructure, which includes many affluent white areas and the many poverty-stricken coloured areas. The substructure has a total of 418 000 voters, with Khayelitsha having 140 000 regis-

tered voters.

Initially it was estimated that the voter turnout at Khayelitsha would be around 90 percent, but now the estimate is only about 30 percent.

National Party spokesperson Dr Quarta du Toit said voting had been extremely slow in many parts of the metropolitan and rural areas.

She said many of the polling stations only had one copy of the voters roll which caused a delay in calling out people's names.

Du Toit also said that there were some incidents of intimidation in the rural Vredendal area.

"There was nearly a small war between the two parties, but fortu-

nately an agreement was reached between the two"

Sapa reports that a near hysterical crowd of coloured National Party supporters mobbed NP leader Mr FW de Klerk when he visited a Heideveld polling station.

As police battled to keep the screaming supporters back, a man with tattoos all over his face, pulled De Klerk's head down and kissed the Deputy President's bald pate.

The supporters had been waiting several hours, singing NP songs, dancing in the street and waving De Klerk posters. Some climbed on to nearby rooftops with their posters. A beaming De Klerk shook hands

with those of the crowd who were able to reach him and caught a bouquet of flowers tossed to him.

Voters on a fog-shrouded Robben Island were in no rush to use the polling station set up for them there.

There are about 250 registered voters on the island, most of them Correctional Services staff. The 135 or so prisoners still being held there are not eligible to vote.

Deputy returning officer Mr Martin Stander said when polls opened at 7am there had been one voter waiting.

By midday, when the sun was beginning to break through the fog, 59 had cast their ballots.

It's a victory romp for Nats

NP and Democratic Party may seek alliance to gain control in Central Substructure

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Picture ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

SWEET VICTORY: National Party members David Erleigh, left, and Leon Markovitz, right, celebrate their victory in ward C40 where Howard Parker, ousted long-serving councillor John Muir of the Democratic Party in the Kenilworth/Claremont area

ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter

THE NATIONAL PARTY romp to victory continued today with the party poised to take control of the Tygerberg substructure, the second largest of the six new municipalities in the city.

The African National Congress, which had expected a clear majority in the Central Substructure, was struggling to hold on to its lead there, with the NP and Democratic Party possibly forming an alliance commanding a narrow majority.

Overall results in the Tygerberg are likely to be delayed because counting in Khayelitsha started late yesterday amid a gathering row over the way in which the poll was conducted there.

The ANC's Carl Niehaus said last night that the party was keeping its options open in terms of the Electoral Act because of the chaotic way in which the poll had been conducted in Khayelitsha, an ANC stronghold.

By early today, the NP had won all 18 of the wards so far counted in the coloured and white areas in the Tygerberg, with the remaining 22, falling in Khayelitsha and Mfuleni, likely to go to the ANC - although maverick candidates expelled from the ANC could also win wards.

Control of the council will depend on the proportional representation vote, which had yet to be finalised today.

Early trends showed differing 'percentage' polls between African and coloured and white areas.

In the Central Substructure the ANC had a narrow lead after winning only one coloured ward, although a pro-ANC independent won Lentegeur, in Mitchell's Plain.

ANC candidate Dilshaad de Vries lost by only 19 votes to a pro-NP independent in ward 26.

Saleem Mowzer in C35 in the Rylands area pulled in 4 664 votes for the ANC, while Abdusattar Khan for the NP got about half that, with 2 902 votes.

The DP took a hammering in the Southern Suburbs, losing C40 in the Claremont/Kenilworth area to the NP's Howard Parker, who beat John Muir of the DP by 417 votes.

The DP held on to its seat in C41, the ward in which President Mandela voted, with Ian Iversen coming in only 433 votes ahead of the NP's Babette Becker. Mr Iversen secured 3 621 votes. The ANC's Revel Fox, who had been given the full backing of Mr Mandela, trailed with 1 160 votes. Clive Keegan of the Cape Independent Alliance pulled in only 579

Boost for ANC but danger is Nat, DP (2b3) alliance

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Staff Reporters

THE African National Congress is the strongest party in Cape Town's Central substructure after a poor performance in the rest of the metropole in this week's local elections

But in a dramatic new development, a possible alliance between the National Party and Democratic Party in central Cape Town could thwart the ANC

This follows a last-minute invitation by Western Cape NP leader Dawie de Villiers to the DP which could hold the balance of power in the Central substructure as proportional votes continue to be counted

Within hours of the Nat alliance offer, DP Sea Point councillor Chris Joubert, one of the few DP councillors to retain his seat against the rampant NP, said he was in favour of an alliance with the NP.

Elsewhere in the metropole, the NP won easily in the Northern, Eastern and Southern substructures and was expected to win in Tygerberg where Khayelitsha results are still delayed. The NP has half the wards in Helderberg

- In the Southern substructure the NP won 27 seats, the ANC four, the DP three with two going to independents

- In Helderberg the NP won 16 seats, the ANC 15 and the DP one

- In the Northern substructure, the NP won 36, the ANC three and the DP one

- With votes still being counted in the Eastern substructure, the NP had 56 percent of the votes and the ANC 32 percent

- In Tygerberg, the NP had won all 18 of the 22 wards in white and coloured areas so far counted, with the ANC expected to win the 22 black wards mostly in Kyayelitsha. But the NP is likely to win the proportional vote

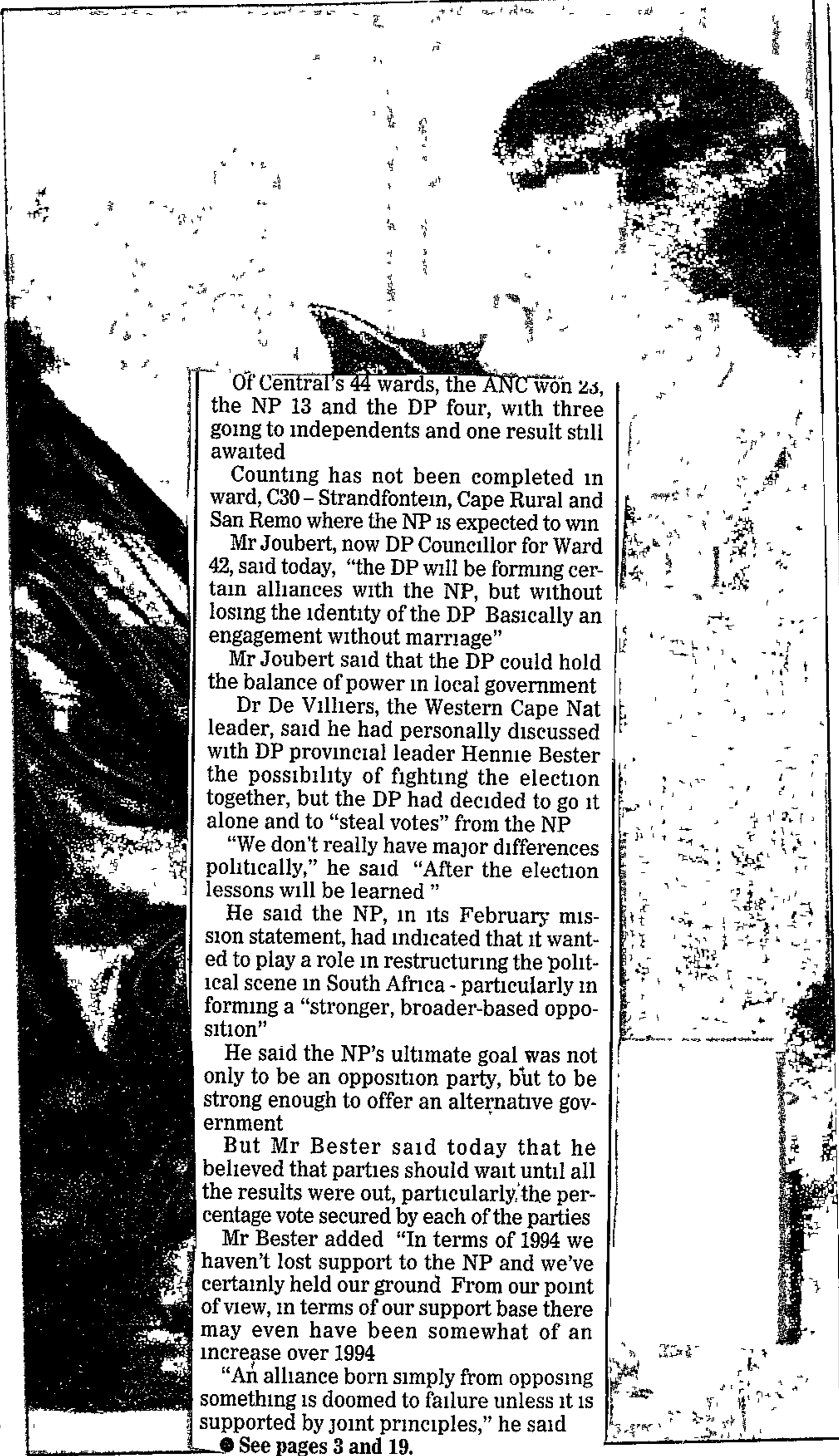
The final balance of power in the Cape Metropolitan Council will only be known when all proportional votes are counted

As proportional votes were still being tallied in Central, the largest substructure in the metropole, the ANC was hoping for a narrow overall majority of 38 or 39 councillors in the 74-member council, which would outvote any NP alliance

The ANC has 23 councillors with a 24th ally in the independent Norman Jantjes of Lentegeur who was backed by the ANC

The ANC estimates it could win about half the proportional votes, giving it about 15 proportional seats and a narrow working majority in the council.

But the knife-edge result was cold comfort for the ANC which had expected to win the Central substructure comfortably



Of Central's 44 wards, the ANC won 23, the NP 13 and the DP four, with three going to independents and one result still awaited

Counting has not been completed in ward, C30 - Strandfontein, Cape Rural and San Remo where the NP is expected to win

Mr Joubert, now DP Councillor for Ward 42, said today, "the DP will be forming certain alliances with the NP, but without losing the identity of the DP. Basically an engagement without marriage"

Mr Joubert said that the DP could hold the balance of power in local government

Dr De Villiers, the Western Cape Nat leader, said he had personally discussed with DP provincial leader Hennie Bester the possibility of fighting the election together, but the DP had decided to go it alone and to "steal votes" from the NP

"We don't really have major differences politically," he said "After the election lessons will be learned"

He said the NP, in its February mission statement, had indicated that it wanted to play a role in restructuring the political scene in South Africa - particularly in forming a "stronger, broader-based opposition"

He said the NP's ultimate goal was not only to be an opposition party, but to be strong enough to offer an alternative government

But Mr Bester said today that he believed that parties should wait until all the results were out, particularly the percentage vote secured by each of the parties

Mr Bester added "In terms of 1994 we haven't lost support to the NP and we've certainly held our ground. From our point of view, in terms of our support base there may even have been somewhat of an increase over 1994

"An alliance born simply from opposing something is doomed to failure unless it is supported by joint principles," he said

● See pages 3 and 19.

Picture, ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

FORMING ALLIANCES? A jubilant Chris Joubert of the DP celebrates his victory with Francois Derksen of the NP who was his opposition in ward 42.

ANC sweeps poll in Louis Trichardt

Mduduzi KaHarvey

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THE ANC won an overwhelming majority in the Louis Trichardt local government elections, mustering 14 084 votes out of a total of 26 000 potential voters in the area.

The victory secured the ANC 10 of the 16 seats in the local council, while the remaining seats were secured by the Louis Trichardt Residents' Association. The association was formed by the NP, the Freedom Front, the GP, ratepayers and the business community in a bid to prevent the ANC from winning.

In the ward votes the ANC won five wards by capitalising on its strong support in the Vleyfontein, Sintermunle and Kutama townships, while the residents' association secured the other five wards in the former white residential areas.

In the proportional representation votes, the ANC secured five of the six seats, while the remaining seat was won by the residents' association.

The NP, which had hoped to become the official opposition in the council, failed to win a single seat while the PAC attracted only 1% of the total vote.

In a poll that attracted 66,7% of voters in the area, the residents' association secured 1 932 votes, the NP 1 208 and the PAC 546.

Council positions will be allocated at the council's inaugural meeting on Wednesday.

The election, originally due to have taken place last November, was postponed after the Supreme Court ruled that the last-minute inclusion of tribal areas in the local authority was unconstitutional.

Administrative problems dog Western Cape results

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — Final judgment on the freeness and fairness of the Western Cape metropolitan and rural local government elections would depend on the extent to which administrative problems had prevented people from voting, observers said yesterday.

The ANC said that many people had been denied the opportunity to exercise their metropolitan vote and in many cases had not been able to vote at all.

The ANC's Carl Niehaus said the ANC was keeping open the possibility of action under the Electoral Act in certain badly hit areas like Khayelitsha, though overall he believed the election had been free and fair.

He said the problems were of consequence to the ANC as they had occurred in ANC strongholds. It seemed, he said, that very little had been learnt from the 1994 elections and steps would have to be taken to prevent a recurrence.

The Multi-Party Liaison Committee had decided to call on all presiding officers to provide details of the number of people who could not exercise their metropolitan vote and the number of people who were registered in the wrong areas and had to be transferred.

Logistical problems aside, the elections were peaceful and free of intimidation.

It appeared election work proved unpalatable for many officials in the central substructure — nearly 80% did not turn up for work yesterday, so counting got off to a late start. Volunteer employees had to be seconded from the city administration and given quick training in how to count

The aftermath of the administrative chaos in Khayelitsha on Wednesday disturbed the 150 to 200 officials working at polling stations there to such an extent that it took a long time to motivate them and initiate counting yesterday morning.

Counting at three stations in Khayelitsha had not started by 6 30pm last night and no measures were being taken to conserve the ballot papers, ANC provincial executive member James Ngcuku said last night. In the central substructure, counting also started late, with only 16 of the 72 counting officers having arrived by 8 30am.

Returning officer Dave Wilken blamed a community radio broadcast on Wednesday night for disturbing staff.

The broadcast, which said all people could vote, whether registered or not, had resulted in thousands of people descending on polling stations demanding to vote and threatening to burn down buildings if they were denied the right.

Unpleasant altercations had taken place with staff, significantly lowering their morale.

Reviewing the administrative problems experienced on election day, local government MEC Peter Marais said they showed that it was perhaps better for the provincial government to organise elections rather than substructures and NGOs, which did not have the necessary expertise.

Western Cape premier Herens Kriel complained about bias in the election coverage of the SABC.

SABC TV News head Ivan Flynn denied the allegations, telling Sapa that the service had lived up to its promise to provide credible and impartial news coverage.

NP wins rural council elections

David Greybe

CAPE TOWN — The NP has swept to victory in the Western Cape rural council elections, but its triumph has been tarnished by claims of a massive 20%-plus swing from the NP to the ANC.

The NP won control of 23 of 24 transitional representative councils in farming areas. One council was hung, and the last three results, in the Breë River district, were expected today.

The NP victory in the rural elections is expected to give it control of all seven of the province's district councils, the major prize in rural areas because they are responsible for bulk service delivery. District councils will also incorporate

rural towns that voted in November last year.

However, ANC rural election spokesman Marnus Fransman said last night ANC-controlled rural towns were considering seeking an urgent interdict against the district councils in a bid to correct a built-in bias in favour of the NP-controlled representative councils.

If successful, he said, such an interdict could result in reduced NP representation in the district councils.

The Nuweberg transitional representative council in the Overberg region was the only one so far not won outright by the NP — the ANC and NP each won four seats.

Election officials said last night the NP had won 126 seats,

the ANC 53 and "others" 13

Sapa reported that Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais (NP) said the NP's rural victory showed the artificiality of the 50-50 split between black and white wards in towns, which in the Western Cape assisted the ANC.

"Where there is no 50-50 division, we run away with the results," he said.

However, Fransman said the ANC was "greatly encouraged" by its overall showing which, he claimed, showed it had increased its support from 9% of farm votes in the 1994 general election to "an average of 32%".

This followed the voting pattern last November in rural towns "which resulted in the ANC taking control of most of

the NP's former strongholds".

NP spokesman Jan Kruger said the NP victory was due mainly to its excellent organisational strength. The NP expected to win "at least" 60% of the votes cast. It won 86% in 1994.

Kruger challenged the ANC claim that it had won almost a third of the votes cast. The NP would wait for the final results before commenting further.

Provincial election co-ordinator Joppa le Roux said he expected about 60% of the 157 294 registered rural voters had cast their ballots — a better rural turnout than the other provinces in last November's local government polls.

Percentage polls varied from 71.3% in Prince Albert to 58.9% in Beaufort West.

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ANC, DP ROUTED IN KEY WARDS

Nats sweep to local victory

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THE NP made a bold march to victory in the local government elections yesterday, sweeping the boards in the rural districts, winning the Northern substructure and looking set to take at least three of the remaining five substructures. CHRIS BATEMAN, ANTHONY JOHNSON, WILLEM STEENKAMP and PETER DENNEY report.

THE NP last night were assured of victory in the Cape Metropolitan Council, with four of the six substructures "in the bag." Reiderberg split and the ANC nudging ahead in Central.

Earlier, the NP swept the boards in the rural farming districts, taking six of the seven areas. The disappointing showing by the ANC and a woeful performance by the DP consolidated the Nats' grip on the Western Cape.

The early results reversed the swing to the ANC among the 95 rural towns in the province in the November 1 local elections last year and gave the NP the solid platform it seeks to build a broadened base for the 1999 general elections.

Elated NP provincial leader Dr Dawie de Villiers said this morning: "We are delighted. It's the beginning of the new role of the NP as a strong opposition and a good start to our 1999 election efforts."

He said the NP's walkout from the government of national unity contributed to their victory.

A defeated ANC provincial leader Mr Chris Nissen said: "I'm sad. I'm not disappointed in the ANC performance but in the fact that the coloured community out there could not see through the lies of the NP. Tomorrow they will come to us to complain about the NP."

By early today the NP had won 18 of the

22 Southern wards, the ANC one (Hout Bay), Independent Ms Nicki Holderness taking Simon's Town, Independent Clive Wakeford taking Fish Hoek with Southfield still outstanding.

In Tygerberg the NP took the first 15 of the areas' 44 wards but counting in the

ANC stronghold of Khayelitsha only began last night. However, ANC sources conceded early today that the second largest substructure would go to the NP.

In the Eastern substructure, the Nats took an unassailable lead with 12 of the 24 wards to the ANC's three and one going to an independent.

Heidelberg's final result (party list and ward seats) was NP 16, ANC 15 and DP one. Of the wards, the ANC took 12 and the NP eight.

Central saw the ANC leading with 16 seats, the NP four, the DP two (Kinahan's and Iversen's) and an independent one (total 44 seats).

Former Deputy Mayor of Cape Town Ms Theresa Solomon failed to take her Wood-

lands seat for the ANC, which was won by the NP's Ms Louisa Jansen.

The first substructure to announce results was Northern (Greater Milnerton), where the NP won 17 of the 18 wards.

The ANC claimed to have tempered the NP rural district victory by building farm worker support from nine percent in the 1994 elections to an average of 33%.

By late last night the big picture revealed the NP to have received 44,25% of ward votes, the ANC 26,6%, Independents 17,8%, DP 9,58%, ACDP 1,74% with the PAC, IFP and Freedom Front barely making any impression. In all, 15 parties and organisations contested the poll.

In the rural districts (Breeders River still outstanding) the NP took 58,82% of the vote, the ANC 33,1% and independent and farm association alliances 8,08%.

The overall rural percentage poll was 60,35%.

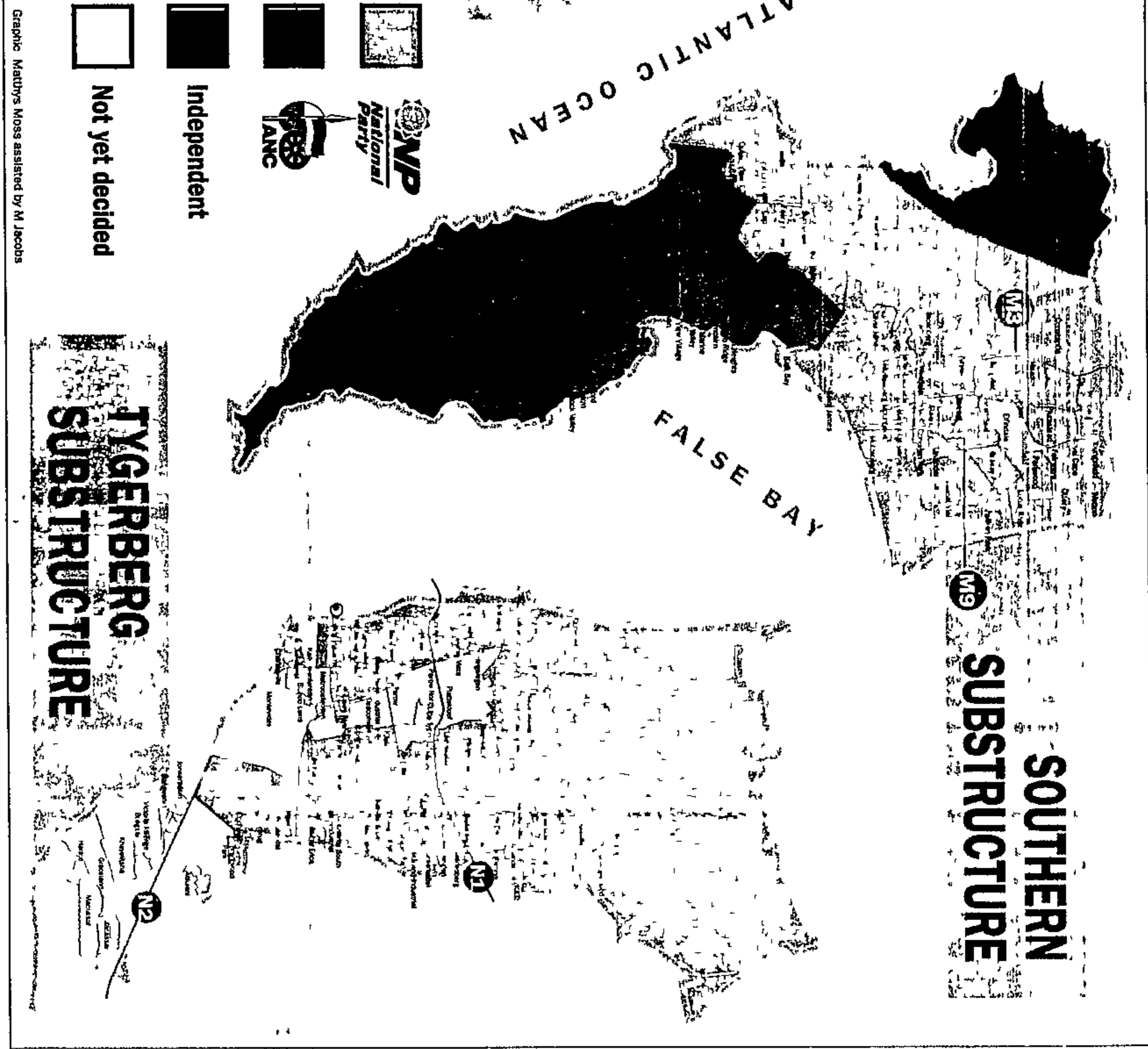
De Villiers said the rural victories gave the Nationalists control over the Western Cape's district councils and offset the ANC's rural to town gains made in the November 1 elections last year.

"Nowhere in the rural areas will the NP now be out-gunned by the ANC," he said.

Of the greater Milnerton (Northern substructure) NP victory, he said winning 17 of the 18 wards and securing 75% of the party list vote there (ANC, 16 and DP, 8) was "an amazing result."

De Villiers said "We invited Henrie Bester (DP provincial leader) to join us before the election and he declined. "It was a major tactical blunder and I think this will focus the DP's minds quite substantially about becoming part of

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If only her identity document was larger, this Nyanga, Cape Town, resident could hide her shyness after voting in the Western Cape local government elections. Results, which were expected to be announced last night, were delayed because of administrative hitches but will be released later this morning.

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NP seems set for big win in W Cape

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The ANC once again proves buoyancy by wresting most seats in N Province

AS VOTE counting continued last night, all indications pointed to a big win for the National Party in the Western Cape local government elections

The NP had won 59 percent of the votes in the province's rural areas and early results showed it was also set to do well in the Cape Metropole, reports *Sapa*

The African National Congress remained hopeful of controlling three of the Metro sub-structures and was also not dissatisfied with the rural results

The ANC said it had significantly increased its support in the rural areas from the 1994 general election. Independents and the smaller parties fared badly

NP Western Cape leader Dr Dawie de Villiers said his party had won 75 percent of the proportional vote in the Northern sub-structure

While it realised the fight would be closer in other sub-structures, there was no indication the favourable trend for the NP would not continue, he said

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said the elections were free and fair, but there had been "very serious" problems. The ANC would wait for the final results before deciding whether to act on Wednesday's polling problems at sprawling Khayelitsha township

The counting at Khayelitsha only started late yesterday afternoon

Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais said he expected all results could be known by about mid-day today, but polling coordinator Mr Joppa le Roux said he believed the final picture could only emerge as late as tomorrow

Khathu Mamaila reports that the ANC has once again proved it is still the most popular party in Northern Province by winning 10 of the 16 seats in the Greater Louis Trichardt elections

Election task team spokesman Mr Sam Bambo said yesterday the Residents' Association, representing mostly the white community, won all the five wards in the town

The ANC also won five of the six seats in the proportional list. The RA secured the remaining seat

The NP, the Pan Africanist Congress and independent candidates failed to secure any seat

Of the 17 780 people who voted, 14 084 voted ANC, 1 932 for the RA, 1 208 for the NP and 500 for the PAC

The real power centre

IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM early morning election results in the Western Cape yesterday that the National Party will win in the rural areas – but power in the six substructures of the metropolitan areas is still up for grabs

By Thursday morning, when the first rural results came in, the NP looked set to retain control of a region that had traditionally been its stronghold

This will not surprise anyone, including the African National Congress, which won only nine percent of the vote in the rural areas in the 1994 general election

Even before the election kicked off on Wednesday, the ANC said it would be looking at improving its result only from 1994

Voter turnout

There are no excuses for the rural areas. Although the ANC said at a Press conference late on Wednesday night (just before the polls closed) that it was unhappy with the turnout, it now emerges that the voter turnout has actually been close to 55 percent – a relatively good figure for a local government election

Farmers brought farmworkers *en masse* to the polling stations. However, it is in the populous metropolitan area with its six substructures – Central, Tygerberg, Helderberg, Eastern, Northern and Southern – that the fight was still being fought

Administrative problems during the elections yesterday caused delays in the counting of votes, but it is reasonably certain the NP will win the Northern and Eastern, the ANC Helderberg, Central and Tygerberg, and the Democratic Party the Southern substructure

The Central substructure, the largest with 496 490 votes, is one of the most sought-after areas

Controlling body

It has a budget of over R2 000 million, a quarter of the provincial budget, and will have the most representation on the Cape Metropolitan Council, the 60-member structure which is the region's controlling body

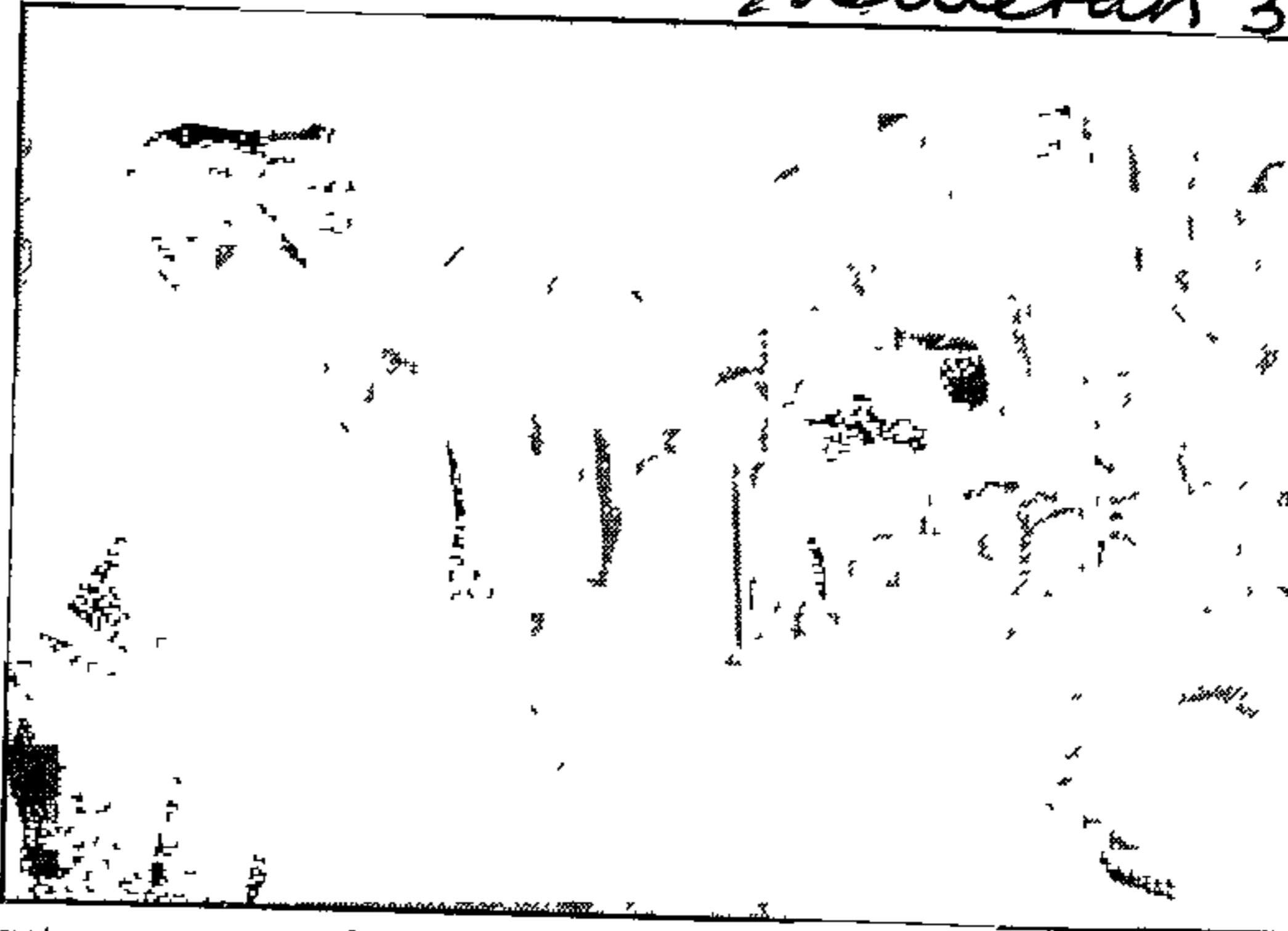
The ANC has already won four seats and, by merely picking up nine wards in the former white and coloured areas, the ANC is likely to win this substructure

Helderberg will be a walkover for the ANC. It has already won eight wards, but are now looking for at least 15 out of the total of 32 wards

Although the Reverend Chris Nissen, the ANC leader in the Western Cape, was confident of winning the Tygerberg substructure, it is still unclear what the effect will be on its bid to gain seats on the council after thousands of

Early election results showed the National Party winning in the rural areas – but the decisive battle is really in the metropolitan areas. Political Reporter **Waghied Misbach** explains why... (263)

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Voters in Langa, outside Cape Town, queue at a registration table before casting their ballots on Wednesday.

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voters were turned away in Khayelitsha because of administrative problems

The Khayelitsha township is virtually ANC territory and has almost 150 000 registered voters. If there is a poor voter turnout, it could affect the number of seats the ANC gains on the Cape Metropolitan Council

The ANC, however, is in a strong position to gain control of the Cape Metropolitan Council. It has a huge advantage to gain control of the Council because of the 50/50 ward structure. Former Black Local Authorities will have an equal number of representatives on the council as the former white and coloured areas

The ANC is almost certain of winning the majority, if not all, of the former BLAs, which puts it into a powerful position to gain most of the seats on the council

The NP, on the other hand, is predicting that the champagne will be flowing at their head offices in Cape Town when the results are announced late tonight

This is despite the fact that there seems to have been a poor turnout at the polls of coloured people, who form the major support base of the NP

The "brown vote", as it is known in the Western Cape, was so poor that initial estimates put it down to one in three people. This, however, still constitutes half of the total voters who went to the polls

But the NP predicted that it would win five

of the six substructures. Nevertheless, both the NP and the ANC seemed to agree on one thing: staffing was inadequate at the various polling stations

Local government MEC Peter Marais said late on Wednesday night that he was "sorry" that so many administrative problems had crept into the elections, but this was largely due to inadequate and poorly trained staffing

At the City Council, almost 20 000 calls were received from returning officers with queries about people's names not being on voters' rolls or people being registered in different wards

Marais said that the Revision Court had certified the voters' rolls, but quipped that perhaps what was needed in future was "somebody to certify the Revision Court"

He said the provincial government had not been in control of the elections, but a number of non-statutory bodies to give the community "the opportunity to be directly involved in running the election"

Nissen also confirmed that staffing had been inadequate, particularly in Khayelitsha, which experienced major administrative problems. He said 300 staffers had been recruited on Tuesday, a day before the elections

It is never easy to make predictions in an election, but a trend which started last November in the Western Cape's rural elections is likely to continue – the ANC will forge major gains in NP support in the province



Late start... although the counting of ballot papers was delayed until noon at this counting station in Guguletu, Cape Town, yesterday, counting officers got down to business with great enthusiasm once logistical problems were ironed out.

NP forges ahead in Western Cape

BY JUSTICE MALALA
Provincial Correspondent

The National Party had forged ahead of all opposition in the Western Cape's first non-racial local government elections today as counting neared its end, pipping the ANC to the post in most areas except the Cape Town city centre where the ANC seems set for a comfortable victory.

As the results from all-night counting trickled in, it became clear the Democratic Party had also lost grip of most areas regarded as its strongholds.

The NP was set to take control of five of the six sub-structures in the Cape metropole. It had gained the northern, southern and eastern sub-structures, had secured half the seats on the Helderberg sub-structure and was expecting victory in Tygerberg.

It is also breathing down the neck of the ANC in the central substructure, the largest of the six municipalities which the ANC had hoped to win comfortably.

As the NP's victory became clear today, NP provincial leader Dr Dawie de Villiers invited the DP to come in from the cold and join the NP in forming a strong opposition to the ANC.

De Villiers said he had personally discussed with DP leader Hennie Bester the possibility of fighting the election together, but the DP had decided to go it alone and to "steal votes" from the NP.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said today that it was clear the NP had consolidated its white support by making "serious inroads" into the DP support base.

He believed the ANC had maintained, and possibly slightly improved, its 1994 results in white and coloured areas.

The NP, on the other hand, had failed to win votes in the African areas where it was not even able to secure one percent of ward votes.

NP MP Anna van Wyk said the mood in the party offices was "absolutely buoyant" about the

rural results.

The NP had taken 63 seats to the ANC's 20 in the first three rural district councils. This gave it control of 11 transitional regional councils and three umbrella district councils.

ANC provincial chairman and Economics MEC Chris Nissen claimed the ANC had grabbed a large chunk of the rural electorate whereas in the past it did not even have access to them.

The election was a good test for the 1999 national and provincial election, he said.

Counting in some areas was delayed because enlisted staff did not report for duty. Foggy weather was blamed, but in Khayelitsha an over-supply of volunteers also delayed counting.

The ANC also gained a substantial victory in the greater Louis Trichardt local government election in Northern Province, winning five of the 10 wards and clinching five additional seats in the voting for proportional representation.

Tireless community worker Dicki Meter

had them beat 263 of 315 196

ROGER FRIEDMAN

DICKI Meter, a third-generation Hout Bay native, has been a community worker and activist all his life, and was mayor until Wednesday morning

One of 10 children, the son of poor fisherfolk, Meter was the ANC candidate for Hout Bay/Llandudno in Wednesday's local government elections. In a ward which is 60% white

Unlike most candidates from that party contesting seats in the tree-lined suburbs of Cape Town, Meter won Albert by a narrow margin over the Democratic Party — with the National Party a distant third

Most satisfying for the elated father-of-three was winning 20% of the vote in lily-white, super-rich Llandudno. It vindicated his tireless work in extending the allure of the ANC from its traditional home in disadvantaged areas to the broader community. The ward he will represent is the largest in the southern sub-structure. *Picture* Interviewed just after learning



HOUT BAY JOY: Victorious Hout Bay councillor Mr Dicki Meter with a big fan, former Llandudno councillor Ms Joop Goldberg

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

of his victory, Meter said if he could wave a magic wand this morning it would be to improve the lot of Hout Bay's marginalised people

There was a shortage of housing and recreational facilities, and there was a need for economic growth and job-creation. "If I could do one thing, I'd like to do something that integrates those four components," he said. "And, of course, tourism."

Speaking of which, something which might disappear from the scene is Hout Bay's marketing itself as an independent republic/bantustan/volkstaat

"The Republic of Hout Bay label was introduced in an effort to draw tourism to Hout Bay. It was at a time when each area in the present Southern substructure had its own local authority, and marketed themselves individually," said Meter

As he spoke, an ecstatic bunch of municipal workers poured into his already-crowded lounge to celebrate his victory. One could sense it was to be a long night

DP 'not likely' to form alliance with Nats

MICHAEL MORRIS

Staff Reporter

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THE Democratic Party is not likely to succumb to the National Party's overtures to form an alliance against the African National Congress in the Cape metropole. Regional DP leader Henne Bester made it clear his party was not willing to join hands with the NP simply to "gang up against the ANC".

"A political realignment, born from the central tenet of opposition to something else, is just not going to work. Our view is that you have to realign around principles and values," he said.

Mr Bester was commenting on the suggestion, by NP regional leader Dawie de Villiers, that the DP ought to think about joining forces with the Nats.

Mr Bester said the party was not about to throw in its lot with the NP, in spite of its

disappointing showing at the polls - particularly in the liberal heartland of the southern substructure.

"There cannot just be an opportunistic coming together," he said.

"The second point is that if you want an effective opposition, what is implied in the term is the fact that you must be able to make an appeal to voters of the majority or governing party.

"If you cannot draw voters from them - and make a challenge for power - you are forever destined to be a minority party.

"So, whatever regrouping there is must be able to appeal to the majority of voters, and Dawie de Villiers's call is, from that point of view, extraordinarily simplistic.

"The third aspect is something we are particularly concerned about and that is that 80 to 90 percent of the people who voted this week, voted along ethnic or racial lines. Let's not fool ourselves about

that

"The fact is, you cannot have a society built on fear - and the result of this type of polarisation could really be very negative and dangerous to the future and stability of the province," he said.

"The continuing racist tendency concerns us very deeply.

"We have always tried to follow a non-racial line and we do not believe in exploiting racial cleavages, whatever short-term political advantages this might offer.

"Yet, there is a perception that the NP uses this to chase voters into a particular camp and we are uncomfortable about that."

Mr Bester added "The point is, that when it comes to seeking a political realignment, the time to start cutting across racial lines is now.

"Parties have to be frank and open with themselves about the ethnic undercur-

rents which flow through their organisations."

Mr Bester dismissed suggestions that the DP had been "wiped out".

One of its most important gains was a tally of six seats on the central substructure.

"It's not as influential as we would have liked, but it would mean we would have some influence in the executive committee, where influence counts."

He said the party also held the balance of power in Helderberg - with just one seat between the NP's 16 seats and the ANC's 15.

The party's dismal showing in the southern substructure was "disappointing", he said.

"Overall, though, we have improved our position by a marginal two percent over our 1994 performance.

"We have held our own."

MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S central substructure - the biggest of the metropole's six new local government councils - is dominated by the African National Congress in what is being seen as the party's most important electoral gain in this week's poll

Although preliminary indications were that the ANC had secured exactly 50 percent of the 74 seats on the substructure - rather than the 50 percent plus one seat that would give it an outright majority - it remains the biggest and most influential party.

The ANC has secured 23 ward seats to the National Party's 14 and the Democratic Party's four. Three are held by independents. On the proportional list, the ANC has 14 seats, the NP 12, the DP two, and the African Christian Democratic Party and African Muslim Party one seat each

The ANC is also likely to sweep the boards in the 22 wards in Khayelitsha. Final results in the Tygerberg substructure - which includes the sprawling Cape Flats township - were not in by late last night. Overall, the ANC is hailing its performance as reflecting a significant shift.

Regional leader Chris Nissen said the results for the metropole were showing an increase in support for the ANC and could be seen in both the proportional votes for the Cape Metropolitan Council and the six metropole substructures

He said gains had been made within all sections of the population, including the NP's traditional coloured support base

It had also consolidated its support

ANC set to dominate in central metropole

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among Africans "where the poorest of the poor confirmed their confidence in the ANC's ability to change their lives"

He said the shift included a 15 percent increase in support for the ANC in some predominantly white suburbs

"As the full picture emerges it becomes clear that the elections represent a long term shift to the ANC that is of great significance for the country's future

"We are confident that the trend developing throughout the province will serve to promote the consolidation of the people of the Western Cape around the policies of the ANC"

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore commented: "We are very happy that we have broadened our base and established our presence throughout the metropole

"Shifts are evident in seats like Belhar, where we lost by only 17 votes and Eastridge - where we were soundly beaten in 1994 - which we lost this week by only 19 votes. We are narrowing the gap and broadening the base and are building our electoral effort for the 1999 election"

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Stellenbosch 'tractor' party ploughs-up the opposition

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■ The Stellenbosch Landbou Vereniging – an unusual blend of vineyard workers and wine estate bosses which topped the poll in the Stellenbosch rural council – has put a different complexion on the once-powerful wine lobby.

JEANLE MAY
Staff Reporter

THE Stellenbosch Landbou Vereniging (SLV) topped the poll in the election for the rural transitional representative council (TRC) in Stellenbosch, with a catchy slogan which lost a lot in the translation "Stem trekker en maak plaaslewe lekker" (Vote for the tractor and make farm life worth living)

The party logo was, naturally, a tractor. Chairman Beyers Truter told SATURDAY Argus that the SLV was formed shortly before nomination day, when two long-established, local agricultural associations decided to join hands to fight the election

The strategy paid off – The SLV attracted 2 106 votes, narrowly beating the National Party's 2 100

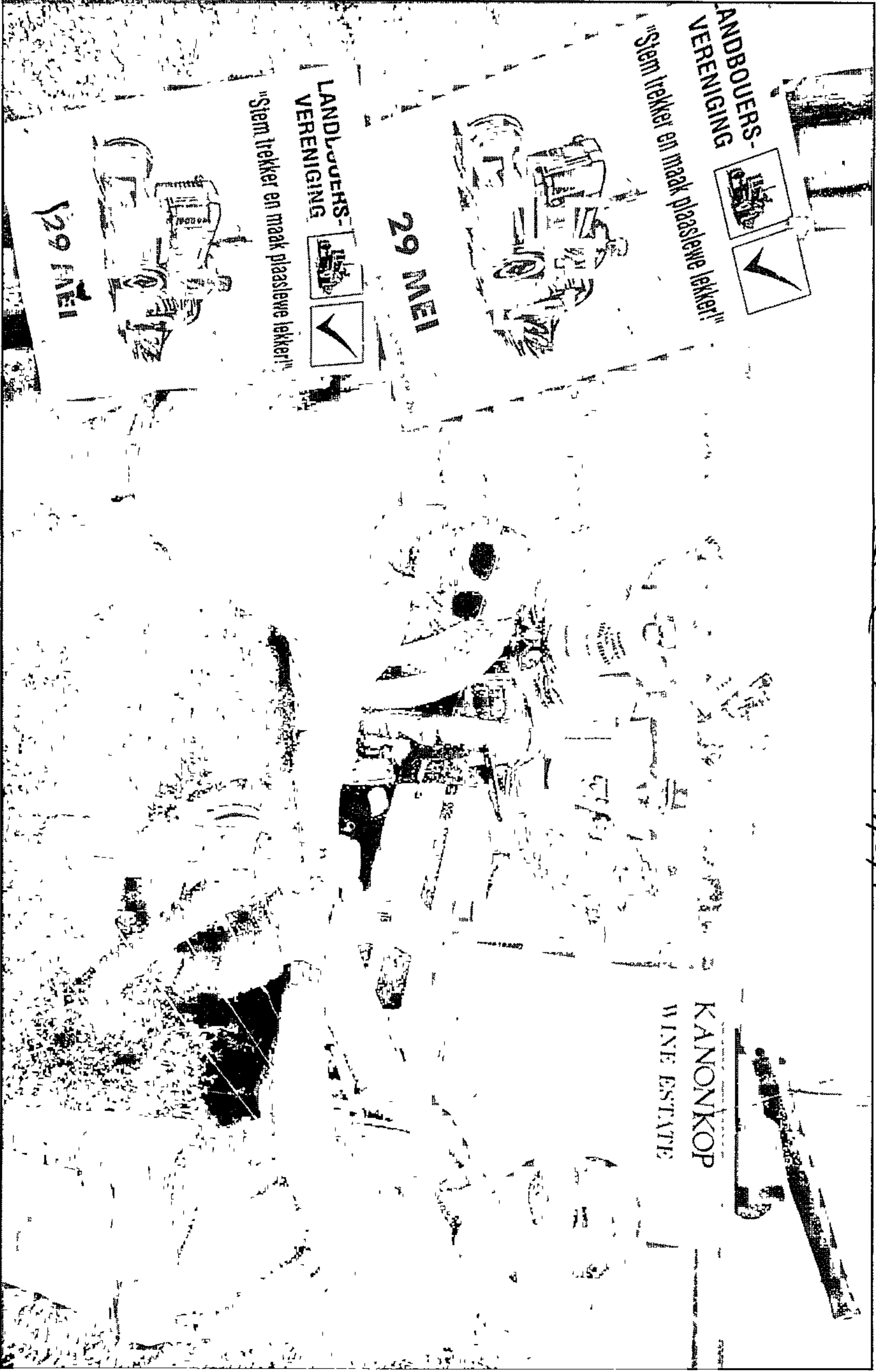
The African National Congress polled 1 517 votes and the Democratic Party 279, meaning that the SLV and the NP each got three seats and the ANC one seat on the TRC

The SLV win was out of kilter with ANC results in other rural areas. ANC Cape leader Chris Nissen has claimed that the party pushed up farmworker support from nine percent in 1994 to an average of 32 percent this week

Significantly, the SLV victory also demonstrated that the wine lobby could be shifting its support from its traditional allies in the NP, although NP spokesman Jan Kruger's comment was cautious "I wouldn't go so far as to say that", he said

However the most surprising aspect of the victory was that the two associations should have been diametrically opposed, if the conventions of politics in the region had been observed

One of the associations, the Stellenbosch Wine Estate Workers Committee (Stel-



□ PULLING TOGETHER: Jan Hendriks and Beyers Truter, front, and Kerneels Solungo, Karel Henks and Johnnie Nuwenhuis, back, of the victorious SLV.

Picture HANNES THART, Staff Photographer

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Stellenbosch Agricultural Workers' Committee) was formed by (mostly) local vineyard workers

The other, the Stellenbosch Landbougenootskap (Stellenbosch Agricultural Society), by wine estate bosses

All were connected with household-name wine estates, which demonstrated that the traditional influence of the wine lobby was by no means defunct, although it showed some new faces

The SLV committee comprised four workers and four wine estate bosses and its chosen platform was no-nonsense local issues, keeping away from party politics

The party campaigned for local government to be run in such a way as to improve social and economic conditions for country people

It stressed improved educational and sporting facilities for young people - "Children who play sport all weekend will stay out of trouble" - and wanted strict control of development in the Stellenbosch area, to preserve its rural emphasis

The SLV also wanted tourism properly co-ordinated and pushed for a safety and security forum involving all the inhabitants

'STAMPED' TO THE RIGHT...

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■ With the NP triumphant, the local poll results show an all too clear division along ethnic lines. The results are also seen as a challenge to the central government.

MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporter

AS THE National Party celebrates its triumph in the Cape metropole there is mounting concern that racial polarisation - and political tension between the province and the ANC government - could have negative consequences for the Western Cape

As jubilant Nats declared yesterday that they would use their "stunning" performance in the metropole as the springboard for their new "vision and mission" as the main national opposition party to the ANC, politicians and analysts pointed to troubling racial and ethnic divisions reflected in the poll results

Western Cape Premier Henus Kriel interpreted the result as a reflection of disenchantment in the metropole with the ANC national government. But the NP was accused of focusing on voters' fears to "stampede" them into the opposition camp

Democratic Party regional leader Hennie Bester said the politics of the Western Cape were "still locked into the political divides of the apartheid era" and that as long as parties continued to "exploit these cleavages" the future and stability of the Western Cape would be compromised

University of Cape Town political scientist Robert Schrire commented "We are seeing a racial polarisation of support between blacks backing the ANC and others lining up behind the NP"

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the results indicated a disturbing swing to the right among white metropolitan voters

"We are most concerned about this trend as it shows a move to the right among white voters. This is a negative trend and we are going to have it analysed" He said the NP's "racist and negative campaign tactics" had fanned race-based fears.

Provincial NP leader Dawie de Villiers rejected claims of racist electioneering as being "devoid of truth", claiming that the NP was the only party which had drawn support from a cross-section of voters and communities. All parties, he said, were challenged to free politics of ethnicity.

As the final votes were being counted, the NP was set to control five of the substructures with the exception of the massive central substructure, dominated by the ANC

Smaller parties and independents hardly featured as the voters divided their loyalties between the two main groupings

Mr Kriel said the NP's performance "establishes the base for us to promote our vision and mission for the future. Voters have sent a clear signal to the central government that they are not impressed with the way this country is being governed. They say the country is slipping as the result of the government's administration. It is also an acknowledgement that there has been good government in the Western Cape where we have created a climate for stable development and growth"

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Nats in reach of outright control of Cape Town

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Cape Town— Results of local government elections in the Western Cape released late yesterday put the NP well ahead of its opponents and within reach of outright control of Cape Town.

Election officials said the NP had captured 90 of the 172 ward seats in the six metropolitan substructures, the ANC had won 51, the DP five and independents six.

The results of 20 wards remained outstanding last night.

Provincial polling co-ordinator Joppa le Roux said the NP had gained control of three of the six Cape metropolitan substructures and was likely to take another two, with the ANC taking the sixth.

Earlier results showed the NP winning a provisional majority of 59,3% — and 147 of the 216 seats — in the 27 small rural zones of the Western Cape that took part in the vote, but contained only a small number of the 1,5 million voters taking part in the poll.

Justified

The ANC took only 61 rural seats and independents eight.

NP officials described the results as "quite a victory", saying it justified the party's decision three weeks ago to pull out of President Nelson Mandela's national unity government at the end of June to become a strong opposition party.

"We have done excellently," said NP central election committee chairman Leon Markovitz. "It certainly justifies our having decided to pull out of the Government of National Unity."

Markovitz said the NP was



BUBBLING OVER: The leader of the Nationalists in the Western Cape, Hernus Kriel (centre), celebrates his party's victories in the local government elections with colleagues Dr Dawie de Villiers (left) and Piet Marais (right)

PHOTOGRAPH: AP

a seat short of control of Central, the largest metropolitan substructure, and that independents might end up holding the key to outright control of Cape Town.

"We're studying the results right now," he said. "It is still not clear what the final position will be."

Officials said clarity would emerge only today, once all ballots had been counted.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the results showed "a disturbing swing to the Right among white metropolitan voters". The ANC, he said, had made significant gains in rural and urban areas since the general election in 1994 — won in the Western Cape by the NP — while the DP had all but

been wiped out.

"We had hoped to do better ... but we narrowed the gap between ourselves and the NP," Niehaus said.

DP spokesman Douglas Gibson denied his party had been dealt a mortal blow.

"We have not achieved the breakthrough that we hoped, but we did better than in 1994, when we got 6% in the Western Cape," he said. "We maintained our support and in some areas extended it."

Confounded

"It is not a swing to the Right at all but it is an anti-ANC vote, a motion of no confidence in the ANC government."

The results confounded pre-poll surveys, which indicated

that the NP had only a slim lead over the ANC.

Western Cape political analyst Robert Mopp told a public radio station the ANC's popularity had been hurt by recent national government decisions to raise the price of petrol and transfer hundreds of Cape Town teachers to rural areas.

"They (the ANC) played right into the hands of the NP," he said. "They really made some big policy mistakes immediately prior to the polls."

Other observers said it appeared that, as in past elections, the NP had held on to its strong support among white and coloured voters, who made up more than half the electorate in the province. — Agence France-Press

NP firmly in saddle after W Cape election

Star 1/6/96
By ADRIAN HADLAND

National Party leaders celebrated with champagne and smiles yesterday as local government election results confirmed the party had consolidated its hold on the Western Cape.

Cape NP leader Dawie de Villiers said the party had more than achieved its objectives in the poll and had done so "in great style".

"We are very happy. It went well," he told a media conference. The results had vindicated the party's decision to quit the Government of National Unity as well as its recently refined mission and vision, De Villiers said.

"We set out to do as well as we did in 1994 when we won a major slice of the Western Cape, and we wanted to do likewise in this election. We have achieved this."

While a few results were still awaited last night, Deputy President F.W. de Klerk's party - which will take up the role of official opposition in government from the end of June - had secured at least four of the six municipalities making up Greater Cape Town as well as overall control of the metropolitan council.

The ANC, which won the city centre as well as scattered wards in most of the other sub-structures, yesterday expressed its disappointment with the results.

"We had hoped to do better," ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus told a media conference in Johannesburg, Sapa reports.

"But we narrowed the gap between ourselves and the NP. There was no massive swing away from the ANC to the NP."

Niehaus said the ANC had in fact made significant gains in both rural and urban areas.

"In rural areas we increased our share of the vote from 9% in 1994 to about 30%. In metropolitan areas we maintained our support among so-called coloured and African communities."

"We increased our share of the white vote from 4% to 6% in 1994 to between 13% and 17.5%."

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ANC cries foul over poll error

By KEN VERNON

THE ANC has demanded a recount of results in the Tygerberg substructure after a "computer error" in Wednesday's local government election saw a seat being awarded incorrectly to the African Christian Democratic Party.

In a remarkable mix-up, which the ANC says was deliberate, 2 692 votes that should have been credited to the ANC were instead marked down to the ACDP, swinging the crucial T2 ward in the sprawling township of Khayelitsha away from ANC control.

An ANC monitoring team spotted the mistake, and an application is to be made to the Supreme Court to have the count overturned.

If the bid is successful the substructure will be balanced evenly between

the NP and the ANC

However, the ANC is demanding a full recount in the substructure, saying that if "errors" were made in one ward they may have been made in others.

"We have instructed our attorneys to approach the Supreme Court for an order to secure all the ballots until a full audit can be made," ANC provincial leader Chris Nissen said yesterday afternoon.

He said ANC lawyers had been instructed to investigate the Khayelitsha "debacle", which raised serious questions of whether the election had been free and fair.

Initial returns on Friday night indicated the NP would have a knife-edge majority of one in Tygerberg, a substructure the ANC expected to win.

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Damning report on R14m AIDS play

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By IVOR POWELL and PAT SIDLEY

THE decision to fund Mbongeni Ngema's controversial AIDS play, *Sarafina 2*, was taken before the Health Ministry even mooted a tender for a play, according to the Public Protector's report.

The 66-page report, which comes before Parliament on Wednesday, is still under strict embargo but the Sunday Times can disclose that it is a powerful indictment of irregularities in the way the Department of Health handled the play's sponsorship.

The report shows that the decision to fund Mr Ngema's play was in flagrant violation of government tender procedures.

Most of the blame falls on the Department of Health. The report lets the Minister of Health, Dr Nkosazana Zuma, largely off the hook. It finds that, while she authorised the project, she was not part of the budgeting process.

Hugo Badenhorst, the department's financial services director, is given much of the blame. In consultation with Mr Ngema, Mr Badenhorst worked out the details of the contract. In the process, *Sarafina 2* grew from an original budget of R5 million to a bloated R14,27-million monster.

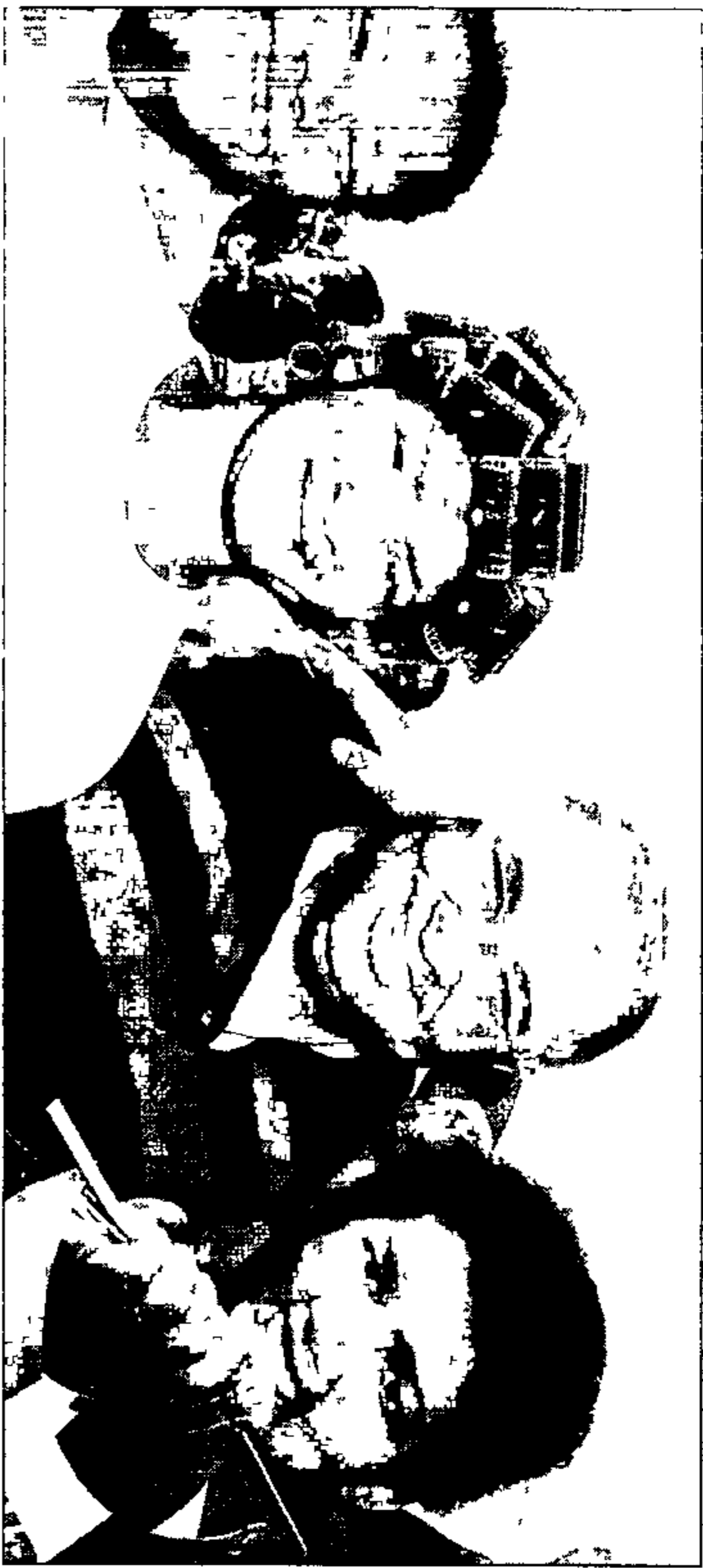
The head of the AIDS Directorate, Quarantasha Abdul-Kareem, who was immediately in charge of the project, is also strongly censured.

The project took place under the direct authority of Dr Olive Shisana, the department's director general, and was also her responsibility, the report says.

The report refutes claims by the Health Ministry that the European Union had agreed that its R40-million AIDS grant be used to fund Mr Ngema's play.

Sarafina 2 was merely mentioned in passing in two communiqués from the department to the EU, and never in the context of funding, the report says.

In the wake of the furore, the Sunday Times is reliably informed, the EU will not renew its huge grant to the department. Slotted between R100-million and R150-million, the EU has dropped health from its aid plans in the coming year.



Picture JUSTIN SHOLK (2b3)

BACK IN THE SWING former Health and Welfare Minister Abe Williams, centre, on the campaign trail at the National Party stronghold of Mamre on the Cape West Coast this week

Yengeni tipped to match 'macho' Kriel

By NORMAN WEST Political Reporter

THE ANC Chris Nissen is likely to lose his job as Western Cape leader after his party's rout by the National Party in local government elections this week.

ANC sources suggest Mr Nissen could get the chop at the ANC congress later this year in favour of someone able to match the macho leadership style of Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel. Former ANC Western Cape secretary and MP, Tony Yengeni, has been tipped as a strong contender.

Mr Nissen, an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church, indicated last year that he wanted to step down, but was persuaded to stay after the ANC's credible showing in the Transitional Local Council elections in November.

The NP won four out of the six metropolitan structures, including a narrow victory in Heideberg (Somerset West). The NP and ANC won 35 seats each in

Tygerberg after the discovery of a computer error forced election officials to grant the ANC another seat yesterday. The last seat in Tygerberg will be decided through a by-election, which the NP is expected to win. The ANC was expected to achieve easy victories in both structures because of an agreement brokered at Kempton Park under which former black areas were allocated the same number of seats as white, coloured and Indian areas, irrespective of their population.

The 1,3 million voters also cast a third-party list (proportional) vote for the 60-member Cape Metropolitan Council. Indications are that the NP will provide services for the six structures.

The NP also romped to victory in 24 out of the 27 rural councils. The DP's Western Cape leader, Hennie Bester, described his party's overall performance as "disappointing".

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the results indicated a disturbing swing to the right among white voters, adding that the NP had fanned race-based fears.

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After the poll comes the war of words

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By NORMAN WEST, Political Reporter

POLITICAL parties are divided on what role race and ethnicity played in Wednesday's elections in which the NP appears to have romped to victory on the back of coloured and white support, while the ANC triumphed in black wards.

In the run-up to the election, the ANC and the NP became embroiled in a war of words over allegations by the ANC that the Nats were conducting an old-style *swart gevaar* campaign and had used the race issue to drum up votes

DP leader Hennie Bester, whose party has traditionally drawn support from an English-speaking, white constituency, said politics in the Western Cape was "still locked into the political divides of the apartheid era" and its exploitation by parties could threaten future stability

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the results indicated a disturbing swing to the right among white metropolitan voters. He accused the NP of conducting a "racist and negative campaign" which fanned race-based fears

NP provincial leader Dawie de Villiers dismissed claims of racist electioneering as "devoid of all truth" and claimed the NP was the only party which had drawn support from a cross-section of voters

ANC Western Cape leader Chris Nissen claimed the ANC had made inroads in both the coloured and white communities

The ANC had consolidated its support in the traditionally African areas "where the poorest of the poor confirmed their confidence in the ANC to change their lives" Significantly too, the shift included a 15 percent increase in votes from some predominantly white wards

Local Government Minister Peter Mar-

ais, of the NP, said if ethnicity had played a part, the blame should be placed squarely on the shoulders of ANC "intolerance" by not letting the premier visit a black township

"Also the way in which the ANC propagated affirmative action to the disadvantage of other racial groups could have created the perception that they favoured racism in reverse," he said

The NP won five out of the six metropolitan substructures, including Helderberg and Tygerberg, both of which had been expected to be easy ANC victories

The ANC, taking advantage of the unequal distribution of wards in Central (Cape Town) substructure, captured this municipality which, with close on 500 000 voters, was some consolation for the party after its lacklustre performance elsewhere

Significantly, in the three substructures — Southern, Eastern and Northern — where the 50/50 clause did not apply, the NP scored easy victories

Last year, during elections for the Transitional Local Councils in towns outside the Cape Metropole, the ANC won outright control of 16 towns against the NP's 11. They took 306 wards compared to the 296 of the NP, although overall, the NP receive a bigger percentage of votes. In several of these towns the 50/50 principle also benefited the ANC

On Wednesday, elections were also held for 27 rural representative councils (REPCs) on a single party-list, proportional representation system, to service farms and rural settlements

The NP romped to victory in 24 out of the 27 rural councils, having won control over 142 of the 216 seats against the ANC's 61 and the 13 of the independents

Smaller parties and independents hardly featured in the results, with voters dividing their loyalties between the two major parties

The DP, traditionally strong in central Cape Town, gained six seats on the Central substructure but its Western Cape leader, Hennie Bester, described his party's overall performance as "disappointing"

He noted that "ethnic undercurrents" in parties and "continuing racial tendencies" were of great concern to the DP

Nissen under fire

By CHIARA CARTER

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ANC LEADER in the Western Cape Reverend Chris Nissen has denied that he will quit following the ANC's defeat at the hands of the National Party in Cape metropolitan elections this week

The National Party won a majority in four of the six substructures. In Helderberg the NP won by just one seat, leaving the way open for

alliance politics, while both the ANC and NP have equal representation in Tygerberg

The ANC took the most powerful substructure, Central.

The composition of the metropolitan council has still to be decided as the substructures do not have equal weighting in the metropolitan

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chamber.

But Nissen pointed out that the ANC had improved upon their position in the 1994 national elections

However, analysts and sources within the ANC said the ANC's performance fell far short of pre-election expectations and the ANC had failed to make major gains among urban coloured voters.

This weekend, there was speculation that national politicians would take the helm in the region

Names bandied about included Environmental Affairs Minister Pallo Jordan, Justice Minister Dullah Omar, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus, former Cape Town headmaster MP Randall van den Heever and fiery MP Tony Yengen, who lost to Nissen at the organisation's regional congress.

A local leader favoured is Health and Welfare MEC Ebrahim Rasool, who is ANC secretary in the region

But Nissen said speculation that he would leave the leadership was "absolute rubbish" and an NP ploy.

Leadership would be decided at the ANC's regional conference in September

He said the ANC previously had virtually no presence on "feudal" farms in the Cape. It had now increased its support in these areas from 9 percent in 1994 to 32 percent

The ANC had also attracted more metropolitan voters than in 1994 and had attracted 15 percent of votes in white areas - the best result the ANC had achieved among white voters countrywide.

The ANC had consolidated its support in African areas while the NP had failed to attract African voters. This boded ill for the NP's ambitions to become a mass-based op-

position

But Nissen conceded that whites, including those living in formerly safe DP wards, had by and large supported the NP, as had most coloured voters, including those from working class townships.

Nissen said the election had been fought on "swart gevaar tactics"

"Those coloured people who voted for the NP will be startled in the next few weeks when their rates increase and they start being evicted for arrears," he said

Nissen and ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus attacked NP supporters for racism, pointing out that Cape Town was the one place where racist abuse had been hurled at President Mandela

NP leaders said the support their party received from coloured voters indicated that the NP could bridge ethnicity.

NP leader in the Western Cape Dawie de Villiers said the results were a vote of confidence in the party's decision to form a strong opposition.

Error threatens Cape local polls

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CP 2/6/96
THE African National Congress would seek an urgent Supreme Court order to conduct an audit of all ballots cast in the Tygerberg substructure after an apparent error by electoral officials.

Speaking at a press briefing in Cape Town, ANC leader Chris Nissen said yesterday the bungling raised serious questions about the freeness and fairness of the elections in the 44 wards.

Nissen told Sapa the ANC was also concerned about whether polling in the remaining five substructures had been free and fair and that ANC attorneys had been instructed to investigate the matter.

Once attorneys reported back, the ANC would decide whether to seek an order to declare the entire polls invalid.

In the meantime, Nissen said his party would approach the Supreme Court for an order to conduct an audit of all ballots cast in the Tygerberg substructure.

The error, which was subsequently rectified, now sees the ANC and NP tied with 35 seats each and the DP with one seat - Sapa.

Interpreting the coloured vote

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THREE months ago ANC activist and academic **TREVOR OOSTERWYK** sparked a major row in this paper over the organisation's inability to respond properly to the needs of the coloured community. He believes the local government election results have amplified his concerns.

THE coloured community have spoken. With very few exceptions they have voted in large numbers for the National Party. At a general level this vote of confidence in Mr F W de Klerk must also be seen as a vote of no-confidence in President Nelson Mandela and a rejection of the ANC.

Although I am not necessarily convinced this generalisation is completely true, I nonetheless think it is necessary to deal with it.

It is also important to have a clearer perspective on the election result. The following are some of my own very tentative thoughts on the results

While it is true that the ANC failed to win the coloured vote, I think there is some reason for optimism.

● The support that the organisation enjoys in almost every ward is not insubstantial

It can only improve on this through hard work, creative organisation building and the development of a new leadership that can give direction under the changing realities of the new South Africa

● The ANC has managed to win over more support than it previously had in white communities

Notwithstanding the optimism, there is also much to be concerned about. It is necessary and important that we claim no easy victories or lie to ourselves, the result is clear: coloured people do not trust the ANC with their future or believe it can provide a better life for them

These feelings are not altogether without a basis in reality. On a number of issues the ANC failed to respond decisively and seems content to leave the impression that African interest is

more important than theirs. Two examples will suffice:

1. The manner in which the ANC has dealt with the split in the Youth League, which is still unresolved.

2. The handling of the crisis around education dealt the ANC a telling blow — one which I think influenced the election result in more serious ways than we care to admit

● The leadership of the ANC in the Western Cape must also shoulder much of the responsibility. Since 1994 the ANC has been unable to create a leadership that could be marketed in the region.

Many other factors may have influenced the results and I think a more in-depth analysis is needed. Instead of dwelling on the result itself, some thought for the future is needed.

While the claim that coloured people are racist and politically backward could possibly be true, continuing to condemn them will achieve very little.

It also does not help to ignore them as an embarrassing epiphenomenon that should have long ago disappeared.

We have to begin by seeing them as people who seem to be united in consciousness of their "common" identity, however spurious or misguided that con-

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sciousness may be.

The coloured people are not and cannot be the problem just by being what they are, even if part of what they are is "ethnic" and racist consciousness. It is imperative that we understand how this consciousness was historically constituted, socially constructed and politically contested

Understanding this will help to explain why it was easy for the National party to demonise the ANC and sell "swart gevaar" to the coloured people.

I believe Theresa Solomons lost to the NP in Woodlands, despite her superb record of community involvement, because of her ANC profile, and I suggest that we look seriously at alternative ways of organising this community — if needs be, with a different wrapping.

Polls gave little strength to numbers

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DEDUCING TRENDS from the local election results is fraught with peril, **DR ROBERT MATTES** warns

MAKING sense of last week's elections in greater Cape Town requires us to make a key distinction between political control and popular support.

With regard to political control of councils, the National Party won sweeping victories in three of the six municipal substructures and appears to control half of the seats in two more. Even in central Cape Town, an area the ANC figured it would take easily, a strong NP showing has held it to only one half of the council seats.

Although the NP numbers sound impressive, the four substructures won clearly by the NP send only 28% of the substructure delegates to the Transitional Metropolitan Council Tygerberg (which is still in dispute) and Central (won by the ANC) account for 72% of the seats in the TMC. Thus, as it stands now, the NP is estimated to control a bare one half of the TMC seats.

Deducing lessons from these numbers about trends in popular support is fraught with peril. Looking at the ward races is risky. Votes for candidates may be as much an indication of the personal qualities as partisan allegiance. These single member, "winner take-all" contests also distort the translation of votes into seats. They over-reward the largest vote-getters (in

Northern, the NP won 69% of the party vote, yet secured victory in 94% of the wards). They also under-reward other parties (in Southern, the ANC and the DP won a combined 36% of the party vote, yet they managed to come in first in only two out of 22 wards (9%).

The results of the ward races last Wednesday were further distorted by the application of the 50/50 compromise in three of the six substructures. In Helderberg, for instance, where 10 wards were assigned to the former black authority and 10 to all other coloured and white areas, the ANC won only one quarter of the party vote yet won three fifths of the wards.

What about popular support for the parties? The NP has secured 48% of the party vote, the ANC 38%, the DP 7%, and the ACDP 3%.

By way of comparison, analyses of votes counted in 1994 at 24 counting stations in the present greater Cape Town area, the NP received 52% and the ANC 36%.

Thus, there may be some indication of a

slight ANC gain. However, while the ANC may have enlarged its share of the total vote, this improved result was produced from an electorate much smaller than in 1994 and more predisposed to voting ANC.

Surveys in this province have shown that a low turnout election produces a tight contest between the NP and ANC, whereas a high turnout, featuring a greater proportion of relatively apathetic voters, gives the NP a sharp advantage.

Between 50% and 60% of registered voters turned out on Wednesday. Given the fact that only 81% of the estimated number of eligible voters were actually registered, this means that something like 45% of all eligible adults actually voted. This is substantially less than in 1994 when something like 90% of all eligible adults voted. Thus, comparing the two election results may be a bit like comparing apples and oranges. But given the different turnouts, party support seems to have remained substantially where it was in 1994.

One reason that voting patterns might not have shifted that much is that people base their votes on perceptions of past performance much more than future-oriented promises. Yet the great majority of voters had no real track record on which to judge candidates or party performance at the local level.

At the same time, this was not a truly local election. Able to focus all their resources on Cape Town, the national parties sent in their big guns to campaign, emphasising largely national rather than local themes.

Thus, most of the party votes cast on Wednesday were in all probability reflections of provincial or national dynamics rather than local.

This also sheds light on the relatively poor showing of the independent candidates. Our Idasa survey of late 1995 showed that while almost one quarter of people in the province wanted their councillors to be independent of political parties, far fewer planned to vote for an independent.

This is the classic inherent disadvantage of independents. Little-

known party candidates can trade on the name brand value of the party label, have access to campaign funds and call on a loyal band of foot soldiers for canvassing and mobilisation. Independents have to rely almost wholly on their personal qualities and require a long track record of performance in their areas because it is almost impossible to build up sufficient trust in a short campaign.

It is now up to the NP to deliver in those areas which it controls if it wishes to maintain its support. If it wants to increase its thin margin, it also needs to continue the encouraging trend, taken in these elections, of establishing an organisational presence in African townships.

In the next election, the ANC will not be able to depend on the artificial advantage of the 50/50 ward apportionment (which the provincial government has promised to abandon). It needs to work on increasing its support base in white and coloured

areas. Fielding attractive candidates in some traditionally white areas was a positive first step. Delivering the goods in central Cape Town and being seen to making a positive difference in traditionally coloured areas will be a second. Serving as a consistent and visible monitor and critic of NP performance in the other substructures will be a third.

Dr Robert Mattes is from the Institute for Democracy in South Africa's Public Information Centre.

The four substructures won by the NP send 28% of the delegates to the Transitional Metropolitan Council. Tygerberg and Central account for 72% of TMC seats. The NP is estimated to control barely half the TMC seats.

The NP has secured 48% of the party vote and the ANC 38%. However, this improved result for the ANC was produced from an electorate much smaller than in 1994 and more predisposed to voting ANC.

Keegan, Wienburg fail to win council seats

PETER DENNEHY
METRO WRITER

FORMER mayor of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan and former exco chairman Mr Arthur Wienburg have failed to win seats on the Cape Town City Council.

Within a week, the Cape Town metropolitan area should have six new mayors awaiting installation — among them the central city's first ANC mayor.

The likely forerunner for this position is Ms Nomamanda Mfeketo, who for the past 18 months has chaired the Cape Town transitional council's executive committee.

In a farewell speech to the Rev William Bantom, mayor of Cape Town until last week, Mfeketo said she was to have been mayor of the transitional council from early 1995, but after last-minute bargaining, had decided to take the more powerful but less symbolically important exco chair.

Each of the six new councils is to hold its first meeting in the next week or so and elect its mayor. Although there is uncertainty about who these are likely to be as the parties in the new councils have not caused yet, the following should be strong contenders, considering their experience and the regard of their peers: Mr John Marshall (Tygerberg), Mr Leon Deacon (Helderberg), Mrs Nicki Holderness (Southern), Mr George Mellet (Northern) and Mfeketo (Central).

Mr Pierre Uys of Kuils River declined to speculate about a mayor for Eastern. He may not be considered as he is on the NP list for the Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC).

Overall results for the powerful CMC have not been announced. However, the NP leader for Central, Mr Leon Markovitz, said last night that it appeared the NP would be in control, but this was not certain. Uys said the NP now had 30 of the 60 seats on the Metro council and the DP two.

The party-list seats for Central have not yet been announced, but party spokesmen have issued unofficial results. In the other structures, the results are:

● Northern has 12 party-list seats and 18 wards. Ward seats: NP — 17, ANC — one, Party-list seats: NP — nine, ANC — two, DP — one.

● Eastern has 24 ward and 16 party-list seats. Ward seats: NP — 18, ANC — 5, independents — one. Party-list seats: NP — 10, ANC — five, Freedom Front — one.

● Southern has 22 ward and 14 party-list seats. Ward seats: NP — 18, ANC — one, independents — two, DP — one.

On the party-list system, the ANC won another three seats, the DP won two more, and an independent, one.

● Helderberg has 20 ward seats and 12 party-list seats. Ward seats: ANC — 12, NP — eight. Party-list seats: NP — eight, ANC — three, DP — one.

The DP member, Mrs Gisela Jespersen, said yesterday she was being wooed by the others parties to join them, but wanted to consider every issue on its merit, rather than align with another party.

● Tygerberg has 44 ward seats and 28 party-list seats. The NP holds 35 seats, the ANC 34 and the DP, one seat. One ward seat in Bonteheuwel is vacant following the death of a candidate and a by-election is to

be held.

Keegan's failure to be elected has ended a career of 18 years as a councillor in Cape Town.

He was mayor in late 1993 and exco chairman in the first half of 1994. He was described by Mrs Eulalie Stott, a councillor for 34 years, as the best town planning committee chairman the city had had in that time.

Standing for Bishopscourt and the upper sections of Newlands, Claremont and Kenilworth, Keegan gained 579 votes — against 3 621 for Mr Ian Iversen (DP) and 3 188 for Mrs Babette Bekker (NP).

Keegan had been a longstanding member of the Democratic Party when he joined

the ANC in August 1994. He resigned a few months ago, apparently in frustration at having to toe the party-caucus line, and formed the Cape Independent Alliance to appeal to "urban patriots".

He could not say yesterday how many votes the Cape Independent Alliance had won, as detailed results were not available.

"The people's voice is sovereign. I must accept that without blame," he said. However, he would like to "make some kind of contribution to the future of the city and its development".

He did not wish to go back to the Olympic Bid Company, of which he was deputy-chairman until his resignation in April.

ANC AUDITS TYGERBERG RESULTS

Battle for control of Metro council

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WHILE THE ANC did an extensive audit yesterday of Tygerberg results, it was also exploring possible co-operation with the Democratic Party, writes Political Writer **HENRY LUDSKI**.

THE ANC was involved last night in a desperate battle to stave off National Party control of the disputed Tygerberg substructure which holds the key to domination of the Cape Metropolitan Council

For most of yesterday an ANC team did an extensive audit of results from the crucial Tygerberg substructure for any further sign of counting irregularities after it was discovered on Saturday that 2 692 votes from Ward T2 in Khayelitsha had been incorrectly attributed to the African Christian Democratic Party

The corrected results mean the ANC still has one less proportional representational seat than the NP's 14, but the DP holds the balance of power with a solitary seat

The ANC wants at all costs to prevent the NP from gaining control in the Tygerberg substructure which includes the 22 Khayelitsha wards won by the ANC

It has also opened negotiations with the Democratic Party to see if an alliance can be formed to block outright NP control of the Cape Metropolitan Council.

Infighting among ANC members over who should stand in at least two crucial wards — Macassar and Belhar West — have led to defeat when disgruntled members stood against official ANC candidates. In Belhar the ANC lost the ward, and possible control of the Tygerberg substructure when they were defeated by only 31 votes.

In the Bellville South/UWC ward hundreds of students did not cast their votes

ANC Western Cape spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore told the Cape Times last night that it had completed the audit of the result sheets but was referring the decision on what action should be taken to an ANC provincial executive meeting this evening

The ANC had decided to put on hold an application to the Supreme Court for a recount of ballots until the executive decided what to do

He said ANC representatives on the Multi-Party Liaison Committee would approach Local Government

MEC Peter Marais for information about voting delays, the late opening of polling stations and administrative problems that resulted in many people not being able to vote

"The ANC representatives were further mandated to withhold their approval from any declaration of the election as free and fair until all information requested had been received and analysed."

They would also convey to Marais the ANC's view that no inaugural meetings of substructures or the metro council should be convened until these matters have been resolved

Dugmore said that it was hoped outstanding matters could be resolved by Wednesday, but this would depend on the co-operation of the MEC

The results show the National Party won most seats in the Northern, Southern and Eastern substructures, while the ANC has secured a majority in the Central substructure

The two parties each secured 35 seats in the Tygerberg substructure, and the NP securing one more seat than the ANC in the Helderberg substructure.

ANC Western Cape chairperson Mr Chris Nissen said yesterday he had spoken to DP regional leader Mr Hennie Bester to explore areas of co-operation

But the DP, in the powerful position of deciding

who finally controls the Cape Metropolitan Council, was yesterday carefully playing its cards to ensure that it derived the maximum benefit from its solitary votes in the Helderberg and Tygerberg substructures

Bester said yesterday "We have been approached by both the ANC

and the NP but will have to see what is in the best interests of our party and the municipalities

Marais said at the weekend he too would be investigating alleged irregularities

● The Pan-Africanist Congress spokesperson Mr Ada Mtsodo said yesterday it did not accept that last

week's local elections in the Central and Tygerberg substructures were "free and fair"

He said the party's regional executive committee decided yesterday to instruct its lawyers to file papers asking for an "audit of everything" in respect of the vote counts in the two substructures





LONE SOUTHERN STAR: Hout Bay residents celebrate Mr Dicki Meter's election victory. Here Meter (centre) is assisted by his wife Shantaal (on his right) and campaign manager Mr Hassen Adams (behind him) in serving a celebratory stew. Hout Bay was the only seat captured by the ANC in the Southern Peninsula substructure. **PICTURE CLIVE SMITH**

Coloured vote gave Hout Bay to the ANC

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ROGER FRIEDMAN

ALL over the Cape Metropole people may have voted according to their ethnicity in last week's local government elections — except in Hout Bay.

Yesterday they celebrated Mr Dicki Meter's Hout Bay victory for the ANC — the only ANC success in the southern Peninsula

And if the party proved one thing, it was that in at least one part of the region black and coloured people can share aspirations and live together

They partied so hard that the wood and iron Imizamo Yethu Hall seemed in danger of falling down.

For the record, there were about 10 000 registered voters in the Hout Bay ward — about 6 000 white, 2 000

black and 2 000 coloured. The ANC won narrowly over the Democratic Party, with an independent (National Party-aligned) candidate third.

The way Meter's campaign manager Mr Hassen Adams reads it, the ANC won about 10% of the white vote and 75% of the Imizamo Yethu squatter vote. The coloured or "harbour" vote tilted the balance towards the ANC.

Old guard condemns councillors' pay rises

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FORMER CAPE TOWN city councillors say there is not enough work to warrant the hefty increase in allowances the new councillors awarded themselves — a position hotly denied by the present incumbents. **MELANIE GOSLING** reports.

SHOULD the work of a councillor be a full-time job with a full-time salary? No way, say old councillors, there is not enough work to justify it and any councillor who claims there is is probably pulling a fast one.

At least one new councillor says the work pressure is so great she has had to give up her former job as a tour guide because council work takes up between three and four days a week.

Most ratepayers have criticised the councillors' giving themselves hefty increases to their allowances — at a time when they say there has been a deterioration in services.

Former councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg said yesterday: "I challenge anyone to tell me an ordinary councillor is doing a full-time job. I was one for over 12 years and I can prove it is not. I had a busy business to run, and I put blood and guts into being a councillor. I read my council agendas and attended all the meetings. There were between three or four meetings a month, maximum. What will they do all day as a permanent job?"

Wienburg also criticised the new allowance hikes.

"This is not a salary, it is a reimbursement for expenses. The move is akin to corruption. Within two weeks these new councillors, who have done nothing yet, say 'I must get more money'."

Reacting to a letter to the press by Ms Nomandla Mfeketo, chairperson of the executive committee, that previously some councillors took no allowances and ran the city "as a hobby", Wienburg said: "What did she do before council and what did she get paid? Did she take a dive in salary to get paid R10 000 a month? Her performance in council last year was dismal. She looked shell-shocked and was clearly out of her depth."

Former councillor of 19 years Mr Clive Keegan says there is no justification at all for the position of councillor to be full-time.

"At the very outside they will attend five meetings a month. It's very unfortunate that the first thing they did was vote themselves increased allowances. It's extraordinary political gaucheness. But for the representatives from the community who are very poor, public office is a burden and they have to be paid allowances to cover expenses."

New councillor Mrs Babette Bekker believes being a member of the executive committee is a full-time job, and while she does not say being an ordinary councillor should become a full-time job, she claims she is so busy she has had to give up her former job of tour guide.

"I devote three to four days a week to council work. On top of this I get

two to four calls a day from people in my ward, asking me to attend to anything from helicopter noise to blocked drains. A lot of my private life has gone overboard and I had to give up my tour-guiding which brought me in between R300 and R400 a day," Bekker said.

Mitchells Plain Civic Association secretary Mr Lionel Petersen believes the allowances are justifiable.

"Before I could never reach my councillor — only his secretary at his company. Now I can knock at his door any time. I'm not sure if being a councillor should become a permanent job. Maybe in the future."

Lower Gardens Ratepayers' Association chairman Mr Carlo Rommelaere said "Cape Town has one of the highest rates in the country and services are deteriorating. The general response of our ratepayers when we saw councillors vote themselves increases was 'Oh God, here we go again'. What worries me is that people get voted in who don't know even the basics about how the law works, and they are in decision-making positions."

Bergvliet and Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association chairman Dr Donald Craythorne criticised the allowance hikes.

"We elected a councillor to represent our interests, not to get rich at our expense. I've had 40 years in local government and at the most you attend two or three meetings a month."

Mfeketo was not available for comment yesterday.

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ANC demands report on election mishaps

CHRIS BATEMAN

IN A last-ditch attempt to tilt the Cape Metropolitan Council opposition seats against the NP, the ANC yesterday threatened court action to find out how many people were denied votes through polling "maladministration" — particularly in Khayelitsha

The party's provincial executive is seeking an urgent meeting with Local Government MEC Peter

Marais and either Premier Hennis Kriel or NP provincial leader Dr Dawie de Villiers later today to request a voting reconciliation report for the Tygerberg.

Metro seats now stand at 30 for the NP, 26 for the ANC, one for the ACDP and three for the DP — giving the NP the same number of seats as the other parties combined

The ANC wants Marais to "fulfil a promise" he allegedly made to ask returning officers to furnish

details of how many voters were unable to cast Metro votes and of misplaced voters who were transferred to other polling stations

ANC provincial chief Mr Chris Nissen said yesterday that unless they were given this information they would bring an urgent Supreme Court application to secure it

"We reserve our position on declaring the election free and fair," Nissen added

Nissen wants Marais to put off

all inaugural meetings of the new substructures until the administrative errors are resolved

The ANC's Mr David Dlali said it was "strange" that Khayelitsha experienced unique problems during the elections — with voting stations opening late, computers only up and running by 2pm, and late or non-delivery of vital equipment

Plastic bags were also used for Khayelitsha ballots instead of the canvas bags used in other wards

Storm gathers over disputed poll result

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The storm over the Khayelitsha election result gathered force yesterday when local government MEC Peter Marais said the NP might demand a recount because of a 27 000-vote discrepancy between ward and proportional votes won by the ANC.

Marais said the NP was worried that there was a discrepancy between the 76 000 ward votes won by the ANC and the 102 000 proportional votes allocated to it. These additional votes did not appear in the total proportional votes won by other parties.

A decision on whether to apply to court for a recount would probably be taken today after investigations.

The ANC was poised for an urgent court application yesterday for an independent audit of the Tygerberg election results and to secure the ballot papers. A judge was on standby pending the outcome of an assessment by ANC lawyers of all documents received by Tygerberg's presiding officer, Dave Wilken, from the counting stations.

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The step was taken following the arbitrary assignment of 2 692 ANC votes to the African Christian Democratic Party, with the result that it won a seat on the Tygerberg metropolitan council.

Reallocating it to the ANC meant the ANC and NP won 35 seats each. The Supreme Court would have to formally certify the reallocation today.

Rough calculations, arrived at by adding all the votes won by the ANC and NP in last year's elections in the rural towns, and those last week, seemed to indicate that the NP could now claim about 55% of the provincial vote, compared with 53% in 1994, and the ANC about 40% (33%).

The ANC's gains would have come from the rural areas, while both the ANC and the NP would have benefited from the decimation of smaller parties and independents.

The unofficial tally for the metropolitan elections was that the NP won 99 ward seats, the ANC 60, the DP six and independents four. The ANC won the central substructure overwhelmingly, taking 23 ward seats and 14 proportional seats. The NP won 14 and 12, the DP four and three and

smaller parties two ward seats.

In Tygerberg the NP won 35 seats on the council (21 ward and 14 proportional), the ANC 35 seats (22 and 13) and the DP one proportional seat. A by-election for the remaining seat will take place following the death of the NP candidate in Bonteheuwel before the election.

In Helderberg the NP took 12 ward seats and eight proportional seats, the ANC eight and three and the DP one proportional seat. The 32-member metropolitan council would thus have 20 NP members, 11 ANC and one DP.

In the northern substructure the NP won 17 ward and nine proportional seats and the ANC one ward and two proportional seats. This gives the NP 26 seats on the metropolitan council, the ANC three and an independent one, with one seat still to be allocated.

In the southern substructure, the NP took 17 ward and nine proportional seats, the DP two ward and two proportional seats, the ANC one ward and three proportional seats and independents two ward seats.

In the eastern substructure the NP took 18 ward and 10 proportional seats, the ANC five ward and five proportional seats and independents one ward and one proportional seat.

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Plans for Western Cape revenue drop

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The Finance and Fiscal Commission has projected a real decline in Western Cape per capita revenue to R2 003 in 2002/3 from R2 234 in 1996/97, if its formula on state allocations to the provinces is implemented.

The Cape Chamber of Commerce, which slammed the commission's recommendations over the weekend, noted that the drop would be higher after taking inflation into account.

The commission's final proposals were presented to the budget council last week and finance MEC Kobus Meiring, who saw the proposed allocation for the Western Cape in 1997/98, said at a press briefing that it would have "devastating" consequences for the province unless there were alternative sources of revenue.

Cape Chamber of Commerce vice-president Ali Gierden said the commission's allocation formula would threaten growth prospects. The chamber was seeking a meeting with the parliamentary joint standing committee on finance to raise its concerns, he said.

"The formula is loaded by a weighting factor of 25% for people living in rural areas, which will sharply reduce the Western Cape's allocation because of the small rural population. What is more, rural people who migrate into

urban areas, as in the case of Khayelitsha, are not brought into this count", Gierden said.

"When we raised this (with the commission) we were told that the weighting of 25% is essentially a value judgment by the commission because of the lack of reliable data. It has to be recognised, however, that backlogs and disparities in rural areas are being redressed by way of the RDP, and we believe that the 25% is too high and should be reduced."

The chamber took issue with the tax equalisation formula to be used to compensate provinces with a smaller tax base. Gierden said an arbitrary percentage had been introduced that would adversely affect productive provinces like the Western Cape.

If the compensation formula was adopted, the Western Cape's share of the total state allocation would shrink to 7,69% in 2002/3 from 11,13% in 1996/97. The total formula allocation to the province in 1995 rands would be slashed to R6bn in 2002/3 from R8,4bn in 1996/97. This would mean a cut to R1 362 a person from R2 145 a person.

Gierden noted the commission projection that the Western Cape's total revenue including tax would remain reasonably constant over the period did not take into account that its tax base might fall due to lower state allocations.

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CAPE TOWN — Voting patterns in the Cape Town metropolitan area may have changed little since the 1994 general election, despite sensational reports of a landslide NP victory and the decimation of the DP

This intriguing suggestion was made at the weekend by UCT sociologist Jeremy Seekings who also said he would be surprised if there were substantial shifts between now and 1999.

However, the ANC picked up new support in rural areas in last Wednesday's poll, confirming the pattern in last November's elections in rural towns.

Said Seekings "My overall impression is that nothing much has changed from 1994. The various claims made of major swings in the urban areas appear to be unjustified."

The outcome of the proportional vote seemed to suggest that there had been no significant change in support for the NP, the ANC or the DP, he said.

The extent of the NP's victory over the ANC, although large, showed lit-

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tle variation over 1994, while the DP seemed to have maintained its support. Seekings emphasised, however, that his view was based on incomplete data.

He suggested that conclusions about a swing to the NP assumed that wards taken from the DP were DP wards in 1994, when in fact they were only shown to be DP wards in the last all-white elections in the late 1980s.

In the 1994 elections people could vote where they liked, so no reading was taken of the political affiliation of wards.

"My hunch is that there would have been a significant shift in voter support in former PFP/DP constituencies in the southern peninsula well before 1994."

Rather than representing a swing from the 1994 result, the metropolitan elections merely

indicated the areas from which the NP drew its support in 1994.

Regarding the NP's performance in coloured areas, Seekings found it remarkably consistent with the 1994 outcome, with a few exceptions.

Another feature of the metropolitan elections was that low voter turnout did not benefit the ANC's proportional performance to the same extent as the November 1995 elections, because they affected supporters of all parties instead of being concentrated solely among NP voters. The level of commitment was similar.

In the November rural town elections, the ANC's share of the proportional vote rose significantly because its committed voters went to the polls, whereas many of the NP's weaker supporters stayed home.

Seekings rejected

racially based interpretations of the results, pointing out that it was "quite rational" for lower-middle class coloured voters to vote for the NP on class grounds.

He noted that because the DP's support was thinly spread, it could not win on a "first-past-the-post" system. It had suffered from a new development in the central substructure which was the splitting of the non-NP vote among the DP, ANC and independent candidates.

DP provincial leader Henne Bester also dismissed suggestions that the DP had performed badly, saying that the party had held its own and shown marginal growth on the proportional vote. There were no massive defections from the party, which was firmly intact and could now consolidate its position.

The DP's share of the proportional vote was estimated to have grown from 6% to 8%.

The party took four of the six potential seats available to it in the central substructure, increased its share of the proportional vote in the southern substructure from 16% to 18% — though lost its former wards — and held the balance of power in Helderberg and Tygerberg, where it took one seat in each.

Seekings did not believe the demographic and socioeconomic shifts between 1996 and 1999 would be of a magnitude to suggest any major change in voting patterns. Also, predictions on the basis of the local result were complicated by the fact that people did not necessarily vote the same way in national, provincial and local elections.

ANC wants W Cape 'foul play' probed

By Rafiq Rohan
Political Correspondent

WERE THE election results in the Western Cape rigged? The African National Congress believes so and intends going to court to prove its point

When the results that pointed to a landslide victory for the National Party were released, it was discovered that a serious discrepancy occurred in the counting of ballots in the Tygerberg region

A total of 2 692 votes that were meant for the ANC in the Khayelitsha ward were reflected in the final results as votes for the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP)

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Discrepancy in Tygerberg region cast shadow on fairness of election

When Mr David Wilken, the returning officer, announced the results he was asked for a print-out by the ANC. The glaring error was pointed out to Wilken who conceded that an error had indeed occurred.

However, he blamed it on a "computer error". If this computer error occurred in Tygerberg, "how many other areas had it not occurred in?" the ANC argued. The ANC blames the NP, saying that it (NP) would stop at nothing to retain power in the region even "by hook or by crook".

"It is an orchestrated attempt to prevent an ANC victory in the Tygerberg and the Metro as a whole at all costs," the angry Western Cape leader of the ANC the Rev Chris Nissen said.

The ANC has now instituted legal proceedings and asked lawyers to request all the ballots cast for Tygerberg so that it can count the results itself. This could also lead to the ANC demanding a recount of ballots in other constituencies.

Nissen said "All these events place a serious question mark around the freeness and fairness of this election."

Cape a Quebec for Afrikaners, says Marais

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The Western Cape should be a Quebec for Afrikaners, who should migrate to the province to ensure survival of the language, Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais said yesterday.

Addressing the Kaapstad Sakekamer, Marais said Afrikaans had no chance of surviving elsewhere and warned that if white and coloured Afrikaners did not stand together they were in danger of losing their language and their province. There was more chance of saving the white rhinoceros

than Afrikaans, he said. Coloured people did not know another language and would fight for Afrikaans.

He appealed for the province's citizens to ensure there were no changes to street names or the name of the province. "We remain Kaapland. Let us keep our character, our identity and, sir, note that 70% of the people in the Western Cape are Afrikaans. If Quebec became a French colony inside an English-speaking Canada and the whole world recognises this, then they can accept the Cape as the only Afrikaans province in Africa."

Marais warned of an onslaught to

weaken Afrikaans so that whites and coloureds were driven further apart. The onslaught would remove Afrikaans from television.

Marais said the results of the local government elections in the Western Cape demonstrated that a nation was on the rise. The NP had won because of dissatisfaction with the ANC and the slow process of implementing the RDP.

The Western Cape's population was growing 11% a year due to the influx of homeless people who had heard the Cape was prosperous. They would have to be provided for, despite drastic cuts to the provincial budget.

Cape alliances may dilute NP power

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CAPE TOWN — The Cape metropolitan council will be controlled by the NP, but strategic alliances between the ANC, DP and African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) could act as a brake on its power, the final results of last week's Western Cape metro elections imply.

The pre-election stand-off between parties has given way to a flurry of talks, with the DP being approached by the ANC and NP for agreements on cooperation and the ANC engaging with other parties as well.

Based on rough calculations, it appears the composition of the 60-member council will be: NP 30 seats, ANC 26, DP three and ACDP one. Final results of the proportional vote in the metropolitan area showed that the NP won 48,2% of the vote, the ANC 37,7%, DP 6,9%, ACDP 2,8%, PAC 1,2% and the Freedom Front 0,8%. The percentage poll was 57%.

The ANC appeared to have closed

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the gap between it and the NP in the 1994 election, when it had 33% of the provincial vote to the NP's 53%. The ratio now stands at 37,2% to 48,2%.

The ANC said yesterday the swing towards it had been consistent in the towns, rural areas and metro and had led to a halving of the gap between itself and the NP. But uncertainty persisted yesterday about the outcome of the Tygerberg election and the ANC's provincial executive council was due to meet last night to decide on action. This followed an audit of returns.

The NP's lawyers had been instruct-

ed to take a view on the Khayelitsha election results after candidates who met decided yesterday that these were not a reflection of votes cast, Tygerberg strategy committee chairman Frik van Deventer said.

Legal action by rural town councils to overhaul the composition of district councils in rural areas was also in the offing. A meeting of representatives tomorrow would decide on action on the basis of legal opinion, Worcester mayor Rayhad Williams said.

The metropolitan council consists of 60 members, 24 of whom are proportionally elected and 36 of whom are nominated by the six substructures. The NP has won 12 of the proportional seats, the ANC nine, the DP two and the ACDP one.

W Cape employment explosion expected

CAPE METROPOLITAN officials are to inform the public of their plans for the Metropole in a series of workshops starting on Friday. They are extremely upbeat about the area's potential for development, writes **ROGER FRIEDMAN**

JOB CREATION in the Cape Metropolitan Region will soon outstrip population growth — if the Western Cape can sustain its present level of economic development without drowning in a sea of smog, congestion and party political bickering.

According to statistics to be unveiled by Cape Metropolitan Transport Plan officials at the first of a series of public workshops on Friday, the region's population will increase by 48% by the year 2015. Employment opportunities will increase by 65% in the same period.

To cope with the population increase and the projected 500,000 new homes will be required — and about R12 billion will have to be ploughed into upgrading the metropolitan transport system.

It is with this last figure that the transport plan officials primarily concern themselves — and they are quick to point out that trans-

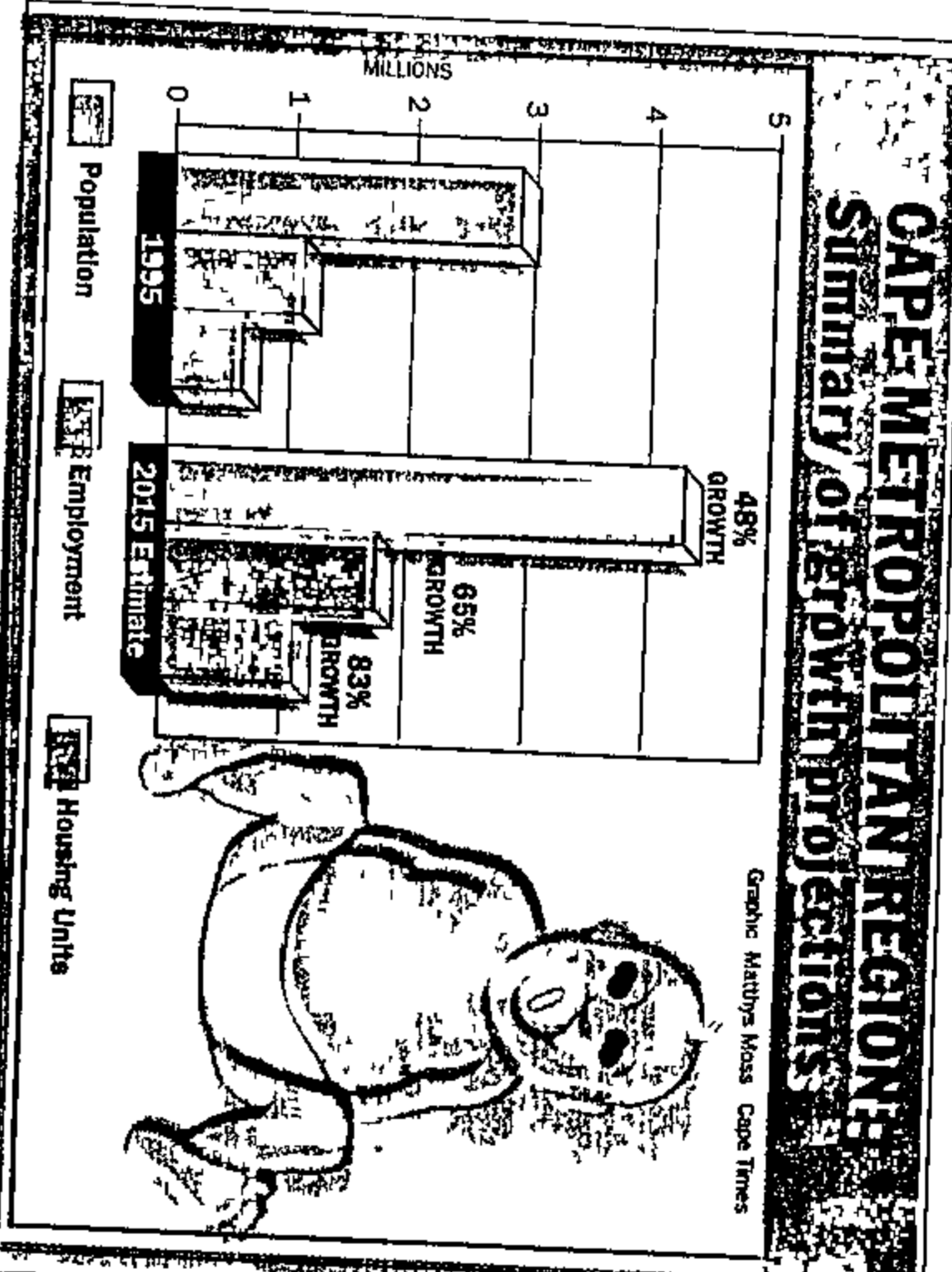
port planning cannot be undertaken in a void, that it must go hand-in-hand with land use, economic and environmental planning.

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At its core, though, the Moving Ahead project is about transport. It is about developing a sustainable

attractive public transport system to entice commuters out of their private vehicles.

At present, more than half the metropole's workforce uses private cars to get to work. The 1995 estimate for 2015 is 31% as it was just after World War II.

Moving Ahead project director Mr Wilfred Crous raises three concerns in the document to be discussed on Friday. A lack of national population and development strategies, the absence of a comprehensive economic develop-

ment plan for the province, and competition between the metropole's six new municipalities.

The last mentioned "could have a detrimental effect on the realisation of future growth management objectives," he said.

The R12bn price tag for public transport development would have to be shared by central government, provincial government, local authorities and users.

According to the Western Cape Investment and Trade Promoting Agency (Wesgro), the

Western Cape increased its share of the national economy from 12.1% of gross domestic product in 1984, to about 14.1% in 1993.

Wesgro believes tourism, construction, industry, growth agricultural exports, finance and business services are showing promise for long-term growth. Also projects such as the Olympics, Capricorn Science Park, Century City hotel and casino investments as well as the Namakwa Sands and Iscor Steel projects could have significant growth impacts.

NEW COUNCILS — ALL THE NAMES

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THE following are the names of the new councillors in the metropole

Central has 44 ward seats and 30 party list seats All 22 of the ward seats in the black areas went to the ANC, as did just one coloured ward, that of Mr Saleem Mowzer (ward 35)

Four wards were won by DP candidates Chris Joubert, Brian Watkyns, Owen Kinahan and Ian Iversen

Three were won by independents in Mitchells Plain, none of whom had NP opponents John Pascoe, Edwin Edson and Norman Jantjes

The NP won 14 ward seats Wilhelm

Scheepers, Louisa Jansen, Philip Windvogel, James George, Bernard Clarke, Anne du Plessis, Osborne Adams, Elizabeth Bantom, Sumaya Talep, John Peters, Alice Emmanuel, Howard Parker, Francois Schreuder and Esau Jones

Of the party-list seats 14 were allocated to the ANC, 12 to the NP, two to the DP, one to the African Muslim Party and one to the ACDP

The ANC party-list councillors for Central are Nomandia Mfeketo, Hanif Tseker, Theresa Solomon, Enoch Madzwabe, Les Rencontre, Arthur Jacobs, Mogamat Sampson, Whirey Jacobs, Faldela de Vries, Ashiek Manie, Daphne King, Revel Fox, Nomamfengu Mzama and and Judy Sibisi



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The NP party-list councillors for Central are Leon Markovitz, Marelida Khan, Jeremy Moshoshoe, Moganat Waggie, William Bantom, Clive Justus, Abdulla Omar, Debra Miki, Phillip Horstmann, Charlotte Davids, Maureen Xegwana, and Babette Bekker

The DP's two are Hazel Bowen and Leigh Thompson
The AMP's candidate is Riedewaan Isaacs and the ACDP's Ernest Sonnenberg
The ANC has 37 seats in all on Central, while its combined opposition also has 37 — 26 NP, three independents, six DP and one each

for the ACDP and AMP

● In the Southern substructure, there are 22 wards, 17 were taken by the NP, one by the ANC (Dick Meter, Hout Bay), three by independents (Clive Wakeford, Fish Hoek and Philip Bam of the civic association Logra), Nicka Holderness of Simon's Town and one by Mrs Joan Hemming of the DP

There are 14 party-list seats, nine are NP, three ANC and two DP
The party-list names are NP — Shirley Bartleson, Agmat Brinkhuis, Gann Cavanagh, Clive Fassen, Graham Lawrence, Siva Moodley, James November, Claudelle Percival and Felicity Purchase, ANC — Adelaide Buso, Peter Gabriel, Henne van Wyk, DP — Gordon Merington and Dementia Qually

The ward winners are ANC — Dick Meter, NP — Fred Dorfman, John Matthee, Deon Kruse, James Benjamin, Sulaman Ebrahim, William Stibbe, David Sassman, Herbert Syré, Neville Riley, Boalah Smith, John Jacobs, Ismail Jones, "Ray" Pather, James Petersen, Elena Grové, Alan Phillips, Joseph Johnson, Independent — Philip Bam, Clive Wakeford, Nicka Holderness, DP — Joan Heming

● In the Northern substructure, Greater Milnerton including Atlantis, the NP won 17 of the 18 wards The ANC took Marcom Beam
Of the 12 party-list seats nine went to the NP, two to the ANC and one to the DP

The party-list councillors are NP — Clive Snyers, Donne Murray, Melvin Louw, Algene Ross, Martinus Prins, Jack Goldberg, Gerry Sullivan, John Benson, Chris Potgieter, ANC — Christian Abraham, Belinda Adams, DP — Pauline Bongers

● In the Eastern substructure, there are 24 ward seats, of which 18 went to the NP, five to the ANC and one to an independent candidate There are also

16 party-list seats, of which 10 went to the NP, five to the ANC, and one to the Freedom Front That means the NP clearly controls the council with 28 seats to the ANC's 10

● Helderberg has 20 wards, of which 12 were taken by the ANC and eight by the NP The party-list seats were allocated eight-three-one between the NP, ANC and DP, so overall the council has 16 NP seats, 15 ANC, and one DP

The party-list winners are NP — Johannes Engelbrecht, Marilyn Latagan, Gerrit van der Merwe, Gavin Pause, Sidney Kuhn, Niklas James, Jurgens Hanekom, Johannes Wessels, ANC — Malesi Nominganga, Dina Smit and Heinrich Magerman, DP Gisela Jespersen

Of the ward seats, the ANC won two crucial victories outside the townships of Lwandle and Nomzamo, where they won all 10 seats These were Southern Strand taken by Norrah Juries and Sir Lowry's Pass won by John Brits

Winners of the ward seats are ANC — Sipho Ntantiso, Mbuyiselo Matha, Sandi Nofemele, Asanda Pakade, Mxolisi Mtuyaphi, Malesi Nominganga, Ndlela Mavungavunga, Mxolisi Fatyela, Sibonwe Tyeku, Christopher Ngundze; NP — Jan Beukes, Claude Forbes, Leon Deacon, Abraham Knox, John Oxley, Johannes Swart, D A Hanekom and Maatje Ellman

● Tygerberg has 44 ward seats, of which the 22 wards in Khayelitsha and Mfuleni were all won by the ANC, and the others were all won by the NP except for Bonteheuwel, where a by-election must be held because the NP candidate died between nomination day and election day So the wards went 22-21 between the ANC and NP

There are 28 party list seats, of which 13 were won by the ANC and 14 by the NP, with the last one going to Mr Remo Cioffi of the DP So overall, ANC and NP

each have 35 seats

The party-list names are ANC — Vuyani Ngcuka, Narima Teegler, Clifford Sithonga, Ernest Sass, Catherine Macinguane, Lindela Mshlita, Johanna Simons, Alhemuthu Maacker, Ralph Stuurman, Tembani Mgozobo, Trevor Tokwana, Coenraad van Zyl and Asa Abrahams, NP — Stanley Simmons, Claude Ipsier, Mamangu Thethani, Casandra Abrahams, Gerhard Boshoff, Willem van der Bijl, Mbanbusi Tswana, Jennifer Lakey, Basil van der Ross, Richard O'Connell, Jizreel Snyman, Yvonne September, Buyisile Magqaza and Lionel Roelf

● The Cape Metropolitan Council, which is the umbrella body for the whole of Greater Cape Town, has 60 seats on it Of these, 24 of these were filled by way of the third-ballot votes (on green sheets)

Twelve seats were awarded to the NP, nine to the ANC, two to the DP and one to the ACDP

The NP's candidates are Pierre Uys, Lizo Benja, Kent Morkel, David Erlough, Karel Sambaba, Chris Hattingh, Daniel Plato, J P J Adnaanse, Nimrod Bavuma, Henry Busch, Yvonne Klensmidt and Nonyanso Madubuta

The ANC's candidates are David Dialh, Andrew Madella, Rasheda Abdullah, Frank van der Velde, Welcome Zenzile, Hisamodien Mohamed, Mzukisi Gaba, Nosipho Ntwanambi, and Butabo Maboe The DP's candidates are Roger Hulley and Isobel Edelstein The ACDP's one is Rhoda Southgate

The remaining 34 seats on the Metro Council will be decided by the six substructures who have to elect some of their own members on to the more powerful body

Central has 14 seats to fill on the Metro Council, Tygerberg has 12, Southern four, Eastern three, Helderberg two, and Northern one

Dugmore claims ANC has narrowed gap in W Cape

CHRIS BATEMAN

THE ANC claimed yesterday to have narrowed the gap between it and the NP in the Western Cape by eroding up to four percent of overall NP support since the 1994 elections

At a press briefing yesterday, ANC regional spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said his party — in spite of losing — had grown by 3,6% in the Cape Town Metropolitan and from "a meagre nine percent" in the rural areas in 1994 to 32,8% by last Wednesday

NP Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais said: "Figures can tell you anything I'm not interested in figures, I'm interested in who is in charge."

Dugmore highlighted the NP's 0,8% vote in the black local authority wards (Khayelitsha and the Lagunya suburbs) and claimed the ANC's five wards and five proportional representation seats in the Eastern substructure proved it had made "dramatic gains" in the coloured community.

The ANC had lost by the "narrowest of margins" in Eastridge, Belhar, Bellville South and Blackheath, and support in Blue Downs,

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"When MEC Marais openly says KwaZulu belongs to the Zulus, the Eastern Cape to the Xhosas and the Western Cape to the 'Afrikaanses', it is not surprising his supporters call the President a kafir and tell him to leave Mitchells Plain," Dugmore added.

Marais said he had been comparing the Western Cape and French-speaking Quebec in Canada "which the whole world recognises and respects"

"There's no racism involved when French speakers there assert themselves and say they're a French-speaking colony," Marais said

Dugmore said he wanted to remind the NP that they won control of the Western Cape in 1994 by securing 53% of votes — yet their support in last year's November 1 country town elections, taken with last Wednesday's polls, now stood at 48,2%

The comparative ANC polling figures stood at 33% and 37,2% respectively.

Marais said that if the percentage poll in traditionally white and coloured areas had been higher,

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"we probably would have been able to prove to the ANC that we still command over 55% of votes"

Unfortunately there had been a higher turnout in black areas, but this was no indication of a swing — "just a case of us not being able to get all our people to the polls on one day and thousands being turned away for not being on the voters rolls", Marais said

DP leader Mr Hennie Bester said his party was discussing "a co-operative agreement" with the ANC and NP over the election of office bearers in the substructures in an attempt to secure the most influential position possible for the DP

However this did not mean an alliance with either party, and related only to the filling of positions

His party now has the deciding vote in the Helderberg and Tygerberg substructures and could play a significant role in Central, where it has six seats

The NP yesterday added the Breede River district council to its six other country district victories, making it a clean rural sweep

The ANC was able to win four of the eight party list seats in only the Overberg rural council

DP man won't take sides in Tygerberg (263)

METRO WRITER

REMO CIOLLI, the DP's man in the middle in Tygerberg where the new council has 35 NP and 35 ANC seats, is determined not to take sides

He is no stranger to local politics. He was Mayor of Durbanville for a term in 1988 to 1990, and he has served on that council from 1982 to 1994. Ciolli was not on the transitional council in the past year and a half, though.

"The Nats voted me out. I was the only 'verlig' one, so they did not want me there," he claimed. Now he has come back in a big way, but he holds no grudges.

"I am going to vote according to my judgment and my conscience, and try to keep peace between the two," he said. "Whatever I decide, I hope it will be to the benefit of the whole substructure, instead of being aimed at one section of the population or the other. I just want to be in a position where I can do good for all."

Ciolli said he was worried about the tendency of voters to vote along ethnic lines. This made it seem they are mobilising against each other.

He also found it sad that a lot of people who were not NP in their hearts in the white and coloured wards voted NP as an anti-ANC measure. Conversely, a lot of people in the townships who really were NP in their views, would not vote now for the NP for whatever reason.

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He is also a councillor who was rejected in this local election by the voters in the ward which he contested, T23 in Durbanville (he lives in Durbanville). Yet he got into his seat through his party getting enough votes on the proportional representation or party list system.

He was unsure yesterday about whether to lobby for a seat on the executive committee of the Tygerberg substructure. His party leader Mr Hennie Bester and the party hierarchy in general would probably take that decision for him, he said.

It is possible that both sides (ANC and NP) might offer him a seat on the powerful Tygerberg exco, which might otherwise be deadlocked a lot of the time.

He shares the DP view that no money owed to the council for services should be written off.

A pet project of his is the establishment of more opportunities for all Tygerberg youngsters who do not finish their formal schooling to learn a technical skill, like bricklaying or carpentry, so that they do not have to become labourers or doormen in the end.

Ciolli has several family businesses with his two cousins and his twin brother. His name, Remo, comes from Romulus and Remus, the legendary founders of Rome who were said to have been initially brought up by wolves. His family is Italian in origin and his grandfather came to South Africa early this century.

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Candidates lose at the polls, but make it onto 'wanted' list

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METRO WRITER

WARD C41 also-rans Revel Fox and Babette Bekker will be on the new Central Council.

The two, ANC and NP candidates beaten in Bishopscourt, upper Newlands and Claremont by Ian Iversen, have been high enough on their respective party lists to get seats on the council even after losing the contest for a ward

Mrs Theresa Solomon, until last week deputy mayor of Cape Town, also has a seat on the council even though she lost her ward to an NP candidate

Three NP township candidates, Jeremy Moshoeshoe, Debra Mfiki, and Maureen Xegwana, who failed to take their ward seats in

contests against the ANC have also got onto the council via party lists

A host of other councillors who decided not to fight for a ward have made it back onto the council via party lists, including Mr Riedewaan Isaacs of the African Muslim Party — who may still be in trouble over his alleged non-payment of money owed to the council for services

Among defeated ward candidates from the Southern substructure who have made it onto the council via the party lists are Graham Lawrence of the NP, who used to run the Khayelitsha local authority, Hennie van Wyk of the ANC and Demetri Qually of the DP. Lawrence was defeated by Joan Heming of the DP, Van Wyk by O J Jacobs of the NP and Qually by Ellen Grove of the NP

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ANC still undecided on election dispute

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THE ANC in the Western Cape has still not decided whether to challenge the local government election results in Khayelitsha in court.

ANC community election spokesman Cameron Dugmore said after a meeting with legal representatives last night that the party's decision on whether to challenge the results in the Cape Supreme Court still hinged on Local Government MEC Peter Marais releasing the ballot papers to allow an independent audit.

"We have not resolved anything, but from our audit report it is very clear that there were some irregularities and arithmetical problems in several Khayelitsha wards. Unlike in the Tygerberg substructure's T wards (white and coloured) where ballots cast were reconciled with the voters role after counting, no reconciliation was done in Khayelitsha.

"A greater problem that also seems to be emerging is the fact that thousands of ANC supporters were turned away and not allowed to cast the metro vote."

Mr Dugmore said an ANC delegation consisting of himself, provincial party leader Chris Nissen, David Dlali and regional secretary James Ngculu would be meeting Mr Marais today in a bid to get him to release the information necessary for an independent audit.

"If the minister does not release this information we will have a meeting with the Election Task Group and as a last resort apply to the Supreme Court to challenge the election results."

The ANC is assessing the situation after 2 692 of its votes were given to the African Christian Democratic Party in error

Hidden ballot papers spark Helderberg row

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WILLEM STEENKAMP

THOUSANDS of ballot papers cast in the Helderberg substructure — mostly for the ANC — during last week's municipal elections were discovered hidden in the Somerset West municipal yard early yesterday.

The discovery has provoked outrage in the ANC, which said if adequate explanations were not provided for what it felt was a serious breach of the electoral regulations, it would seek a Supreme Court order setting the entire poll aside.

Spokesmen said if it was found that the ballot papers had not been counted, it could break the ANC-NP deadlock in the Helderberg substructure and swing power in the ANC's favour.

It could also mean the NP would not hold 50% of seats in the Cape Metropolitan Council.

ANC attorney Mr Selwyn Hockey, said it was "of grave concern, because in terms of the regulations these papers should be packed in bags and kept for a year".

"We're going to ask for an official explanation from (Helderberg returning officer Mr) Paul Venter," he said.

Somerset West municipal store worker Mr Anthony Abrams told the Cape Times that a colleague found the papers, in bundles tied with string, behind metal sheeting used for voting stations and next to the spot where municipal dumptrucks were parked, at about 7 20am yesterday.

"He brought some of them to me and said: 'Look here.' I found more hidden away in the yard."

Abrams said he saw a pile of bundled

ballot papers, nearly a metre high, for the proportional representation and metropolitan polls. All had been marked by voters.

"Just the top few were (votes for the) DP, and all the rest were ANC."

Abrams said they took the papers to their foreman, Mr Pierre van Zyl, who told them to "go and throw that stuff" in store manager Mr Johan Groenewald's office.

ANC Western Cape secretary Mr James Ngculu said at a press conference that he had gone to Somerset West to investigate the find, and Groenewald had told him he had handed the papers to another employee — but later "changed his tune" and said he was unaware of the papers.

Ngculu also claimed that he was assaulted by a municipal employee before being removed from the yard by the police. He is considering laying an assault charge against the employee.

Venter said last night that all the ballot papers cast in the Helderberg had been counted in Strand, where they were kept in plastic bags in a storeroom until yesterday morning — when they were moved to Somerset West.

"In the process, some of the bags were torn," he said, but he could not explain why the papers were not picked up and why they had been hidden away.

He said this would be investigated and today "we will have all of the facts".

Venter said the Helderberg ballot report was complete and today a reconciliation would be made to prove the votes had been counted, but he was "satisfied" there were no missing ballot papers.

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'Racist coloureds' label insulting, false

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CLAIMS about racism among coloured voters in the Western Cape elections are both uninformed and insulting, concludes **WILLEM VAN VUUREN**.

IN THEIR attempts to explain coloured support for the National Party, some commentators have again resorted to a simple racism argument which implies that coloured people are inherently anti-black and easily mobilised when the *swart-gevaar* drum is beaten.

Besides the insulting racist stereotyping implied in such an argument, it becomes questionable when available facts are considered.

Firstly, there is no evidence that coloured people are more racist than any other population group. In fact various survey results suggest that coloured people are the least "mobilisable" on ethnic or racial grounds. Also, compared to people living in black or white areas, people in coloured areas identified themselves least in ethnic or racial terms, and by far more as South Africans.

Very few coloured people identify themselves as black and the rather outdated assumption that coloureds must simply be seen as blacks may be behind expectations that they should follow black voting patterns. Coupled with this assumption is the belief that coloureds who vote NP have "betrayed the cause of the oppressed" and have moved us backwards "in efforts to democratise our country".

This emotional argument seems to ignore the nature of democratic development in South Africa over the last few years. It misses the point that the struggle for a transition to democracy is over. The struggle is now about the consolidation of democracy — the strengthening and stabilisation of democratic institutions such as Parliament, media freedom and citizen's rights vis-à-vis the state.

Whereas it is undeniable that the ANC, particularly Mr Mandela, played a huge role in driving the transition to democracy, they will increasingly be evaluated by democratically-minded South Africans on their performance in the area of democratic consolidation. In this regard the ANC must have alienated some of the goodwill of democrats in the Western Cape by attacks on the Press, its support for extra-parliamentary pressures on a constitution-making Parliament and the way the restructuring of education was centrally imposed. The emotional racism argument also ignores the fact that coloured voting patterns can be informed by rational choice about needs and economic interests. Here again, surveys indicate that coloured political preferences are strongly performance-related. All of the important problems which coloured people have identified in their local areas are related to economic factors: crime and violence, unemployment and housing. Coloureds lack faith in the ANC's capacity to attend successfully to these needs.

And then there is affirmative action. Prominent coloured leaders, some of whom are ANC supporters, have bluntly described it as discrimination against coloured people.

There are also indications that the anti-ANC vote among coloureds may be less of an anti-black vote than an anti-SACP vote.

Other factors include F W de Klerk's personal popularity as well as the information networks which coloured people share with Afrikaans-speaking Nationalists.

Simple accusations of racism against coloured voters is an uninformed and insulting reaction, which provides a poor basis for self-examination and improvement for those who seek a larger share of the coloured vote.

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Claims of bogus ANC voters grow

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MARITZBURG — Claims that the ANC had fraudulently registered voters in KwaZulu-Natal grew yesterday after the NP charged that about 4 700 bogus voters had appeared on the Maritzburg transitional local council voters rolls. The IFP claimed earlier in the week that 93 000 new voters had irregularly registered in the Durban metropolitan council. NP KwaZulu-Natal caucus chairman Tino Volker said the Maritzburg figure might seem small, but it could have an effect on the outcome of ward elections. He said 13 500 voters had been registered between May 24-27, but election officials had accepted only 8 800 of the registrations. A total of 4 700 registrations had been rejected because of irregularities such as duplicate registrations. About 160 000 voters had registered in Maritzburg. DP KwaZulu-Natal leader Roger Burrows read out in the legislature what he claimed were excerpts from an ANC internal document which stated that the ANC had a "great capacity" to interfere with voters rolls and the names of IFP voters should be replaced with ANC voters. ANC MPs denied such a document emanated from their ranks. Volker said the ANC had registered the Maritzburg voters at squatter camps falling under four Indian wards which the NP saw as its strongholds. ANC MP Yusuf Bhamjee said hard work by the ANC had resulted in the additional registrations and the party did not engage in any irregularities. The additional registrations had strengthened its chances of winning the four Indian wards, which could be crucial to ANC efforts to control the new council through a two-thirds majority.

ANC Khayelitsha seat is threatened

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The ANC may have to forfeit a seat on the Tygerberg metropolitan council — giving the NP a majority — because of the discovery by auditors Price Waterhouse that there was a duplication of 4 073 proportional ANC votes in a Khayelitsha ward. The ANC and NP now have 35 seats each and the DP one. Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilken said last night that the discovery of the duplication could result in a change in the representation of the parties. He declined to say how the duplication had occurred until the auditors had released their full report today. The audit was restricted to investigating the information received by fax from polling stations by the presiding officers and the way it was captured and calculated on computer. Wilken said the other discrepancies brought to light appeared insignificant. He did not think it would be necessary to get Supreme Court approval for opening the sealed ballot boxes to undertake a comprehensive audit and reconciliation of the votes cast. Wilken attributed the error to the fact that election officials were overburdened and overtired on Friday night when the returns were captured. ANC information head Cameron Dugmore expressed disappointment that Wilken had seen fit to release incomplete and as yet unsubstantiated information, and also that no record had been kept by his presiding officers of the numbers of people who could not exercise their metropoli-

tan vote because their names were only on the ward lists. At an earlier media conference Dugmore noted that the ANC could be entitled to an additional metropolitan seat if account was taken of the thousands of these voters who could not vote. An audit of the Tygerberg results conducted by the ANC revealed a number of arithmetical irregularities and also that no reconciliation of votes was undertaken in the Khayelitsha wards. The ANC provincial executive committee has decided to reserve its position on whether the elections were free and fair. An ANC delegation led by provincial leader Chris Nissen would meet Western Cape local government MEC Peter Marais today in a bid to resolve the problems and would once again ask him to supply them with the numbers of people who could not exercise their metro vote, and the numbers transferred to other wards because their names were registered in the wrong ward. If he refused, Nissen said, the ANC would apply urgently to the Supreme Court to obtain the data. Once in possession of this information the ANC would be in a position to decide whether to apply to the Supreme Court for a complete reconciliation and counting of the ballots. While the ANC would also ask Marais to delay the inaugural meetings of the new substructures until a solution was found, Marais had indicated that he was not empowered to do this. The inaugural meeting of the southern substructure, at which the mayor and deputy mayor will be elected, is to take place today.

'Meek' Kriel upbeat over W Cape's prospects

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IT was a toned-down Western Cape premier Hernus Kriel who took the floor of the senate to plead the case for his province

Members of the Western Cape legislature yesterday swapped their usual blue benches for the red leather of parliament's second house when the senate select committee on provinces presented its report on its visit to the region.

Senators and members of the provincial legislature (MPLs) noted that Mr Kriel was "meek as a lamb", but the premier said that he had been taught to be a polite guest in other people's houses.

The senate select committee's report was drawn up after meetings with MPLs, visits to the Bonnytoun and Nomzamo places of safety and to the Fynbos Water Conservation Project in Stellenbosch, and to Stellenbosch and Western Cape universities and agricultural colleges

The committee also visited the Serviced Land Project, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Mossgas and a rural land reform pilot programme in George.

Among its most significant meetings was one with provincial minister of education Martha Olckers and department head Brian O'Connell

The debate was dominated by references to the impending retrenchment of teachers and problems in teaching hospitals.

Mr Kriel painted a positive picture of the province, noting optimistic projections for economic growth, a highly-qualified work force, and success in the reconstruction and development programme

Problems the province faced included inadequate allocations from central government for education and health care, as well as low productivity because of strikes, and low investor confidence

ANC provincial leader Chris Nissen confessed himself taken aback by the "meek and mild" Mr Kriel, saying he had expected the premier to return to his familiar theme of criticising the government

Mr Nissen said the challenges in the Western Cape were the same as those in the rest of South Africa

Hennie Bester, provincial leader of the Democratic Party, urged the senate to endorse recommendations by the finance and fiscal commission for taxation powers for provinces, arguing that a tier of government could not be held accountable if it held powers to spend but not to get income

DP senator James Selfe said of the Western Cape, which is his home province "Compared to the rest of South Africa, we run an efficient if somewhat laid-back ship"

The question was whether the rest of the country would be brought up to the province's standard, or whether its standards would be lowered

Freedom Front MPL Eleanor Lombard called for greater autonomy for the province

Replying to the debate, Mr Kriel said he agreed with remarks by Mr Nissen that racism was alive in the Western Cape, adding that it was alive throughout the country

But he noted that, while many white and coloured people had voted for the ANC in last week's election, the opposite had not happened in African areas. "If you talk about racism you shouldn't only point fingers at one side," Mr Kriel said

Western Cape election result forecast spot-on

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A PRE-ELECTION survey conducted on behalf of Cape Newspapers, owners of The Argus, before last week's local elections in the Western Cape, has proved to be spot-on

The dust kicked up after the results started filtering through from the different substructures may not yet have settled, but already a clear picture of voting patterns has emerged and the results contain no real surprises to those who studied the poll

While the ANC and National Party still wrangle over computer errors, analysis shows a survey conducted by Media and Marketing Research on behalf of Cape Newspapers 10 days before the elections, predicted a close battle between the NP and the ANC which would narrow the gap with the NP compared to the 1994 elections

The survey predicted that the smaller "parties" - Democratic Party with six percent and African Christian Democratic Party with two percent - would not fare well in the elections and that 58 percent of registered voters would cast their ballots

Figures released by the election co-ordinator's office show that 56,7 percent voted in the metro elections with the DP getting 6,7 percent of the vote and the ACDP attracting only 2,3 percent of the ballot - as predicted.

The election was fiercely contested between the NP and the ANC and although the NP won more seats than their opponents, the ANC made the inroads predicted in the survey

The survey, which was subject to a four percent margin of error, predicted that the NP would win 45 percent of the vote. Election figures show it won 48,2 percent. The survey gave the ANC 41 percent of the

vote - it secured 37,9 percent at the polls. Given the four percent margin of error, the results of the survey were eerily accurate

The survey also suggested that voters would cast their ballots along racial lines with Africans voting for the ANC and coloureds and whites for the NP. From the way in which the ward seats were contested and won, it was clear that this polarised voting trend was followed

NP provincial chairman of information Anna van Wyk said the party was generally satisfied with the results but believed there was still a lot of work to be done in getting people in communities to become more tolerant of other parties

"We are satisfied with the voter turnout which was quite high for municipal elections but feel we were impeded in our campaign work in the former black local authority areas as we were denied the opportunity to canvass support there

"And it was not only NP that had difficulties in these areas. The PAC and other smaller parties as well as independent candidates were not allowed to campaign in these areas by ANC supporters

"The results clearly show what we were up against in these areas. But in areas where we were free to canvass, the NP showed that it had support across the racial divide"

She said The ANC was still guilty of intolerance and had adopted a very racist line throughout the elections

"They still see all blacks as ANC supporters and won't allow other parties to hand out information pamphlets to the people. The ANC is still a Xhosa-based party with a sprinkling of Indians and others supporting them"

Ms Van Wyk said the NP would not sit back now but intended consolidating and

working on broadening its base in the rest of the country as well

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said his party had closed the gap on the NP and the initial euphoria expressed by the NP quickly evaporated as all the results came in from the metro and rural elections

"The NP should be reminded that they won control of the province by winning 53 percent of the vote in 1994 while the ANC secured 33 percent. By adding the results of the 1995 transitional local council elections and the metro and rural elections on May 29, a very interesting picture emerges

"A steady erosion of NP support and a growth and broadening of support for the ANC is evident. The ANC picked up 37,2 percent of the vote while the NP's support is down to 48,2 percent"

He said the NP's claim that its achievements in the May election represented the beginning of an onslaught on the ANC majority for the 1999 elections had to be dismissed with contempt

"The NP achieved an average of 0,8 percent of votes from the black local authority wards and it is not surprising that voters rejected the party so decisively having borne the brunt of the NP's 'swart gevaar' campaign

"It is also not surprising that the party's supporters called President Nelson Mandela a kaffir and told him to leave Mitchell's Plain because their party leaders openly say that KwaZulu-Natal belongs to the Zulus, the Eastern Cape to the Xhosas and the Western-Cape to the Afrikaners

"But the ANC is very proud of the support it got from thousands of coloured voters in many wards and it is clear there is a very committed, dedicated and conscious support for the party across working and middle class communities"

More errors found in local election balloting

Serious miscalculation in Khayelitsha could tilt balance of power in Tygerberg

CHENÉ BIGNAUT
Staff Reporter

THE battle for political control of the Cape metropole is continuing after another serious miscalculation of votes in Khayelitsha

The discovery could disturb the precarious balance of power in the Tygerberg substructure as well as in the finely balanced Cape Metropolitan Council

Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilken last night said an independent audit of the election results in the substructure indicated a duplication of 4 073 proportional votes for the African National Congress in Ward 11 in Khayelitsha

The audit by Price Waterhouse was based on figures provided to Mr Wilken by presiding officers. Although the full details of the

audit report will only be released later today, it was clear that the counting error could have a serious impact on the delicate balance between the ANC and National Party in the 72-seat substructure

The two are running neck-and-neck with 35 seats each, while the Democratic Party holds the balance of power with one seat

The remaining seat is still to be determined in a by-election, following the death of the NP candidate in Bonteheuwel

The announcement of the counting error comes at a time when the ANC is still considering whether to challenge the outcome of the elections in Khayelitsha, after 2 692 ANC votes were wrongly attributed to the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) in Ward Two

Reacting to the latest discovery, the ANC community election spokesman, Cameron Dugmore, slammed what he called the "pre-mature" release of audit results

"No facts have been given to substantiate the miscalculation, yet it is being presented as a fact," said Mr Dugmore

He said that the ANC's audit revealed "some irregularities and problems in several Khayelitsha wards", but did not show duplication of ANC votes

An ANC delegation, including Mr Dugmore, provincial leader Chris Nissen, David Dlali and regional secretary James Ngculu, is to meet Local Government Minister Peter Marais today to discuss various issues

Mr Dugmore said the party might still challenge the outcome of the

election in Khayelitsha in the Supreme Court if the matter was not satisfactorily resolved

Meanwhile, National Party spokesman Frik van Deventer was cautious in welcoming the preliminary audit results, saying it could end the frustrating "stalemate" between the ANC and NP

Meanwhile in the Helderberg substructure, election officials are expected to re-examine votes cast after a number of mainly ANC ballot papers were found in a municipal yard

The urgent reconciliation of all ballots is likely to start today, and will try to establish whether the discarded ballots had been counted

If not, the uncounted ballots could swing the balance of power in the Helderberg towards the ANC as most of the votes were for it

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NP'S JACOBS IS FIRST SOUTHERN MAYOR

History made in Constantia

EVERYONE at the inaugural meeting of the new Southern council was acutely aware of being a participant in an historic occasion, writes **PETER DENNEHY**.

THE National Party's Mr John Oswald Jacobs was chosen yesterday by 29 votes to six as the first mayor of a Cape Town municipal council elected directly by voters on a non-racial basis.

The 36 councillors and small audience in the Alphen Centre Hall in Constantia were acutely aware of being present at a historic occasion. Congratulated by all parties — including the ANC — and issued with a red robe and a mayoral chain, Jacobs then took over the chair of the inaugural meeting of the new council.

He had served as a transitional Cape Town councillor for the past 18 months and before that was on the Retreat management committee.

In his acceptance speech, he said he trusted he would be able to

serve everyone in the substructure

The deputy mayor is Ms Felicity Purchase of Fish Hoek, who has been active in civic matters for some years. She once helped organise the Good Hope Alliance, an umbrella-body of non-ANC civics.

The NP has 26 seats on the Southern council, the ANC four, the DP three, and there are three independents.

A decision will be taken later on what allowances the new councillors will receive.

The leading personalities on the new council did not take long to establish themselves.

Those who did most of the talking included NP caucus speaker Mr Deon Kruse, former mayor of Ottery East and NP caucus chairman the Rey Herbert Syré, independent councillor for Grassy Park Mr

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Ralph Bam and Mr Peter Gabriel and Mr Dick Meter of the ANC

Others who spoke were Mrs Joan Heming and Mr Demetri Qually of the DP, independent Mrs Nicki Holderness, and the NP's Mr Sulaiman Ebrahim and Mr Frederick Hoffman.

The first thing the new council did was to set rules — borrowed from the old Cape Metropolitan Council — about how its own meetings will be conducted.

Bam raised several objections to the rules, but was solidly outvoted after Kruse said the rules should be accepted in the meantime and could be amended later. Bam's amendment received only four votes.

This pattern continued for most of the day, to the extent that Mr Henne van Wyk of the ANC complained in the afternoon about "rathroading" of decisions.

The NP's Mr Graham Lawrence said his party was not trying to "steamroller" anything through,

but it wanted instead "to give you a chance to negotiate"

A decision on whether to appoint an executive committee was postponed to give the three independents — Bam, Holderness and Mr Clive Wakeford — a chance to come to an agreement about their probable single seat on the 12-person executive.

Kruse said the NP believed it should get nine of the executive seats, with one going to the ANC, one to the DP and one to an independent.

Holderness complained that the council had been "emasculated" by the proclamation that brought it into existence, because many of the assets that she felt should belong to the South were still legally owned by Cape Town.

Mr Neville Riley suggested a moratorium on sales of council-owned land, to prevent asset stripping. He wanted to know whether the proceeds of sales would be put in trust for the Southern council.

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RINGING IN THE CHANGES: Mr John Jacobs, the Cape metropolitan area's first mayor elected on a totally non-racial basis with a universal franchise, with his deputy Ms Felicity Purchase, at the Alphen Centre in Constantia yesterday

PICTURE: THEMBINKOSI DWAYISA

ANC set to lose Tygerberg seat

CHRIS BATEMAN

IN a turbulent turn of election fortunes yesterday, the ANC was set to lose a party list seat in the finely balanced Tygerberg sub-structure while a jubilant ACDP will probably regain one.

This will leave the NP in the majority in the substructure.

The Tygerberg seats — with a by-election in the NP-dominated Bonteheuwel still outstanding — will today almost certainly end up as NP 35, ANC 34 and the DP and ACDP one each.

This would give the NP a majority in five of the six substructures.

The Supreme Court will rule this morning on an application by Tygerberg return-

ing officer Mr Dave Wilkens to have 4 074 votes incorrectly allocated to the ANC through a faulty double count in one Khayelitsha ward, removed and scrapped from the official tallies.

Wilkens is also asking that 2 692 votes incorrectly allocated to the ACDP in the Washington Square suburb of Khayelitsha be given back to the ANC.

The result of a poll formula on excess votes was that the ACDP was first stripped of its single seat, which was handed to the ANC. But the double count was then discovered — to the ACDP's delight.

ACDP Western Cape leader Mr Michael Louis said "fairness" had prevailed, adding "We are tremendously excited to know that people of principle will now hold the bal-

ance of power in Tygerberg".
Louis said he was excited at the prospect of ACDP member Mr Swieg Nel becoming exco chairman of the substructure.

Speaking after a meeting at which the ANC voiced unhappiness over the "possibly thousands" of Guguletu and Khayelitsha eligible voters who did not appear on the Metropolitan voters roll, Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais promised yesterday to supply "full information".

ANC spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said his party would await the results of the official audit, as well as their independent audit, and "consider whether we accept the court's decision" before declaring the election free and fair.

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The Western Cape goes to the polls

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EYEWITNESS



Marion Edmunds

TRUST nobody," scream the walls of a Hanover Park tenement building on the Cape Flats. Not only is the message scrawled in crude black ink but the disrepair of the buildings, the rubbish lifting in the wind and the belligerent poverty of the area testify to the fact that politicians have not yet bought the Hanover Park community "A better life for all", promised by the African National Congress since 1994.

Yet the queue at the Hanover Park polling station this Wednesday during the Western Cape local government elections was long and patient Residents arrived at the gates to the polling booths throughout the day ID books in hand, to select a politician to represent them on local councils. As in many areas in the poorer parts of Cape Town, posters were few and far between, and voting was a low-key event.

"Not much problems here," said an official. "Just, people can't understand why they must vote three times. But we have explained that to them." He broke off to talk to an elderly man who wanted to vote, but who had not registered. As we got back into the car to continue our tour, the elderly man limped away from the polling station on his own, clutching his ID book, without having cast his vote.

Back on the road, the line of posters got thinner and thinner the further away from Cape Town centre we went. Between Nyanga and Philippi, there were one or two ANC posters on the lampposts, and then suddenly an unexpected Democratic Party poster, stuck in the middle of shackland. On closer inspection, it became clear that the DP poster was serving as an important part of a shack wall, and was not a clear sign of support for DP leader Tony Leon.

At a small squatter settlement called Phola Park, I asked a woman who she was voting for. "The National Party," she said. "Where's your money?"

"I don't have any money," I answered.

"I vote NP if you give me money where's your money?"

On realising that she had no chance of getting anything, she burst out: "This is ANC, go away NP, this is ANC." As we retreated to the car, small groups of women shouted, "ANC! ANC!" and held up their fists, half in salute and half in anger. The men looked up with amusement from their card games.

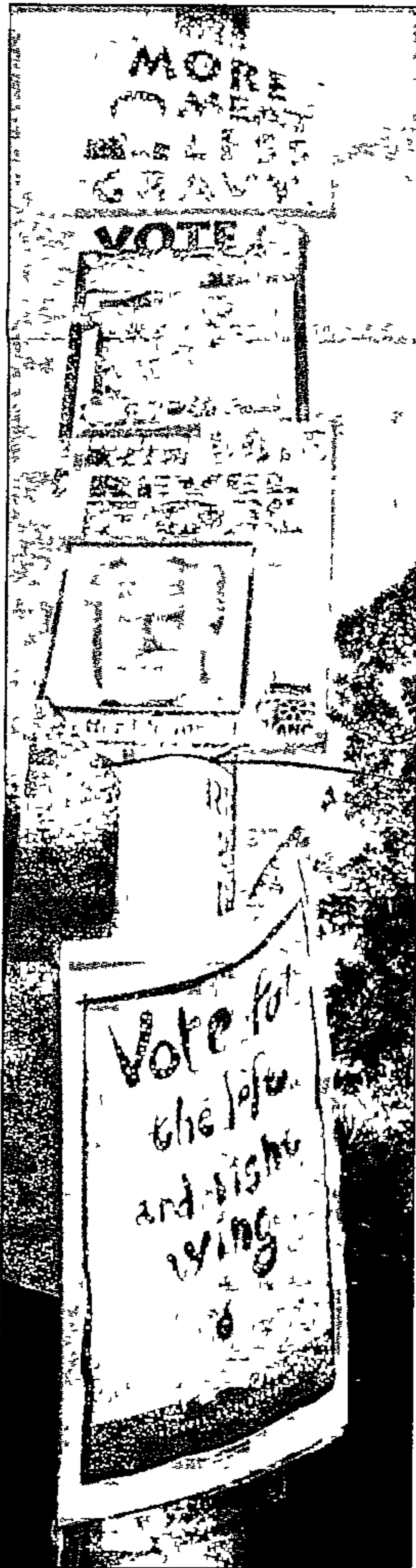
Around the corner, a man festooned in ANC paraphernalia also asked for money.

Petrol pump attendant Arthur Mduzulwana was, however, grateful for an apple, and gave "a statement" to the media. "I vote for the ANC because it is going to make my life here easier. The NP is lying. We like FW as our ex-president, but he must not gossip about the ANC as he does. The ANC will give us houses, water and jobs for all people so the crime rate is not so high. Nelson Mandela is our president."

Mandela's voting place, Westerford High School on Rondebosch Main Road, seemed a world away from Phola Park on the Cape Flats. Mandela strode out of his official residence Genadendal on Wednesday morning, with the ANC candidate,



Off to war: Nelson Mandela is mobbed on his way to vote at Westerford High School in Rondebosch



city architect Revel Fox, at his side. They were mobbed by photographers, by Fox's groupies and by curious passers-by.

Neatly maroon-jacketed school girls and boys and their families waited for Mandela with tea and biscuits and a choir performance. Local Rondebosch families were agog as he shook hands, talking here and there with his characteristic ease, and bubbles of hysteria mounted among the young people, especially the teenage girls.

"He touched my hand, he touched my hand," shouted one, staring at



Top marks. Nando's was not chicken to get in on the act (left). Getting lucky? The NP put on a colourful show at Plumstead in Cape Town

PHOTOGRAPHS RODGER BOSCH

her thumb and forefingers as if she wanted to chop them off and preserve them in a jar of aspic until kingdom come. Mandela had impact, but most of the excitement faded after he left in the middle of the morning.

The Fox team made the boldest splash of all in Rondebosch, with a table and stands and many bright posters, swamping the other parties, which relied on posters on lampposts to make their statements.

By midday, it became clear that the winner of the best election poster award just had to go to Nando's. Posters placed throughout the city proclaimed the fast-food outlet's message: "Food for all", "We stand for family values", "Vote for the left and the right wing", "No foul play", "Against battered chicken", "Simply the breast", "Now you've made your mark, have your lunch".

Nando's put the other election messages in the shade. The NP had a selection, including the grim "Death penalty for murderers" and the fantastical "Save the rand". The ANC stuck to the tried and tested "Make it happen in your ward" and "Die NP het misluk".

The Freedom Front ignored the *volkstaat* with "Equal rights for equal service" and the Conservative Party hit out at the NP with "Geen blanke

tyek vir FW/ANC. The African Christian Democratic Party preached "Morality, stability, accountability", "Ensuring your family's future" and "No slogans, just action". The DP boasted "More meat less gravy", "Bang vir niks" and "Tough, capable, determined".

It was difficult to find many signs of the DP outside the traditionally white areas, but in Delft there was a small outpost — a house covered with DP posters. It was the Delft undertaker's house. The undertaker, Stanley van der Bergh, brought his own touch to the DP message, adding to posters the words "Join the DP for peace" and "Set the Cape free".

He said it was probable that the Delft community would stick to its traditional voting lines of ANC and NP, but he hoped there might be a swing to the DP, "because the DP is the party of delivery and businessmen. They are the people who fight for us in Parliament, not the NP."

Election agents and party workers confirmed at different polling stations that one of the problems in this election was that people were confusing local issues with national policy, and would probably still continue to vote along the lines they did in the 1994 general election.

But this local government election was altogether much calmer and flat-

ter than that of 1994. Despite administrative hitches and some confusion in the townships about registration, the voting process was smooth — unexpectedly so after the rough and ready final election campaigns, during which the NP and ANC jostled each other for the coloured vote.

An NP supporter in Mitchell's Plain was dismissive of the ANC on Wednesday. "I lost my job, you see, three years ago, in the bakeries. It was when the unions came in. Cosatu gave money to the ANC and that is why they are a party now. It's my money I used to get R3 000 a month, now I am getting R250 a week and I am glad to have a job." He walked away in disgust.

ANC MPs, especially those from up-country, said they were appalled at the crudeness of the approach of some of the NP supporters they encountered.

One told this story the day before the elections. "We were campaigning in Mitchell's Plain and these *tannies* lifted up their skirts and said, 'See that, it belongs to FW de Klerk, not to you.'"

The MP rolled his eyes in prudish disapproval.

By the time of going to print, insufficient results had come in to be able to decide whether De Klerk got lucky on the Cape Flats, but the first signs indicated the NP was keeping the ground it won during the election of 1994.

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Squabble over development

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The repartee is becoming heated in the Western Cape as political parties clash over development planning
Aspasia Karras reports

DEVELOPMENT planning in the Western Cape is being hampered by party politics. The adoption of a Provincial Development Council Bill this month, and the debate that preceded it, have set the tone for future sparring between the National Party and the African National Congress.

Commentators argue that the NP's understanding of development planning is the degree to which it can extend patronage and thereby consolidate its own position.

Minister for Economic Affairs and Reconstruction and Development Programme, Chris Nissen (one of four ANC MECs), says: "They make a noise about bringing government closer to

the people and when we take measures to put that objective into effect, they are the first to oppose them."

The Provincial Development Council Bill is an attempt to consolidate two structures that previously tried to facilitate development planning in the province — the Western Cape Development Forum, which brought business, labour and community organisations together in 1990 to address economic development, and the Regional Advisory Development Council, the advisory structure of the previous dispensation.

Clearly a substantial handicap to the government's potential to deliver has been the complex and messy division of power, and the rationalisation of inherited institutions. The Provincial Development Council (PDC) is a case in point.

In all other provinces, excluding KwaZulu-Natal, interpreting the Development Facilitation Act has been relatively simple, while in the Western Cape it meant reconciling the old guard — represented by Minister of

Development Planning Limpie Ficks's Department of Agriculture and Development Planning — with the RDP in Nissen's brief. And all the while juggling with the fact that RDP forums were sprouting spontaneously in communities and challenging government initiatives on the basis of inclusivity in decision-making.

Lucky Montana of the Department of Economic Affairs and RDP explains: "The pressure from more than 180 RDP forums, without a coherent institutional framework, led to the creation of an Interim Management Committee for the proposed PDC at a provincial RDP summit, which was empowered to develop enabling legislation and a draft constitution."

The chair of the Interim Management Committee, Adrien Sayers, a Cosatu representative, explains the province's hesitations to adopt the recommendations of the Development Facilitation Act.

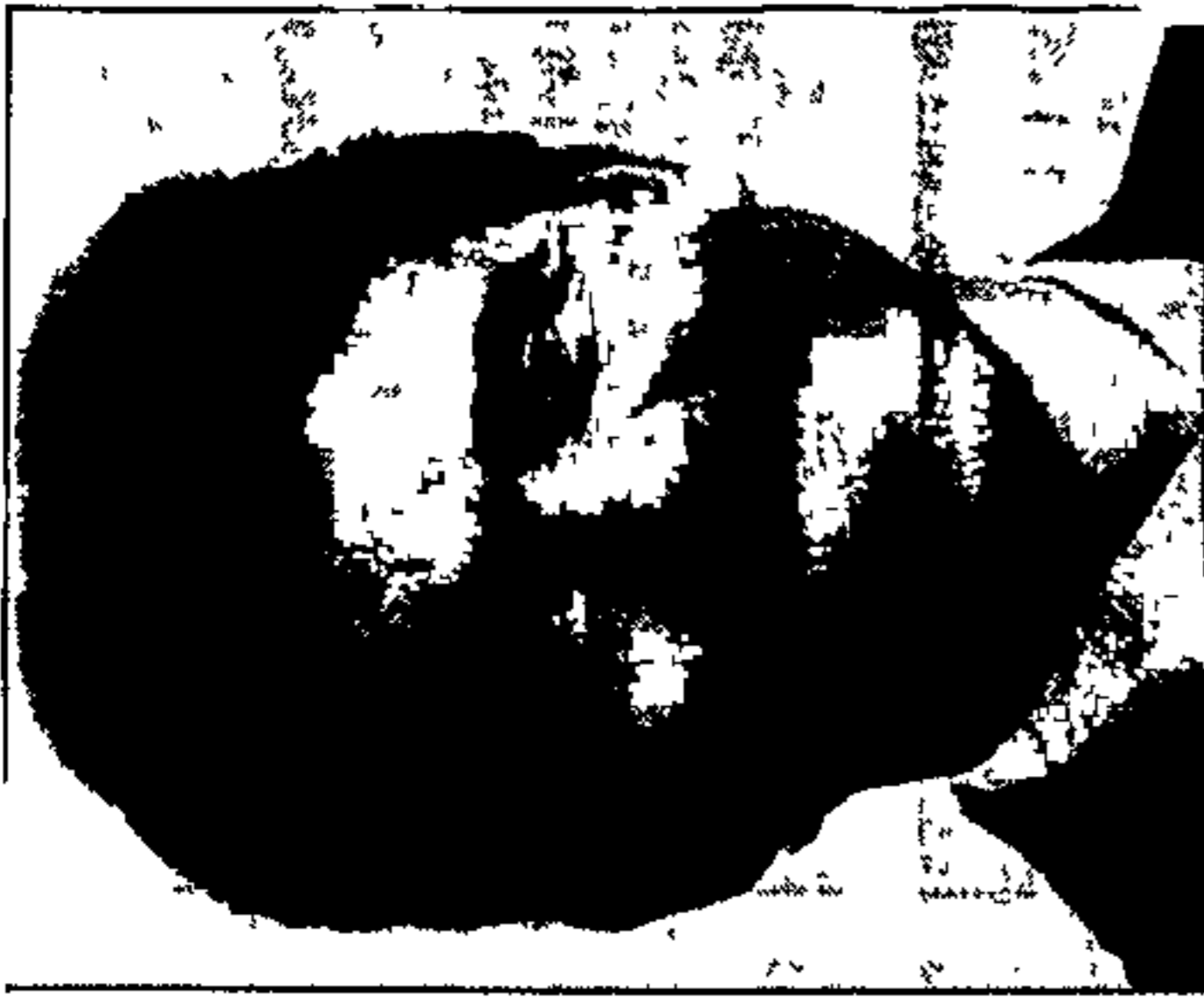
"It is not an attempt to circumvent national legislation, but its implementation in the province needed to be dis-

cussed. The Act concentrates on the question of land and development. We envision a much broader, intersectoral definition of development planning. The history of the debate is not so much rooted in the provincial administration but rather in people looking for a structured framework, based on the RDP White Paper around consultative structures."

But, says a Gauteng official "it is pure party politics, a fight for political autonomy."

The debate has concentrated on four areas of crucial difference in the Bill. Cameron Dugmore, an ANC member of the Provincial Legislature, says "Our point of view has been that although the NP has adopted 'development speak', they do not know what development planning really means and the original Bill proposed reflects this."

The first important concern was the failure of the proposed Bill to integrate or even mention the RDP forums, which meant essentially that it was marginalising the community. Second, the Bill attempted to recreate the advi-



Chris Nissen: 'The NP is the first to oppose measures to bring government closer to the people'

PHOTOGRAPH ANDREW MOHAMMED

sory councils of the past, as it made no provision for government participation.

Says Montana "This is completely inconsistent with the new ideas of government, and the need for partnership between government and civil society to deal with the economic and developmental needs of the province."

"The NP argued that they are elected officials and therefore cannot advise themselves. But the council is not advisory, rather it is a mechanism for co-ordinated planning."

A further debate emerged regarding to the new council's constitution. The proposed Bill suggested that the government must approve it before it was adopted. Montana elaborates "This was clearly problematic, where is the consultation in that? How then do we engage with the stakeholder?"

The constitution will be presented at the inaugural meeting of the council and stakeholders are invited to comment on the draft. After it is adopted by the meeting, it will be submitted to the premier for approval.

Finally, on the controversial issue of stakeholder participation, the compromise position allows for representatives to be nominated from the various stakeholder organisations, who will then form part of the three tier organisation — local development councils, related to wards, regional development councils, divided into eight potential regions, and finally the provincial council.

This addresses many of the non-governmental organisation and environmental lobby positions, which have argued that there is too much business representation at the interim structures.

In an attempt to allay fears about current measures for decision-making, business representative on the Interim Management Council, Herman Hirsch, says. "No decisions on planning will be made until such time as the constitution is adopted."

The local government elections are a leverage point in the debate, and present an opportunity for further polarisation. Says Dugmore "The NP tried to usurp control of development planning, which they understand simply as physical, spatial planning in the style of the Land Use Ordinance, whereas the heart of the debate is the overall economic growth and development of the province, which the premier's vision does not articulate."

"When the Nats refused to back down, we went out and mobilised. We have put huge pressure on them to ensure that the council will be broadly representative, inclusive, and will consult and then co-ordinate the economic and societal needs of the province, like the National Economic Development and Labour Council, through its mediation on needs and priorities."

Nissen is categorical: "It was not an accident that those who conceptualised the original Bill tried to root it in the old apartheid laws. There was no reference to the RDP, which should constitute the basis of the PDC itself. The ANC will not allow the NP to impose its own kind of development in the province."

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More ballot papers found as W Cape election woes continue

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Staff Reporter

ANOTHER controversy is set to rock embattled election officials after a box of ballot papers was found in Lingulethu West in Khayelitsha after last week's Western Cape elections

This follows the controversy over ballot-counting errors in the Tygerberg substructure, which is being heard in the Cape Supreme Court, today. Returning officer Dave Wilken is asking the court to correct the results after it became evident totals were incorrectly added.

Ballot papers also have been found in a municipal yard in the Helderberg substructure, although it appears they have been counted.

African National Congress spokesman Cameron Dugmore said the box found in Khayelitsha, containing about 100 completed ballots, was discovered by a

municipal worker in a storeroom. It was not clear whether they had been counted and the party would meet today to decide on any action.

If today's court application succeeds, the National Party is expected to have 35 seats, the ANC 34 and the Democratic Party and African Christian Democratic Party one seat each, with a by-election pending in Bonteheuwel. This means both the DP and ACDP hold the balance of power.

The ACDP, which appeared to have lost its proportional representation seat due to the earlier error, now seems set to get its seat back. Mr Wilken will ask that 4 074 votes wrongly allocated to the ANC through a faulty double count in one Khayelitsha ward be removed from official tallies. This could help the ACDP win a seat.

He also will be asking that 2 692 votes incorrectly allocated to the ACDP be given back to the

ANC
Mr Dugmore said the ANC would decide today whether to oppose Mr Wilken's application.

But the other controversy - that of the number of voters unable to vote for the Cape Metropolitan Council because their names were not on the voters' roll - is set to continue.

After an urgent meeting between the ANC and Local Government Minister Peter Marais late yesterday, it was agreed that by tomorrow parties would be given information from the returning officer for the Tygerberg substructure on the number of voters who were prevented from voting for metro representatives because their names were left off the metro roll.

Mr Marais also agreed to call a meeting of the full multi-party liaison committee, which he chairs, for Monday.

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Power-sharing denied the ANC in Tygerberg

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — An audit of the votes captured by Tygerberg returning officers in last week's elections has denied the ANC of its power-sharing position with the NP

Auditor Price Waterhouse found there had been a duplication of 4 073 Khayelitsha votes allocated to the ANC. As a result it has lost one of the 35 seats originally allocated to it on the Tygerberg substructure council. It now has 34 compared with the NP's 35, the DP's one and the African Christian Democratic Party's (ACDP's) one.

The ACDP gained a seat after applying the complicated formula used to determine the number of seats allocated to each party

Local government MEC Peter Marais conveyed the contents of the auditors' report to the ANC yesterday.

Tygerberg's returning officer, Dave Wilken, is to bring an urgent application in the Cape Supreme Court today to have the new dispensation tabled. ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore

more said after a meeting with Marais last night that the ANC would reserve its opinion on the auditor's report until the party had seen it. Marais agreed to hand over information requested by the ANC on the number of voters turned away from polling stations because their names were not on the metropolitan lists, as well as the numbers transferred because they were registered in the wrong ward.

Dugmore said after assessing this information the ANC would decide on whether to take further action.

A meeting of the multiparty liaison committee is scheduled to take place on Monday to assess whether the elections were free and fair.

The furor over "hidden" ballots in Helderberg allegedly discovered in a municipal yard on Tuesday turned out to be a storm in a teacup. The ballots were counted and found to match the reconciliation forms.

Returning officer Paul Venter said bags containing thousands of ballot papers were split open en route from the counting station to the storeroom.

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The issue of race played a sad role in the Cape's recent local poll

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What, pray tell, lies in the heart of the Western Cape voter?

For despite ANC MP Carl Niehaus's continued insistence that his party did not lose the Western Cape local government elections last week, one thing remains clear the National Party is in power, the Democratic Party's stronghold has been compromised, and there is no other political player of significance in the province

But the question that has dominated the minds of many since the April 1994 NP victory in the province remains, and that is what drives a people oppressed for centuries, relegated to second-class citizenship, to vote for the party that was a major instrument in their oppression?

It goes without saying that the people of the Western Cape and any other part of the world have the right to vote for the party and candidate of their choice

After all, this is what our democracy is all about

But their reasons for doing so are interesting in the context of South Africa and its politics

One aspect of the turn towards the NP in the province seems to have been fear of the perceived unknown, a matter of better the devil you know than the one you do not

The vote that carried the NP in the province came from the coloured community, and if indications are anything to go by, the central reason for their overwhelming swing to supporting the National Party is an aversion to rule by their darker brothers, as they seem to perceive the ANC as being

The electioneering was characterised by subtle - and not so subtle - racism by NP leaders and their supporters

In many parts, African voters were labelled with that hoary old K-word, and reports indicate that President Nelson Mandela himself was called a kaffir in Cape Town



PROVINCIAL MATTERS

By Justice

Malala

The teachers' march on Parliament, which took place only a few days before the election, also ingrained the idea that the central ANC Government was hell-bent on "punishing" the province for its support for the NP in the 1994 election by moving its teachers to other provinces

The Nats took the opportunity to drive this message through, the message of an ANC that was ready to look after "its own African" brothers while punishing the coloureds

The ploy worked, as the results show

That race has played such a central role in this election is sad, but it was inevitable

The provinces of our country have particular characters, and the Western Cape's demographics continue to open this specific region to manipulation by politicians.

Another reason for the ANC's lacklustre performance there was that it concentrated too much on sending its national leaders to the constituencies

It consequently neglected to let the people who were known, who were doing work among those communities, take over the

leadership and education of their people.

Mandela, Sam Shilowa and other top ANC and Cosatu leaders dominated the platforms

The ANC, aware of the race card that was played in the 1994 election, did not seem to have the political acumen to send its own local leaders into the communities to defuse the racial tinge being placed on the election

Sending Mandela to Bonteheuwel is fine, but if people want to be reassured about perceived domination then people from their very own communities might be able to do this better than the ANC president does himself.

The Nationalists now dominate both the local and provincial tiers of government in the Western Cape, and will largely have the power now to implement their own programmes there

With the NP now an official opposition in the country, the combination is set to see a rise in clashes between the ANC-led central and the provincial government

With the winding up of the Western Cape election, the spotlight now turns fully on KwaZulu Natal, that other province whose bleeding has refused to be stemmed in the past decade

Despite the increased police and army presence there, blood continues to flow in the undulating hills of the province, while the politicians continue to electioneer and posture

Already, the political playing fields have been proven to be terribly uneven

No-go areas remain, people are scared to even speak about their political leanings, and pollsters sent in by the Media and Marketing Research group had to abandon their activities there due to intimidation and death threats

Whether the elections there will be free and fair, whether they can be mounted at all in an acceptable manner, is doubtful

But democracy has to reach the people, at the level closest to them, and all parties seem to have accepted that this will happen

The runup to June 26 will be interesting, to say the least

One sincerely hopes that the blood will have stopped flowing before then

Solomon is city's first ANC mayor

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THE African National Congress made a clean sweep of all key positions on Cape Town's new Central Substructure at its inaugural meeting today, electing two women to lead the city

Theresa Solomon, the previous deputy mayor, was voted mayor Nomaandia Mfeketo was re-elected head of the executive committee (exco) by the council which is dominated by the ANC

Saleem Mowzer, also of the ANC, was elected deputy chairman of exco and yet another ANC councillor, Arthur Jacobs, was elected deputy mayor

The ANC also took the majority of seats on the executive committee when it won five out of the nine available

The NP won three seats and the DP one Ms Mfeketo was nominated unopposed but the NP did put up former Cape Town mayor William Bantom against Mrs Solomon - he lost by 39 votes to 32

Mrs Solomon is the first African National Congress mayor of Cape Town.

The NP nomination for deputy mayor was Sumaya Talep who also lost

There were 71 councillors in the chamber at the start of the meeting and three absent, one from the NP, one from the ANC and an independent

When the results of the vote were read



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MAYORAL DELIGHT: New Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon hugs her new deputy Arthur Jacobs.

out, it was clear the Democratic Party's six members had voted with the NP, while the ANC had collected support from an independent and one of the smaller parties. The African Muslim Party and the African Christian Democratic Party each have one seat on the new council

After Mrs Solomon took the chair, she thanked the council for the confidence that had been placed in her

She said the mayor represented all the citizens of the city

Hate could engulf W Cape, warns Marais

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'Burning issues are being ignored'

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HENRI DU PLESSIS
Staff Reporter

THE ill-informed and narrow-minded have become servants of hate, which is threatening to engulf the Western Cape, says provincial Minister of Local Government Peter Marais

He said during the budget debate in the provincial legislature yesterday that intolerance, lawlessness and racism were burning issues, which were being politely and diplomatically ignored

"I believe the real root of our conflict is ignorance, and unless we can conquer this menace it will conquer our hopes and vision," he said

Mr Marais said the recent local elections had been a success, although certain hiccups still had to be addressed. But the National Party and the African National Congress both had to get their houses in order before the bigger vision of success in the

region could be realised

"We are both developing the very characteristics we condemn in one another. We must co-operate on key issues instead of competing

"Before we rush headlong into battle we must ask ourselves whether a fight is essential or whether other means cannot be found"

Mr Marais said politicians should get "off their roller coaster ride" and realise that the people of the province had not been moving as fast as they had

"They have not moved since April 1994 (the first national democratic elections). They have been left static, bewildered and confused - mere tools of our own political successes

"Our intolerance of one another has made us deaf to the voices of caution and reason, and to public opinion. We are angered by well-intended criticism, and too preoccupied with our own party agendas"

DP and NP form a strategic alliance in Western Cape

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CAPE TOWN

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Western Cape DP and NP form a strategic alliance in Western Cape

Tiny DP grabs balance of power in two councils

By NORMAN WEST Political Reporter

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DESPITE its poor showing in last week's local government elections, the Democratic Party holds the balance of power in two substructures, enabling it to wield a powerful influence on decisions reached in the Cape Metropolitan Council

The DP has ended up as a powerful broker in both the Helderberg and Tygerberg substructures, as well as at Metropolitan Council level. It qualified for one seat in both substructures, where neither the ANC or the Nats have a big enough majority to dominate on their own.

The NP hangs on to power by its fingernails in both Tygerberg and Helderberg and need the DP's support in the event of a tie. And the DP further reinforced its power this week when it hammered out a working relationship with the Nats.

Yesterday Mr Bester said the arrangement with the NP ensured the DP representation on five of the seven executive committees of the Metropolitan Council.

But, Mr Bester said this did not signify an alliance between the two parties.

He added that the DP would strive for inclusive consensus with all other parties on local government level, but believed it was critically important to build an effective opposition "against the tendency of the national ANC government to centralise power and to bow to the demands of Cosatu".

During the inaugural meeting of the Central substructure on Friday voting revealed the DP's six members had sided with the NP.

Voters signed up 48 times

By NORMAN WEST

SOME voters in last week's local elections had been registered at 48 different addresses, Western Cape parliamentarians heard this week.

Quoting from a letter by the co-ordinator of the metropolitan voters' roll, Local Government Minister Peter Marais said many of the duplications on the Khayelitsha and Ikapa rolls had resulted from people registering at different addresses.

In many cases, they had registered up to 48 times at different addresses.

Some voters had not been able to vote for the metropolitan structure because 6 799 individuals had been registered in more than one sub-structure.

In Ikapa, 36 190 duplicate names had been taken off the voters' roll and another 18 395 in Khayelitsha, Mr Marais said.

ANC mayor sets sights on breaking down racism

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THE ANC, with 37 seats, has a firm grip on the Central municipality. At the council's first meeting, independents often voted with the ANC. **PETER DENNEHY** reports.

THE Central municipality is firmly in ANC hands — in spite of the National Party's decisive victory in the Cape Town metropole as a whole

For the first time, the municipality's top positions — those of mayor and executive committee chair — are occupied by women. Mrs Theresa Solomon of Mitchells Plain is the central city's first ANC mayor while Ms Noma India Mfeketo remains exco chairman, possibly for another four years

The ANC also has five of the nine seats on the executive committee and chairs three of the council's five main working committees

Solomon lost her ward, but won the city. The ANC gained more votes than the NP in the Central municipality. This is reflected

by the ANC's 14 proportional representation (party list) seats on the council, while the NP has 12.

This enabled Solomon, previously deputy mayor, to oust the nominated transitional mayor of Cape Town, NP member the Rev William Bantom

Solomon's main concerns are the need for essential municipal services, housing and dealing with street children and gangsterism.

She is determined to be neutral in chairing council debates. She hopes that all Capetonians will make a conscious daily effort to stop looking at themselves in terms of colour. Eventually this would break down racism and the fear that goes with it, she says

Although it holds nearly all the top political posts on the council, the ANC appears, on paper, to have

only a tenuous hold on council power. It has 37 seats. The remaining 37 are distributed as follows: NP (26); DP (six); ACDP (one), African Muslim Party (one); and three independents.

At the council's first meeting on Friday, an independent, Mr Norman Jantjes, of Portlands, who is the local director of the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders, voted consistently with the ANC

Mr Riedewaan Isaacs (African Muslim Party) and Mr Ernest Sonnenberg (ACDP) voted with the ANC on some issues — so the ANC and allies had as many as 40 of the 74 votes.

The main debate was about whether exco members should be elected each year. The council resolved that no term of office should be specified yet and that a report should be drawn up by its next meeting.

Ballot recount to cost up to R1m

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THE Tygerberg ballot paper recount — to be monitored by all candidates — will cost between R500 000 and R1 million and will begin tomorrow "at the earliest" the area's returning office, Mr Dave Wilken, said yesterday

Arising from faulty counts in two Khayelitsha wards which resulted in seats being incorrectly allocated to the ACDP and the ANC, the recount was ordered by the Supreme Court last week

The ANC also complained of faulty voters rolls, poor administration, late polling station opening and a lack of voting equipment supplies in Khayelitsha — which they believe might have cost them a significant number of votes — perhaps enough to

regain a single seat. With existing faults corrected, the NP have 35 seats, the ANC 34, and the ACDP and DP one each

Yesterday Wilken said he had 30 staffers, "splitting all voting equipment and boxes" belonging to Khayelitsha's 196 voting stations from the substructure's 400 voting stations

"It's a major logistical operation — if parties insist on us counting all wards in the substructure, it'll take over 1 000 people — costing between half a million and a million rand"

In the court order, the contesting parties can settle at any time during the count of the area's 44 wards

Wilken said he expected a full ballot recount to take up to seven days

PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT AMONG TOP PRIORITIES

Northern's mayor pledges upliftment

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UPLIFTMENT of the area and protection of the environment from unsuitable development is the mayor of Northern municipality's aim. Metro Writer **PETER DENNEHY** reports.

MRS Algene Ross is the new mayor of the Northern municipality — she is the second woman mayor to be elected into office since the election

There will be only six mayors in the whole of metropolitan Cape Town, three of whom have been chosen already — Mr John Jacobs of Southern, Mrs Theresa Solomon of Central and Ross, NP

The boundaries of her municipality — known as Greater Mhner-ton — stretch from Brooklyn and Ysterplaat in the south, to Atlantis, Mamre and Pella in the north

Her deputy mayor, also elected yesterday, is Pastor Charles Arries (NP) of the Protea Park ward in Atlantis. He won his ward in a contest against the ANC and others, with 849 votes to the ANC's 599

The NP holds 26 of the 30 seats on the Northern council, the ANC three and the DP one

Ross, a proportional representation (party list) candidate, was not on the transitional council

She had come up through the NP hierarchy since she joined the party "several years ago, after they opened up to all". She was still elated by her election, although she had known of it in advance

"It is in line with developments in the new South Africa," she said. Her council would give urgent attention to the socio-economic upliftment of its entire area, "from Brooklyn, Ysterplaat, Summer Greens, Tigerhof and Marconi Beam to Atlantis, Mamre and Pella"

While infrastructure would be established or upgraded, the council would also "do everything in its power" to conserve the veld and beaches, where appropriate, and protect them from development

At yesterday's meeting, the council decided that English would be its main language, although councillors will be allowed to speak in the language of their choice

Acting chief executive officer Mr Peter Gerber said Afrikaans was

probably more widespread in the Northern area, but everyone had been in a conciliatory mood. They had wanted to accommodate the officials who are used to writing reports in English, and also to accommodate the single ANC ward councillor from Marconi Beam who is more comfortable in English than Afrikaans

Mr Noel Williams of the ANC congratulated both the mayor and deputy mayor and pledged to work with them

Arries, who lives in the sub-economic area of Robinvale, said he has until now been a full-time minister of the Church of England in South Africa, in Avondale, Atlantis. He had to resign because of his political role

● The Cape Metropolitan Council is to set aside R70m in the forthcoming financial year to fund municipal budget deficits throughout Greater Cape Town, according to documents placed before the Northern council yesterday

The Northern municipality is expected to have a total income of R164m in the coming year, and expenditure of R218m — a budget deficit of just over R50m



NEW SOUTH AFRICANS: The new Mayor of the Northern municipality, Mrs Algene Ross, and her deputy, Pastor Charles Arries, both NP stalwarts, congratulate each other during a break from the new council's inaugural meeting at Dvynfontein, Melkbosstrand, yesterday

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

Tygerberg recount a huge task

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WHILE newly-elected councils across the metropole are starting work in earnest, the Tygerberg is gearing itself for the mammoth task of recounting all the votes cast in the local elections.

The recount was ordered by the Supreme Court after a week-long wrangle over proportional seats in the controversial substructure.

This followed the detection of two errors in the counting and allocation of proportional votes in Khayelitsha.

Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilken met auditors, lawyers and party representatives at the Goodwood Fire Station yesterday to work out the details of the counting process, which must be completed by June 24.

Although Mr Wilken refused to comment on the preparations for the recount, he called the logistics of the election process in the Tygerberg "mind-boggling".

The opening, inspection, reconciliation and recounting of election material and ballot papers will be a costly exercise, which will be added to the R13 million bill for organising the local elections in this substructure.

Mr Wilken has the authority to

request the presence of any of the approximately 10 000 Tygerberg local election officials, including 430 presiding officers and 460 deputy presiding officers, at the recount.

This time round the laborious counting process will take place under the watchful eye of independent auditors Price Waterhouse. All the major political parties are also entitled to have a maximum of five representatives, which could include their own auditors, present.

The South African Police Services are expected to be involved in the securing of the ballot boxes, which number more than 1 800 for Khayelitsha alone.

Meanwhile, a despondent Cobus Coetzee, Tygerberg chief executive officer, said everything in this substructure had been put on hold pending the results of the recount.

"We cannot do a thing until the new council is in place," said Mr Coetzee, who expressed concern that the recount might, however, not be the end of the matter.

"This will open a new can of worms. If they uncover new irregularities the election in the Tygerberg could still be declared invalid. Where will it all end?"

Veteran chosen to lead Eastern substructure

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THE first mayor of the National Party-dominated Eastern substructure which forms part of the Cape metro area, is the NP's Kobus Brynard, a former mayor in the region and a veteran of local government

Mr Brynard's election as mayor was unopposed after councillor John Brown turned down nomination at the newly-elected council's first meeting in Kraaifontein last night

The council's area includes Kraaifontein, Kuils River and Blue Downs

Addressing the first meeting of the council, Mr Brynard said the Eastern substructure could become a symbol of hope, but had a formidable task in facing up to realities and living up to the expectations of the people it

Some of these daunting realities included the huge burden of debt facing the Eastern substructure, rising crime, the challenge to uplift communities, provision of housing, creating job opportunities, getting people to pay for rent and services and expanding magistrates' courts and police stations

Mr Brynard said that, in the short-term, the substructure would not be able to cover its huge operating costs. An added problem for the area, he said, was the fact that it was home to people falling in the bracket of the lowest per capita income in the metropole

Tariff increases and capital expenditure would have to be kept to a minimum, he said, and attention given to those who "were not privileged in the past"

Second woman mayor elected – this (263) time it's in the Northern substructure

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WOMEN continue to feature as mayors of the Cape metropole's new councils, with the election of Algene Ross as mayor of the Northern sub-



Picture NORMAN JOSEPH, The Argus
NP CONNECTION New Northern sub-structure mayor Algene Ross and her deputy and NP colleague Charles Arries.

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structure The mayor of neighbouring Cape Town Central is Theresa Solomon, a member of the African National Congress Mrs Ross is a National Party supporter

Mrs Ross was elected at the council's meeting in Milnerton yesterday - its first since the elections on May 29 She is from Milnerton

She said socio-economic upliftment in all areas must be given priority and disadvantaged communities would not be treated as step-children in the Northern substructure's new council

Mrs Ross, a former Belhar resident, became the first mayor of the NP-dominated Northern council when 27 councillors out of 30 voted for her at the Koeberg Club in Melkbosstrand

Her deputy is NP colleague, councillor Charles Arries of Atlantis, who won ward 13.

The NP has 26 councillors on the new council, the ANC three and the Democratic Party one - the DP and NP recently agreed to vote for each other's candidates

Mrs Ross said community upliftment was needed in Brooklyn, Ysterplaat, Cambridge, Summer Greens, Tjgerhof, Marconi Beam, Atlantis, Mamre and Pella

● Noel Williams of the ANC and Ian Neilson of the DP were elected to the executive council The leaders of the five standing committees are all NP councillors

'DP's deal with NP entrenches white privilege'

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Myth of W Cape liberalism dispelled - ANC MP

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THE Democratic Party's post-election deal with the National Party had entrenched white privilege in the Western Cape, African National Congress MP Melanie Verwoerd has told parliament

Local government election results had finally dispelled the myth of liberalism in the province

"Fewer people than ever voted for the Democratic Party," she said

"The faithful ones that still did, found their party selling them out like Judas did for 30 pieces of silver"

Ms Verwoerd, speaking during

yesterday's constitutional development and local government budget debate in the national assembly, hit out at the post-election deal between the DP and the NP

She said the DP's argument that the deal would counter a "one-party state" dominated by the ANC was incorrect

The DP, a federalist party, had made the mistake of focusing only on what was happening at national level

"Surely if one is interested in a balance of power in the Western Cape one will not align oneself with the NP what the DP has done is to give the NP control of five out of six substructures"

If one linked this control of the metro to the NP majority in the province, the Western Cape was becoming a one-party state, Ms Verwoerd said

A true balance of power would have given the DP positions on only three substructure executive committees, but the deal with the NP had given them five

This was ironic in the light of criticism by the DP of the NP, shortly after that party had announced its decision to quit the cabinet, that the National Party did not do anything on a principled basis

By signing the agreement with the NP, the DP had entrenched white privilege in the Western

Court action considered

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — Legal action to halt the abolition of 6 000 teaching posts in the Western Cape was being considered by the Western Cape Parent-Teacher-Student Forum, which organised the protest march by teachers last month, co-ordinator Des Barthus said yesterday.

Barthus said any court action would be based on the Bill of Rights, which required consultation and the provision of reasons for administrative action.

He said the teacher unions which had negotiated an agreement with the national education department had been acting beyond their mandate as about 11 000 of the Western Cape 32 000 teachers were not union members. Parents had not been consulted.

During the march Barthus handed a memorandum and a petition with more than 130 000 signatures to Deputy President Thabo Mbeki demanding the rationalisation plan be scrapped.

Barthus has since been informed that the memorandum has been handed to President Nelson Mandela and consultations were under way.

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Objection lodged over provincial power loss

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CAPE TOWN — The Western Cape provincial government has lodged an objection with the Constitutional Court over the dilution of provincial powers in the new constitution, local government MEC Peter Marais disclosed during a speech on his budget vote in the provincial legislature yesterday.

The only other non-ANC provincial government, KwaZulu-Natal, and the NP have lodged similar objections. The Western Cape government objected to local government per se not being within the legislative competence of provinces, only specific matters.

The power to legislate on the different structures, functions and powers of local government was reserved for Parliament without it having to justify any legislation as being necessary to, for example, protect national standards or promote economic unity as required in the interim constitution.

Another objection was that the onus of proving whether a provincial or national law should prevail had shifted from national to provincial government.

Marais said he was "very concerned about the attempts by the national government to regulate everything concerning local government on a national basis". He intended to make sure that national legislation did not compromise the province's powers over local government.

Marais also lashed out at central government for the 17% (R50m) cut in his budget from R132m to R83m which he said "pitifully" failed to provide him with funds to assist the metropolitan, town and rural councils, many of which were struggling to survive.

He said the ANC had not provided the multiparty liaison committee — which met yesterday — with any proof to back up its claims of irregularities during the local government elections.

The committee decided to postpone a declaration on whether the elections were free and fair until after the Tygerberg elections court case and until the ANC could provide factual proof of irregularities.

Last week the ANC successfully applied to the Supreme Court for all the votes in the 44 Tygerberg wards to be recounted before June 24.

Who must pay for the recount?

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A THREAT by the voting officer for the Tygerberg sub-structure, Mr Dave Wilkin, to seek a court order to make political parties pay for the recount of votes was condemned yesterday by the National Party

"The NP is of the opinion that free and fair elections are meaningless if there are questions about the counting process," Mr Frik van Deventer MP, said

"If a democratic system is functioning properly, it is essential that certainty be obtained on the legality of the results

"As political parties did not administer the election, they cannot be held responsible for any costs that are incurred to eliminate the uncertainty that arose as a result of apparent errors by the administrators

"Such a situation amounts to a serious threat to democracy, which must be prevented at all costs "

Van Deventer said Wilkin had confirmed a newspaper report that he intended obtained a court order for the political parties to be held responsible for the costs incurred

Both the NP and ANC applied to the court for a recount of the votes



MOVING PARLIAMENT:

The virtual entrenchment of Cape Town in the new constitution has largely removed the uncertainty about the future location of Parliament.

Parliament a key to Cape's future

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 Future government structures and the siting of parliament would have a significant affect on the future of the province

However, the Western Cape Monitor says the uncertainty about the future location of parliament has been largely removed through the virtual entrenchment of Cape Town in the new constitution

But the new constitution was ambivalent about the devolution of powers to provincial governments while there was very limited transfer of fiscal resources

to the provinces
 The prospects of lower budget transfers may result in staff retrenchments

Privatisation was likely to be slow and could not be expected to have any major economic consequences for the province

The election of the new Cape Town Metropolitan Council and the six metropolitan sub-structures would have "a significant impact on the structures of organisations" but it was "unlikely to lead to dramatic conse-

quences for business
 "At best it will speed up some of the social and commercial/industrial development projects

The recognition of development organisation Wesgro as the provincial trade and investment promotion agency by the provincial government would "somewhat" reduce the gap in development corporations in the province

The establishment of a provincial development bank would further help to fill the vacuum

MPs' office allowance is not enough to meet costs

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THE ANC's constituency office in Stellenbosch attends to about 30 cases a week, says Member of Parliament Ms Melanie Verwoerd

Responding to a Cape Times investigation that found it was difficult to reach MPs at their constituency offices, Verwoerd said her telephone was often switched to the fax machine as her office's parliamentary allowance of R3 000 was not enough to meet the cost of a separate fax line

Of this allowance, R1 400 goes to the office rent, about R100 for electricity and water, and R750 each to two assistants. Verwoerd meets the other expenses out of her own pocket

The constituency allowance is likely to be raised today when the budget vote for Parliament is debated in the National

Assembly.

"We're completely overloaded. People come to the office with all sorts of problems and we have to give a lot of advice," Verwoerd said

Only certain Mondays were set aside for constituency work, Verwoerd said. She said she tried to be at the office every Friday. Problems that her assistants could not deal with were passed on to her at Parliament

Ms Veralyn Africa, administrator of the ANC MP Imam Hassan Solomon's constituency office in Grassy Park, said although the telephone number supplied by the Speaker's office was that of a private residence, its occupants had the correct number to give to callers

The Freedom Front said its Western Cape MP, Mr Pieter Grobbelaar, ran his office from home. It was for this reason that his home and Parliament numbers were given on the Speaker's list

ANC loses bid for extra seat in Tygerberg substructure

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WITH the disputed Tygerberg substructure ballot recounted yesterday, the ANC conceded it had lost its bid for an extra seat — and the NP now stands to improve its position even further when the Bonteheuwel by-election is held in August.

The seats position — subject to Supreme Court ratification next Monday and the outcome of the by-election — now stands at NP 35, ANC 34, ACDP 1 and DP 1.

The Supreme Court order to recount all votes cast in the substructure was prompted by faulty (and subsequently rectified) counts in two Khayelitsha wards, which resulted in seats being incorrectly allocated to the ACDP and the ANC.

The ANC complained of faulty voters rolls, poor administration, late polling station opening and a lack of voting equipment supplies in Khayelitsha, which they believed might have cost them a significant number of votes.

Yesterday Mr David Dlahi, the ANC's head of local government and interim chairperson of the Cape Metropolitan Council exco, conceded there "was no major difference" in counting results.

The final auditors' report will be released today, but Tygerberg returning officer Mr David Wilken yesterday declined to comment until the Supreme Court rules on Monday.

Dlahi said the ANC did not question the freeness of the election, "but we do question the fairness".

He said preliminary audit results showed discrepancies in six Khayelitsha wards, affecting 2 065 votes.

"We question why errors occurred in these areas — up to 1 225 in one Khayelitsha ward — and not in the A wards," Dlahi said.

ANC spokesperson Mr Cameron Dugmore said his party highlighted serious shortcomings, "so that in future elections can run in a way that cannot be open to questions about legitimacy".

Coloured poll stayaway 'a challenge to all parties'

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Political Correspondent

IT is a challenge to all political parties that so many coloured people did not vote in the Cape metropolitan elections, President Mandela has said.

Speaking during yesterday's senate debate on his budget, he noted that Cape Town still largely bore the imprint of the Group Areas Act.

Statistics showed that most coloured people had not found any political party worthy of a vote.

"This is a challenge to all

political parties for no part of our nation should find the margins of our political system preferable to support for any party."

Mr Mandela said the disturbing moments during the election campaign, when robustness had turned to intolerance, deserved the attention of all those concerned for democracy and national unity.

"One thinks too of the moments when patterns of thinking from the past were given voice," said Mr Mandela, who during an election visit to Mitchell's Plain was the subject of racist insults.

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Preliminary findings in the audit of votes cast in the Tygerberg substructure suggested no change in the number of seats allocated to the various parties would be necessary, ANC local government spokesman David Dlali said yesterday.

The NP won 35 seats, the ANC 34 and the ACDP one.

It was discovered later that 4 000 duplicated votes had been given to the ANC.

The allocation of the final seat is to be determined in a by-election later this month.

Dlali said the audit confirmed the ANC's suspicions that serious discrepancies had occurred in six Khayelitsha wards, where 2 065 votes were affect-

Tygerberg result is 'unlikely to change'

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ed. "We do not question the freeness of the local government elections in the area," Dlali said, "but we do question the fairness of the poll."

He asked why errors had occurred in these areas, when no major problems were reported in the white and coloured wards.

"To the ANC, it is clear that massive mismanagement and administrative chaos in Khayelitsha affected the final result."

Dlali said the absence of forms stipulating the number of ballot papers which were sent to the polling stations meant the auditors were not

able to reconcile the papers which were issued and the votes cast

Tygerberg returning officer Dave Wilkin would not comment on the auditors' report, which he said would be submitted to the Cape Supreme Court on Monday. He was satisfied that the audit had been completed, although at an enormous cost of more than R1m, and with immense effort.

ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said the multiparty liaison committee was due to meet next week to consider the question of whether the elections were free and fair.

Quebec-style W Cape for Afrikaners

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CHRIS BATEMAN

AFRIKANERS from other provinces should settle in a "Quebec-style" Western Cape to ensure the survival of their language, according to Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais

"I'd encourage Afrikaans speakers to settle where their language is being honoured rather than go into other areas where Afrikaans is not dominant — it's fruitless insisting on your constitutional rights where you are a minority," he said

Elaborating on a speech to the Kaapstad Sakekamer yesterday, Marais said that, with the NP now controlling most local authorities, a policy in which the Afrikaner language and culture would be "honoured" could be implemented.

The white/coloured unity shown in the recent local elections was "because the glue that holds them is the Afrikaans language and their Christian faith".

Marais ruled out a Quebec-style secession referendum, saying the Western Cape had a responsibility to "the total South Africa — we cannot secede — it's not an economical proposition"

ANC provincial chief, Mr Chris Nissen, accused Marais of "naivety" and of fuelling racial tension which was "contrary to reconciliation and co-existence in this province".

"In this province there are white and coloured people who speak both languages. There are white and coloured people who only speak English and coloured people who only speak Afrikaans — there's a big difference between Marais' concept of Afrikaners and coloured people's concept of an "Afrikaanse" community

Nissen said the ANC would protect everybody's right to be in the province — but would also protect the right of people to speak Afrikaans

The latest available Central Statistical Services language figures for the Western Cape region (circa 1991) stand at 37,4% Afrikaans speakers, 20% English speakers, 35,3% English and Afrikaans speakers, Xhosa 7,9%, Sesotho 3%, Sipeedi 1% and "other" 6,5%

'Set Marais decrees aside'

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SEVEN Transition Local Councils (TLCs) will ask the Supreme Court today to declare several proclamations issued by the MEC for Local Government, Mr Peter Marais, invalid and to set them aside.

The proclamations concern those in which Marais purported to establish rural councils and to dissolve Regional Services Councils and establish District Councils.

The applicants are the TLCs of Worcester, Paarl, West Coast Peninsula, Ceres, De Doorns, Riversdale and Saron.

The main dispute concerns the provision that gives the Transitional Representative Councils and TLCs each 50% of the seats on District Councils, and the one that gives all TLCs equal representation on District Councils.

The TLCs claim the provisions are "inherently undemocratic", saying they would like to have a system of proportional representation. — Staff Writer

Rates rise on the cards for central substructure

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RATES in Cape Town's central substructure will go up by 12 percent after the newly-elected council's imposition of a widespread package of increases at its first budget meeting today.

The new council replaced the former Cape Town City Council, Pinelands, Ikapa, and Crossroads.

A similar rates increase has been proposed for the southern substructure, whose council meets next week.

Cape Town central's new executive committee has already resolved that property rates should increase by 12 percent in the next financial year,

and also decided on a 10 percent increase to rentals on council houses.

Tariffs for refuse and sewerage, where these are not part of the rates levy, will also rise by 10 percent, and flat rate charges in the former black local authorities will rise by 10 percent.

Payments as a contribution in lieu of rates will also go up by 12 percent.

The executive committee has also recommended the establishment of a task team to look into the rates issue. Council executive committee head Nomandia Mfeketo said in her budget speech there was a R60 million shortfall in the R2,32 billion operating budget.

Southern areas face rates hike for new budget

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A 12 percent increase in rates is to be recommended by the executive of the Southern Substructure Council in order to balance its first budget

This is the figure suggested by budget co-ordinator Leon Smith, the town treasurer of Simon's Town

Mr Smith outlined the budget proposals at a special meeting of councillors and the substructure's newly appointed executive at the Alphen Centre in Constantia this week

He said he felt a projected 14 percent rates increase was too high and he had made some cuts and other adjustments to the budget to reach the figure of 12 percent

The 12 percent increase would balance the budget and leave a small surplus of R480 000

He said he had cut R600 000 from councillor allowances, budgeted a R2 052 000 increased allowance from the Cape Metro-

politan Council (CMC), used R3 million from the accumulated surplus, added an additional amount of R1,5 million for restructuring and standardised the Fish Hoek water tariff

He recommended the introduction of a standard water tariff for all the areas within the substructure - part of Cape Town, Fish Hoek/Kommetjie/Noordhoek, Simon's Town, Ottery East, Ocean View, Scarborough, Cape Rural, Constantia and Hout Bay/Llandudno - and that this be done as soon as possible

He also recommended that housing rentals be increased by 10 percent and that the Cape Rural area be valued as soon as possible. Large tracts of land, including farms, industrial areas and mountainside developments, had never been valued and didn't pay any rates, he said

Mr Smith added that he believed the substructure should get a share of the CMC's water account, but up to now this had been resisted by the CMC

Several councillors, including

the DP's Demetri Qually and National Party caucus spokesman Deon Kruse, said they had misgivings about using funds from the accumulated surplus to reduce rates

However, exco chairman Graham Lawrence said hitting the substructure with a huge rates increase so soon after its birth would give ratepayers a negative impression of the council

The budget meeting takes place at Constantia on Monday

Earlier, the council agreed to an urgent proposal by Cape Town's deputy city treasurer Peter Lever to agree to Cape Town raising a loan of R58 million to pay for two electricity substations

One substation which is almost complete, is in Grassy Park and will cost R36,3 million. The other, still at the planning stage, is in Pelican Park and would cost R21,8 million

After a lengthy debate, the Southern Substructure Council agreed to supply Cape Town with a letter of no objection to enable the loan to go ahead

Rates up, but all must pay

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Metro Reporter

THE NEW city council has pledged itself to a programme aimed at getting all citizens to pay for services

This decision comes in the face of a R60-million shortfall in the budget for 1996/97, which has necessitated a 12 percent increase in rates. Similar rates hikes are being considered by the other five substructures.

The Cape Town municipality, the name Central councillors would like the new substructure to adopt, accepted the rates increase at a special budget meeting yesterday.

During their budget speeches, councillors expressed concern about flooded townships, the lack of housing, the future of the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, the protection of agricultural land, a rising crime rate and the state of central business districts.

In her budget speech, executive committee chair Nomandla Mfeketo said the inclusion of iKapa and Crossroads in the city's budget presented a "significant challenge" to all those involved in the budget.

"Our starting point should always be the improvement of the quality of life of those in poorer communities. Expenditure should initially be targeted at improving the provision of services in these and other disadvantaged areas," she said.

"This should not, however, be at the cost of random and large-scale deterioration in the quality and quantity of services offered to traditional areas."

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■ The Central substructure has adopted a R3,1-billion budget for the next financial year, but there is acute awareness on the part of councillors that a "culture of payment" will have to be instilled to ensure stable local government.

ty of people in the city had previously been denied participation in government, but now they had a direct say in service delivery.

"The provision of adequate services in disadvantaged areas will also provide the impetus for reciprocation from targeted communities. In this regard, the initial outlay of services to these communities will in due course result in increased payment of services," she said.

Ms Mfeketo stressed that communities could not be expected to make payments for services that did not exist or were of extremely poor quality.

She said the city had an expected operating budget of R2,32 billion, but that operational income was predicted to be R2,26 billion, reflecting a R60 million shortfall.

"The origin of the shortfall lies primarily in the inclusion of the iKapa area into the substructure's budget."

"While this fact may lead some to claim that iKapa is draining the resources of the municipality, this view cannot be accepted."

"It has to be remembered that most disadvantaged areas such as iKapa, Crossroads and selected areas in the former Cape Town city council have suffered discrimination in the provision of services."

Ms Mfeketo said it was incumbent upon the city council to commit itself to uplifting

the quality of service provision in these areas. The initial expenditure should be viewed as a "kick-start" toward payment.

Ms Mfeketo also called for financial prudence and a review of the way in which the city had been operating in the past.

Deputy exco chair Saleem Mowzer, who seconded the budget, said restructuring of the Cape Town municipality also implied restructuring of the budget. Issues that would have to be addressed included improved efficiency and downsizing, he said.

Mr Mowzer also welcomed a decision to set aside R40m for the construction of a convention centre to be spent over the next three years. It is estimated the whole project will cost about R250m.

"We believe that such a centre is long overdue and will serve as an important venue for international and local conventions, exhibitions and conferences. It is a major development in the promotion of economic growth and tourism for our city," he said.

Democratic Party councillor Chris Joubert suggested that the executive committee should report on the feasibility of putting money from the Social Development Fund for capital projects to help vagrants and street children in central business districts.

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City loses over R3m from parking revenue - caused by vandals, theft and error

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Metro Reporter

CANCELLED parking tickets cost the city about R2,4 million last year and the city lost a further R713 000 in parking revenue because of vandalised meters.

This was revealed by William Bantom, the new chairman of the engineering services committee, in response to questions put by Democratic Party councillor Brian Watkyns at a council meeting yesterday.

A total of 38 443 parking tickets were cancelled in the last 11 months, according to the reply, a figure which amounts to 15,3 percent of the total number of tickets issued.

The amount of money this represents is R2 419 800.

Mr Bantom said in his reply that the attorney-general had authorised members of staff

designated by the city administrator to withdraw traffic tickets due to representations, data capture errors and legal requirements.

The senior public prosecutor perused these withdrawals and the reasons for them on a random basis.

In reply to another question from Mr Watkyns, Mr Bantom said 974 parking meters had been burgled or vandalised beyond repair since June 1995.

The estimated loss of income from 974 unmetered bays was R61 a day, or R59 414 a month.

The city was installing 150 four-bay and six-bay meters, the installation of which was due to be completed by the end of this month.

Special attention was being given to the security features of the new meters to withstand theft attempts, said Mr Bantom.

City Councillors

take huge pay rise

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ONE OF THE first acts by the new Cape Town Council on Friday was to vote themselves substantial increases, at a time when they are pleading poverty in negotiations with the trade unions and offering them only seven percent. Metro Writer **PETER DENNEHY** reports.

THE city's new rulers have awarded themselves the maximum possible allowances permitted by provincial legislation — with one senior politician's allowance increasing by 188%

One of new council's first acts will cost ratepayers only about R500 000 — but the money will come directly out of the pockets of city residents

Former councillor Mr Neil Ross told the Cape Times last night: "The councillors have increased their salaries with great haste at a time when wage negotiations have not even been completed. A month ago our offer to the unions was just a little over seven percent."

Ross said the council had pleaded its inability to pay more. "So it seems quite peculiar that they have increased their own allowances by such high percentages at this time."

Ordinary councillors' monthly allowances in the 74-person Cape Town Council have been raised by 29%, and those in senior positions by more than 60%.

The mayor's allowance has gone up by 65%, that of the deputy mayor by 188%, the exco chairperson gets 65% more and the deputy exco chairperson an increase of nearly 73%.

The new allowances are now at the maximum permissible level allowed by the province.

Ex-councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg last night slammed the increases as "the first evidence" that the National and Democratic Parties were unable to act as an opposition, and had "joined the ANC on the luxury gravy train".

"This disgraceful self-enrichment comes at a time when councillors should set an example in containing costs, rather than voting themselves increased salaries."

"What defence will they have against the onslaught by the trade unions, seeking large increases in their own pay packages?" he asked.

"Those people who voted for these parties must not complain, as this collusion will be the first of many such acts."

Allowances are the only pay that councillors get for being councillors. Being a

rank-and-file councillor is not a full-time job, but being on the executive committee (or being mayor) is. An ordinary councillor is expected to attend about five meetings a month.

Until last week, ordinary councillors received R2 011 a month in allowances, to cover their expenses. But at a council meeting immediately after the budget was passed on Friday, the councillors decided unanimously to increase these to R2 601 a month.

Mayor Mrs Theresa Solomon used to get R6 320 a month, but now she will get R10 402. Deputy mayor Mr Arthur Jacobs used to get R3 160, now he will get R9 102, and deputy exco chairman Mr Saleem Mowzer will get R9 102 instead of R5 267.

Members of the executive committee, the council's most powerful committee, will get allowances of R7 802 instead of the former R4 214 — an 85% increase.

On Friday nobody objected to the higher allowances, but there is a counterbalance. Those who fail to attend meetings without taking leave or without an adequate excuse will have R250 docked from their pay for each absence. This is to ensure that quorums are reached at meetings.

Some of the councillors were unhappy about the deduction. Mr Brian Watkyns of

Pinelands suggested the R250 penalty should be deferred for two months, but Mr Leon Markovitz responded "If you can delay it for two months, you could also delay it for two years."

Dr Les Rencontre said it should only apply to formal meetings. Town clerk Mr Keith Nicol told him that informal meetings were not meetings at all, strictly speaking, so the deduction would not apply there.

Mr Chris Joubert of Sea Point said party caucuses should be able to deal with members who fail to arrive for meetings. He proposed reducing the penalty to R150, but nobody was willing to second his motion.

Ms Faldela de Vries of Manenberg asked whether councillors were to be penalised for being out of town and missing meetings that they did not even know about.

Mr Markovitz replied that as the councillors would presumably have taken leave to be out of town in the first place, that would ensure that they were not penalised.

Ms De Vries tried to make the point that a councillor might not hear of a meeting, because of being out of town, even when the meeting is to be held when she or he is no longer on leave.

Other councillors interjected that all that was required was a telephone call, or possibly two, one from a friend who watches your mailbox at home and another from the councillor who is out of town.

The R250 fine for missed meeting was approved. The councillors also decided to put the fines money into the council's social development fund.

Allowance sole income for some councillors

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METRO WRITER

COUNCILLORS yesterday defended the increases in allowances for local politicians, saying that for some the allowances were their only source of income

For an ordinary councillor, the allowances will now be R2 601 a month. The previous council's allowances had been R2 011

Mr Hanif Tiseker, an ANC spokesman, said an ordinary councillor's duties extended far beyond the compulsory attendance of one all-day council meeting a month, and a few half-day committee meetings

"Especially since we are in a transitional period, we keep on needing to send councillors to meetings such as those of the Metropolitan Restructuring Forum, or to serve on a committee

dealing with affirmative action, or with budget re-prioritisation," he said

The average councillor had to attend about two such meetings a week, apart from the meeting of the official committee to which he or she was assigned. Perhaps twice a month, councillors had to travel to the Civic Centre just to attend their party's caucus meetings. There were also many other claims on a councillor's time

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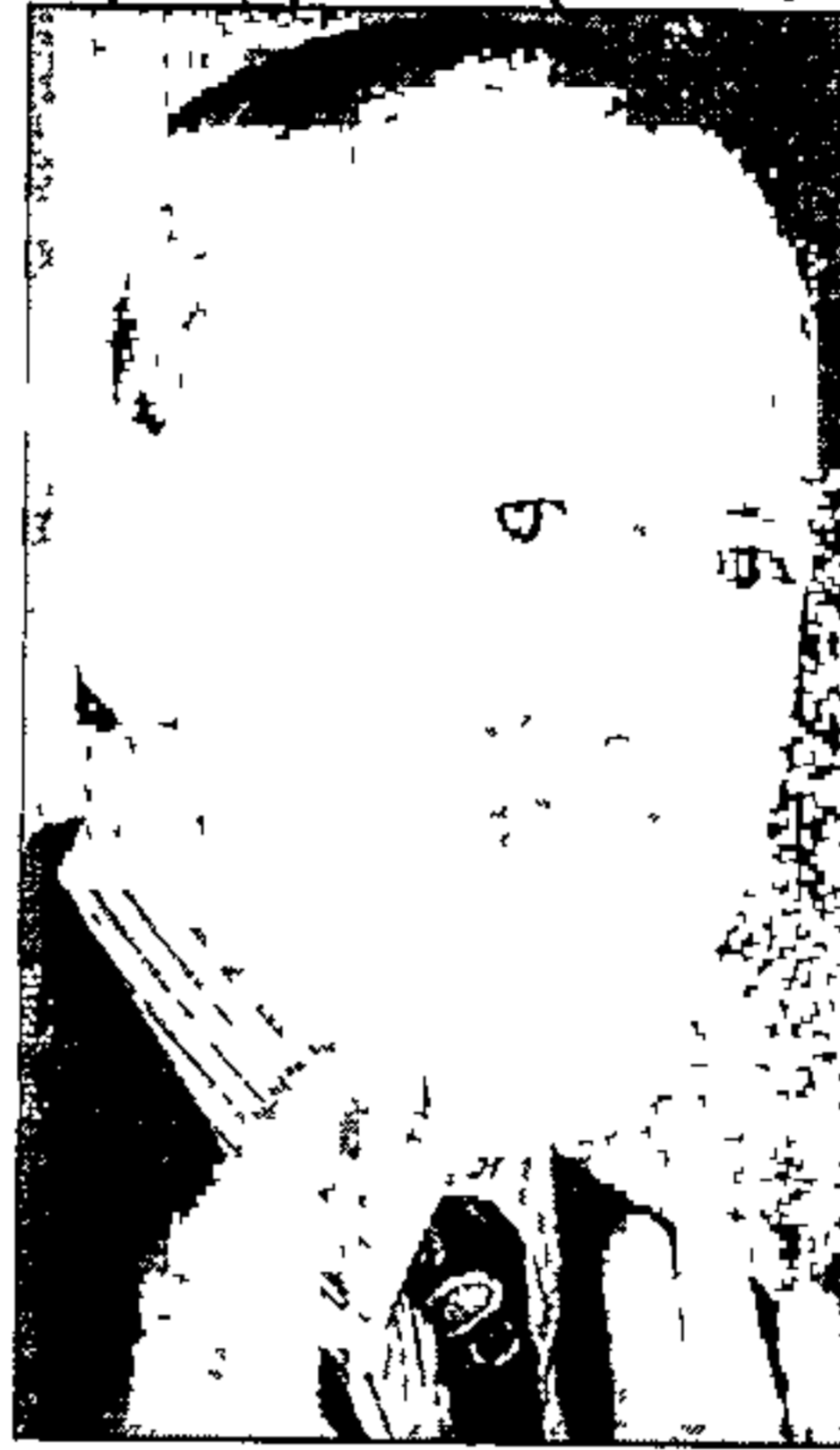
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ANC, NP settle over

top jobs in Tygerberg

THE FIRST MEETING of the Tygerberg substructure (263) yesterday was marked by a series of caucus meetings by the NP and ANC to decide on who would hold some of the top jobs there. Staff Writer **WILLEM STEENKAMP** reports.

THE council of the Tygerberg substructure — or the City of Tygerberg, as it is to be known — had its first meeting yesterday, and almost immediately promises of co-operation between the NP and the ANC went out the window.

At the meeting, held in the Senate hall at the University of the Western Cape, the 71-member council unanimously elected former Durbanville transitional council mayor Mr Lukas Olivier (NP) as mayor, former MP Mr Paul Kleinsmidt (NP) as deputy mayor and former Bellville town clerk Mr John Marshall (NP) as executive committee chairman.

Then the trouble started. Olivier, who was now presiding, called for nominations for deputy executive chairman and the ANC nominated former Khayelitsha mayor Mr

Vuyani Ngcuka — only to see, to their astonishment, the NP nominate proportional list councillor Mr M P Thethani.

The ANC immediately requested a recess to allow their caucus to meet. A series of deliberations then began behind closed doors — first of the separate ANC and NP caucuses, and then a meeting together. ANC regional MEC Mr Lertumo Kalako and MP Mr Willie Hofmeyr arrived to "assist" in the talks, and they claimed the NP had on Monday offered the ANC the deputy mayor and deputy executive chairman's positions — but then later withdrew the deputy mayor's spot.

"We even accepted that," said Hofmeyr, who added, "It's an inauspicious start (to the Tygerberg municipality)." However, when the council

meeting eventually resumed, the NP withdrew Thethani's nomination "in the spirit of co-operation" and Ngcuka was appointed unanimously as deputy executive chairman.

Ngcuka responded by praising Olivier's spirit "of unity and co-operation".

Olivier later denied that the NP had offered any positions to the ANC. It had been mentioned "by one member", but the NP had stressed to the ANC that such an offer was "not on the table".

Of the negotiations yesterday, Olivier said "I think both sides saw that co-operation was more important than party honour".

Besides naming the substructure City of Tygerberg, the meeting also decided that councillors would receive the maximum monthly allowance of R2 601.

The council unanimously elected five NP and two ANC councillors to chair the seven standing committees, and six councillors each from the ANC and NP were chosen as representatives on the Cape Metropolitan Council.



TOP TEAM: Holding new Tygerberg mayor Mr Lukas Olivier aloft yesterday are executive committee chairman Mr John Marshall (second from left) and deputy executive chairman Mr Vuyani Ngcuka, while deputy mayor Mr Paul Kleinsmidt (left) looks on.

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Division of civic assets 'daunting' business

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CHRIS BATEMAN

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A CAPE Metropolitan Commission has been appointed by Local Government MEC Mr Peter Marais to oversee the daunting task of "unbundling" the Peninsula's civic assets into the six new substructures — and attempting to achieve some kind of equity.

Mr Joppa le Roux yesterday had no illusions about his task, given that several new substructures were — in the words of a highly placed civic source — "already watching each other like hawks".

Le Roux said: "For example, we'll have to see who we saddle with loans for expansion of water supplies, bulk water supplies, sewage infrastructure — let alone maintaining co-ordination of the ambulance and traffic services."

He said the division of service delivery tasks between the Metropolitan Council and substructures would also have to be thrashed out.

Already a joint task team of city engineers, departmental heads and treasury officials are consulting and briefing political colleagues in an attempt to come up with a set of accepted norms for how resources will be allocated.

One source on the team said many newly elected councillors had no grasp of the "enormity of what's happening — they've all got their own agendas yet they haven't met the structure yet."

Examples of disputed assets are Ottery's Hillstar depot, where millions of rands of former Cape Town City Council equipment is located (in the Southern substructure), and the proceeds from the Clifton bungalow sales.

"It's like grandmother died with a messy will — and we know what that does to families," one source commented.

Another emphasised that substructures would have to inherit debts as well as assets.

About 30% of the former Cape Town City Council's functions will probably go to the Southern substructure, five percent to the Northern and about 10% to Tygerberg — with the rest split in Central, which will almost certainly have to offer widescale agency services.

Task team members said they were entering "uncharted waters".

One member appealed for "calm heads and pragmatic solutions in the interests of not reinventing the wheel and costing ratepayers more money".

Members of Le Roux's commission are Dr R G Cameron, UCT Political Studies Department (vice chairperson), Prof J Gildenhuys, a public management and development adviser; Mr A H Kleynhans, local government financial adviser; Mr J W Theron, attorney; and Mr H Meyer, Stellenbosch University's School of Public Management.

Tygerberg gets a new name, councillors up their own pay

Staff Reporter

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The "City of the Tygerberg" has been chosen as the new name for the metropole's second largest substructure, where new councillors can finally get down to some serious business.

This follows a drawn-out battle between the African National Congress and National Party, which started with the question of the inclusion of Khayelitsha, and culminated in a total recount of 700 000 votes as ordered by the Supreme Court.

That is all in the past now and the new councillors met for the first time yesterday to lay the basis for the difficult task which lies ahead.

This inaugural meeting also paves the way for the first meeting of the Cape Metropolitan Council, which was held up by the recount.

Filling the Senate Hall at the University of the Western Cape to capacity, the ANC and NP councillors sat in seats opposite one other, with the one Democratic Party and one African Christian Democratic Party councillor placed strategically between the two groups.

After appointing their new office bearers, the new Tygerberg council decided to follow the example of their Central counterparts in awarding themselves the maximum allowances within the parameters of the prescribed laws.

This means the mayor and exco chairperson will each earn R10 402 a month, while the deputy mayor and deputy exco chairperson will each take home R9 102 a month. Exco members and the chairpersons of standing committees will get R7 802 a month and ordinary councillors will earn R2 601 a month.

ANC councillor E Sass of Elsie's River, chairperson of one of the committees, said the public should not be hard on the council for taking this decision because many of the council members were unemployed, and these allowances would be their only source of income.

The substructure's new budget will be adopted at a special meeting in Goodwood tomorrow, but the increase in rates is speculated to be about 12,5 per cent.

Meanwhile, it was decided that Bellville will be the interim seat of office for the new mayor and deputy mayor, and that council meetings will continue to take place at the Senate Hall at the University of the Western Cape.

The new office bearers will be inaugurated at a formal meeting tomorrow night.

Fragile link weakens at first strain

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THE fragile co-operation between the two major parties in the finely-balanced Tygerberg substructure almost broke down before it even began, with the African National Congress accusing the National Party of acting in bad faith.

No party has outright control of this controversial substructure, although the NP is the biggest party, with one seat more than the ANC. The African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) and Democratic Party (DP) have one seat each.

The behind-the-scenes drama at the substructure's inaugural meeting yesterday began shortly after it began, with the election of office bearers.

Two NP members were unanimously elected as mayor and deputy mayor. They are Lukas Olivier from Durbanville and Paul Kleinsmidt from Goodwood.

Another NP member, J Marshall, was also unanimously elected to chair the executive committee, but that is where the unison ended.

The ANC nominated Vuyani Ngcuka for the position of exco deputy chairperson, but the NP then surprised everybody by nominating their own candidate, M P Thetani. At this point the ANC members asked to caucus, because they said the NP had not honoured an agreement already reached.

From then on it was caucus upon caucus, with a contingent of provincial ANC members also arriving on the scene to assist with negotiations.

It appears the NP offered the ANC the position of exco deputy-chair at a meeting earlier this week, but then reneged on the deal. The ANC members claimed they had not been informed of this change of heart, while the NP members claimed there had been no agreement in the first place.

Finally, four hours later, the NP saved the day by withdrawing its nomination "in the spirit of co-operation", and Mr Ngcuka was unanimously elected as exco deputy chairman.

Mr Ngcuka pledged the ANC's support to the new mayor and said Tygerberg as a city "should not be seen as an administrative exercise, but as unity in action".

The election of the chairpersons for the seven standing committees went smoothly, with two positions going to the ANC and the other five to the NP.

The NP will chair the finance, urban planning, housing, RDP and human resources committees, while the ANC will take the lead on the engineering (works) and health committees.

● In another interesting development, ANC member Ralph Stuurman of Bellville initially did not show up for this crucial first meeting, where the ANC needed every vote it could get.

Nobody knew where he was and the ANC had already scheduled a meeting to discuss kicking him off the party list when Mr Stuurman arrived - about two hours late - and joined the ANC caucus.

His excuse? He is a lawyer and had to be in court.

Witness identification

W Cape youth body 'hijacked by Nats' (263)

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THE National Party has "hijacked" the interim youth structure entrusted with determining the form and scope of a permanent body to represent Western Cape youth, the ANC Youth League said yesterday.

The league claims that Western Cape Education MEC Mrs Martha Olckers "completely ignored" a provision in the enabling legislation aimed at ensuring that it would be representative.

The league's provincial secretary, Mr Themba Sikhutshwa, said the youth structure was undemocratic and unrepresentative of gender and the geographical, political and cultural diversity of the region.

This was denied by Western Cape acting Premier Mr Gerald Morkel, who said the group reflected the youth of the province and was not chosen on the basis of political affiliation only, but also of

"political sensitivity"

The youth body consists of five members — four from the NP and one DP member. Only one is a woman (NP) and there are no Africans.

"We are not prepared to participate in this structure, even though it was our idea in the first place," said Sikhutshwa.

He called for its disbandment, saying a broad consultative process should form the basis of a fresh start.

The league also called for youth affairs to be removed from Olckers' portfolio, saying her handling of the current process was a reflection of her incompetence.

The Western Cape youth consultancy, an interim provisional structure of the National Youth Commission, suffered its first major setback almost at inception when Western Cape youth leader Mr Peter Skei quit, saying it had become a tool of the NP.

Morkel said Sikhutshwa had been "invited" to participate, but had declined.

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W Cape minister shot at
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Cape Town - Western Cape ANC leader Chris Nissen was shot at last night but escaped unhurt outside his mother's house in Kleinvlie, Eerste River in Cape Town.

Nissen, who is also Western Cape provincial economic affairs minister, had been called to the house to visit his 96-year-old grandmother who recently had her leg amputated and had taken a turn for the worse.

After the shooting, two men were seen running from a piece of open ground about 400m away. They were followed into Spandau squatter camp but no one was arrested.

The ANC provincial secretary, James Ngculu said today: "We want to find out the facts first before issuing a comprehensive statement. We want to find out whether the shooting was criminally related or otherwise."

Nissen was fired on at 10pm at the gate of his mother's house. His sister opened the door and rushed him inside.

"It could have been anybody," said Nissen. In 1993 and 1994 three of his brothers were killed in the area. Nissen was offered police protection when he left the house but he declined, police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said. - Own Correspondent

Richer provinces can fight poverty

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Social and economic prospects look good for Gauteng, Western Cape and KwaZulu Natal, writes Mike Nicol

Despite what may seem to be daunting economic and social problems facing the country as a whole, the three major provinces – Gauteng, KwaZulu Natal and Western Cape – display potential for meaningful growth. At least, that is the verdict of three independent analysts.

These provinces also contain the largest cities which, like cities throughout the world, are beset by inner city decay, unserved squatter communities mushrooming on their suburban outskirts, and crime.

In the cases of Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal, the levels of crime and violence are among the highest in South Africa.

If foreign observers are going to choose indicators of the country's stability and prosperity, then it is most likely they will look first to Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal.

Political scientist Associate Professor Tom Lodge believes the national Government's success hinges on success or failure in Gauteng, the largest and richest of the provinces with its seven million inhabitants and average household income of R3 442.

Here 20% of the population live in shacks, but nine out of 10 people have access to electricity, clean water and flush toilets. Most are poor, but not as wretchedly so as elsewhere. A third are unemployed. Those who work produce 37% of South Africa's GNP. In this province virtually everybody lives in a town.

Johannesburg's CBD has become a square mile of rotting tenement buildings. "Meanwhile," Lodge points out, "pretentious office parks and shopping malls gobble up the green spaces of the suburbs and demand huge investments in highway redevelopment."

"The fastest growing city in

South Africa, Midrand, is essentially a product of rating policies which discriminate against poor communities and developed city centres, it effectively transfers taxable income away from where revenues are needed."

On the other hand, Lodge considers Gauteng's ANC government the most effective regional administration in the country. This year, financial discipline meant it returned R56-million to the national exchequer. With the Western Cape it has built the most low-cost houses. It is also, in his words, "fairly free from corruption."

The way forward for Gauteng, as Lodge sees it, is equally applicable throughout the country and involves a measure of social responsibility which is currently in short supply.

"Rich suburbanites may have to pay more for services they won't use," he says, "but tenants must pay rents, schoolteachers must work 40-hour weeks, trade unionists must obey the new industrial relations legislation (instead of flouting it), policemen must stop taking bribes, taxi drivers must stop killing people, and students must learn to behave. All that requires a state which punishes as well as rewards."

If the situation in Gauteng seems somewhat paradoxical, then that in KwaZulu Natal is almost inexplicable.

Here, as historian Dr Ian Edwards points out, there seems to be no "fundamental incompatibility" between growth and development on the one hand, and extraordinary instability and violence on the other. The irony cannot be ignored.

"Why," he asks, "is Durban, a crime centre of South Africa, also the international convention centre of South Africa? Why are KwaZu-

lu Natal's high school results, admittedly in an appallingly desperate national context, better than those in more politically stable and better funded provinces?

"Or, if violence turns foreign investors away, why is this province receiving such an enormous amount of foreign investment?"

The answer, he postulates, can be found in two recent developments. The first is the emergence of a political elite in the province, the second the formation of a new development initiative from and for the region.

Edwards ascribes the formation of a political elite to rapprochement between the ANC and the IFP at two levels. There are indications of growing accord between President Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, more significantly, there are signs of an emergent cross-party black elite within the provincial parliament. Without that elite the political process, as history has shown, is impossible.

Concomitant with this, local business leaders and international funders are shaping a macro development policy which spans the province and extends into Mozambique. Comments Edwards: "If we are now seeing the creation of a new KwaZulu Natal-based and largely black-led political and economic elite taking control of the destiny of this region, astride a regional economy spanning the old colonial divides from the Umzimkulu river to Maputo, who will stand in their way? Especially now that the port of Durban, Africa's largest and busiest, is, effectively, a free port."

"Will this not create a new industrial heartland? How will this change the face of politics in this province?"

It is well to ask the questions. As yet they have no answers but

they do indicate a possible shape of things to come.

In the Western Cape the shape of things to come is equally unpredictable. The province and its major city, Cape Town, face unknown levels of in-migration which will alter radically its political, social and economic life.

The region has one of the best living standards in the country, according to Wilmot James, executive director of Idasa.

Death due to natural causes and infant mortality are among the lowest in the country. Life expectancy is the longest. Per capita income is among the highest.

Yet the majority of the province's citizens live under appalling, unacceptable conditions. Tuberculosis, exacerbated by poor housing and environmental conditions, is on the increase.

For James one of the greatest opportunities facing the province is the national Government's decision to underwrite the Olympic bid. This is a focal point around which "to drive the economy of the Western Cape into a genuine tourist-based growth industry."

While the Olympics alone will not solve the unemployment problem – currently 20% – he believes it could become "the single most important avenue for growth and job creation."

Unlike Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal, in the Western Cape violence and crime have not reached pandemic proportions. Gangsterism is rife in the poorer urban areas, but the chances of being hijacked in Cape Town are less than in Johannesburg.

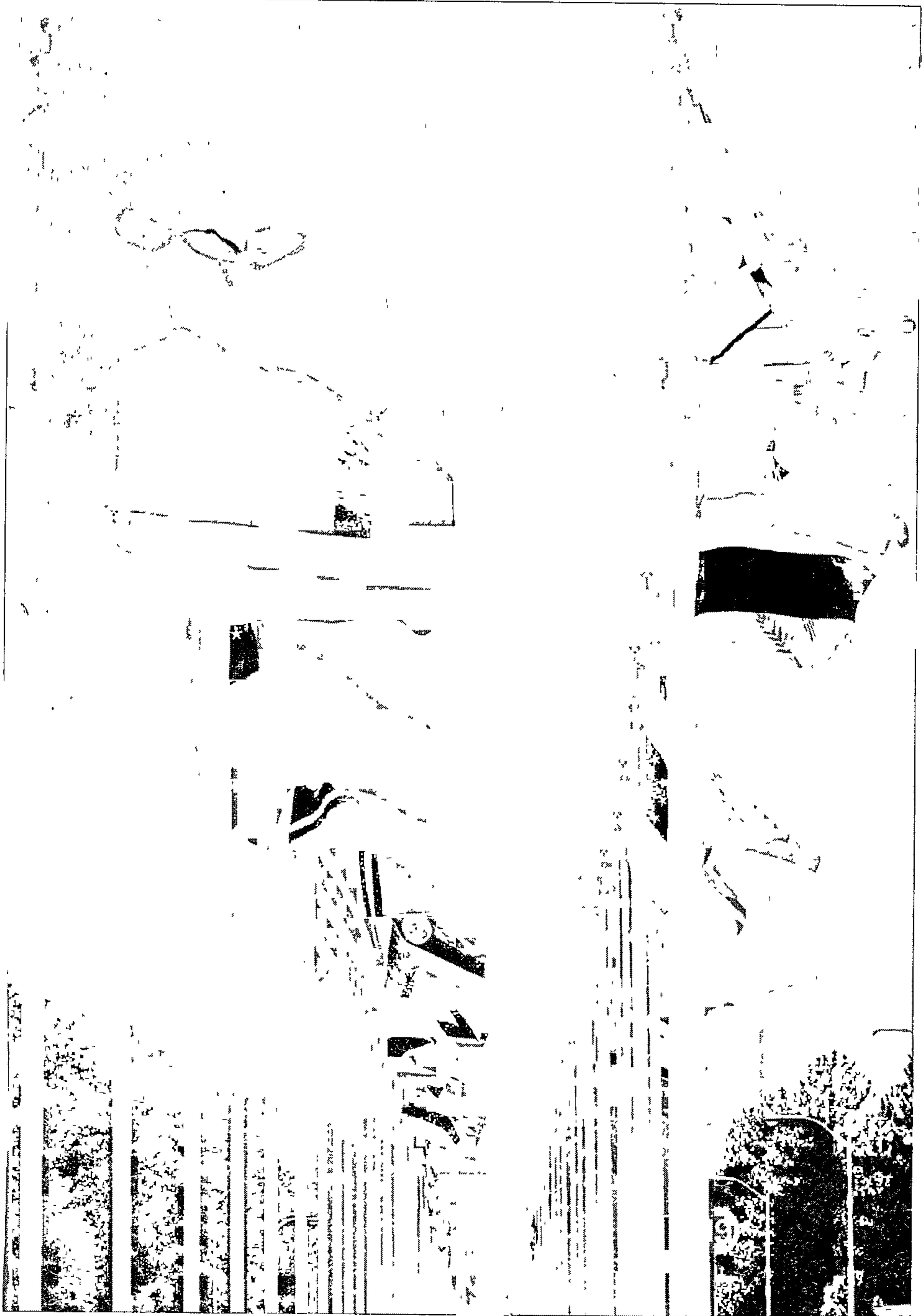
Yet, in many respects, urban crime in South Africa has become a replacement for the civil war that never happened.

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Standing tall .. The Olympic flag and flags from participating nations frame the IBM tower in the Atlanta skyline at the transportation centre of the Olympic Village this week

ANC walks out as Nats scoop key council jobs

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ANDREA WEISS
Metro Reporter

THE FIRST democratically elected Cape Metropolitan Council (CMC) got off to an acrimonious start today as the National Party and African National Congress squared up to each other during elections to key positions

The ANC members walked out of the meeting in protest after the NP had elected its own members to key posts. They returned to their seats after the elections had been completed.

The new chairman of the CMC is William Bantom, former mayor of Cape Town. The executive committee chairman is Pierre Uys of Kuils River, whose deputy is Kent Morkel.

The Democratic Party won a senior position by forming an alliance with the NP. Roger Hulley of the DP was returned to the position of deputy chairman of the CMC with the support of the NP.

The ANC unsuccessfully nominated former exco chairman David Dlahi three times, for the position of deputy chairman of the CMC, exco chairman and deputy exco chairman respectively.

The ANC asked to be allowed to make a statement objecting to the proceedings, but this was refused by Mr Bantom, which sparked the walkout.

Also at the meeting were local government minister Peter Marais, former CMC chairman Willie van Schoor and the new mayor of Tygerberg, Lukas Olivier, all members of the NP.

The NP has 30 seats on the 60-member council, the ANC 24, the DP four and the African Christian Democratic Party two.

The tone of the meeting was set when the ANC demanded a secret ballot during the vote for key positions. It lost a vote on this issue.

ANC member Frank van der Velde challenged this vote by calling for a division, forcing DP members to get out of their seats and join the NP caucus, during which

time they were heckled by ANC members. More heckling was to come when the NP proposed an executive committee of 10 members in contrast to the ANC's seven-member proposal.

Judy Sibisi of the ANC said the NP could not justify an executive committee which had three members without portfolios, because they would be doing nothing and earning an allowance.

She said a seven-member committee would allow for the chairmen of each of the five standing committees, as well as the chairman and deputy, to make up the exco. This, in her view, was adequate.

The NP countered that the ANC had been quite happy to serve on a larger executive committee last year, but that it was calling for a smaller exco because it would help it to secure more power.

After the vote, the NP's 10-member proposal was carried with the DP in support.

After that, the NP won five of the ten seats, the ANC four and the DP one.

Mr Bantom, in his acceptance speech, urged that the CMC ensure the Cape metropolitan area became one of the country's most significant resources.

He assured the council he would not only represent the NP but all the people of the Cape Metro in his new position.

Exco chairman Mr Uys, in turn, appealed for a strong spirit of partnership in local government as well as between all levels of government, the private sector and other agencies.

Mr Uys said the CMC's new priorities would be co-operative government, restructuring the administration, sound policy frameworks and rapid delivery of key metropolitan projects.

The CMC has adopted an operating budget of R1,3 billion for this financial year. Two new additions are R4,8 million set aside for tourism development and R2 million for economic development.

The council has also put aside R75 million for the upgrading of townships and R64 million for the serviced land projects.

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IN POWER:
Top men in the new Cape Metropolitan Council are, from left, deputy chairman Roger Hulley, chairman William Bantom, and Pierre Uys, chairman of the executive committee.

Provinces' call for power 'peculiar'

Susan Russell

THE idea of a province having a say in the running of the national police under the new constitution was described as "very peculiar" by Constitutional Court judge John Didcott yesterday.

Didcott was reacting to objections submitted to the court on behalf of Western Cape police MEC Gerald Morkel that the constitution made no provision for meaningful political power at provincial level in respect of police.

Morkel said the final text of the constitution diminished provincial power to the extent that the executive and legislative powers of the provinces were rendered almost meaningless. Didcott said he could not see why it was so vital for the provinces to wield political power over the police.

His remarks came during the second day of the special Constitutional Court sitting to hear submissions on the final text of the new constitution. The court will sit for two weeks to hear submissions from various organisations and political parties.

The Constitutional Assembly has urged the court to approve the constitution while the DP, NP, IFP and other organisations and interest groups have objected to various provisions contained in the final text on the grounds that they do not comply with the 34 principles agreed to during multiparty negotiations.

One of the main objections is that the exclusive legislative and executive powers conferred on the provinces in the final constitution are "considerably less or inferior" to those provided for in the interim constitution.

IFP counsel Peter Hodes SC submitted there had to be "meaningful exclusivity" of provincial powers for there to be legitimate provincial autonomy.

IFP retains status of majority party

Farouk Chothia

MARITZBURG — The IFP had fallen short of the psychologically important 50% margin in last week's local government elections in KwaZulu-Natal, but managed to hold on to its status as majority party in the province.

Figures released yesterday showed that the IFP had shed support to the NP and DP, rather than the ANC.

The IFP polled 44,5% of the vote, 5,8% less than the 50,3% it obtained in the 1994 provincial government elections.

The ANC increased its support by the smallest margin, while the NP registered most growth. The ANC's vote increased 1%, from 32,2% to 33,2%, while the NP increased support 1,49% from 11,2% to 12,69%.

A mere 177 416 votes separated the IFP and ANC in the election — the IFP polled 699 556 votes, against the ANC's 522 140.

The DP improved on its 2,2% support in the 1994 elections 1,1% to poll 3,3% of the vote.

KwaZulu-Natal local government MEC Peter Miller said the growth of Amichand Rajbansi's Minority Front had been "most remarkable". The front had polled 2,29%, against 1,3% in 1994.

This was due to the fact that Rajbansi was a "good constituency politician (who) works and looks for solutions".

The ANC won the Durban metropolitan council, its six sub-structures and most transitional local councils, including some rural towns. The IFP won the seven regional councils, covering areas under traditional leaders.

The ANC polled 48,7% of the

vote in Durban and the local councils, followed by the NP with 22,8%, the IFP with 14,5%, the DP with 5,6%, the front with 4,4%, the African Christian Democratic Party with 0,99%, the PAC with 0,27%, the Freedom Front with 0,19% and the CP with 0,15%.

In regional councils, the IFP obtained 77,7% of the vote, against the ANC's 17,2%, the NP's 1,6%, the DP's 0,68% and the Freedom Front's 0,18%.

The PAC and the African Christian Democratic Party also lost support last week.

The PAC polled 0,4% province-wide, against the 0,7% it polled in 1994, a drop of 0,3%. The African Christian Democratic Party's support shrunk from 0,7%, polled in 1994 to 0,5%.

Miller said he did not believe the local government election results could be compared with those of 1994. There had been no voters' roll in 1994, and voting allegiances in local government elections were different from those in provincial and national elections.

Independents and ratepayers' bodies, for instance, had polled 2,9% — more than the front.

Miller said the number of voters who had voted last week possibly numbered half the 1994 voters. A total 44% of about 3,5-million registered voters had gone to the polls last week.

The highest percentage poll was recorded in the Durban metropolitan area (47%), followed by transitional local councils (47%) and regional councils (43%).

Miller said the lower voter turnout in the seven regional councils could have played a role in the decline of the IFP's province-wide support.

Rural councils bogged down by conflict

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The establishment of about eight rural representative councils in the Western Cape has been bogged down by conflict among various farmworkers' organisations which cannot agree on who to nominate as their representatives.

The dispute has become one between provincial local government MEC Peter Marais and the ANC, which believed that Marais' methods of resolving the conflict went against an earlier agreement reached with ANC

representatives on the provincial committee.

The ANC was considering legal action, spokesman Marius Fransman said yesterday.

In terms of the model for rural local government, 80% of the members of the 27 representative councils would be elected, 10% would be nominated by farmers and 10% by farmworkers.

Fransman said farmworkers' associations and their trade union could not agree on whom to nominate. When mediation failed to resolve the dispute, Marais had taken the matter to the executive

committee of the cabinet which had chosen representatives from the nominees. But the ANC accused Marais of reneging on an earlier agreement that the provincial committee would decide on the representatives. In the ANC's view this should be done on the basis of which organisation was most representative of farmworkers.

Local government director-general Gary Oliver said a provincial proclamation with the names of the nominees selected by the executive committee was awaiting the signature of Marais who was on leave.

ANC walks out as NP grabs top CMC posts

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ACRIMONY between political rivals the ANC and the National Party marked the first Cape Metropolitan Council meeting yesterday

The ANC walked out after it was made clear that it would not be allocated any of the top positions

Afterwards, ANC chief whip Mr Frank van der Velde, said his party would "get on with the job" of representing the people that voted for them "We hope that the NP, now that it has taken every possible seat, is going to be able to realise the needs of those people"

The walk-out took place because an NP member was about to be elected to the post of vice-chairperson to the council's executive committee. The NP had already taken the key seats of chairperson of the council (the Rev William Bantam) and chairperson of the executive committee (Mr Pierre Uys). The DP's Mr Roger Hulley was elected deputy chairperson of the CMC.

Before the appointment of Mr Ken Morkel (NP) as deputy chair of the executive committee, the ANC had insisted it be allowed to make a statement, but Bantam said the ANC had to wait until after the election was finalised.

The ANC then walked out. When they returned after the election, Mr Saleem Mowzer asked that an ANC member be placed in the just-filled position "in the interests of fair governance".

He argued that the ANC represented a large sector of the CMC's population and feared that its supporters would be sidelined if the party was not granted a key seat.

Hulley replied that the NP had won 30 of the 60 seats in the CMC and "the majority party must now be given the mandate to conduct the business of the metropole".

The ANC won 24 of the seats.

● The CMC announced an operating budget of R1,303 billion for the 1996/97 financial year and said there would be no increases in regional services fees or in regional establishment levies.

Southern substructure alive and well

Staff Reporter

THE Southern Substructure may be nameless, but it's very much up and running with more than 140 000 pages of minutes and agendas printed within its first month

Ed Thresher, acting chief executive officer, said "The first month in operation has run smoothly despite all the printing being done in Cape Town, where three committee clerks handle the mountainous task"

He said ensuring all the

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councillors got the documents had been a challenge as in one instance a councillor working as a domestic worker five days a week had five different addresses

At the council's recent transitional committee meeting, the establishment of an interim management team was accepted in principle

Representatives from the five existing administrations, Fish Hoek, Simon's Town, Scarborough, Central Substructure and the Cape Metropolitan Council, are being sought to partici-

pate in various task teams

These teams will cover planning-environment, admin-legal-human resources, engineering services, financial services, tourism/economic development/RDP, emergency services and health/housing/amenities

The everyday business of the council will continue to be run from the Alphen Centre in Constantia for the next six months

Mr Thresher emphasised it was on a temporary basis and other accommodation was being sought

NP and DP allies take all key posts in Cape council

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — The majority party on the Cape metropolitan council, the NP, with the support of its ally the DP, snatched all key positions on the council yesterday, overriding the protests of the ANC and the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP).

Frustrated ANC members walked out to register dissatisfaction with the proceedings and warned repeatedly that the way the NP and DP had divided the spoils did not bode well for co-operative governance.

The NP won 30 seats on the council, the ANC 24, DP four and the ACDP two. The executive committee consisted of five NP members, four ANC members and one DP member.

The ANC's nominations for posts were defeated by the combined strength of the NP and DP. ANC representative Saleem Mowzer said this was contrary to the NP's proclaimed commitment to co-operation. The ANC repre-

sented a large constituency which should be represented in the choice of office-bearers, instead of being marginalised, he said. He was supported by the ACDP's Rhoda Southgate, who "totally disapproved" of what went on.

Council deputy chairman Roger Hulley (DP) said the DP had reached an agreement with the NP in the interests of effective government. The ANC had not made an approach to the party even though the DP was available for discussions.

"We feel the council needs a line of authority. The NP is the majority party and must be given a mandate to conduct the affairs of the council in the interests of effective government," Hulley said.

NP member Willie Bantom was elected council chairman and because of the DP's deal with the NP, Hulley was chosen as deputy chairman over the ANC's choice of former transitional metropolitan council chairman, David Dlali.

The NP scooped the executive committee and deputy chairs,

chairs of three of the five standing committees and the deputy chair of all five. This left the ANC with Dlah as chairman of the human resources committee and the DP's Brian Watkyns in charge of the metropolitan planning committee.

The CMC's R650m budget for its operations, tabled yesterday, provided R373m in grants to the six Western Cape metropolitan substructures to subsidise their rates. This subsidy represented 46% of the total rates income of the whole metropolitan area.

Without this subsidy, rates would have had to rise to unaffordable levels, while in fact increases had been held to an average of 12,5%, executive committee chairman Pierre Uys said.

About half of the R373m came from the provincial government and half from the council's accumulated reserves. There would be no increases in regional services and regional establishment levies, council financial services director Philip Schenck said. The total operating budget was R1,3bn.

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WV must work

FORMER Kuils River councillor Pierre Uys has been elected to the chair of the executive committee of the Cape Metrop future role of this new local govern

PIERRE Uys is not into empire building, but he is keenly aware of the enormity of the task that lies ahead

The future of the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, the Matieland abattoir, Captour - all these issues will no doubt cross his desk in the next few months, as will the redeployment of thousands of municipal workers across the metro

Newly-elected chair of the Cape Metropolitan Council's executive committee, Mr Uys comes well-qualified for the job

A lecturer in local government administration at the Cape Technikon, a councillor and a former ratepayer activist, he has seen local politics from several angles

He is also a loyal member of the National Party which, with the backing of the Democratic Party, is firmly in the driving seat of the CMC following recent local elections

The NP has 30 of the 60 available seats and - at least for the purposes of setting up the power structures within the CMC - can count on the DP's additional support to swell that number to a secure majority of 34

predecessor David Dlah losing three nominations Mr Dlah finally bagged the portfolio of human resources, but that was courtesy of the NP

As leader of the NP caucus during this meeting, Mr Uys is not apologetic about the outcome of the election of key office bearers on the CMC

"People must understand that the NP won the election in the Western Cape

"It is important and understandable that the chair and deputy of the executive committee will come from the ruling party, so that we can exercise and execute our mandate"

Besides, he points out, this was exactly what happened in central Cape Town where the ANC used its majority to secure all the top seats

But these initial power plays aside, Mr Uys is hopeful that the two political parties will cooperate

He also points out that each of the standing committees has proportional representation from the parties and that the ANC has four of the 10 seats on exco

Because the executive committee must make its decisions by a two-thirds majority, their views will have to be taken into account

Mr Uys started his career in local politics as a founding mem-

ber of a ratepayer organisation in Kuils River, where he settled as a newlywed

He took office as a councillor in 1984 and more recently served as exco chair and mayor of the town

While he has left small-town politics behind, he believes his experience in Kuils River and the knowledge of how easily smaller local authorities can feel swamped by metropolitan structures will serve him well

Today, sitting on the 11th floor of the CMC's offices in Wale Street, he knows that he will be at the helm of the council during a crucial restructuring phase

Although the CMC has a new name, it still bears the hallmark of its predecessor, the Regional Services Council, which was part local authority and part financing organisation

While the debate on powers and functions for the CMC has not yet settled, he hopes it will be wrapped up by the end of September

The process is complicated by the fact that a metropolitan commission will still have to make suggestions to the local government minister Peter Marais and by the fact that national legislation for local government is still outstanding

But Mr Uys does not believe central government will pass leg-

islation which will be too restrictive regarding the powers and functions of metro councils in specific areas

He has very clear views of the direction the CMC should take and his is not a vision of vast empire building

Rather, he sees the CMC playing a supportive role to the six new municipalities and restricting itself to matters of metropolitan influence

Thus he believes it is likely that the CMC's current staff levels will shrink from 6 000 to about 1 000

That is not to say that the other 5 000 people will lose their jobs

Rather, they will be redeployed to one of the six municipalities where they are in all likelihood currently carrying out service provision

The principle behind restructuring is that staff will follow function

Part of the streamlining of the CMC will be for it to shed its role as a local authority, withdrawing from direct service provision and concentrating on metropolitan planning and redistribution of finances

Mr Uys is not in favour of the CMC assuming any new service-delivery functions, such as a metropolitan fire or health service

He believes these roles can be adequately carried out by the six

as partners'

litan Council. Metro Reporter **ANDREA WEISS** asked him to elaborate on his vision for the
ent body.

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substructures, with adequate agreements in place between them to take care of any cross-boundary issues

I don't think the metro council is going to be the big brother

We will just play a different role to the municipalities in that they will render the grassroot services to the people and we will have a more metro-wide co-ordinating role

One of the areas he believes the CMC needs to get involved in is to put in place information systems, which could be at the service of the substructures which are currently using a variety of systems

He would like to see an information centre which would be able to provide data needed by the municipalities, be it on the number of houses in a specific area or public open space across the metro

This, he feels, would be a valuable decision-making tool

Another vital role for the CMC will be to assist struggling local authorities, something which has already been factored into the 1997/98 budget where R159 million has been set aside for this purpose

Mr Uys says that there will have to be clear, and agreed upon, criteria to determine when a local authority will qualify for help

He also maintains that local authorities must avoid looking for handouts, but will have to put in place clear policies for collecting revenue owed

The CMC, he says, cannot get into writing off the estimated R1-billion debt which rests within the Cape metro. Its money would be better spent on project development within communities

He also believes that issues such as the future funding of the orchestra and who takes responsibility for the Maitland abattoir will have to be looked at closely to determine whether they are of a metropolitan nature

If they pass the test, then there is an argument for metro funding

One area to which the CMC has already committed itself is enhancing tourism promotion of the Western Cape - it has set aside close to R5 million to promote the Cape metropolitan area, both locally and abroad

"To promote tourism you can't just stand at the airport and hand out pamphlets

"You must promote it firstly within your own country, then Africa and then worldwide

"Once you get the tourists here, then you must get them to come back again," said Mr Uys

Having started out his career in a small municipality of only 30 000 people, Mr Uys is acutely aware of the sensitivities around the CMC assuming too-powerful a role in the future

To the people of Cape Town, he gives the reassurance "The last thing we want to do is become



Picture HANNES THIART, The Argus

IN THE CHAIR: New CMC Exco chairman Pierre Uys

a super local-government structure that will dominate and tell the municipalities what to do

"We need to work as partners and I don't see any senior partners in this"

National Party 'caused coloured fear of blacks and exploited it'

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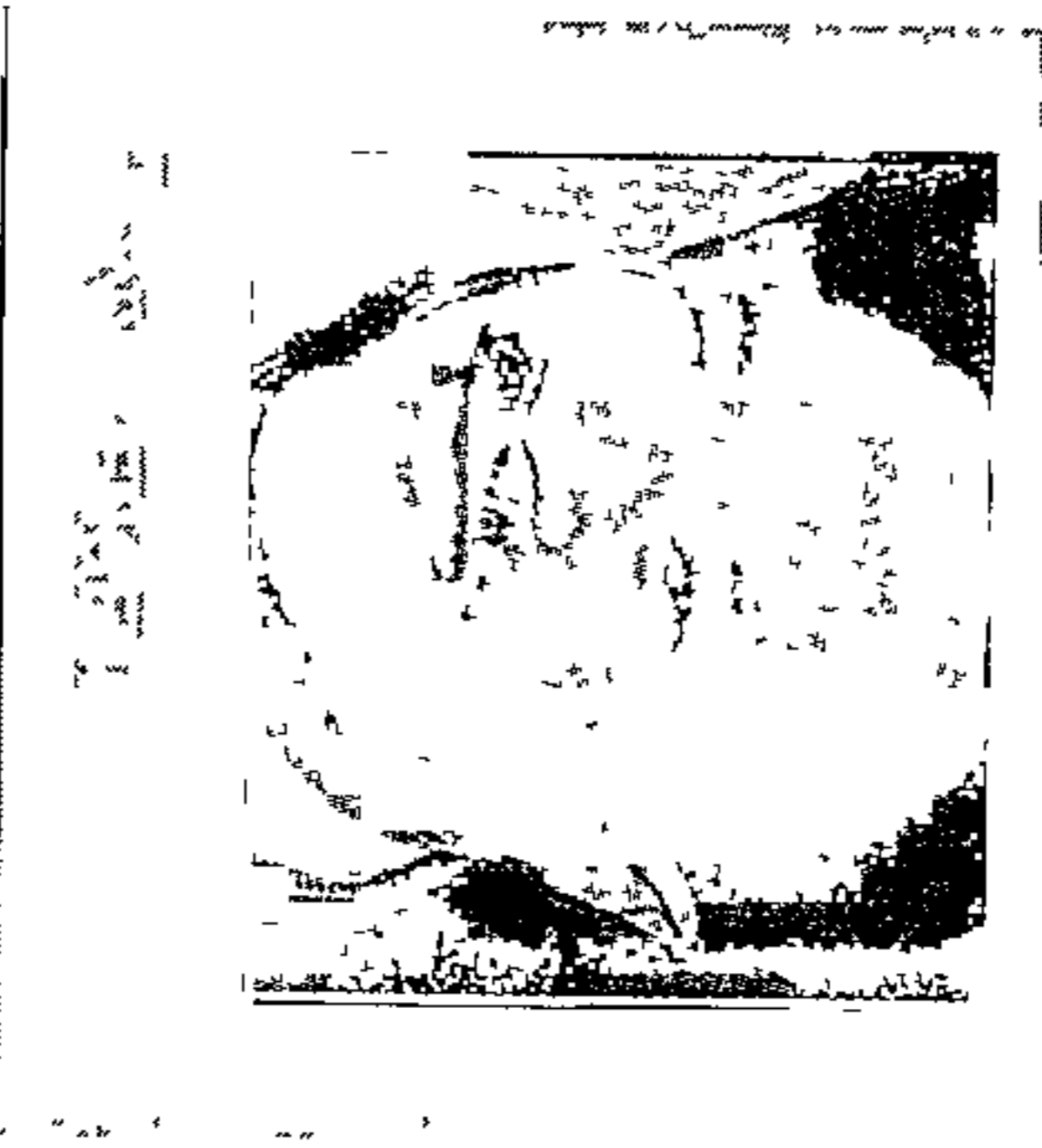
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In the recent local government elections, true to form, the NP once again relied exclusively on racism precisely because they had no other message or vision.

It is also deliberate mischief to suggest that the ANC condemns the coloured voters as racist. The people the ANC continues to condemn as racist are the NP and their members who unashamedly continue to insult the integrity of blacks and, in particular, our President by calling him a kaffir.

The ANC, on the other hand, lost the election not for lack of trying but because of the things we did but did not do right.

The education issue, for example, is the single most important factor that sank us. When the teachers marched on the eve of the elections, we were not able to handle it and, of course, the ever

opportunistic NP in the form of Martha Olickers could not resist the temptation to support the protest.

For some unknown reason, some of our members and even our leaders were confident that the ANC would win the elections. I humbly submit that this was an illusion and a dangerous myth to believe that the damage done by the NP over more than 40 years in the Western Cape could be undone in two years. We should therefore be happy about the consistent inroads that the ANC continues to make into the NP's constituency.

Only painstaking, stubborn and systematic work both in conscientising and re-educating our people and in delivering a better life for all will yield good results for the ANC in the Western Cape.

Our election machinery needs a serious overhaul to enable us to target key constituencies, institutions and personalities — and make the maximum impact at the right time.

I agree with Trevor Oosterwyk that the ANC should not bury its head in the sand by looking only within itself in trying to find solutions to its problems, but that it should also consider solutions coming from outside the ANC.

Without going into details of the debate, I still believe that the solutions to problems faced by the ANC should be sought both from inside and outside the organisation.

To those who attacked Oosterwyk, let me state that they have the right to agree or disagree with him and even to criticise him, but certainly not to rubbish his integrity. If anything, we should be proud to have such courageous and outspoken cadres in our movement like him. Let's tackle his ideas and debate them intelligently without mud-slinging.

Sandle Dikeni's claim that the biggest problem facing the ANC in the Western Cape is so-called arrogant Africanism is a gross generalisation and does not help the debate. It is clearly a one-sided approach.

□ *Tony Yengeni is an ANC MP.*

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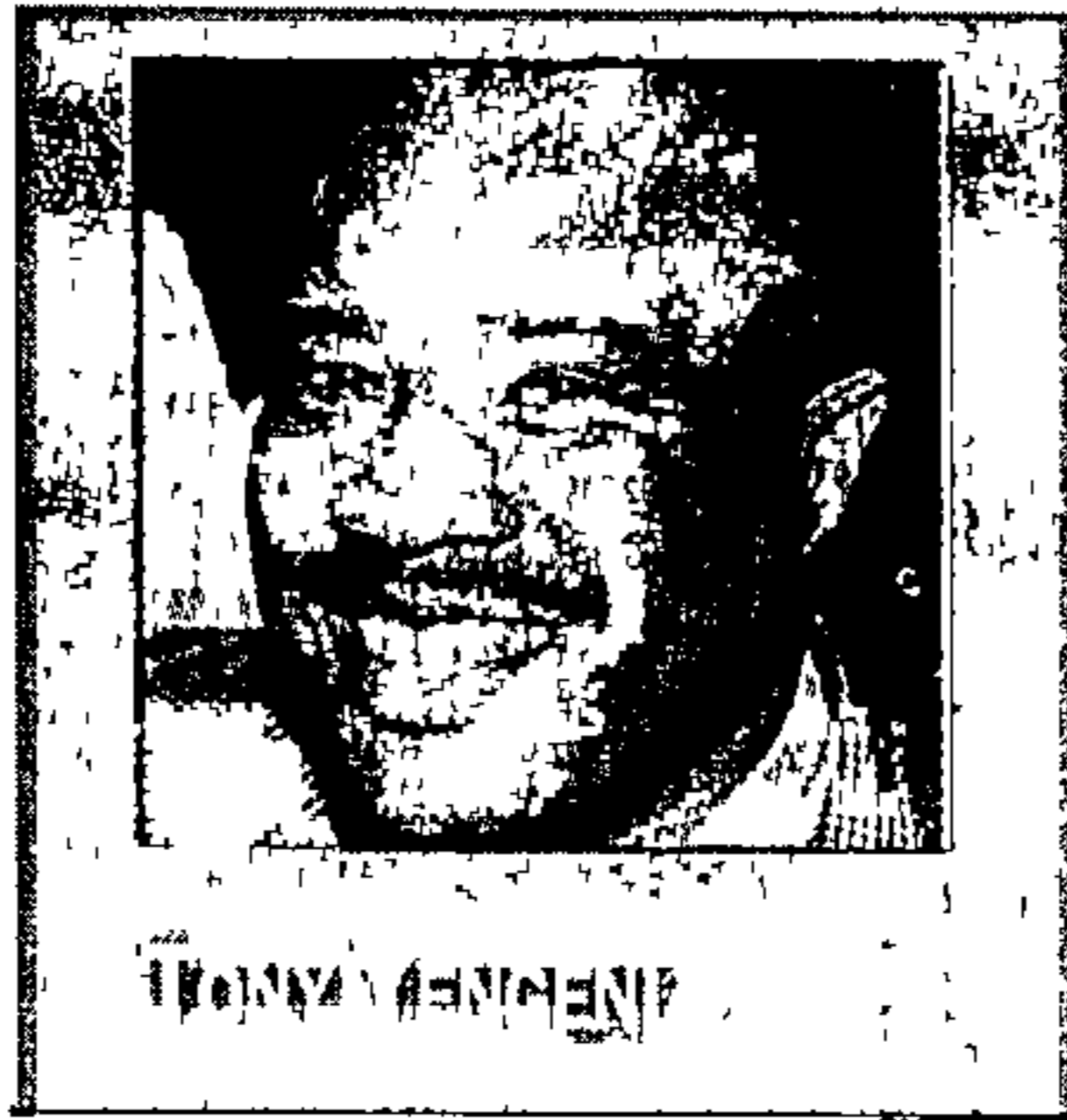
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What the NP then does to win votes during election time is simply to perpetuate and reinforce these fears by presenting the coloured community as a people under attack from a menacing mob of unruly and toyi-toying blacks.

In the recent local government elections, true to form, the NP once again relied exclusively on racism precisely because they had no other message or vision.

It is also deliberate mischief to suggest that the ANC condemns the coloured voters as racist. The people the ANC continues to condemn as racist are the NP and their members who unashamedly continue to insult the integrity of blacks and, in particular, our President by calling him a kaffir.

The ANC, on the other hand, lost the election not for lack of trying but because of the things we did but did not do right.

The education issue, for example, is the single most important factor that sank us. When the teachers marched on the eve of the elections, we were not able to handle it and, of course, the ever

opportunistic NP in the form of Martha Olckers could not resist the temptation to support the protest.

For some unknown reason, some of our members and even our leaders were confident that the ANC would win the elections. I humbly submit that this was an illusion and a dangerous myth to believe that the damage done by the NP over more than 40 years in the Western Cape could be undone in two years. We should therefore be happy about the consistent inroads that the ANC continues to make into the NP's constituency.

Only painstaking, stubborn and systematic work both in conscientising and re-educating our people and in delivering a better life for all will yield good results for the ANC in the Western Cape.

Our election machinery needs a serious overhaul to enable us to target key constituencies, institutions and personalities — and make the maximum impact at the right time.

I agree with Trevor Oosterwyk that the ANC should not bury its head in the sand by looking only within itself in trying to find solutions to its problems, but that it should also consider solutions coming from outside the ANC.

Without going into details of the debate, I still believe that the solutions to problems faced by the ANC should be sought both from inside and outside the organisation.

To those who attacked Oosterwyk, let me state that they have the right to agree or disagree with him and even to criticise him, but certainly not to rubbish his integrity. If anything, we should be proud to have such courageous and outspoken cadres in our movement like him. Let's tackle his ideas and debate them intelligently without mud-slinging.

Sandile Dikeni's claim that the biggest problem facing the ANC in the Western Cape is so-called arrogant Africanism is a gross generalisation and does not help the debate. It is clearly a one-sided approach.

□ Tony Yengeni is an ANC MP.

Municipalities urged to privatise assets, services

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PRIVATISATION of council assets and services is being urged for all six new municipalities by the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Executive director of the chamber Mr Alan Lighton said yesterday that a privatisation advertisement placed in the Cape Times was directed at all six and the Cape Metropolitan Council.

"Services should be provided in the most cost-effective way," he said, adding that the new councils should "look at this right from the start".

He did not expect resistance to privatisation from the ANC-controlled Cape Town municipality.

"What encourages us is that in the metropolitan negotiating forum there was an open approach to achieving greater cost-efficiency," he said.

It was realised that savings would have to be made if the council was going to be able to improve the quality of services.

Nationally, the ANC realised that privatisation was more efficient, and this would probably also occur at the local level.

An indication of what is likely to happen about privatisation in Cape Town should be provided by the fate of the already privatised refuse removal service in Pinelands.

Pinelands has now been swallowed whole — refuse removal service and all — by the new Cape Town municipality.

Will Waste-tech be shouldered out of the way by the council's trucks, or will the private company refuse removal service be expanded beyond Pinelands?

Director of cleansing Mr Kendall Kaveney said this issue was likely to be resolved within a year, when much of the "unbundling" and "rationalisation" that goes with the new municipal boundaries has been sorted out. There are seven or eight private trucks operating in Muizenberg as well.

Ikapa council has finance problems

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A PRELIMINARY investigation into the financial systems and accounting records at the Ikapa Town Council has revealed many deficiencies, the Cape Town Municipality's executive committee has heard.

City Treasurer Eddie Landsberg told the committee an investigation was undertaken by two private consultants and that a further, full investigation was necessary so that remedial action could be taken.

He proposed that the two consultants be contracted for another six months to remedy the deficiencies in the financial systems. Some of the tasks that have identified include:

- Preparation of financial state-

ments for Brown's Farm from 1991 to date,

- Examination of debtors' ledgers to ascertain if debtors are reflected correctly,

● Examination of credit control procedures and thereafter to monitor the operations of credit control staff,

● Follow up outstanding insurance claims lodged with underwriters and ensure that payments due by third parties are recovered,

● Examination of creditors' systems to ensure that all creditors are accounted for,

● Ascertaining whether asset register/inventories exist and whether they are comprehensive, and whether the assets exist, and,

● To examine insurance schedules to make sure all assets are adequately insured.

Executive committee chairman woman Nomandla Mfeketso said that while she was concerned at the report, she was more concerned that the whole administrative process at the Ikapa town council had collapsed.

She said it was time that the whole municipality looked at restructuring itself and not just doing patch-up jobs.

"We need to get our house in order and fully integrate the areas we inherited in terms of the new municipal boundaries."

Leon Markovitz said it was also time the municipality formally appointed its chief executive officer and other senior officials as there was a lot of confusion during the rounds about people's futures. "Already in the past few weeks we have lost a number of senior technical people who have relo-

cated to other structures. We need to let people know their jobs are safe and we need to begin at the top.

"Other substructures are advertising in newspapers for senior people and it is time for an urgent joint meeting between the executive committee and the strategic management team (SMT) to put mechanisms in place that will ensure that the restructuring of the municipality is a priority," Mr Markovitz said.

Deputy chairman of the executive committee Salem Mowser agreed, saying the SMT should not only look at the relocation of staff, but at all the resources the Cape Town municipality was holding in trust for the other substructures it shed during the transformation process.

W Cape first to have separate powers

Cape Town - The Western Cape will be the first province to implement the separation of the powers of administration, judiciary and prosecution within the Department of Justice in a national restructuring programme of the justice system.

This step follows an announcement by Justice Minister Dullah Omar in May this year when he called for courts "to meet the challenges of the times" so that they become instruments of "peace

and justice instead of repression".

A proposed structure to this effect was adopted at a meeting between the administrative and judicial components of the department in Pretoria this week, and while the prosecuting component was absent, it was expected to negotiate its own structure.

Cape Town chief magistrate Bertus Jooste said "interaction between the three arms will continue on a horizontal and vertical basis".

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Secret tape reveals talks on a coloured premier

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

A SECRET tape recording confirms that battle lines are already being drawn among coloured provincial ministers in the Western Cape for Premier Hennis Kriel's crown

The tape, a recording of a telephone conversation with Abe Williams, the former Minister of Welfare, was made by Patrick McKenzie while he was still the Western Cape's minister of police

Although the premiership will come up for discussion only after the 1999 elections, the tape reveals that the race has already begun for a suitable coloured replacement

McKenzie claimed he was among the three contenders mentioned in top NP circles

The other two were the minister of police and acting premier, Gerald Morkel, and Minister of Local Government Peter Marais

The phone conversation took place earlier this year — just before Williams resigned in the wake of departmental corruption allegations

Approached for comment, McKenzie said "There is nothing unusual about a minister taping a conversation for his own records I do not deny the tape is genuine but it was never supposed to become public

"The things on the tape were said in the course of normal conversation between political colleagues and nothing sinister must be read into it Neither was any harm intended"

Williams apparently called McKenzie to complain that the "boere" (white Nats) were no longer "lekker met my ne" (nice to him) "because of the welfare things"

On the tape recording, Williams started the conversation by suggesting that he and McKenzie should "pay a night visit to the streets of Cape Town to investigate the street children problem, night shelters and prostitution"

Later on, McKenzie tells Williams there is "something else" he wants to tell him "strictly confidentially"

He goes on to tell Williams that Nick Koornhoff, then special adviser

to Deputy President F W de Klerk, had told him that "Jerry" (Gerald Morkel) was "not the man for the job" (of premier) because the NP was looking for a "dynamic" person with "oomph"

McKenzie alleged that Koornhoff had also remarked that Marais was "totally out of the race" because he was "only satisfying whites and not the people (presumably coloureds) that could give the NP the necessary vote"

Williams replied that he knew that "Dawie" (Dawie de Villiers, leader of the NP in the Western Cape) would prefer "Gerry" (Morkel) to take over from Kriel

Told of the tape, Morkel said "It does disturb one when one learns what was being discussed behind one's back, especially when one expects a bit more loyalty from one's colleagues"

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CMC fails to agree

On liaison committee

Newly-elected chairman seeks to foster 'co-operative governance'

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THE Cape Metropolitan Council's (CMC) executive committee has failed to reach agreement on the establishment of a liaison committee consisting of the chairmen of the executive committees of the sub-structures in the Cape metropolitan area

In his maiden speech after being elected CMC executive committee chairman, Pierre Uys said he envisaged the need for such a committee

to further the concept of co-operative governance in the metropolitan area

But at yesterday's CMC executive committee meeting, African National Congress councillors objected to the creation of the body on the grounds that similar forums and bodies already existed

Mzukisi Gaba said the establishment of the liaison committee would put additional pressure on the CMC as it was already rendering support and participating on a number of other structures, many of

which served the same purpose

"We have enough mechanisms in place to channel and raise our concerns, and to ensure that there is a close working relationship and co-operation between the CMC and the other substructures of the metropolitan area"

Brian Watkyns of the Democratic Party, who supported the call for the creation of the committee, said there was a need for the chairmen to consult on a one-to-one basis with each other about the problems that the various different substructures were experiencing

"There are precedents at both provincial and national government level where the premiers of the different provinces regularly meet to discuss the way forward and raise their concerns

"We need this to happen at the metropolitan level"

In the end, Mr Uys put the motion to a vote but he was unable to secure a two thirds majority to have it passed

The full council will now have to decide on the matter

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CMC asks for R1m to be repaid

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THE Cape Metropolitan Council's finance committee has recommended that a R1 million cash flow deposit be paid back to it.

The CMC paid the deposit to the former Cape Town City Council for the upgrading of services in Crossroads and Ikapa.

The CMC wants the new Cape Town municipality to repay it within three months.

The recommendation still needs the approval of the full CMC council.

The former city council was appointed in June last year as an agent for the CMC to oversee the implementation of the strategic management plan (SMP) in Crossroads and the Ikapa area on behalf of the CMC.

In terms of the SMP contract, the city council undertook to start clean-up projects, remove sand and rubble from roads, repair underground stormwater systems and repair Ikapa's vehicle and plant fleet.

However, because of financial constraints, the city council asked for the R1 million as a cash flow deposit so it could undertake the task.

In May last year the CMC agreed to make the money available to the city council on condition that it repaid the amount a year later.

At yesterday's finance committee meeting the CMC's chief director of financial services, Philip Schenck, proposed that the city council be given another 12 months to repay the deposit.

DURBAN — The IFP has accused police of failing to act, following recent attacks on IFP members in the Impendle region in the KwaZulu-Natal midlands

IFP Senator Phillip Powell said that urgent action had to be taken to restore policing in the area

"Policing has totally collapsed at Impendle, and our members on the ground have lost faith in the local police and there are fears people might take the law into their own hands if this problem is not addressed," Powell said

The IFP said that a heavily armed group had attacked the home of the IFP regional chairman Steven Zondi in Gomane on Saturday evening.

The attackers shot dead Zondi's 17-year-old son and Leonard Zuma, 47, before fleeing in the direction of Impendle village.

Powell said Zondi's family had contacted the Boston police for assistance after the Impendle police had refused to assist them

He said that the IFP noted with concern the "deafening silence" from

IFP critical of police after recent attacks

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the ranks of the clergy and other groups which had enthusiastically called for peace in the province.

"One wonders where (Rev) Michael Cassidy and his Ukuthula (peace project) initiative is now when the people in these communities need them most."

Another IFP member, Boy Zondi, 45, was also shot dead on Sunday while attending a wedding at Nzinga ward, the IFP said

It had been alleged that Zondi was killed in the presence of policemen who were attending the wedding of their colleague, the IFP said

The IFP has also slammed the police's unilateral decision to withdraw security force members from two flash-points in the Impendle region

"The security arrangements had been negotiated between the SAPS, the ANC and the IFP, and the unilateral

decision on the part of the SAPS can be directly linked to the latest violence in Impendle," the IFP said

IFP midlands leader and provincial legislature member David Ntombela said that these renewed incidents of violence had threatened the fragile peace arrangements

"We are waiting to hear from our leaders what to do next and our people are dying and attacks are taking place daily. We are under pressure from people in these communities (to do something)"

Police spokesman Supt Henry Budhrani said the recent snowfalls and the inaccessible terrain in the Impendle area contributed to the problems in policing in the area

"The incident that Senator Powell is referring to was attended to by the police and investigations are under way." — Sapa.

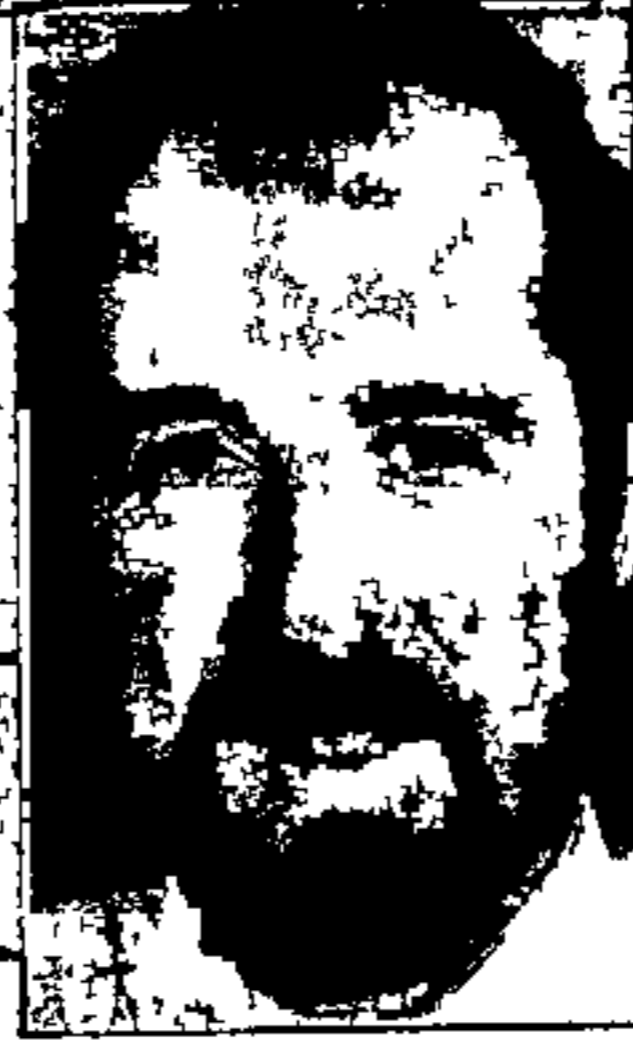
HANDSHAKES WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

R2,2m payout for civil

servant

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THE Western Cape government is about to lose some of its most experienced civil servants — some of them taking severance packages worth millions. CHRIS BATEMAN reports.



It is hoped that the agreement, brokered at central level between unions and government, will also fund overall civil service pay increases.

Van Wyk, who is acting in his chief's place while Neethling attends bilateral conservation talks in America, confirmed his package yesterday and was quick to reassure staff

"We've planned to space out our leaving — we're not leaving a sinking ship and have

done everything in our power to train people, strengthening authority at divisional and district level where there is very good management material".

The trio have 90 years of combined experience.

Van Wyk promised to be available for free consultation by staff after his departure on December 1.

Neethling will leave at the end of May and Jooste in February.

The Western Cape Exco has in principle approved a statutory Nature Conservation Board. Jooste's and Neethling's jobs will be advertised and Van Wyk's job may change

Beukes said eight percent of funding for the package on offer would come from the budget of state expenditure and the remainder would be drawn out of pension fund contributions

He added that if the Western Cape were to meet its share of the national staff cuts, its staff of 90 000 would eventually have to be trimmed by 4 000.

Mr Rossouw Lubbe, the province's chief director of Corporate Services, said that two years ago a "lot more people with a lot more experience" had taken packages

"We survived then, and we'll survive now," he said.

Neethling, who has reportedly already registered a closed corporation, is expected to set up guest houses locally and on his St Helena Bay farm, and Van Wyk is setting up a marketing and communications consultancy plus a specialist tourism outfit

THE three top civil servants in the Western Cape's Environmental and Cultural Affairs directorate are about to become instant millionaires.

They are taking "golden handshakes" worth R5,1 million and are among 200 Western Cape civil servants who have so far taken advantage of Pretoria's three-year staff reduction plan.

They have assured staff that they are not "leaving a sinking ship", however, and have trained other people, and one promised he would be available for free consultation by staff after leaving.

A flood of severance package signings are expected at the end of this month as staffers finally take the "leap of faith" into the private sector.

The departing trio are Dr Johan Neethling, 53, chief director of Environmental and Cultural Affairs, with R2,2m; Mr Niel van Wyk, 52, his director of Support Services with R1,9m; and Mr Kobus Jooste, 50, director of Nature Conservation, with about R1m (all pre-tax pension packages).

They represent the entire top structure of the province's official conservation authority.

The province's top civil servant, Mr Herbert Beukes, director general of the Western Cape administration — widely rumoured to be taking a severance package worth about R4m — said yesterday that by denying he was taking a package "I may eliminate an option"

The former Washington ambassador refused to discuss any amounts, however, adding "It's a private matter and I'll be happy to talk to you about it when there's finality"

At least three other unidentified directors (at Van Wyk's level) in the Western Cape administration have also signed the voluntary severance package deal, officials confirmed

It is aimed at streamlining the 1,2 million-strong public service by cutting 100 000 staffers a year over three years, allowing representivity and creating long-term savings

Call for probe of Bathurst town clerk's pay

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GRAHAMSTOWN — The auditor-general's office in Port Elizabeth is to investigate "serious financial irregularities" in the Bathurst municipality over the past two years.

The move follows an urgent letter to the auditor-general's office by concerned Bathurst residents last week.

In the letter the residents called for a probe into the town clerk's salary, which they said was unaffordable, "extra" allowance and alleged simultane-

ous subsistence claims from both the Bathurst transitional local council and the Algoa Regional Services Council.

The auditor-general's office said in reply to the letter: "This office has noted the contents with concern and will investigate the matters raised during the next audit."

The Bathurst municipality said yesterday the town clerk was out of town. They said he was attending a course until Monday next week — Ecna.

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

Kriel alone in call for provincial unity

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AN NP proposal for a new constitution for the Western Cape that provides for a government of unity 15 years after the 1999 elections was rejected by many legislators even before the NP discussed it at a bosberaad this weekend.

The bosberaad, to discuss the NP's draft constitution, started at a Boland village yesterday and ends before noon today. The 15-year post-1999 clause was favoured by Premier Hennis Kriel. But not one other member of the provincial parliament from either the NP or ANC last week favoured the provision. This suggested that the provision was likely to be shot down at the weekend indaba, which

is not open to the media. Even if no final decision on the clause was taken, sources said, it was unlikely to pass a cabinet test later because the ANC totally opposed it. The ANC's information and publicity director Cameron Dugmore, said the party had not taken up an invitation to make submissions on the constitution.

He said the ANC would oppose any clause in the constitution aimed at perpetuating the sharing of portfolios after the 1999 elections. The reason Kriel favours it, in our opinion, is because he fears the ANC will win the 1999 elections and he is trying to take out insurance in anticipation of the five-year lifespan of all nine provincial councils expires with that of Parliament in April 1999, when new elections will be held.

NP legislators spoken to before the bosberaad said it no longer "made any sense" to have a government of provincial unity in the Western Cape when the NP had withdrawn from the government of national unity. They said recent local election results "showed clearly" the majority of voters wanted the NP to run the Western Cape. The party that won the 1999 election should not be burdened with an obligation to allocate portfolios to its opposition, said a source.

"This is cumbersome politics as decisions have to be taken by consensus. And when two parties are at loggerheads on issues, they sometimes end up in forced compromises which are undesirable." He said the NP was confident it would win the 1999 provincial and local government elections. Another source pointed out that although the NP was by far the majority party in the Western Cape, four important portfolios were, under the system of proportional representation, run by the ANC. These are economic affairs (the Rev Chris Nissen), roads, transport and public works (Leonard Ramatlakane), sports and recreation (Lerumo Kalako), and health and social services (Ebrahim Rasool). The final draft of the provincial constitution must be adopted by a two-thirds majority, which means that the NP will need support from other parties

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Nissen to quit as ANC leader in the W Cape

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CHRIS Nissen is to step down as leader of the African National Congress in the Western Cape.

Possible contenders to replace him are Tony Yengeni, head of parliament's joint committee on defence, and Justice Minister Dullah Omar, who has been approached by various branches but who has not yet made up his mind whether to accept nomination.

Also mentioned in speculation has been Carl Niehaus, head of the national assembly committee on correctional services.

Mr Nissen, who has led the ANC in the region for the past two years and is the longest-serving member of the provincial executive since the organisation's unbanning, said he believed he had made his contribution and it was time to go.

While he had discussed his decision with the provincial executive, he had not yet informed President Mandela, he told *The Argus* in an interview today.

Mr Nissen said he had "no particular preference" for who should succeed him.

He would keep his provincial ministerial post and would accept whatever deployment the ANC decided for him, he said.

Mr Nissen said some people had tried to persuade him to stay on.

But he believed he had made his contribution and the fact that there was open speculation about a successor was an indication of the mood, Mr Nissen said.

Responding to possible analysis that he was leaving because of the ANC's defeats in local elections, Mr Nissen said this was an unfair conclusion.

"You do not look at leadership only with regard to elections," he said.

National Party support had shrunk and many people had telephoned him since the May 29 elections to say they had been "fooled again" into supporting the NP.

He admitted there had been weaknesses in his style, but constructive criticism was essential for leadership, he said.

Mr Omar's long track record as a human rights campaigner in the region, and his high profile as a national cabinet minister, could help to enliven the party's profile in the Western Cape.

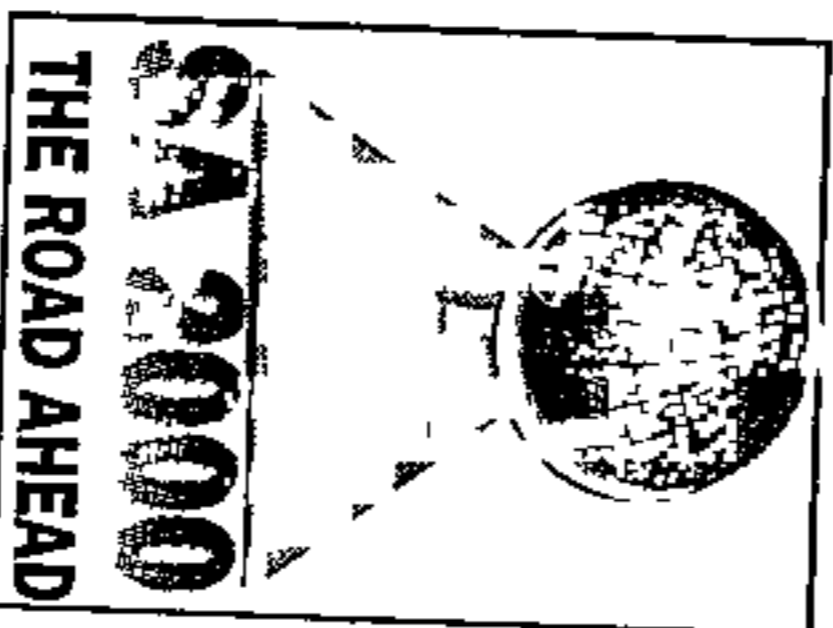
Challenges and Promise in W Cape

WILMOT JAMES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IDASA

AVAILABLE statistics at first glance suggest the people of the Western Cape do and can enjoy some of the best living standards in South Africa

Death from natural causes and, in particular, infant mortality are among the lowest in the country and life expectancy the longest. Per capita income is among the highest in the country.

Our population is relatively small and growth due to natural increase has been steadily declining over time, though we have some ways to go before reaching zero growth. The Institute for Futures Research estimates our population to be 3,66-million people, rising to 4,59-million by 2026.



Baseline living standards hide enormous disparities between white and black, rich and poor and men and women. The poor (African, coloured and small pockets of whites), who are the majority of our citizens, live under conditions that are appalling, embarrassing and unacceptable.

Tuberculosis, a disease caused entirely by poor housing and environmental conditions, rears its head often, to our great shame. If we cannot eliminate one of the easier eliminable diseases, what are we going

to do about those more difficult to bring under control?

Population statistics are estimates based on natural increase and do not, for good reason, account for in-migration. Although we have no handle on it, both coloured people from rural parts of the Western Cape, Africans from the Eastern Cape especially, and undocumented foreign migrants have steadily moved into the Western Cape.

Owing to the potentially explosive consequences of population change, it is vitally important to be quite frank about what we do and don't know about these trends.

To underline we don't know with any accuracy how many people of colour are being added to our population.

We do know that half-a-million Africans voted in the 1994 elections in the Western Cape. If we assume this constituted a (conservative) 80% turnout and that those eligible to vote (18 years and older) are about 60% of the black population, then by this estimation the black African population is about 840 000, more likely closer to a million.

But this is an educated guess and although the local government election figures tend to confirm them, we still live in ignorance of what the real picture is.

This is why the forthcoming 1996 census is so important. For the first time in our history, all people, save "illegal" migrants not

eligible for amnesty, have everything to gain by declaring themselves, in full.

Only when the census figures are available can we begin, for the first time, to initiate thinking and planning based on an accurate grasp of what our baseline reality is.

I hope that the universities in the Western Cape and, in particular the small number of demographers among our social scientists, are anticipating the incredibly important task of making the census speak to policy-makers.

Owing to the potentially explosive consequences of population change, it is vitally important to be frank about what we know and don't know about these trends.

There is little doubt, however, that whatever the increase in scale of population growth owing to African in-migration, the nature of Cape society will change. There will be more Xhosa speakers and probably more ANC voters.

But the pace of these changes is tied to the rate of in-migration, which in turn depends on how well the Eastern Cape will be doing as a province.

The response of the Western Cape to these inevitable challenges is one of choice, and, one hopes, intelligent, progressive and humane choice.

It is easy enough to respond in a traditional colonial manner (I agree that the "liberal" Cape is a myth save for rapidly declining outposts in the white southern suburbs) by erecting barriers to entry, confining Africans to third-class outcast status

Or it can welcome and embrace people, and facilitate their proper integration as citizens in this province.

It means that, in addition to English and Afrikaans, Xhosa must become a language also of service, with vast implications for education. It means that housing delivery and improvements in public and private transport must be accelerated.

The cabinet has just handed the people of the Western Cape the greatest present it could possibly have by underwriting the Olympic bid process. The Olympics represent a focal point around which the economy of the Western Cape can be driven into a genuine tourist-based growth industry.

There are dangers in hosting the Olympics, but in my view the greatest danger is the attitude of people who fear risk, opportunity and change.

Atlanta is a good example of how hosting the Olympics can attract investments, promote tourism and make possible development projects, albeit linked to sport and related needs.

I am confident that people will develop an enthusiasm over time, once expectations become realistic. The Olympics will not solve our unemployment problem, currently estimated at a high 17-20%, and a much greater figure for coloured and black people. But the Development Bank of SA calcu-

If the Olympics are aggressively tied into a tourist-promotion industry, it can become the single most important venue for growth and job creation.

lates an addition of R30-billion to the GDP over time and, critically, the addition of 91 000 jobs between now and 2006.

If the Olympics are aggressively tied into a tourist-promotion industry, related to our greatest asset — the geographical majesty of the Western Cape — it can become the single most important avenue for growth and job-creation. But, boy, do we need a decent airport and service culture so that tourists come, not only once, but 10 times.

In spite of what those foreigners from Gauteng say, the people of the Western Cape are friendly, if you treat them with respect.

Treat the majority of the people of the Western Cape — coloured people — with respect, and you will be astonished about the depth of warmth and hospitality.

Finally, there is the vexed issue of crime. I honestly don't know what the answer is to crime and gangsterism.

I suspect we do need more (and differently trained) police, more jobs and more development. I know that politicians are taking the issue of crime very seriously indeed.

I also know that as much as communities must participate in their own security, the issue is much too big to privatise it.

But perhaps there is a lesson somewhere in the fact that today one can walk the streets of Buenos Aires with little fear whereas 10 years ago you couldn't.

Western Cape NP wants 15 years of provincial unity

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CHRIS BATEMAN

A PROVINCIAL government of unity for 15 years, proper recognition of the three provincial languages and own language instruction in schools are some of the ruling National Party's proposals for a Western Cape constitution.

The Western Cape's constitution-writing efforts began yesterday with the first meeting of the

province's standing committee on constitutional affairs, which will produce a draft in accordance with the requirements of the country's final constitution

Chairman Mr Henrie Bester (DP) reassured Mr Yusuf Gabru (ANC) that there would be enough secretarial assistance to enable public hearings to be held throughout the province to canvass opinion as widely as possible in rural areas

Among broad tenets in the NP's proposals for a provincial constitution are proper recognition and protection of property rights, a separate right, apart from freedom of expression, of the media to inform the public, and proper recognition of the three provincial languages — with Xhosa being "phased in"

Another NP principle is the right to choose instruction in any language "where instruction in

that language can be reasonably provided at state or state-aided institutions" and the right to educational institutions based on a "common culture, language or religion" — provided there is no racial discrimination

The NP wants to protect a Western Cape government of provincial unity for 15 years — which the ANC vigorously opposes, in the belief it will win the 1999 elections

Tussle for top ANC post in Cape

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The Western Cape ANC is under pressure to abandon an unwritten rule that its chairperson be coloured, **Rehana Rossouw reports**

SENIOR sources in the Western Cape ANC say a major shake-up is required if the party expects to challenge the National Party in 1999 for control of the province.

Following their crushing defeat in urban local government elections in May, the ANC has begun admitting it has crippling weaknesses and little support among the biggest voting bloc in the province — urban, working-class coloured people.

Its biennial conference in September offers an opportunity to rebuild the organisation. But it appears to have sparked a leadership tussle rather than a chance to produce a strategy to

increase the party's popularity in the province.

An internal assessment after the election concluded ANC structures were weak, its political message does not grab voters and its leadership cannot whip the party into shape.

Some regional leaders blame the ANC's national leadership for the mess in which they find themselves. They complain there is little understanding among national leaders of the peculiarities of the region and far too much interference in decision-making, particularly about who should lead the Western Cape ANC.

"The rot set in way back in 1991 at our first conference when President Nelson Mandela virtually instructed us to vote for Allan Boesak as leader of the province. We weren't allowed to consider who was the best person for the job," said a member of the regional executive committee.

"That leadership style is wrong, and it was proven when it didn't work. You

can't pin all your hopes on a Messiah, you can't decide that because a person has a certain skin colour and religious background that he is the best person for the job."

Another executive committee member said he noticed during the run-up to the May elections that ANC leaders did not understand how national politics impacted on the Western Cape electorate.

"It will be an ongoing project to get them to understand the unique aspects of this province. Nationally, voters may welcome redeployment of teachers and affirmative action in the workplace, but those messages have to be amended to find resonance here," he said.

"Some of our national leaders came to the Cape to address public meetings with quite crude and conservative viewpoints on coloured nationalism. It might have drawn a few laughs but it does nothing to help our cause to eliminate racism in the region."

The race to find the right leadership for the job by September has completely overshadowed early preparations for the conference. The ANC's incumbent chair, Reverend Chns Nissen who won the position by default when Boesak stepped down, is not available for re-election.

For some, this creates the opportunity to elect a leader from

the ranks of the ANC's power base in the Cape, its branches in African areas. For others, the race is on to find someone who will woo coloured voters, preferably an older statesman, fluent in Afrikaans and of sober, Christian habits.

Possible candidates for the position of chairperson include Justice Minister Dullah Omar, national assembly MP Tony Yengem and health and welfare MP Ebrahim Rasool.

"The National Party has a white premier, Hennis Kriel, and a white leader in the province, Dawie de Villiers. That proves ethnicity is not an important factor for the electorate," said a senior ANC member who favours the election of an African leader.

"Coloured voters are incredibly conservative and deeply racist. They really believe that their houses, jobs and schools are going to be taken away by the ANC and given to blacks. That's why we need leadership that can reassure them that the ANC is a party for them as well," was another viewpoint.

Then there are those who believe what is required is a leadership team, who can be everything to all potential voters and reflects whatever programme of action is drafted by conference.

"The ANC has been extremely successful in putting a lid on the potential for racial polarisation in the ranks, but it is starting to break out," warned a



Possible candidate: Dullah Omar

senior Khayelitsha member. "It hasn't been raised in meetings yet, but some of our members are starting to say that they've lost hope of coloureds ever supporting the ANC and the leadership should reflect its pay-off, committed members."

"This situation isn't helped by the caucuses, cliques and factions which always emerge on the eve of conference. There are already people going around the townships urging people to vote for them and pouring mud on the integrity of other possible leaders."

"These tussles must not be allowed to cloud the fundamental question at conference: what has the ANC done wrong up to now in the Western Cape and what should it do to win 1999?"

"The leadership squabbles should be properly managed so that it does not break out and destroy the little that is left of the ANC in the Cape. It has the potential to split the organisation in two."

ANC rejects Cape constitution

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THE AFRICAN National Congress has rejected a proposal to adopt a provincial constitution proposed by premier Hennis Kriel because it could make the Western Cape a National Party "volkstaat"

ANC provincial secretary James Ngculu yesterday said that Kriel's proposal also excluded the major stakeholders in the province, which includ-

ed the ANC and the majority of the Western Cape's communities

The proposed constitution would ensure the sharing of portfolios in the provincial government for 15 years after the 1999 elections

The proposal was also rejected by ANC provincial legislator Mr Cameron Dugmore, who said that the NP was trying to "take out insurance" because they were afraid that the ANC would win the Western Cape elections in 1999

Ngculu said he also "could not

understand why there was such a rush" to adopt a provincial constitution when the national Constitution was still to be adopted in September

"The provincial constitution has to form part of the national constitution-making process. This is not the first time that the NP has tried to adopt a constitution for the province. Last year they also wanted to rush through a constitution,"

Premier Kriel's office would not comment when approached by *Sowetan* this week

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Nissen to leave
ANC leadership

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape ANC leader Chris Nissen will not be available for re-election at the ANC's biannual congress in September.

Nissen said yesterday that after two years as ANC leader in the province he felt it was time to make way for a new leader. (263)

He was the longest-serving ANC member in the provincial executive and would continue to serve the ANC to the best of his ability. He would stay on as provincial MEC for economic affairs. He did not speculate on who would replace him, and said he had no preference.

Names that have been mentioned include Tony Yengem, head of parliament's joint committee on defence, and Justice Minister Dullah Omar. — Sapa

NP leader FW de Klerk addressing the Pretoria Press Club yesterday.

Mdlalose takes control of gambling portfolio

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal premier Frank Mdlalose excised gambling from the portfolio of outgoing finance MEC Senzele Mhlungu yesterday and brought it under his personal control.

Mdlalose's decision came as a surprise, as he already holds the safety and security portfolio in addition to being premier. Mhlungu is to quit the cabinet at the end of next month.

Mdlalose said he had taken over gambling immediately so that Mhlungu could "offer guidance" to ensure a smooth take-over.

He had not allocated the responsibility to another MEC as he had comprehensive knowledge of the Gambling Act, passed through the KwaZulu-Natal legislature earlier this month, and the "broader issues" involved.

One IFP source said Mdlalose had wrested gambling from Mhlungu because of growing controversy over the latter's personal interest in gambling. There had been enormous pressure from the Gambling Association of SA for him to quit.

Mhlungu is the largest shareholder in Khulani Holdings which launched gaming consortium African Sun International with Sun International, Thebe Investments, Real Africa In-

vestments, Vela International, Women's Investment Portfolio and Gestlac last October.

Minority Front leader Amichand Rajbansi called last week for punitive legislation to prevent Mhlungu from benefiting from legislation he had introduced in the legislature. ANC MP Mike Sutchiffe earlier warned against a "small clique" benefiting from legalised gambling.

The issue of a cabinet shake-up is to be discussed at the IFP national conference starting today. IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Mdlalose are believed to have already decided that Arts and Culture Minister Ben Ngubane will switch to the provincial cabinet. Speculation in IFP circles now is that Ngubane will become the province's finance MEC.

Mdlalose's spokesman Eric Ngubane said Mdlalose had a heavy workload, but could handle all his portfolios. It should be remembered most policing powers rested with central government, he said.

Mdlalose's move means he will oversee the establishment of the provincial gambling board, which will issue casino licences. Closing date for nomination of board candidates is August 21.

Mhlungu could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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Nats call for ANC purge in Cape cabinet

By NORMAN WEST, Political Reporter

A STRONG call to drop the Western Cape's four ANC ministers from the provincial cabinet has been made by NP legislators.

The call has been opposed by provincial Premier Hernus Kriel, who is urging a continuation of power-sharing between the NP and ANC in the cabinet.

He claimed after last weekend's bosberaad held at a Boland village that while some delegates were against his proposal, others backed him and this was only the first round of discussions.

However, sources said this week, legislators opposing Kriel wanted to get rid of the four ANC ministers "as soon as possible".

They urged that there should be no further provision for power-sharing in the proposed Western Cape provincial constitution.

Some delegates at the bosberaad rejected continued power-sharing with the ANC "with immediate effect", said one source.

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If this group — said to be in the majority — have their way, the NP-controlled Western Cape legislature may have to rid itself of the four ANC ministers in the same way that Premier Manne Dipico purged the Northern Cape legislature of NP ministers earlier this year.

The four ministers are Ebrahim Rasool (Health and Social Services), Chris Nissen (Economic Affairs), Leonard Ramatlakane (Roads, Transport and Public Works) and Lerumo Kalako (Sport and Recreation).

According to reliable sources, a proposal by Kriel that the new Western Cape provincial constitution should include provision for a government of provincial unity and "compulsory power sharing" for 10 to 15 years after the 1999 elections, received almost no support at the bosberaad.

Denying he had no support, Kriel said this week that the proposal would have to be thrashed out through the full framework of the party in the Western Cape and perhaps also at the highest level — the Federal Council of the NP.

"We knew we could not take a final decision at the bosberaad, but it was at least an occasion to exchange ideas on the issue," he said.

Ironically, the ANC supports the end of unity government, but for other reasons.

ANC Director of Information and Publicity Cameron Dugmore said the ANC believed it was gaining support in the Western Cape and stood a good chance of grabbing power from the NP in 1999. The party believed Kriel feared an ANC take-over and wanted to entrench NP participation after 1999.

NP members also complained that talented NP legislators were being sidelined from promotion in the regional cabinet because positions were filled by ANC ministers.

● A proposal to change the name of the Province of the Western Cape to "Province of the Cape of Good Hope" received little support from delegates at the bosberaad.

Nissen leaves ANC with a difficult task

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By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

THE resignation of Rev Chris Nissen as leader of the ANC in the Western Cape came as no surprise to insiders, but it nevertheless plunged the ANC, which suffered a bloody nose at the hands of the NP in recent local elections, into a political quandary.

Those in the know say Nissen's move is his first step towards quitting party politics completely and returning to the pulpit.

The hunt is now on for a successor, ideally again from the coloured community.

Apart from former teacher boss Randall van den Heever, ANC MP, the ANC does not have many respected high-profile people to draw on among its limited coloured support base

A successor will be chosen at the ANC provincial congress at the end of September.

Despite certain names being bandied about, the ANC does not seem to have a candidate fit to fol-

low Nissen

Nissen said this week he was relinquishing his job because he felt he had made his "contribution" and that it was time for someone else to take over the helm

He will remain a member of the provincial legislature and Minister of Economic Affairs.

But those close to him know that politics was never his first love — and that he was longing to get back to being a community worker and returning to his calling, the church

Nissen, an ordained preacher in the Lutheran Church, has been a reluctant wearer of the ANC crown ever since it was thrust upon him two years ago when the controversial Dr Allan Boesak relinquished it.

Nissen earned the wrath of his ANC when in April last year he spoke out strongly against the manner in which affirmative action was being implemented in the Western Cape in favour of "Africans" through advertisements calling for "Xhosa-speaking" job-seekers.