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Slabbert urged to solve impasse

By Peter Davies

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Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert has been asked to mediate in the long-standing feud between residents of Ennerdale Extension 5 and the Johannesburg City Council.

Dr Slabbert, who yesterday toured the troubled district, said it was a "very unfortunate situation" which he was trying to resolve.

"There is a problem in the relationship between certain home-owners and the council and I was approached by the Ennerdale Civic Association to resolve it," he said.

Dr Slabbert was shown four houses, three of which had cracks that residents claim were as a result of structural faults which appeared soon after homes were occupied in 1986.

Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association vice-chairman Roger McCulloch said some of the cracks had been repaired two or three times, only to reappear.

The city council said in a statement released at the beginning of April that the defects were "superficial". Residents refused to pay for the houses until the defects were repaired.

Defaulters

A protracted rent boycott followed, and last month four families were forcibly evicted from their homes by the Sheriff of the Court after the city council obtained court orders against the defaulters.

Eviction orders have been granted against about 50 other families.

The evicted families are liv-

ing in tents on a vacant plot in the suburb, while council security Caspsirs stand guard over the four empty houses.

Dr Slabbert said he had talked to Johannesburg City Council members on an informal basis.

"They will now talk to the management committee and then come back to me. I don't want to create false hopes or impressions that will make mediation more difficult," he said.

A Johannesburg City Council spokesman said the council had requested the Sheriff of the Supreme Court to delay further evictions until the management committee meets on May 12 to hold discussions on Mr Slabbert's suggestions.

However, this did not mean the sheriff would not evict people before that date.

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Residents to meet ⁽²⁷⁾ over light rail fears

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Municipal Reporter

Angry residents in the north-eastern suburbs of Johannesburg have called a public meeting on May 12 to discuss fears that about 100 homes are to be expropriated to make way for a light rail system.

Orange Grove city councillor Clive Gilbert said residents were in a panic over the system's proposed route

"Due to all the rumours flying about, residents can't sell their houses and all development has stopped.

"Residents believe they have been left totally in the dark and that the province has decided over the city council what the route is," Mr Gilbert said

Circulating

Documents, said by one resident to have been "leaked" from the city council, and circulating in Norwood, Highlands North and Orange Grove, recommend the expropriation of more than 80 houses, a block of flats and a home for the aged

Johannesburg metropolitan planning director Ian Symon dismissed the claims as ridiculous

He said the "secret" documents were from the Masstran report released last year. The council was not obliged to take up the recommendations

"No route has been decided and we won't decide anything without the residents' say-so."

The council had said previously that the Masstran recommendations regarding specific routes were irresponsible, Mr Symon added

Call to fund social upliftment

CAPE TOWN — The private sector could not rely on economic growth to achieve a redistribution of wealth in SA and would have to become strategically involved at the highest level in social upliftment projects, Independent Development Trust chairman Jan Steyn said yesterday

He told the congress that to substantially reduce unemployment, the economy would have to grow at levels which were probably unattainable in the short term

Political parties would be faced with a pressure of expectations from the discontented

"We cannot expect the emergent political parties in SA to ignore these pressures," he said, adding political survival would oblige them to be seen to address these needs and to do so dramatically

Steyn said it was essential that the private sector address the danger of excessive state intervention and high taxation not by simply pointing to the benefits of economic growth, but by prioritising appropriate initiatives

He urged the corporate sector to give substantial support to post-matric and post-graduate management development programmes

The private sector could also support technical and vocational training to create self-sufficiency in small-scale production to counteract the overemphasis on retailing activity in the informal sector.

The private sector could also support low cost housing initiatives

Shell International Western Hemisphere and African regional coordinator Maarten van den Bergh said a clarification of the future economic environment for investment in SA was urgently required

"By addressing this issue and by sending strong, consistent signals of good politics and good economics, the new SA could improve the climate for foreign and local investors."

He said raising taxes, especially corporate taxes, could be a disincentive to investors

Wits chamber to meet over demands

THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber will meet next week in spite of negotiations to overcome the conflict which has threatened to scuttle the forum

Following the collapse last month of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) group, formed to sort out the rates and tariffs crisis in Soweto, all activities of the metropolitan chamber were suspended

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA), whose withdrawal from the GSPP precipitated the local government crisis, demanded the resignation of all black councillors, greater involvement of the Johannesburg

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city council in the administration of Soweto's affairs and an end to township violence and the worker hostel system

Chamber CEO Vic Milne said yesterday the forum would be meeting next week

The Soweto rent boycott called for by the SCA, meanwhile, was gaining ground, TPA officials said

TPA figures indicate that only 31,3% of Soweto residents paid rent in March this year — compared to 60% in December last year

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IVY HLATSHWAYO: One of the many women cooking for boyfriends or husbands with whom they live in the hostel



Despite all people are

The word "hostel" often conjures up images of violence. But after spending a day at Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto **ABBIE MAKOE** discovered that despite all the scare stories about the hostels, the people living there are also human **MBUZENI ZULU** took the pictures

This is home to thousands

Population About 4000
 Political affiliation Inkatha
 Number of children Estimated at 1000
 Number of the unemployed Estimated at 1,500
 Source Humphrey Ndlovu, IFP's Transvaal leader

LIFE IN Meadowlands Hostel is not at all easy. It is a constant battle to rise above the squalor and filth.

"The residents are actually trying hard to turn poison into medicine, lamented one hostel dweller.

As I walked around the hostel I wondered how anybody could be expected to cope with living under such conditions.

For, how does one come to grips with the stench emanating from dirty rows of toilets with no doors and no privacy?"

Outside many men basked in the sun, drinking sorghum beer and chatting nostalgically about families in Natal. Children, who should be at school or creche, play around nonchalantly.

As photographer Mbusenzi Zulu and I approached them, many pairs of curious eyes stared at us.

They seemed to be asking: Who are these strangers?

the horror living here

When we identified ourselves as *Sowetan* journalists all were eager to talk to us. "to give their side of the story."

Men, women and children complain about amazambane Zulu for potatoes. Amazambane is a hostel term for a hand-grenade.

It is believed that the first time township residents threw a hand-grenade at the hostel dwellers thought it was a potato until it exploded.

The more we listened, the more it became obvious that fear plays a big part in their lives. Fear of township taxis, fear of strangers, fear of more 'amazambane'.

People who love life

But in spite of what I saw the people inside the hostel say they love life.

There are a string of shops, including restaurants, inside the hostel and a huge pub which was filled to capacity as early as 11am. A group of men stands guard at the main entrance, watching every visitor coming into the hostel.

The shops sell almost everything one finds in huge supermarkets in the city. Unemployed dwellers say they walk around the hostel fence day and night, ready to quell potential attacks.

They bitterly blamed the police for confiscating their "traditional weapons" in a recent swoop saying the same was not done to the township residents.

Heavily-built shebeen king Bofa Mhlongwe (42) is also happy with hostel life. He came to the hostel in 1974 after leaving his home in Ladysmith, Natal. He shares his room with his wife and niece, whose father was killed during violence in 1988.

"As in the townships, I thought we too had to stop relying on outsiders (township residents) for entertainment," said Mhlongwe, pointing to a large quantity of empty beer bottles.

Nonhlanhla Ngunane (22) looks twice her age. She left her Maritzburg, Natal, home at the age of 11, she said. She could not disguise her dislike for township residents.

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CAIPHUS HLABESA



JOLLING TIME. Patrons enjoying beers inside the only tavern in Meadowlands Hostel. The women came to Johannesburg to be with their men.

Tomorrow — we speak to the hostel leaders

Caiphus Hlabesa (54) is unemployed, but he is ready and willing to do his only wish is to be buried at his birthplace Nkandla, Natal.

He is not a member of Inkatha and has no interest in politics.

His wife divorced him some years ago fleeing with their three children. He has not seen them again. Among his belongings in any corner he calls a bedroom, is a lumpy jacket, a grey shirt and a jacket. No trousers can be seen.

The string of questions disturbs him so he retorts: "I am an ordinary man. Go speak to politicians. But if you can, please bring me some food, sometimes."

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 she said, and dashed for the beer in her room
 Like a few others inside the hostel
 Theminkosi Biyela does not know his age
 He blames the existing tension on township
 parents

"When we fight them we don't send
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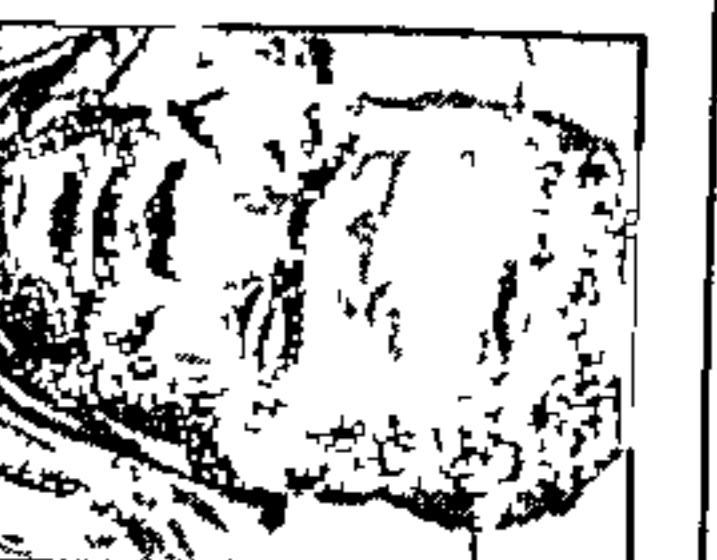
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Council gets tough on electricity bills

ELECTRICITY consumers in Johannesburg owed more than R68m in unpaid bills and the city council had decided to get tough with defaulters, city treasurer Willie Siebert said yesterday.

The council had decided defaulters would no longer receive warnings or final demands before supplies were cut for non-payment.

Siebert said while the R68m owed on accounts 60 days in arrears was not necessarily all bad debt, "the cost of borrowings to fund defaulters on this scale is enormous, and ratepayers can legitimately ask why they have to foot the bill".

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the council's two-month period of grace was "too generous". "If we are to remain solvent as a council," he said, the mounting deficit had to be dealt with by cutting supplies.

Siebert indicated the two-month period would gradually be reduced to 10 days.

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Councillor Clive Gilbert said discontinuing electricity supplies without notice would "create tremendous hardship" as many people were battling to pay bills. He said the 72-hour wait before supplies were reconnected was too long.

The council had six teams responsible for cutting off or reconnecting electricity and a 72-hour delay was inevitable, Davidson said. "People can't just jump the queue if they find they have forgotten to pay."

The council sent out 11 000 final demands monthly, pushing "unacceptably high administrative costs" to R154 000 a month, said Siebert. "We simply cannot continue to burden ratepayers in this way."

In a statement yesterday, Siebert said the defaulting problem tied up money that could be better spent on pressing needs in other areas such as medical facilities.

Declare Beirut a 'disaster zone' - Alex

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THE notorious "Beirut" area in Alexandria could be virtually deserted next month if the State President accedes to a call by community organisations to de-

clare it a disaster zone. At a meeting with Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel early this week, delegates from the ANC, SACP and Cosas

urged the Minister to take immediate steps to restore law and order in the strife-torn area.

If the area is declared a "disaster zone", all the residents still living there will have to move out while the area is brought back to normality.

"Residents will be accommodated in churches and community halls while a rescue team repairs homes, schools and shops and restores the area to what it was," Alexandria ANC spokesman Obed Bapela said yesterday.

Mr Bapela said once the

operation was complete, the original 9 300 families from the area who have since been displaced, will be brought back.

He said other families have illegally occupied the homes of the displaced families.

Response

State President FW de Klerk who is the only person with the power to declare an area a disaster zone, is expected to respond to the delegation's call by the end of the month.

"Beirut - the area between First and Sixth Av-

enues - has been described as a 'no-go' area since

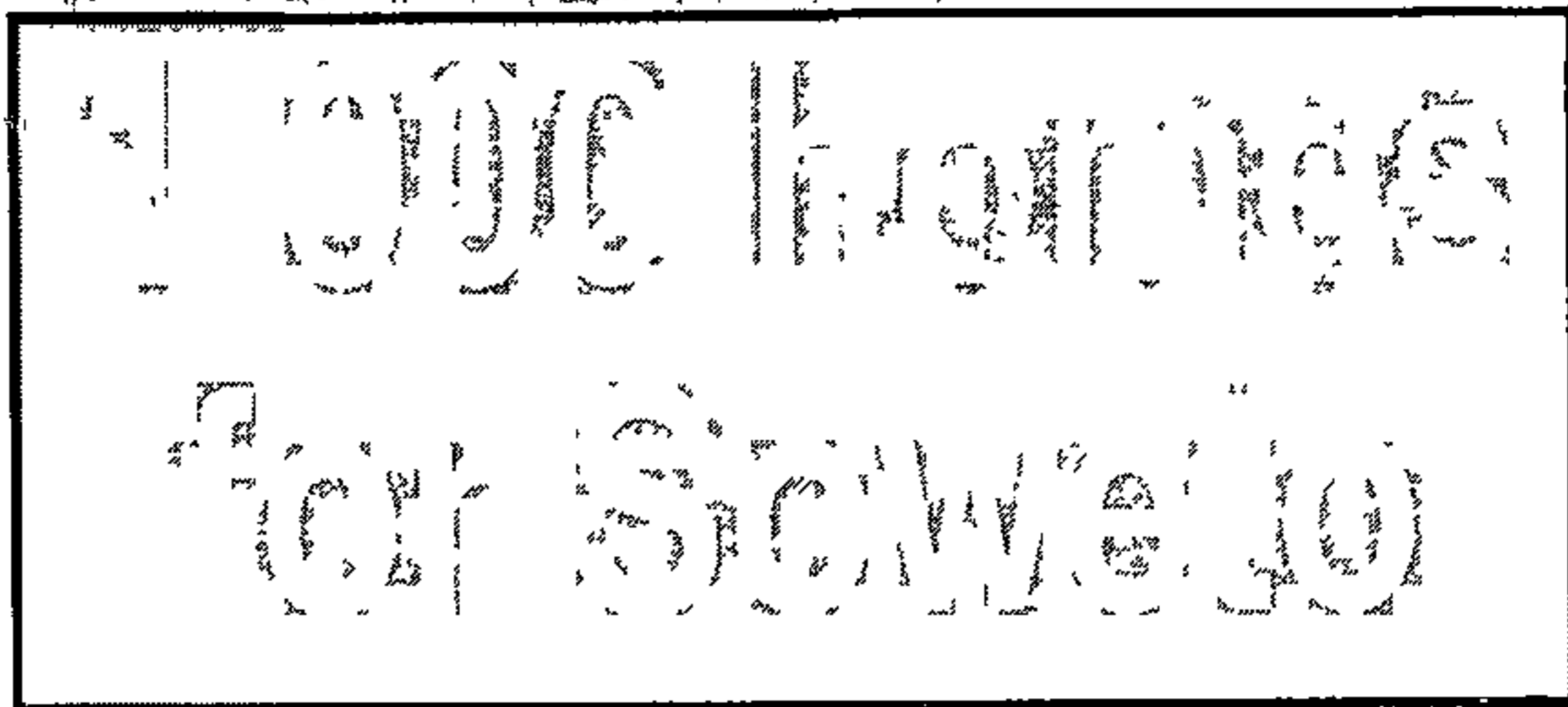
● Homes were burnt and vandalised, forcing residents to flee

● Shops were looted and broken down bringing business to a standstill,

● Schools disrupted and

● All health services halted, posing a serious health risk to the community

Mr Batela said residents had been informed about the call and were "happy that attempts are being made to bring back peace and stability to Alexandria".



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BASIL Read Homes has built more than 1 000 new homes in Protea Glen, Soweto, despite the bad economic climate and high interest rates

For most of the buyers, this was the first time they bought and many have established gardens, boundary walls, carports, paved driveways and installed decorative grills on their properties

The company's director, Mr Hugh Sanders, said construction of services and

houses were already underway in the second phase, Protea Glen Extension One

A number of additional phases were planned for the future as the suburb extended down to the Potchefstroom highway

He said prices were extremely competitive and for customer convenience, maintained a construction and sales offices on site as well as in Johannesburg

Civics resist Benoni Forum

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE Greater Benoni Forum - created to pave the way for non-racial local government - has hit hard times.

The civic bodies for Wattville and Daveyton have boycotted recent sub-committee meetings to show their "disgust" at the forum's performance

A crucial meeting of the forum takes place today when the Daveyton Interim Committee and Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee will be tabling demands for action on development of the townships

Some civic leaders refer to the meeting as a make-or-break event for the year-old forum

DIC chairman Mr James Ngubo explained to residents why the civic bodies had boycotted meetings

He argued that the civic had delivered in terms of agreements on services but residents had got little in return

"The community of Daveyton has been paying Statistics show that above 70 percent have paid for their services Bulk suppli-

ers have had no difficulty in getting paid

"But what about the other parties in the negotiating forum - have they delivered?"

The parties in the Benoni Forum are the Benoni, Wattville and Daveyton councils, DIC, WCRC, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Eskom

Payments

A Benoni council spokesman said that payment levels in the townships had dropped recently to about 60 percent

He acknowledged that the question of improving services - and finding the

resources to do this - was crucial

Civic leaders argue that the other parties have resources, but lack legitimacy in the townships

Without the civic structures - which have proved their clout by bringing the service tariff boycott to an end - the Benoni Forum itself would have no standing in the townships, they reason

They have no intention of serving as "window dressing" for a structure that can do nothing to meet residents' demands, civic leaders have said in community meetings

Employers asked to help with houses

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THE importance of assistance in home ownership is becoming increasingly evident to employers, according to the South African Housing Trust (SAHT).

The time has come for employers to become involved in dealing with the housing needs of their employees

Recently Trans-Natal Collieries Limited, a large coal mining group within the Genmin group, committed itself to housing their employees

After consulting numerous companies and organisations, Trans-Natal chose to use SAHT with its somewhat unique approach to company housing schemes — using the bottom-up consultants method

“Through our commitment to finding housing solutions, the SAHT have proved to be the perfect vehicle for this rational holistic approach towards housing

“Trans-Natal realised that the search for housing solutions requires certain changes in management thinking

“This change is unilateral and it is evident that employers are taking steps to familiarise themselves with the housing circumstances and needs of their staff before adopting a housing policy, if necessary, in order that it may be best applied and to the benefit of all employees”

Housing schemes and policy are only effective if they are supported by the employees and they should therefore be involved in the setting up and implementing of policy

This approach is effective in establishing the preference and housing needs of employees. A survey has been undertaken, using a sample of three mines in the Middleburg area

One hundred employees were interviewed at each mine with the assistance of the mine personnel. These random samples were broken up evenly into categories, including age and income, in order to establish an even distribution of all employees

Only 44 percent of all employees wished to purchase

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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homes within the area of their employment within the next year

Their reasons were varied and included the possibility of farming in their “home” areas as well as the extended family concept in the area of origin

It was therefore, ascertained that employees are prepared to spend R200 of their monthly income (over and above their housing allowance) on housing

About 40 percent of these employees earn between R500 and R800 a month which indicates that owning a home of their own has a high monetary value to them

“The findings enabled us to draw conclusions which not only relate to the size of the developments which are to be planned, but also to the type of product and price which would be acceptable

“The SAHT is now in a position to provide the best service to Trans-Natal.”

Having access to the information, the SAHT can advise on housing policy, provide relevant training, and facilitate the housing of individuals on relevant SAHT projects

Employees’ needs and preferences could therefore be considered when accommodating them on SAHT facilitated projects, bearing in mind cost and quality constraints

Where the SAHT did not deem it appropriate to initiate projects they can give advice as to possible other private sector project management services and can act as a consultant in this regard

Therefore (as a team) Trans-Natal (employer and employees) and the SAHT are in a position to successfully implement any housing schemes or policies the former finds equitable with its internal constraints and practices

De Loor
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report out
next week

By Frank Jeans

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The long-awaited De Loor report on housing will be handed to Minister of Housing Leon Wessels next Wednesday and its recommendations will be put before a press conference

This was announced by Mr Wessels when he addressed the NAHB conference yesterday

"The De Loor report will make an important contribution to the current housing debate," he told delegates

"In tandem with this initiative, I will also engage in talks with all interested groups in an effort to negotiate an agreement."

Mr Wessels said it was unacceptable today that there were political role-players present who could not take up their place in Parliament to debate housing in each other's presence

Last occasion

"I hope this will be the last occasion where it is necessary for us to bring together politicians to speak on housing outside the debating chambers of Parliament."

Calling for an end to all sanctions, Mr Wessels said South Africa needed investment now and that in the event of the political process not moving fast enough to find solutions for a transitional constitution at Codesa, leaders in the housing field would have to look at other ways to find suitable solutions for the housing problem

"South Africa can no longer tolerate the poverty of our people and the serious housing shortage in our communities," he said

For Mandela, it's home sweet Houghton

THE ANC had paid more than R500 000 for a plush Johannesburg home for its president Nelson Mandela, the organisation confirmed yesterday

The heavily secured double-storey house, situated on an oak-lined avenue in Lower Houghton, was not officially put on the market. The previous owners are understood to have accepted the ANC's offer when the organisation approached them through an agent.

In a statement the ANC said Mandela had in the past been subjected to threats on his life, and it hoped the move would not

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publish his new address

A high brick and wrought-iron wall surrounds the property, which has extra protection in the form of high-tech electronic surveillance and alarm devices

Mandela's new neighbours include the Portuguese consul-general. Others said yesterday Mandela was currently moving into the house, which was being fitted out yesterday with light fittings. Furnishings, including bookcases and chairs, had already been delivered

The ANC confirmed the house was being renovated and refurbished to accommodate Mandela. A designer from the interior design firm Armazem declined to say who the house owner was or how much the refurbishment contract was worth, and threatened to call the police when Business Day visited the property.

A team of labourers yesterday busied themselves polishing the wooden floorboards and the upstairs windows. Others were touching up the paintwork.

At the property's entrance is what ap-

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appears to be a normal intercom, but closer inspection shows a miniature closed circuit television camera mounted on the speaker, behind a strip of dark glass.

Estate agent Lesley Said confirmed yesterday he had sold the house for "a figure in the mid-500 000s", but was unable to name the buyer. "As far as I know Mandela never came to look at the house."

He said the buyers did not raise a bond to

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cover the purchase, but did present the sellers with guarantees in time for the transfer to go through.

Neighbour Theresa Beyers said all the neighbours knew Mandela was moving in, and that they were glad to welcome him to their neighbourhood.

"All I can say is that I respect his privacy and his dignity. This is the new SA, and we'll welcome him as a new neighbour."

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HILLBROW — the heartland of Johannesburg the suburb that went grey long before the Group Areas Act was scrapped — is often portrayed as a slum a mugger's paradise and a catchment area for the lost, the lonely and the forgotten.

The city fathers frequently come up with plans to "improve" Hillbrow to drag it into line like some delinquent child. But do the people of Hillbrow want what the council has in mind?

A recent *Agenda* focused on Johannesburg's inner-city suburbs and what the council has planned. Various officials and businessmen, with varying degrees of pomposity, suggested that those that didn't fit into the city's First World shape had better ship out. One white woman, living in the city centre, said the problems would only be solved if "they got rid of the blacks".

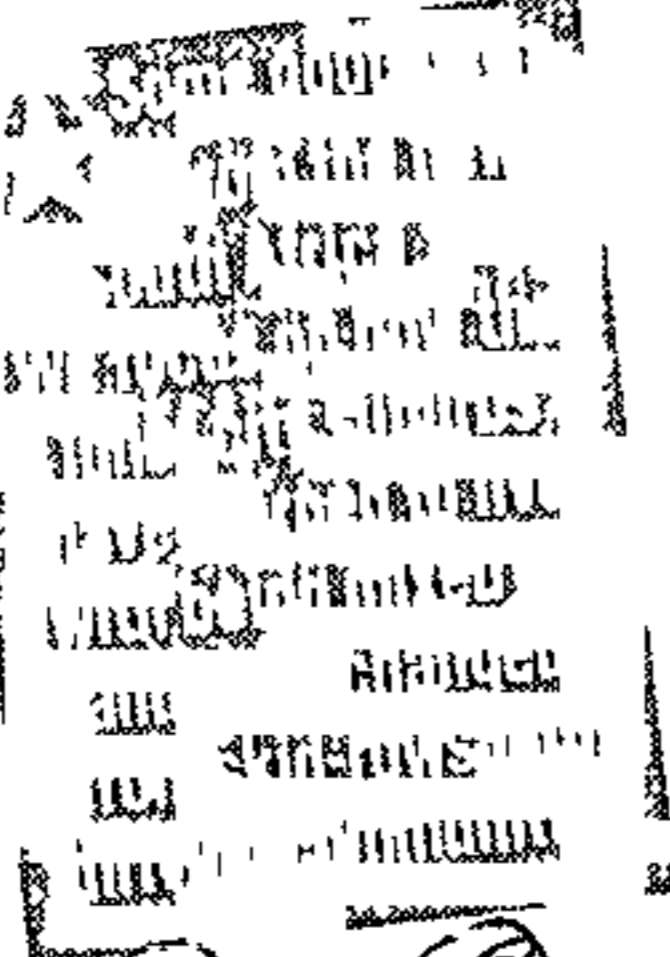
But Hillbrow is not Sandton, nor is it Soweto. It is one of the most densely populated flatlands in the world, facing the problems associated with any big city — with a couple of uniquely South African ones thrown in.

Its population, traditionally, was transient and diverse: young white couples saving for a home in the outer suburbs, gays grateful for the tolerant attitudes displayed towards them, pensioners who can't afford higher rents elsewhere, the immigrants who used Hillbrow as a staging post before moving to other areas or cities — a melting pot of class, creed and language. It offered residents anonymity, tolerance and convenience.

During the 1980s a new type of "immigrant" — blacks from the townships — started moving into central Johannesburg, Joubert Park and Hillbrow/Berea. Problems such as overcrowding, exploitation by unscrupulous landlords and police harassment followed.

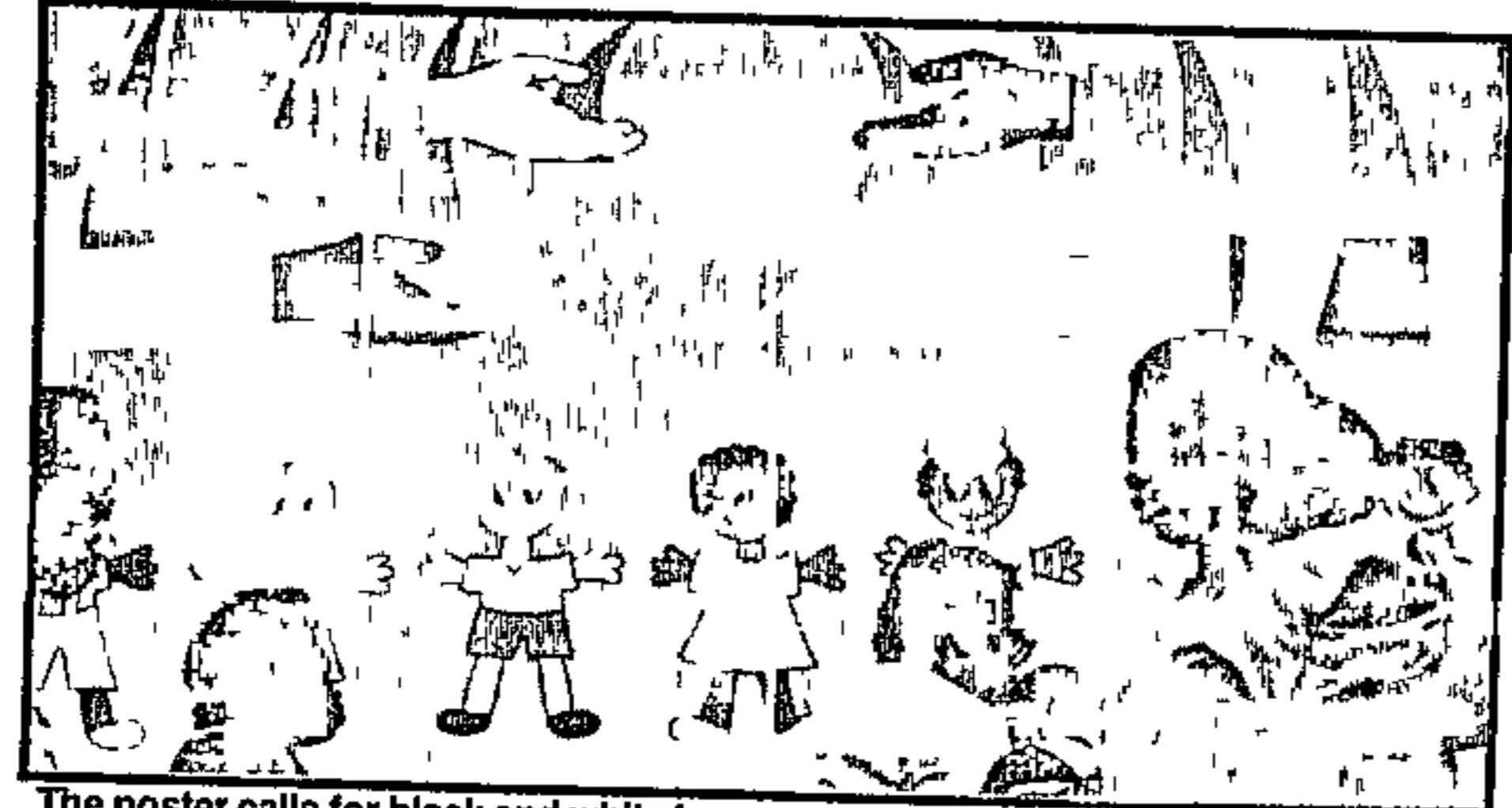
Many shops — even bank branches — closed, to be replaced by pool halls, amusement arcades, pawn shops and other signs of skid row.

The result was an uneasy mix between those whites, many of them elderly, who were forced by economic circumstances to remain in Hillbrow and the ever-growing black population. The elderly, particularly,



The fog lifts off

the grey areas



The poster calls for black and white harmony and that's what's happening

are a favourite target for muggers and robbers.

But since the removal of the Group Areas Act and the start of constitutional negotiations the fog is lifting and the population profile of Hillbrow is changing again.

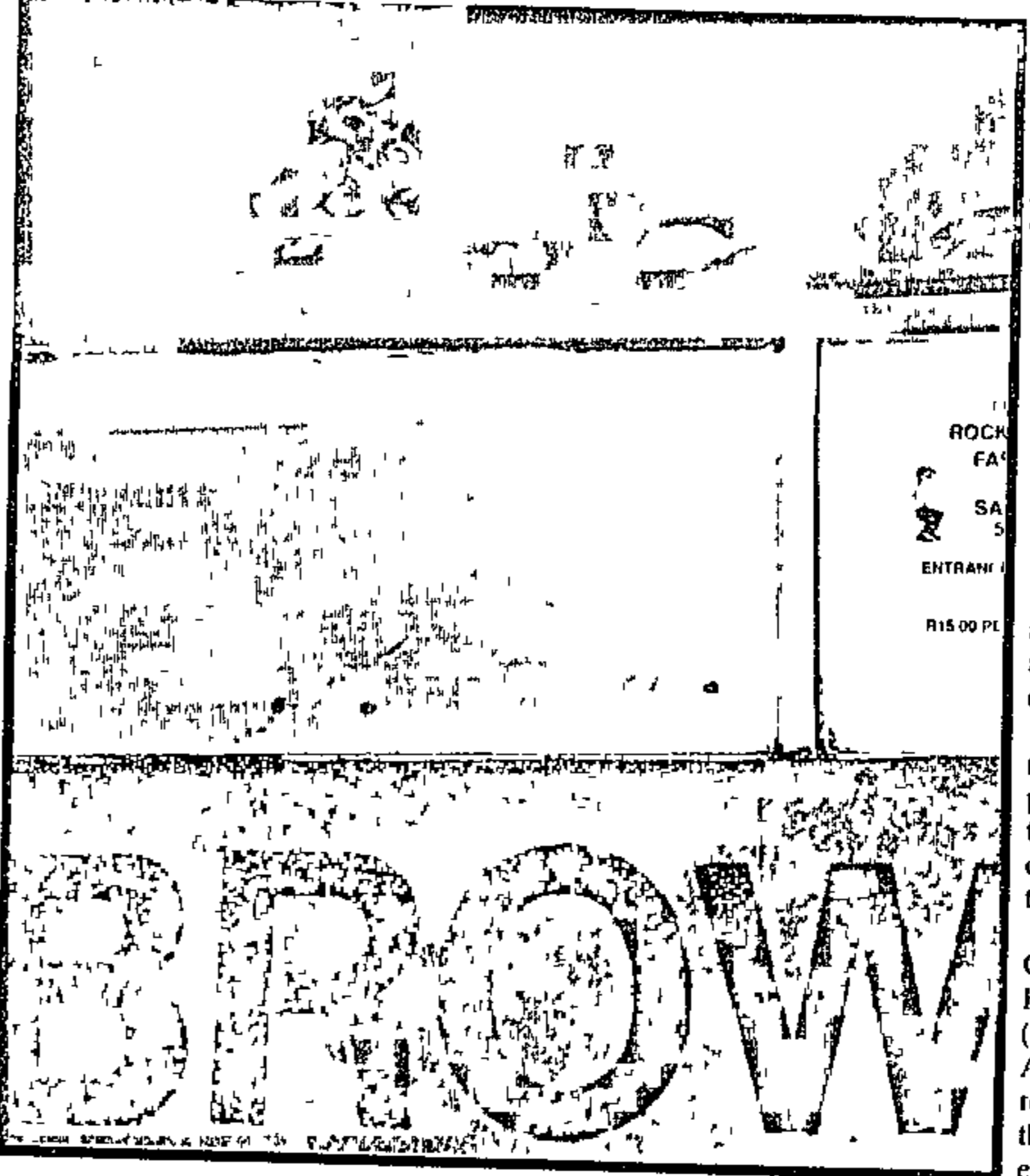
The pool halls are closing, to be replaced by ordinary shops —

butcheries, for example — which cater for the day-to-day needs of residents.

Paddy Clay, who wrote a book on Hillbrow in the early 1980s, says the major change over the past 10 years has been the demographics of the area. "People used to move out of Hillbrow when they started a family

have moved out or have disintegrated."

With this more stable population various businesses have sprung up to serve the community's need. For example, a number of public telephone "shops" have opened which provide reliable phone lines for the



The new generation. These two children play in one of South Africa's more integrated communities.

Many people who do not have phones in their flats.

Some traders were caught flat-footed by the rapid change in the market. Simon Chart, of I Kuper and Co which owns the Nedbank Plaza, says the spending power of the people living in Hillbrow has changed and certain retailers who adapted to the change are doing well.

He says some restaurants, Mi Vami for example, which catered to the traditional trade have changed their menus to target the new clientele.

The pavement outside Checkers is a regular Hyde Park Corner (London version) the African National Congress often sets up a stall there. Once there was an elderly man on a person-

al crusade against the council — his hand-stencilled posters complained that although most ratepayers in Johannesburg were English the council was dominated by Afrikaners.

Pretoria Street is a bustling street market from midmorning until almost 10pm. Hawkers flog anything from music cassettes to vicious-looking knives to kiddies toys. And, of course, there are the ubiquitous vegetable sellers. They all go home late at night, leaving the yellow lines painted on the pavement to demarcate their turf.

Shopowners seem to have come to terms with the hawkers, and council workers clean the streets around midnight to prepare for each new morning.

After keeping a low profile for a while the Hare Krishnas are back, as are the Scientologists. The Hare Krishnas' colourful procession winds through the streets every Sunday. Members in their saffron robes hopping to their drum, a ragtag bunch of street children and drunks toy-toying along behind.

Highpoint, the scene of the New Year's Eve revels, is a favourite spot at night for buskers — and for the Salvation Army's brass band on Sunday mornings. And it's still safe to walk to the cafe alone at 3am — if you avoid the dark alleys, which any city-smart person would do anyway.

SURROUNDED by the portraits of three generations of her family, Hester Steffin tells how she came from Parys in the Free State 60 years ago to live in the then all-white Johannesburg suburb of Mayfair. Today, she lives in a rapidly changing social milieu, as the former Afrikaners working-class suburb turns into a cosmopolitan area dominated by Indians and coloureds.

"I was only a young girl of 16 when we arrived. On Friday I will be exactly 78 years old and never married," Hester says with a chuckle.

She has no children and lives alone in the house bought by her parents, but she "never worries".

"It's still safe here and I have burglar proofing," she says.

A coloured family moved in next door last year. A Portuguese family has just moved in across the road. Now she no longer knows the people living around her, she says.

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photographed.

She says a close friend moved out as the area became increasingly non-white. "I said, 'you flee from the Indians and what good was that because now your son works for one'."

"If I could I wouldn't move. Wherever you go to live now, it's the same. So staying here is what you make of it."

Opposite her house, an old Dutch Reformed Church building stands unused, awaiting structural changes which will transform it into either a mosque or Hindu shrine. According to residents, it has been bought over by a group of Indian businessmen.

Although Hester was a member of the church when services were still held there, this is one subject she will not utter a word about.

The majority of the white families who opted to stay put and live among blacks did so because they could not afford to move, she says. Not because "swartes en Indians is alright".

For some, like Daphne Shanahan, staying has meant losing contact with close friends and relatives. Shanahan is a young housewife and her husband

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Hesta Steffin's not scared of living in Mayfair, even though, she says, it's turned into 'Koeliefair' photos.

Steve Hilton-Barber (127)

among the non-whites moving in around us," says Shanahan, "they rented the house to us. We don't mind living here. I said to my mother, 'what can we do about mixing with these people, it's our future'."

Since they moved in, three coloured and one Indian family have moved in next door.

"Agho," she says, her broad smile revealing the glint of numerous gold-plated teeth, "we get on fine with them, and they are friendly."

Just off the upper end of High Street, a modern-looking mini-complex is undergoing final touches. The new shops reflect the area's growing prosperity and include the

a telephone technician. Sitting with her 15-month daughter, Samantha, on her knee, she says they moved into the house a year ago from Brixton where they lived in rented back rooms

Her mother and stepfather, who were living in the house before, decided to leave the area with the rest of the family.

"Because they did not want to live



Finally home ... After years of being relocated in the Cape Flats townships, Sedick Francke has returned to the district of his birth Photo: Enc Miller

Upper Crust Bakery and a halaal Pizza Hut. The flip side of these developments are the large number of unemployed men, both white and black, milling around the shopping areas.

Some down-at-heel whites have turned to begging, waiting at strategic points outside shops and cafes, asking for "a few pound" and eagerly explaining their life's hardships to anyone who stops.

Two years ago, the race ratio in Mayfair was approximately 60 percent white and 40 percent black, says Ebrahim Sarang, acting chairman of the Mayfair Residents Association. "Today the situation reflects 90 percent blacks and 10 percent whites. I think people are less concerned with colour."

When Sarang moved to Mayfair from the "inner city", he was immediately harassed by the police. (127) (130)

"At the time non-whites were still being harassed for moving into the area. One

week after moving into my house I was called on by the security police. It was then that I decided to join Actstop."

Sarang recalls the days when the only option for people wanting protection of their property rights was to join Actstop. Since the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, however, he and a group of residents had split from Actstop to form their own association, with an emphasis on community work.

Tea parties, family days and braais, instead of protests, became the order of the day at residents' meetings, as the ad hoc body evolved over 18 months into an official, elected Mayfair Residents Association.

"We strive to encompass the needs of everybody in the area, irrespective of race," says Sarang. But he adds

that, because people are no longer experiencing racial tensions, they have become "contented homeowners who have access to schools and other facilities, and take little interest in the community".



Daphne Shanahan's relatives moved but she's happy to stay

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In a couple of weeks, representatives of civic associations, ratepayers' groups and the Johannesburg City Council will start going over the municipal budget. They will begin with "general principles", it will take some time before they get off theory and on to reality. But eventually, says councillor Sias Reyneke, "we want to involve them all in making the budget"

The framework for this togetherness is the Johannesburg Forum, which will be formally constituted on May 20. The Civic Association of Johannesburg (Caj) will represent six civics. White ratepayers and residents' associations (RAs) will be represented by umbrella groups — probably not a great idea as it's likely to leave out some of the most effective and interesting actors.

Although the forum takes the process one step further than any other municipality has gone, there are similar flurries throughout the country. And with RAs and civics beginning to work together, will they come to resemble one another? Is this the beginning of "grey civics"?

Three years ago, Yeoville residents tried a vaguely-grey RA. "There was a big discussion initially on whether to model ourselves on township civics, but we decided we would not," says Yeoville Residents' Organisation (YRO) chair Mike Sarakinsky.

"Yeoville was a white suburb, the issues were quite different and the population was different. The civics had relied on the youth to organise for them, and the trade unions, and political alliances. We didn't think we could model ourselves on that." On the other hand, "we didn't want to be a residents' association because of the connotation that had — usually conservative, with concerns limited more or less to rates and taxes and standards."

The YRO's first project was to integrate the local swimming pool, and it ran an advice office for a while in an attempt to fight Group Areas Act harassments. But slowly, its concerns became less political, more local. When the YRO, working with Earthlife and flat block associations, stopped Sanlam from building an office complex on the Yeoville Ridge by convincing Checkers to pull out of the project, the transformation was complete.

It was the unbanning of political organisations that changed the YRO. "Many of the white members who joined the YRO when it was launched moved on to the Yeoville ANC," Sarakinsky says. Black Yeoville residents never really joined the YRO, they took their problems to trade unions or civics.

"People joined the YRO for the issues, not to be part of a residents' association," he says. "It's likely they'll come together again over an issue, but when that has been dealt with they'll move off again."

In at least two other Johannesburg areas, Mayfair and Bez Valley, non-racial RAs have elected black leaders, and their concerns and tactics are more classic RA than civic. But the two sorts of associations are not exactly worlds apart.

"Ratepayers' associations deal with the same issues civic associations are dealing with — that rates are affordable, that roads are maintained, that there is proper stormwater drainage and street lighting, that there are clean and accessible playing grounds for children," says Thozamile Botha, the African National Congress' local government department head.

"Of course people who live in Soweto will tend to emphasise issues that affect them in Soweto. There will be a difference of emphasis."

Here's one difference of emphasis. "The name of the game everywhere is security," says one long-time member of an RA. "Let me tell you about our blockwatch system," says another RA leader — who will talk about nothing else.

High on the civics' agenda of issues, says Caj general secretary Cas Coovadia, is the resolution of township violence.

Thus the RAs' obsession with security resembles the civics' concern over township violence — both are looking at lawlessness and violence but, in the civics' territory, it takes on an added political dimension.

Neither civics nor RAs can claim strong representation. Civics have never kept membership lists for the obvious reason that lists would lay members open to harassment. This is changing: the Soweto Civic Association began issuing membership cards last year, and others are following suit.

Meanwhile, RAs have traditionally consisted of a handful of energetic and/or clued-up members willing to do the research and fight the

battles. The most effective RA in the city, the Parktown Residents Association (PRA), represents a suburb with 350 households, not all of them paid-up members. Lionel Keenen, who runs the RA of Lombardy East, avoids the issue by considering everyone in his area a member, automatically.

When it comes to tactics, civics and RAs appear to take very different lines. RAs, for example, don't engage in rates boycotts, stayaways or other mass action. "The boycott tactic is usually a strategy of last resort. It's not something anybody wants to encourage," Coovadia says. "People need to appreciate we haven't elected anybody on to any government structure. Until recently, if we had to go to the Johannesburg City Council and lay our problems at the door, they had no incentive to address them."

During the 1980s, civics were part of township resistance organisations. RAs, on the other hand, explains Centre for Policy Studies researcher Khehla Shubane, "have always been legal structures; they did not retain an antagonistic relationship with the authorities. They had space within which to operate."

Many civic activists believe RAs have an open line to their local councillors and operate by calling them up with politely-worded objections to, say, a highway being carved out of the suburb.

They are half-right. Old-established RAs do have a line to their local councillors — a councillor who ignores active community members may have difficulties in being re-elected.

But on major issues, there are no gentlemen's agreements, no tea parties and polite discussions. Successful RAs use the law.

The PRA has used obscure wording in title deeds to keep businesses out of Parktown — and it is using similar tactics to keep shops out of the Civic Spine, a walled structure like a mediaeval fort shutting Market Square off from the street.

It is lined with empty shops. Last March, the PRA and its umbrella body objected to the town clerk that — in its view — by allowing shops, the Civic Spine was in violation of its title deeds, the Town Planning Scheme, National Building Regulations and the Local Government Ordinance.

"Market Square is the historical heart of the city," says PRA honorary secretary Flo Bird. "The people have a right to be involved in alterations to it."

The council advertised amendments, allowing for limited retail use of the space. The PRA promptly lodged objections, but says it will accept the decision of the public on whether Market Square should be turned into a sort of shopping bazaar.

The PRA wins many of its fights, but "we want to work positively, not retroactively", says chairman Peter Rich. The suburb (as has Forest Town) has drawn up its own development plan, which the council has accepted. The association has architects and town planners among its members, who donate their services. The civics have few such members. But umbrella groups like Caj, and powerful civics like the Soweto Civic Association, can — and do — call on the expertise of consultants.

RAs envy the civics' structure. "They have a fundamental approach," says Bird. She admires their structure: street committee, area committee, executive. "Our units aren't as clearly defined and not as small. The only way we can go back to our membership is to call a meeting of the whole association. You must keep direct contact. That's the beauty of civics. The cell structure is something we could do with."

A superior structure — and a greater number of full-time officials — could mean the future will encompass grey civics rather than grey RAs. "With a non-racial city government for the whole of Johannesburg, we won't need two kinds of structures. They'll have to merge," says a consultant. "And the metropolitan area of Johannesburg is 55 percent black. If civics go into white areas, what implications are there for ratepayers' organisations? Only a few people show up at AGMs. It's very easy to take control of civil society."

That's in the long term. But in the short term "I think the major difference (between RAs and civics) is going to remain for a fairly long time to come," says Shubane.

"Ratepayers are going to address themselves to (the concerns of) property owners, whereas civics are going to remain trapped in addressing issues related to poverty and a whole range of issues related to renting property rather than owning it."

White Jo'burg gears up for 'grey civics'

Despite vast differences in tactics and goals, white ratepayers' associations and black civics are beginning to work together. Can we expect the emergence of grey civics?

By BARBARA LUDMAN

Property wizard makes R77m sale

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By DON ROBERTSON

THE sale by whiz-kid Lawrence Kreeve of 564 flats for about R77-million in Bedford Gardens Estate in only 10 months, is described as phenomenal by property experts.

They say deals of this magnitude could total more than all the sales of flats in the Johannesburg area in this time.

Bedford Gardens — 964 units in 11 buildings — was bought for R90-million in January last year by a consortium headed by Investec Property Group and consisting of Senbank, Volkskas, IGI and individuals.

Loans

Expectations were that it would take at least three years to sell the project. That was before Mr Kreeve, an accountant who commutes between SA and Canada, came on the scene.

Mr Kreeve says "I took a bet with Investec director Bernard Kantor that by using my techniques I could sell the whole project in 18 months."

Using a "nothing left to chance" management style and a rare investment package, Mr Kreeve succeeded in selling the units to owners and investors.

The second phase of the sale began earlier this year. In April alone, 136 units valued at about R18-million were sold by Mr Kreeve and his team of 10. Most went to investors,



LAWRENCE KREEVE: The flat-selling bet that paid off handsomely for everyone. Picture ANDY KATZ

particularly the well heeled.

For R6 500 down and R9 000 over three years, together with competitive mortgage and bank loans, Mr Kreeve offers a potential growth in the investment to more than R50 000.

This is based on a 12% appreciation in the value of the property each year, a figure supported by Stellenbosch University's Bureau for Economic Re-

search and the Rode Report of February this year. Property experts believe a 12% appreciation to be conservative.

Mr Kreeve says "In every investment opportunity, there are two elements — risk and reward. This package provides rewards in capital appreciation of the property and considerably reduces the risk," he says.

He has a scheme for those wishing to own flats. Should a potential owner fail to meet mortgage requirements because of insufficient salary, the outstanding amount will be added to the flat's price. It will be subsidised by the seller for two years on the expectation that salary increases will be sufficient to meet payments.

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**Power in
Soweto**
at R33,80

By SYDNEY MOSES

ELECTRICITY consumers in Greater Soweto have started paying bills of R33,80 a month after Eskom took over the direct supply of power.

Consumers had refused to pay council electricity bills, complaining of high charges and meter problems. Eskom's Paul Mare said "After normalisation of the meters, residents will have to pay standard tariffs according to units consumed."

'Kick 'em out or we strike'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

ALEXANDRA residents have given the authorities until the end of May to expel IFP supporters from the troublesome Madala and Nobuhle hostels or face a rent boycott.

Sizakele Nkosi of Alexandra Campaigns Committee said a delegation from the committee held talks with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in April to tell him that the erection of a temporary police station in the township would not end the violence.

The committee had also enlisted the help of diplomats from five foreign countries. After visiting the devastated areas in the Johannesburg township, the diplomats promised to persuade their governments to pressure Pretoria to end the carnage, Nkosi said.

Kriel also promised to look into the matter and convey the residents' re-

quest for the conversion of hostels.

Nkosi said Kriel further promised to refer to the Department of Health residents' fears of an outbreak of cholera because the Xhosa-speaking night soil removers were refusing to work for fear of being attacked by IFP supporters.

Disaster zone

She said they had asked the government to declare the Beirut section between London and Roosevelt a disaster area. The hostel-dwellers had forcibly removed residents in that area and brought in supporters.

More than 50 people are believed to have died in the carnage at the beginning of April.

The Goldstone Commission is currently gathering evidence about violence involving hostel inmates and township residents in Reef townships.

TMA set for nonracial showdown

Municipal Reporter

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The final split in white Transvaal local government between conservative and liberal councils will take place on June 20, when a new, nonracial municipal body will be formed in opposition to the Conservative Party-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA).

The TMA breakaway was led by the councils of Pretoria, Roodepoort, Johannesburg, Pietersburg, Germiston, Sandton, Randburg and Verwoerdburg.

Municipal sources confirmed a draft constitution was presented to councils involved at a

secret meeting last week.

The constitution will be formally ratified by rebel councils in Verwoerdburg on June 20 when the new Transvaal Local Government Association (Traloga) will be established.

The new association is expected to receive full recognition from the United Municipal Executive instead of the TMA.

Sources said the TMA would probably not survive the split as it was dependent on financial contributions of major cities such as Johannesburg, Pretoria, Germiston and Roodepoort.

About 40 white city and town councils are expected to leave

the TMA and form Traloga with about 150 black, coloured and Indian councils and management committees.

The TMA split has been expected since the CP-supporting councils, in the majority, refused to support a 1990 proposal to admit black members.

The draft constitution of the new body promises to

- To make such representations as may be deemed desirable on all matters of common interest affecting local government
- Foster, encourage and promote study of local government in all its aspects to mutual benefit of all members

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Fund will help residents buy flats

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A PARTNERSHIP agency, the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP), representing business, residents and the city council, had devised a fund to help inner city residents buy their flats. This would be launched on June 1, it was announced yesterday.

Ampros MD Gerald Leissner told the AGM of the Johannesburg Central Business District Association (CBDA) last night the partnership had already established a scheme to make funds available to inner city residents "in order that blocks of flats can be purchased so that residents can achieve security of tenure and even ownership"

The CJP was a joint venture initiated last November by the Johannesburg City Council, business and the community living within the inner city (represented by civic body Actstop) to focus on development in the area and heightening security

The agency would focus its attention on the area bounded by the Braamfontein Ridge to the north, Harrow Road to the east, the M2 to the south and Fordsburg to the west

The executive committee of the partnership includes Leissner as interim chairman, city centre councillor Koos Roets, council management committee member Paul Asherson,

Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ) general secretary Cas Coovadia, Actstop member Sandi Mgidlana, Standard Bank property manager Cecil Clemison, and FNB finance GM Stan McDonald

Leissner said the partners had reached agreement on the venture and the formal signing would be on June 1.

He added: "A business caucus has been formed on which most of the major players are represented and this caucus will, in the short-term, fund operations of the partnership"

Besides the funds-for-flats scheme, other issues already tackled were a plan to increase dramatically security in the city, transport and methods to ensure that informal trading was "not a negative feature" in the city, Leissner said.

A logo had been drawn up for the launch of the partnership, he said.

Longer-term issues to be dealt with included the establishment of management districts, a major renewal scheme for the inner city, and an information campaign to tell the population that Johannesburg was a vibrant, clean city where many could work, shop and find recreation, said Leissner

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HoD to probe deed of sale irregularities

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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Allegations of irregularities involving deeds of sale for low-cost housing in Villa Liza, Boksburg, were among the many grievances the People's Action Committee discussed at a meeting with House of Delegates Deputy Minister of Housing S V Naicker in Boksburg last week

Action committee spokesman Ned Pillay said it was distressing to discover that home-owners had not been properly informed about the deeds of sale for their property and that they had no legal recourse

Mr Naicker said the involvement of an Actonville management committee member in the issue was

"highly irregular" and the matter would receive priority investigation.

The plight of the 600 families of Villa Liza involves.

- Lack of infrastructure and adequate public transport.
- No private or public telephones
- No emergency services and an under-equipped clinic.
- Poor-quality building materials used for the construction of the houses, which had resulted in walls and floors cracking
- People had been forced to pay inflated prices (R32 000) for homes which have been described as a "shell".
- Home-owners were not properly informed about the terms and conditions of their deed of sale and the fact that the houses were being sold "voetstoets" cracks and all.
- Dissatisfaction over the single school bus.

● To qualify for a house, a family's income must not exceed R1 500 a month, but their rent is R600 a month

Mr Pillay said the problems were discussed at a meeting with Mr Naicker, the Rev Chin Reddy, a representative of the House of Delegates, and a member of the Actonville management committee, Salaam Mayet

He said the Boksburg Town Council had offered to investigate the matter.

Mr Naicker assured the action committee that he would see to it that the alleged irregularities regarding the deeds of sale would not happen again

Mr Pillay said his committee had demanded that an administration office be established in Villa Liza where people could pay their rent and that a joint forum would be established where the people of Villa Liza could make their own decisions

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Referendum demand on light-rail plan

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By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

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deeply concerned about who is telling the truth. There are too many skeletons in the cupboard of the Johannesburg City Council."

Angry residents of Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs last night called for a municipal referendum on the "lunatic" R1,5 billion light-rail system which they strongly rejected.

Amid much footstomping and cheering from about 500 residents, speaker after speaker rejected a tram route through the suburbs of Orange Grove, Norwood and Highlands North. Municipal officials were jeered and loudly heckled when they attempted to explain the city council's position.

Residents claim their property values have fallen dramatically since the Masstran feasibility study commissioned by the department of transport was released last year proposing a light-rail route along Second Avenue and Eighth Street Orange Grove, to link Alexandra to the city centre.

Resident, and chairman of the meeting, Michael Letellier said: "We have not, as rate payers, been involved in or consulted about a plan that promises to wreck our neighbourhood."

Municipal officials from the Regional Services Council and Johannesburg's metropolitan planning department insisted there had been public participation during the three-year multimillion-rand Masstran study.

Mr Letellier said, "We, the Masstran Action Group, are

He cited as examples "the rotten corpse of the Civic Theatre, the ridiculous waste of money called the Civic Spine and the (councillors') overseas trips..."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson and transport and utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson were criticised for not being present last night.

Planning official Karen de Beer denied claims by some residents that they had been sent letters on city council stationery setting out expropriation values for certain stands in the area.

Orange Grove councillor Clive Gilbert was loudly cheered when he urged residents to oppose the plan.

Independent councillor for Killarney Sam Moss said if the light rail scheme was not "strangled at birth" future generations would be paying off the debt.

Norwood councillor Claire Quail urged residents to see the wider picture of the benefits of a mass transportation system for the metropolitan area. She said light rail would not be funded by the ratepayer but by regional government.

Residents resolved to call an urgent meeting with the city council to discuss the issue. A petition is being circulated and further report-back meetings to ratepayers will be held.

State to (127)
buy land 13/5/92
from whites
near Soweto

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The government is forging ahead with plans to buy land from white plot owners outside Soweto for R26,5-million, in spite of warnings that the land might be useless for housing development.

According to a memorandum from the Department of Local Government and National Housing to the Department of State Expenditure, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is to buy out an area known as Doornkop 239 IQ west of Soweto after an unnamed cabinet minister promised the white owners the State would buy their land and the cabinet was convinced it would "not be wise to not fulfil their expectations".

About 70 smallholdings form the area.

Mr Len Dekker, the TPA's deputy director-general of Community Development, confirmed the land would be bought "on a priority basis".

"After negotiation with the residents we have drawn up a priority list of land needing to be bought urgently."

He said the land would be bought as soon as funds were made available from the National Housing Fund.

20 000 houses given to residents

ALMOST 20 000 township houses in the PWV had been transferred free of charge to residents under either leasehold or full ownership arrangements, a TPA spokesman said yesterday.

In the PWV, 18 509 houses had been transferred on leasehold contracts and 822 signed over to full ownership. In the rest of the Transvaal, 1 525 homes had been handed over in both categories.

A proposal to transfer the houses, which were owned by black local authorities, was submitted to Housing Minister Leon Wessels in December last year by the TPA and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

The proposal stemmed from the

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ADRIAN HADLAND

Greater Soweto Accord signed by local civic and government authorities in September 1990. It was hoped potential rent income from the houses would be offset by a lowering of maintenance costs.

The transfer scheme, however, is being hampered by residents' lack of information. The TPA spokesman said an advertising campaign was under way to make residents aware of the possibilities of ownership. Only 14 000 applications for full ownership rights had been received in the Transvaal, she said, and 20 000 for leasehold.

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**Body to help
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resettle homeless** (127)
Political Correspondent

The Goldstone Commission has instituted a committee to try to resettle the thousands of people displaced by political violence in Alexandra, Greater Soweto and the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the commission investigating political violence, announced yesterday that urgent investigation was needed into allegations that people had been ejected from their homes.

The committee would try to return the displaced people.

**Public servants'
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fears spark talks** (261)

Public servants' worries about the future have prompted a multiparty conference planned for May 23, during which the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and Conservative Party will clarify their intentions in a new public service.

Public Servants Association chairman Hans Olivier, in the latest public servants' magazine, has again focused on the anxieties among civil servants over the possibility of being laid off or left unprotected under the pending new government.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ten held in Phola raid

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BY MOKGADI PELA

POLICE and the army detained more than 10 people in a pre-dawn raid at Phola Park squatter camp yesterday.

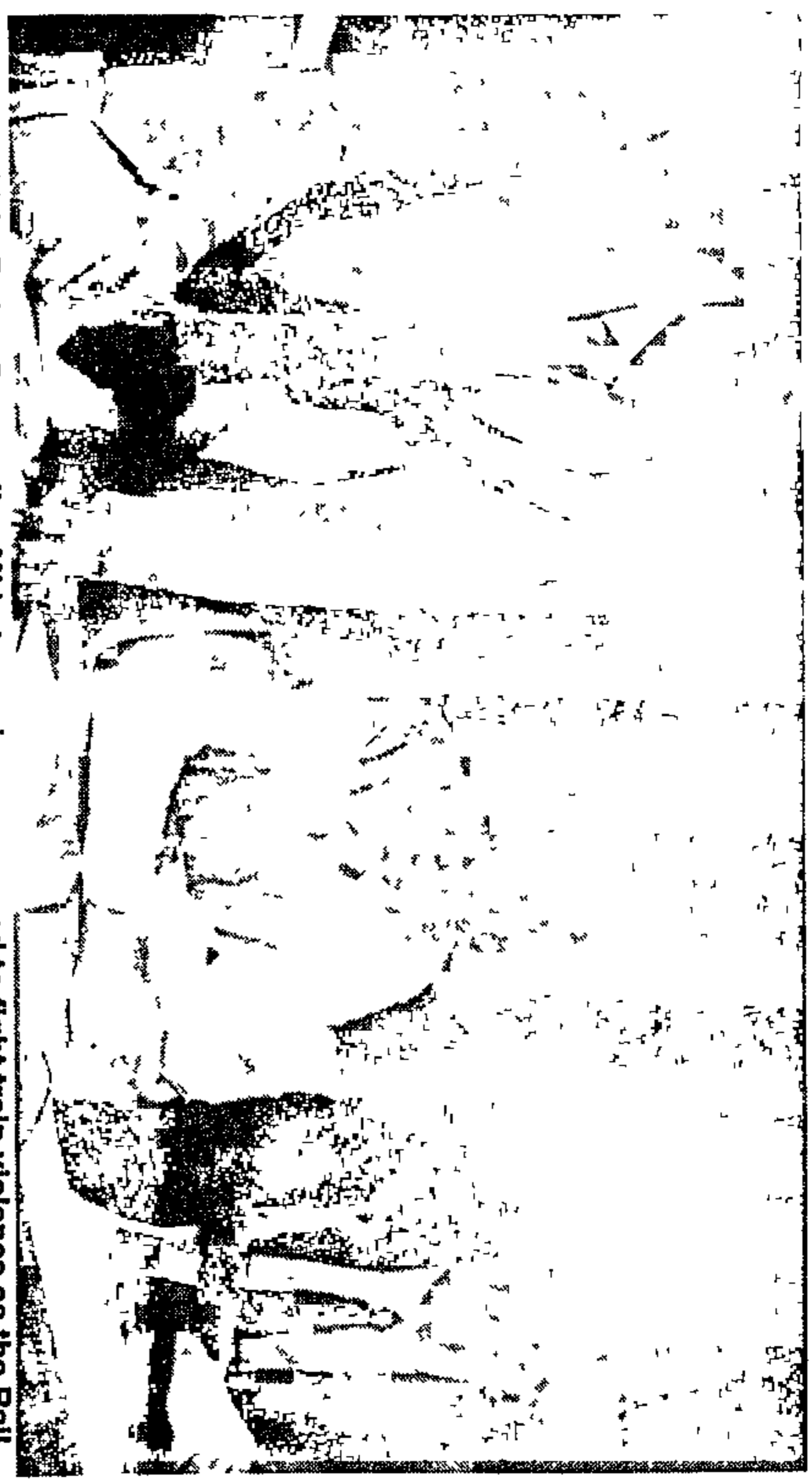
Residents said a baby was injured during the raid. Witwaterstrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the squatter camp was targeted as it had been "the worst spot for attacks on innocent people and security forces".

He said a suspect had been detained in connection with previous crimes. Police were looking for weapons and explosives, he said.

ANC spokesman in the area, Miss Sally Petersen, complained of alleged police brutality, claiming that "even a month-old girl was left unconscious after a teargas canister was thrown at her mother".

A pregnant woman, Mrs Sophie Mqwebedu (38), said she was teargassed in her house during the raid.

Residents later broke down a wall where a hooded man had allegedly pin-pointed people who were later arrested.



RAIL ACCORD: Father Smailiso Mkhatswa signs an accord to fight train violence as the Rail Commuter Corporation's Mr Sam Taute and Spoorneet's Mr Gert Britz look on.

ANC, Spoorneet sign historic pact

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A DELEGATION of ANC-aligned organisations and Spoorneet signed an agreement yesterday committing themselves to fighting against violence on trains.

The agreement, which was signed at Spoorneet headquarters in Bramfontein, represents positive developments in negotiations between the parties.

A recent deadlock resulted in last week's boycott of trains by Reef commuters. The terms of the agreement include:

- Redeployment of security personnel as soon as possible to prevent possible violence before Codesa 2 convenes
- Implementation of preventative measures including a prohibition on possession of dangerous weapons and

- Employment of additional security guards
- Requests for compensation for families of train violence victims were turned down by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation

Members of the media were told the corporation would make an additional amount of R50 million available for the 1992/93 financial year to improve security measures on commuter facilities in the Wits and Soweto area.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the community leaders by Father Mangeliso Mkhatswa, Spoorneet's group general manager, Mr Gert Britz, SARCC senior general manager Mr S Taute and Witwaterstrand Commissioner of Police, General Gerrit Erasmus.

Mazwais say thanks

THE family of *Sowetan's* day editor, Mr Thami Mazwai, would like to thank all the people who stood by them during their bereavement since April 21 when Mazwai's wife Beledede died.

Mrs Mazwai is survived by her husband and four children.

"This was a traumatic period in our lives and continues to be. But the sympathy and support we get from friends, associates and just about everybody we come into contact with lightens the burden," Mazwai said on his return to work this week.

Molefe

MR Michael "Tata" Molefe (24) of 8839 Moekeisi Street, Kagiso 2, Krugersdorp, who died last weekend will be buried at the local cemetery at 1pm tomorrow. A service will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso 1 from 10 30am.

Boycott (127)

FIVE zones under the Soweto Civic Association will take part in a march tomorrow aimed at raising awareness about the boycott of service charges in Soweto. *Sowetan 15/1/92*

Marchers from Moroka, Molapo, Jabavu, Mofolo and Dube will meet at Elkah Stadium in Rockville at 10am and proceed to the Soweto Council offices in Jabulani.

A spokesman for the SCA, Mr King Sibya, said the march would be to protest against the failure of the council to improve the quality of services in terms of the agreement between the SCA, TPA, the council and the Metropolitan Chamber.

The SCA would also demand the resignation of councillors with immediate effect and for the Johannesburg municipality to be fully involved in greater Soweto, Sibya said.

Joburg council moves to allay urban rail fears

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council has not decided on a light rail system to go down Louis Botha Avenue. That is only one of the options being considered, says management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

He was reacting to a meeting held on Tuesday by angry residents who believe the value of their property has dropped drastically since the Masstran feasibility study proposed that a rail system could go through Norwood, Orange Grove and High-

lands North. The system, costing an estimated R1,5 billion, is to link Alexandra with the city centre. Mr Davidson also deemed that the council was pressing ahead with plans in secret. He said the committee would propose, "if neces-

sary, the appointment of a mutually acceptable independent person of standing to investigate this issue and make an objective report on the facts to the public". He thought it "ill-advised and irresponsible" of the department to include a list of properties

that could be expropriated, saying that had been done purely to assess the financial feasibility. "I must stress that the council is not under any obligation to implement the proposals of the Department of Transport in full or in part", Mr Davidson said.

Mr Davidson urged residents and property owners to communicate questions and concerns to the council either through their councillors or representatives, or directly, addressed to The Masstran Liaison Office, Box 32168, Braamfontein 2017.

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JOHANNESBURG community leaders have accused the city council of acting without consultation and with indecent haste to push the proposed A3 "executive highway" through residential areas — allegedly so that some mining houses will benefit.

They say work on the A3 has begun — despite promises to the contrary by the council

It will cut a swathe through the existing residential areas of Vrededorp and Mayfair as well as promote the use of prime land as office space

The land is owned mainly by Rand Mine Properties (RMP), which is planning land development at the south end of the road. Other open land is also owned largely by mining companies

Target

RMP managing director Colin Steyn admits the A3 will benefit its development, but says the A3 will also play an important role in the regional development of the PWV area

Vast tracts of land to the south of the city, much of which is owned by RMP, will probably become the target for future housing and industrial development which will make the A3 vital for regional development. It is planned to link the A3 with extensions to the R77, which will eventually join Krugersdorp and Springs

But costs for the A3 are to be borne by the city ratepayers — the regional authority, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, says the A3 does not fall under its plans

Steyn said RMP, as township developers, would have to bear "bulk costs", but he was unable to say how much this would be

Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (Jomag) secretary Conrad Berge claims big business and the city council are acting with indecent haste to push the project to a point of no return before a new system

of local government becomes a reality

Emotions are running high among affected residents in Vrededorp, Mayfair and Melville, some of whom have threatened to use violence to stop the project if the council rides roughshod over them

Berge believes the A3 is being constructed at great cost to the community to suit the needs of a few businessmen

The city council's apparent determination to go ahead with the project — which would necessitate the widening of feeder roads in other suburbs — flies in the face of national and provincial road plans which have cut back significantly

Construction is already under way at the Empire-Barry Hertzog intersection

The council claims the bridge being built at the Empire-Barry Hertzog intersection, while being part of the planned A3 project, will also improve the flow of traffic there — a problem it would have to address anyway

Berge claims the costs of building a bridge which will fit into plans for the A3 are far higher than one which would only be needed to solve traffic problems at the intersection

Although the city council has given an undertaking to residents that they will be consulted before any further construction takes place, Berge believes plans are going ahead anyway

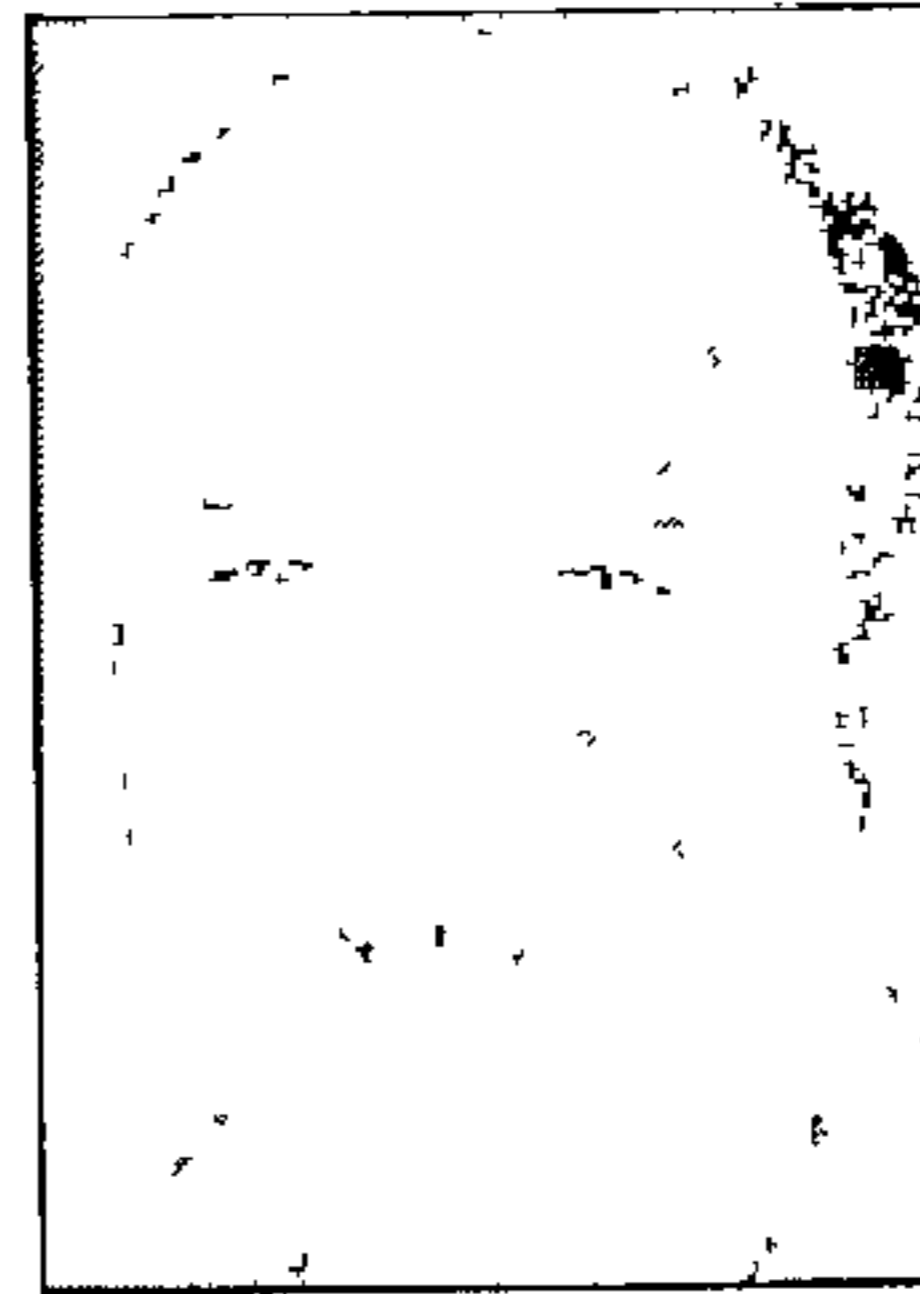
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This has been denied by the council's metropolitan planning section

A spokesman for the department, Karen de Beer, says the council is determined to proceed with the construction of some form of north-south road project — "but only with public participation"

She claims residents had seen council figures to support the project and accepted the need for the road to be built, but Mayfair Residents Association spokesman Nassim Pahad has denied this

"They mustn't try and twist our words. We have agreed



INDECENT HASTE: Jomag secretary Conrad Berge accuses city officials.

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there is a need for roads, but say they are low on a list of priorities. The priorities are housing, health and safe public transport"

He said the residents had the support of the ANC, and accused the council of trying to build an "executive highway" which would benefit a small group of businessmen instead of allocating the money to sectors which needed it

"The council could spend the money on creating parking areas outside the city with efficient public transport servicing the sites. That would cut down on traffic congestion"

De Beer said the council did not feel it was necessary to try to penalise one-person-one-car road users and believed commuters should be allowed free choice between public and private transport

Pahad added that any future

local authority would probably refuse to accept the high maintenance costs of a freeway foisted on them by a previous administration

Even the costs of the project are a source of contention. Berge claims projected costs are being grossly underestimated — the council expects the new highway to cost about R145 million, but Jomag believes a conservative estimate of R300 million, in today's money, is "easily" closer to the mark

The organisation's claims have been backed by an independent construction-costs estimator with 30 years' experience in the industry

Berge fears that any new local government will be lumbered with the costs of the project — in the style of the mammoth Civic Theatre development — if it is allowed to continue.

"They are probably hoping that any future local authority will be morally obliged to proceed with the scheme rather than leaving it half-completed with millions of rands already invested in it," he said

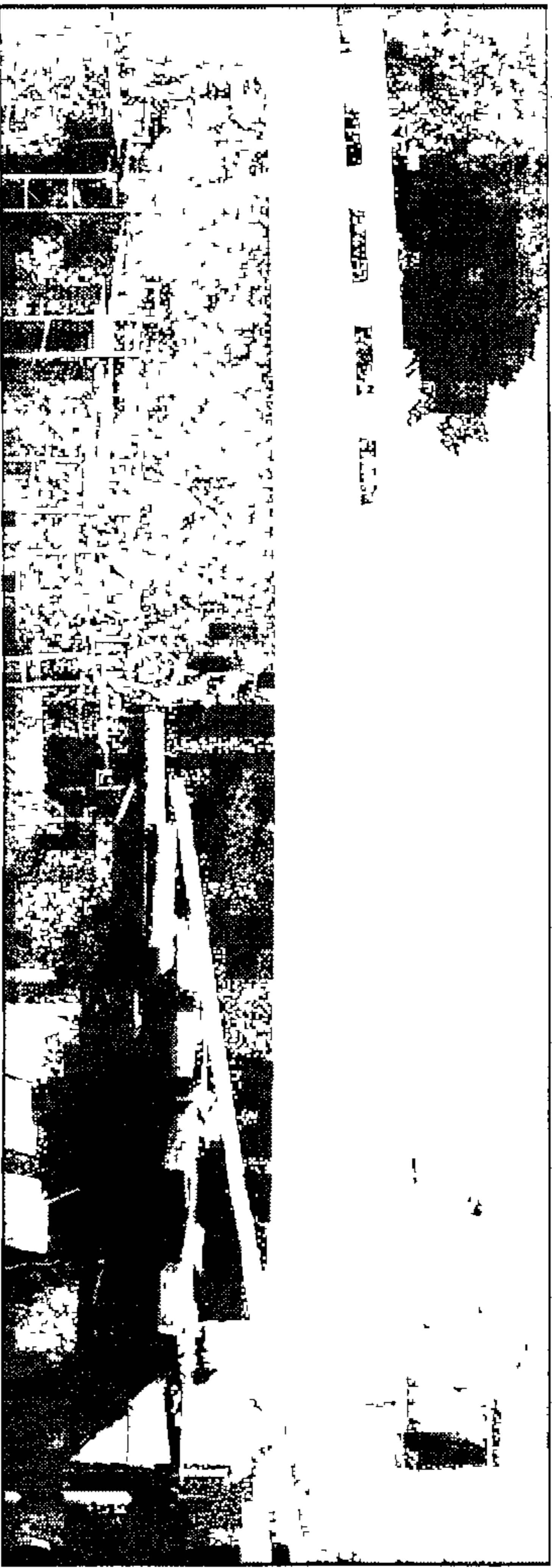
Another question mark hanging over the scheme is why it is being built. The council says the freeway will act as a conduit for increased traffic flow to the central business district developments taking place in Newtown.

But Berge claims the highway will be too far from the CBD to act as an effective conduit. A far cheaper and effective plan would be to build an access bridge over the railway lines from Yale Road to West Street or to build another off-ramp from the M1 on the west side of the CBD

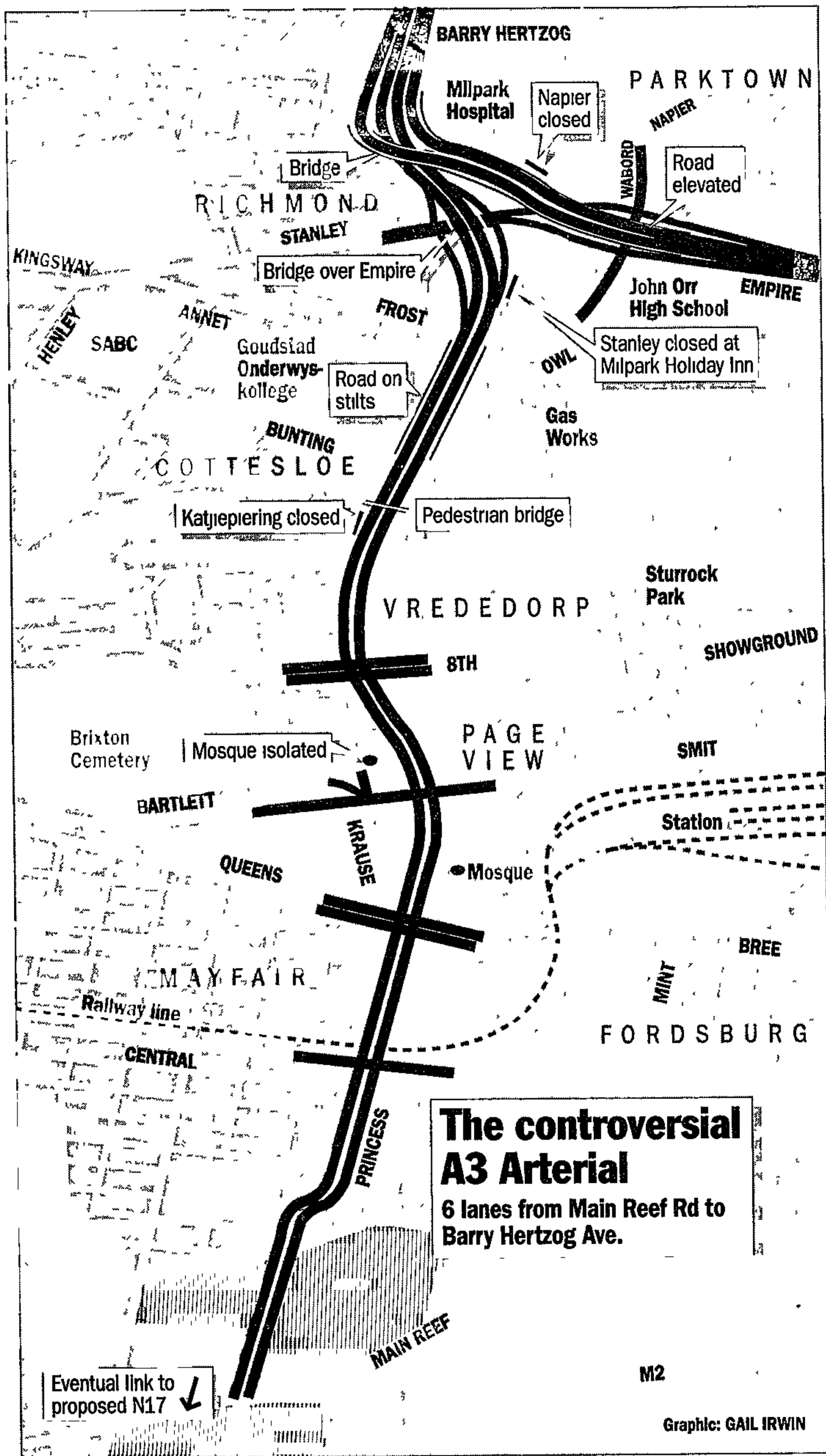
Pahad said residents handed alternative proposals to the city council for consideration three months ago. These included converting two Mayfair roads into one-way streets which would then be able to accommodate an increased traffic flow. They were still waiting for a reply from the council, he added

Furrore over 'executive

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GOING NOWHERE: This bridge being built at the Empire-Barry Hertzog interchange will serve no function if the A3 is stopped. Jomag claims it will cost R20 million more than the R35 million quoted by the council. ● Photograph: John Hogg



Berge believes the real intent of the project is to provide easy access to RMP's planned office development

Land to the south of the city is the focus of much interest for the Metropolitan Chamber, which is negotiating a new system of local authority for the PWV area. Civic organisations have for many months had their eye on the land, which they believe is crucial for housing development. Even the TPA has mentioned the ground

as being suitable for new housing schemes

Civics spokesman Cas Coovadia has expressed concern about the land being developed without consultations with the chamber

"Obviously we cannot demand that they not sell their land, but we would request any major land-owner to first consult us," he said

Steyn said separate steps were being taken by the Consultative Business Movement

to get major players together in a land forum to discuss the future development of land

He denied that RMP had put any pressure on the council to have the A3 built and pointed out that the civics could not have everything their own way. A balance needed to be found where land development accommodated both housing and business needs. The two did not necessarily have to clash and should ideally complement each other, he added

Strong support for Inkatha

'Good hostel' a secret base?

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IT SEEMED too good to be true — a "good" hostel in Soweto where the local residents and the hostel dwellers lived in perfect harmony and where the residents actually liked having the hostel dwellers around.

After my previous experiences with the

Stories of residents living in perfect harmony proved so unlikely that reporter JOE LOUW just had to find out. His trip to the area unearthed the unexpected and a good measure of hostility.

notorious Madala Hostel in Alexandra, where the hostel dwellers and local residents were in a virtual state of perpetual war, I would

have to see this to believe it.

Of all the single men's hostels in the PWV area, Diepkloof Extension Hostel seemed, on the surface

anyway, to be a rare exception.

During the day, school children freely criss-cross the hostel grounds on their way to and from school. Older girls and women are often seen socialising with inmates

Numerous Diepkloof residents were emphatic in their praise of the peace they have been enjoying for the past years.

Attempting to find out how this apparent modern miracle was possible, I decided to investigate Diepkloof Extension Hostel and found a very different side to the story.

When I entered the hostel one day last week I assumed that, given the chummy relationship described to me by residents, most of the hostel dwellers would be friendly and hospitable

Wrong

Groups of men gathered in a square near the hostel's beer hall were definitely not friendly. They were sullen and wouldn't answer questions. They merely pointed in the direction of the "office" where, they said, my questions would be answered

At the communal hall a man, using a megaphone was calling hostel dwellers to a meeting

Rebuffed

In the dusk, groups of men, many of them armed with so called "traditional weapons", sticks, knobkerries and sharpened metal rods arrived from their bungalows

My attempt to attend the meeting was immediately rebuffed by five hefty men to whom I had been referred to — they were supposed to be the "residents' committee". I was gruffly ordered to leave after being told to apply to the town office of Inkhata.

The next morning at the rent office I was again referred to the IFP who I was informed "control the hostel"

Another informant, who refused to give me any personal details, then related to me what he said was "the truth about this

Deep, deep trouble in Diepmeadow

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JOE LOUW

DIEPMEADOW Town Clerk David Mabalane has revealed that the Soweto City Council is in the process of attempting to repossess the Diepkloof Extension Hostel which he claims was "fraudulently and corruptly" leased two years ago.

In April this year the council unilaterally cancelled the 1990 lease agreement with the Ivory Tusk Consortium.

The Agreement had been signed on the council's behalf by the now suspended Town Clerk J F de Jager and the late Mayor of Diepmeadow Moses Khumalo.

Mabalane also revealed that as a result of investigations carried out by the present Soweto Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration into fraud, bribery, corruption and misconduct of the previous council, several top council officials had been suspended in March this year.

They were Town Clerk De Jager, Housing Director Jooste Mothapo, Management Committee chairman Frederich Phiri and two legal advisors, S Monyatsi and S Mazibuko.

The council's chief legal advisor, Aldred Maheppy, revealed that other allegations not related to the Ivory Tusk deal currently under investigation included misappropriation of council funds involving millions of rands and the theft of council cheques to the value of R3,2 million.

He said investigations found that the Ivory Tusk Consortium was in fact not a legally registered company, and showed the Saturday Star documents to back up this claim.

The lease had purported to transfer the entire complex of the Diepkloof Hostel — consisting of the land and 345

housing units — all for the sum of R862 500.

According to Maheppy, not only did Ivory Tusk not tender for the hostel, but the council never received any payments from the company.

One part of the contract specified that Ivory Tusk was supposed to upgrade the hostel and turn it into family sectional units. None of these improvements had, been made according to Mabalane.

Godfrey Mokgoatjana, the council's new chairman told the Saturday Star that he "went public" with the facts of corruption and fraud because he did not want the present council "tarred with the same brush" as the previous council.

Trespassing

He also revealed that the council had asked the Transvaal provincial authorities to launch an "Article 3" investigation into the previous council's activities.

Maheppy reported that the council had attempted this week to repossess the offices at the hostel but that workmen sent there to change locks refused to go into the hostel without police protection.

"Police are telling us the matter is in abeyance until they get a court order," said Maheppy, "But we fail to see why that is necessary."

The council has also demanded back R1,2 million in rents collected by Ivory Tusk from residents of the hostel and threatened to lay charges of trespassing against the consortium unless it immediately vacated the premises.

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City Hall to the Old Supreme Court. The two biggest losses are "Jade" and "Design for a Fan", both signed by artist George Shearingham Gallery director Brendan Bell said it appeared that unsuitable storage conditions and insufficient security during storage and movement had contributed to the losses — Own Correspondent.

Soweto homeless protest (127)

HOMELESS residents in Dobsonville, Soweto, started a sit-in at the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices in neighbouring Doornkop yesterday. Operation Masakhane for the Homeless's Dobsonville chairman Zweli Majova said the protest was staged to "highlight the plight of the homeless and to demand land for occupation" Majova said the sit-in would last until demands to meet top TPA officials were met — Sapa *SVN 16/5/92*

French must wait for ostrich

PARIS — The French

Pay-first electric meters for Alex

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Business Times Reporter

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SPESCOM has won an order to supply its pre-payment electricity meters (PM) to Alexandra township, next to Sandton.

Senior project engineer Peter Hinks says the order is for 7 500 Spescom Cashpower 2000 TM units.

The requirement is for an estimated 15 000 households

Mr Hinks says "This is a business opportunity for Spescom"

The provision of electricity is an integral part of an overall strategy to upgrade living conditions in Alexandra

The introduction of PM is a component of this programme

The Regional Services Council has charged Eskom with the responsibility for management, operation and maintenance of electricity supply to Alexandra

Users will buy their electricity at convenient outlets.

PM allows the user to budget and control expenditure. The Spescom meter warns when credit is running out.

Lenasia residents see red over blackouts

By Louise Burgers (127) Municipal Reporter

Lenasia residents are threatening a boycott of rates and services accounts because complaints about numerous electricity cuts and inaccurate bills have been ignored by the local authority.

In October, residents received exorbitant accounts, running into thousands of rands for electricity. After a fuss was made, residents were told by the Lenasia South management committee to pay until the

problem was sorted out, the average of what their electricity accounts were supposed to be.

Since February, however, regular power cuts have occurred at odd hours, worsening in the last month to up to three cuts a week.

And now the Lenasia South management committee has demanded that residents repay all electricity account arrears.

The Civic Association of Lenasia South (Cals) and residents claim that repeated attempts to try to resolve the issues with the Local Government Affairs Council (LGAC) and the Lenasia

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South management committee, which falls under it, have failed.

Cals vice-chairman Vish Badal said the LGAC had given Cals a variety of excuses for the accounts problems.

"They agreed to allow us to pay an average until the matter was resolved. But now they are demanding that the entire amount be paid. Residents are on the brink of a boycott because of the attitude of the LGAC and the management committee."

Mr Badal said a mass meeting would be held soon to discuss grievances.

"In the meantime, residents should continue to pay an average amount, based on last year's payments," he said.

Resident Hassen Mohammed said nobody was prepared to accept responsibility and to assist residents.

"Last year there were problems with the accounts when the computer went haywire. Now we have no electricity half the time, my children are suffering, residents are up in arms and still nothing happens," he said.

Sharita Satoojee asked who would pay for the food that

went off.

"Last year people were getting bills of up to R4 000 for electricity. Some are paying electricity accounts which exceed their bond repayments."

An Eskom spokesman confirmed that for the past four months a serious problem had developed as a result of the theft of copper wire in electricity cables in the area.

"Police are investigating as a matter of urgency," he said. Attempts to obtain comment from the LGAC in Pretoria on the situation regarding the accounts were unsuccessful.

Schools face insurance burden

KATHRYN STRACHAN

SCHOOLS will have to take responsibility for insuring their property and assets once the Model C system is implemented on August 1 — a development which is expected to increase fees significantly

With the "privatisation" of schools under the Model C plan, ownership of property and assets will be transferred to the school's governing council from the state at a nominal fee

Transvaal Education Department (TED) spokesman Willie van Staden said last week school governing bodies were concerned about the costs involved in insuring the assets, and premiums would make up a large part of school budgets

In an effort to minimise expenses, the department would continue to be liable for repairs in the case of dam-

age to permanent structures as a result of natural disasters, fires and other unforeseen occurrences, including terrorist attacks

Insurance broker John Haenen said schools would have to insure themselves from risks such as pupils injuring themselves, accidental breakage, vandalism and staff members' dishonesty. They would also have to insure valuable resources such as computer and media centres

However, schools were generally at low risk from fire because there was little electrical equipment and no smoking on school premises. This would enable insurers to charge lower premiums, he said

Beating in order but overdone — judge

SUSAN RUSSELL

TEACHERS who caned a Randburg schoolboy had been entitled to punish him with six cuts but used excessive force, a Rand Supreme Court judge said when he awarded R2 560 damages to the boy's father on Friday

In an action against the Education and Culture Minister, the parent claimed the headmaster and three teachers were responsible for his son having to receive medical and psychological treatment

The schoolboy, who was 15 at the time, was given six cuts in November 1989 after he exposed himself to a group of girls in a dare for money

His father sued the Minister and teachers for R13 472 for medical and psychological treatment, and pain and

suffering. He said his son had been unable to sit or lie on his back for a week, and was unable to attend school for five days

Judge J Lazarus said the boy had initially lied about what he had done, which justified the punishment. His case had also been exaggerated.

"But none of this detracts from my view that the hiding given him was excessive" The judge said photographs showed blood blisters next to where the cane had struck.

There was evidence, he said, that the teacher had stopped the caning after the fifth cut, but was ordered to continue by the deputy headmaster.

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Hostels seek talks on funds

WILSON ZWANE

HOSTEL residents will seek a meeting with government to discuss how money earmarked for upgrading hostels should be spent

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels announced last week that government was making R296,6m available this year to improve hostels

It could not be established how much would be allocated to each province.

Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubheka said his organisation was happy with the money set aside for hostels

However, his organisation needed assurances that the money would be "spent properly" and in consultation with hostel residents, Kubheka said

"We will be requesting a meeting with Wessels within weeks to apprise him of our needs," he said

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New company set to revitalise CBD's image

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter



The Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP), a company formed to revitalise and look after the interests of the city centre, will start operations on June 1

Investigations into setting up the company were undertaken by representatives from the Johannesburg City Council, the business sector and the community after a central business district workshop last year

Anglo American Property Services general manager Gerald Leissner, speaking at the annual general meeting of the CBD Association, said a business forum represented by all the major stakeholders in

the CBD had been formed to fund the operation of the CJP

The company would focus on the area of the city centre bounded by Braamfontein ridge, Harrow Road, the M2 and Fordsburg

The partnership would have a non-profit director with a skeleton staff. A quarterly newsletter would be published

Task groups had already been set up to increase security in the city, put plans into operation to allow city dwellers to buy their buildings, investigate transportation, and market the city

Mr Leissner said long-term goals included a renewal scheme for the inner city

"Johannesburg is the commercial hub of South Africa. It hardly needs a new vision, what it needs is a champion"

Mr Leissner said it was most important that Johannesburg was not the city that people perceived it to be, but instead a clean, safe and vibrant city where many lived and worked

● Actstop spokesman Cas Coovadia said the CJP was in the process of finalising a fund for the purchase of seven buildings in the inner-city area, as part of a pilot project. These buildings would be bought by tenants on a co-operative basis, and monies would be made available for a loan for this purpose

He said Actstop had placed the setting up of the fund before the CJP, and that the community was optimistic that the CJP was an initiative that could be successful in addressing developmental issues in central Johannesburg

Education crisis 'can't await new constitution'

STAR 18/5/92

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter



The education crisis was too urgent and desperate for South Africa to await the development and outcome of a new constitution at Codesa, human resources specialist Johan Swanepoel said yesterday

"The time for education is now," he declared, sending a challenge to the country's politicians in the run-up to a major conference on education next week entitled Education Enrichment — a Time for Action

Mr Swanepoel warned that in the two years it might take for a constitution to be developed, statistics showed that a million

children would drop out of school and at least 250 000 black matriculants would fail

"Laudable and desirable as the constitutional development talks at Codesa are, politicians must realise that education is a long-term process, the basis of which is long overdue

"The structural problems facing black education cannot be solved overnight once the ink on a new constitution is dry, whenever that might be," he said

The two-day conference, organised by corporate training organisation CTU and scheduled to begin on May 26, will examine the most urgent measures that need to be taken to break the education deadlock

Transnet rejects rail workers wage demands



Railway authorities have rejected requests for higher wages and shorter working hours, the SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) announced at a report-back meeting at the Delmore hostel compound near Boksburg yesterday. STAR 18/5/92

Sarhwu regional vice-chairman Sydney Hlako said the union had, since April 30, been negotiating with Transnet for a minimum wage of R1 500 for all railway workers and a 25 per cent across-the-board wage increase for graded staff members

"There are 26 demands in all and they've all been rejected by Transnet," he said

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Consumer boycott suspended

The Zithobeni Civic Association (ZCA) has suspended the week-long consumer boycott of all Indian and white-owned businesses in Bronkhorstspuit until residents of the nearby Ekangala township are ready to join the boycott action.

A ZCA spokesman yesterday said the township was tense after an alleged police raid on the homes of community leaders at the weekend.

She said an urgently convened meeting of area representatives in the township had resolved to suspend the ac-

tion to enable the Ekangala Civic Association (ECA) and the Concerned Residents of Ekangala to discuss the boycott call.

The organisations were scheduled to meet on Saturday (27).

The boycott started last Monday in protest against high monthly rentals, power cuts and the demand for a joint negotiating forum for Zithobeni and Bronkhorstspuit.

Residents also demanded the reincorporation of Ekangala, which is part of KwaNdebele, into South Africa. — Pretoria Bureau

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- * rural land with a view to the acquisition thereof for purposes of agricultural settlement.
- * the planning and development of such land, and
- * the allocation of such land

Within this context and these parameters the Advisory Commission have received applications from a broad spectrum of individuals and communities across the country. Various enquiries and discussions have already taken place. No advice on how to deal with the applications has as yet been submitted to the State President. Some requests and representations could not be considered due to the fact that the relevant applications fell outside the ambit of the Advisory Commission's statutory powers.

(2) No. The Advisory Commission is an independent creation of statute which must advise the State President. It would not be proper for me to make any statements prior to or in anticipation of reports still to be forwarded to the State President.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he tell this House whether any applications were made for the return of vacant property held by State departments to former owners of those properties?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I think the answer to that question is yes. However, I am not able to supply full details in that regard, because, as I have indicated, the advisory commission is an independent body, and does not function within the ambit of my Ministry. I do not receive information directly from that commission, and therefore I shall have to make enquiries.

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he let us know what the policy of the State is concerning restitution and redistribution, on matters relating to the return of land that was expropriated?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I refer to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition to the White Paper we published last year on the whole process that we utilized in Parliament during the course of 1991. This led, *inter alia*, to the

- (e) Erf 4859, Lenasia Extension 4
- (f) Erven 2434 and 2437, Lenasia Extension 1
- (2) Yes. Particulars with regard to betterment fees are as follows:
 - (a) Erf 1879, Lenasia South. No betterment fees were necessary because no services had to be improved.
 - (b) Erf 136, Lenasia. Dispute with the calculation of the betterment fees. Contribution is being recalculated.
 - (c) Erf 4423, Lenasia. No betterment fees were necessary because no services had to be improved.
 - (d) Erf 2612, Lenasia. No betterment fees were necessary because no services had to be improved.
 - (e) Erf 4859, Lenasia Extension 4. Contribution R506,00.
 - (f) Erven 2434 and 2437, Lenasia Extension 1. Contribution R236,00.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes, a case of murder has been investigated by the South African Police. Except for an identification parade, to be held in the coming week, and the post mortem report, which is still being awaited, investigations have already been completed. The case docket will be handed to the Attorney-General for his decision as soon as these aspects have been dealt with.

(2) No.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Rezoning of sites: Lenasia/Lenasia South

*3 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing

(1) Whether any residential, crèche or religious sites in the Lenasia and Lenasia South area have been rezoned by his Department for business purposes since January 1989, if so, what sites,

(2) whether any betterment fees were paid, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether the comments of the respective management committees were obtained in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what were their comments,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D160E

- (a) Erf 1879, Lenasia South
- (b) Erf 136, Lenasia
- (c) Erf 4423, Lenasia
- (d) Erf 2612, Lenasia
- (e) Erf 4859, Lenasia Extension 4. Committee objected
- (f) Erven 2434 and 2437, Lenasia Extension 1. Committee objected
- (4) No

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) Yes, the following sites have been rezoned from residential, crèche, or religious sites for business purposes since January 1989
- (a) Erf 1879, Lenasia South
 - (b) Erf 136, Lenasia
 - (c) Erf 4423, Lenasia
 - (d) Erf 2612, Lenasia
- (1) Whether the South African Police have investigated the circumstances relating to the death of a certain person of Phoenix who died of brain injuries allegedly sustained as a result of police action on or about 22 March 1992, and whose name has been furnished to the Police for the

Overseas women wrestlers

*4 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether he intends allowing overseas women wrestlers to take part in wrestling contests in South Africa, if not, why not, if so, when,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D171E

Education and Culture of this House on members of Parliament, as promised by him on 20 March 1992 (see Debates of Parliament (Hansard), cols 2669-70), if not, why not, if so, with what results?

[Signature]

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL

The Committee of Enquiry has been appointed to investigate the matters referred to by the hon member of Parliament for Springfield and other matters pertaining to the Ministry of Education and its Administration

A notice inviting representations will appear in the press in due course

The Committee of Enquiry comprises

Advocate H E Mall, SC (Chairman)
Dr P H Bredenkamp (Assessor)
Mr R L Charles (Assessor)

Ministers

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 13 May 1992

Misappropriation of funds: former school principal

*1 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether any allegations of misappropriation of funds by the former principal of a certain secondary school, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, have been investigated, if not why not, if so, (a) who conducted the investigation, (b) what were the findings and (c) what is the name of the school in question,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) There was no allegation of misappropriation of funds by the former principal of Clairwood Technical Secondary School
- (a), (b) and (c) fall away
- (2) Yes An audit inspection was undertaken at Clairwood Technical Secondary School

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during the period April 1989 to July 1990 One of the main findings was "the poor and sometimes complete lack of application of the necessary financial and stock regulation has led to a situation that can be described as gross mismanagement"

Mr K CHETTY Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, what was the reason for transferring the principal?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the answer to that question is amply evident from the answer I have just given As I said, the situation can be described as one of gross mismanagement This is ample reason for a transfer

University of Durban-Westville: appointments to council

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether a list of persons to be appointed to the council of the University of Durban-Westville was recently submitted to the State President, if so, whose names appeared on this list,
- (2) whether the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates approved this list, if not, why not, if so, when,
- (3) whether the list was amended as a result of representations made in this regard, if so, (a) who made these representations and (b) (i) what amendments were made and (ii) why?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) Yes
Dr Y Miniy
Prof G C Oosthuizen
Mrs Marina Maponya
Mr A Narotam
Prof K S Naidoo
Dr Sam Motsuenyane
Dr P N Govender
Dr Ivy Masepe
Prof M Shear
Prof R van der Ross
- (2) Yes on 19 March 1992
- (3) Yes

(a) University of Durban-Westville

(b) (i) The following namely

Prof J W Brommert
Councillor Mrs N F Armstrong
Mr J T Bhoola
Mr Ismail Kathrada
Mr R L Charles
were substituted by
Dr Sam Motsuenyane
Dr P N Govender
Dr Ivy Masepe
Prof M Shear
Prof R van der Ross

(ii) At the request of the University of Durban-Westville

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he tell us whether the representatives of the University of Durban-Westville gave reasons for their request?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, a very good reason was given by the University of Durban-Westville In the light of the progressive method used by all universities throughout the world, we in the Ministers' Council found that it was prudent to grant them their request

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he tell us precisely what the motivation was in each particular instance?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have endeavoured to give a general outline of the reasons, but if the hon member for Springfield would like precise reasons and if he puts his question in writing, I shall ask my division to research the matter and give him a precise answer in respect of every case

Mr M RAJAB Would the hon the Minister do that?

The MINISTER Yes, Mr Chairman, I shall endeavour to do that Generally, the idea was that a broad representation of the university's membership, including the students, should form part of the university council, as is the new trend throughout the world University students were given an opportunity in this regard

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in connection with the appointment of members to university councils,

did the Office of the State President at anytime consult our hon Minister in respect of the appointment of Indians to the councils of other universities?

The MINISTER No, Mr Chairman, I have no knowledge of that

Mr P NAIDOO Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he tell this House whether the council of the University of Durban-Westville is functioning more efficiently now that those five members have been excluded?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, that is a very profound question and I should like to give the hon member a profound answer We have not yet had the time to analyse that

New questions

Applications: Stand 2417 Lenasia South Extension 2

*1 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

- (1) Whether any applications have been received for the acquisition of Stand 2417 Lenasia South Extension 2, if so, who are the applicants,
- (2) whether he, any other Minister or any official has made any recommendations in this matter, if not, when are such recommendations expected to be made, if so, what are these recommendations,
- (3) whether the Housing Development Board has implemented any of these recommendations, if not, why not, if so, which recommendations,
- (4) what has Stand 2417 been zoned for?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) Yes—from Pilleasure Property Development C C, as well as from Shri Rams Valalar Temple Organisation who requires the site for use as a parking area for the Temple complex
- (2) No—The sale of Erf 2417 will shortly be presented to the Housing Development Board who will deal with the matter on its merits

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(3) No (127)
(4) Crèche

Re-statement of sale

*2 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 5 on 22 April 1992 in regard to Portions 3 and 7 of Stand 6876 in Lenasia Township, the companies involved were registered in terms of the Companies Act, No 61 of 1973, at the time the properties were sold to them,

(2) what basis was used by the Housing Development Board in re-instating the sale,

(3) whether the purchases were advised of the re-statement prior to 13 December 1991, if not, when were they advised of the re-statement, if so (a) why and (b) when were they so advised,

(4) Whether the purchasers have been advised of the cancellation of the re-statement, if not, why not, if so, when?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes

(i) Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd was registered on 13 May 1982. Portion 7 of Stand 6876 Lenasia Extension 6 was sold on 21 May 1982. The Department of Trade and Industry advised on 13 April 1992 that Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd was placed in the process of deregistration on 16 August 1990. The company was converted into a "close corporation" on 22 August 1989 and is now known as Moffatt Properties C C.

(ii) Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd was registered in terms of the Companies Act No 61 of 1973. The company was deregistered on 26 February 1988.

(2) The company Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd undertook to liquidate the outstanding balance of the purchase price amounting to R38 980,24 as at 9 September 1987 in respect of Portion 7 of Stand 6876 Lenasia

Extension 6

Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd agreed to settle the outstanding balance of the purchase price amounting to R31 043,24 as at March 1990 in respect of Portion 3 of Stand 6876 Lenasia Extension 6.

Both these companies indicated that they have applied for rezoning and relaxation of the building lines from Special to Industrial 3 to the Johannesburg City Council during 1982.

(3) Yes

(a) In terms of standard procedure adopted by the Department the applicants are normally advised of the resolutions of the Regional Allocations Committee.

(b) 29 March 1990

(4) No

Attempts were made by the Regional Representative to arrange a meeting but he was unsuccessful. In the light of fresh representations being made by the hon member for Lenasia East that the companies were registered a meeting was arranged with the attorney representing Thambi Investments (Pty) Ltd and Lenzcraft (Pty) Ltd on 14 May 1992 at the Johannesburg Regional Office. The outcome of the meeting is still to be made known.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, would the hon the Minister please tell us how it was possible to complete this transaction with a deregistered company as one of the parties?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I had hoped to have an answer for the hon member for Springfield. However, as this is a legal issue I do not have an answer, but I will look into the matter. If the hon member puts his question in writing I will give him an answer in writing.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman further arising from the hon the Minister's reply I will assist the hon the Minister. It is not possible to complete a transaction with a company that is deregistered. If that is not possible, I would like to ask the hon the Minister how it was done?
The MINISTER Legally!

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Sale of business sites in Cato Manor. negotiations

*3 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether he has entered into negotiations in regard to the sale of business sites in Cato Manor, Durban, if not, why not, if so, what are the details in this regard,

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

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

The Housing Development Board will attend to the sale of business sites in Cato Manor in due course.

(2) No

Paying over of amount to Durban City Council

*4 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department intends paying over or has committed itself to paying

over an amount of approximately R7 million to the Durban City Council, if so, whether the City Council requires these funds in connection with finalizing the sale of duplexes in the Newlands West area, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

(2) Falls away

I want however to give the following explanations on the matter. An amount of R4 286 033,00 was originally approved by the Housing Development Board for the project. The Durban City Council has already drawn an amount of R3 556 293 and also applied for an increased loan for the upgrading of the domestic water supply. The Housing Development Board on 3 April 1992 approved an increase of R391 662,00. An amount of R4 121 402,00 of the total loan of R4 677 696,00 approved for the project is therefore still available.

New heart for the concrete jungle

NO PAUL Battle, director of Washington Innercity Self Help (WISH), the scene of the 1960 Sharpeville massacre was a bit of a wildcat — a fast-food outlet on the historic site. But Hillbrow surpassed all expectations.

The veteran community organizer from the US capital was close to lyrical on Johannesburg's neglected flatland.

"A gravely deteriorated area? Oh no, not at all. In fact, I see it as a thriving community mean, there's a mix of people here, racially as well as income-wise. And that's what makes Hillbrow exciting. In Washington and other places, we're trying to get residents back to inner cities. In Hillbrow you have stores and residents all together. You need to keep them to keep the network-alive and thriving."

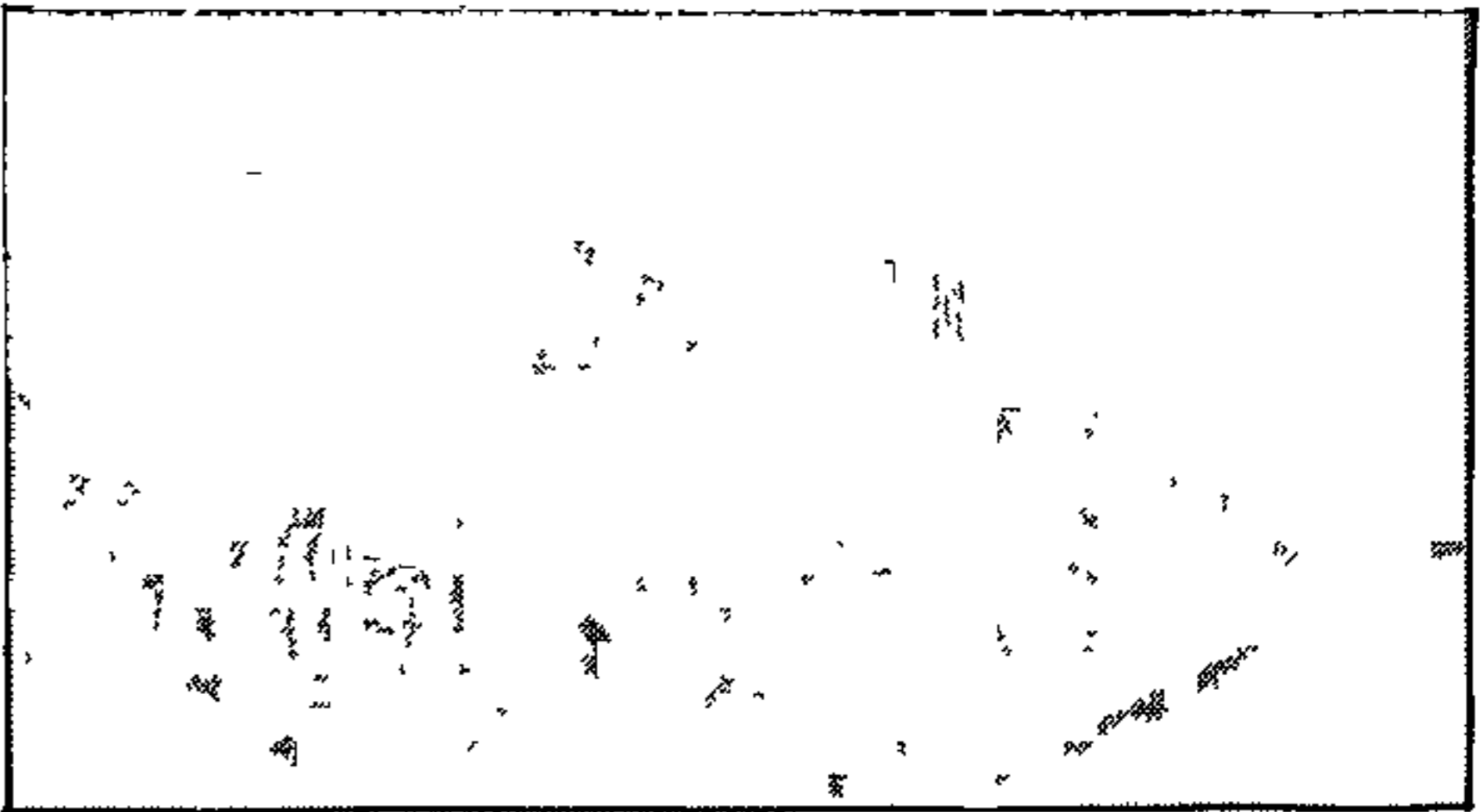
Mr Battle spent a month in South Africa recently, working with the tenants of the Seven Buildings Project who are devising ways to become the collective owners of the blocks of flats they occupy in Hillbrow. WISH has been involved in the development of housing co-operatives for poorer residents of the District of Columbia.

The Seven Buildings Project, managed by the Legal Resources Centre and assisted by Managi, Actstop, and Co-operative Education and Planning, is a bold new venture in South African housing.

"If it's successful — and we expect it to be successful — it is going to have major impact not just for Johannesburg but for South Africa. It'll be the first time that mostly black inner-city tenants will be able to purchase their buildings," Mr Battle said.

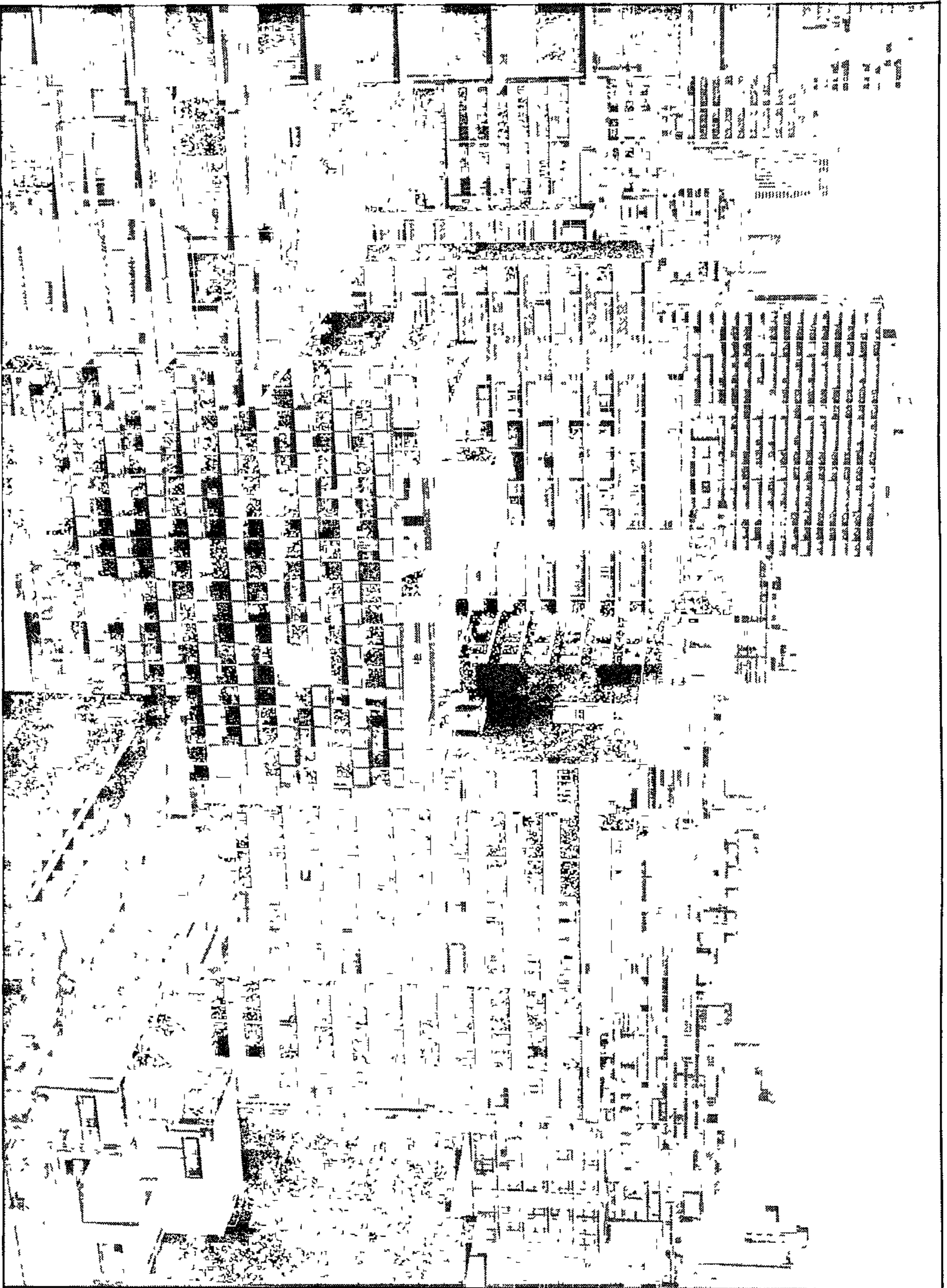
One of the major hurdles to be cleared by the tenants is financing their joint purchase. Last year virtually every major lending institution halted new home loans in the Hillbrow/Robert Park area on the grounds that urban decay had reared its ugly financial risk.

The policy — known as red-lining — has also been applied by banks in the US. But now prospective buyers in depressed neighbourhoods have the law on their side, in the shape of the



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STAR
WISH

US housing expert Paul Battle (above) is trying to get people back into American inner cities. He took a look at Hillbrow (right) and discovered something special and exciting — a truly thriving, concrete community.
JO-ANNE COLLINGE
reports.



Community Reinvestment Act. "This demands that banks and savings institutions meet the credit needs of the entire lending community. If they don't, they can be penalised," explained Mr Battle. He added "In the District of Columbia and places like Chicago, city governments won't place their money in inner-

cities that are red-lining their cities." Things were not always that easy and WISH believes in using confrontation as a means to negotiation where necessary. Campaigns for socially responsible lending included leafleting outside banks and disrupting directors' meetings.

instrumental in the establishment of a co-operative loan pool, involving several banks and known as Project LEND. Among other things, the pool offers 10-year fixed-rate loans to housing co-operatives and other non-profit developers. Mr Battle said banks perceived the pool as hedging their risks and it provided an oppor-

tunity for those who were red-lining to re-enter the market more variable," he added. A quick glance at the co-operative schemes supported by WISH reveals that they are usually financed by several agencies — commercial banks, the local authority, non-commercial lending institutions and

development agencies. Mr Battle — taken with the "character" of some buildings in the Hillbrow project, the marble floors and wooden finishes — believes that lenders would not be blind to the potential of such structures. "That leaves the question: Do the people have the know-how to make it suc-

He spent most of his time here working on the "know-withal" with tenants, "trying to see how they were communicating with each other, how well they understood what was happening, trying to make sure they are the primary group of actors and are just being pulled along. Being a good tenant is

co-op owner. The latter demands skilled interaction." On the other hand, said Mr Battle, experience had shown that co-op owners had a certain unifying ethic. "We aren't talking about people who are looking at homes as investments, they're looking at homes as homes."

A limited equity co-operative scheme offered them a secure and reasonably priced roof over their heads, it did not offer huge profits. "The equity goes to the co-operative rather than to the individual," explained Mr Battle.

This protected the property from speculation, and successful owners could buy into the co-op at reasonable cost. Typically, contracts and by-laws prevented co-ops from placing their property on the open market for the first 10 to 15 years after joint purchase.

As Mr Battle spoke it became clear that the struggle to house the poor in the US has resulted in enabling institutions and protective codes which South Africa lacks.

For instance, in Washington DC the law gives tenants the first right to buy if the building they live in is put on the market. The time-frames within which they must organise themselves, make an offer to purchase and raise the necessary capital are set by law.

Unlike SA, it is difficult for the landlord to push tenants out while the sale is being negotiated. "It makes it hard to negotiate a fair price when you sit with the big bomb of likely eviction over your head."

WISH has taken part, with others, in setting up a land trust which has bought the land under several co-operatives, while residents retain ownership of the building. This lowers the cost to residents and keeps the land permanently in trust for low-income communities.

Mr Battle left Johannesburg with the hope that his warm interaction with tenants and their advisers as well as productive contact with council officials "was not just a summer romance." He envisages it as the start of a series of exchanges between Washington and Johannesburg — tenant-to-tenant, council-to-council and bank-to-

Soweto
**Help on
violence
needed**

21/5/92
(127) (082)
THE Goldstone Commission has appealed for information on the displacement of people due the ongoing violence on the Reef

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone yesterday said the Commission had already established a committee to investigate this

The committee needed information which would enable it to identify people who had been forced to leave their homes or hostels in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle

Thousands of people have apparently fled their homes in these areas in recent months

Anyone who could give this information is asked to write to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001 or fax (012) 320-3812 - Sapa

Building alliance beats all odds

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE newly-formed black-owned South African Developers and Builders Alliance is rapidly expanding despite the recession in the building industry.

The company has sold more than 75 homes in Mfundu Park near Vosloorus since its inception about 13 months ago.

It is presently involved in the development of 2000 homes in Port Elizabeth. Two equally large projects, in Rabie Ridge and Orchestra Extension, near Pretoria, are in the pipeline.

The alliance, formed by nine black builders and three white property developers, is an umbrella body for black contractors.

The chairman of the alliance, Mr Sydney Mnguni, said the alliance had also created 250 new jobs in Mfundu Park. He said he expected the number to increase. *Sowetan*

The alliance is aiming at building 40 new houses a month. *21/5/92*

Speaking at the completion of the 75th sale, Mnguni said the biggest setback was the unavailability of finance due to the reluctance by financial institutions to lend in townships.

He said, however, that the problem was being overcome by spreading the perceived financial risk equally among three major lending institutions.

The high standard of building had also helped to dispel these reservations.

Prices range from R42 500. Repayments for owners qualifying for a Government subsidy were in the region of R300 a month.

Mnguni said the design of the homes allowed for easy extensions.

The alliance believed, however, that the majority of buyers would eventually move to larger homes and make way for newcomers in the home ownership market.

So far that had happened to a limited extent with sellers making an exceptionally high return of 25 percent on their original investment in just 12 months.

Premier offers ^{CPA} workers ²⁴¹⁵⁷⁹² a home

CP Reporter

A MAJOR development near Orange Farm on the Golden Highway will give employees of Premier Milling the opportunity to own their own home.

The low cost housing development, which provides for some 400 houses, is currently in its first phase.

Eventually it will have its own shopping centre in addition to medical facilities and schools.

Known as Drieziek, the scheme is being co-ordinated by MBS Projects which views it as an important job-creation exercise.

Says director Ken Dlamini: "MBS members are committed to sub-contracting out to the smaller builder who would normally not have the chance to participate in a development such as this. Our role also extends to training and regular checks on workmanship."

MBS Project member GT Home Build Construction recently completed its first Drieziek showhouse. A 45 square metre two-bedroomed home on a 160 square metre stand, it has been well received by potential buyers who will pay around R32 000 for similar accommodation.

Says GT Home Build's Joe Tshabangu: "We have contained prices without compromising on quality or aesthetics. For instance we opted for Tuffspan 'S' - rib-profiled roof sheeting - as an economical solution to roofing."

Homeless find Alex 'unbearable'

EMOTIONAL scenes rocked the Alexandra Community Centre yesterday as squatters related the unbearable living conditions in "Beirut"

They were taking part in a meeting held by the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association who emphasised blacks should be encouraged to own houses

Men and women burst into tears when one homeless woman staying at the Alexandra Council offices recounted her life at the squatter camp known as "Beirut" and from which she fled

The meeting stressed good relations between tenants and landlords

The association also emphasised that tenants should use available opportunities to buy houses at reasonable costs

Alpoa executive member Mr Darky Rametsi said: "The time has come for blacks to own houses, no matter how small,

By TSALE MAKAM

and not remain tenants for life "

Rametsi said a "reasonable" housing project is underway at Alexandra's Eastbank, funded by the Independent Development Trust

"Some people may even get houses for free," he said

Another council office dweller also from "Beirut", told of the miserable conditions of living at the offices

She said: "Can you imagine the cold at that place? The inconvenience of about 27 families living under one undivided roof?"

Tomorrow Alpoa will meet with the Joint Negotiation Forum, an organisation concerned with the upliftment of Alexandra, to discuss the plight of squatters and tenants

Natal	Families	88 003
Transvaal		33 083
Cape Province		644
Orange Free State		Nil
Less Other race groups		121 730
		36 783
		<u>84 947</u>

NOTE.
The above-mentioned figure does not yet take into consideration the settlement pattern of communities following the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. Furthermore, in the Natal area it includes approximately 36 783 applications received from other groups in respect of the Cato Manor area. Duplications between waiting lists administered by Local Authorities and the Department have not yet been eliminated. The Department is presently giving the amalgamation of waiting lists priority.

(2) (a)	Houses built 1990/1991	2 084
	1991/1992	7 074
	(expected)	<u>9 158</u>

(b) All houses so far completed, with the exception of 35, have been allocated to members of the Indian community.

Rent increases: Durban Bay/Brickfield

23 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing
Whether any applications were received in 1990 and 1991 for rent increases in respect of rent-controlled dwellings in the electoral divisions of Durban Bay and Brickfield, if so, (a) how many, and (b) what was the average percentage increase granted, in respect of each of these electoral divisions in each of the above years?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE
(a) The Regional Representative of the relevant Department, within the Administration House of Assembly which is responsible for this function, reported that they will not be able to distinguish between the two electoral divisions as all cases dealt with by the Natal Rent Board in respect of the Natal Region are done in such a manner without there being a distinction between electoral divisions. However, they were able to extract the number of cases dealt with in respect of the Durban Central Region which also includes the Brickfield area. In this sub-region, 47 cases/blocks, viz 527 units/flats and 18 houses were dealt with during the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991.

(b) In respect of your request to supply the average percentage increases granted, such information can unfortunately not be given due to the large volume of files which will have to be perused to obtain the necessary information. This task will, of necessity, take some weeks to complete.
My Department has not yet requested the Administration House of Assembly to undertake the investigation as it would be a time-consuming and laborious task requiring many officials. In the light hereof, I have to respectfully enquire whether you still require the relevant information.

Selling of business sites: involvement of department

32 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture
(1) Whether his Department was involved in the selling of any business sites in (a) Lenasia and (b) Lenasia South by (i) public tender and/or (ii) private treaty during the latest specified period of 24 months for which information is available, if not, why not, if so,

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) The Department was involved in the selling of business sites in these areas but certain irregularities were detected. The South African Police were requested to carry out criminal investigations and the matter is still *sub judice*.

(2) Falls away

(3) No

Sites in Lenasia/Lenasia South

33 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture
(1) Whether any (a) religious, (b) crèche and (c) nursery school sites have been allocated or approved for allocation in Lenasia and Lenasia South owing to representations made by members of Parliament since September 1989, if so, (i) what are the names of these members of Parliament, (ii) what were the dates of the representations, (iii) what erf numbers were involved and (iv) on behalf of which organizations were these representations made.

(2) whether he intends rezoning any land to meet the demand for religious or cultural sites in these areas, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) what is his Department's policy in regard to the implementation of the two-year building clause in regard to religious, crèche and nursery school sites,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE
(1) (a) Yes
(b) Yes
(c) No

- (i) Mr R Daya, MP
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP
- (ii) Mr R Daya, MP—10 May 1991
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—16 May 1990 and 12 April 1991
- (iii) Mr R Daya, MP
Erven 12129, 12130, 12131, 12132 and 12133, Lenasia Extension 13
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP
Erf 6298, Lenasia Extension 5
- (iv) Mr R Daya, MP—Radha Soami Satsang Beas
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—Lenasia Muslim Association

(4) No

34 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture
Whether he or his Department recently received any representations on behalf of the residents of Blybank in the Transvaal, if so, (a) when and (b) what was (i) the nature of these representations and (ii) his response thereto?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

Yes,

(a) 21 September 1991,

(b) (i) The Blybank community made rep-

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(ii)

representations for the allocation of 50 serviced sites in Lenasia, and
Agriculture has granted approval for these families to be allocated erven in Lenasia South Extension 4

INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER

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NOTE.

The above-mentioned figure does not yet take into consideration the settlement pattern of communities following the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. Furthermore, in the Natal area it includes approximately 36 783 applications received from other groups in respect of the Cato Manor area. Duplications between waiting lists administered by Local Authorities and the Department have not yet been eliminated. The Department is presently giving the amalgamation of waiting lists priority.

- (2) (a) Houses built 1990/1991
1991/1992
(expected) 7 074
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(b) All houses so far completed, with the exception of 35, have been allocated to members of the Indian community.

Rent increases: Durban Bay/Brickfield

23 Mr M RAJIB asked the Minister of Housing

Whether any applications were received in 1990 and 1991 for rent increases in respect of rent-controlled dwellings in the electoral divisions of Durban Bay and Brickfield, if so, (a) how many, and (b) what was the average percentage increase granted, in respect of each of these electoral divisions in each of the above years?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(a) The Regional Representative of the relevant Department, within the Administration House of Assembly which is responsible for this function, reported that they will not be able to distinguish between the two electoral divisions as all cases dealt with by the Natal Rent Board in respect of the Natal Region are done in such a manner without there being a distinction between electoral divisions. However, they were able to extract the number of cases dealt with in respect of the Durban Central Region which also includes the Brickfield area. In this sub-region, 47 cases/blocks, viz 527 units/flats and 18 houses were dealt with during the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991.

(b) In respect of your request to supply the average percentage increases granted, such information can unfortunately not be given due to the large volume of files which will have to be perused to obtain the necessary information. This task will, of necessity, take some weeks to complete.

My Department has not yet requested the Administration House of Assembly to undertake the investigation as it would be a time-consuming and laborious task requiring many officials. In the light hereof, I have to respectfully enquire whether you still require the relevant information.

Selling of business sites: involvement of department

32 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department was involved in the selling of any business sites in (a) Lenasia and (b) Lenasia South by (i) public tender and/or (ii) private treaty during the latest specified period of 24 months for which information is available, if not, why not, if so,

(2) (a) who were the tenderers or applicants and (b) (i) when, (ii) to whom and (iii) at what price was each tender awarded,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) The Department was involved in the selling of business sites in these areas but certain irregularities were detected. The South African Police were requested to carry out criminal investigations and the matter is still *sub judice*.

(2) Falls away

(3) No

Sites in Lenasia/Lenasia South

33 Mrs R EBRAHIM asks the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether any (a) religious, (b) crèche and (c) nursery school sites have been allocated or approved for allocation in Lenasia and Lenasia South owing to representations made by members of Parliament since September 1989, if so, (i) what are the names of these members of Parliament, (ii) what were the dates of the representations, (iii) what erf numbers were involved and (iv) on behalf of which organizations were these representations made,

(2) whether he intends rezoning any land to meet the demand for religious or cultural sites in these areas, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) what is his Department's policy in regard to the implementation of the two-year building clause in regard to religious, crèche and nursery school sites,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) (a) Yes
(b) Yes
(c) No

(i) Mr R Daya, MP
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP

(ii) Mr R Daya, MP—10 May 1991
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—16 May 1990 and 12 April 1991

(iii) Mr R Daya, MP
Erven 12129, 12130, 12131, 12132 and 12133, Lenasia Extension 13
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP
Erf 6298, Lenasia Extension 5

(iv) Mr R Daya, MP—Radha Soami Satsang Beas
Mrs R Ebrahim, MP—Lenasia Muslim Association

(2) The rezoning of land in Lenasia Extension No 13 is under consideration but will only proceed once the township has been proclaimed.

(3) The sale of all properties owned by the Housing Development Board is subject to a two-year building clause. The requirement is that all purchasers are to adhere to this condition. Extensions can however be granted in valid cases.

(4) No

Representations on behalf of residents of Blybank

34 Mrs R EBRAHIM asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

Whether he or his Department recently received any representations on behalf of the residents of Blybank in the Transvaal, if so, (a) when and (b) what was (i) the nature of these representations and (ii) his response thereto?

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Johannesburg's future needs a 'common vision'

A COMMON vision is a prerequisite for a future metropolitan Johannesburg and several factors have to be considered before this can be achieved.

This was the message behind an SA Property Owners Association (Sapoa) seminar last week, said SA Building Industries Federation (Bifsa) executive director Neil Fraser.

Summing up events at the conference held to discuss metropolitan Johannesburg's future, he said most of the six speakers had spoken on a unified approach to addressing the city's future.

Urban Foundation executive director Anne Bernstein questioned whether Johannesburg's vision was bold enough, and stressed that the city had to take on the challenge of the '90s.

To become a major international city, Johannesburg had to define its identity, then set a vision for the future and choose a strategy to achieve that vision, she said.

"Citizens must redefine the concept of their city, deciding what role it intended to play in the PWV region and nationally, what its boundaries should be and who should benefit from the city's taxbase."

All major players had to mobilise

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and position Johannesburg on issues such as the protection of city interests at Codesa, financing and the city's growth and competitiveness on the world stage.

"We need a process where all key interests can set goals and objectives. Johannesburg has a window of opportunity in which to act and not be seen as a declining city in the world's urban hierarchy," Bernstein said.

Prof Alan Mabin of Wits University's town and regional planning department agreed, saying Johannesburg was now at a similar point of development as the Brazilian city Sao Paulo had been 20 years ago.

He said to prevent the illegal subdivision of land and "helter-skelter" growth, as happened in Sao Paulo — whose current population is 18-million — Johannesburg required a strategy to co-ordinate and encourage the direction of the city's physical growth.

Mabin said it was crucial to get in "on the ground floor", such as with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (CWMC), so that when a new dispensation came about, urban development was prominent.

Johannesburg Civic Association

general secretary Cas Coovadia, told delegates the civics had put a model to the CWMC, suggesting a way to manage interim local government. This model included nonracial elections for a metropolitan constituent assembly.

Coovadia envisioned such a metropolitan assembly first debating local government structures before putting their recommendations to national level.

Meanwhile, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he hoped for the resuscitation of the CWMC, now deadlocked over whether black councillors should participate in interim arrangements.

Davidson said should local government remain fragmented, the responsibility would pass to central or regional government.

"Social development, political stability and, most importantly, economic growth is possible for the Central Witwatersrand should the region's limited resources be pooled and local government restructured to fit reality," he said.

"We need to control our own urban destiny. But it is only possible if we are willingly prepared to share."

Joint forum to tackle inner city challenges

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A JOINT initiative between business, the Johannesburg City Council and CBD tenants would be launched on Monday to assess challenges to central Johannesburg's future, Ampros MD Gerald Leissner said.

The initiative, known as the Central Johannesburg Partnership, was conceived at a workshop held last November to discuss the city centre's prospects.

Leissner said the workshop had sprung from perceptions that a deterioration in the fabric of Johannesburg would threaten private business interests.

"The workshop agreed that a Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) be set up and run by a full-time executive director to follow through workshop recommendations on urban development, housing, security, marketing, the city and the like," Leissner said.

The CJP would focus on an area bounded by the Braamfontein ridge to the north, Harrow Road to the east, the M2 to the south and Fordsburg to the west.

The partnership will be run by a 18-member board, with six representatives from each of the three interest groups; while an executive committee of six would also be drawn equally from each partner.

Neil Fraser of the Building Industries Federation of SA has been appointed executive director with effect from August 1.

Leissner said the CJP executive and board had met on a number of occasions and discussed issues like transport, informal trading and security.

"Much planning has been done in regard to security and a final plan is shortly to be discussed with the Law and Order Minister," he said.

He said the private sector would fund new police points, but required manpower from the state.

The CJP was also investigating loans for buying flats in Joubert Park and Hillbrow, which it hoped would broaden into an urban renewal project.

Hani recalls days of 'paranoiac ANC'

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

PARANOIA and hysteria in the ranks of the ANC about government's ability to infiltrate it before it was unbanned resulted in innocents being detained in prison camps, former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) chief-of-staff Chris Hani has admitted in a magazine interview.

Hani is reported by the latest edition of Work in Progress as saying about 18 or 19 MK members found guilty by a tribunal of taking part in a mutiny against superiors in Angola in 1984 were executed.

At his request, the ANC leadership had stepped in and stopped further executions.

Speaking about ANC detention camps, Hani said one of the innocents detained in the mid-'80s, was national executive committee member Pallo Jordan, for making a derogatory remark about methods used by the ANC's security department. Jordan was detained in June 1983 for six weeks after criticising the security infrastructure in a private conversation.

"And that critical voice reached the ears of security, and because security was a law unto itself, Comrade Jordan was picked up and detained for a few days," he said.

Hani said the climate at the time, when "the regime" was destabilising the ANC, killing its leaders and assassinating commanders of MK, had created a situation of overall suspicion.

When 60% of cadres sent to infiltrate SA were either arrested or killed, sometimes the wrong impression was drawn that those who handled the operations were working for the enemy, he said.

"People began to lose a balanced approach in terms of combating the infiltration of the ANC by the regime. That situation actually caused problems where, in my own view, the innocent and the guilty were sometimes lumped together."

Asked about several mutinies that took place in camps in Angola, Hani said he had been summoned to solve the mutinous situation. Cadres mutinied over the deployment of MK members against Unita in Angola, and not the apartheid regime, and refused to take orders.

"They actually took their weapons, took trucks and virtually took over our transit camp in Viana, in Luanda."

When they refused to stop their actions, Angolans were called in to help disarm them. They were disarmed and were sent back to camps of the ANC, Hani said.

Another mutiny took place a few months later, and although Hani said he was in favour of dialogue with the mutineers, he had "reached the end of my tether" when they killed several key commanders in one camp called Bango, and took over the camp. Bango was taken back by force and the mutineers were brought before a tribunal, of which Hani was not a part. Some were sentenced to death and executed.

On a new security force, Hani said "I would like a situation where a security apparatus is answerable to Parliament."

He added "I would favour, for instance, a parliamentary committee to oversee the security apparatus."

Bitter hostel debate continues

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WILSON ZWANE

A FEW years ago hostel and township residents used to party together. Now they are enemies.

Residents say relationships with hostel residents started deteriorating in 1990 when violence rocketed in Reef townships.

They perceive hostels as the epicentre of violence. Civic organisations — such as the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) — have echoed that sentiment.

SCA official Kgabisi Mosunkutu told a recent meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that hostels should be "emptied" as they were breeding grounds for violence.

The civic organisations want the hostels converted into family units to allow migrant workers to live with their families.

However, this would be costly, and few hostel residents can afford to buy homes. Soweto City Council spokesman Moja-

lefa Moseki says emptying the hostels "will fuel tensions in the townships and cause more social strife." However, he supports their conversion into family units, saying women and children make up about 30% of Soweto's hostel population.

West Rand Hostel Residents' Association vice-chairman Joseph Kubheka says he has not come across any hostel resident who favours conversion, and East Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo says his organisation is "totally opposed" to it. Mlambo says the hostels should rather be upgraded.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is injecting funds into upgrading hostels under its jurisdiction. In Thokoza, hostels are undergoing a multimillion-rand facelift. Renovations to one of the township's three hostels will cost about R3.5m.

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Eviction biggest blow of all for disabled woman

By Michael Sparks



A 48-year-old Alberton resident managed to keep up her bond payments for 13 years — then tragedy struck and she could no longer work, or pay — now the bank is evicting her so that it can auction her house.

Even though Joan de Preez has gone through incredible hardship recently, this most recent blow is, she believes, greater than all the indignities of the past lumped together.

Four years ago the osteoporosis which caused her bones to become porous and brittle resulted in her spine collapsing. Her slight and fragile-looking frame has been racked by agonising pain ever since.

Attacked

Just a few days before Christmas she was attacked and savagely beaten by three men who broke into her home. But then came what she considers to be the ultimate indignity. Since she has been unable to work, she is now reliant on her R338 disability pension.

But this is not enough to keep up the R700 monthly bond repayments on the house she bought in 1978, particularly after interest rates hit 20 percent.

Bondholders United Bank have instituted legal proceedings for her to be evicted from her home so that it can be sold at public auction. This would enable the bank to recoup the outstanding R45 000 on her house. She was unable to make it to court yesterday, and the



Joan du Preez says that if people take away the things she has to live indignity... for, like her home, then all she is left with is pain. Picture: George Mashini

case has been postponed until Tuesday next week.

She originally bought the house for R14 000 and increased the bond to R40 000 to fix it up.

She said she kept the bond paid up while she was working "except for the odd hiccup".

Jack Sherman, acting for United Bank, said outside the court "It is a tragic story, but society at large is not duty bound to look after her. A debilitating disease is no

grounds for defence."

Mrs du Preez said she put her house on the market even before she became ill, but there were no takers. "Now, since I have no money and I am unable to do anything, there is no one who would want to buy it," she said.

"I am in a Catch-22 situation because if I do manage to find work to pay the bond, then I have to declare it and welfare takes whatever I earn off my pension," she lamented.

United's assistant general manager of credit, Neil Dawson, said he was unable to speak about the particular case, but promised to look into it. He added "The property sounds like it is worth more than the bond, and it is always better if the person sells the house themselves, rather than having it sold at auction."

Mr Dawson said he would look into the matter, but had no answer before going to press.

Court acquits 41 over tennis demo

The 41 people charged with disturbing the public peace during an international tennis tournament in Johannesburg on November 20 were yesterday acquitted in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court. They had all pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The case arose from demonstrations, at the World Doubles Tennis Championship at the Standard Bank Arena, called for by Azapo and the PAC.

Giving judgment, magistrate Z Moleisane said the State witnesses had contradicted themselves, and evidence led in court had not been sufficient to prove the accused guilty.

Although he said two of the accused came across as blatant liars, he found them not guilty on the grounds that the court accepted the fact that it was not for the accused to prove their innocence beyond reasonable doubt. — Staff Reporter.

Church blaze: case postponed

Pretoria Bureau

The case of a man alleged to have caused a fire at a Pretoria church in which eight street children died in March was postponed to next month in the Pretoria Regional Magistrate's Court yesterday.

No charges were put to unemployed boilermaker Stephanus Vorster (33), who appeared before DVZ van der

ANC region backs mass action call LIND to contest

Mamelodi loves to mingle

By GODFREY MDLULI

HOSTELS on the Reef are perceived to be the "headquarters" of the bloodshed that is gripping the East Rand and Soweto.

However, hostels in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, paint a very different picture.

During weekends inmates from the hostels, which according to a council spokesman have a total of 14 176 beds, can be seen playing soccer with enthusiastic specta-

tors cheering them on.

Other hostel-dwellers mix freely with Mamelodi residents at taverns and shebeens.

Publicity secretary for the Mamelodi Civic Association P Malefo attributes this peaceful co-existence between local inmates and residents to the fact most are "card-carrying members of the civic association and other local structures like the ANC and the PAC".

"Residents do not look down upon hostel-dwell-

ers as people coming from the rural areas," he said.

Malefo said he saw one of the problems of ongoing violence between hostel-dwellers and residents on the Reef as the fact that most hostel-dwellers came from one specific area, whereas in Mamelodi hostels there were people from various regions.

However, Malefo said they were aware of "forces of darkness" who were trying to cause divisions.

Man in the hot seat to take the heat off Alex

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ALEXANDRA'S new administrator, Andre Jacobs, often uses the word "chaotic" to describe both services and conditions in the violence-racked township and his task of trying to restore municipal normality to the troubled area

The man in the hot seat is determined to make a difference to the lives of Alex residents

The most pressing challenge, he said, was to provide acceptable services to the community — services which had broken down almost completely due to protracted violence

"Before the violence in March, we had a good working relationship with residents and had achieved an 84 percent payment-of-services success

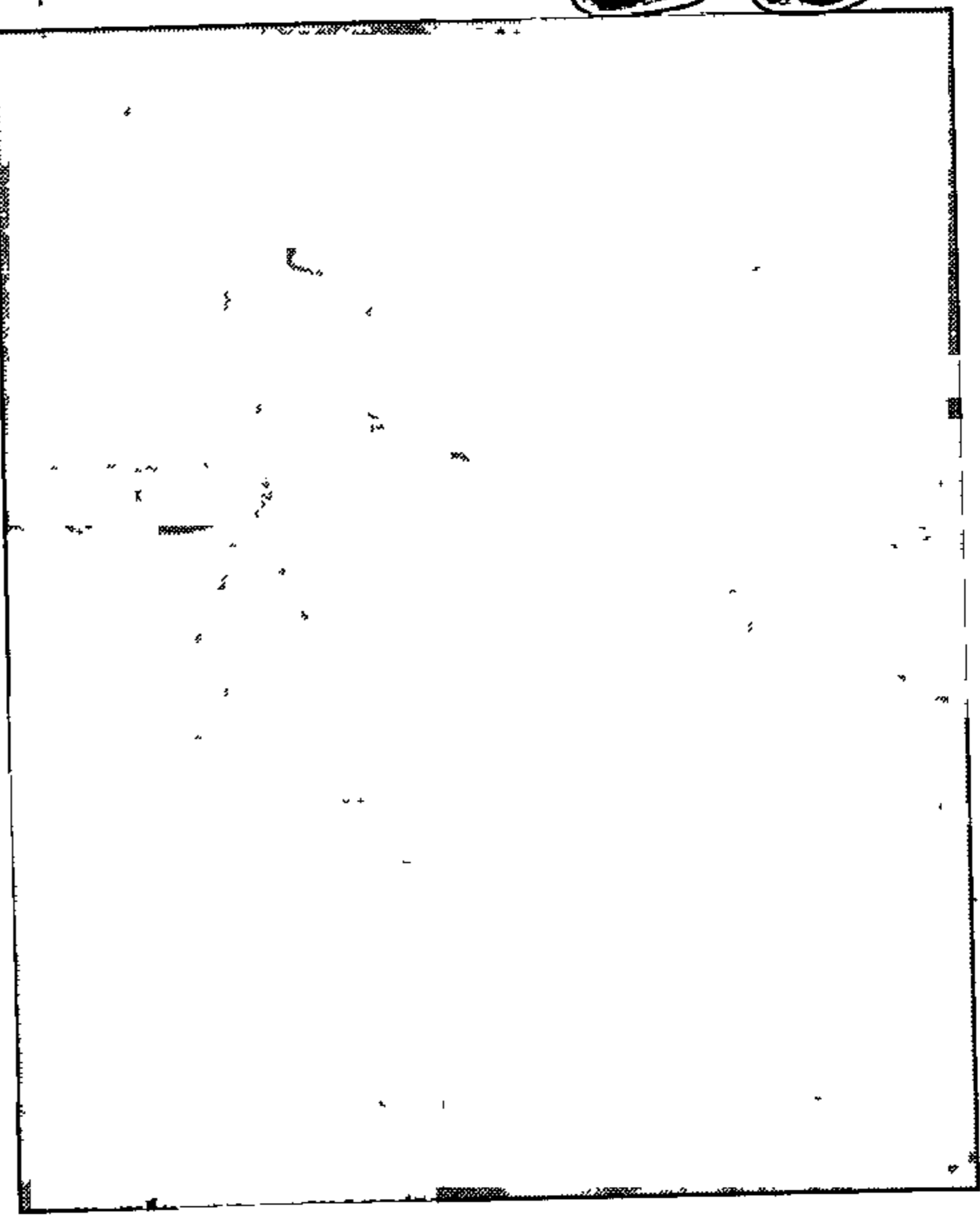
"There is now a state of chaos and we have to start building relations all over again

"We plan to establish some kind of daily administration. Basic things have to be done, such as cleaning up damaged areas and buildings. We are considering getting the township declared a disaster area to get assistance from the State

"The hostel problem is also high on the agenda and we are working on some kind of solution," said Mr Jacobs, former Randburg Town Council management committee chairman and leader of the Democratic Party caucus in the council

"We aim to change the attitude of the community towards the council, not unilaterally, but by building a good relationship with residents. We want to break down their resistance towards the council"

A Randburg town councillor for six years, Mr Jacobs said housing was another urgent priority. The township's 100 000 shack dwellers needed a more acceptable form of accommodation and, depending on financing, he hoped to have 7 000 houses constructed within the



Alexandra's new administrator, Andre Jacobs (above), is determined to make a difference to the violence-ravaged township. By ANNA COX.

next three years

"We would also like to start community projects to clean up the river and the environment

"In the long term, the role of Alexandra must be looked at in respect of the entire sub-region

"Although the township is in a state of chaos, I am facing the challenge with a positive attitude and am certain things will come right," he said

Born in Johannesburg and educated in Randfontein, Mr Jacobs obtained a BA Honours

degree in political science from the Rand Afrikaans University and an MBL through the University of South Africa

He currently holds the position of chief executive of the National Association of Private Transport Operators

"I have a great challenge ahead of me and my life will be chaotic for a while. But if things can be improved in Alexandra, it will all have been worthwhile," he said □

Residents to sort out problems in Alexandra

By Shirley Woodgate

Alexandra simmers, and thousands of residents of the township on Johannesburg's eastern boundary struggle against enormous odds to lead normal lives.

The aged, the children and at least 20 000 youths in the prime of their lives seek an end to violence

"What is left of our community structures will probably collapse if the unrest continues," said youth group leader Abram Mathekga

He is one of the people who sleep fitfully at night, wondering whether they will fall vic-

tim to regular random gunfire or physical attack on their way to school the next day

A daily school routine has in the past been relied on to provide structure to youth activities.

But Alexandra's educational centres have also been affected in the on-going violence

If the pupils get to school safely, they endure nightmares about returning to homes which may have been burnt out. They fear whether their homes are

safe havens where they can escape the township terror.

"It is almost impossible to concentrate when one is preoccupied with township problems. We are struggling to keep up with our educational programme," Abram said

So a group of young people approached the Sowetan's Nation Building Programme. They wanted to get the people together to decide on a programme to solve their problem, to be able to continue with schooling.

The result is a workshop on Sunday June 7 at the Thusong Youth Centre in Alexandra

The forum at 10 am is free and all residents are welcome

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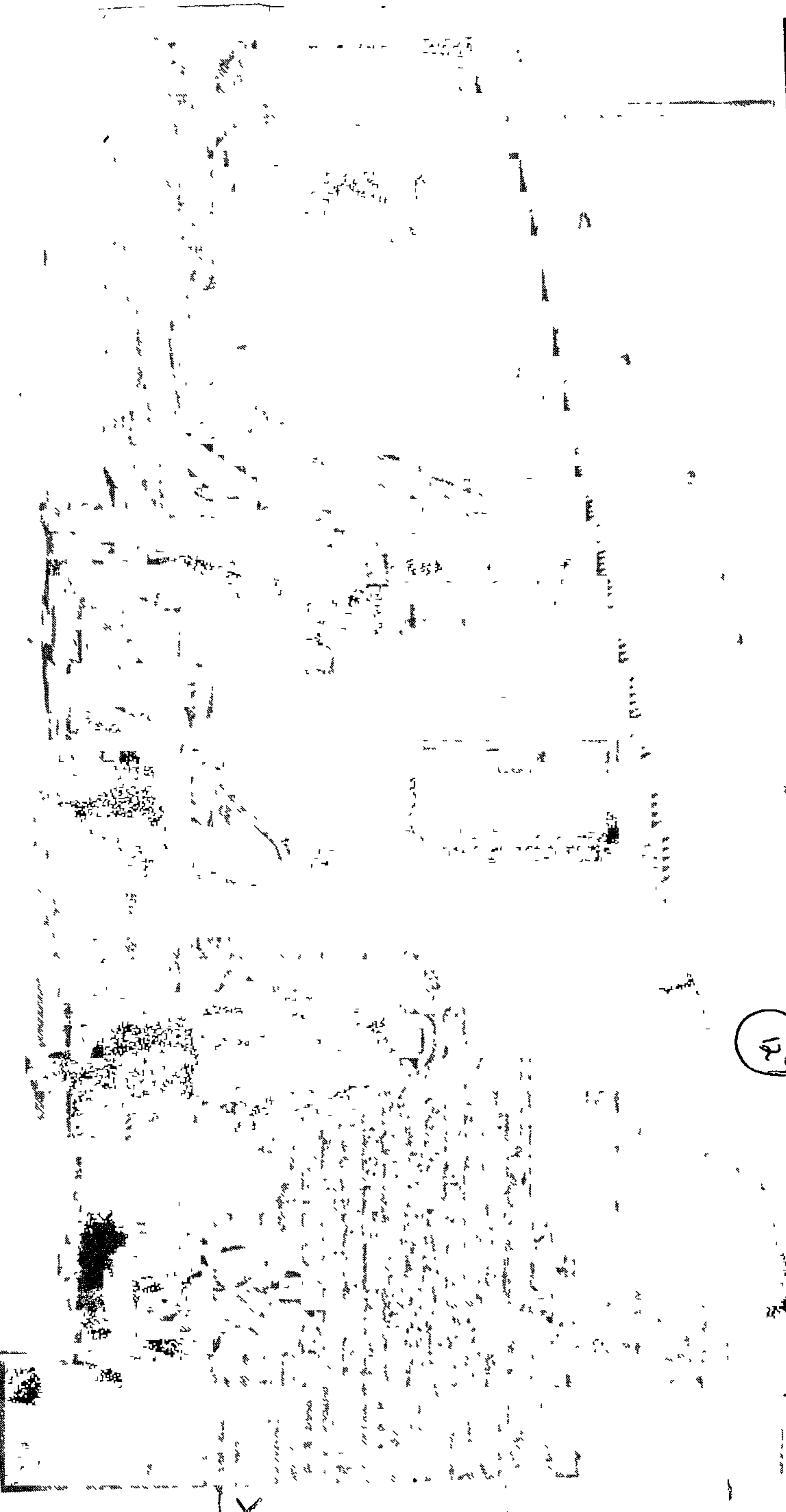
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Hostels will soon be upgraded by local government

State to spend R294,6m to upgrade hostels

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LOCAL Government and National Housing Minister Mr Leon Wessels this week said R294,6 million will be spent to upgrade hostels

He said they will be fenced following a recommendation by the Goldstone Commission which noted that they were a common factor in areas affected by violence

The Government had already approved a compre-

By **JOSHUA RABOROKO**

hensive strategy for upgrading

Relations between hostel dwellers, who are mainly migrant labourers and township residents will also be improved

The misunderstanding between these groups often sparked violence

A proposal to convert the

hostels into family units was met with mixed feelings from a large section of the community

But tenders to improve them in Soweto and other areas will be out soon

According to the South African Institute of Race Relations, there were about 400 000 beds in 220 hostels countrywide for approximately 1 million people in 1991

Hostels: places of refuge or barracks?



Township violence has often pitted the poorest of the poor against one another, hostel dwellers and squatters. The violence is made more tragic by the fact that many squatters are expelled hostel inmates. The Independent Board of Inquiry has examined the role of the hostels in the fighting. **PATRICK LAURENCE** reports

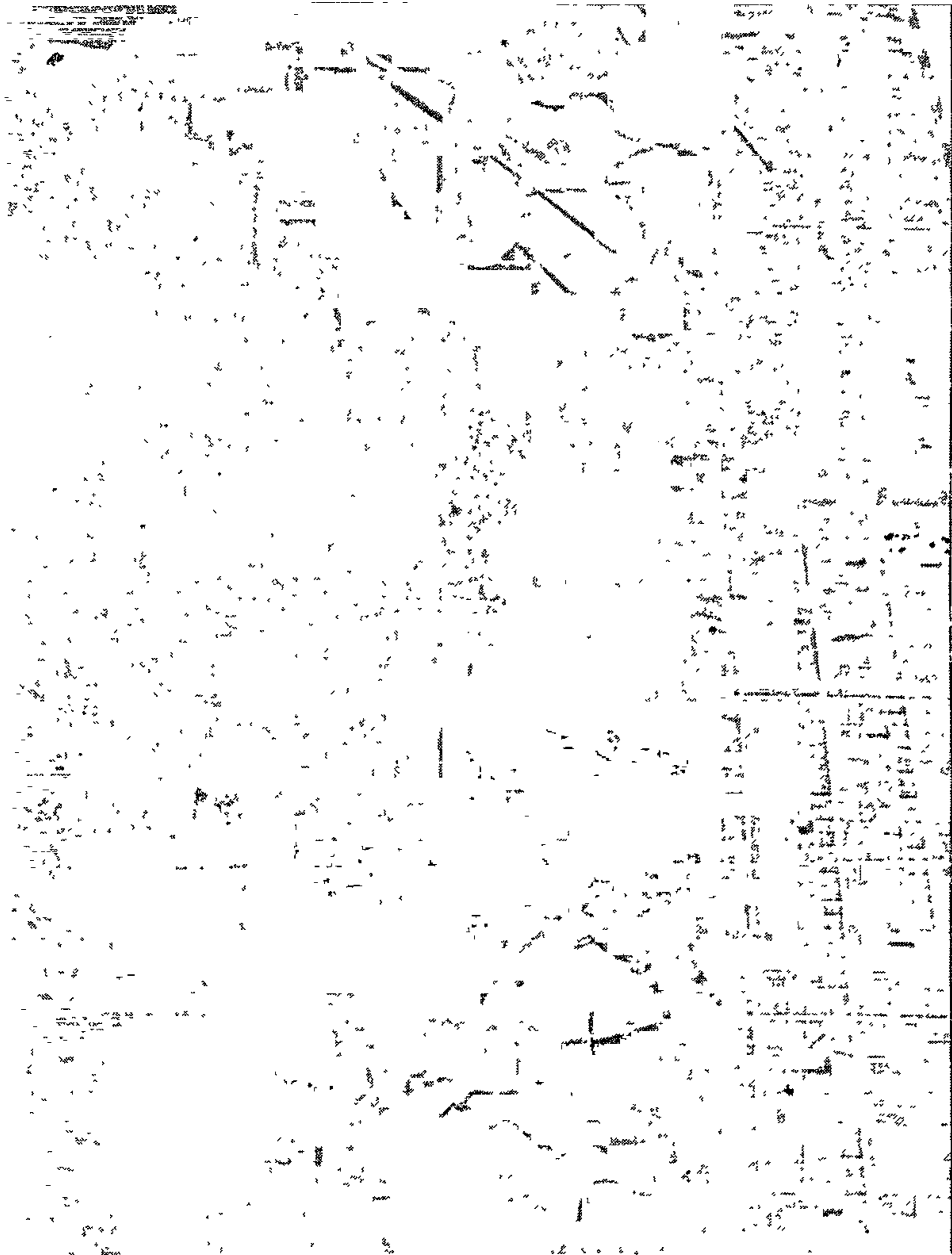
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HOSTELS have been at the centre of the blood-letting in Reef townships since July 1990, serving either as barracks from which to launch attacks or as fortresses from which to resist attacks.

Whether they are regarded as a threat or a refuge is determined by the perspective of the viewer from the outside they tend to be seen as a scourge but from the inside they are often experienced as a haven.

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The role of the "hostels in the violence is examined by the Independent Board of Inquiry (IBI) in its report, Fortresses of Fear.

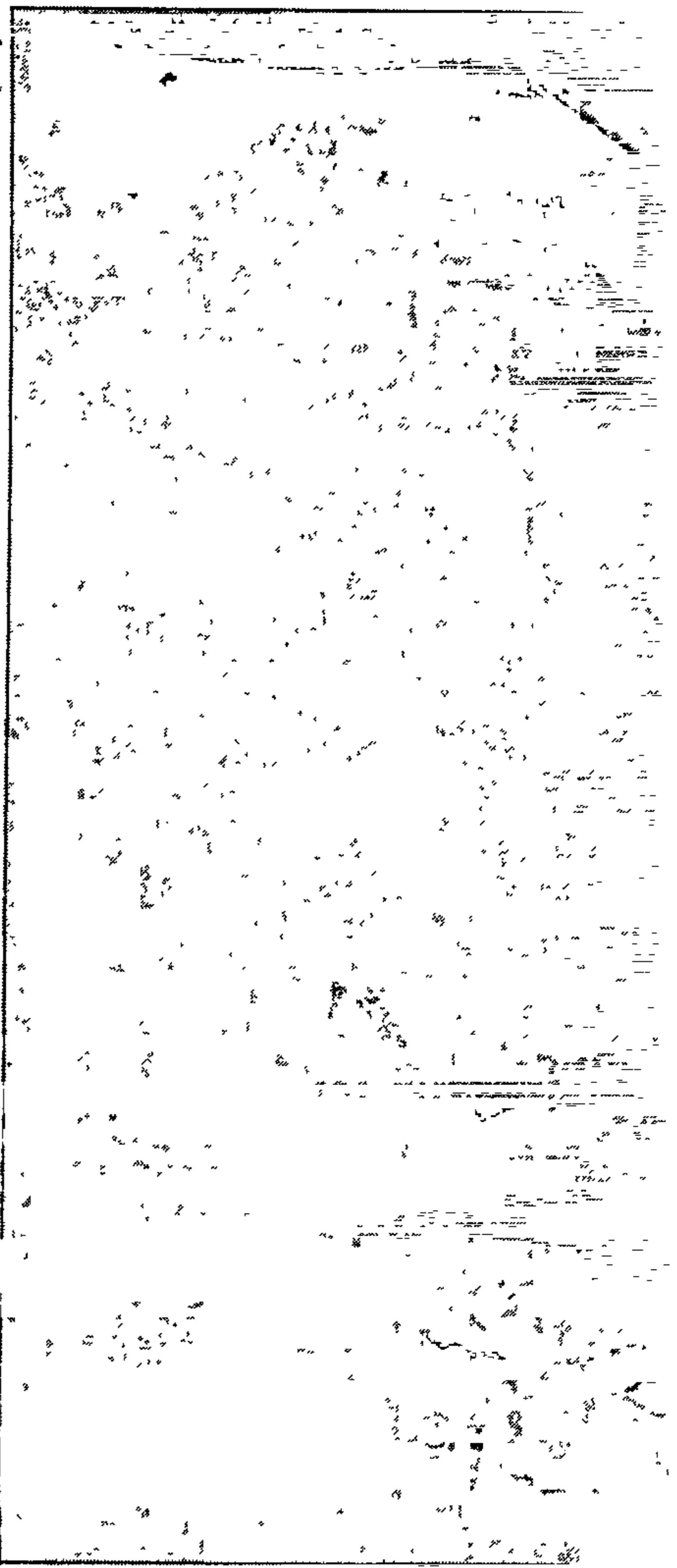
Since July 1990, when the township war ignited after clashes between IFP and ANC supporters in Sebokeng, more than 260 attacks have been launched from hostels, resulting in more than 1200 deaths and nearly 3700 injuries, the IBI report says

The report describes its figures as "conservative" for two reasons they are based solely on attacks recorded in the media, and then only when "hostel dwellers have been positively identified as participating in the attacks"

Attacks have been launched from hostels controlled by IFP or pro-IFP forces, according to the report

Nearly all hostels in Johannesburg, Soweto and townships on the East and West Rand are controlled by the IFP, the report says

It offers no information on attacks from two ANC-controlled hostels in Sebokeng but notes that inmates of the two hostels, Kwamuzisa and Madala were 'attacked by IFP members' as



Confrontation - armed police block the way of Zulus outside a hostel after factional clashes between Xhosas and Zulus in Alexandra left four dead a few months ago

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sisted by outside reinforcements

Nor does it explain how these two hostels came to be ANC strongholds or comment on IFP allegations that its men were driven out by superior forces after fighting started in July 1990

IFP control of hostels in the Witwatersrand is the result of a policy of seizure and expulsion, the report contends

Thus it says of Lewisham hostel in Kagiso on the West Rand "It was decided at an IFP meeting in August 1990 to remove all non-IFP members from the hostel" Referring to hostels on the East Rand, it says "All non-Inkatha members were forcibly removed from the hostels"

The report contains a table reflecting the level of IFP support in hostels in Johannesburg, Soweto and Alexandra According to Humphrey Ndhlovu of the IFP, it varies from 87 percent (Dube) to 100 percent (Jabulani, Merafe, Denver and Alexandra)

IFP-dominated hostels, however have been the target of attacks as well as the launching pads for attacks, the report records

In the last two months at least five hand grenades and a bomb have exploded at (Mzimhlope) hostel

It is believed that the attacks were launched by local residents "At least four people were killed

"On August 9 1990 the Khanyoni hostel (in Tokoza) was set ablaze by the people of Phola Park As the hostel burnt groups of youths hammered the walls, beat the corrugated roofs and looted"

The report provides an indication of the extent to which the hostels serve as arms depots or even arm factories

Order Minister Johan Scheepers that nearly 280 AK-47s and just under 250 homemade weapons were seized nationwide from IFP and ANC members in the four months ending on April 30

Many IFP hostels - there are more than 50 on the Witwatersrand - are controlled by "warlords", the report says

It defines a warlord as a person who is "in a position of power and commands respect from the predominantly rural people occupying the hostels"

One of the techniques used by the warlords 'to enlist fighters into their bands is to tell hostel inmates that the Zulu nation is under threat

The inference is that most inmates are Zulu-speakers, the expulsion of non-IFP members having excluded most men who are not Zulus

Most but not all according to the report, some non-Zulus, mainly Vendas and Shangans, have been persuaded and/or coerced into joining the IFP and acknowledging the leadership of the warlords

There is no easy solution to the problems posed by the hostels and the alienation of their inmates The cry to dismantle the institutions will be met by fierce resistance from the hostel people

The report quotes the present observation of sociologists Mike Morris and Doug Hindson that the most exploited section of black society, migrant workers, have been most threatened by the demise of apartheid

The disintegration of apartheid signals the end of migrant labour and hostels a development which hostel dwellers see as "the destruction of their entire urban survival base" rather than their salvation from drudgery and poverty

Anti-squatting groups mobilise

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By Shirley Woodgate and Anna Cox

Thousands of residents throughout the north-western PWV area are mobilising forces against mushrooming squatter camps in the region — and there is growing concern that bloody conflict between armed residents and squatters is imminent.

Residents' associations — some militant — have been formed and have joined forces to incorporate residents of Randburg, Sandton, Marlboro Gardens, Kelvin, Lombro Park and Lombardy East. And their aim is to fight, with arms and court action if necessary, squatter developments.

If the TPA, as widely suspected, makes an announcement today on the future of the Zevenfontein squatters, it will face mass action from thousands of residents, backed by the squatters who are opposed to any unilateral decision by the TPA.

Major residents' organisations have gone public with a

warning to Administrator Dame Hough. One organisation, Robert van Tonder's Garden Triangle Action Group, has warned of the danger of bloodshed if its militant allies become involved in resisting the relocation of the 4 000 families to Cosmo City.

At least two organisations — the Muldersdrif Local Area Committee and the Jukskei/Crocodile Catchment Area Residents' Association — have backed the Greenbelt Action Group, which has proposed 11th-hour plans to break the deadlock between the squatters and the authorities by creating a credible negotiating forum between Zevenfontein and the TPA.

Stuart Aitchison's Diepsloot Landowners' and Residents' Association has dismissed TPA attempts at public consultation as "an exercise in pedantry". Mr Stuart said that in view of the billions of rands of taxpayers' money squandered or mismanaged by the Government, the onus was now on the State to find massive funds to house the homeless.

But the most ominous warn-

ing came from the previously low-key Anti-Squatter League (ASL), which claims membership running into thousands from all areas threatened by TPA ad hoc squatter policies.

"At this late stage, police Casspirs and army guns will fail to control any forced squatter action by the authorities", claimed ASL chairman John Stol.

"Relocating the Zevenfontein squatters without full democratic consensus amounts to old apartheid-style forced removal."

Arming

Last-ditch legislation to enforce such a move would be fought in the courts with massive countrywide support which would become an international focus, he warned.

Denying rumours that the ASL is arming to the teeth to keep squatters out of Diepsloot, Mr Stol said "We are not anti-Government terrorists, but landowners who want long-term solutions to problems which the TPA is totally incapable of handling."

"We do not want squatter camps, nor 13 ad hoc village-

type settlements randomly selected by incompetent bureaucrats who have failed to consult any significant departments in their planning process.

"We reject plans to hand over this area to the Big Six, including Randburg and Sandton, to use as a dumping ground for workers serving their CBDs."

"We insist on our own local area committee and a comprehensive 20-year plan drawn up by experts and not the TPA," Mr Stol said.

It is believed the Zevenfontein squatters were pressured into holding a report-back meeting last night on the insistence of the TPA, after its plans to announce the Zevenfontein solution on Tuesday had to be aborted because the squatters claimed they had not been properly consulted.

An action group was formed this week to fight the development of a squatter area near Alexandra.

An Alexandra residents' association joined forces with the neighbouring suburbs of Marlboro Gardens, Kelvin, Lombro Park and Lombardy East to fight this new develop-

The Sandton Town Council, acting on behalf of the TPA, is to establish 1 700 stands for shack dwellers on the Far East Bank of Alexandra on a site-and-service basis. Informal, low-cost housing will also be built in the area.

Alexandra East Bank Residents' Association chairman Bulu Phalatsi said the East Bank was an upmarket part of Alexandra. Properties would be devalued and the quality of life would deteriorate if squatters moved in next door.

"We want the right to live the way we choose. We have paid a lot of money for our homes and although we realise there is a need for homes, the place is not the Far East Bank," he said.

Lombardy East Ratepayers' Association chairman Lionel Keenan said residents would fight any development which would harm neighbouring suburbs.

Jo Marais, councillor for Lombro Park, said the Sandton council had not consulted residents of Alexandra or neighbouring areas about the development, and that it was withholding information from the public.

ON Monday, participants in Johannesburg's attempt at a non-racial mega-metropolis, the Witwaterstrand Metropolitan Chamber, will try to get the chamber on the move again.

It screamed to a halt in April, after the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) walked out of a sub-committee dealing with tariffs and services. Complaining that services had not improved and demanding that Johannesburg take over their provision, the SCA called for a resumption of the rent boycott.

In response, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the three Greater Soweto town councils — Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville — demanded that all chamber activities be suspended, and, because the chamber operates on consensus, everything stopped.

"The SCA remains committed to the chamber and to negotiations," says its general secretary, Molwane Patrick Lephunya, who accuses the TPA of having taken advantage of the SCA's frustration to try to close down the chamber.

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What role will the 'organs of people's power' play?

UJWCA 5/6-11/6/92

How far should civics cast their nets in a South Africa that's changing around them?

BARBARA LUDMAN

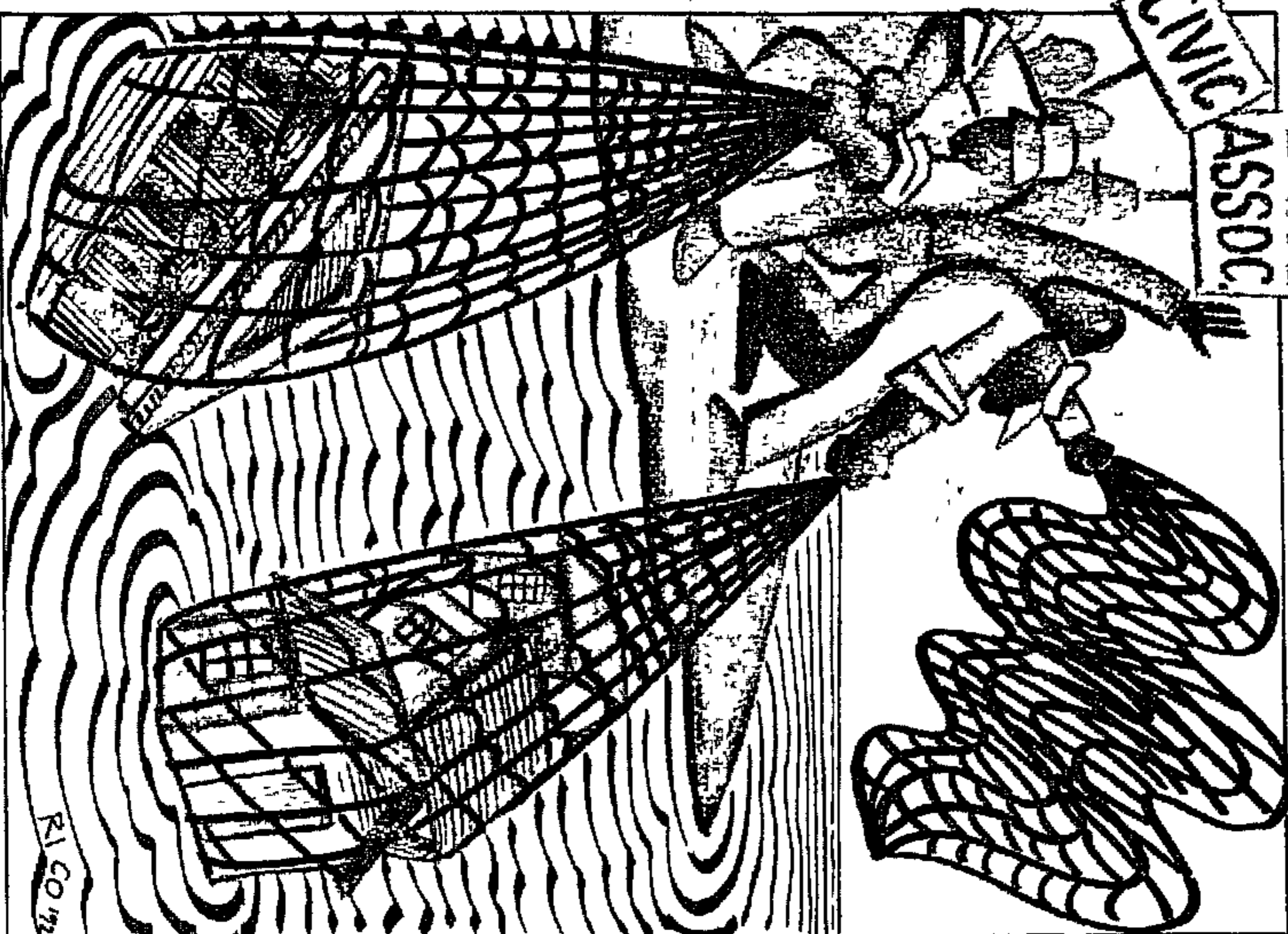
talks to some of the main players shaping their future

church, youth and women's groups would be part of these assemblies.

"It must be understood that there will be different competing interests between housing, health, education, social welfare, so in order to be able to prioritise projects you need the involvement of the community — and that, in my view, can best be done through these local people's assemblies where the community can participate," explains Botha.

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concerned with fundamental transformation of society. "Organs of people's power are primarily about fundamental and revolutionary transformation of society. They are directly concerned with the wielding of state power."

Like social movements, they "form the direct link between the state and the people in a national democracy... In fact, organs of people's power are the form under which the people should exercise state power. This is the essence of participatory democracy."

Development agencies see things differently. For the Development Bank of South Africa, "ideally, civics will operate in a pluralistic institutional environment, where various organisations and structures attend to and represent the interests of people who are affected by development". Indeed, the DBSA finds it crucial to "support the development of a vibrant non-governmental sector — which seems likely to include civics — that will be able to play a central role in development in the long term".

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Formed in the 1980s as township residents' organisations, civic associations were vital in the struggle against apartheid. Now that, in theory at least, that task is over, what role is left for them?

Not long ago, civic leaders believed they would become a post-apartheid local government. But most have faced the fact that once the franchise is universal, local government will be elected — and the civics must find a new role.

Will they be only one of many interest groups, like the church, the media, trade unions and other residents' organisations, in an active civil society? Or should they manoeuvre themselves into a position where they can provide the sole channel to the top for other interests which lack their well-developed muscle?

"I favour what I call local people's assemblies, where organs of civil society will sit together with political organisations and local government to debate issues," says Thozamile Botha, who holds the African National Congress' local government portfolio. "Their function would be to advise government rather than to elect officials." Civics as well as taxi associations,

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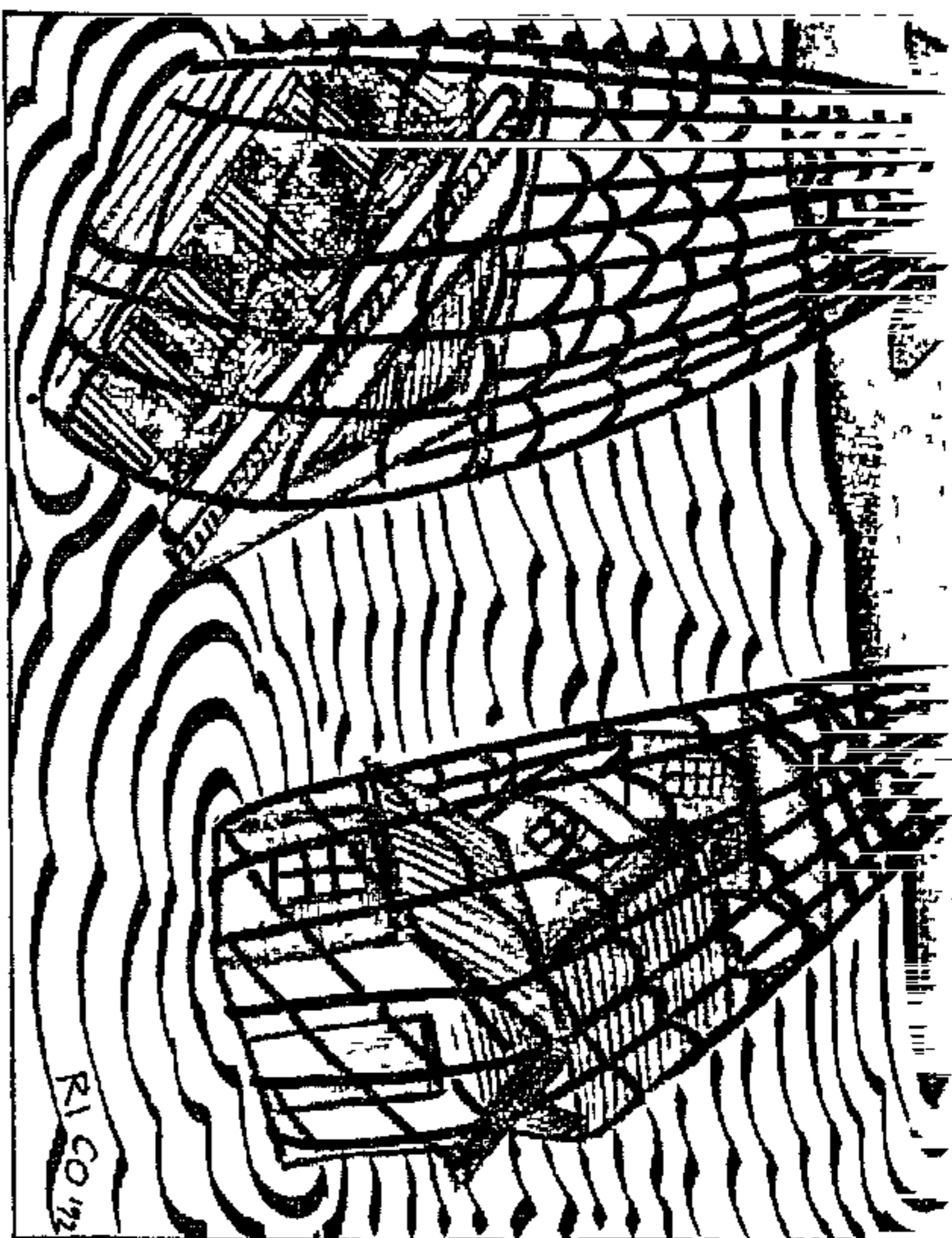
It suggests that consultations be made mandatory for budget or planning decisions and that local government might delegate certain powers to participating organisations — "for example, a tenants' association might be given the right to administer a particular council housing scheme".

Centre for Policy Studies director Steven Friedman has serious problems with this scenario. "Organisations which demand power over decisions of elected government must say whom they represent," he says. "If you transfer power from elected to unelected officials, you're excluding more people than you're including."

"The SCA represents between 20 and 30 percent of the Soweto population, which is impressive, given the circumstances. But that means at least 70 percent of the population is not represented" (The SCA told *The Weekly Mail* its membership "cannot be quantified").

Propagating the idea that civics alone constitute civil society, he says, creates the danger of a new form of totalitarianism.

Cas Coovadia is general secretary of the best-known tenants' organisation



in the country. Actstop, which used the courts to stop the eviction of black tenants in "white" areas in the 1980s. He

is also general secretary of the Civic Associations of Johannesburg (Caj), part of the Johannesburg Forum, bringing together the city council and civics in a sort of mini-chamber. He's able to engage or oppose with ease, according to circumstances. At the moment, it's engagement.

Coovadia sees civics in a post-apartheid South Africa as filling two roles.

First, they should be "independent, non-party political, mass-based structures" able to intercede in local government on behalf of constituents. "There are going to be rumblings around non-political issues — day-to-day problems like housing and education. We in Caj believe that a non-party political civic organisation can be a good buffer between the local government and the residents" — bringing individual residents' problems before the local government and resolving them together.

At the same time, he views civics as pressure groups — "to ensure that local government is accountable". Elected politicians are responsible to their party

and supporters, he says, the civic would take up issues raised by those whose candidates were not elected.

The SCA's Lephunya agrees that civics "have to transcend the borders of political ideology" and sees them, long into the future, simultaneously "engaging in mass struggles to precipitate the eradication of apartheid and its legacy" and "becoming involved in development issues".

For University of Natal academic and South African Communist Party theorist Blade Nzimande, the role civics played during the 1980s is still valid. One cannot, he says, separate civic issues from political issues — at least not yet. And civics should be careful when engaged in local negotiations not to be drawn into co-responsibility for apartheid problems.

"My concern is that people tend to say civics will act as watchdogs on the state, but I believe they are more than that. The better approach is the original conceptualisation of a civic organs of people's power."

In an article in the latest *African Communist*, Nzimande spells out the difference: social movements bring together a number of social forces around a particular issue, they are not

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As chairman of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Frederik van Zyl Stabbert works closely with the civics which form part of the chamber's two dozen members and observers. Caj and the 10 civics it represents, the SCA and others.

He outlines two major strands to the debate. "One is that civics should help with the establishment of a genuinely plural and autonomous civil society... that you can have a plurality of voluntary associations on a community level which tolerate each other's existence and help in establishing a healthy community life. The other is that the civic becomes an extension of a national political movement in which it tries to synchronise its community activities with a national political programme."

"My preference is for an autonomous, vigorous civil society because that will be absolutely essential to underpin a future democratic constitution. We have just come through a prolonged era of authoritarian control over community life and I would be very despondent if we're simply going to substitute one form of authoritarian political control for another."

**Council
workers
in hostel
protest**

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By MOSES MAMAILA

DOBSONVILLE Town Council employees, caught in the crossfire between fighting hostel dwellers and residents, have resolved to picket daily for an hour until the hostel inmates have been removed from the area.

Andrew Mokoane, a spokesman for the 400 workers - all members of the South African Municipal Workers Union - said the hostel dwellers should be evicted because they were the "source of all the trouble".

"These people have long stopped paying their rent. There should be no problem evicting them," he said.

The workers were accused by the hostel dwellers of being "township residents", while residents accused them of supporting the hostels.

About two months ago, two of the workers were attacked by residents who mistook their overalls for being Inkatha symbols. One of the workers was stoned and burnt to death and another was hospitalised.

Workers said a white council official had been seen driving hostel dwellers around the township which fuelled suspicions

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Mixed reception for Taiwanese 'town'

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By McKeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

The establishment of a R250 million "town" for Taiwanese immigrants in the Transvaal town of Bronkhorstspuit has been met with mixed feelings by black and white residents

The majority of the white community was not against the establishment of a village but expressed its bitterness at the planned erection of an R80 million Buddhist temple

They said it was against their Christian belief because "Buddha is an idol"

Last month members of the Christian community demonstrated at the spot earmarked

for the temple. On May 8 scores of residents bearing crosses sang at the site, protesting that Buddhism was "satanic".

The president of the civic association of Zithobeni, the township outside Bronkhorstspuit, Shakes Maisela, said he could not understand how the town council had resolved to give such a huge piece of land to outsiders, "when it threatened to evict our own people who squatted on a small piece of land in the township"

Regarding the creation of jobs Mr Maisela said "History has taught us so-called foreign investors come here only to exploit our people — paying them meagre wages"

A representative of the local Indian community, businessman Mahomed Rahem said the Tai-

wanese were definitely welcome but should not be given any privileges local residents were denied

The Indian community had been in the area for more than 60 years but there was not a single Indian school, he said

Expressing his personal view, Bronkhorstspuit CP member Hennie du Toit said he did not believe the Taiwanese would create enough jobs for both blacks and whites because in most cases they employed their own people

"In the long term I can only foresee problems with such a big Chinese community among our small Afrikaner community," he warned

Attempts to interview Bronkhorstspuit town clerk Dr H B Senekal, were unsuccessful

Residents (121)

oppose new rail system

Staff Reporter ^{STAFF} 11/16/92

The Johannesburg City Council's proposal for a light rail transit system which will serve the Johannesburg Metropolitan region within five years, was flatly rejected by Orange Grove residents last night.

The proposed tram network would be a first for the Johannesburg CBD, and would have routes from Braamfontein, Hillbrow and Yeoville in operation by the year 2000.

Seven possible routes were also identified, some of which would run from the black townships, including Soweto, Alexandra, Dobsonville and Meadowlands, into the CBD.

At a heated meeting between the residents, Jomag and the Johannesburg City Council held at the Linksfield Primary School yesterday, residents voiced their strong objections.

The residents who feared for their properties, appealed to the city council to upgrade the standard of living.

They also demanded from the Johannesburg transportation committee chairman Paul Asherson that there would not be a light rail system in the area.

Owners face 80 pc fall in land value

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THELMA TUCH-GABAY

MANY people who own property near two sites north of Johannesburg, earmarked for Zevenfontein squatters, may lose up to 80 percent of the value of their investments if the squatters move in.

This is according to estate agents handling properties surrounding Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht. Landowners — many of whom have sunk their life savings into their properties — are now seeking legal action to get the Transvaal Provincial Administration to reverse its decision.

The TPA has hinted that it may consider rezoning land in the area for industrial purposes. If that happens, the drop in value on some properties might be halted.

The TPA announced last week that more than 1 300 squatter families at Zevenfontein would be moved to two sites of about 100 ha each — in Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht — north-west of Johannesburg and south of the R28 Krugersdrop freeway.

'Property will be unsaleable'

"The land will become unsaleable... you can regard it now as dead land," said estate agent David Howard, who has worked in the area for more than 30 years. He predicted that property values of homes close to the squatter sites would drop by up to 80 percent and those in the surrounding areas by as much as 50 percent.

Howard said up to 1 000 property owners in the areas, including Chartwell, North Riding and Farmall, would be affected by the squatters' presence.

Township Realtors managing director Dr A Levin said the only way for owners to gain any value for their properties would be for the land to be rezoned as an industrial area.

Township Realtors, representing four clients who own 300 ha in the area, has already applied on their behalf for the area to be rezoned, he said.

This week the TPA indicated it would be sympathetic towards applications for the rezoning of adjacent land in Diepsloot West as industrial land.

Zinkis: a roof over your head in a jiffy

By MICHAEL CHESTER

MUNICIPAL leaders from all over the eastern Transvaal last week watched in amazement as four workmen demonstrated how to build a three-room house — from virgin ground to rooftop level — in a remarkable time of only 75 minutes

The demonstration took place at the small highveld town of Kriel, which wanted to tell South Africa how it believed it had found its own solutions to the critical shortage of low-cost homes for black families

Mayor Frans Snyman set the exercise in motion as the workmen unloaded a jumble of steel girders from a truck and laid them out like a crossword grid at precisely 11 15 am

Next came a jumble of steel wall panels, window frames and doors, all laid out in a neat pattern around the grid. The time 11 30 am

The shape of the house began to take real form when the team of workmen, with what seemed like effortless ease, lifted the wall panels and window frames into position. The time 11 45 am

The team next climbed simple ladders to hoist the roof sections aloft, clambered down again to fit steel struts to all the corners — noon

The front door was bolted into place and the roof was extended to form a veranda — 12 15 pm

Then came a final round of construction examinations

At exactly 12 30 pm the mayor settled at a garden table outside the front door and raised a glass of wine to congratulate the workers

The neat new house, he announced, was a forerunner of no fewer than 4 000 similar low-cost units that the Kriel Town Council intended to erect at the embryo Thubelihle suburb to beat the shortage of affordable black homes

"We have not yet experienced a squatter problem in Kriel," said Mr Snyman, "and we are planning well ahead to try to ensure one never happens"

The units — which can be built in a variety of shapes and sizes — have been christened "zinkis"

David Mostert, head of the Dorbyl steel empire, whose subsidiary Baldwins handles production of the steel prefabricated modules, said "To solve the problems of the homeless we need to break away from outmoded conventional approaches and find faster and more cost-effective answers"

At the R40 million Kriel project — the first major contract — the town council package makes 230 square-metre serviced stands available at R3 000. Zinkis with freehold title will sell at between R5 000 and — with four bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bathroom and veranda — R18 000.

The Perm building society plans to finance the homes with mini-loans underwritten by local employers against pension and provident fund security □

'Misrule as usual' after TPA takeover

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Residents of Transvaal communities that were run by the corruption-riddled Department of Development Aid (DDA) are dismayed and angry to learn there will be no rapid improvement in development now that the province has taken over

Not only is the Transvaal Provincial Administration depending largely on former DDA officials to administer these areas, but it intends to operate for the rest of this year within the DDA's budget

"Because the budgets for planning and development have been transferred from the former DDA and the South African Development Trust, planning and development will continue to take place as has been planned by the former department," the TPA confirmed in a statement released to The Star

The TPA will include these areas in its budgets only from 1993. It took over their administration in April when the DDA and the South African Development Trust were disbanded. Just weeks later, the Pickard

Commission report was released, disclosing details of widespread corruption in the DDA

The TPA added that "most of the town offices and personnel of the DDA were transferred to the TPA"

Civic associations and non-governmental development organisations are shocked at the terms of the TPA takeover

In the western Transvaal area of Hartbeesfontein, home to 29 000 people, the civic association is campaigning for the dismissal of the township manager and four other officials. Residents recently marched on the administration offices in support of this demand and were teargassed by police

In the large urban settlement of Soshanguve, the Soshanguve Residents Association (Sorea) had rejected TPA administration as a solution and was still pressing to become part of Pretoria on a "one city, one tax base" basis, Sorea chairman Smangaliso Mkhathshwa said

He added that residents were unhappy to see the old DDA officials in place because they had proved grossly inefficient

Father Mkhathshwa laughed at the official population figure of 217 000. He said Soshanguve

had "exploded" and its huge shack settlement was desperately short of services

"You have to look at the track record of the TPA. What reason is there to believe they will suddenly meet such needs?"

In the northern Transvaal district of Moutse, the drought had brought the neglect of development under the DDA into sharp focus, said Thembi Majola, a project engineer for the Rural Advice Centre.

Intervention was desperately needed, but residents had seen no change since the TPA took over

"Life goes on as usual. There are villages where people don't even have water to drink," said Miss Majola. Desperate need drove villagers to pay for water provided by tanker, even though this was petty corruption

She said that although the local-level officials were still in place, "right now I don't know who is next up in the hierarchy. It's an absolute mess"

The Star can confirm that confusion reigns in the TPA about the takeover. It took the TPA more than three weeks to answer queries on the process

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Eskom gaining Soweto's trust

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Two months after Eskom's takeover of the supply of electricity to Soweto, both Eskom and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) are optimistic that the foundation has been laid for normalising relations between supplier and consumer.

"Things are improving markedly, given the circumstances," said Paul Maré, Eskom's West Rand sales and customer service manager.

"We are still in the process of improving the quality of service in Soweto and we believe that once this is completed, payment levels will be up where they should be."

When the Soweto rent and service tariff boycott was called off in late 1990, consumers failed to resume regular payment for electricity. One of the chief reasons put forward was poor maintenance of installations and erratic administration of accounts by councils. As a result, Eskom took over the service.

When the SCA recently reimposed the service charge boycott in April, it exempted electricity bills and is urging residents to pay Eskom, which

operates in areas previously supplied by the Soweto and Dobsonville councils.

After the first month of Eskom service, payment levels were 40 percent of the total amount billed, said Mr Maré. An SCA spokesman said this figure was about 10 percent up on the level of service payments before April.

Mr Maré said returns for the second month were not yet in, but a "hiccup" in delivery during the first month had been overcome in the second.

Eskom had also been able to inspect 40 000 meters and repair them where necessary. It was also operating 13 Soweto payment kiosks.

Consumers were still experiencing periodic electricity cuts, caused by transformers tripping out due to an overloading of the system, he acknowledged. This meant the system would have to be upgraded to cope with demand.

While this could not be done instantly, "within the next 10 days, people will observe many more contractors in Soweto" starting the upgrade process, Mr Maré said.

The SCA spokesman said some residents were submitting payments to the township councils rather than Eskom.

Cheer for Vanderbijl as rates, services stay put

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau (127)

STAR 18/6/92

Assessment rates and service charges are to remain unchanged in Vanderbijlpark during the next financial year

The good news was announced by management committee chairman Gerhard Smith at the Vanderbijlpark Town Council's annual budget meeting last night

Presenting a budget of R187 million for 1992/93, Mr Smith said the good news was due to the council's responsible financial management

The council had budgeted for a surplus of R141 000 in the current financial year but it

was now likely to be R3,2 million

"Vanderbijlpark's financial position is extremely healthy, and our net external debt amounts to only 2,9 percent of our total assets"

The 1992/93 budget was 14 percent higher than the expected expenditure in the current book-year, Mr Smith said.

He expressed concern at Government plans to amalgamate white and black municipalities. The incorporation of neighbouring black towns into Vanderbijlpark could cost individual ratepayers R406 a month more because tax collection in townships was usually ineffective.

SOWETAN PROPERTY

Omhle plans material depots near camps

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless needs R8 million to finance building material depots in an attempt to alleviate the plight of homeless blacks

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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THE chairman of the organisation, Mr Dan Moshugi, yesterday said they were expecting the money from local and international communities

The Japan anti-apartheid committee has already pledged to grant the organisation about R80 000 to motivate the funding of low-cost community based building material depots in the homeless communities of Bohlakong near Bethle-

hem, Doornkop near Soweto and Motlata near Ventersdorp

Training has already started and about 20 craftsmen have completed their courses in these areas

Omhle, in conjunction with the South African Lumber Millers' Association devised a viable and practical strategy to address the housing problem

Salma is the custodian of timber construction technology in the country and has a well developed training division

The depots would be

situated right where the people live because they do not have transport to go and buy materials from distant outlets

The major challenge is to pioneer a community based supply system which, together with proper training, will help break the slum syndrome in informal settlements

"Respectable affordable housing has to be made achievable and available to the very poor as the first and foremost phase in the process of social upliftment," Moshugi said.

Because of the lack of skills in timber construction, appropriate training would be considered as the first step in the organisation's strategy

"The need for community depots arises from the fact that formal building material supply channels are for many reasons not reaching informal settlements

"Good quality materials are therefore not readily available in these areas where normal transport cannot be afforded," he added

"This offers new hope to the homeless but what is needed now is the money in

order to have positive input and participation from all sectors of the housing fraternity in South Africa," he said

According to a Salma spokesman more than 350 people have been trained by the company to build their own time frame home units

Building material depots in or near areas where millions of homeless have erected temporary shelters were also established.

By the end of the year they might be five to eight and by the end of next year a substantial number, the spokesman said



Omhle's chairman Mr Dan Moshugi.

Manure dumped in protest

Star 23/6/72

By Bunty West and Carina le Grange

A pile of manure topped by a sign reading "Keep your s. in Randburg" was dumped outside Randburg town council offices yesterday morning.

Management committee chairman Brian Crail interpreted the act as an effort by "a group of extremists" trying to sabotage any meaningful consultation about future Nietgedacht residents'.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for dumping the manure on the council's doorstep. Meanwhile, an organisation

acting for all Nietgedacht residents last night held a third meeting with lawyers to consider legal action against the authorities — provincial or governmental — arising from expropriation of land and the "gross injustice perpetrated on the community by Pretoria bureaucrats".

Mr Crail said he was shocked by "this appalling display of blatant racism".

Nietgedacht is one of the areas north of Johannesburg which have been earmarked for informal housing in an effort to control mushrooming "squatter" settlements in the area. Randburg council has

accepted the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to develop Nietgedacht for informal housing.

Jukskel Crocodile Catchment Area Landowners and Residents' Association (JCCA) vice-chairman Wessel Swart last night refused to divulge details of legal action but said that in going to court the JCCA hoped to reverse the negative business influence the decision on expropriation had had on the area.

JCCA press spokesman Neville Jones said his association disassociated itself from any illegal action including the dumping of manure.

Mr Crail had said earlier that urbanisation has to be planned for the benefit of all, but this type of protest from people who appear to be too afraid to identify themselves is totally unacceptable.

● Nietgedacht residents, whose properties do not fall under Randburg municipality's jurisdiction at present, are up in arms because of the council's decision to house squatters outside the present civic boundaries.

In a petition sent to the management committee, residents said Randburg had once again proved insensitive to the squatters' needs and mirrored

former apartheid laws in terms of which people had been dumped in areas where they did not want to stay.

In reaction to the petition, the council said the site had been chosen by the TPA.

"Council believes that the best way to manage growth in the area is to extend its northern boundaries and an application to the Demarcation Board has been submitted. It is council's philosophy to bring an open consultative local government to bear in the area, a process which is working in the Blobostrand area," Mr Crail said.

Man (80) mauled to death by bullterriers

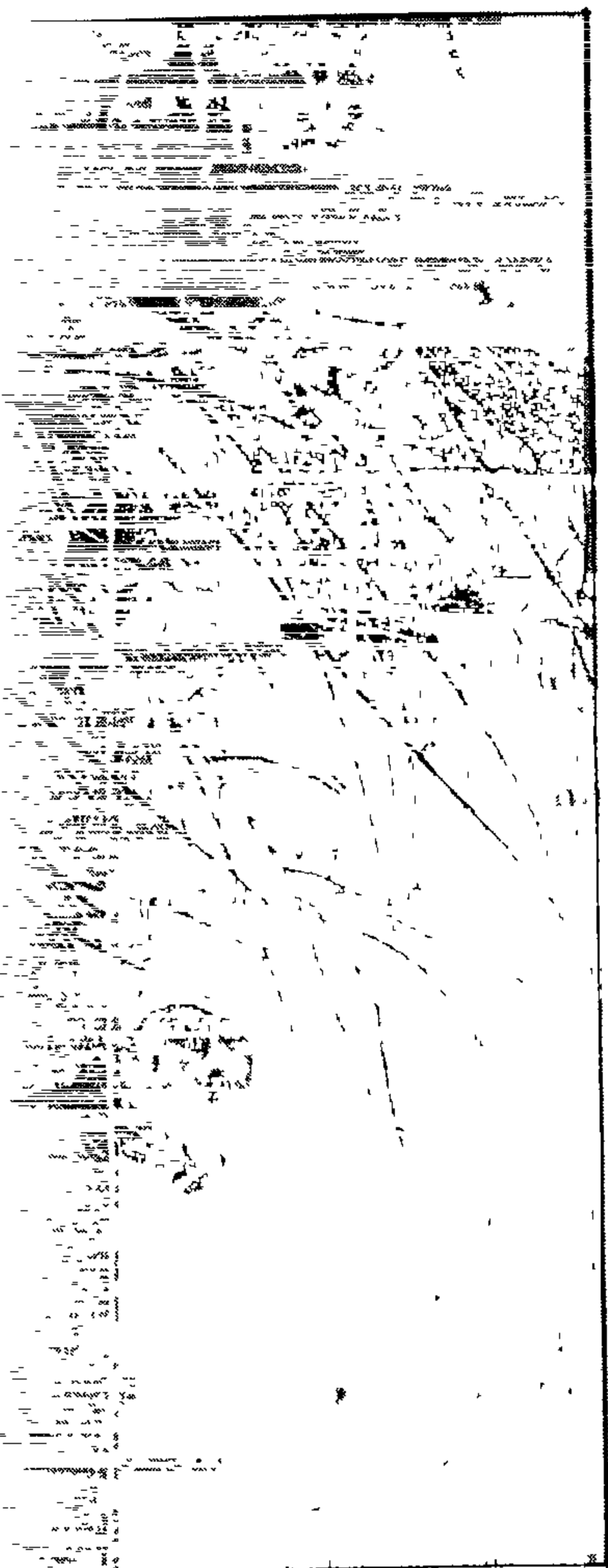
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An 80-year-old man was mauled to death by two bullterriers on a plot in Buccleuch, Sandton, on Saturday evening and a Walkerville man was gored to death by a cow at the weekend.

A spokesman for the Midrand Detective Branch said he did not know who the dead man was or who the dogs belonged to.

He also did not know why the dogs attacked the man or what he was doing on the property.

Yesterday the house and overgrown property looked deserted. The only sign of life was a dog barking at the locked gate and the sound of



Union says no to hostel move

THE proposed closure of KwaMadala Hostel and the transfer of its inmates to KwaMasiza Hostel has been rejected by the Na-

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tional Union of Metalworkers of South Africa. The announcement of the move yesterday by Iscor management follows

last week's Bopalong massacre

Numsa's national organising secretary, Dr Benny Fanaroff, said the move had to be negotiated (127)

"Those responsible for atrocities cannot be accepted among peaceful workers," he said.

Iscor said the decision was not to support or oppose any political groupings

New civic for ⁽¹²⁷⁾ Springs township

By VICTOR TSUAI

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THE vacuum created by the folding of the old KwaThema Civic Association was filled this week when 15 areas elected a new committee in the Springs township

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More than 150 delegates turned up at a meeting bolstered by the presence of more than 200 observers from the community.

Earlier there were problems for the conveners, the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal, when two sets of delegations arrived to represent certain areas. This was resolved and the election of office-bearers continued unimpeded.

Cast's intervention also cooled down heated tempers as delegates tried to jostle for control of the proceedings.

Mr Veli Langwenya and Mr P Mapoul were chosen to lead the civic after being elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Welcoming the new executive office, Cast general-secretary Mr Dan Mofokeng stressed that civics needed to be strong to effectively oppose all apartheid structures such as the black councils and the councillors.

"We further urge civics to carry out resolutions and that all apartheid structures should be dissolved. Civics should be the only body that should take part in forums where future local government is discussed," Mofokeng said.

Other office-bearers are Mr J Nkosi (secretary), Mr Andile Ncamane (vice-secretary), Mr Jabu Malaza (treasurer), Mr Bangi Solo (PRO), Mr Kenny Madalane (organiser).

Additional members are L Moloko, R Moagi, B Mathe, R Motsweni, C Mokoni and T Molefe.

Mining study given go-ahead

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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A R360 000 study into the viability of using mining land for housing development in Greater Johannesburg was given the go-ahead by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) last night

The aim of the study is to evaluate the mining land belt in the region of Greater Johannesburg

This will be done in terms of its development potential in order to establish the optimal future use of the land

In addition, the cost of the development on the mining land

will be compared with the cost of development at sites such as Rietfontein or Orange Farm, to establish a basis on which recommendations can be made with regard to the most cost effective use of the land

A report before the CWRSC pointed out that as very few scientific and comprehensive studies had been done on the development potential of mining land, claims and policies related to any development on mining land appeared to be unfounded and often biased.

Pressure for such a comprehensive study, from both the private and public sectors, had necessitated an evaluation of the mining land in terms of its

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development, city councillors were told.

The study will be undertaken by two firms, Barker and Associates, who will undertake the collection and analysis of geological and geotechnical data, and BKS Incorporated, who will do a comparative cost analysis of development potential.

The consultants will study undermining; possible continuation of mining activities; issues of radio-active emissions and radon gas; the availability of mining land; and legislative and regulatory conditions related to proclaimed mining land, as well as standards set for construction on the land.

Civic Association breaks new ground

Sowetan 25/6/92.



THE Krugersdorp Civic Association and the administrator of Kagiso have agreed on a general electrification project for the township

According to the KCA, several other interim agreements have been reached with township's administrator, Mr CA de Bruyn, in "what indicates that the dissolution of the Kagiso Council yielded results"

Contrary to other claims, Mr Peter Kute of KCA said the rent boycott was still in place because it was the strongest instrument the civic was using to force the council to the negotiating table

Instead, negotiations to write off the five-year-old rent and services arrears were continuing

"There are elements in the community who would like to wreck the work done by the KCA," said Kute "Others are trying to extort money from residents

"People who experience problems with the KCA officials"

By VICTOR TSUAI

He said important interim agreements reached with the administrator were.

A moratorium on all housing disputes pertaining to evictions and family rows.

Freezing of legal proceedings related to housing matters until the sitting of the housing committee,

The provision of refuse bins to all residents free of charge, and

The upgrading of all the streets

The present committee engaged in negotiations consists of Mr Ike Genu (chairman), Mr Tizzah Moiloa (vice-chairman), Mr Pat Nzama (acting secretary), Kute (publicity), Mr Peter Mokoto (housing), Mr Ben Ntsimane (education), Mr Mphahlele (legal adviser) and Mr Aubrey Nxumalo (local disputes)

Now it's ratepayers' turn to speak on transport

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ANITA ALLEN

JOHANNESBURG ratepayers now have the chance to influence the decision-making process on the city's future transport network.

That is the message from communications manager Karen de Beer of the metropolitan planning department, which is gearing up for the July 1 launch of public participation in the planning of a mass transport system for Johannesburg in the year 2005.

"We want to establish our bond fides and our integrity," says De Beer, in acknowledgement of the R2.5-million feasibility study of the Department of Transport known as Masstran.

She stresses that the Johannesburg Council is under some obligation to implement, in part or in full, any of the proposals in the feasibility study. "What we need to do is to bring ratepayers up to speed on the contents of the Masstran report, so that together we can start planning which options, if any, will be implemented."

Masstran, she points out, was not the initiative of the Johannesburg City Council. It was an idea conceived and funded by a government department. The council's only involvement was to occupy a place on the steering committee along with many other organisations such as Putea and Sabta.

The study was carried out by four firms of engineering consultants, which started work in 1988. At the time there was extensive public participation, including the appointment of citizen liaison committees which repre-

sented 10 interest groups ranging from ratepayers' associations to transport interests.

Five rounds of public meetings were held. A sixth round was planned by the Department of Transport, but did not take place because finance became a consideration. "In retrospect," says De Beer, "this was unfortunate because the public felt they had been cut off at a critical time."

The results of the study, contained in eight volumes of some 2 000 pages, were released in September 1991, and created an uproar, mostly because of a controversial section involving light rail transport (LRT) and because the cost would be as high as R2 billion if the complete light rail system and upgrading of all transport modes were implemented.

LRT is only one aspect of the proposals. They also involve comprehensive upgrading of present public transport encompassing buses, mini-bus taxis and heavy rail.

The Masstran report, she says, is not user-friendly in the sense that parts of it are very technical. Volume 1 is an executive summary of the entire report. Volumes 2 and 3 deal with land use, transport models, growth rates and all the technical assumptions, including an estimate that the population in the greater metropolitan area would be 6 million by the year 2005. Volume 4 deals with eco-

nomics and finance, volumes 5 with the environment, volume 6 with public participation and volumes 7 and 8 with the actual accommodation of buses, mini-taxis, heavy rail and a new light rail system for the entire greater Johannesburg.

The LRT component in the Masstran report was extremely detailed with proposed routes mapped out. It showed all expropriations stand by stand in order to get accurate costing estimates, and when these pages were circulated to ratepayers' associations and individuals in Highlands North and Orange Grive, who would be most affected, there was an outcry.

De Beer emphasises that the Johannesburg Council is not bound in any way by the Masstran report. It has taken note of the proposals, which provide a lot of valuable information, but Masstran is not a fait accompli. However, the report would form the basis for the next phase which starts at the beginning of the new financial year on July 1.

"This phase will be an extensive public participation exercise," says De Beer. "We now have the budget, which we did not have before, to get on with it."

The Johannesburg Council has allocated R1,5 million for the planning phase involving public participation. During this phase, the metropolitan planning department will be consulting ratepayers and civic associations, property developers and owners, public transport executives and the general public. It's an expensive un-

derstanding, but a necessary one, says De Beer.

The Council is presently advertising for a projects manager who will be responsible for putting a team together to critically assess the Masstran report.

"The only plan we have at this time is to bring the public up to speed on what is contained in the Masstran study. The public must be educated as to why and what they are participating in," says De Beer.

She notes that there have been calls for a referendum on the matter. But she says this is not a simple yes/no issue. Much of the information is technical, and the public needed to make informed decisions.

"If we don't address the public transport needs now, we will miss an opportunity," says De Beer.

One important link in the chain of communication is the ratepayers' associations.

"Anyone wanting to play a meaningful role must do it through their ward association," says De Beer. "If they want to influence the decision-making process, they must join their local ward associations now."

The metropolitan planning department has an open door policy and invites members of the public to visit their offices on the 10th floor of the Johannesburg Civic Centre, or to phone them on 407-6260. Volumes of the Masstran report are available at between R20 to R30, depending on the volume, or at R170 for the complete set.



GETTING TO GRIPS WITH MASSTRAN: communications manager Karen de Beer of the Johannesburg City Council's Metropolitan Planning Department with the eight-volume Masstran report of some 2 000 pages. Photograph: JOAO SILVA

Messina residents to march

THE Messina Civic Association (Meca) and the ANC and PAC in Nancefield township will march to Messina police station on Friday. Meca chairman Abraam Leruli said the march would back demands for the release of teachers arrested in another march. *CP/nes 28/6/92* (127)

Other demands included the recognition of Meca by the TPA, the closure of a dumping ground in the township and an end to a "unilateral" decision by the "white" municipality to increase tariffs in Nancefield. Leruli said though permission for the march has been sought, the local magistrate had not replied.

Hostels - home to killers

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SIX hostels around Soweto have been responsible for at least 112 attacks on township residents, resulting in 391 deaths and at least 933 injured in the space of 22 months.

In the same period, 17 attacks on commuters on Soweto trains took place near or around stations bordering three hostels. These attacks claimed 17 lives and left 274 injured.



MATHATHA TSEDU, editor of Sowetan, says the Government collusion in the killings had been proven beyond doubt by the failure to act speedily against KwaMadala Hostel dwellers after the killings in Boipalong.

Records compiled by monitoring institutions show that only six people were arrested by police in connection with two of the incidents, all of them hostel inmates.

Early this month, 10 people died in two horrific taxi killings that turned taxi rides into journeys of death and so far no one has been arrested.

Gunmen shot and killed nine people in Molelane on June 16, shattering the peace that had prevailed during the commemoration services. To date no one has been arrested.

And so the list of unsolved murders goes on and on. Reacting to mounting criticism of their alleged complicity in attacks on trains, police posted patrols at stations but investigations by newspapers revealed that no searches took place and that people carrying bundles which could easily be arms were left to board trains while police looked on.

The lack of progress in police investigations of these killings has now led to the political crisis caused by the Boipalong massacre 13 days ago, which in turn, has led the ANC to temporarily withdraw from negotiations. In the memorandum sent to State President FW de Klerk on Friday, the

ANC, echoing the sentiments of other organisations such as Azapo and the PAC, and a vast majority of black people, said the Government collusion in the killings had been proven beyond doubt by the failure to act speedily against KwaMadala Hostel dwellers after the killings in Boipalong.

"In those few instances where security force personnel and police or IFP members have been arrested, how do we explain the fact that inadequate police investigation is the basis for their acquittal, laughably light sentences and

in Soweto which have been linked to hostel inmates where police progress in investigations has virtually been nil in terms of arrests: Nancefield: 28 incidents with 74 killed and 107 injured. Dube: 17 incidents with 34 killed and

10 injured. Jabulani: 12 incidents with 93 killed and 466 injured. Merafe: 11 incidents with 73 killed and 265 injured. Mzimhlope: 34 incidents with 84 killed and 70 injured. Dobsonville: 10 incidents with 33 killed and 15 injured. These figures are up to April this year and do not include the upsurge of May and June which saw many people killed in Mzimhlope and Dobsonville. Intran attacks on Soweto lines, stations that border on hostels have been the staging post of at least 17 attacks. The breakdown of station attacks is as follows: Inhabazane near Jabulani hostel: 7 attacks with 13 killed and 162 injured. Nancefield near Nancefield hostel: 3 attacks with 11 killed and 46 injured. New Canada near Mzimhlope hostel: 10 attacks with 7 killed and 66 injured.

In most of these incidents survivors told the media that the attackers had retreated into the hostels after the attacks. Eye witnesses also said police who arrived on the scene had failed to act against the hostel inmates and in one incident in Nancefield, police were refused entry into the hostel to arrest an identified attacker.

Coupled to this have been the assertions by residents who were victims of hostel attackers that police had escorted these attackers and watched the plunder and looting of houses without interfering.

The seeming police collusion with these attackers has led to a belief that because hostels have virtually become

therefore political and desired to create manoeuvring space for Inkatha against the non-establishment organisations such as the ANC, Azapo, PAC and SACP. The IFP itself has accepted that hostels in Soweto and other areas have become almost exclusively Inkatha. In figures given to the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIR), IFP West Rand Secretary, Mr. Humphrey Ndlovu, said IFP support in Soweto hostels was as follows: Nancefield: 90% Dube: 87% Jabulani: 100% Merafe: 100% Diepkloof: 95% (this hostel has not been affected by the attacks) Interestingly, Ndlovu said IFP support in KwaMadala Hostel, staging post of the Boipalong killings, was 100 per cent.

Police Commissioner, General Johann van der Merwe, said on Friday police have now established that the Boipalong murderers were from KwaMadala. He said police had interrogated about 600 inmates and confiscated 276 spears and other bars, some of which had revealed traces of blood.

So far only five people are known to have been arrested and are being held in terms of the Internal Security Act. The police reaction had been slow and generally in keeping with the trend of their behaviour in such cases. And as one woman in Boipalong said: "Would they have left the hostel alone for so many hours if just one white person had been killed?"

Tomorrow we look at hostels on the East Rand and how the informal settlements there fit into this

The ANC, echoing the sentiments of other organisations such as Azapo and the PAC, and a vast majority of black people, said the Government collusion in the killings had been proven beyond doubt.

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New initiative is launched to revitalise inner Jo'burg

THE launch of the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) was the start of a tough initiative to revitalise the inner city area, chairman Cliff McMillan said last night.

The co-operation of all involved — the city council, business and the community — would ensure tangible results, he said.

All three partners contributed to resources in different ways, providing time and expertise on a continuing basis. The business community had accepted the responsibility to fund the partnership while the council made its resources available.

Speaking at the launch, McMillan said the partnership offered the vehicle for a coherent strategy. The partners were involved through enlightened self-interest.

Executive committee chairman Gerald Leissner said the funding of the partnership would take several forms.

Major players in the inner city area had been approached to either extend a low interest loan of R500 000 each or contribute R50 000 a year.

It was hoped R10m would initially be raised from loans or debentures.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the business community had approached the council and indicated it was willing to have a special levy introduced on companies in the inner city area.

This was an informal approach, David-

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son said. Once a formal application was made it might have to be taken to provincial or government level, but the council would only consider it if the business community was convinced it was what they wanted.

Johannesburg Civic Associations general secretary Cas Coovadia said negotiations were under way to buy seven buildings in Hillbrow and Joubert Park.

The aim, he said, was to put the pilot project on the partnership's agenda for the development of social housing in the inner city area. The buildings' owners had approached the civic and were asking for R8m. This was under negotiation.

The key aspect was affordability and the private sector had been asked to finance loans of between R8m and R10m at interest rates of 10% to 11%. Existing tenants would not be displaced, and would become owners of the units over time as security of tenure altered people's perceptions of maintenance and security, he said.

Chairman Alec Gullen said the security task group was negotiating with the SA Police about the establishment of satellite police stations. "The SAP has been asked to contribute manpower, while the CJP will fund all the running costs."

Farm strikes at issue in negotiations

PRETORIA — The SA Agricultural Union (SAAU) and Cosatu are still locked in negotiations on the application of labour laws to the country's more than 1-million agricultural workers.

Although the two sides had edged closer, the major issue of curbing farm strikes remained, an SAAU spokesman said.

Also still to be agreed on is the possible application of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act to the industry.

SAAU representatives, the National Manpower Commission and Cosatu will meet again shortly.

According to agriculture sources, nearly the whole industry is opposed to the application of inflexible labour laws.

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National Maize Producers' Organisation GM Giel van Zyl said there was relative peace on farms throughout the country with good relations between employers and employees.

"What the application of the Labour Relations Act to farm workers really means is a foot in the door for trade unions," Van Zyl said.

He said this would include a third party in a normally stable labour situation with likely disruptive consequences.

Any move to include farm workers in labour legislation would have to take account of the unique conditions in the farming industry, he said.





Widow Mrs LISBETH SHABALALA poses with her R1,50 worth of water.



SIBONGILE SITHEBE grimaces as she draws water kept in the bath tub

Siyathemba township finally gets water

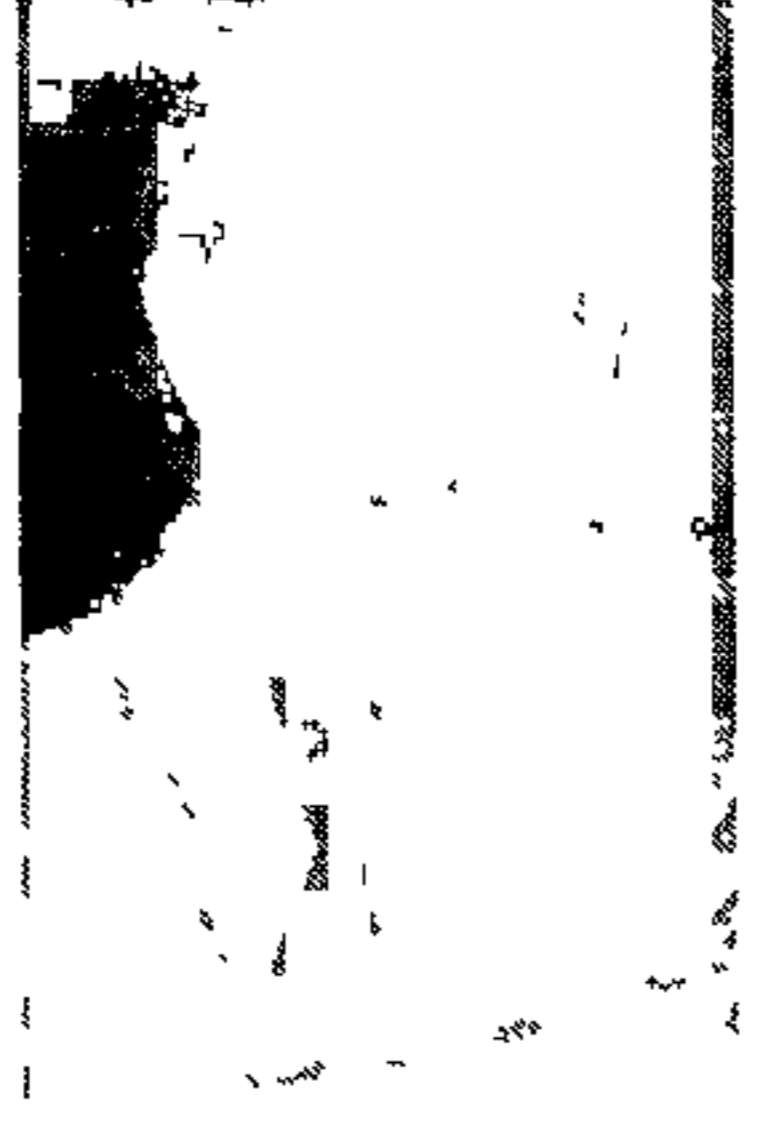
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Sowetan Reporter
 SALVATION may be at hand for residents of Siyathemba township near Heidelberg after two years in the grip of a critical water shortage.

A local farmer suing the Balfour Town Council for damages had refused to sell the council water to pump to Siyathemba township. This week he finally agreed to sell and residents may soon be able to go about their business as usual.

However, while the farmer and council wrangled for a deal, Siyathemba lay barren and parched. Residents either had to buy water or fetch it from the local SPCA,



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"We fetch water from the SPCA so often that one of these days they will chase us away," said Mrs Nomsa Ngubeni of Peter's General Dealer and Butchery.

When *Sowetan* visited Siyathemba the township had been without tap water for a week. This has been a regular occurrence for two years.

"Sometimes we are unable to do our laundry for weeks on end," said a secondary school student who would not give her name.

"Last year we used to

get water free from a garage in town, but, as soon as that was noticed, it was stopped."

Mrs Lisbeth Shabalala, a widow living in Zone 7, a squatter settlement, is one of those who has to buy their water.

"I pay 50 cents for 20 litres," she said, "when you add that to the rent we have to pay you can see we are struggling. We have no water but we don't know why," she said.

Things are no better in Nzimande section where toilets and bathrooms are situated inside the houses. There residents have to keep reservoirs of water in tubs in the house.

Acknowledging the residents' hardships the Balfour Municipal Council's town clerk, Mr M Joubert, said "We do have serious problems but it's nobody's fault. Recently we laid down bigger pipes, and a new water purifying works but our problem is at our source, we have no water."

Germiston rates up 6c in rand

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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Homeowners in Germiston face an increase of 6c in the rand in assessment rates for the 1992/3 financial year.

This was announced at a special meeting of the Germiston City Council last night at which a R521,6 million budget was approved.

The city's capital programme is estimated at R96,3 million, with operating costs spiralling to R425,3 million.

The council has made provision for a deficit of R7,7 million.

Assessment rates are the council's main source of revenue. They were increased from 4,7c in the rand to 5,3c, with a 40 percent rebate for homeowners and a further rebate of up to 40 percent for pensioners, depending on their income.

An average household bill will reflect the monthly increases as follows:

- Rates and taxes will go up by 12,77 percent
- Sewerage will be increased by 10,04 percent
- Refuse removal will go up by 19,35 percent
- Electricity will be increased by 13,67 percent
- Water will go up by 6,28 percent

VAT will bring the total monthly increase to 12,64 percent.

Regarding the city's amalgamation with Palm Ridge and Katlehong, management committee chairman Leon Louw said the three local authorities were moving gradually towards the creation of a single nonracial council.

Township account gripes (127)

RESIDENTS of Villa Liza, a 600-home township near Boksburg, have accused the Boksburg Town Council of charging exorbitant amounts for water and electricity without reading their meters.

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Mr. Steven Kisten, spokesman for the Villa Liza civic association, said yesterday residents were paying between R160 and R300 a month and this was "too much".

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The township was established in the middle of last year, and was occupied by October - but residents had never seen meter readers there, and he wondered where the council got the figures from.

Kisten said it seemed the charges were based on estimates.

The assistant town treasurer of Boksburg, Mr. Bertus van der Merwe, denied that the accounts were based on estimates.

He said the council had appointed a private contractor to take meter readings.

No warning of 2-day water cut, say Sowetans

By Brian Sokutu

Angry Soweto residents yesterday blamed council officials for failing to warn them that the water supply in three regions would be cut off on Wednesday

Soweto assistant engineer Ivan Hollander said the suspension of water in Zondi, Jabulani

and Dobsonville was due to the installation of new pipes and the building of a new reservoir
"Certain pipelines had to be cut but water will be restored in the areas later today," said Mr Hollander

Asked to respond to residents' claims that the council failed to warn them of the water cut-off,

Mr Hollander responded "We did warn council officials I can't speak on their behalf because it was their duty to warn residents"

But a Soweto Council spokesman denied any knowledge of the water suspension

Queueing for water, delivered to Zondi by a council truck, yes-

terday afternoon, residents told of difficulties in flushing toilets, cooking and washing

A student at Joubert Park Technical College, Demy Ndlovu, said "I stay at the campus but on Wednesday I came home to Zondi to do some studying, only to find that the water had been suspended"

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PROPERTY



Professor LOUISE TAGER welcomes new organisations in the business community.

Property rip-off report to State

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Business Practices Committee has submitted a report to the Government concerning black low-cost homebuyers who have been ripped off by property developers.

BPC's chairman Professor Louise Tager said organisations of "certain ability" have become active in the low income housing.

Entry into the market was generally to be welcomed. But the extent to which the financial and legal interests of consumers might be prejudiced had given cause for concern, she said.

The findings of the report have been supported by the Housing Advice Centre and the Wils Law Clinic who said they knew of hundreds of potential homeowners ripped off by developers.

HAC's Mr Brian Levison said they have attended to more than 4 000

complaints from blacks who entered into agreements with developers promising to find them homes.

"Homeless people are vulnerable to entrepreneurs who obtain money by promising to provide them with houses," she said.

Unlawful

The committee's investigation into one enterprise found the company guilty of harmful business practices and recommended to the Minister of Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, that it be declared unlawful.

The plans by that company to provide 2 600 houses for R22 500 each were described as being "grandiose and utterly unattainable".

Clients were invited to buy shares on the understanding that as shareholders they would be first in line to obtain the low priced houses offered by the com-

pany. It undertook to provide houses to all its shareholders. In fact, the report added, only some have been supplied with houses without security title.

It was also found that the company did not own land on which the houses were erected and it was not in a position to honour its obligations. Its accounting data and financial affairs were in disarray.

The report said that in order to exercise total control the company's owner had appointed several former employees with

limited formal schooling as directors.

They were not well informed on the implications of their duties.

The company had built 100 houses in the Tsakane region, but capital required to complete infrastructural work amounted to more than R1,3 million.

If it failed to fulfil its development obligations, the houses would return to the land owners, and residents with no occupancy or property rights could be evicted, according to the report.

SBDC opens a hive in Phillippi

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MORE than 60 small businesses ranging from clothing manufacturers to welders have taken units in the Phillippi Small Business Centre in the Western Cape.

The majority of these "graduated" from

backyards and are operating from formal premises for the first time.

The centre, a landmark on the Cape Flats, was bought by the SBDC after it became aware of the need

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

"We find it disturbing that police failed to take a statement of this serious nature and we will try to find out why," Halgryn said.

It was alleged the police were travelling in a Toyota minivan and the group in a Toyota minivan.

'No!!!' to hostel renovation

By **MONWABISI NOMADLOLO**

IN spite of outraged cries of "No!" from residents, the notorious single men's hostel in KwaThema will soon be renovated.

Residents claim that during pitched battles last year Xhosa-speaking migrant workers were driven out of the hostel by heavily armed IFP impis.

They also say that 10 residents were killed by hostel inmates in a revenge attack last year after an Inkatha man was beaten by angry residents while he was trying to rape a woman near the hostel. A detailed report of the incident was published in City Press.

KwaThema City Council town clerk Stephen Muller told City Press that the agreement to renovate the hostel and turn other sections of it into

family units was reached last year between the council and the now ousted Civic Association, but the agreement "still stands".

The TPA was providing the money for the upgrading, Muller said.

He added that the present inmates could continue to live in the hostel when the renovations were finished.

At an emotional meeting called by the interim committee last Sunday at the local stadium, residents vowed that they would not allow the renovations to go on.

They jeered and heckled speakers, and demanded to be consulted.

A spokesman for the committee, Bangilizwe Solo, said the decision entered into by the ousted civic was not binding, and as it had not been mandated by the committee

"we cannot rubber-stamp it".

He said the community did not want hostels. "Township people have been attacked by hostel-dwellers, and there is no certainty that that attacks will not be continued."

City Press visited the hostel this week, and found it had deteriorated to unacceptable levels. Families are staying there although this is illegal. Businesses nearby have complained of many break-ins, and put the blame on hostel-dwellers. Residents have similar complaints.

■ The Minister of Local Government and National Housing, Leon Wessels, announced during his Budget vote on May 14 that almost R295-million was to be spent on converting and upgrading hostels.

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A touch of Taiwan for Bronkhorstspuit

AN UPMARKET village for Taiwanese immigrants is to be established outside the eastern Transvaal town of Bronkhorstspuit at a cost of R250m

The village is the first phase of a much larger investment project involving the local town council and Taiwanese businessmen in the area

Taiwanese people interested in settling in the village have to invest about R250 000 to set up industries in the area. And they will take out permanent residence in SA, says town clerk H B Senekal

The Bronkhorstspuit council is operat-

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ing five permanent recruiting offices in Taiwan and seminars are being held to inform interested parties there

Most of the foreign capital will be invested in ventures in Ekandustria, an industrial park about 12km from Bronkhorstspuit and administered by the KwaNdebele National Investment Corporation and the Bronkhorstspuit Town Council, Senekal says

Investment will focus on the electronics, shoe and clothing industries and will be

strongly export-oriented

The building of infrastructure for the village has started and construction of homes will begin in the next three months

All the costs involved will be met with Taiwanese money, Senekal says

A university, shopping centres, gardens, schools and an R80m Buddhist temple will be built with an accent on maintaining Chinese cultural links

However, the area will not be restricted to people of any particular race, Senekal adds

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Gutted flats: safety measures to be probed

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By Guy Jenson

Firefighting authorities in Germiston are probing possible contraventions of safety regulations following a blaze which raged through an apartment block at the weekend.

The city's deputy fire chief, Paul Kruger, yesterday said not one of the fire extinguishers in the block — Nevada flats in Selkirk Street — was in working order. The fire — thought to have

been caused by an electrical fault — broke out early on Sunday in the first-floor flat of a man who was at work.

Seven apartments were damaged as the heat shattered windows, causing the blaze to spread. Damage is estimated at about R1 million.

A flat resident reportedly found a ticket on an extinguisher indicating it was last serviced in 1976.

"According to the National Building Act, the onus is on

the owner to keep them in working order," Mr Kruger said.

In terms of regulation SABS 0105, which defines the use and maintenance standards applicable to different types of extinguishers, water-type fire extinguishers — such as those in the building — had to be serviced once a year.

"Their pressure has to be tested every three years. It appears that this was never

done," Mr Kruger said.

In terms of the Fire Brigade Services Act, No 99 of 1987, owners who failed to comply with the safety regulations could be fined up to R10 000 or jailed for up to 12 months.

Anthony Mawer, director of the letting agent Mawer and Delpert, said the owner of the flats was in New Zealand. He said his agency was distressed at the inconvenience suffered by tenants and had relocated affected residents on request.

Beuthin agrees to blood tests

Gary Beuthin, who will appear in the Rand Supreme Court on August 5 on charges of kidnapping, attempted murder and robbery, yesterday decided to co-operate with State attorneys by having blood and urine samples taken.

Mr Beuthin (26) was due to appear in the Johannesburg District Court at about 11.15 am yesterday but had refused to allow samples to be taken. — Court Reporter

Seeff defies a quiet market (127) by opening 10th Reef branch

SEEFF Residential Properties has opened its 10th branch on the Reef, in Williams Road, Norwood.

Seeff entered the Reef market nine months ago when it bought O'Riain Estates in Sandton, Golf Estates in Johannesburg and Klooster and Steyn in Pretoria, after selling 25% of its equity to the Absa group.

The new branch will cover the area from Yeoville to Glenhazel and Houghton, Dunkeld and Melrose to Norwood. It will fall under Manne Simon and employ 22 agents.

"We will be running about 20 show houses a week and have launched an extensive marketing programme for the branch. Initial results have indicated the new branch was a good decision," chairman Lawrence Seeff said.

A small block of flats had already been sold for R940 000, and a house in Westcliff for almost R1m. "Our branch will have a target of R6m a month despite the quiet state of the market," Simon said. However, sellers needed to ask realistic prices to see their properties sold.

Seeff said the group intended to open offices in Natal and the eastern Cape in the next year to help it achieve its goal of residential sales of R1bn a year.

Two established branches also achieved record monthly turnovers in April. The West Rand branch, with its office in Honeydew, had confirmed sales of R4.4m. The most active suburb was Weltevreden Park, where an agent closed nine house sales of under R200 000 in a month.

Branch manager Linda Erasmus said: "Buyers are looking for realistic prices."

The Greenside branch reported a R6m sales turnover, largely because of the positive referendum vote.

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Joburg council takes over Soweto services

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Johannesburg city council has agreed to take over the administration of Soweto in a bid to end the rent and services crisis

The first steps towards lifting the Soweto rent boycott were taken last night when the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber agreed to resume its full activities

The chamber, which has been suspended since April, established a special committee to negotiate the end of the boycott as well as to discuss the more efficient supply of services in the area

The boycott was resumed when the chamber talks broke down

Facilitating the decision to resume negotiations was the commitment by

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Johannesburg and Roodepoort to take over the administration of services in Soweto and Dobsonville on an agency basis

Johannesburg city councillor Mr Koos Roets said the council was ready and willing to become involved in Soweto

"We accept we have a responsibility to help alleviate the services crisis in Soweto," he said

A working document, in which the depoliticisation of rent collections and service supplies was mooted, was also accepted unanimously

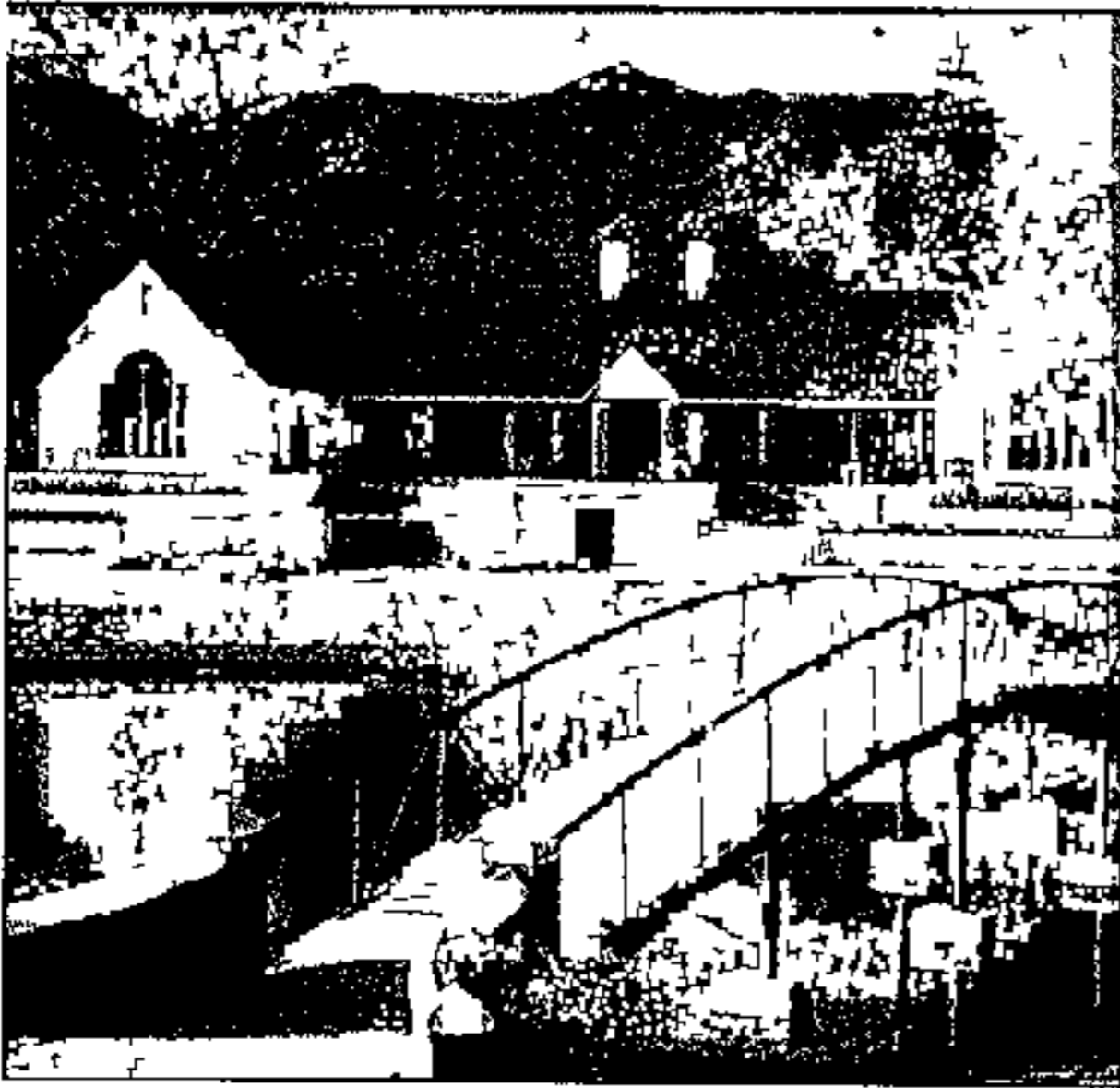
Participants expressed confidence that the services crisis in Soweto would soon be over

The committee dealing with the rent boycott will meet next week

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Fancourt going ahead
with permission

Shareholders say there is no sense in halting development as debenture holders would not recover all their money. Income from sales and the Orient Express-managed 100-room hotel is being used to pay the 400-plus staff and carry out improvements.

Fancourt Holdings chairman Andre Pieterse — producer of *e'Lollipop*, founder of Ster-Kinekor and former executive president of MGM in California — believes that if the ghost of Masterbond, the scheme's failed banker, can be laid to rest, sales in the remaining five of the eight stages of Fancourt can proceed and debenture holders will get their money back.

He says he wants the press to dispel the myth that if Masterbond is finally liquidated, Fancourt will also go under.

Pieterse says, according to budget estimates, repayment of the R90m owed to debenture holders can begin in 1994 and interest payments at the end of 1992. Under the agreement between Fancourt and the curators, interest is waived until the end of the year. In other words, debenture holders may not receive interest of R16 m from November 1991 to November 1992 if sales do not bring in enough money to pay interest and complete the infrastructure.

The waiving of interest was sanctioned by the curators and the Supreme Court to enable the scheme to be completed so that it could realise its full value, to the benefit of debenture holders. ■

micro-loans and purchasers will get title. It comes at a time when low-cost housing bond finance is almost impossible to find.

Baldwins believes the project is revolutionary for another reason, principally that its Zinki House will be used. This is made of high tensile steel and costs upwards of R200/m², which puts house prices in the R5 000-R15 000 range, excluding site and service. Kriel Town Council is providing serviced 230 m² sites for R3 000 apiece.

The Zinki, complete with installed electricity, geyser, bath and toilet with water-borne sewerage, can be put up in three to six hours. An R18 000, 54 m² unit has four bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bathroom and veranda.

Zinki homes are said to be virtually indestructible, fireproof, highly secure, easily and cheaply extendable, and are guaranteed maintenance-free for 15 years. ■

LOW-COST HOUSING (127)

Kriel breakthrough

Dorbyl subsidiary Baldwins Steel last week started to make low-cost housing for a R40m, 4 000-unit project at Kriel in the eastern Transvaal. The scheme has been masterminded and is being co-ordinated by Debrell Projects — a division of Debrell Steel, a distributor for Baldwins.

The project is a breakthrough on two fronts. The more important one is that SA Perm — in association with employers in the area and the TPA, which is providing subsidies — will finance the scheme through

RAADSKENNISGEWING 127 VAN 1992**STADSRaad VAN EDENVALE****REGULASIES BETREFFENDE
BEWONINGSOORLASTE**

Dit het die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising Volksraad behaag om kragtens die bepalings van artikel 11B van die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No. 103 van 1985, die Regulasies betreffende Bewoningsoorlaste van die Stadsraad van Edenvale, hieronder uiteengesit, wat deur genoemde Raad opgestel is, goed te keur.

STADSRaad VAN EDENVALE**REGULASIES BETREFFENDE
BEWONINGSOORLASTE**

1. In hierdie Regulasies, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, het al die woorde wat in die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No. 103 van 1985, omskryf word, die betekenis wat aan hulle in daardie Wet toegeken word en in hierdie Regulasies beteken—

“**bewoner**”, in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon; of
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon; of
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste**” die hoof van die Raad se Departement Gesondheid en Omgewingsdienste of sy gevolmagtigde,

“**gesin**” ’n volwasse man of vrou wat alleen of saam as man en vrou woon, saam met óf sonder enige afhanklike kinders óf saam met die ouers van enigeen van hulle,

“**Nasionale Bouregulasies**” die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing No. R. 1081 gedateer 10 Junie 1988, soos gewysig;

“**perseel**” enige huis, kamer, skuur, hut, voertuig, vaartuig of tent of enige ander struktuur of plek waarvan enige gedeelte gebruik word deur enige persoon vir slaapdoeleindes, of waarin enige persoon woon, of wat na die mening van die Hoof. Gesondheidsdienste bedoel is om gebruik te word deur enige persoon vir slaap- of woondoeleindes, tesame met die grond waarop die struktuur gelee is en die aangrensende grond wat in verband daarmee gebruik word;

“**Raad**” die Stadsraad van Edenvale;

“**verblyfsonderneming**” ’n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting en een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word;

“**Wet**” die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No. 103 van 1985, soos gewysig

BOARD NOTICE 127 OF 1992**TOWN COUNCIL OF EDENVALE****REGULATIONS REGARDING
HOUSING NUISANCES**

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The Minister of Local Government and Housing: House of Assembly has been pleased, under the provisions of section 11B, of the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, to approve the Regulations regarding Housing Nuisances of the Municipality of Edenvale set forth hereunder, which have been made by the Council

TOWN COUNCIL OF EDENVALE**REGULATIONS REGARDING
HOUSING NUISANCES**

1. In these Regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, all the words defined in the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, will have the meaning assigned to them in that Act and in these Regulations—

“**accommodation establishment**” means premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons;

“**Act**” means the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, as amended;

“**Council**” means the Town Council of Edenvale,

“**family**” means an adult male or female living either alone or together as man and wife, with or without any dependant children or the parents of either of them;

“**Chief: Health Services**” means the head of the Department Health and Environmental Services of the Council or his assignee;

“**occupier**”, in relation to any premises means—

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises; or
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises; or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown,

“**National Building Regulations**” means the regulations promulgated under Government Notice No. R. 1081 dated 10 June 1988, as amended;

“**premises**” means any house, room, shed, hut, vehicle, vessel or tent or any other structure or place any portion whereof is used by any person for sleeping in, or in which any person dwells, or which in the opinion of the Chief: Health Services is intended to be used by any person for sleeping or dwelling in, together with the land on which the structure is situated and the adjoining land used in connection therewith.

2. Verhuring en bewoning van perseel

Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestande voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie:

- (a) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap, mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 11,3 m³ vryelugruimte en 3,7 m² vloer-ruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 5,7 m³ vryelugruimte en 1,9 m² vloer-ruimte vir elke persoon jonger as 10 jaar toelaat nie; en
 - (b) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trappor-taal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motor-huis, stal, tent, pakkamer, afdak, skuur, hut, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste en ooreenkomstig regulasie A25 (1) van die Nasionale Bouregulasies goedgekeur is.
- 3. Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin be-woon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie.**

- (a) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaapakkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teen-oorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10 jaar, met uitsondering van 'n paar wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertrekke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteen-mure of afskortings geskei word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste stewig en toereikend is nie.
- (b) Alle persele moet voorsien word van ak-kommodasie vir die voorbereiding en gaar-maak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertrekke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike akkommodasie ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste dit vereis.

4. Ablusiegeriewe

- (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stort(e), elk geskik gelee in 'n afson-derlike kompartement wat geredelik toe-ganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Boure-gulasies, in sodanige getalle wat ingevolge regulasie P2 (1) (a) van die Nasionale Bou-regulasies vereis word, met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Boure-gulasies

2. Letting and occupation of premisses

No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue condi-tions which will constitute a contravention of the following

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- (a) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons than will allow less than 11,3 m³ of free air spaces and 3,7 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 5,7 m³ of free air space and 1,9 m² of floor space for each person less than 10 years of age; and
 - (b) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, storeroom, lean-to, shed, hut cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its used for that purpose has been approved by the Chief: Health Services and in accord-ance with regulation A25 (1) of the National Building Regulations.
- 3. No person shall so let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following**
- (a) No premises or part thereof shall be occu-pied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of opposite sexes over 10 years of age, other than a couple living together as husband and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, sepa-rated from one another by brick walls or par-titions, the construction of which is substan-tial and adequate in the opinion of the Chief: Health Services
 - (b) All premises shall be provided with accom-modation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately. Provided that separate accom-modation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Chief: Health Ser-vices.
- 4. Ablution facilities**
- (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower(s), each suitably placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with waste pipes in accordance with the National Building Regulations, in such numbers as are required by regulation P2 (1) (a) of the National Building Regula-tions, provided that a bath fitted with a waste pipe in accordance with the National Build-ing Regulations, may be substituted for each shower.

- (2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar vir die bewoners daarvan is.

5. Basiese lewensvereistes

Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

- (a) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van ligte en ventilasie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies;
- (b) te eniger tyd versuim om toe te sien dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte nie met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang, soos vereis deur hierdie Regulasies of die Nasionale Bouregulasies, inbreuk maak nie,
- (c) versuim om toe te sien dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie, met dien verstande egter dat vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel—
- (i) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of
- (ii) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon
- as een persoon beskou word,
- (d) versuim om toe te sien dat in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg in stand gehou word nie, soos wat ingevolge regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word
6. Geen eienaar van enige perseel mag toelaat dat sodanige perseel of gedeelte daarvan in 'n ongesonde of onhigieniese toestand of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is nie, of nie skoon of goed in stand gehou word nie, of waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees nie
- ### 7. Verblyfondernemings
- (1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming afsonderlike ablusiegeriewe vir elke geslag moet hê en toegerus moet wees met—
- (a) een bad of stort, en
- (b) een handwasbak
- ooreenkomstig regulasie P2 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies. Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word
- (2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor dit bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees

- (2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have a proper and sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof

5. Basic living requirements

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No owner of any premises shall—

- (a) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided independently of any other room, with light and ventilation in accordance with the National Building Regulations;
- (b) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, built-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these Regulations or the National Building Regulations,
- (c) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food, provided, however, that for the purposes of this section—
- (i) two children of 10 years or under, or
- (ii) two persons living together as man and shall be deemed to be one person;
- (d) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained as is required by regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations.
6. No owner of any premises shall permit such premises or part thereof to be in an unhealthy or unhygienic state, unfit for human habitation or not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the persons occupying the premises
- ### 7. Accommodation establishments
- (1) The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—
- (a) one bath or shower, and
- (b) one wash hand basin
- in accordance with regulation P2 of the National Building Regulations. Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex
- (2) Every bathroom, shower compartment and water closet shall be clearly designated for the sex which it is intended. Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments or water closets have been installed on the premises the entrances to each series shall bear such designation

8. Algemene vereistes

Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

- (a) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlike werkende toestand hou,
- (b) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou;
- (c) doeltreffende maatreels tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiers, vlieë of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou;
- (d) toesien dat elke muur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanige geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word.

9. (1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

- (a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektrisiteitstoevoer vir beligting en krag het, en
- (b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word.

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

- (a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan, en
- (b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker, ooreenkomstig regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

10. Strafbepaling

Die eienaar van enige perseel wat enige van die bepalings van hierdie Regulasies oortree, welke oortreding 'n oortreding ingevolge artikel 11B van die Wet uitmaak en wat versuim om aan 'n kennisgewing ingevolge artikel 11B (2) (a) van die Wet om sodanige oortreding reg te stel, te voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met die straf soos voorgeskryf in artikel 11B van die Wet

P. J. JACOBS,

Stadsklerk

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12 Junie 1992.

(Kennisgewing No. 45/1992)

8. General requirements

The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

- (a) keep all sanitary fittings, ⁽¹²⁷⁾boilers, lighting and fire extinguishing equipment at all times in proper working order;
- (b) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter,
- (c) take adequate measures to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin,
- (d) ensure that every wall, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the area painted remains clean and in a good state of repair

9. (1) Where an electrical connection is available to any premises, the owner shall not permit any person to occupy such premises unless—

- (a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity for lighting and power, and
- (b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting

(2) Where a lift has been installed in premises, the owner shall ensure—

- (a) its continuous safe functioning, and
- (b) its availability to occupiers of the premises, in accordance with regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations.

10. Penalties

The owner of any premises who has contravened any of the provisions of these Regulations, which contravention has been found by the Council to constitute a nuisance in terms of section 11B of the Act and who fails to comply with a notice in terms of section 11B (2) (a) of the Act, to rectify such nuisance, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to the penalties provided in section 11B of the Act.

P. J. JACOBS,

Town Clerk

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(Notice No. 45/1992)

Metchamber cranks it up - again

A RECONVENED Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber will tackle the Soweto rent boycott, the Metchamber decided this week after agreeing that its activities should resume.

Delegates accepted a working document prioritising finances and services in the Greater Soweto area and the ending of the rent boycott. Metchamber activities were suspended on April 8 when the Soweto Civic Association withdrew and a rent boycott was reinstated

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Tembisa rate news awaited

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau (127)

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A flat rate for electricity and other services in Tembisa will be announced by the town council at the beginning of next month.

Tembisa boycotters who have not been paying rent for the past six years owe the council more than R98 million for electricity and other services.

Tembisa administrator Hans Eybers said the council was busy negotiating with the Tembisa Residents Association and the Tembisa Civic Association

on the amount of flat rate that was to be paid by residents.

He said that once the parties had reached an agreement, the amount would be made known to residents on July 1.

In the meantime Tembisa's acting town clerk J H Leibrandt told a local newspaper that the council's management team was being restructured with the aim of rendering the best services to the community.

He said that as a team they were keen to start rendering services to uplift Tembisa, but the community should contribute towards the development.

Let the sun shine into City Hall

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CLIVE Gilbert is about to create a stir on Civic Hill. The management committee, he says, should come off its pedestal and start taking the public into account.

"Rates increases will be decided next Thursday and I know, whatever the increase will be, it's going to be foisted on the public without prior consultation."

Mr Gilbert sees himself as part of a grassroots movement of councillors who want to drag the upper echelons of City Hall into the sunlight for closer examination.

"I have documents here about rates increases. They are marked 'private and confidential' — what's so private and confidential about a council decision that's going to affect all of us?"

Rates, according to Mr Gil-

Rates increases for Johannesburg residents will be announced on June 25. Orange Grove and Linksfield DP councillor Clive Gilbert has had enough of council secrecy. Now he wants the people to have their say

bert, are the chief contributing factor to Johannesburg's inflation.

"In 1988 you were paying R3 476 a year in rates on a property evaluated at R100 000. Last year it was R4 010 and this year it is expected to be R4 613. It doesn't sound like a lot but what they don't tell you is that evaluations on properties last year jumped 100 percent, so that a R100 000 house is now, evaluated at R200 000 — even though it may not be worth two-thirds of that."

The 55 percent rebate on houses, he says, does not change the fact that the city's rates are

going through the roof and are being spent on budget-guzzlers like the new Civic Theatre.

"Very little of the funds raised trickles down to the disenfranchised communities the council says the money goes to. The money goes to grandiose projects and first-class airline tickets for council officials.

"The public has no control over these decisions, basically because we are not informed of them. There has been no broad consensus on any of the recent decisions taken by the management committee."

He says he was heartened when the DP took control of the

council three years ago and thought it would lead to a more open approach, but the opposite has happened.

CP councillor Jacques Theron (Newlands and Albertville) agrees, saying the management committee has invested too much power in themselves, and that many decisions which are important to the people of Johannesburg are taken without consultation.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson dismisses the claims as "absolute rubbish".

He says the management committee has been given certain mandated powers, and that there is no question of secrecy. With the budget coming up, the committee has been meeting ratepayer organisations, business chambers and, for the first time, civic associations. □

Police deny accusations at Mlangeni's inquest

SUSAN RUSSELL

A POLICE officer investigating the death of ANC lawyer Bhekí Mlangeni, killed last year by a booby-trapped cassette player, denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that there had been an attempt to source the origin of the device as far away from SA as possible. *B/day 16/6/92*

Capt André Kritzinger made the denial during cross-examination at an inquest on Mlangeni.

Mlangeni was killed on February 15 last year when he activated the device at his home.

The cassette player and a tape marked "Evidence of hit squads" had originally been posted to policeman Dirk Coetzee in Lusaka, where he had taken refuge with the ANC after making public his claims about the existence of police hit squads.

Coetzee left the package at the post office in Zambia because he did not have the money to claim it and it was redirected to Mlangeni, who was listed as the sender.

Coetzee has claimed the booby-trapped cassette player was sent to him by former colleagues at the police farm Vlakplaas from where, he alleges, the hit squads operated.

The inquest court heard yesterday that the yellow sticker on the package was one used internationally to facilitate a uniform postal process but was not used in SA, which had been excluded because of sanctions and other isolationist policies against the country.

Counsel acting for Mlangeni's family, G Rautenbach, suggested to Kritzinger that a statement obtained by the police from a post office employee stating that the sticker was not used in SA was an attempt by the police investigators to distance the origin of the device as far away from SA as possible.

Kritzinger denied this.

Hostel residents warn of revenge

B/day 16/6/92

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DEMOLITION of a hostel in Dobsonville, Soweto, by township residents had set the stage for a "bloody confrontation", West Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubheka warned yesterday.

On Sunday, Dobsonville residents used earthmoving equipment to demolish sections of the local hostel, while the majority of the Inkatha-supporting inmates were attending an Inkatha Youth Brigade rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre.

Residents commandeered an earth-mover and a road leveller and crashed through the razor wire, smashing into the hostel and tearing open four rooms.

Kubheka said since police had displayed a disregard for the safety of hostel residents, the time had come for hostel residents to take the law into their own hands and defend themselves against attacks from township residents.

"We will use whatever means at our disposal to repel attacks directed at us," Kubheka said.

He added that the development would lead to a "bloody confrontation" between township residents, bent on demolishing hostels, and hostel dwellers.

Soweto police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said police would do everything they could to protect lives and property.

WILSON ZWANE

In its monthly report on repression, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday 296 people had died and 274 had been injured in violence countrywide last month.

Most of the deaths (228) and injuries (192) were reported in the PWV region.

Meanwhile, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) is distributing pamphlets on the Reef offering R10 000 rewards to people with information leading to the conviction of those responsible for politically-motivated attacks.

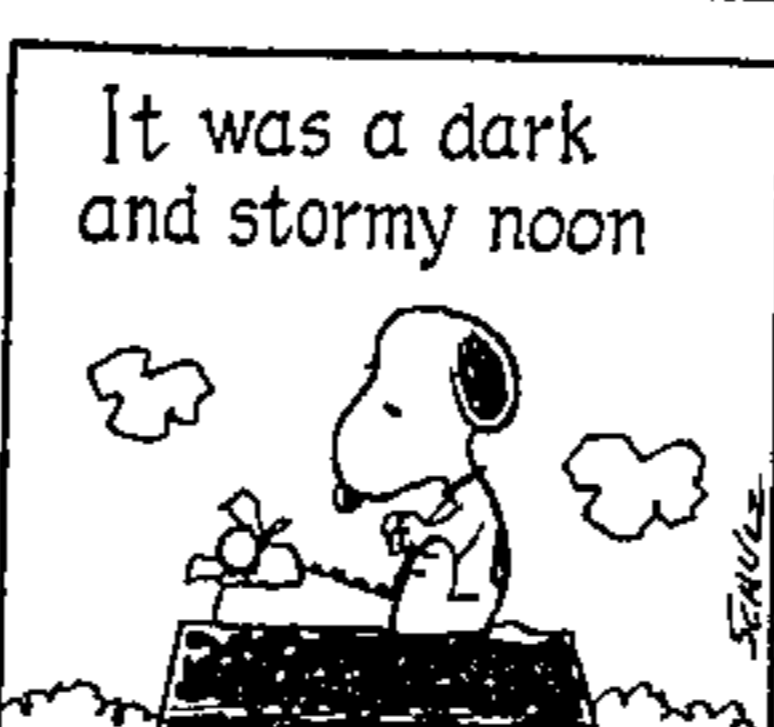
A spokesman for the LHR said the pamphlet campaign would be extended to Natal and the western Cape.

In another development, the national peace committee has requested an explanation from the Student Representatives Council (SRC) of Soweto's Vista University of the disruption of a peace symposium by its members last week.

"At the time when the urgency of normalised police/community relations is being stressed by the national peace secretariat, the national peace committee strongly condemns last week's disruption of a peace symposium in Soweto by members of the Student Representatives Council of Vista University," committee spokesman Val Pauquet said yesterday.

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



Winnie's clique faces a hearing

B/day 16/6/92

ANC Women's League members who demonstrated in support of former regional chairman Winnie Mandela last month will face a disciplinary committee soon, ANC spokesman Cari Niehaus said yesterday.

The league's entire regional executive was suspended after a memorandum was presented at ANC headquarters complaining that Mandela was being victimised by "faceless" congress leaders who had made "unauthorised" allegations about her private life to the media.

Asked if Mandela would face the committee, Niehaus said he could not comment - Sapa.



Actstop backs eviction of Hillbrow defaulters

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ACTSTOP, the Johannesburg inner-city residents' association that led the struggle against "slumlords" and arbitrary evictions in the past decade, yesterday agreed to the removal of tenants in a building that is effectively under its control.

Residents of Conston Court in Hillbrow were evicted with a Supreme Court order obtained by building administrators Letcor Property Management.

Conston Court is one of seven blocks of flats in the Hillbrow-Joubert Park area that is part of a scheme brokered by Actstop in which tenants will buy the entire building.

Actstop spokesman Pressage Nkosi said yesterday it was "unfortunate" the evictions were taking place, but the people involved had refused to pay rent arrears or even "a nominal amount".

He said Actstop had been involved in extensive negotiations with residents and Letcor, and an agreement had been reached for the payment of a basic rate.

Nkosi said, however, some residents still did not want to pay anything. He stressed Actstop would not let people be left on the street, but would try to negotiate with them to pay rent. He added: "We are ready to buy the building".

Meanwhile several tenants, who declined to be named, said they were given no warning about their removal. One man said he had paid R500 a month for his flat. About 80 people watched as their furniture and clothes were piled on the pavement.

Letcor spokesman Manuela Juston said only those tenants who had not complied with agreements made with the building's residents' committee and Actstop, had been evicted. Conston Court was made up of 38 units, of which the occupants of 21 flats were removed

THE Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations (Sanfed) has given up on the use of official channels to investigate new forms of local government and is launching its own initiative

Chairman of Sanfed, Gail Daus, said yesterday that Sanfed was disillusioned with the Sandton Town Council's refusal to reinstate a Section 59 committee to investigate constitutional structures for local government. The Section 59 committee was formed by the Sandton council in February in accordance with an ordinance related to investigative sub-committees. It consisted of the man-

Sandton ratepayers 'give up' on official channels

agement committee of Sandton, five other councillors and delegates from the Civic Foundation, Sanfed and the Sandton Chamber of Commerce. It was disbanded by the council on May 25, shortly after the resignation of its chairman Allister Sparks.

Daus said Sanfed was launching its own initiative to investigate new forms of local government. Members of Sanfed have also joined

the call by the Sandton Chamber of Business for the resignation of the Sandton management committee. This follows the council meeting on Monday during which a resolution by councillor Max Strouss, calling for the reinstatement of a Section 59 committee, was rejected. Strouss's motion

initiative until all constituents were aware of the situation. "Our efforts have been thwarted and our energies dissipated by the use of official channels. We want to sit down with the relevant people and discuss and deliberate on the full gambit of options," she said.

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THELMA TUCH-GABAY

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suggested the Section 59 committee be reinstated in such a way that it reports back to the entire council, rather than the management committee only. The motion was rejected 10-7.

Daus said the Section 59 committee had been crucial as a means by which people of Sandton could participate in the restructuring of local government. She would not disclose details of the new

initiative until all constituents were aware of the situation. "Our efforts have been thwarted and our energies dissipated by the use of official channels. We want to sit down with the relevant people and discuss and deliberate on the full gambit of options," she said.

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Owners 'must face up to inner-city investment'

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Reports by
PETER GALLI

The capital could come from a number of sources, namely the business sector, local government and even provincial and national government

"Property developments that in the past have been regarded as falling outside the traditional investment areas of institutions and the activities of developments must be undertaken," Loubser said

"Most of our CBDs do not need any more offices at the moment, and we must address the investment in facilities that will be relevant in the changing SA environment"

Propnet was involved in a number of development projects that could have an impact on inner city revival. The development of its transport nodes served to integrate the various modes of transport while developing a commercial component aimed at the commuting community

The development of airspace over railway lines is expected to stimulate the upgrading of the surrounding area and provide valuable experience for future airspace projects

INVOLVEMENT in the revival of inner city areas is not a choice that property owners have, it is a vital necessity, Propnet CE Fuzz Loubser said at the Sapoia convention at Sun City last week.

Inner-city property owners needed to show commitment to forging relationships with other stakeholders, they needed to have courage to move away from traditional structures and experiences and to realise that it would probably cost them both financial and human resources, he said

"Most of all, we need to become actively involved in the search for solutions that will increase investor confidence," he said

Anglo American Property Services (Ampros) director Peter Gardiner said land devaluation had threatened most major landowners near the cities through the threat of or actual invasion by squatters

"As a result of the Bloubostrand squatter relocation dispute, Gough Cooper was criticised for having apparently threatened to sue the TPA and Schachat-Cullum for announcing

the cancellation of housing projects in the area. Some homeowners had claimed a loss in value of 40% if relocation had to occur," he said

Loubser agreed, saying the increased pressure on the inner city areas and constraints on management and financial resources were leading to declining standards of maintenance and cleanliness

"In many areas there has been a decline, in real terms, in property values which has been exacerbated by the flight of development capital to suburban nodes," he said

Priority areas that needed to be addressed were the issues of distrust, political representation and the legitimacy of existing political structures, establishing relevant procedures, building relationships between the various stakeholders and rekindling confidence in the inner city

Commitment, courage and capital were some of the factors needed to increase confidence in the inner city.

the hon member for Camperdown as a "yester boy". It is my considered opinion that that is unparliamentary

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I shall look into that, and I shall respond once we have concluded the day's business

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

SAP: death in police custody of certain trade unionist

*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether the South African Police have undertaken an investigation into the recent death in police custody of a certain trade unionist, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is his name and (b) what were the findings of the investigation,

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

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes

The deceased was not under arrest at the time of his death, but was questioned by the Police on information supplied by him regarding an armed robbery

- (a) Simon Lekula Seema

- (b) On 19 May 1992, an autopsy was carried out on the body of the deceased by the Senior State Pathologist. His report was forwarded to the Attorney-General of the Transvaal, whose decision is not yet known

- (2) No

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I want to say to him with great regret that his reply has a ring of *déjà vu* about it. We have heard about these mysteri-

ous deaths in the past. I shall not take that matter any further, however

The question I want to ask the hon the Ministers when the Attorney-General's decision is expected

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I do not know what the implication of the hon member's first remark was [Interjections] Was the idea that we do not care whether people die or not? If so, I take exception to that hon member's insinuation [Interjections] I am answering a question now

Mr M RAJAB [Inaudible]

The MINISTER Unfortunately the hon member cannot answer my questions, but I must answer his question

We are concerned about all people in South Africa who lose their lives, whatever the situation may be. Whether they die in detention or in the unrest, as we have seen now, they remain our concern

As far as the second part of the hon member's question is concerned, that is not something that is under my jurisdiction. That falls under the hon the Minister of Justice and of the National Intelligence Service. The documentation has been sent to the Attorney-General of the Transvaal and we will just have to await his decision

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, in reply to the hon the Minister's question and in reaction to it

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Does the hon member have a supplementary question arising from the hon the Minister's reply?

Mr M RAJAB Yes, Sir. Further arising from the hon the Minister's reply is he not aware that in our very recent past too many people have died under mysterious circumstances, either in detention or while in the custody of the SA Police?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the hon member is making the allegation that through foul play people are dying in the custody of the SA Police—that is what he is suggesting at the moment—then I repeat that I take the strongest exception to that. If the hon member has any information regarding foul play in the SA Police, I would be only too happy to investigate the

matter. However, I do not think it is fair to the SA Police to spread rumours of that nature

*2 Mr M Rajab—Defence [Question standing over] See col 1449 for reply to this question

Geological tests: Lenasia Extensions 9 and 10

*3 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 3 on 1 April 1992, the geological tests conducted in Lenasia Extensions 9 and 10 to establish whether the area is suitable for residential development have been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it expected that the test results will be available, if so, what are the findings? D195E

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

The geological tests have been completed and it was established that the area is not suitable for residential development

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, would he tell us what will happen to the people who are in the transit camp in that area at the moment?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am not in a position to answer that question at the moment

Incorporation of certain areas into Lenasia

*4 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing

- (1) Whether his Department has made any approaches to the Johannesburg City Council to incorporate into Lenasia proper certain areas situated to the south-east of Lenasia, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D196E

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) No. The Transvaal Provincial Administration, in its own right, is dealing with this matter

- (2) No

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Regional school hall in Merebank: decision

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether, with reference to the reply by the Minister of Housing and Agriculture to Question No 2 on 6 May 1992, a final decision has as yet been taken on building a regional school hall in Merebank, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that finality will be reached, if so, (i) what is the estimated cost and (ii) what progress has been made in the provision of this hall? D214E INT

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, a policy decision has been taken by the Department to erect a regional school hall in Merebank. The final decision is dependent on the availability of funds for capital works. The estimated cost is approximately R5,674 million

Consultants, architects, engineers and quantity surveyors have been appointed to design and document the proposed hall. The documentation has been brought to tender stage and the tender month is June 1992. My Department has submitted representations for funds to complete the building programme

The Department has been severely handicapped by funding cutbacks over the past four years. Nevertheless, the department's policy of providing regional school halls is continuing as our schools and communities need the facilities to provide indoor sporting facilities and cultural and social amenities, especially in the areas where Government mass housing has been erected

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I appreciate the hon the Minister's placing these facts on record, but I want to ask him certain questions

The first is, when the hon the Minister says his Department has submitted representations and that his Department's policy of providing these

If a hall for Merbank is the priority, let us have it, but let us do it properly. In 1988 all halls were taken off the priority list. I let us not come with excuses as far as 1986 is concerned. I was officially informed by senior management that the hon the Minister was doing his own thing in telephoning junior officials and giving Mr Prenaar instructions. R250 000 has been spent in bypassing the Department. The Department is the management of education, but the management of education does not know anything about this decision. What is the hon the Minister going to do about the contempt of the Ministers' Council? Previously the hon the Minister said the Ministers' Council was responsible and nobody criticised it. [Time expired.]

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, I should just like to reply to the hon member for Chatsworth Central. As long ago as 1984 the hon member for Chatsworth Central was actively assisting me, as a local affairs committee member, to build that hall. [Interjections.] At that time the hon member realised the need for this. When he says that he is totally confused, he is speaking the truth. [Interjections.] In his confusion he has gone to my constituency and spoken to the people, giving them a blanket assurance that that hall would not be built. The hon member for Chatsworth Central will see to it. He is the Mafia boss. [Interjections.]

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I must call on the hon the Minister to withdraw the words "Mafia boss". We do not have any Mafia members in this House.

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I withdraw it, but I shall say that the hon member uses strong-arm tactics. [Interjections.]

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister may proceed.

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have nothing against the hon member for Chatsworth Central stating that Westcliff needs a hall. I should like to mention the areas in South Africa in which halls are needed, according to my department's priority list: Merbank, Shakaskraal, Lenasia, Richard's Bay, Newlands West, Shallcross Extension 1, Avoca, Dannhauser, Howick West, Tugela, Chatsworth, Isipingo, Laudium and Wyebank. Feasibility studies have recently been conducted regarding the last three, Isipingo, Laudium and

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Wyebank, because hon members of Parliament have requested this.

I should like to tell the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that I do not bypass the Ministers' Council, nor do we bypass the chief of staff. Our chiefs of staff are constantly meeting and discussing this issue. We want to build halls, and I am pushing for this. When a unitary system of education has been established, we shall have no money to build halls for our people. [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Building of homes in Lenasia South by utility company

*1 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether the regional representative gave his approval to homes being built in Lenasia South by a utility company in 1990, if not, what are the relevant details, if so,

(2) whether the building of these homes was subsequently stopped because of the intervention of the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, if so, what were the circumstances surrounding the matter,

(3) whether any action has been taken against the said regional representative, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) This matter is presently the subject of a Supreme Court Case which renders it sub-judice and I therefore am not prepared to comment further.

(2) Falls away

(3) Falls away

Arrear rentals: residents of Villa Liza

*2 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether any residents of Villa Liza are in arrears with their rentals, if so, to what extent, (121)

(2) whether it is the intention to scrap these arrear rentals, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) Yes, as at the end of May 1992, 496 purchasers owed R815 090,65 in respect of arrear instalments

(2) No, the purchasers have had beneficial occupation from the inception and were also aware from which date their instalment payments became effective. The local authority has therefore been requested to recover the arrears.

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, has he given the Boksburg City Council specific instructions to recover these arrears?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, specific instructions have been issued to local authorities throughout the country, since it has been found that money that should have been paid into the coffers of the Housing Development Board for the development of houses for the very large number of people that are waiting, has not been paid.

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in the light of his emphasis on the fact that money should be paid into the coffers of the Housing Development Board, and of the fact that the Ministry of Housing is willfully seeing to it that the R5 million for the link road is not being paid into the coffers of the Housing Development Board, is he prepared to consider waiving the arrears of these people, who deserve such a decision?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as we are all aware, the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is obsessed with the link road. [Interjections.]

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Because it is a stunk road! It is a stench from which that party will never recover! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I think the link road has become a very important issue, and the person responsible for this is none other than the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition. Nevertheless, in brief, each issue has to be treated on its own merits, and I cannot see any justification for waiving arrear rentals.

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that the Boksburg City Council is awaiting a reply from the House of Delegates with regard to the collection of those arrear rentals?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I want to thank the hon member for Central Rand for that information and assure him that I will look into the matter.

Mr M ABRAHAM Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to know what method he would suggest for collecting arrear rentals. Would it not be more prudent to allow for these arrear rentals to be added onto the final cost of the houses, so that it would be easier in the current economic climate for people to pay back that money?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am pleased that the hon member for Tongaat has posed that question, but time does not permit me to give him a complete answer. In many cases where large amounts are owing and people have not entered into an agreement to purchase, the arrear rentals have been added onto the capital. Those people will pay according to their income and according to what they can afford.

Sports stadium in Phoenix

*3 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department intends to establish a sports stadium at Phoenix, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) where,

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

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Evictions not our fault - Actstop

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

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Actstop yesterday flatly denied that it had sanctioned the eviction of the 21 tenants of Coniston Court in Hillbrow who were removed from their flats on Monday for falling into arrears with their rent payments

Yesterday 19 families, including mothers with babies, were still out in the cold. Two families have been allowed back into the building after paying arrears

Some of the residents, who had spent two nights on the pavement, blamed Actstop for their plight. Residents said they stopped paying rent after Actstop had promised to buy the building, reduce rentals and make them co-owners of the flats

Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia yesterday disputed the allegation and said Actstop had had no dealings with Coniston Court landlords about the evictions

Mr Coovadia said representatives of the Seven Buildings Project — which was started by tenants — were engaged in

talks with the flat owners. They had reached an agreement that people who had not paid rent should be evicted.

This issue had never been brought to Actstop and it was not Actstop policy to advocate non-payment of rent, Mr Coovadia said.

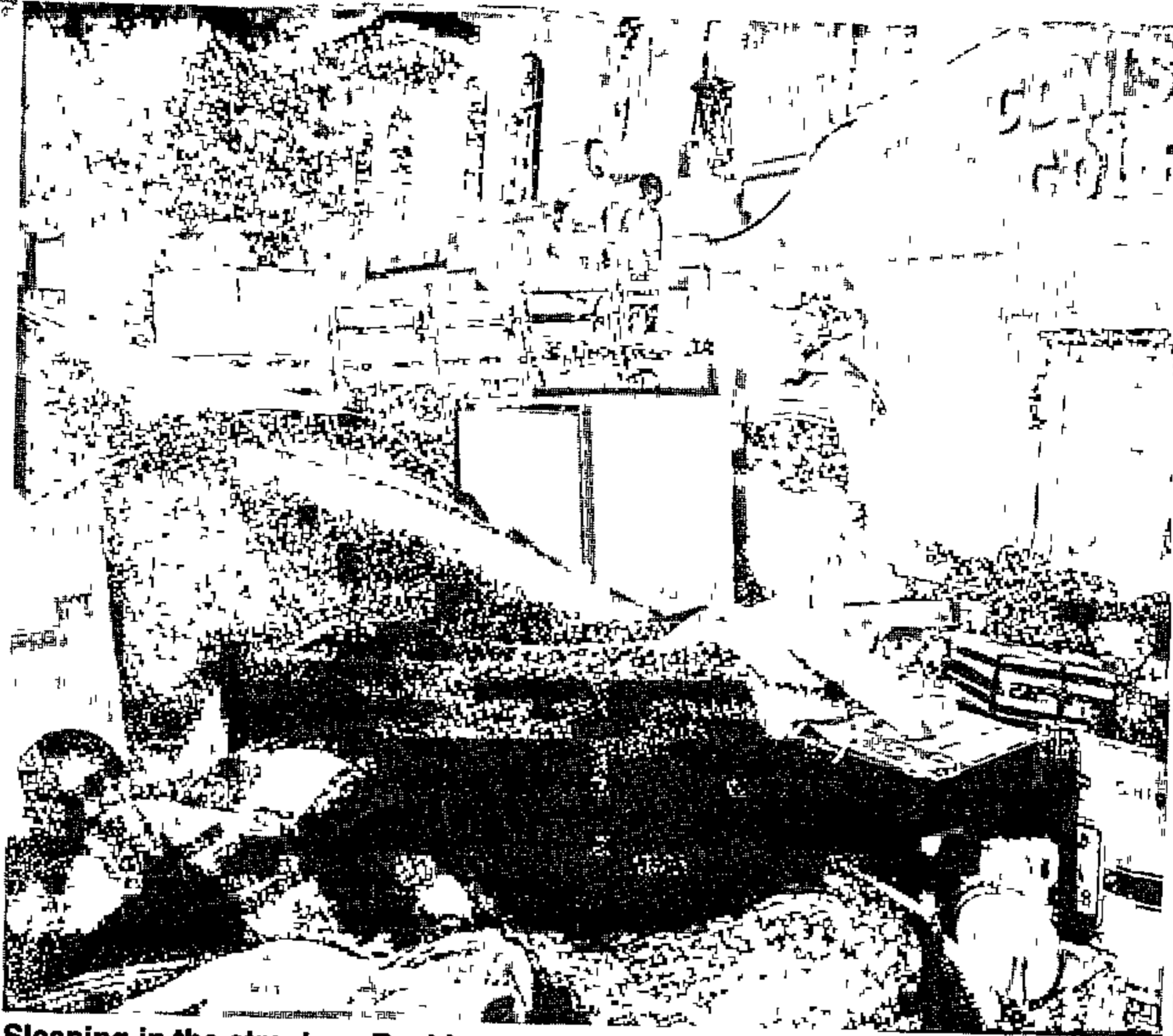
"We've appealed to people to pay even if amounts were disputed"

Coniston Court is among seven Hillbrow buildings tenants have offered to buy and manage for themselves. The flats are owned by Gorfil Brothers.

A representative of the Seven Buildings Project, Presage Nkosi, told The Star that every step taken by the project had the full backing of the tenants.

He said the project had consulted the people, who had told them to negotiate with the owners. An arrangement had been made that rentals should be paid while efforts were made to buy the building.

"Some of the people who are out on the streets have not paid their rent for six months. We are asking the landlord to accept those people who owe less than R2 000," Mr Nkosi said.



Sleeping in the streets ... Residents of Coniston Court spent the night amid their possessions on a Hillbrow street

Photo: GUY ADAMS

Housing project in jeopardy

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Weekly Mail Reporter

A GROUND-BREAKING social housing plan aimed at addressing Johannesburg's inner city nightmare is in jeopardy with the eviction of about 80 people from Coniston Court, Hillbrow, this week.

Coniston Court is one of seven buildings in Johannesburg targeted for the development of residents' co-operatives, where the residents would own and manage the buildings themselves.

Residents' association Actstop last year offered to buy the properties in Joubert Park and the city centre from landlord David Gorfill.

But this week the tenants of 21 flats had their belongings thrown into the street by members of the sheriff's department, assisted by employees of letting agency Letcor, for non-payment of arrears.

Now Actstop is perceived by some residents involved in the co-op scheme as a hypocritical bogeyman because it is said to have sanctioned the eviction, whereas in the past it had always supported them in their struggles.

But Actstop could not prevent the evictions. "It is unfortunate that we had no other option," said Actstop general secretary Pressage Nkosi. "But now we're being seen as reneging from our agreement with the tenants."

Manuela Justo, who manages the building for Letcor, described the total amount of rents outstanding as "astronomical". Some tenants owe as much as R5 000 in arrears.

"We have a mandate to defend people who are being abused by landlords," stipulated

Nkosi, "not those who don't pay their rents." Tenants had agreed to an interim arrangement to pay their rents until Actstop bought the building. "How can I stand up to the landlord and say: 'Why are you throwing people out?' when the people broke the agreement?" asked Nkosi.

The residents were warned by Letcor although many of them deny having received notice. Two urgent meetings were called last month at which Nkosi addressed the residents' committee and warned them of the consequences if they did not pay. It was established that an agreed percentage of the money which has been outstanding since the May 16 deadline would be paid.

"People behaved as though they were going to respond positively, so I was shocked to find out last week that they hadn't even paid their current rents, let alone their arrears," said Nkosi.

The project to buy the buildings might now be delayed — the financiers could see this present controversy as a drawback. "The project is at a highly sensitive stage," said Nkosi.

Meanwhile, Mary Mafokeng sits with her two sisters, her brother-in-law, her husband and their two children on a corner in Hillbrow, unable to find her belongings which were thrown haphazardly out of their one-and-a-half bedroom flat. Mafokeng is a cleaner who earns R450 a month and finds it difficult to pay the monthly R519 that keeps a roof over her family's head. "We don't know where we are going to sleep tonight — here I suppose," she says.

Landlord, tenants in bitter row

By THABISO LESHQAI

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A HILLBROW landlord and his tenants of a block of flats in Johannesburg are locked in a bitter row over rent

And tenants of the flats, Gaelic Mansions, claim they were assaulted by henchmen allegedly hired by their landlord, Dr I Joosub, in the past week.

Approached for comment, Joosub denied allegations.

The tenants have been collecting rent and paying their electricity and water bills directly to the Johannesburg City Council because their landlord has not been paying rates. This has resulted in water and electricity cuts, the tenants claim.

They say the landlord refuses to improve the building but still charges high rentals. The tenants claim that in the past week the landlord has sent armed enforcers to forcibly remove tenants. Some tenants were assaulted and their property stolen, they claim.

The landlord, Dr I Joosub, denies the charges. "These people just want to stay for free and they'll use any excuse," he said.

Joosub says he has valid eviction orders for 10 people and is to lay a criminal charge on the people collecting rents.

The tenants say:

- Ceilings and plumbing in the building are leaking
- The lifts have not worked for months
- There are no lights in the corridors
- Often the entire building is without lights
- Muggings, rapes and assaults take place in the building
- Tenants have lost property through theft
- The owner keeps promising to fix things but never does

The landlord says:

- Tenants are sub-letting their flats
 - Tenants refuse to sign lease forms
 - Tenants have broken into empty flats and put up residents there who they collect rent from
- At the time of going to press Dr Joosub said tenants had promised to repay the money owed him. "If they haven't paid by this evening I'm laying criminal charges against them," he said.

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The life-size bronze statue of one of SA's most famous elephants, Shamu, was unveiled yesterday at Sol Kerzner's new jungle theme resort at Sun City — the Lost City. The 45-ton statue, which was cast in bronze in Italy, is the work of SA sculptor Dorne de Jager.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Hundreds apply for SA residence

CAPE TOWN — Applications for SA residence by prospective Hong Kong immigrants were running at about 800 families this year, but were expected to increase to about 2 000-3 000 families annually over the next few years as the countdown for the 1997 takeover of Hong Kong by China accelerated.

These estimates were given yesterday by Rico Li, a director of Hong Kong business consultancy Standard Authorised which claims between 42%-50% of the Hong Kong immigration market to SA.

He said this large anticipated influx of people would bring not only foreign exchange into SA but also a lot of creative business and professional people.

In terms of SA legislation each immigrant family was required to bring a minimum of R300 000 which would mean R1,2bn for 400 families. Li pointed out that about half the 800 applicants this year were only interested in getting the neces-

sary documents as an insurance against the future and had no intention of immigrating at this stage.

He said he and a consortium were looking at setting up an investment vehicle for the expected flow of funds.

Li has been looking for a 40ha piece of land to develop into about 400 to 600 houses for the Hong Kong immigrants and held talks this week with the Johannesburg and Pretoria city councils. He envisaged a R100m first phase to build about 200-300 houses, followed by a R100m second phase later.

He said about 210 Hong Kong families had already settled in Verwoerdburg outside Pretoria but the project had not been successful as the prices asked were about R100 000 higher than the market price. This had put off many prospective buyers who had visited SA, he said.

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Rent protest death as security guards open fire

HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS, Staff Reporter

A MAN was shot dead and two were injured when Western Cape Regional Services Council security guards opened fire on about 300 members of the Elsie's River Civic Association and the ANC outside the RSC offices in Clarke's Estate

Secretary of the association Mr Jeremia Christian said a meeting between residents and housing officials to discuss high rents and evictions was arranged for 2 pm yesterday at the RSC offices

When they got there residents were told the meeting had been cancelled and they occupied the offices

Chairman Mrs Sara Martin said that about 4 pm, six armed security guards came through the back door, released dogs and hit people with batons

People fled and the guards opened fire through windows and doors from inside the office building, she said

Mr David de Bruyn of Muldersdrift Street collapsed and died after he was shot four times, said Mrs Martin

Mr Marius Hoffman, 19, was shot in the arm and leg and Mr William Davids was hit in the side by a rubber bullet

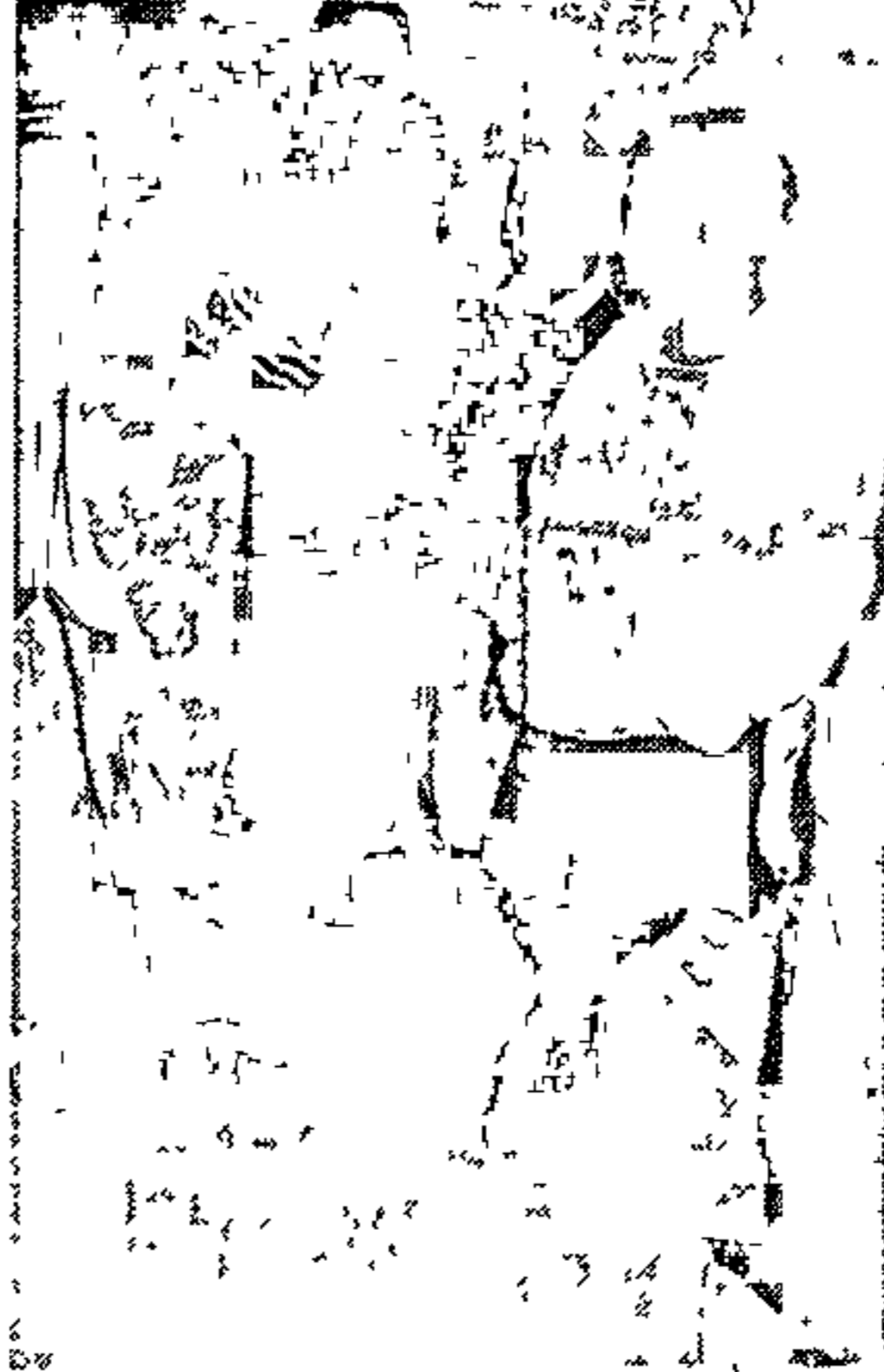
Ravensmead ANC committee member Mr Richard Martin and several witnesses said the guards fired without warning

Mr Hoffman's mother, Mrs Kathy Hoffman, said her son was an innocent bystander who came to fetch her from the meeting

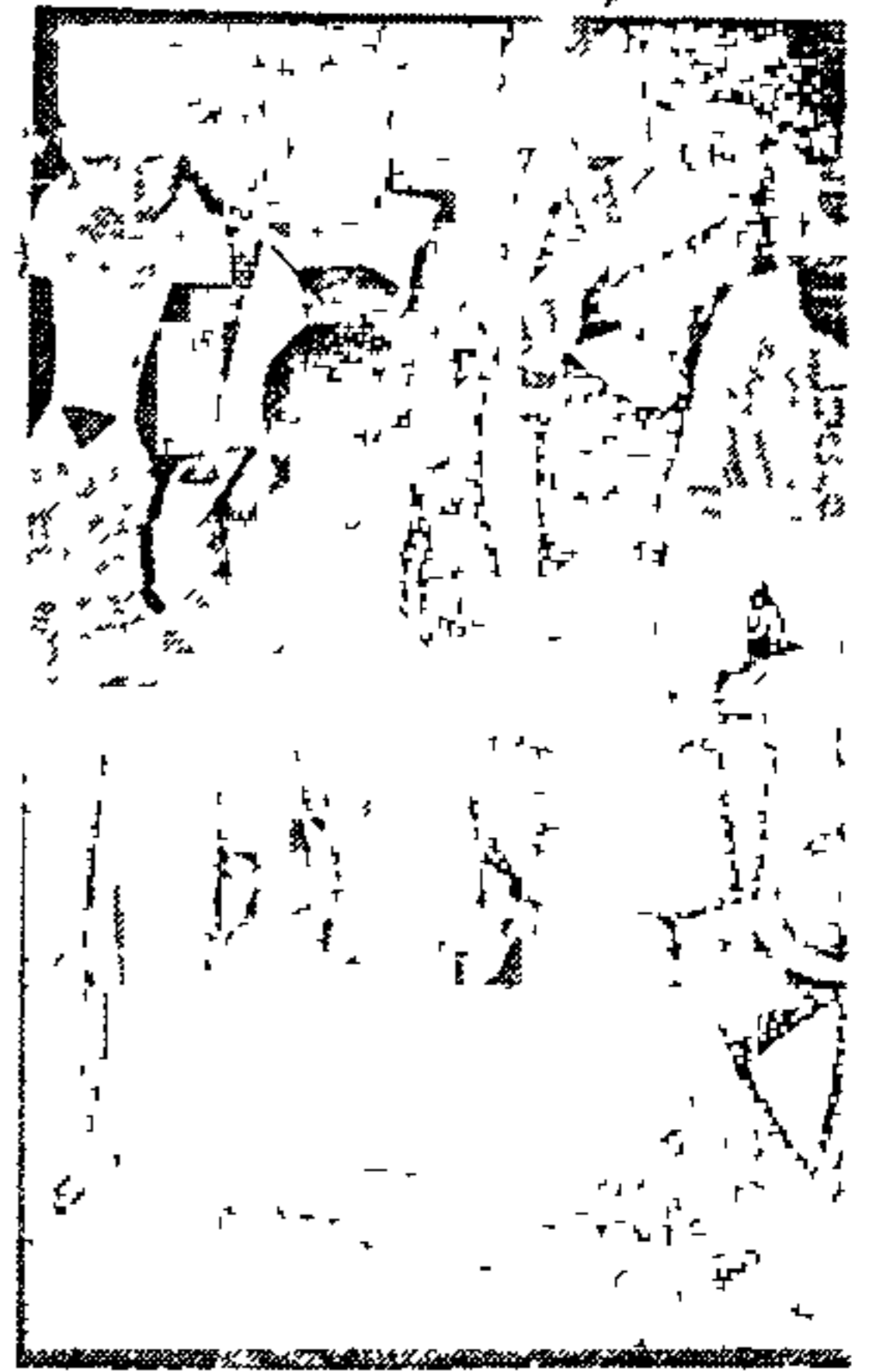
The ANC accused police of refusing to arrest the RSC security officers

Police liaison officer Captain Denise Brand said "We know these security guards well Why do they have to be arrested if they could have fired the shots to save their lives?"

In a statement last night, the ANC said it was "appalled" by the shootings of "innocent people" and called for the resignation of "all councillors



SHOT: Shocked children and residents gather around Mr David de Bruyn's body after he was shot dead by Regional Services Council security guards



GRIEVING: Friends and community members support Mrs Moira de Bruyn, who collapsed when she saw her husband's body

Pictures BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

serving on these corrupt, discredited and illegitimate RSCs"

"To allow armed security guards to shoot innocent members of the public can only be described as complicity to murder," the ANC said

RSC chief executive Mr Chris Mocke said today he had learnt about the shootings in his newspaper this morning

He said the RSC would comment later

Owl, art stolen

KING WILLIAM TOWN — Stuffed owl, an art print, three hand towels and other items are missing from a museum here after a burglary — Ecna

Cape clothing firms brace for trial of strength

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

EMPLOYERS in Cape Town's biggest industry are today assessing their next step after 15 000 workers marched in the city centre in a show of solidarity against the industry's pay offer

The fate of many clothing companies — and their workers — depends on the outcome of the trial of strength and skill in wage negotiations

The threat of the sector's

first strike still hangs over the Western Cape's biggest employer

Fresh from making a forceful presence felt in yesterday's march, the SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwu) is to respond today to the employers' proposal to settle through mediation

A jovial, disciplined crowd of about 10 000 workers from as far as Atlantis and Wellington gathered at the Grand Parade from noon, but by the time the march began at 2 45pm num-

bers had swollen to about 15 000

Union assistant general secretary, Mr Ebrahim Patel, told the gathering that workers could not let their children go hungry by accepting the employers' offer of an effective R9,97 a week increase

Clothing industry employers in the Transvaal were offering an R18 a week increase

"We would rather strike than accept R9,97," he said

According to the union, about 20 000 workers marched to the

headquarters of the Cape Clothing Manufacturers' Association in Broadway Centre on the Foreshore to hand over memorandum of demands

Accepting the memorandum, association executive director Mr Peter Cragg said he would present the document to members on Monday

● Thousands of Natal clothing workers took part in a mass march in Durban to protest against a wage offer by their employers

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Tokoza faces power cut (127)

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

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23/6/92

Electricity supplies to Tokoza, where only 15 percent of residents are paying for services, may soon be cut off, according to town clerk Herman Combrinck.

He confirmed complaints by residents that the council provided electricity only from 8 am to 4 pm daily.

Electricity was provided only during these hours because the council could not afford its electricity supply, he said.

Few residents were paying rent and, because of Tokoza's bad track record, the suppliers of electricity — Alberton municipality — had demanded that the council pay for electricity in advance, Mr Combrinck said.

The council was, however, still supplying schools, clinics, the library and the sewerage station with enough electricity.

Residents have complained that their homes had electricity only when they were at work.

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ANC slams acquittal of hostel seven

WILSON ZWANE

THE ANC has hit out at the acquittal of seven Kwa-Madala Hostel inmates by a Vereeniging Circuit Court saying it further diminished township residents' faith in the police and judicial system

The seven, who were acquitted on Friday, had been charged with murdering 38 people at an ANC funeral vigil in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng in January last year.

Judge Schutz was reported to have acquitted the seven because the State had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that any of them had been involved in the attack.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the matter was of such magnitude that Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel should make a public statement on it.

The judge's acquittal of people implicated in murders because of a lack of evidence further diminished township residents' faith in the police and the judicial system, Macozoma said.

A former official of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression Anton Steenkamp said failure by police to find incriminating evidence where the accused had Inkatha links "seems to be a recurring theme".

The board, in a special report earlier this month, said hostels were a key element in the violence which had gripped the Reef since July 1990 in which 1 207 people died.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said this week that had government "transformed" hostels into family units, as it had promised, people would not have been killed in Boipatong last week.

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Kriel council launches R40m low-cost housing scheme

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THE Kriel Town Council in the eastern Transvaal launched a R40m Thebulihle low-cost housing scheme recently — involving the construction of 4 000 houses in two years

On view at the site were three versions of Dwelling Enterprises' innovative "Zinki" affordable house. The high-tensile steel houses range in price from R5 000 to R15 000 — a third of a conventional house — and can be built in hours.

In their effort to provide accommodation for thousands of workers on farms, mines and power stations around the town, the council was making 230m² serviced stands available at R3 000 each.

According to Kriel Town Engineer Ivor Poultney the Thebulihle township will boast tarred roads, street lighting, electricity and waterborne sewerage.

Project spokesman David Carte said the Perm had come up with "an imaginative way for employers to help their employees to buy their own houses through its micro-loan scheme".

The micro-loans will be 100% underwritten by employers in the Kriel area against pension and provident fund security. Large employers such as Eskom, Amcoal and Genmin had expressed keen interest, he

KATHRYN STRACHAN

said *By Day 24/6/92*
Co-ordinators Debrell Projects marketing director Haydon Cairns said research had shown that 70% of blacks in SA could not afford housing. "At Thebulihle Kriel Town Council has made housing an affordable reality. This township may well provide a model for affordable housing across the country."



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Plea to save hostels

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INMATES of demolished hostels would simply occupy township homes, the Transvaal Hostel Residence Association said yesterday

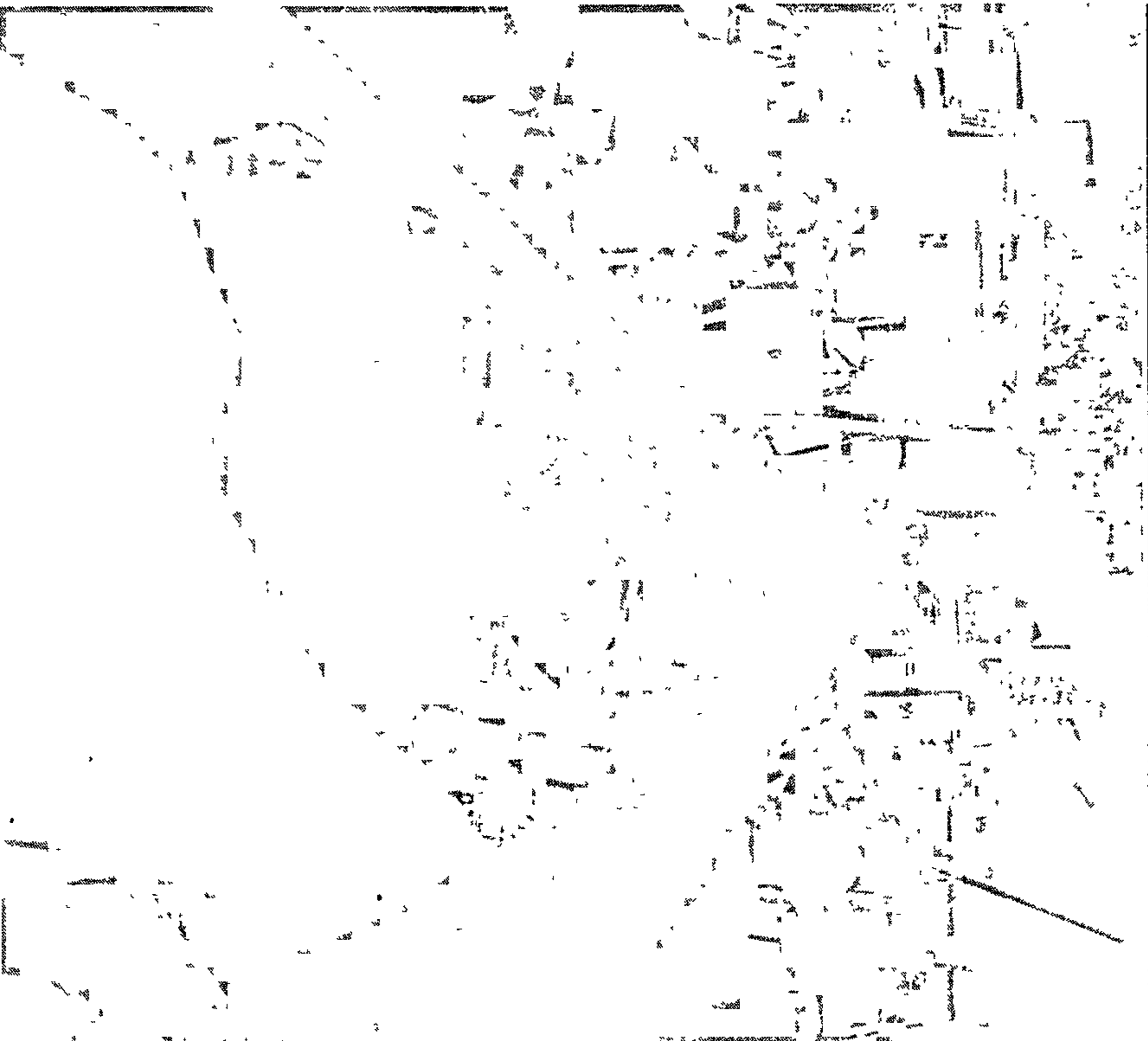
An association statement made available to Sapa expressed concern at demands that hostels should be done away with

Saying the ANC had called for the demolition of hostels, association chairman Mr Joseph Kubheka said his organisation found the demand disturbing.

"The Association has noted with concern that the ANC/SACP alliance is bent on destroying the only place called home for thousands of people

If hostels were demolished, "what will happen to those thousands of families who reside there, what with the housing crisis in our country?"

"The only thing we can foresee is more chaos and conflict .. The hostel inmates, will simply walk into the location and occupy all those houses" -
Sapa



Police sitting on Casspirs watch heavily armed Inkatha members in Alexandra last year without disarming them. It is this turning of a blind eye to Inkatha members that has led to accusations of police partiality in the ongoing killings.

Hostel an Inkatha barracks

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ALEXANDRA'S Madala hostel, converted into an Inkatha garrison in March last year, has been the source of attacks that have resulted in nearly 200 deaths.

BY MATHATHA TSEBU
Investigations Editor

And during this period which is spread over a one year period, less than 20 people have been arrested by the police with almost half of these later released for lack of evidence.

Running side by side with this seeming police inability to apprehend killers, is the constant refrain that police either assisted attackers, ignored the attacks as they took place in their presence, or failed to respond to calls or warnings beforehand.

And so, as in Boipatong last week, ordinary people have lost faith in the ability of the police to maintain law and order even handedly.

Painstaking research

through volumes of newspaper cuttings and reports of monitoring and human rights groups leave only one conclusion, the police and hostel dwellers are friends.

For the Madala hostel, like its near namesake in the Vaal, KwaMadala, which was allegedly the springboard of last week's attacks in Boipatong, law and order and control of the complex fell to pieces last March when Inkatha bussed in outsiders to take over the hostel.

The history of Alexandra's now endemic violence is traced to Friday, March 8 when the outsiders arrived and kicked out non-Inkatha members who were legitimate residents of the hostel.

The hostel had been home to more than 600 employees of the Sandton municipality which to date

still continues to pay rent while its workers stay in even worse squalor at the Vehicle Testing Station.

Effectively, the Sandton municipality is paying rent for Inkatha members who have been accused of taking over the hostel and turning it into a staging post for attacks on residents.

These new residents of Madala hostel have also terrorised residents in neighbouring houses and these too have fled, leaving shacks and well built houses for which banks still demand bond repayments.

Some of these people are staying in the Alexandra town council's offices, community halls and churches.

Sniper fire from Madala hostel has led to the area around First and Sixth av-

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venues being declared a no go area, with only those harbouring death wishes venturing there

The hostel has also been the source of other forms of intimidation and harassment such as gang rapes

As in this particularly graphic description by one woman On March 9 1992 a crowd of people coming from Madala hostel came into my house They asked 'you are alone' I said yes these people are 21 in number Twenty raped me The other one said 'you are here to kill these people not to rape them' That one took out a panga and slashed me on my head and on the arms

It is easy to imagine that this woman felt at that moment that those who only wanted to rape her were better than the brute who almost killed her

Early in February this year another raiding party from Madala hostel stormed into a shebeen and killed one man and raped all the women present

Residents have said some women are being held as sex slaves in the hostel In these attacks, the inmates used spears, knobkerries, firearms and AK 47 rifles

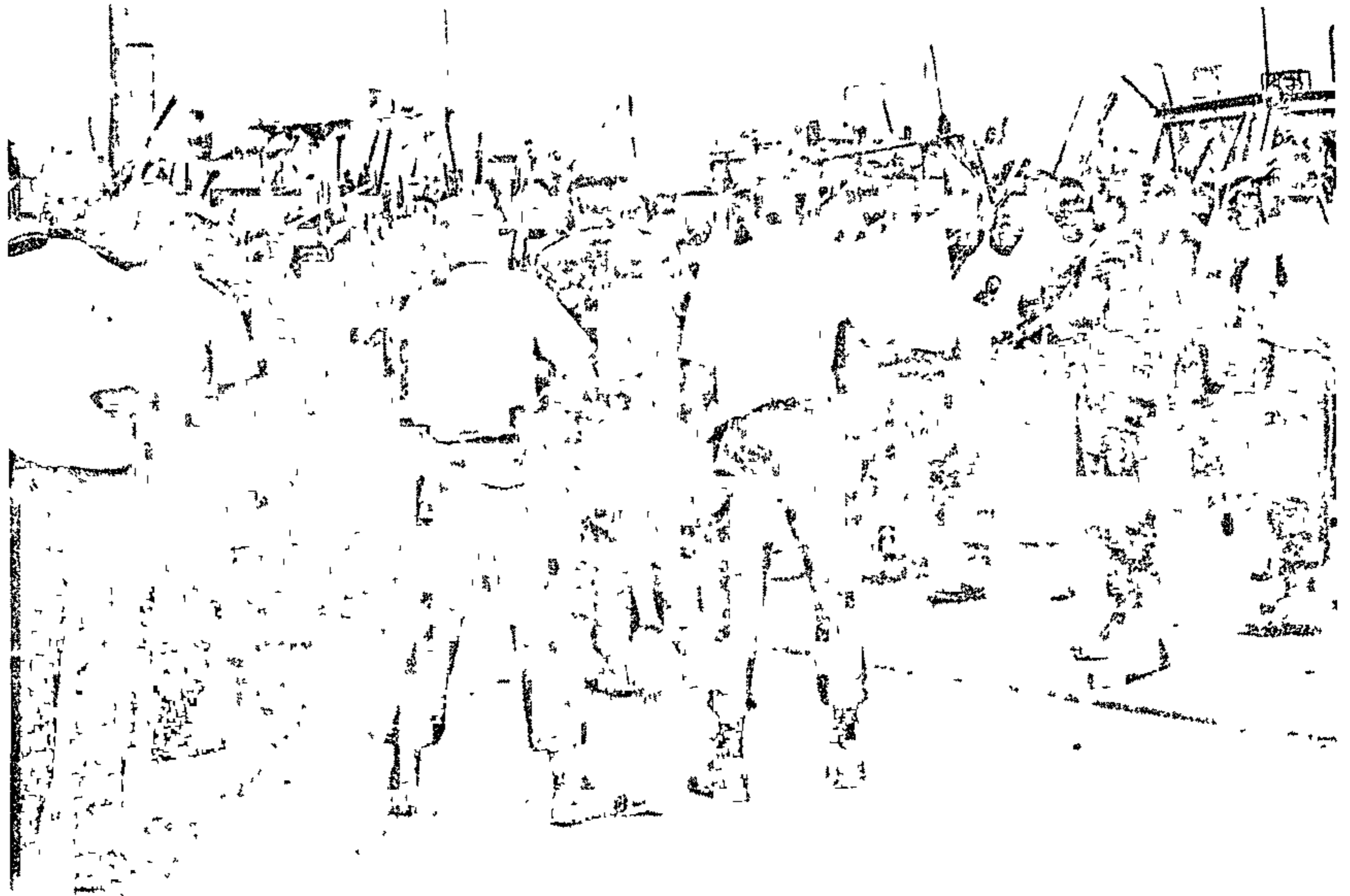
In four raids on the hostel since March 13 last year, police have found 10 AKs in Madala hostel five revolvers and six pistols This forms about one sixth of the total of AKs confiscated in all Reef townships

Madala hostel is just the epitome of other hostels in the region

And as undisputed sources of much of the violence calls have been made for the police to raid the centres and evict all those found to be there illegally

But this has not happened Instead allegations abound of township residents abducted by police and taken into hostels and left there for inmates to 'deal with'

As in the case of Oupa Schume (18) of Alexandra, a survivor of the March 27 vigil massacre last year who said he was forced by



A rare sight of police stopping Inkatha members in their tracks This action, coupled with a genuine disarming programme where weapons are confiscated and not returned to their original owners, would help bring down the level of violence in the country

members of the SAP into the Madala hostel

Schume said he was taken into the hostel at about 9 30 pm on April 21 last year by white policemen wearing camouflage uniforms

'A panga was placed in his hands and he was warned that he would be kicked if he put it down He said the police then started calling out here's a member of the ANC come and get him'

Schume said he was told to fight Inkatha members with the panga He was taken back home after the hostel dwellers refused to attack him for fear of a trap according to Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression booklet Fortresses of Fear which deals with hostels

In another development,

Orlando West Civic Association chairman Weston Shabangu related that in April this year he had saved a boy from certain death after police had taken the boy into the Nancefield hostel

'We arrived just as the boy was being assaulted by hostel dwellers I believe if we had not arrived at that time the boy would have been killed,' he said

Police have denied partiality to and favouritism of Inkatha and hostel inmates generally In response to questions about actions against hostel dwellers, Colonel EJ Burger of the Internal Stability Unit in Pretoria said members of the SAP had come under fire from Madala hostel on several occasions and had been forced to retaliate with machine gun fire

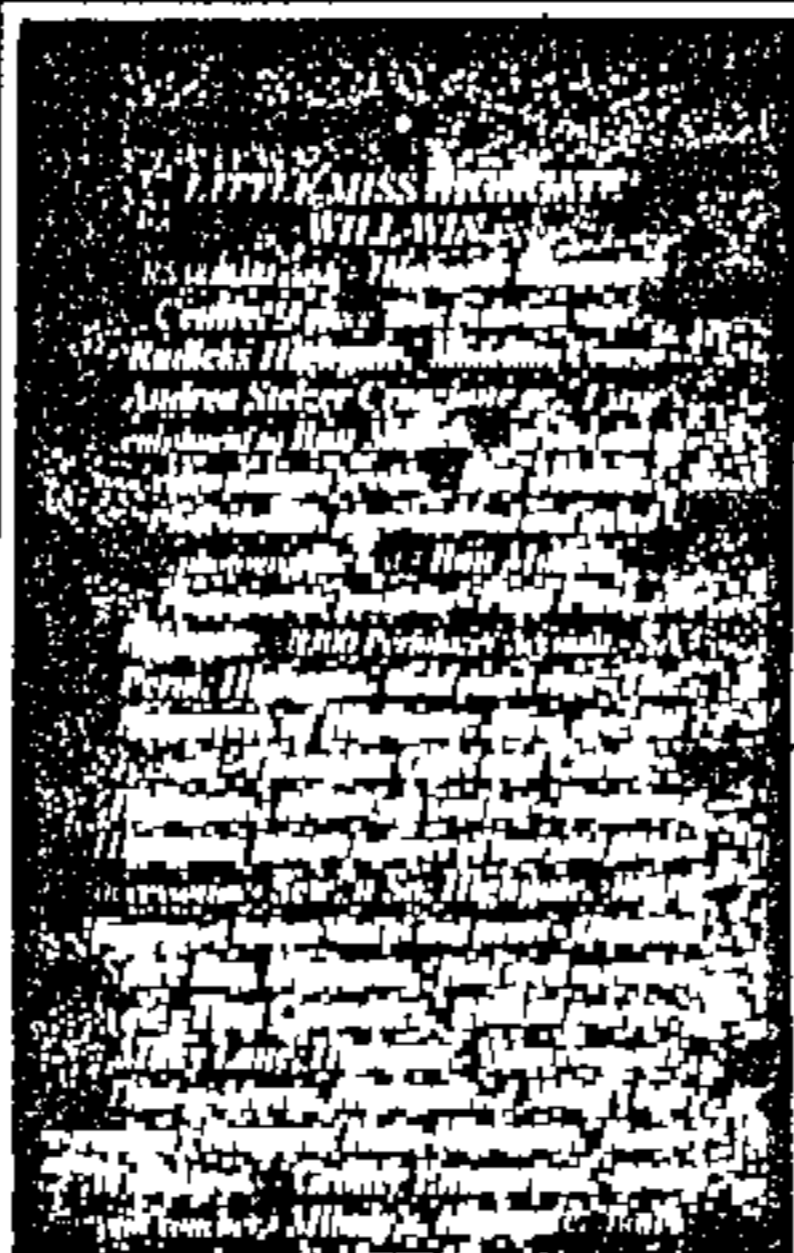
'We cannot afford to back off,' he said

But the question upper most in people's minds, especially those presently

huddled in overcrowded church halls while their houses are occupied by raiders from hostels is why the full force of the SAP is not brought to bear to evict

the killers from the hostels As in the KwaMadala hostel which ended up with the massacre that has plunged the country into its worst mid-reform political

crisis, Madala hostel may still bring its own Waterloo for the government that seems to find pleasure in watching raiding imps kill innocent people



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Sandton to lift assessment rates 14,6%

Budget 25/6/92
A 14,69% INCREASE in Sandton's assessment rates was included in a record budget of R298m announced by management committee chairman Willem Hefer in his budget speech last night

While there would be no rise in the water tariff, electricity would increase by 4,3%, sewage by 21,5% and refuse by 36,34%

"We have been cushioning our residents for too long on refuse tariffs and we can no longer afford to do that," Hefer said yesterday

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ADRIAN HADLAND

Hefer said Sandton's first budget in 1970 had been based on a rateable property value of R103m. This had increased, at an annual compounded growth rate of 11,35% since 1980, to more than R4,6bn

The 1992/93 Sandton budget includes operating expenditure of R210,5m, basic capital expenditure of R51,3m and ad hoc expenditure of R36,4m, he said

THE SA Council of Churches yesterday joined the ANC-led campaign against government, issuing a July 15 ultimatum for steps to be taken against violence and a resumption of the negotiation process

SACC general secretary Rev Frank Chikane was flanked at the Johannesburg news conference by the council's two honorary presidents, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Khoza Mgojo

The SACC's four demands are the same as

SACC issues ultimatum on violence and Codesa

some of those of the ANC Unless there was an "assuring response" from government to the demands by July 15, the SACC would embark on a three-pronged international and local campaign

The campaign would consist of
 Calling on the SA Olympic team to pull out of the Olympic Games in Barcelo-

na, "failing which we will call on the world community to ensure that the team is expelled" The same applied to the planned All Black rugby tour in August, "We shall lead our people into acts of peaceful protest

We shall also defy all repressive measures, even a state of emergency, which the state may be tempted to introduce", and
 Calling on "all our part-

ners abroad" to demand their governments use all possible pressure to get the SA government to respond to the demands

The SACC called on government to arrest and charge those responsible for the Boipatong and other killings, issue a statement of intent to co-operate with efforts to set up an international monitoring force, bring the security forces under multiparty control, and ensure a speedy convening of an elected constituent assembly — Sapa

Threat to grab homes

RESIDENTS of demolished hostels, would simply occupy township homes, the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association said yesterday

Saying the ANC had called for the demolition of hostels, association chairman Joseph Kubheka said his organisation found the demand disturbing

"The hostels not only house bachelors but families as well Two hostels, in some blocks, for example Meadowlands and KwaMasiza, have been converted to family units"

Hostel closures would result in more chaos and conflict, he said. "The hostel inmates, should the hostels be destroyed, will simply walk into the location and occupy all those houses The ANC will be responsible for that" — Sapa

to call... Obviously there is not much way to solve it

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Stop protecting white ratepayer ⁽¹²⁷⁾ civic body

STAR 26/6/92

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The 1992/93 municipal budget was "Johannesburg's last white budget", the Civic Association of Johannesburg said yesterday

CAG described the budget as extremely conservative and "backwards", protecting the white ratepayer by keeping the city's rates and service charges low and maintaining rebates

In a statement, CAG pointed out that the budget gave nothing substantial to the black townships of Soweto and Alexandra because they were regarded as "separate" local authorities

This was in spite of the fact that more than 300 000 Sowetans, who worked in Johannesburg, earned more than R2 billion annually and spent more than R1 billion in the city's commercial areas

CAG criticised the budget for

- Leaving intact the

bloated budgets of departments run by overpaid white middle-aged male officials whose knowledge of their own suburbs was only matched by their complete ignorance of the black townships.

- Letting business off the hook by keeping rates and service charge increases low

- Not making meaningful provision for meeting the basic needs of the large majority of people who live in the Greater Johannesburg region, especially when it came to the poor and homeless within the city's municipal boundaries

- Continuing to finance extravagant luxuries in the city, such as the Civic Theatre, and hi-tech service innovations.

- Leaving black township dwellers and the several thousand municipal workers destined for retrenchment to foot the bill

Contrary to Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson's statements that ratepayers and the civics

had been consulted over the budget, CAG said it was not consulted, but was presented with a fait accompli "in classic apartheid style"

"We will strive to ensure that this is Johannesburg's last secretly formulated and undemocratic budget," it said

CAG said the council should be spending much more on the acquisition of land and property for those in low-income groups. "Clearly the council treasury department has decided to impose its own definition of what is practical — the homeless must wait in line behind the patrons of the Civic Theatre"

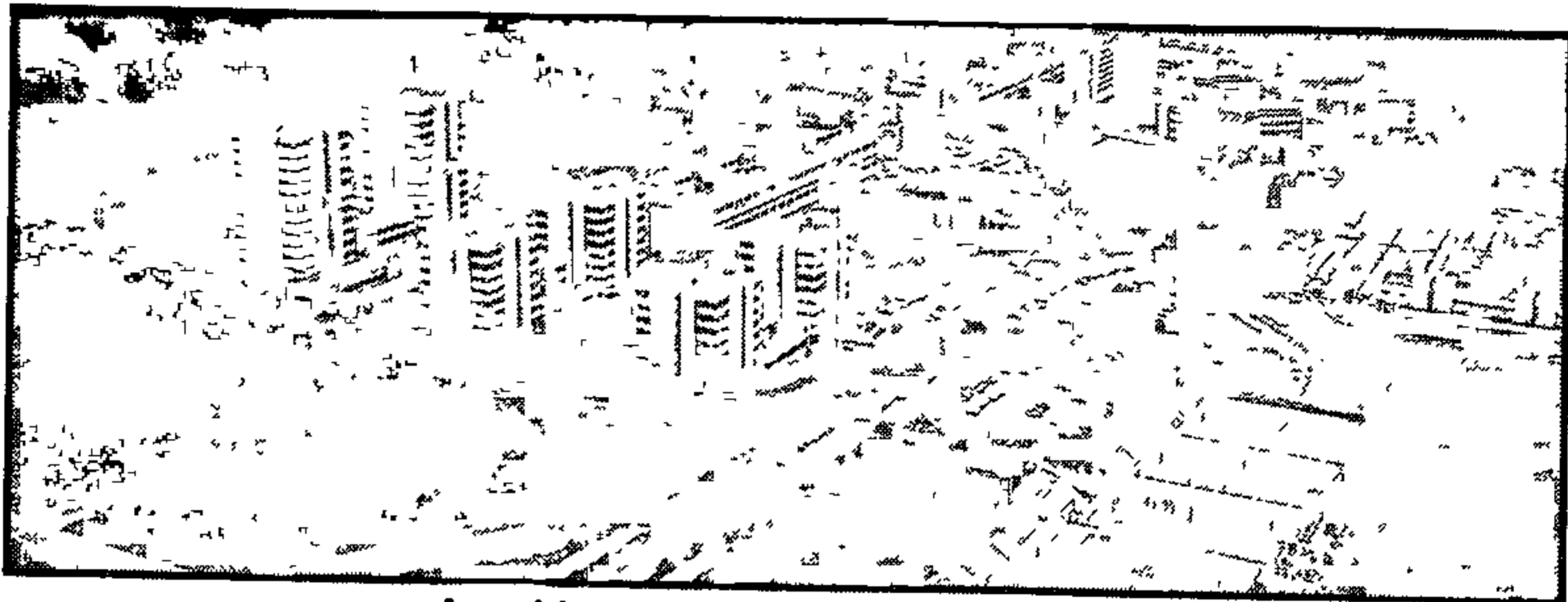
In an "alternative" budget, CAG proposed

- Greater spending on the purchase of land and property for low-income housing.

- Provision of infrastructure.

- Assistance to the urban poor.

- Increased rates and service charges to generate enough revenue to cover increased expenditure on essential projects in the city



An aerial view of the Technichon Rand campus.

Sammy Marks Square work on schedule

CONSTRUCTION on the Sammy Marks Square development is well on schedule for the opening of the private sector portion in September

Murray & Roberts Buildings Transvaal has more than 1 000 workmen on site

The vast size of the site, with a perimeter of 740m and total building area of 115 513m², combined with the nature of the construction and integration of the refurbished historical buildings, makes the logistics particularly impressive

A total of 177 000m³ of soil was removed during the excavation, which took three months to complete

Some 600 augered piles were put in place in preparation for the construction

To date, 32 000m³ of concrete has been cast and 80 000m² of suspended concrete slab were produced at the rate of 3 000m² a week. By completion of the project, 45 000m³ of concrete will have been used

The first of the two bridges linking the square with Muntoria was constructed in October and the second is being built now

The first is a double-storey structure on four columns, 28m long. The second will be 48m long

At the moment bricks are being laid at the rate of 50 000 a day. In total 5,5-million will be laid

Residents see the square becoming a major focus point for the city

The square will be the largest business centre in Pretoria's CBD and the largest development undertaken since 1979

The premises of the largest tenants are being prepared for shopfitting

More than 16 000m² of the 22 000m² of retail space has been allocated to national chains, while SA's newest cinema chain Starnet will open a 800-seat entertainment complex occupying 1 300m²

Woolworths is opening its largest CBD store, taking some 6 500m². Woolworths senior executive operations Johan van Vuuren compares the ambience to St George's Mall in Cape Town and believes

the layout and decor will create an atmosphere particularly conducive to leisure shopping

Major fashion chains are Jet Stores, Topics and Markhams Furniture chains Johsua Doore and Bradlows have taken out 2 830m² between them.

According to spokesmen for joint leasing agents BSA Eidendomme and RMS Syfrets, line shops are still available for specialist traders and negotiations are being held with a number of prospective tenants

The city council's R70m portion of the development is scheduled for completion by mid-1993 and will include a library, health department, offices and an information bureau

Strike terror claim

Hospital workers 'fear for their lives' as intimidation surfaces



REVAMP: The fourth phase of the conversion which will turn migrant worker hostel dwellings, home to more than 100 000 people in the Peninsula, into more spacious, post-modern dwellings offering family and single accommodation **INSET:** The bleak hostels as they look now.

Cape hostels to be revamped

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

MIGRANT labour hostels in the Peninsula are to be transformed into double-storey housing, four times the size of the present structures, as part of a project to be kicked off by a R10,7 million grant from the provincial administration.

The conversion, in four

phases, will be done by engineers appointed by a joint committee of the CPA, Ikapa Town Council and Umzamo, a public utility company run by the Western Cape Hostel Dwellers Association.

The hostel population in the Peninsula numbers about 100 000. Conditions are overcrowded, with up to four people a bed and up to 30 people a room.

In a joint statement, the three parties said the objectives of the project were to convert hostels in the Ikapa area, which includes Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu, and to provide new accommodation units and sites.

The R10,7 million to start the project will come from a government grant from funds from the sale of oil reserves.

The statement said talks on the project were complicated and prolonged because of the "distrust and suspicion generated by years of apartheid".

"However, the parties to the agreement are confident that, with the experience already gained and with full agreement about the urgency of objectives, a positive result will be achieved."

Umzamo spokesman Professor Julian Cooke said the first phase would involve alterations to develop the equivalent of 100 family units.

Plan pleases most residents

LENORE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

MOST residents of the Langa migrant labour hostels are happy with plans to upgrade their living quarters.

But many felt the plans were long overdue.

"The upgrading of the hostels will certainly be very good for us," said Mr Paul Ndlwana. "Until now we have had to make do with unhealthy and poor living conditions."

Mr Elliot Tshisani was pleased "a plan is being made at last".

Miss Cynthia Qhela said upgrading the hostels would lift morale.

SHARON SOROUR
and **ANDREA WEISS**
Staff Reporters

INTIMIDATION has surfaced at strike-hit Groote Schuur Hospital where workers claim their lives are in danger for refusing to join the nationwide wildcat wage strike.

As the strike gained momentum in the city, the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) said Groote Schuur workers were intimidated when they arrived yesterday and that other incidents of intimidation were reported "between Maybray and Observatory stations".

A hospital source said the level of intimidation was "very high" and strikers had "gone around to check which workers had remained at work".

He added "They are fearing for their lives, and there is no guarantee they are safe once they leave the hospital to return home".

There are now 1 800 Cape workers on strike. They are members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and the Health Workers' Union (HWU).

Representatives from both unions meet the CPA today to "discuss the strike" while thousands of strikers are expected to march from District Six to parliament to hand over a memorandum to the Commission for Administration at 1pm.

Thirteen Cape Town public hospitals are affected.

Only emergency cases are being admitted at Groote Schuur. Patients who have booked elective surgery are asked to contact the hospital.

Three hundred and forty-seven employees are out at Groote Schuur, 77 at Valkenberg (including 75 nurses), 21 at Tygerberg, 23 at Woodstock, 79 at Somerset, 50 at Conradie, 40 at Brooklyn Chest and 72 at day hospitals in Guguletu, Nyanga, Crossroads, Khayelitsha and Nolungile.

Valkenberg Hospital is closed for admissions and "relatively stable" patients have been sent to their families.

Meanwhile, more than 45 Pinelands Laundry employees stayed away from work yesterday and 850 roads department workers are also on strike.

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The State Theatre.

Cultural diversity must be marketed to boost tourism

A FUTURE Pretoria could make money out of tourism by marketing its rich cultural diversity to international and local tourists, says Pretoria Technikon's tourism department head Danie Duvenage

Duvenage says one of Pretoria's strongest selling points should be its culture, something which involves much more than just its theatres and museums

Pretoria has plenty of these, as well as a wealth of historic buildings.

Duvenage believes the city's various communities — Portuguese, Germans, Indians, Sothos and many others — should be encouraged to make their cultures accessible to the public

Tourists, he says, invariably do not come into contact with the real SA. The phenomenon of ordinary South Africans offering bed and breakfast accommodation is a perfect vehicle to expose the traveller to traditional ways

Pretoria itself, he be-

lieves, has a number of unique cultural selling points which need more entrepreneurial exploitation

Duvenage points to the Cape wine culture which has been successfully marketed to tourists

For instance, he says, people should be encouraged to get inside the city's massive car manufacturing factories around Pretoria to witness the fascinating manufacturing process

Similarly the capital city has rich military and governmental heritages such as the Union Buildings, designed by Herbert Baker

While apartheid is inter-

nationally reviled, there is no reason why negative publicity should not be turned into a positive marketing point, Duvenage says, pointing to apartheid signs which are already collectors' items

Sharp hike is planned for rates

PRETORIA residents have been warned that they face big increases in municipal rates and taxes

In terms of the city council's latest budget, property taxes will increase by 27,1%, water by 22% and electricity by 9,5%.

Refuse removal goes up by 7,3% and sewage by 7,5%. *Biday 26/6/92*

While residents face a substantially increased municipal bill, the council is making a large capital investment. About a quarter of the almost R2bn budget will be spent on capital projects

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ONLY WEEKS before the Boipatong massacre again flung SA's hostel system into the spotlight, a special report published by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression described hostels as a key element in violence which has gripped the Reef since July 1990.

The board — many of whose members are sympathetic to the ANC — says it has recorded 261 attacks on township residents by hostel dwellers between July 1990 and April this year. These attacks have left 1 207 dead and 3 697 injured. Most records are taken from media reports.

Most of these attacks occurred in Soweto, where the Mzimhlophe Hostel has emerged as a major flash-point. Other violence-linked Soweto hostels are the Nancefield, Deepkloof, Dube, Jabulani and Dobsonville hostels. In Alexandra, Nobuhle and Madala hostels have allegedly accounted for 26 attacks which left 106 people dead and 133 injured.

On the East Rand, Thokoza's three hostels, Kattlehong's Kweine Hostel and Vosloorus's two hostels accounted for much of 1990's violence.

And then there is Iscor's Kwa-Madala hostel. The report — which ironically contains a five-page appendix devoted to the hostel's recent history — records 10 attacks emanating from the hostel from July 1990 to April 1992 in which 50 people died and 12 were injured.

It quotes Inkatha West Rand secretary Humphrey Ndlovu as saying that 100% of KwaMadala residents are Inkatha supporters, with Inkatha support running at between 87% and 100% at 10 hostels in the Johannesburg/Soweto area.

According to the report, police raids on these Transvaal hostels have turned up 58 AK-47 rifles and 25 pistols and revolvers. Other dangerous weapons, such as axes, spears and sharpened rods have also been found.

There is also evidence linking hostel dwellers to train attacks. The report records 23 such attacks which left 39 dead and 277 injured.

Hostels to continue as central focus of political conflict

By Dan 26/6/92.

WILSON ZWANE



The report argues that the closed nature of the hostel system and the existence of large concentrations of single men "create a perfect terrain for coercion and forced recruitment. This terrain also affords the opportunity for rapid mobilisation, instant meetings and preparation for armed attacks." The hostels have been described as training camps, weapons stores and arms factories while inmates have been accused of abduction, rape, assault and murder.

"There have been reports that certain elements within hostels have forced hostel inmates to contribute money for the buying of arms and food for unemployed people who live at the hostels," it says.

It is such circumstances which led ANC president Nelson Mandela to call for all hostels to be converted into family units, saying that if this had been done the Boipatong massacre would not have happened.

But it is not as simple as that. While the ANC and Cosatu say the continued existence of hostels is a threat to social stability, government, Inkatha and hostel dwellers' associations maintain that hostels should continue to exist as they fulfil a housing need. Indeed, there have been threats that attempts to shut them down could prompt violent resistance by their inmates.

According to the Local Govern-

ment and National Housing Department, there are 402 hostels countrywide under the jurisdiction of local authorities or provincial administrations. Transvaal has 135, the Cape 216 while the Free State and Natal have 35 and 16 respectively. There are 207 158 beds in the hostels in the Transvaal, 50 158 in the Cape, 24 904 in the Free State and 26 125 in Natal. Other hostels, including Kwa-

Madala, are owned by companies. Department spokesman Francois Jacobs says government intends making conditions at hostels "humane." Hostels will either be upgraded or converted into family units. "Government is making R296,6m available in the current financial year for the conversion of hostels," he says. Allocation of the money to provinces will be deter-

mined by the number of beds in hostels of each province.

Hostel overcrowding is a serious problem, with the ratio of inmates to beds possibly as high as three. Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubeka argues that far from being dismantled, hostel space needs to be increased. People often sleep on the floors or under the beds. "We urge authorities to address the situation as a matter of urgency," these hostelneers to be expanded in order to accommodate their extra inmates properly.

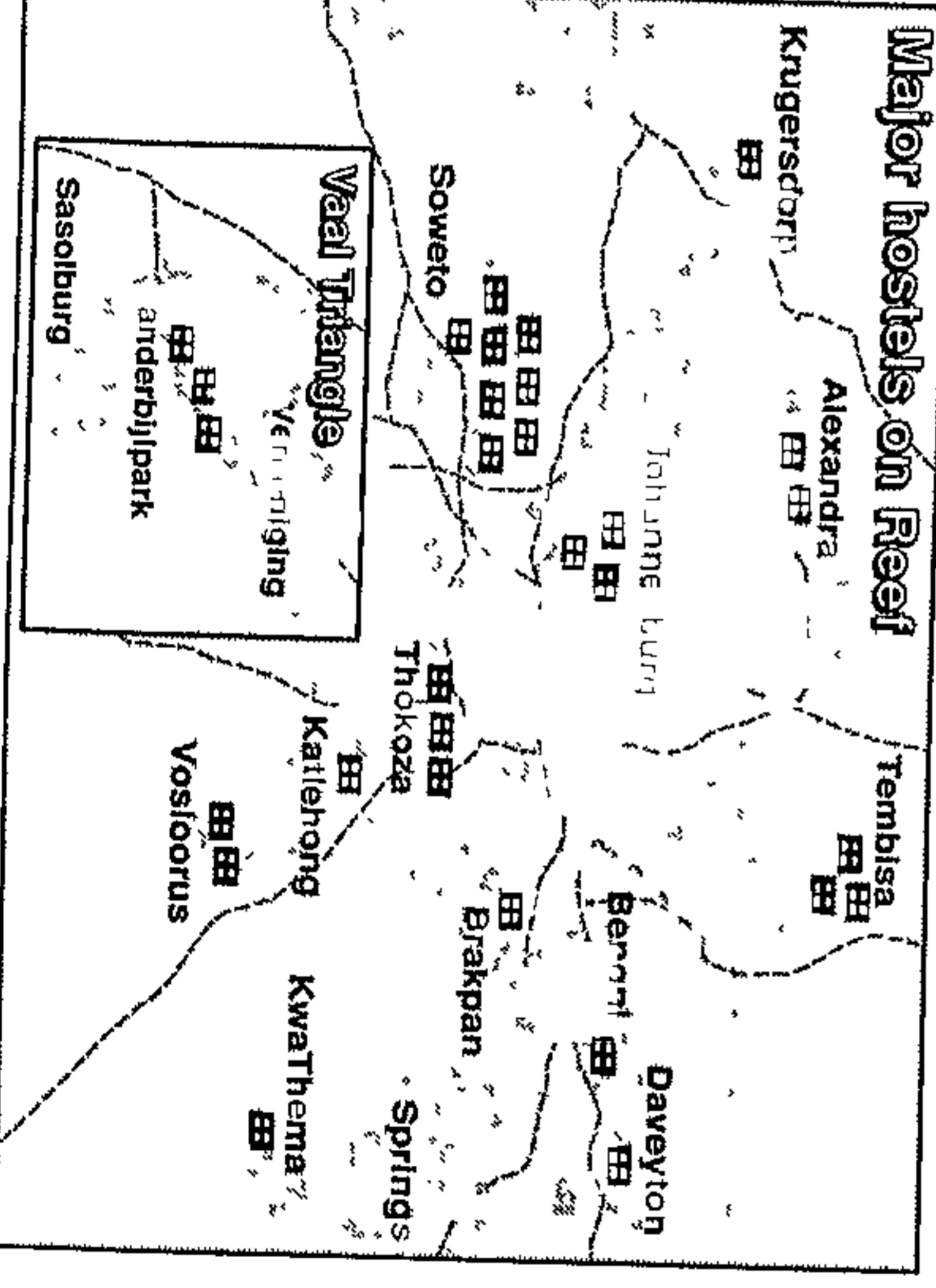
"We want hostels to be made aesthetically more pleasing but we are totally opposed to their conversion into family units," says He adds that, should government move and close hostels as suggested in some circles, hostel dwellers will be left with no choice but to "take over homes of township residents — a recipe for civil war on an unprecedented scale."

Kubeka argues that it is virtually impossible for government to find alternative accommodation for the hostel dwellers in the near future, given the "present enormous backlog in black housing."

The ANC's Alexandra branch has threatened a services boycott unless authorities close Nobuhle and Madala hostels — said to have been the origin of 106 killings — before the end of next month. Alexandra administrator Andre Jacobs says the town council would look to the ANC's demand and see what could do about it. But he could consider closing the hostel only if it is found that residents were guilty of killings and if alternative accommodation was found for those not implicated.

The department's Jacobs warns that government will not bow to pressure and "unilaterally" convert hostels into family units. Parties to the National Housing Forum, which was set up last year, have agreed there is a need for "accommodation for both single people and families," he says.

He adds that all interested parties — authorities, hostel dwellers, civic and political organisations and trade unions — should reach consensus "through negotiations" on what needs to be done to hostels.



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Ratepayers' costs go up

REDUCED electricity sales and a substantial loss on the Johannesburg City Council's bus service had led to the council's R72,1m budget deficit this year, the city's management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

In his budget speech, Davidson announced that domestic tariffs, including water, gas, electricity and sewage, would increase by an average of 12,57%, while a 13,7% rise would be experienced by non-domestic consumers. Largest increases in tariffs would be gas, up 15,4% (domestic) and 15,9% (non-domestic), sewage (20%) and refuse (15% and 20%).

A Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal statement released yesterday said Johannesburg's white ratepayers had been treated too lightly in respect of black housing and development requirements. A new local government rating ordinance, under discussion at the House of Assembly and expected to come into effect on July 1 next year, could force increasing rates bills on Johannesburg residents.

Davidson said the ordinance would effectively remove a local authority's right to grant rate rebates in excess of 40%. Current rebates for domestic properties would remain at 55% for ordinary residences and 35% for townhouses and flats, for 1992-93, he said.

Squat among bureaucrats

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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FOR the past three months employees of the Alexandra Town Council near Johannesburg have been battling to carry out their administrative duties effectively because of the presence of dozens of displaced families in their offices.

"Sometimes I stumble on a couple exercising their conjugal rights when I come into the office in the morning," said local town clerk Willie Khumalo.

The families moved into the council offices in March after being hounded out of their homes by hostel-dwellers, believed to be IPF supporters, from the nearby Madala Hostel.

The destitute families occupied the offices to put pressure on the council authorities to do something about their plight. Most of the families moved in with children and they are exposed to the chilly winter conditions. CIP/MS 28/6/92.

Although the security forces have succeeded in restoring relative peace in the trouble-torn township, they have not been able to evict the invaders from the houses.

A resident said: "The police told us that it's not their duty to evict hostel inmates from our houses."

Khumalo said the matter was so serious that it had been referred to the Interim Crisis Committee (ICC), which consisted of various political organisations.

The crisis had forced the council to rent temporary offices nearby. Most employees had already moved to the new offices, Khumalo said.

"I'll follow in a week or two," said Khumalo, who moved into the former mayor's office after his was occupied by the families.

To an outer-space visitor the offices could easily be mistaken for waiting-rooms at a railway station in a Third World country. Noises vary from Primus stoves used for cooking meals to yelling infants and loud music which blares from portable radios.

Matters are made worse by the presence of a big beerhall in the council premises where most of the unemployed squatters spend the better part of the day.

Khumalo said: "We don't have many problems with them, except for young boys who occasionally drag girls around. Quite often the families co-operate with us."

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RESIDENTS in the more affluent parts of Johannesburg would be taking on a greater share of the cost of financing the city, council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last week

Announcing during his budget speech an aggregate 12,5% increase in domestic assessment rates, Davidson said: "Black areas generally have no tax base and are clearly entitled to share more meaningfully in the wealth generated in the region" This would be achieved in part by focusing on areas where property values were high

The council was committed to redressing "major inequities of the past" through more budgetary emphasis on assessment rates. He envisaged a new, nonracial form of metropolitan government. The higher assessment rates would provide council with additional income of about R213,5m, leaving a budget deficit of R43m.

"We are an integrated urban economy with Soweto as dependent on Johannesburg as Johannesburg is on Soweto. So too are we as much dependent on, say, Randburg and Sandton as they are on us

"When boundaries are drawn in the future they must encapsulate the total urban integrated economy in order to ensure

that the local government structures within such economic areas remain viable and effective," Davidson said

□ Tariffs for many municipal services in Johannesburg, including public golf course green fees, cemetery charges, and swimming pool and zoo entrance fees, would be increased by up to 100% from July 1, the Government Gazette announced

Green fees for the council's Huddle Park golf course — which ended the financial year more than R2,3m in deficit — would be raised from R11 to R22 for a weekday round and from R22 to R30 at the weekend. Ralph Stocker mashie course fees would rise from R3 to R6 during the week and from R6 to R10 at the weekend.

Interment charges at council cemeteries go up from R120 to R180 for adults and from R80 to R120 for children

Adult season tickets for council swimming pools, which lost almost R12m last year, would rise from R50 to R60, while entrance fees at the Johannesburg Zoo, R4,7m in deficit, would rise for adults from R2,30 to R6. Children less than two years old would still get in free

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Council asked to halt capital market loans

THE Civic Association of Johannesburg has warned the city council to put capital market loans on hold, saying it regards the municipality's present commitment of more than R750m "in a serious light"

Association general secretary Cas Coovadia could not comment on whether a future government would honour these loans, but said a future local authority controlling the city would be "extremely disadvantaged" by the loans

Coovadia said his organisation had a serious problem with raising such large loans now. A future local authority would have to evaluate very closely the purpose for which the money had been used.

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It appeared the money was not being used for what the civics regarded as priority projects, such as housing. He accused the council of acting unilaterally

On Soweto, for example, Johannesburg took the view that it would help as long as it did not get financially involved. "Johannesburg cannot absolve itself from the financial responsibility. The township contributes to Johannesburg's well-being"

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson had not commented at the time of going to press

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Politics makes buyers hesitate, says Geffen

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RECENT political events have seen activity in the residential property market decline as prospective buyers hesitate ahead of further developments

Lew Geffen of Lew Geffen Estates says there has been a drop in attendance on showdays and the market is in a freeze. The number of sellers has increased and, while prices have not really dropped, they have little upward potential until political matters are resolved.

"The increase in sellers is predominantly among the wealthy who have more choices. While the market is not as panicky as in 1986, there is a lot of emigration talk among the wealthy," he says

Pam Golding Properties director Ronald Ennik agrees, saying that once again it is the top end of the market that has reacted to political developments.

"It is too soon to know how great an effect the political developments have had on the market, but while it does not appear to be collapsing, activity is definitely slowing down at the upper end," he says

While showdays have been quiet, there is not as negative a reaction as would have been expected. Buyers are rather hesitant and fence-sitting

Seff Residential Properties Transvaal MD Bernard O'Riain says sales have slowed down as people are reluctant to commit themselves, but adds that the attendance on showday remains good.

"However, those sellers that have been holding out for months and refusing to accept certain offers are now having to accept lower prices, if there is a buyer. Some buyers are therefore looking at this as a buying opportunity," he says.

This has, however, started to sort out the real sellers from those that are not genuine. However, the middle to lower priced markets were still performing well.

The group has passed its R25,6m April sales record in Transvaal before the end of the month, with the average selling price being R203 000, O'Riain says. Ennik says the middle to lower market range is still performing well.

Geffen concurs, saying that the middle range is showing a 20% increase.

"The recent drop in the interest rate was overdue and is not nearly enough as there is still an enormous number of people who cannot afford housing, but it has assisted the market," he says.

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Hostel rent criticised

Sandton town councillor Elizabeth Clogg has condemned the management committee for budgeting R230 000 for the next financial year for rental of hostel space in Alexandra when the hostels are not being used. Council workers have not lived in the township since March last year when many fled the violence and moved into the Zandfontein cleansing depot — Staff Reporter

March on KwaMadala Hostel

BOIPATONG residents will march on KwaMadala Hostel tomorrow to demand the hostel's immediate closure, it was announced yesterday

In a joint statement, Cosatu and the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa said the march, which was decided upon at a meeting yesterday, would begin

at the Boipatong Stadium at noon ~~(2:15)~~
The move follows the Boipatong massacre on July 17 (127) ~~(2:15)~~

Iscor, which has long resisted calls to close the hostel, finally announced that it would close it and find alternative accommodation for its residents - *Sowetan Correspondent*

SABC threat provocative, says Cast

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A THREAT by the strike-hit SABC to take legal action against the black community for failing to pay TV licences could trigger off "mass reaction" from civic organisations.

Civic organisations said the SABC was acting in a provocative manner by threatening people while refusing to meet their demands.

The organisations said "if there is anybody that should be taken to court" it should be the SABC itself. They felt the SABC should be taken to task in view of its attitude

In a statement to *Sowetan*, the Soweto Civic Association said the black community have been denied their programmes despite the fact that they had paid their TV licences.

"The threat by the SABC to take legal action against the black community is unfortunate and at the same time provocative to say the least, the SCA said.

The Civics' Association of the Southern Transvaal said: "The SABC's threat will not solve the problem. The action itself is a reflection of arrogance and insensitivity. Action against the community will not succeed in shifting the attention from the real issues under discussion.

"Cast views this action as another form of union-bashing by the management and the regime. Action or no action, the exploited

By VICTOR TSUAI

will continue with the protest action in support of the workers' demands. Harassment and intimidation of the consumer will never break the commitment of the people."

A spokesman for the Krugersdorp Civic Association, Mr Peter Kute, said his organisation fully supported the Media Workers' Association of South Africa strikers and would soon announce a plan of action.

"There is a feeling in our community that the SABC is trying to push the people to the limit. The second-grade material which is beamed on CCV-TV clearly means that the viewers are being taken for a ride," Kute said.

Until the SABC board of directors is fully multiracial, there will always be a lamentable imbalance in the television programmes, according to Mr Japha Lekgetho of the Dobsonville Civic Association.

"Something drastic needs to be done to set things right at Auckland Park," Lekgetho charged. "Certain programmes are imposed on us and this never happens on the white channels. Right from the start, drastic measures need to be taken as a matter of urgency."

Boipatong hostel to close down soon

By Brian Sokutu

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Iscor management has pledged to close the KwaMadala hostel and house inmates at a block of flats in Vanderbijlpark

But despite the Iscor undertaking, made at a meeting with National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) officials yesterday, the union said residents would go ahead with today's march from Boipatong Stadium to KwaMadala.

While management yesterday met almost all union demands, no agreement could be reached on a time-table for the relocation of the hostel inmates.

Both parties agreed the hostel should be closed and no longer used to accommodate Iscor workers (27)

But the management offer to transfer hostel inmates to a Vanderbijlpark block of flats in a month's time was rejected by Numsa officials, who demanded that the inmates leave within seven days

"Our problem is that we would have to give the people occupying the block of flats a month's notice to leave before transferring KwaMadala hostel inmates," said Iscor delegation leader Hannes Viljoen.

Ratepayers shed apathy and lash out

RATEPAYERS' protests are increasing as ordinary people demand to be involved in city government decisions.

Randburg's City Council has for weeks been besieged by residents furious about the Zevenfontein squatter issue.

A week ago, Sandton residents made their point clear when they walked out of a Sandton Town Council meeting after an unpopular decision was taken.

On Tuesday, during a monthly Johannesburg City Council meeting, residents of Johannesburg's northern suburbs joined people from Mayfair and Pageview and civic association leaders in a silent protest against the planned A3 highway.

A banner reading "A3 — undemocratic council wrecks communities" was unfurled in the council chamber, startling city councillors.

Deputy mayor Les DASHY al-

LOWISE BURGERS
Municipal Reporter

lowed the banner to be displayed for five minutes

The last similar protest was about two years ago when Act-stop members were allowed to address the council on their grievances concerning Hill-brow.

A memorandum was presented to management committee and opposition leaders, rejecting the proposed A3 highway as "politically repulsive and unprofessional."

The A3 is planned to link Main Reef Road in the west and Barry Hertzog in the north and Barry Hertzog in the north Nassim Pahad, representing the Mayfair Civic Association and the ANC's Johannesburg West branch, said after the demonstration that the project reflected the political development of the 1950s, when the Government decided to sepa-

rate the Indian and white communities of Mayfair with the A3 highway. The project was shelved for lack of funds.

Pahad said the city council had no right to make decisions on behalf of disfranchised communities without taking residents' views into account. "There will be a new city council within five years, with different priorities. They must stop the A3 now."

Federation of Eastern Johannesburg Residents and Ratepayers representative Graham Bailey said the A3 was an example of political opportunism and insensitivity.

Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group secretary Conrad Berge has warned councillors that angry ratepayers, keeping an eye on civic affairs, are prepared to act where necessary. Sandton residents staged their walkout at last month's Sandton Town Council meeting when a motion calling for re-

establishing the Section 59 committee to investigate and advise on new structures for local government was refused.

Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations (Sanfed) chairman Gail Daus said ratepayers believed the committee was disbanded in May because the management committee could see that it was not achieving its objectives.

"The main thrust of our objections is that by disbanding the committee they have shut us out. Our greatest concern is that we are not being included in discussions on the restructuring of local government."

Sanfed's first major victory was in halting a multimillion-rand roads plan for Sandton. "We keep hammering away in order to present a united voice, and we have 24 members who represent all but one formally constituted ratepayers' association in Sandton," she said.

Hostels a shaky urban foothold for migrants

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IT WAS Nancefield hostel in Soweto which gave Meshack Dladla his first foothold in urban South Africa. "When I came here from Natal I knew I had no right to my own accommodation in the township, so I went straight to the hostel," he recalls.

Dladla, like his father, found work in the steel industry but never believed he too would spend his entire adult life as a migrant worker. "My aim was to work for a short time, make the money I needed and go back. But the money has just never been enough," he says. Nineteen years after his first night in a hostel bunk, Dladla is still living that way, and wishing he didn't.

The debate around the future of South Africa's hostels has simmered since the first clashes with township residents in 1990. It flamed after the Boipatong massacre and the role in the slaughter of men from KwaMadala hostel.

The issue is complicated, not just because of conflicting political agendas, but because no matter what is decided, Dladla and countless others will still have to put together lives that have been stretched out painfully between two worlds. He has a family in KwaZulu, a piece of land and some cattle, goats and chickens, and he doesn't

HOSTELS, at the epicentre of the violence, face an uncertain future, says Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN.

want to give that up. He also has doubts about the city ways. "It is painful to see children with no respect for older people," he says. But what troubles him most is that he sees his wife and children just twice a year. "The worst is the loneliness," he says.

To that has been added the violence of the past two years in which hostels have been at the epicentre. "Today you are okay, tomorrow there is a fight," says Dladla.

That kind of uncertain-

‘Even if there are men who want single quarters, there is no need to house them like that.’

— Pallo Jordan

ty caused Morris Madziba to leave the Soweto hostel where he had lived for eight years. A shop steward in the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa), Madziba says he sometimes came home late from union meetings and found himself under scrutiny from others in the hostel. "This

thing only started this year," he says. "They used to ask 'where are you coming from? Is it a union meeting?' They used to have their own meetings and we were forced to attend. If you did not attend they became suspicious."

Madziba, cruelly, ran into more suspicion when he left the hostel and moved into a backyard shack. "As a Zulu-speaker, people wanted to know why I had left the hostel," he says. "It was lucky that some union people protected me."

Madziba's story seems to reflect the views of Numsa, the ANC and others — that workers have been driven out of Reef hostels to create barracks for Inkatha fighters.

ANC information chief Pallo Jordan says there is no inherent animosity between hostel dwellers and township residents. "In most cases where there has been conflict, supporters of IFP have driven out the hostel residents first. It is a section of the hostel dwellers who support the IFP who have been used to clash with township residents."

The IFP's Themba Khoza dismisses this as "an attempt to defame Inkatha. It is made up by naive journalists," he says. He is supported by

Joseph Kubeka, chairman of the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association (THRA). Kubeka, who joined his father in Soweto's Merafe hostel in 1982, insists the THRA is non-aligned.

Every organisation is still to be found in the hostels," he says. "It is just that some are not taking care of their members. When a hostel man is attacked, they say he is IFP, but maybe they attacked someone who was going to vote for them. They don't always know what is in a man's heart."

This bitter dispute over the role of hostels in the violence has generated much of the fog currently clouding discussion about their future.

There are two key issues on which most sides seem to agree. The first is that most hostels desperately need improving. "Even if there are men who want single quarters, there is no need to house them like that," says Jordan. The second is that the hostel dwellers

‘We made the mistake of not paying enough attention to the hostels.’

— Unionist

themselves need to be in on the decision.

"The people in the hostels must decide if they want them converted to family housing," says Khoza. "The Government used to say do this and that without consulting us," says Kubeka. "Now some of our black brothers are doing the same thing."

Just who speaks for the hostel dwellers is not clear. One veteran of the labour movement believes that "unions made a mistake a few years ago. In many areas our strongest membership was in the hostels. But our leadership has become more educated, skilled township people and we made the mistake of not paying enough attention to the hostels." Even so, both Dladla and Madziba and many other migrants still see unions as their voice.

In the long term, politics may count for less than purse strings. In May, the Government allocated R294.6 million for "the upgrading of hostels or their conversion into family units." That sort of money will hardly touch sides when viewed against the country's overall housing crisis. And with no guarantees that the national cake will get bigger, the size of every slice is going to be contested.

AFTER BOIPATONG, A NEW FEAR GRIPS THE TOWNSHIPS OF TERROR

TRAPPED IN THE PEOPLE PRISONS

Special report by EZRA MANTINI

RESIDENTS of seven sprawling Vaal Triangle townships have become virtual prisoners in their own towns, their lives ruled by a powerful new community body calling itself the Broad Forum.

The forum was formed in the wake of the Boipatong massacre by rival political groups — including the ANC, the PAC and Azapo — who buried their differences to seize control of the area.

Its first action was to impose an "enforced protection" programme, under which residents are prevented from leaving the townships — or going to work — unless they can provide "acceptable" reasons for doing so.

Even then, they have to be escorted by Broad Forum marshals.

Campaign leaders say the move is for residents' own protection, but many — who will not be named for fear of reprisals — are desperately unhappy with the situation.

EXTENDED

Residents of the seven areas — Boipatong, Orange Farm, Palm Springs, Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong and Evaton — are observing a work stayaway out of fear rather than conviction.

At Monday's funeral service for 37 victims of the June 17 killings, local political leaders endorsed both the stayaway and a consumer boycott, saying they should be extended to all townships in the Vaal Triangle.

The campaign is being orchestrated by the Broad Forum, which consists of senior members of the ANC, Azapo, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu and the local civic organisation.

Azapo regional organiser Tshepo Sebuse, who is in the Broad Forum leadership, said "We are not keeping people from going to town against their will. These measures are taken for their own protection. After the killings, people felt it was no longer safe to go to the city."

He said last week a number of township residents were attacked in Vereeniging by people they believed were from Kwamadala hostel, which has been linked to the Boipatong massacre.

"Of their own accord, residents then decided they should form structures and operations to ensure their safety," said Mr Sebuse.

VOLUNTARY

"It was decided that anyone wishing to go to town should report to his street committee leader or branch leader and explain the purpose of the visit. Those leaders arrange for youths or a marshal to accompany that person to town and back.

"Residents do not see it as being enforced. It's done voluntarily," he said.

But frightened residents have condemned the restrictions on their movements, even though they support the consumer boycott.

Said one: "We support the boycott as a protest against the killings, but having to be accompanied by youths to the bank, for example, sends a chill down the spine. You have to be sure to give the marshals a healthy tip as well, so they don't get tempted to rob you."

"Why should youths monitor our moves as though we are in some prison yard?"

Mr Sebuse said the forum realised it would take

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time for some people to get used to the restrictions.

"But I think it is necessary that they are encouraged to follow and abide by what their fellow residents have decided.

"The leadership has not restrained anyone wishing to go to town. We have not set any rules, either.

"Residents have decided to monitor themselves and encourage others who do not abide by the decisions."

Cars are also being stopped and searched for unspecified items at unofficial roadblocks manned by youths throughout the area.

In Boipatong, where anti-white feelings are running high, almost half the streets are marked by trenches, some nearly two metres deep.

Since the massacre, police have kept a low profile in Vaal Triangle townships lest their presence ignite volatile feelings.

SAP spokesman Colonel Reg Crewe confirmed that

local police found it difficult to move through the townships because of the barricades and trenches but said they were still maintaining a presence around the hostels, particularly Kwamadala.

"Searching people and vehicles is illegal. We will act on any complaints we receive about this," he said.

Local leaders say the consumer boycott was a spontaneous reaction by residents after they saw delivery trucks from the OK, Premier Milling and Star Bakery making deliveries to Kwamadala hostel the day after the massacre.

"No word or directive came from the Broad Forum," said Cosatu national organising secretary Zweluzima Vave.

"It was spontaneous and residents decided not to go to work or town in protest against the killings. It was their own decision."

Exempted

"If people want to go to town, there is no shortage of manpower or marshals to escort them."

Spokesmen for the OK and Premier Milling said yesterday they had not made any deliveries to the hostel after the massacre.

The boycott will continue indefinitely, but some Indian traders in the city will be exempted because of their sympathy with the struggle.

They will be issued with stickers to give to customers to ensure they are not victimised for shopping in town.

Local leaders have also handed a memorandum to Iscor, demanding the company get rid of the "wrong elements" in Kwamadala hostel.

Iscor was also asked to urge other industries not to take action against workers who joined the stayaway.

The stayaway has now been suspended and workers are due to return to their jobs tomorrow.

ECONOMY CAUSES MANY TO STOP PAYING BONDS AND LOSE HOMES

Forced house sales hit new high

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By EVE VOSLOO

PROPERTY repossessions and sales in execution have reached unprecedented levels in Cape Town as people give up the struggle to hang on to their homes.

"It has gone beyond a joke," Mr Andre Hablutzel of J J Hofmeyr and Sons, incorporating W A Mills Auctioneers, said this week.

"People are losing their jobs and are losing their homes," he said "The lower to middle-income group seem to be the hardest hit"

Mr Hablutzel blamed the economy "Prices keep on rising and salaries just have not kept up A family's house, with its heavy bond repayment, is the first thing that goes when people are struggling Often they have no option"

Mr Hablutzel said the situation would get worse before it improved

"The financial institutions have been

soft-peddling up to a point to try to accommodate people," he said However, this could not continue indefinitely

Mr Hablutzel said reports of banks buying back houses for R10 were unfair A high price would mean high transfer fees which would be added to the previous owner's debt The bank often had to keep the house for three to five years before it could recover its money in a resale

He said the Cape Town property market had been high since about 1989 and the repossessions were part of the process by which the market was settling down to a more realistic level

Mr Henry Marcus of another highly experienced auctioneering firm, John Marcus and Sons, agreed that many more people than usual were forfeiting their homes to the economy

"It has not yet reached stagnation point but there is a definite downward trend," he said

"I think there's no hope that it will get better in the next six to 12 months."

Mr Marcus said lending institutions were trying to help by, for instance, extending the repayment period of loans

"But when people lose their jobs or businesses fold there is not much the building societies can do"

Property prices were going down, he said, and there were fewer sales and purchases

"People are hanging on to what they've got, rather than buying and selling"

Those who were buying were being extremely choosy, he said, and were looking around thoroughly.

Symptom

Mr Marcus said property purchases by overseas buyers did not make up a large percentage of the market and he did not think they would affect the downward trend

"We are all hoping the situation will improve but at the moment there seems to be little light at the end of the tunnel"

A general manager at the headquarters of the Perm in Johannesburg, Mr Dave Harrison, said this week the repossessions were, regrettably, a symptom of a sick economy

"Until the economy stabilises and starts to grow, in the short term we will probably continue to see a high number of repossessions compared to a few years ago."

A spokesman for the United Bank in Cape Town said the bank had recorded a slight drop in repossessions, or buy-ins, in June

"We are looking at each case very carefully and where there's a chance that the person can survive and keep their house we are making arrangements to allow them to do so"

Former Phola Park leaders

Set to attempt a comeback

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A POWER struggle has developed in the East Rand's Phola Park squatter camp in the wake of continued police action.

Moves were afoot among Phola Park residents to reinstate a group that were the self-appointed leaders of the camp until ousted by a militant faction earlier this year, sources said at the weekend.

The sources said the new leaders had plunged the camp into chaos by taking over its defence units and using them for attacks on security forces and private vehicles travelling in the vicinity.

Some members of the self-proclaimed Interim Residents' Committee claimed to be members of the ANC. Urkhonto we Sizwe (MK). They appointed themselves in March this year after ousting at gunpoint the original Phola Park Residents' Committee, headed by Prince Mhlambi, the sources said.

"The people of Phola Park, who are now being harassed by the police, are calling for the dissolution of the interim committee, whose members stand accused of misusing the people's money."

The sources alleged the committee members had not bought ammunition, as promised, with money they collected from the community. "The people want their money back they also want the reinstatement of Mhlambi and his committee."

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It is understood Mhlambi has pledged to normalise relations with the police if he is returned to power. The police have said they will remain active in the area until peace and normality have been restored.

Three weeks ago police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said MK renegades and former Renamo instructors had hijacked the squatter camp's defence units.

Opperman said the MK rebels had used firearms to murder people and to rob financial institutions and people in and around Phola Park — "even as far afield as Soweto and Bethlehem".

Zangisile Mathiso, a Phola Park resident, claimed recently that the 60-member Residents' Committee headed by Mhlambi was ousted after allegations that it had embezzled community funds and taken part in the local dispute resolution committee without the community's permission.

Sources said at the weekend unruly elements bent on perpetrating atrocities in the camp had spread the rumour Mhlambi and his committee were "corrupt".

They added "The participation of Mhlambi and his committee in the dispute resolution committee had the full support of the community, which wanted to restore peace in the area."

Civic members begin training

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THE Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) is preparing its members for a new constitutional dispensation by having them trained in local government. 6/10/97

ACO official Mzwanele Mayekiso is leaving for the US within weeks for study at the New York Pratt Institute. 6/17/97

He said at the weekend it was imperative civic leaders knew how local government worked.

During his stay in the US Mayekiso would talk to educational institutions about establishing a "coherent local government training programme" for ACO members. Foreign governments would be approached for funds.

He said that in spite of its members having received training in local government, the organisation would not contest future local government elections. But individual members would be free to stand in elections under party political banners.

"Even in the new SA there will be a need for a strong, independent civic movement to ensure that councillors deliver the goods to their constituents."

Residents have new plan for squatters

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By Shirley Woodgate

North Rand residents have bypassed Transvaal Provincial Administration plans for squatter settlement and will soon announce a far-reaching urbanisation strategy designed to serve as a blueprint for the rest of the country

Faced with the relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters by July 31, the umbrella Crocodile Valley Authority (CVA) has rejected ad hoc TPA plans to move the 1300 families to two sites in Diepsloot and Nietgedacht

Instead, the CVA, which represents residents' associations from Hartbeesfontein to Chartwell, has liaised with all interested parties in the region, and believes it is on the brink of a negotiated settlement that will receive widespread acceptance

CVA spokesman Rick Massey said the imminent breakthrough

was based on the Greenbelt Action Group's structure plan for the region, paid for by the residents

"Central to the plan is the granting of some form of governing status for the area, so that we have the authority and control to go ahead," he said

This would fly directly in the face of plans, due to be heard by the Demarcation Board on August 16, to extend the boundaries of Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg to include the greenbelt

The CVA orderly urbanisation proposal includes proper town-planning principles and ongoing negotiation with all parties, then identification of sites to be developed according to a specific type of urban structure with sound commercial and industrial infrastructure

Dr Massey said the only way to relocate the Zevenfontein squatters was as part of a properly designed town planning strategy based on certain criteria, including accessibility to

work, transport and infrastructure "We put these criteria on a map and identified a suitable area where we are trying to come up with a deal which will lead to negotiated settlement rather than expropriation"

Included in the plan are second-order nodes with rural characteristics, described as small villages to be developed along the "perma-culture" approach, which includes planned integration into the community

During negotiations, the CVA approached large companies to become involved in a consortium which will provide a holistic plan for the entire sub-region, with the full co-operation of the land-owners.

"The land-owners who have been kept in the picture are overwhelmingly positive and the Zevenfontein squatters believe this strategy will work in their favour," Dr Massey said

"The civic associations have been involved and they too have made input to the overall plan"

TV defaulters taken to court

■ **CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS** warn of mass action as SABC

cracks down on pirate viewing in Atteridgeville:

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By Monk Nkomo

A LARGE number of Atteridgeville, Pretoria, residents were this week prosecuted in the local magistrate's court for failing to pay television licences

The crackdown on defaulters by the South African Broadcasting Corporation was condemned by residents who accused the SABC of demanding payment of licences "but not delivering the goods"

A large number of those who failed to pay the licences appeared in the local magistrate's court and most of them paid admission of guilt fines of up to R50 each for contempt of court

They were charged with having unlawfully used their television sets without being in possession of permits or valid television licences since October last year

The accused were ordered to pay their licence fees and warned that failure to do so would lead to their arrest. The penalty on conviction by a court of law could be a fine not exceeding R2 000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months

Angry residents complained that there had been a news blackout on black television services since the strike by members of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa)

The strike enters its seventh week today. Residents also charged that there was no longer live coverage of sports events, especially soccer matches. "What are we paying

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— Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal

for?" one resident asked

Civic organisations last week warned the SABC that legal action against the black community could trigger off mass action

The Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), in a statement released last week, said "The SABC's action is a reflection of arrogance and insensitivity. Action against the community will not succeed in shifting the attention from the real issues under discussion

"Cast views this action as another form of union-bashing by the management and the regime." Striking workers at the SABC are demanding a 20 percent across-the-board increase

Senior white SABC employees sent a letter to management last week, expressing fears that unless the dispute was quickly resolved, there could be racial polarisation when the workers resumed their duties

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Civics seek national boycotts

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco), with 700 local-level affiliates, has thrown its weight behind the ANC-led campaign of rolling mass action by calling for a nationwide "rent" and bond boycott to come into effect by August 1

The move was announced in Johannesburg yesterday as part of a programme of action drawn up by the Sanco general council meeting at the weekend

Additional forms of pressure and protest in the plan include

- Mass meetings convened by local civic organisations on

August 1, followed by marches to local government offices to demand the disbanding of all forms of apartheid local government, from tribal authorities to white councils

● The breaking off of all local level negotiations on the restructuring of municipal and metropolitan government

Talks on the improvement of services to the townships may, however, continue

● A possible consumer boycott, with "selective patronage" of certain outlets

Deputy president Letsheza Tsenoli said it was not concidental that the D-Day for meeting the civic movement's demands was just two days before the general strike proposed by Cosatu

"The civics have stated as a matter of policy that, while

we are independent and non-partisan, we will align ourselves with those campaigns that in our opinion advance the interests of residents of this country" Since its launch, Sanco has been a vigorous proponent of the notions of multiparty interim government and an elected constituent assembly

Sanco campaign officer Kgabisi Mosunkutu said the national civic movement was aiming at a "far more comprehensive" boycott of rent, service tariff payments and bond repayments than had been achieved in the past

There was no way that township residents were going to continue to make these payments to institutions of a Government that had been proved to be corrupt and was impli-

cated in violence against the people, said Mr Mosunkutu

Sanco president Moses Malyekiso said the boycott of bond repayments was planned mainly because "big business are the people that have a voice that can be used to influence the Government to accede to democratic demands and to stop violence"

Mr Tsenoli added that the banks also had to be persuaded to change their lending policies "To date, they had failed to make loans to all but a tiny minority of people

The specific demands which were formulated by the Sanco general council were that

- When national negotiations resume, they do so under a neutral convener drawn from abroad
- An interim government be

installed "as soon as possible" in tandem with an international peace-keeping force

- All apartheid forms of local government be disbanded

● The Government cease unilateral restructuring of local government and making laws to achieve this

● Hostels which have been used as fortresses against communities be demolished and other hostels rapidly converted into family accommodation

Sanco firmly intended breaking with the tradition of simply lobbying for change, yesterday's statement said "All civic efforts are directed towards liberating the country for a majority rule government, based on one person, one vote"

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Anger over estate agents' ads

By Monica Oosterbroek

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Estate agents using the controversial squatter issue to sell houses have infuriated several readers of the Saturday Star's property section

"Look Ma! No Squatters" was the message prominently displayed in an advert placed by Denton-Miller Estates

The advertisement continued to describe the house as being "far from the ghettos of the New South Africa".

Another estate agent, Jack Thompson Country Living, was selling "selected properties away from the squatters"

One woman phoned Allen

Denton-Miller of Denton Miller Estates and told him he was a "pig" and would "stoop to anything to sell a house"

Defending his advertisement, Mr Denton-Miller said the squatter issue had a dramatic effect on the selling of houses because many people felt the value of their homes would drop if squatters moved to the area

"In fact, prices will not be affected too badly, but potential home-owners don't want to take that risk and it's an aspect most talked about by buyers at the moment," Mr Denton-Miller said

"We must tell buyers if there is a squatter problem So why

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can't we state if it isn't — especially since it is a wonderful selling point?" he said

Estate Agents Board chairman Norman Nel said estate agents were obliged to tell potential buyers of any negative aspects which could affect their investment, and this included the possibility of squatters moving into the neighbourhood

He said there had been several cases this year where house sales had fallen through because agents were not upfront about the presence of squatters

Although agents knew the dynamics of their areas fairly well, it was difficult for them to assure buyers that a squatter camp would not appear in the area, Mr Nel said

Police promise 24-hour hostel watch

By Zingisa Mkhuma

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Police have given an undertaking that the Iscor-owned KwaMadala hostel in Boipatong near Vanderbijlpark will be kept under 24-hour surveillance by the security forces.

The undertaking from Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe was made at the second preliminary hearing of the Goldstone

Commission of Inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre

Mr Justice R J Goldstone said the commission had been informed by counsel for the police that General van der Merwe had undertaken to ensure

● A continuous police presence to monitor the comings and goings of all persons at the KwaMadala hostel

● The SAP would take all reasonable steps to

monitor the situation at hostels and their surroundings which were currently known to be sources of unrest

The SADF had given an assurance to the commission through its counsel that it would also maintain a round-the-clock presence in the vicinity of the KwaMadala hostel and the Boipatong area

The Star yesterday noted a heavy security police presence outside

KwaMadala hostel

In Meadowlands, Soweto, four police Caspirs were seen in the vicinity of the local hostel

In Dobsonville, a police truck stood next to the hostel which was recently partly demolished by local residents. There was no visible sign of security forces at Dube and Nancefield hostels

All the hostels mentioned, except for KwaMadala, are not fenced off.

Mayekiso no to bonds ⁽¹²⁾

TOWNSHIP residents have been asked to stop paying rent, house bonds and heed a call for a national consumer boycott from August 1.

This call was made at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday by Mr Moses Mayekiso, president of the South African National Civics Association (Sanco)

Mayekiso, who is also general secretary of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa said the boycott was part of the mass action called by the African National Congress and its allies.

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Eskom supplies threatened

RAMPANT crime in Soweto was threatening the continued provision of electricity to the township, Eskom said yesterday.

Eskom spokesman Paul Maré said in a statement employees were afraid of working in Soweto because of the alarming incidence of crime

And the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) claimed criminals were targeting Telkom and Putco workers

Maré said a number of Eskom vehicles had been hijacked in the township recently, and last week a cashier was robbed of R15 000 at one of the utility's pay outlets

"Two weeks ago, cable workers working in the township were shot at after their vehicle had been forcibly taken by a group of youths," he said, adding that none of the workers was injured.

A Soweto police spokesman could not confirm any of the incidents yesterday

Maré said Eskom was committed to rendering service in Soweto "but we cannot

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afford to continue exposing our staff to danger"

While staff members were "nervous" about working in the township Eskom was not considering withdrawing its services from Soweto.

He said the Soweto community should "care for our workers so that we can get on with the great task ahead"

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya condemned the criminal activities, which he said were largely concentrated in Diepkloof and were directed not only at Eskom's workers but also at Telkom and Putco employees.

"Development cannot be hampered by ordinary criminals. We will urge our branches and block committees to act against thuggery," Lephunya said.

He said the SCA could help Eskom's

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employees by providing them with "bodyguards"

Soweto civic leader Nthato Motlana concurred with Lephunya, saying "We need to protect Eskom workers"

Motlana said if attacks on Eskom's personnel were tolerated there would come a time when "meter readers will have to be protected with machine-guns — just like in South America"

Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative member

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Shimane Khumalo said the attacks were "unfortunate and disturbing as they are interrupting essential services"

Putco MD Jack Visser said he had heard there were problems in Diepkloof but had not received "a clear message that it is serious"

Eskom recently took over the supply of electricity in Greater Soweto — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — from local municipalities

Selling 'holistic' lifestyles

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NBS Devco's business lies in the sale of "holistic" lifestyles, an example of which is the Dower areas development in Edenvale, says Transvaal regional manager Tom van der Merwe

When complete, the 125ha Edenvale site will incorporate parklands, a lake, six housing developments and a small shopping centre

"We wanted to create an enriched community whose park-like environment, good security and quality of life typified a holistic lifestyle," Van der Merwe said.

"To enhance the area's appeal we also designed a shopping centre which is currently under construction and due for completion in September."

Known as Dowerglen Plaza, the 2 239m², R5,7m centre is a NBS Devco and Gallic joint venture

The township developments will provide about 1 000 houses on completion in 1994

Zevenfontein demo at JCI offices

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About 30 "greenbelt" residents protested outside the JCI headquarters in Fox Street, Johannesburg, yesterday morning against the proposed relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters into the areas of Nietgedacht, Nootgedacht and Diepsloot

One of the protesters then took a letter to the chairman and board of directors of JCI. Police monitored the protest but took no action.

The Zevenfontein squatters are due to be moved before July 31 after an agreement to that effect was signed by the TPA, JCI and the Chartwell Local Action Committee

Protesters complained that JCI had used the agreement to protect its investment in the plush Dainfern Country Club near Zevenfontein

One protester said "JCI are using the TPA to protect their investment. In the process they are destroying a community's life savings"

Crime threat to Soweto power

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The soaring crime rate in Soweto is threatening the electricity supply to the township, according to an Eskom statement

Eskom yesterday said its operation in Soweto was falling victim to criminals. Last week a cashier at one of Eskom's pay outlets was robbed at gunpoint of R15 000

This followed incidents in which nine Eskom vehicles were hijacked and cable workers in the area were shot at after their vehicle was forcibly taken by a group of youths.

Eskom project manager for Soweto, Paul Mare, said the quality and level of service

Eskom could offer consumers depended on the amount of co-operation the electricity utility could get

"We are committed to give our best, but we cannot afford to continue losing equipment and vehicles and exposing our staff to danger," Mr Mare said — Sapa

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Crime rate fear

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■ Eskom takes over but outstanding bills are still payable to Soweto council:

SOWETO RESIDENTS must still pay their electricity arrears despite the fact that power is now supplied by Eskom

The housing director of the Soweto Council, Mrs Estelle Bester, yesterday said this to several residents were protesting the council's refusal to give them clearance cer-

tificates. These are needed for the registration of bonds or transferring a house.

Mr Paul Maree, a spokesman for Eskom, said it had reached an agreement with the council on the settlement of the bill the council owed Eskom.

An agreement was also reached

that Eskom supply electricity directly to residents. Transactions before the takeover, however, were not affected by the agreement.

This means that residents, some owing over R2000 for electricity, must still pay amounts owing before getting any specific service from the council.

Forum will take over decisions on hostels

DECISIONS on the future of workers' hostels in the PWV would be turned over from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to a national housing and development forum, the TPA agreed this week.

The forum would be created by the housing task group, a sub-committee of the Central Metropolitan Witwatersrand Chamber. It would meet next week to frame the forum's constitution, terms of reference and funding.

Hostel residents, owners and administrators, and people who lived near hostels would be included in the forum, charged with formulating short- and long-term strategies for dealing with the hostel problem. It was agreed that initiatives should recognise that accommodation was required by single people and families.

The forum would take charge of more than R50m allocated by government last month for the restructuring of 13 hostels in Johannesburg, Soweto and Alexandra.

Chamber CE Vic Milne said the TPA had intended to retain new hostel initiatives under its own ambit but had agreed this week to use the more representative chamber structure as an interim measure.

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports that TPA deputy director Len Dekker said violence would increase if government went ahead with its plans to transform hostels without consensus from all parties.

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Responding to claims that government had ignored the Goldstone commission's recommendations, particularly with regard to hostels, Dekker said government had not been able to get hostel residents, owners and residents from surrounding communities to agree on plans.

"We are accused of dragging our feet, but if we go in and make changes unilaterally we will only cause more violence than before," said Dekker. "In most cases we have not even managed to get people around the table — and when they do get together they only want to fight."

The ANC had demanded that all single-sex hostels be converted to family units, but the issue was not so simple, said Dekker. Many single hostel dwellers opposed plans to convert hostels into family units. Many wanted them upgraded, others wanted them destroyed.

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday that fencing hostels could cause further conflict, our Political Staff reports.

He told the NP national youth congress in Stellenbosch he did not want to fight with Judge Richard Goldstone, but it should never be forgotten that there were people living in the hostels.

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Some loose strings

One of the major concerns about Johannesburg City Council's budget is its deficit financing. Another is the lack of progress on the controversial issue of cross-subsidisation involving neighbouring Soweto.

But, as management committee chairman Ian Davidson admitted in his recent budget speech "There is the distinct possibility that joint administrations will be imposed on local authorities from January 1, and that, at the very least, mandatory revenue-sharing will come into force from that date."

Wits University local government expert and *Juta's RSC* editor David Solomon says the fact that there is no contingency plan in the Johannesburg budget to enable the council to "take over the administration of services in Soweto" is disturbing.

Johannesburg, says the council, is meeting its obligations to Soweto via the regional services council.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne says the crisis in Greater Soweto over finances and the provision of services, which led to the suspension of activity by the Metropolitan Chamber, has still not been resolved.

The breaking point was the withdrawal on April 2 by Soweto Civic Association from the Greater Soweto Negotiating Forum.

One of the reasons for the crisis is the demand by civics for the full involvement of Johannesburg in the provision of services. At the last chamber meeting on June 10 an ad hoc committee, including Johannesburg representation, was appointed to negotiate a package to resolve the deadlock.

Last year's assessment rate rises hit particularly hard at the affluent, to ensure that they contributed more than the less well off, but, as Davidson admits, they also resulted in many aberrations. His justification for last year's shocker is "that we are now financially more soundly structured than we have been for decades."

Aggregate municipal rate increases will be 12,5% for domestic users and 13,7% for nondomestic ratepayers.

Electricity is set to rise by 11,25% and 13,5% for domestic and nondomestic consumers respectively (Small businesses will, however, pay less than before.) Water tariff increases are 12,93% and 10,34%. These tariffs could rise further, says the council, if Eskom and the Rand Water Board raise charges more than expected in the year ahead.

The charges for cleansing services increase by 15% (domestic) and 20% (nondomestic) — a cost Johannesburg businessmen are prepared to pay, says council, and 15% for container services.

Rate rebates will stay at 55% for houses and 35% for townhouses, cluster homes, flats and the like. Davidson warns, however, that a new Local Government Rating Ordinance from next July may remove the right of a local authority to grant rebates above 40%. This means the present rebate for ordinary homes will have to be reduced over a five-year period to 40%.

What local authorities welcome in the draft ordinance is that they will be allowed to rate mining land, have a little more scope in the rating of improvements, and more flexibility in rate remissions and exemptions for certain classes of property.

Additional income from the rate and tariff increases is expected to be R213,5m — about R43m short for a balanced budget. In fact, the deficit will rise to R72m by the end of the current year. It is still possible, however, that last year's deficit will be reduced as a result of greater electricity demand because of the cold snap. It is understood that R10m has already been wiped off the R72m deficit because of the winter weather.

The council is determined to adopt various measures to move it into the black. Among them halting the creation of posts and the filling of vacancies, reduction of locomotion allowances, the sale of some land from council's estimated R700m portfolio, reconsideration of commitments to staff medical and pension funds, and the adoption of a more cost-effective vehicle replacement policy.

Aside from land sales, however, it is difficult to see how these measures can translate into an extra R72m. Council suggests it could reduce this deficit by R30m in 1992-1993, adding that, short of raising rates and tariffs further, it is prepared to have some deficit financing. ■

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Testing the power of the people

The proposed A3 arterial highway is causing an uproar in Johannesburg's Mayfair suburb. The road is planned to link the junction of Barry Hertzog Avenue and Empire Road with Klipriviersberg Road in the south (see map).

The six-lane highway will cut through the suburbs of Vrededorp, Pageview and Mayfair. The heart of the problem, say Mayfair residents, is that it will cut their suburb in half, isolate mosques, and separate schools from parks and community swimming pools.

Mayfair Residents' Association spokesman Nassim Pahad charges that the Johannesburg City Council's road construction plans, resuscitated from those drawn up in the Fifties, are being implemented without adequate consultation, with insufficient motivation and will cause considerable difficulties for Mayfair residents.

Pahad says the irony is that the proposed highway will not help, as is intended, the

only four principal access points to central Johannesburg on an east-west axis," he claims. "All the A3 will do is divert incoming traffic away from Empire Road and Jan Smuts Avenue and concentrate it along roads which are already hopelessly clogged."

Asherson says the rapid development of Randburg, many of whose residents earn their living in Johannesburg, has resulted in a difficult situation at the intersection of Empire and Jan Smuts, which he describes as the busiest road junction in the northern region. He insists something must be done to alleviate the problem. Defending the decision to go ahead with the road, he stresses, "Whatever anyone might say, the underlying planning of the A3 and the needs which have motivated it are such that the highway is not being constructed as an exclusive northern suburbs executive arterial."

Pahad remains unconvinced. "There you are," he retorts, "the DP is simply construct-

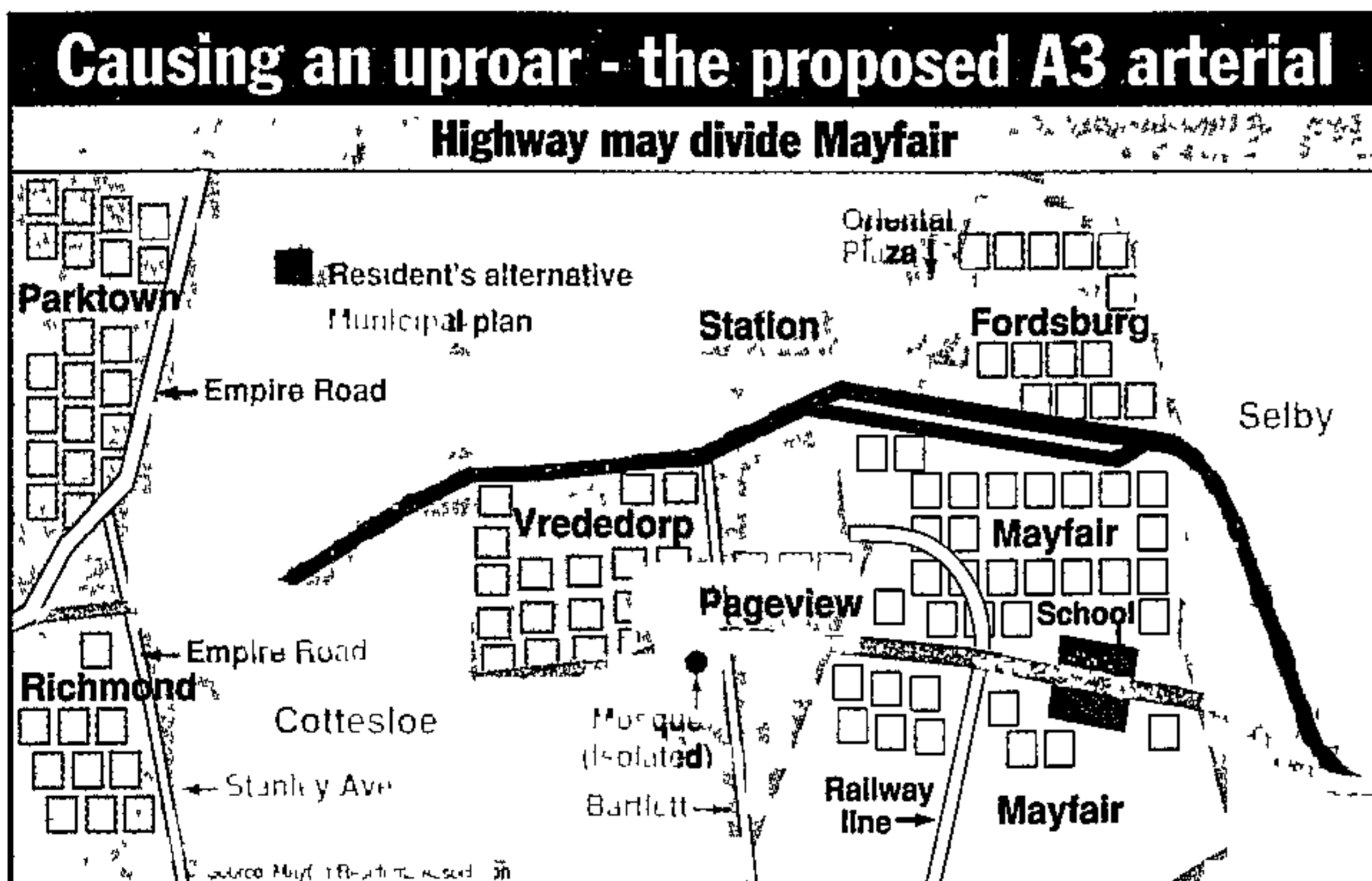
cates they may be quite acceptable. We certainly are not wedded to present council plans." He adds that a meeting with Pahad and his committee is scheduled for Monday.

Work on the A3 has begun with the construction of a solitary flyover in Richmond, close to the junction of Empire Road and Barry Hertzog Avenue. Acting director of the council's metropolitan planning department, Liam Clarke, says the estimated cost of the A3 is R150m — half of the amount being freely quoted by some sources.

Pahad says house prices in Mayfair have dropped significantly since the council's plans were made known. He also claims the council has bought a number of properties in the line of the proposed A3. Asherson confirms the council has almost completed its buying programme but he will not say when expropriations will begin.

Mayfair is an interesting social phenomenon. For years it was treated as a white preserve under the Group Areas Act. In defiance of the Act, Indian families began to move into the suburb some years ago, and, since legal limitations were lifted, it has become a predominantly Indian community. Mayfair was recently rated as having the highest value of home improvements in Johannesburg.

Pahad says the spirit of the Mayfair community has been revitalised. "We don't want to see all our hard work destroyed by a highway which will do little for our community other than divide it geographically and harm our land values."



flow of traffic to and from Johannesburg CBD. "This was a political decision made when the NP and its bedfellows wanted to create a physical barrier between the Indian and white communities in the area," he maintains.

Transport & Utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson says the motivation for the A3 arterial in 1992 has nothing whatsoever to do with politics. "There is a desperate need for an arterial route linking the northwest of the metropolitan area with the southwest and which avoids the CBD. This need was accepted by council seven years ago. We can't delay any longer."

Pahad says his association has examined the area's traffic flows in depth. "There are

ing a new road to satisfy its own constituents. It's giving short shrift to residents from other suburbs."

Pahad says Mayfair residents accept the need to build roads to service the burgeoning traffic flows in and out of Johannesburg. But he alleges the council's plans take no account of the imperatives of the new SA and, moreover, have ignored the need for in-depth environmental planning. His association has prepared an alternative route for the A3 arterial. This has been submitted to council but received no response.

Asherson maintains the residents' proposals are being examined by the council's consultants. "No-one has ruled them out yet. An initial look at the residents' suggestions indi-

FURNISHED APARTMENTS Life in the suburbs

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Thanks to the lingering distortions of the Rent Control Act, the development of rental apartments is still a dead duck. But, happily for some developers, the trade in furnished apartments for rent is alive and well.

In the late Seventies, the only furnished apartments available to rent in Johannesburg's northern suburbs were at The Augustus in Illovo or at The Don Pepe in nearby Melrose North. Demand for temporary havens — typically from relocating executives and spouses in between marriages — was so great that developer Norman Bank, the man credited with starting the executive apartment trend, added a third in the form of Don Pasquale, also in Illovo.

But though demand for this type of accommodation clearly far outstripped supply, developers remained oddly reticent about getting into the market.

It wasn't until 1988 that two new players

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'No quick fix for hostels'

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STELLENBOSCH — Fencing off or isolating hostels would not be the answer to any problems, National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said.

"I do not want to cross swords with Mr Justice Goldstone, but would like to say that isolating the hostel dwellers could contribute to the conflict potential," he said at the National Party Federal Youth Congress yesterday

He said only hostels in certain areas could be fenced off or

isolated, but it was totally impractical in other areas

"When we talk about upgrading hostels, it must take place through a process of negotiation and talks with the inhabitants of the hostels and the people living in the surrounding areas

"There are no quick fixes to the solutions. It is our dream that the 16 million poor and homeless people of SA will have access to the most basic services and that South Africans will care about these people," he said — Sapa.

Iscor rejects compensation demand from Boipatong

ISCOR has rejected demands by Boipatong residents that it must pay compensation for the death of nearly 40 people as a result of the raid launched on the township from Iscor's Kwamadala hostel.

But the company confirmed at a meeting with residents yesterday that it would close the hostel "as soon as humanly possible".

In replying to a memoran-

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dum presented last week by a Boipatong residents' delegation, the company refused "to be held responsible for the unlawful behaviour of individuals".

Iscor promised not to take disciplinary action against any of its employees involved in last week's stayaway. It said

other companies in the Vaal area had made similar pledges.

In a letter signed by works general manager G N Hoffmann, the company asked the negotiating forum to call off the consumer boycott in the interests of "normalising community life as soon as possible".

A spokesman for the Vaal Civic Association told the Saturday Star that Iscor's response would be read to a meeting in

the Boipatong stadium this morning.

Iscor did not mention the demand that Kwamadala hostel be demolished.

Last night Boipatong and other Vaal townships were reported to be generally quiet. In Sebokeng the unofficial dusk-to-dawn curfew continued to keep most residents off the streets.

Police reported no major occurrences of violence.

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Soweto home-owners in crossfire as Inkatha, residents slug it out

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DOZENS of Soweto families forced out of their homes near Meadowlands hostel by the conflict between residents and hostel dwellers are having to continue high mortgage repayments while their houses are being slowly destroyed by vandals

The home-owners are caught between hostel dwellers demanding that they become Inkatha members or die, and residents threatening them with death because they perceive them to be members already.

All that the families have been able to do is abandon their new houses they saved desperately to buy in the area known as Fox Lake

In desperation, the families have written to the Allied Building Society for relief from bonds of more than R1 000 a month — but apparently to no avail.

Mara Mosia said he was paying R1 025 a month. He is a member of the committee that has been urging the bank to suspend payments.

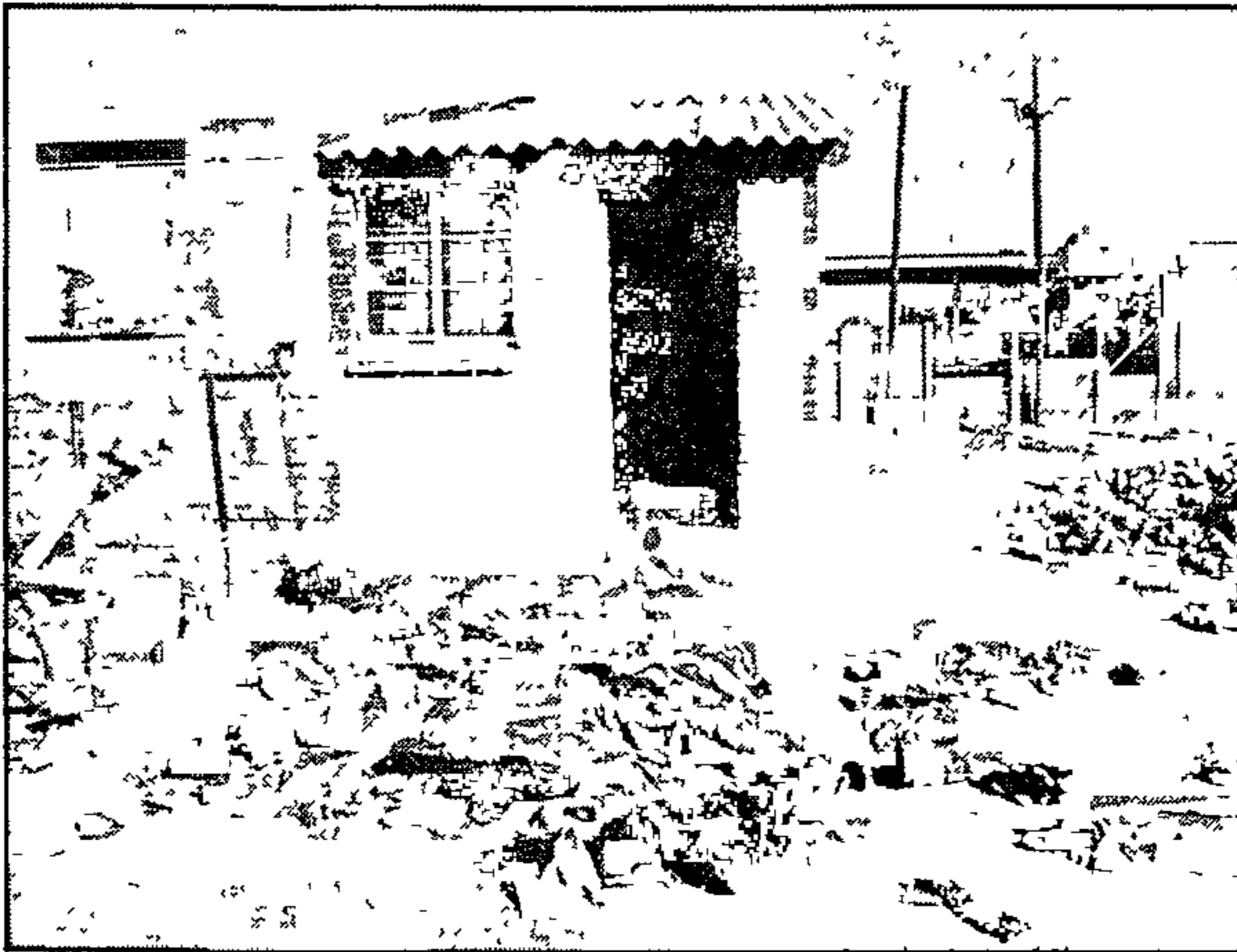
When approached for comment, a senior official at the Allied Bank said residents had only themselves to blame.

"They chose the area themselves; we were not involved," he said.

However, he went further and expressed sympathy, describing the situation as "unfortunate"

Mara and the other families fled the war zone at the height of the kill-

VANDALS are slowly destroying the homes of Soweto families forced to flee by the continuing conflict between hostel inmates and residents. ABBEY MAKOE reports.



SCENE OF DEVASTATION: A Meadowlands home looted and broken down in the owners' absence.

● Photograph: MOTLHALEFI MAHLABE

ing in adjacent Vincent Road, which has earned a name of "Death Road"

The road separates Fox Lake from the township proper and the warring parties.

On the other side, a fence that used to separate Fox Lake from the hostel has been torn down.

Many of the families have rejoined relatives in the usual township four-roomed houses. Others were not that fortunate and went wherever they could lay their heads. Fewer than five

families of the original 48 still live at Fox Lake.

Among them was Joyce Mudau. She said she spent her days carrying a plastic bag — containing a dress, a washing rag, a pair of shoes and perfume — wherever she went.

She slept at any convenient place that she could find overnight comfort and avoid winter's chilly nights.

She said of life next to the hostel "We were like hostages. We were like people living in jail. You couldn't even take a

walk to your gate and have a look around the street."

Mudau said she could not afford to rent a house or a back-yard room.

"I am considering moving to Dobsonville squatter camp," she said.

Nomsa Makhanya fled Fox Lake with her child to rent a back-yard room, but continued to pay her bank R942 every month.

She said of the hostel dwellers "They said we

must vacate our premises because they were promised to house hostel dwellers before we moved in."

Makhanya said hostel dwellers used to launch attacks on the township by "hiding in our premises and shooting from there. As if that was not enough, they then demanded that we take up Inkatha membership as proof that we sided with them."

"Often they knocked on our doors at night, instructing us to go out with them when fighting against the township youths," she said.

Neo Mamatela echoed similar sentiments. He said that one morning on his way to work, a bullet fired from the Killarney area narrowly missed him.

"Township residents said I should go and use taxis operating from where I stayed, in the hostel," he said.

Back where he lived, hostel dwellers accused him of being anti-Inkatha because he would not "donate" R50 to a group of hostel dwellers moving house to house at night, he said.

When asked what the donation was for, he said he was told that the money would be used to transport hostel dwellers to a rally in Ulundi, KwaZulu.

The only sum of money he remembered donating was R10 "which was to be used to buy bullets, we were told", Mamatela said.

Cops want hostels improved (127)

THE police have called for urgent attention to be given to the upgrading or remodelling of hostels.

Head of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit, Lt-Gen Johan Swart, said it was naive to expect fences and entry control at hostels to solve the problem of conflict. *afren 12/7/92*

He said the police did not have enough men to guard the 200 odd hostels in the country on a 24-hour basis.

the nation in brief

Strike warning

A COUNTRYWIDE rent and consumer boycott and a general strike would be launched unless the Government met three key demands made by the ANC and its allies before August 3, mourners were told at the weekend.

Mr Kgabisi Mosunkutu, president of the Post and Telecommunications Workers Association, was speaking at the funeral of ANC peace desk head Mr Floyd Mashele at Nkowankowa, outside Tzaneen.

Mosunkutu said the strike might be indefinite. Its end would depend on the Government's response.

Mashele was in a mysterious car accident on the Pietersburg N1 on July 1, Soweto 13/7/92

"People have to realise that some sacrifices have to be made in pursuing the struggle," Mosunkutu said.

an effort to address the township's needs and upgrade the area.

In a statement yesterday, Health and Housing Committee chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said: "The council's interdepartmental working group on Noordgesig has been working on a wide range of issues and has reached the stage where active community involvement is needed in structuring action plans for Noordgesig."

She said there had been an encouraging improvement in relationship between the council and community leaders.

Lenders seek talks on bond boycott

ADRIAN HADLAND

THE Association of Mortgage Lenders has asked for an urgent meeting this week with civic leaders to discuss the implications of a bond and rent repayment boycott threatened by the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) for next month.

Major lenders to the low-income market, including FNB, Standard and the Perm, have called on Sanco to reconsider its plans.

All three financial institutions say lending is continuing uninterrupted, although some sources suggest few new low-income sector bonds are being approved.

The association sent a letter to Sanco last week. Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Dan Mofokeng said He said Cast's regional executive would meet today to arrange a time and venue for the discussions.

Critical to the success of a bond boycott would be support from the ANC and other community, labour and political organisations. None of these offered instant support or rejection of the boycott call.

Sanco met the ANC last Thursday to seek the incorporation of the bond boycott into the ANC's programme of mass action. However, an ANC spokesman said the organisation would not decide if it would support the boycott until the meeting between Sanco and the mortgage lenders.

It is believed some opposition to the boycott has been raised even within civic association circles.

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Boycott

The ANC spokesman indicated the bond boycott could be abandoned if financial institutions agreed to pressure government into accepting constituent assembly elections along with assurances to restructure lending criteria.

Standard appealed to Sanco last week to reconsider the boycott, saying there was no logic in a situation whereby those institutions that had the confidence to enter the low-cost housing arena were now faced with a bond payment boycott.

A Standard statement said Sanco's demands, including the formation of an interim government, an end to the SABC strike and a moratorium on large Telkom bills, were totally outside the financial institutions' sphere of influence or control.

"We acknowledge the seriousness of the issues raised by Sanco but we appeal to

them to reconsider their call for a boycott," the statement said.

FNB's chief manager of home loans Andre Latré said talk of a bond boycott undermined business confidence and would adversely affect home owners.

The bond boycott could also jeopardise talks between the Standard, FNB and the Perm to rationalise resources in the black lending market.

After consultation with civic organisations last year, the three institutions agreed to investigate the setting up of joint home loan centres in black areas in a bid to rationalise resources and share risk.

Latré said the institutions intended continuing with the scheme, but required clarification on the bond boycott to restore confidence.

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SAP plea over trivial complaints

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

STUDIES made of the calls received by police showed that well over half were not concerned with crime, a police spokesman said yesterday

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the public should stop wasting the SAP's time and allow them to deal with real emergencies and crime

Leaves from neighbours' trees falling into swimming pools, dog droppings on neighbours' lawn and braai smoke blowing into a complainant's house were some of the complaints police were expected to investigate

Too often police were expected to get involved with domestic disputes.

The Brixton Flying Squad, for instance, received more than 1,7-million telephone calls a year

"The telephone number 10111 is an emergency telephone number, yet people misuse this service by reporting trivialities or to ask street directions," Opperman said

Recently, some businesses had started to use certain laws — one being the Hire Purchase Act — to institute criminal proceedings against buyers who disappeared. Once located by the police, charges were withdrawn because the business could now institute civil proceedings

Soweto townships to boycott Roodepoort

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THEO RAWANA

FOUR Greater Soweto townships are to start a boycott of white business in Roodepoort and surrounding areas tomorrow. This move is to back demands for an end to violence and the closure of hostels

And the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) regards the action as the initial stage of a boycott by the whole 2,5-million Soweto population in line with the rolling mass action campaign against government.

The Consumer Boycott Committee of Dobsonville, Meadowlands, Mofolo and Killarney (Orlando West) said yesterday the boycott, which was embarked on after a mandate from the residents of the four areas, was a last resort after many efforts by residents to persuade government and the police to end the violence

"We have staged marches and handed memorandums to government and the police, and got no response to our calls," boycott committee convener Mandla Dlamini told a news conference yesterday

Towns targeted for boycott were Roodepoort, Florida, Maraisburg and

Horison The boycott was to back demands for

- An end to violence,
- Closure of the Sipiwe Hostel in Dobsonville and the one in Mzimhlophe,
- The immediate release of, and withdrawal of charges against, all detained activists,
- The prosecution of people responsible for killings and the suspension of security forces allegedly involved, and
- The resignation of black local councillors

The committee also called for the installation of an interim government and a constituent assembly before December

Cast vice-president Kgabisu Mosunkuthu said yesterday boycott action would probably spread to the whole of Soweto "These are initial stages in a campaign to demonstrate to (President F W) De Klerk that he has to go — that he will not be allowed to govern if he opposes an interim government."

Tiny's 'gift' to Tambo



Meeting in offing over bond boycott threat

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City fathers blamed for squatting crisis

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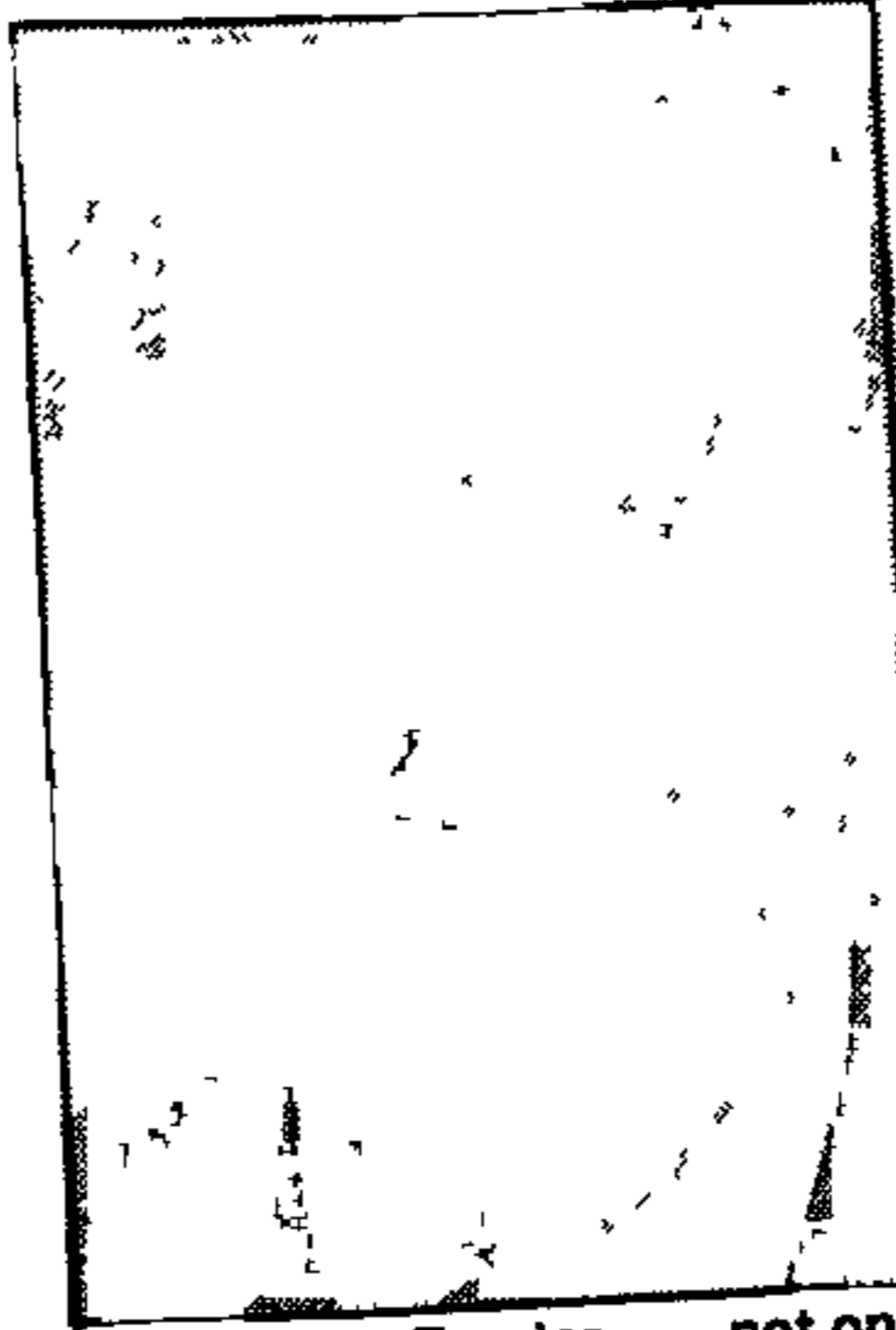
By Shirley Woodgate

Randburg residents were paying the price for their founding fathers' boast that Randburg was one of the first South African white-by-night towns, Crocodile Valley Authority (CVA) spokesman Anthony Duigan said yesterday.

He was reacting to claims by Garden Triangle Action Group (GTAG) chairman Robert van Tonder that no squatters would be allowed in his area — which includes Cosmo City.

Mr Duigan warned against a repeat of the short-sighted policies of the past and said the problems concerning the Zevenfontein squatters had arisen because the city fathers had failed to provide land for low-cost housing.

Mr van Tonder, one of the moving forces behind the establishment of Randburg as an independent municipality nearly 30 years ago, has now called for municipal status for the land represented by his GTAG,



Robert van Tonder ... not on my doorstep.

north-west of Randburg

He said this new local authority — and not Randburg, Sandton or the Transvaal Provincial Administration — would be empowered to decide what to do with its own land

The CVA made proposals to the TPA at the weekend for a comprehensive approach to squatter housing on test sites in

Cosmo City and Blue Hills.

The proposals were being analysed yesterday by Zevenfontein squatter representatives who originally identified Cosmo City as their number one choice for relocation

The TPA opted for two sites in Nietgedacht and Diepsloot West. Their decision will be tested in the Pretoria Supreme Court today

Mr Duigan said one of the reasons why Cosmo had been chosen for an integrated-package development was its location 2 km outside Randburg's boundaries. Neither Nietgedacht nor Diepsloot West met this criterion

Bester Homes executive Theunis Bester, whose company owns Cosmo City, said two parcels of land had already been acquired for the relocation of Zevenfontein squatters. They had been expropriated by the TPA at R55 000/ha, while the 1 077 ha comprising Cosmo City was up for sale at R35 000/ha. No negotiations had taken place. Mr van Tonder occupied 28 ha in the middle of Cosmo City, Mr Bester said

NEWS FEATURE A resident speaks of the frustration facing the displaced people of Alex

Officials refuse

pleas for help

■ Holed up in council offices, displaced Alexandra Township refugees feel bitter as the council does not show any willingness to offer them assistance.

THE BOARDROOM of the Alexandra City Council used to be the place where important decisions concerning its residents were taken.

Today it is home to 27 families - displaced residents who are refugees of the township violence that has turned their homes into ruins.

Mrs Eiletta Mahluphe, formerly of 134 4th Avenue, burst into tears when she spoke to her about her life as a "displacee", the term used by officials to describe the refugees of violence.

Killings daily

"I came here to the town council offices on March 7 because this is where my rent comes to. I also felt I would be safe. These people were not doing anything about our being killed daily by the hostel people and I felt that if I was staying in their offices they would have to deal with this issue.

"But now they are moving out to new offices which means they have no intention of resolving our problem. We want to go back to our homes.

I am sick and tired of a government that cannot protect us. The police escorted us out of our homes to make room for the invaders.

Mr Eiletta Mahluphe

"It is cold here. We are so many. There is no control and no respect. People fight daily. Have you ever seen a fight that starts in the morning and ends at midnight?"

"A fight that men cannot stop. Our children are not here. We are separated from our children and they cannot even study. What have we done to deserve this?"

"We are called into meeting after meeting but we see no results. The other day we were taken to town and told we



Angry Mrs Eiletta Mahluphe (right) has been holed up in Alexandra Council offices since March 7

were going to see lawyers. We spent the whole day there without even a cup of tea.

"People come here and ask us questions like you are doing but it seems we are going to be here forever. We are tired, we get no help. We have lost everything and each day we spend here more and more bricks and materials from our houses are carted away by vandals who are turning our homes into ruins.

"Who will help us. I had always seen pictures on television of people running away from their homes and never thought that I would end up here.

"I am sorry I sound like I am angry and blaming you but I am sick and tired of a government that cannot protect us. The police escorted us out of our homes to make room for the invaders.

"Will they allow it if we go to Sandton tomorrow, I ask you my son? In 1976 they shot and killed our children for

throwing stones. "Today they escort us out of our homes and fail to evict the killers of so many people. "I must go now as I am crying. I cannot help it if I am too angry."

TOMORROW:
Madala hostel residents and the Sandton Town Council speak out.



NEWS Fight-to-the-death fears in Alex ● Soweto power interruptions raise worries

Soweto worried

on peak-hour cuts

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■ Eskom has asked Soweto residents to bear with peak-hour electricity cuts until the end of the year:

RESIDENTS in certain Soweto areas would have to bear with peak-hour electricity interruptions until the end of the year.

The interruptions are mostly in Orlando East, Diepkloof, Moroka, Meadowlands and Protea North

Residents in these areas say the electricity cuts occur mainly in the evenings and mornings when power is in demand

"We are very disturbed about the cuts," said a resident, Mrs Ruth Mkhabela.

"We don't mind the cuts during the day when most of us are at work. But the cuts happen in the evenings and contribute to a great deal of inconvenience"

Other residents fear that the "black-outs" could worsen the current vio-

lence

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An Eskom spokesman, Mr Paul Mare, confirmed the power interruptions. Mr Mare said that there was nothing Eskom could do because the problems were inherited from the Soweto Council

"We appeal to the residents to bear with us because their electricity boxes are designed to deliver less electricity.

When more people require electricity overloading takes place and the lights go out"

Mare said that the problem could be rectified by December. He suggested that residents in the affected areas should avoid possible interruptions by using electricity in sequence form to curb overloading

NEWS FEATURE Heart-breaking story of council worker who was chased away from hostel

Kicked out after 19 years at hostel

■ BLEAK FUTURE

This is the first of a series on the plight of the displaced residents

of Alexandra: (127)

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By Mathatha Tsedu,
Investigations Editor

MR SIMON MOTHIBI is employed by the Sandton Town Council, where he has been working since "the days of the peri urban"

He does not know his age and he had to fetch his pay slip for me to see what he earns a month

He ran away from the Madala Hostel in Alexandra Township in March last year, taking only a few of his personal belongings

The hostel had been his home for 19 years. He had shared his room with four other people until March 8 when he had to run away for dear life when the "Zulus" took control of the hostel

Today, Mothibi, a father of five children who are living in his rural home at Mashashane village, outside Pietersburg, shares the dressing room at the Sandton Vehicle Testing Unit with 198 other people

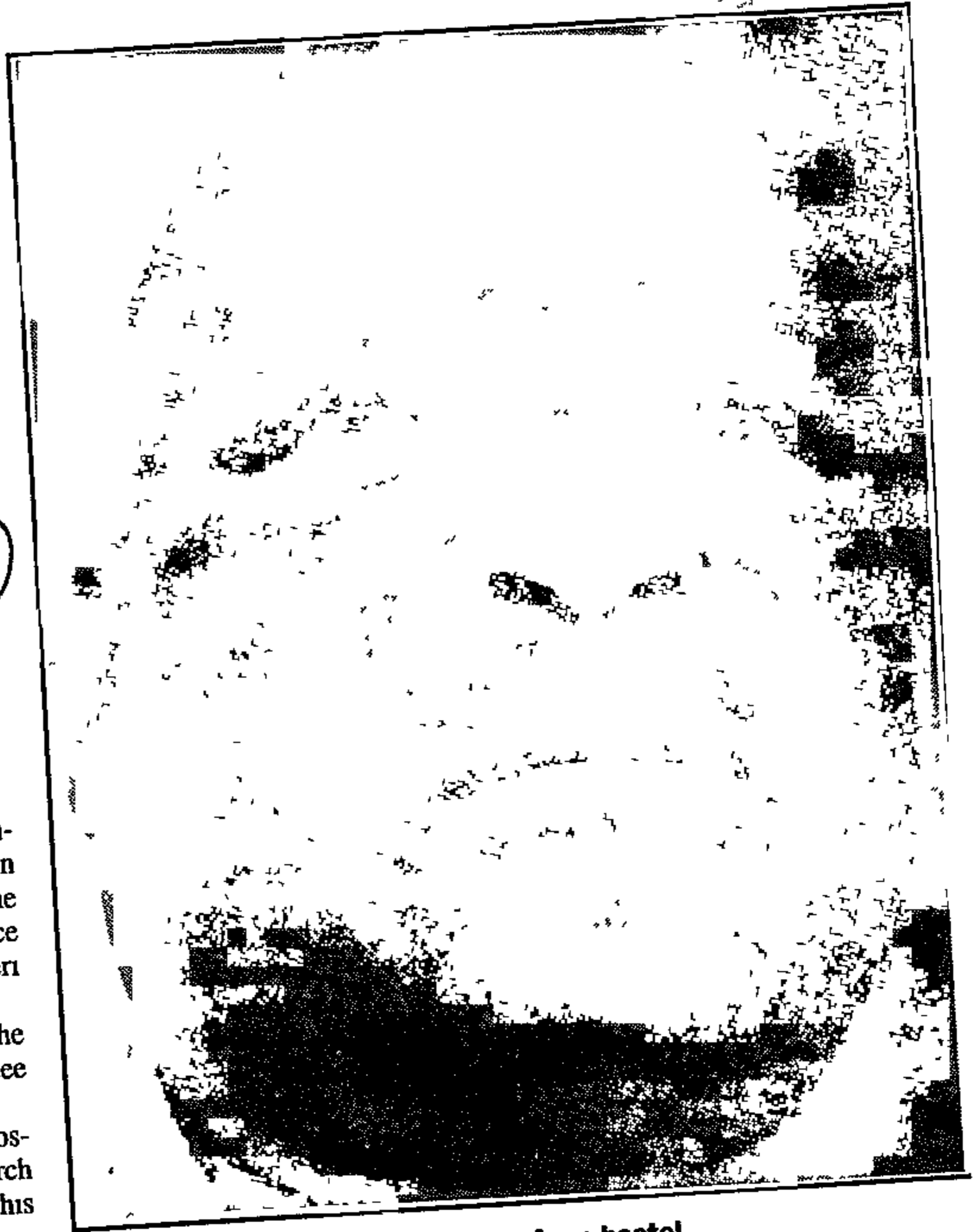
Despised hostel culture

It is a life that makes the despised hostel culture of shared rooms look like five star treatment. He sleeps on a bench, lucky him, as others sleep on the floor, in the showers and toilets

He cooks in this room that is everything in one

He hates this life. When in April one of his seniors told him to go back to Madala Hostel as it was safe, he was filled with jubilation

He gladly complied



Mr Simon Mothibi ... chased away from hostel

This is his story

"I went back after work and I arrived there at night, around 8pm. I went to my old room and found people I did not know

"The doors were broken and parts of the lockers were sawn off. The people in the hostel were in a fighting mood and they took out spears and knobkerries and wanted to know who I was and what I wanted

"When I told them I had come back to stay they got very angry and told me 'We do not want Pedis here. You must go'

"I left and came back here. I had gone because the whites had told us to go back. They said it would be safe there and I almost got killed

Sleep in a toilet

"The hostel is damaged. It did not look like the hostel I used to stay in. I don't

The municipality says it can give us loans. But I earn very little and cannot afford a loan

Mr Simon Mothibi

think I'll ever go back there again. I do not like it here but now there is no alternative

"The municipality says it can give us loans to build houses. But I earn very little and cannot afford a loan. I have been working here for a long time and now I sleep in a toilet"



Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman (left) talks about the displaced people of Alex and what police are doing to help them.

They left on their own free will - Opperman

Hostel terror: Police are asked to help:

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POLICE are investigating complaints made by residents who left their homes, according to Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

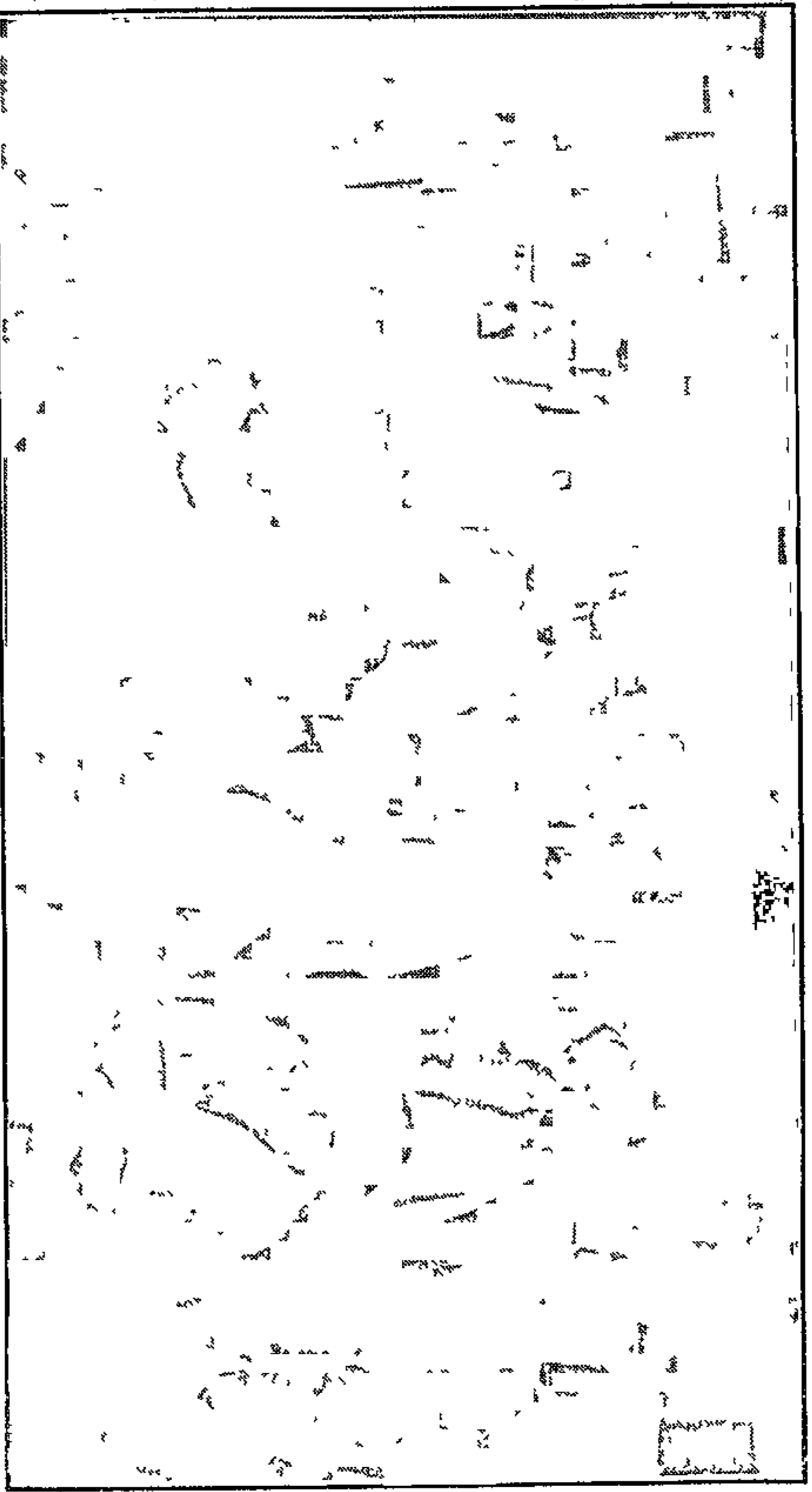
The people, who in many cases had mothers and churches, left their homes of their own free will because of fear of living near the hostel. Police were requested to assist them in moving out and later other people moved in.

Asked why the police had given people permission to move out and not deal with the problem, Opperman said:

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"It was a difficult situation. Some of the people were moving from back which were illegally occupied. If people move out of back and others move in, the police cannot assist people to move back into a place they had occupied illegally."

Opperman said he was not aware that illegal occupants had left the hostel. He said police could only assist those who had documents that proved they were the legal occupants of the premises. He said the hostel were receiving attention from the relevant department and that police were continuing with patrol in the township.



Waiting for peace to return, according to the Sandton council, but these workers who ran away from Madala Hostel see themselves as refugees of the ongoing fighting and have no intention of returning to the Alexandra hostel

Inmates caught in the crossfire

By Mathatha Tesdu

MR Mthombeni Ximba and old man Jeremiah Zulu are residents of Madala Hostel caught up in the virtual war that has engulfed Alexandra

Ximba was in the kitchen boiling water in a pot. He said he was unemployed and had never worked "for a single Boer all my life"

Ximba never went to school and does not know when he was born or when he left Msinga for Johannesburg

He remembers that when the "power that destroyed the bars" (The 1976 uprisings) happened, he had just arrived in Alexandra from Krugersdorp where he had been staying

Ximba said he had survived by doing piece jobs
This has become difficult now with

Madala inmates are forced to seek refuge in the hostel

the fighting in Alexandra. He said the water he was boiling was to cook "a little mealie meal that I was given by someone"

Life is tough in here, he said, as he stared at us, dressed in an ominous overcoat that bulged at strategic spots. He said he had moved into the hostel "nearly two years ago"

"Violence brought me here. I was staying in a shack outside the hostel and my neighbour's shack was burnt by people I do not know"

"I am just staying here because there is nowhere else to go. It is not nice in here but even if you go out, there is nothing good you see"

Ximba, a father of two daughters who are both in Msinga in Natal, said he

could not tell how the violence that brought him into the hostel would end

"I trust God. He is the only one who knows," he added

"We do not want to fight but what do we do when we are attacked?"

Zulu has been a resident of the Madala Hostel in Alexandra since 1972

He said the only way to stop the violence was to "stop the contracts of selling guns"

"People think we cannot see but we see what is going on. I am not educated and I do not belong to anything"

"But this killing cannot end unless the supply of guns is stopped. We have hard here. You cannot even go to the toilet without being shot at. What kind of life is this?"

ANC starts voter education programme for supporters

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THE ANC has embarked on a "mass voter education programme" and will establish regional "election commissions" ahead of elections for a constituent assembly

ANC election planning committee head Popo Molefe said in an interview yesterday about 4 000 ANC supporters had been trained in "basic voter education" and would be training others

The US-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and local training groups were helping the ANC with the "technical aspects", he said

Molefe said the high-powered election planning committee included representatives of ANC president Nelson Mandela's office and involved at least eight other ANC departments

He criticised government for going ahead with election preparations without waiting for Codesa to resume. He said government planned to "spring" an election on the ANC.

He said issues such as identification and the registration of those with prison re-

CORDS for political offences were yet to be discussed

Responding to reports government was already preparing ballot boxes and polling booths, Molefe accused it of taking "unilateral decisions on matters that are not partisan".

Molefe said the ANC would have difficulty accepting an election organised unilaterally by government as free and fair. "The government is determined to continue acting as the referee and the player in this whole business"

Home Affairs spokesman Thomas Dreyer said although elections were "obviously closely linked to the current negotiations" his department was responsible for getting ready "to conduct an election within a reasonable period of time".

He said planning only entailed the manufacture of polling booths and ballot boxes at this stage.

RAY HARTLEY

Civics to discuss bond boycott with lenders

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THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) has agreed to meet representatives of the Association of Mortgage Lenders to discuss the impending national bond repayment boycott.

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said the meeting next week would probably include representatives from the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco), which called for the boycott earlier this month

Whether there would be a bond boycott

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from August 1 would depend on the attitude of the financial institutions, he said. Mofokeng indicated Cast would request a commitment from the association to put pressure on the government with regard to an interim political dispensation

Sanco would also request greater participation in the regulation of financial institutions' lending and credit policies, Mofokeng said

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Alexandra fears brushed aside

WILSON ZWANE

THE need to settle homeless people in Alexandra's Far East Bank area outweighed concerns of nearby residents about property depreciation, Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) official Richard Mdakane said yesterday. East Bank homeowners have reportedly said they would boycott their bond repayments if squatters were settled on their doorsteps.

Reacting to complaints that East Bank residents were not consulted, Mdakane said they had until recently not regarded themselves as part of Alexandra. But that was changing, he said, and the East Bank Residents' Association had now applied to join the Joint Negotiating Forum.

Alexandra administrator Andre Jacobs said shacks would not be erected on the 7 000 sites, of which 1 700 had already been serviced.

Meanwhile, STEPHANE BOTHA reports that an application by the Laezonia Landowners Association to prevent the TPA from resettling Zwenfontein squatters in their area was struck off the Pretoria Supreme Court roll yesterday.

Judge J M C Smut removed the matter with costs on the grounds the squatters were not joined as parties to the application.

In a similar action lawyers representing the Diepsloot Residents Association yesterday afternoon argued the legalities of having the squatters joined as parties to their application. A finding is expected today.

FW to get petition on hospital strike

CHARLIE PRETZER

LEADING medical academics from Wits University and Baragwanath Hospital said yesterday they would petition President F W de Klerk and Health Minister Rina Venter to intervene in the six-week-old strike.

They said 75 hospitals and 40 000 workers had been affected by the strike, a backlog of semi-urgent cases being building up and patients were being prematurely discharged.

The dean, deputy-dean and sub-deans of the Wits medical faculty and the chairmen of the Medical Advisory Committees of the PWV area's main hospitals said the strike had become a "national crisis".

"The ability of the medical and allied staff to continue under these circumstances is extremely doubtful," they said in a statement.

It called for a halt to dismissals until the crisis was resolved, even if this meant compulsory arbitration. The dismissal of workers would "almost certainly place hospitals, staff, students and patients at further risk".

The SAP warned yesterday that plans by the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu), which is leading the strike, to occupy hospitals and government buildings would be illegal and "would invariably lead to confrontation with the SAP". Nehawu secretary-general

Phillip Dexter said that "if the police get involved then our membership will have to defend themselves".

Sapa reports that the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA has expressed its support for the strike, as had postal workers at Soweto's Power Park Telecommunications Yard. They have decided to stop installing and maintaining telephones at Baragwanath Hospital.

Amid new rumours of assaults and intimidations by strikers, Baragwanath's chief superintendent Chris van den Heever said that a fourth victim of last week's petrol bomb attack had died. The 13-year-old boy was the son of one of the three who died last week.

Dexter said an agreement which was reached yesterday afternoon in Cape Town between the Commission for Administration and employees organisations to give general assistants permanent status was "not concrete enough".

The commission also agreed to consider claims that public servants in the education sector had received over R1m more than they ought to have done and that other public servants might be reimbursed accordingly. Dexter, however, said that such a sum was totally insufficient.

ANC army on peace committee agenda

WILSON ZWANE

THE continued existence of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe is expected to be high on the agenda of today's national peace committee meeting.

A source close to Inkatha said yesterday Umkhonto's existence was a breach of the national peace accord, which outlawed private armies. The source said since talks between government and the ANC had broken down, the "unresolved MK issue" should be referred to arbitration in terms of the accord.

Inkatha had asked peace committee chairman John Hall to place the issue on

the agenda for today's meeting of the committee executive.

It is understood Inkatha has also urged the committee to discuss statements by ANC Youth League officials, which it regards as violations of the accord.

League president Peter Mokaba was quoted by a newspaper as saying the intention of his organisation's mass action was to return townships to the era of "ungovernability", which characterised the mid-'80s.

Play to make burials a lever

WILSON ZWANE

ANGER at continuing political violence has shifted into high gear, with township civic organisations threatening to bury victims in white areas.

The civics are also threatening to stage marches through white suburbs unless government ends the violence.

Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Dan Mofokeng said yesterday civic organisations needed to carry "the struggle in all its forms" into the white suburbs because whites were apathetic about the violence. "We are sick and tired of the ongoing violence and unless government acts and puts an end to it, we are going to bury victims in the white areas," Mofokeng said.

He said when the cemeteries were full, civics would have "to find space anywhere in the white areas".

"If they see us burying our people in their areas, the whites are bound to bring pressure to bear on people they have elect-

ed to power to do something about the carnage," Mofokeng said.

A policeman died in an attack yesterday, bringing the total number who have died this year to 109.

Sapa reports acting regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Gert May said the attack occurred during an investigation of an assault in Malulapark, Vosloorus.

Two men armed with AK-47 rifles burst into the house, shooting dead Const F R Rikhotso, 33. A second constable was seriously injured while a third escaped unhurt. A shooting incident in Zone 11, Sebokeng, in the Vaal Triangle claimed the lives of two men on Monday night, a police unrest report said yesterday.

Two men were gunned down in Boypatong on Monday evening, said PAC national executive member Mark Shinnors, but police were unable to confirm it.

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City relents on separate dwellings

By Frank Jeans

Johannesburg City Council is at last opening the way for home-owners to create separate dwellings on larger properties

Proposed changes to its planning policy will allow out-buildings to be converted to a second home and a third dwelling to be built as "a primary right"

This major breakthrough also cuts back on planning approval, and a spokesman for the council says plans will be passed virtually "while you wait".

The proposed concessions,

however, must be seen within the parameters of normal bylaws and the council insists that it intends to avoid any slum conditions.

Planning development committee chairman Eddy Magid said the council was deregulating but maintaining controls through planning approval

A key ruling lays down the provision that a second and third dwelling on a property must together be not more than 50 percent of the main house.

Swept away, however, will be the old restrictions requiring a second home to be linked to the main property

An important aspect is the

cutting of the time taken over approval of plans, which should save developers millions of rands a year.

The council's new policy removes the need for rezoning for a second dwelling and cuts back considerably on time given to other rezoning applications

The fact that rezoning applications will be reduced from a year to about five months means money in the developer's pocket

Another area which will benefit is the processing of building plans

While it previously took more than 21 days on average to get a plan through, the time has been cut to just more than

a week

"We are aiming at processing 90 percent of correctly submitted plans on a while-you-wait basis," says Mr Magid

The planning department processes 7 400 plans a year with a value of R1.2 billion The savings on interest to the private sector alone, therefore, is estimated at about R7.7 million annually.

The city council has evidently recognised that a home-owner may need to accommodate an expanding family at a time when property values are increasing continually or may require some relief in the form of extra rent

or support for mortgage payments

The private developer can now choose from a number of combinations, such as a dormer's room plus a bedroom for an elder son, or a cottage for a young couple

In a bid to protect privacy, neighbours will now be asked to endorse building plans or to submit valid objections to the council within 28 days

In an effort to open up the new policy to public participation, ratepayers and residents can submit comment to the Planning and Development Committee, Box 30733, Braamfontein 2017 until August 30

Hostel rent 'going down the drain'

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■ JOYLESS EXISTENCE Municipality

employees charge that the council remits
a quarter of a million in rent to Madala:

By Mathatha Tsedu

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THE SANDTON municipality is to spend R230 000 on rent at Madala Hostel in Alexandra for its workers who are not staying there

The workers, over 500 in all, are squatting in the change rooms at the Zandfontein vehicle testing unit in squalid conditions, with some sleeping in toilets

The workers told *Sowetan* they had called on the council to stop payments to Madala but to no avail

"They spend thousands of rands on rent to a place where we were expelled long ago. They know we are here and instead of stopping the rent and using the money to build cheap houses for us somewhere else, they choose to pay rent so that Inkatha can stay in there for free," a shop steward said

The workers fled from the hostel in March last year at the height of the fighting in Alexandra

They said the Sandton council was racist and would have responded speedily if they had been white

They all said a return to Madala Hostel was out of the question, meaning the payment of rent was in vain

The chairman of the Sandton Town Council Management Committee, Mr Willem Heffer, said the council "has a legal opinion that those workers who were employed by the West Rand Administration Board have a legitimate right to demand accommodation from the council" He denied that the R230 000 to be spent on rent for Madala Hostel was a subsidy for the IFP members staying in the hostel free

"We are not in the business of supplying houses to employees," Heffer said

He said the council's policy was that the present violence was a passing phase and that "things will look good again"

He denied that the council was a racist employer and said "we are proud of our track record" He said the workers staying in the change rooms had chosen to go there themselves.

Supreme Court turns down urgent Zevenfontein application

Pretoria Correspondent

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An urgent application in the Pretoria Supreme Court application to obtain guidelines on how to serve court papers on the Zevenfontein squatter community, informing them about the case to prevent their resettlement in Diep-

sloot, was thrown out of court yesterday.

The application for substituted service followed an unsuccessful urgent application on Tuesday by Laezona landowners to prevent the Transvaal Provincial Association from moving the squatters from Rietfontein on to Diepsloot, adjacent to Laezona

Mr Justice Smit struck the application from the roll, with costs, on grounds that the Zevenfontein community should also have been joined as respondents as they had a "substantial and material interest" in the case.

Laezonia landowners' counsel had argued it was a difficult task to serve papers or

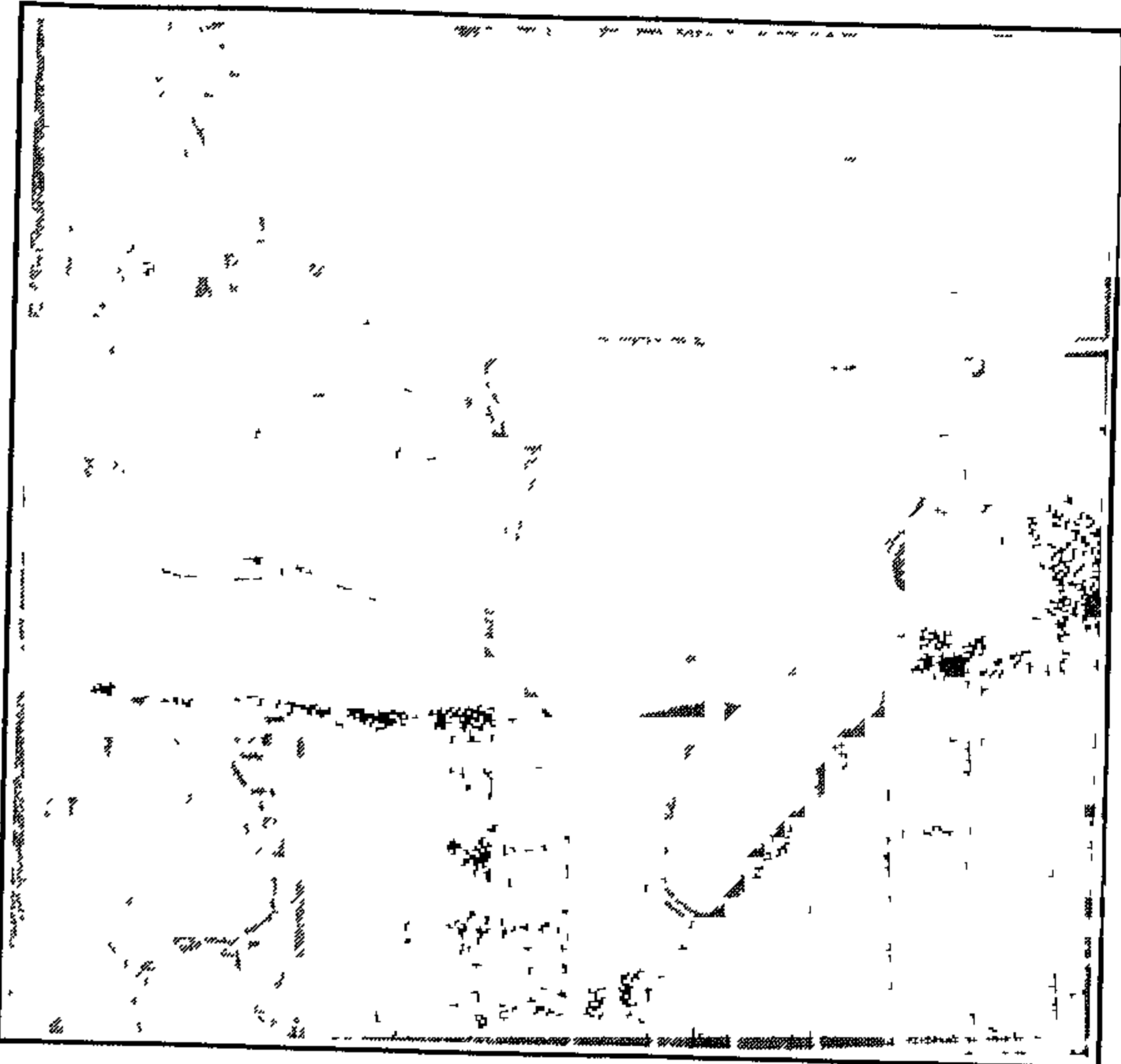
notify squatters about the case and that they could "hardly give notice to every one".

But the judge ruled that counsel could have approached the court with an application for substituted service to give directions on how the papers should be served on the squatters, be-

fore bringing the application to interdict the TPA.

When the urgent application for substituted service was launched yesterday, Mr Justice Smit held there was no grounds for urgency. The applicants planned to launch another urgent application on Tuesday applying for substituted service.

NEWS FEATURE We enter 'Beirut', Alex's Madala Hostel where leading a normal life is



Hostel dweller Mr Eric Xaba points to piled up rubbish in the hostel grounds.

Madala: a life of squalor, hardship

By **Mathatha Tsedu**
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IFP STRONGHOLD Life in the Madala in

Alex is no bed of roses for 3 000 residents:

MADALA HOSTEL, in Alexandra, allegedly the breeding ground and barracks of imps that are causing havoc in the township, is a particularly filthy place. Blocked drains, toilets and overflowing water all round mix with the stench of rotting rubbish to create an everlasting impression of a place one does not want to visit again.

And yet people are living here. About 3 000 in all, who include women and children in this once men only hostel. And all of them, with no excep-

tion, are members of Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

They live in these dirty and stench-ridden barracks that have virtually become a family unit hostel despite the assertion by the IFP that hostels should be left as single sex structures.

Men and women who spoke to us during a guided tour of the complex spoke of the hardship of the life in the trenches, a life of forever waiting for gunshots to go off.

It is a real fear which we exper-

enced as AK-47 rifle sounds went off as we sat conducting interviews.

The yard of the hostel is littered with broken beds and lockers dumped outside, a sure sign that occupancy has gone down.

All the men and women we spoke to did not work. They said they survived somehow by doing "piece jobs".

They all decried the situation of their lives now, wishing that the peace that prevailed "before the ANC started attacking Inkatha members and Zulus" could return.

an uphill battle ● Claims that Town Council helped IFP members move out

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The secretary of the Alexandra Hostel Residents' Association (AHRRA), 24-year-old Mr Simon Mlambo, said township residents who ran away from their homes in what has come to be known as Berni had done so after "the ANC told them to move out as they the ANC were going to bomb the hostel".

"We did not chase them out. They were members of the IFP and the town council helped them to move out. We did not take over their homes or take anything. Their properties were left in the open as they ran and Isotols took their things. There are some people staying in the houses just to guard them."

"Police come in here every day looking for stolen property but they find nothing because there is nothing here," Mlambo said.

He denied that other hostel residents who were not of Zulu extraction nor IFP members had been chased out. "They are lying," he emphatically stated. He said the IFP had only defended itself against "ANC aggression and yet we are the ones who are blamed".

Women we spoke to told of their shack being burnt to the ground "by ANC people who were looking for Inkatha people".

One of them, Miss Annah Rammele (35), said her shack at 33, 18th Avenue was burnt down and she had to run because her boyfriend was an IFP member.

"I have not been able to get out of here since last year when I arrived here. I am staying here because I have nowhere to go. I wish really that life could go back to what it was before the fighting but I do not know whether this will ever happen again," she said.

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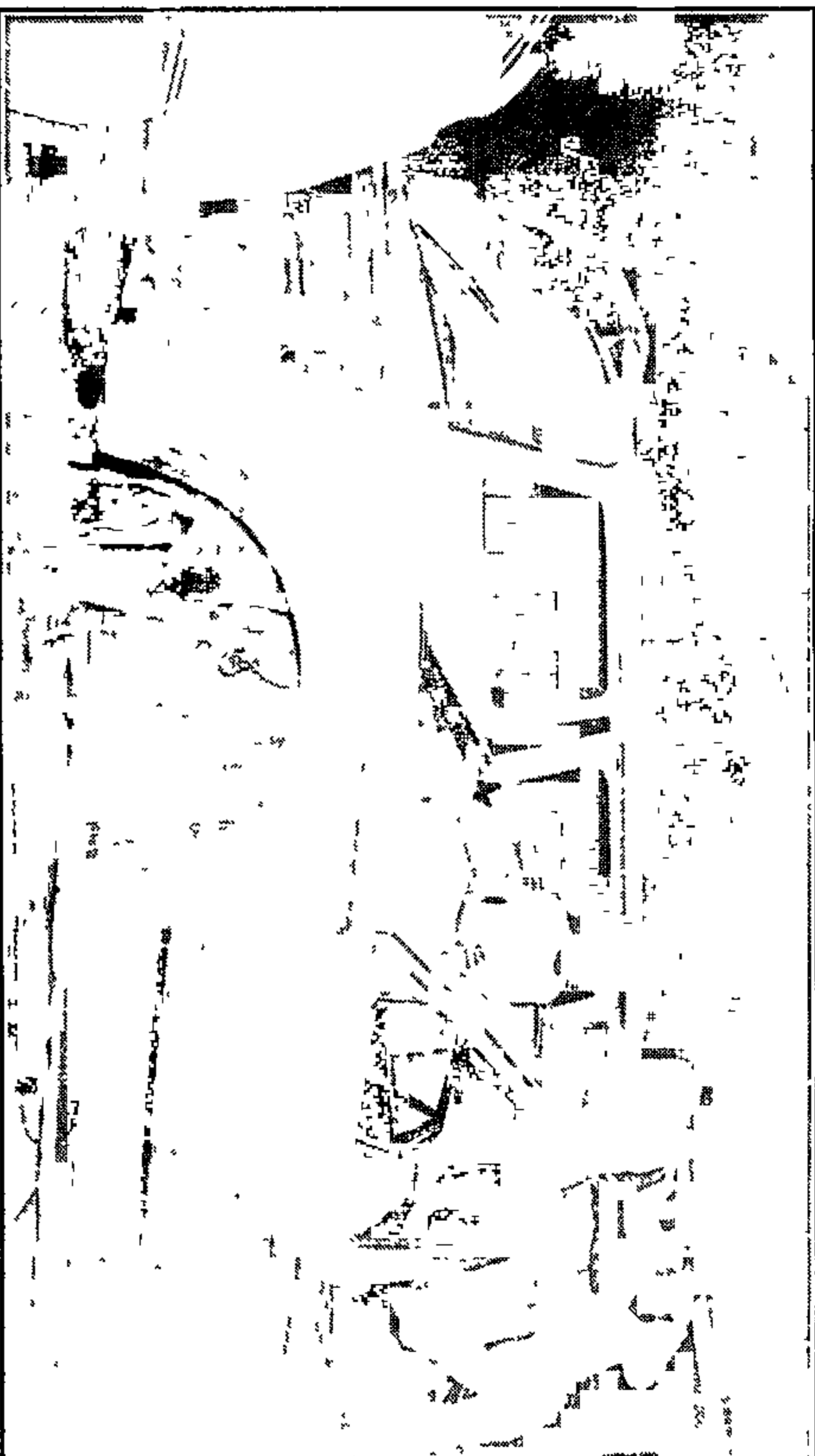
She said she needed a guard whenever she used the toilet as it had no doors and was for men.

We met two women who had just arrived from Msinga and Empangeni, with babies only months old. Considering that the men we saw there were unemployed, it raised questions of how these families are surviving.

We asked about prospects of solutions and a stop to the fighting and found deep-seated hatred for the ANC.

An article in the *Sandton Chronicle* of May where Mr Moses Mayekiso is quoted as saying "Gatsha (Buthelezi) is a criminal, you must fight Inkatha and get them out of Alex. People who are well trained must use guns and chase out Inkatha," was produced as proof that the war was being orchestrated by the ANC and its leaders.

Mlambo said the hostel should not be turned into a family unit as this move would destroy the rural connection that the men had with their families. He said the women and children presently in the hostel would move out.



Whatever the circumstances, children will always play. These children of the Madala Hostel are seen on a motor wreck, one of many that litter the dirty surroundings of the hostel.

as soon as alternative accommodation was arranged. Talks were on with the TPA, he said, for this to happen.

He said the filth would be cleared. "We are looking into it and the place is being painted in the kitchens and all will be well."

Sure words that proved, if any proof was needed, that for those inside Madala Hostel, they are there to stay. And so the saga of the hostels continues. Will the violence end anywhere? Time will tell.

Facts about Madala Hostel

Date opened: 24 July 1970 by Dr Piet Koornhof

Capacity: 5 000

Present residents: 3 000

Rent a bed a month: R23

Women: 300

Children: 200

Political affiliation of residents: Inkatha Freedom Party

Date hostel was turned into IFP stronghold: March 8 1992

Guns found by police between March 13 '91 and April 92: 10 AK-47's, revolvers and 6 pistols.

Inkatha offer on 'Beirut'

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■ Displaced families: The
IFP will help people go
back to their homes:

By Monk Nkomo

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party was prepared to help nearly 700 displaced Alexandra township families return to their homes, IFP branch chairman Mr Lucas Khoza said yesterday.

Giving evidence before the Goldstone Committee chaired by Mr R Nugent in Pretoria, Khoza said he and the IFP agreed that displaced families, most of whom were from "Beirut", near the Madala Hostel, should be allowed to go back to their homes.

A total of 685 families had been displaced since the outbreak of violence in the township a year ago. Some families had sought refuge at the council chambers, schools and churches.

Khoza appealed to security forces to help monitor the process of returning families on a 24-hour basis. He also asked that a mobile police station be opened in "Beirut" to attend to cases of intimidation should they arise.

"The IFP is presently making arrangements for a survey of the affected area with a view to helping the families back to their houses," Khoza said.

About 70 families affiliated to the IFP were also displaced, he said.

Asked if hostels should be closed down or turned into family units, Khoza said the phasing out of the Madala Hostel would adversely affect working people and industries.

He suggested that only a portion of the hostel be turned into family units. "The closing down of the hostel will hit both individuals and industries," he said.

Earlier, another witness, the Rev Busani Ngubane, told the committee he believed hostels had become armed fortresses which were manned by people who did not have the right to be there.

He suggested that hostels be closed down and turned into flats for people who were long-time residents of Alexandra.

Ngubane said the assertion that the violence in the township was about political rivalry between the IFP and the ANC seemed ridiculous following his experiences and observations about the conflict.

Talks on local govt

suspended

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The Central Transvaal Civics Association (Cetca) and its affiliates have suspended all talks with the Pretoria City Council on the restructuring of local government in the Greater Pretoria area.

The decision was made because of deadlocked national constitutional negotiations.

The suspension of the talks would last until agreement had been reached on national level, Cetca said in a statement yesterday.

"Negotiations for the restructuring of local government are intertwined with the national constitutional negotiations and therefore such local negotiations cannot continue in a vacuum," Cetca said.

However, the organisation said, negotiations between civic organisations and the authorities on the provision of services should continue. — Sapa.

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Suzman seeks housing fund

By Anna Cox

Former Democratic Party MP Helen Suzman has taken up the plight of a group of Sandton City Council workers living in appalling conditions at a municipal depot they occupied last year after fleeing violence-racked Alexandra

Mrs Suzman, a freeman of Sandton, yesterday said Sandton management committee

chairman Willem Hefer had offered to take her on a personal tour of the Zandfontein depot "to see the conditions for myself".

She has also offered to start a fund for the workers.

The Sandton council estimated that about 40 people were still living at the depot, but other sources put the figure at more than 100.

Negotiations between the council and worker representatives about alternative accommodation are continuing. The workers occupied the

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depot in March last year, with council approval, after fleeing their hostel in nearby Alexandra. They are living in squalid conditions — in bathrooms and toolsheds — at the cleansing depot.

Councillor Elizabeth Clogg has slammed the council for continuing to pay R17 000 a month rent for the hostel, from which about 570 inmates fled last year. The council last month approved a further R230 000 for hostel rent for the next financial year.

"It is clear the workers will

not return to the hostels. It is ludicrous that we continue to spend this money for nothing. Some R255 000 has already been wasted since March last year," she said.

Mrs Clogg said the money should be used to assist hostel dwellers in finding alternative accommodation.

Mr Hefer said the council was trying to arrange housing loans for the workers but had experienced difficulty with banks.

He said these employees accepted it was their personal

responsibility to find accommodation.

The council decided to continue payment of hostel rent as the availability of a hostel bed was, and is, part of the basic conditions of employment. The council also hoped workers would be able to return to hostels, he said.

It was not council policy to provide housing for staff, Mr Hefer added.

Mrs Clogg said it was laughable to investigate housing loans for workers who earned about R850 a month

CAST threatens to take struggle to white areas

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By Brian Sokutu
and Stan Hlophe

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The Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) yesterday threatened to "take the struggle to white areas" if the Government failed to end the violence.

Addressing thousands of mourners at the Vosloorus Stadium during the funeral of slain Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre George Mashele (31) and his 44-year-old mother, Lilian Magosha, who died in a hand grenade explosion last week, CAST secretary-general Dan Mofokeng said blacks were "tired of burying our dead".

The East Rand township was tense yesterday as police and SADF members closely monitored funeral proceedings after cordoning off parts of the township.

Also addressing the funeral, SACP general secretary Chris Hanu called for the withdrawal of the SADF and security forces from the townships.

Mr Mashele and his mother were killed last Tuesday at their Mohlala Street home in a grenade explosion shortly after police had arrived to question him in connection with a petrol-bomb attack in which two people died.

Referring to the death of Mr Mashele and his mother, Mr Hanu said: "Police went to his home, raided it and threw a teargas canister through the window. Then we were told he was killed in a grenade explosion."

Sapa reports that the Vosloorus branch of the ANC praised the police for co-operating with it in making the funeral incident-free.

● A group of youths yesterday intimidated Stan Hlophe of The Star during the funeral. The youths questioned and manhandled him, grabbed his notebook and threw it on the ground.

NEWS Police did not investigate displaced resident 'because they didn't complain'

Cop is quizzed on refugees

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■ **DISPLACED FAMILIES** The Goldstone

Committee asks why police "sat back" and

did not interview displaced residents in

strife-torn Alexandra township:

By **MONK NKOMO**

THE Goldstone Committee yesterday quizzed a policeman about "inaction" in connection with the displacement of more than 600 families in strife-torn Alexandra township.

The chairman of the committee, Mr R Nugent, asked a witness, Captain Albertus Britz, why police "sat back" and did not interview displaced residents some of whom are now staying at the local council office.

Britz told the committee that police had received very few complaints of intimidation from residents since violence flared in the township last year.

The hundreds of families who fled their homes - some even helped by police - never reported to police that they had been intimidated or forced out of their houses, Britz said. Nugent told the police officer he was not suggesting any wrongdoing on the part of the police.

He said "There is a big crisis in Alexandra. And there has been evidence that the township is now a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"I want to know why the police did not visit the dispossessed residents and ask them why they fled their homes."

Britz said police did not investigate the matter because they did not receive any complaints. He said police could help dispossessed families return to their houses only if they produced proof of their residential sites or that their houses were bought or rented.

There would be no difficulty in arresting people who were occupying those properties and charging them for trespassing, said Britz.

Answering another question, he said it would be difficult to identify rightful hostel inmates as hostel registers had been confiscated by unknown persons.

Asked how he proposed to assist dispossessed families regain their properties peacefully and safely, Britz said "That can be done with the mass presence of police, security forces and regular patrols."

The committee was informed yesterday that a member of the IFP who was arrested during a funeral procession in Alexandra on March 7 this year carrying an AK-47 rifle had been granted R5 000 bail.

He is due to appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on August 11.

NEWS FEATURE For 685 families, displaced by IFP violence, life is a living hell

Alex, a place of never ending sorrow

■ BIG CRUNCH Spasm of suffering and pain for people living in squalor:

By **Mathatha Tsedu**
Investigations Editor

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“We went through hell at the hands of the IFP. We saw people being chopped every day”

Mrs Aida Matlou, East Bank resident



Kungoane.. the solution is occupation of houses belonging whites
PIC MBUZENI ZULU

WAS there ever the best of times for Alexandra township?

This is the question that begs to be asked as this small area of land that houses nearly half a million people goes through one more spasm of pain and suffering

Squalid with piles of garbage all over, and shacks built on top of rubbish heaps and among graves, life at the best of times in Alex is one long crunch

It was here that old and abandoned buses were turned into homes by many people as the inhabitants became trapped in the never ending story of the housing shortage in Alex

The cesspools formed by leaking sewerage pipes and the accompanying smell, the overcrowded houses and the yards bursting with shacks, have now become the long lost golden years of plenty for 685 families who have been displaced by the fighting between Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) members based in the Madala and Nobuhle hostels, and residents who live in the township

For these people, 90 of whom share the Presbyterian Church hall, life has become even more unbearable. Some, such as Mrs Emily Dikgotho (49), share the church hall with 16 other families while her former

home from which she and her family had to run to save their lives, is occupied by IFP members

“It is a very trying life here. The church is very cold. We no longer have electricity and are using candles. We are grateful to the church for housing us as none of us is a member of this church.”

“However, we sleep knowing that we are safe. While still living in our houses before escaping, we were prisoners of Inkatha. They came in and raped women, also killing people for not being members of the IFP.”

“It is tough here because the children cannot even study. There is no privacy for the family and you have to forget about many things in life.” Dikgotho said

Others lost more than just their homes and possessions. Mrs Aida Matlou who owned a house and a shop had to forgo both

When she last ventured into “Beirut” (the area near the hostel) to check on her properties, she found the shop was just a shell with only one fridge remaining simply because those trying to take it out couldn’t because of its size. The house had also been ransacked

“We went through hell at the hands of the IFP. We saw people being chopped every day. The minds of our children were being scarred by the violence. Life here at the East Bank hall is tough but we are safe.”

she said

Matlou is a member of the Displaced People’s Committee which is having talks with the TPA and the council over the resettlement of the refugees

She said that a survey was underway to assess damage and costs of repairs to the houses. She, like all the others, was emphatic that a condition for their return was the demolition of the Madala Hostel which was the cause of all the trouble

Then their houses have to be renovated and in some cases rebuilt. Many have been destroyed

In what used to be the council offices we met Mr Tsietsi Kungoane (25)

He is an angry man who had to flee his flat to save his life and in the process lost all his possessions

“The people here are calling for action. We are tired of meetings that produce nothing. We are not prepared to continue to fight Inkatha when we know that they are being used by the police and the Government to destabilise our community.”

“What we are going to do now is to move into Sandton and occupy houses there and wait and see if these impartial police who escorted us out of our homes do the same to the whites there.” Kungoane said shaking with rage

He said the issue was no longer one of turning Madala Hostel into family units. “That hostel already has family units” he said.

“Our political organisations, ANC, Azapo, PAC and others, are not doing enough to help people who have lost their homes” Kungoane said

Early exposure to sexual practices because of the cramped conditions is having its effect on children, especially girls. Already four aged between 14 and 16 have fallen pregnant

These displaced people want the hostel to be demolished or evacuated and then turned into family units for local people

Hostel residents, however, reject this and are in the process of renovating the place as their permanent home

Is there a way out that can see these displaced people back in their homes soon? Not from the evidence that we could gather last week



'Killer' hostel to close

JOHANNESBURG —
The KwaMadala hostel,
from where the Boipa-
tong massacre was alleg-
edly launched, is to be
closed

Iscor, which owns the
hostel, announced yes-
terday that residents
would be moved to an-
other hostel.

Iscor said it hoped to
have moved all the resi-
dents out by September
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Iscor said this deci-
sion was taken recently
at a meeting with the
National Union of Metal-
workers of South Africa
(Numsa)

Iscor said it had also
been agreed with Numsa
that KwaMadala hostel
would meanwhile be di-
vided by a steel wall and
the section of the hostel
closest to the road would
be closed — Sapa

● Boipatong: 78
to be charged — Page 2

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Feared hostel a prison

By SOPHIE TEMA

HUNDREDS of men, women and children are trapped inside KwaMadala with nowhere to go

The serious conflict between KwaMadala hostel inhabitants and Vaal residents became evident this week when a young woman - believed to have lived at KwaMadala - was necklaced when she visited her parents in Sharpeville

The uncertain future of the displaced KwaMadala inhabitants - who fled the townships and cannot return to their homes for fear of reprisals - has caused mammoth problems for both Iscor officials and the IFP following demands for the closure of the hostel

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said. "The government will have to provide homes and protection for these people"

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Keeping tabs on the news

KwaMadala men change hostels

ISCOR on Friday indicated that KwaMadala hostel in the Vaal Triangle, from where the June 17 Boipatong massacre was allegedly launched, will be vacated and its residents moved to another hostel. *CI/RES 19/7/92*

Hostel owner Iscor said the target date "for the full integration of the KwaMadala residents into the KwaMasiza hostel" was September 21.

Iscor said this decision was taken recently at its meeting with National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) on the proposed closure of the hostel.

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NEWS Returning displaced families in Alexandra, say]

Cops to help evacuees?

■ For permanent peace to prevail in Alexandra, socio-economic problems such as the shortage of housing must first be addressed, according to a police captain:

S *Sowetan* SOCIO-ECONOMIC problems, including overcrowding and lack of essential services, should first be addressed before displaced Alexandra families could return to their homes, the Goldstone Commission was told on Friday

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Captain Carel van den Bergh of the Witwatersrand Internal Stability Unit, told the commission police were prepared to help the more than 600 families go back to their homes because the area was now calm "although I do not guarantee people will not be shot at"
He said, however, the area was now

127 overcrowded, dirty, without essential services and there were sewerage blockages throughout the township
He also proposed that because the area was overcrowded, the authorities should identify a new residential area for displaced families
The chairman of the Goldstone Committee, Mr R Nugent, expressed concern that although police gave assurances that families could return to their houses, they (police) still did not know why these people fled

New development plan launched for Sandton, Alex

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By Anna Cox

A new development plan for Alexandra, Sandton, Marlboro Gardens, Kelvin, Buccleuch, Modderfontein, Lombardy East and West, Kew and Bramley View has been launched.

The Greater Alexandra/Sandton Urban Development Plan (UDP), set up by the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum, is funded by a loan from the Development Bank of Southern Africa and a grant from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, which will service the loan.

Its aim is to bring to-

gether the region's disparate communities

"The economic interdependence of the three communities could form a starting point for meaningful participation in the formulation of an holistic and integrated development plan which would benefit all residents," said a representative of the consultancy team, Pam Saxby.

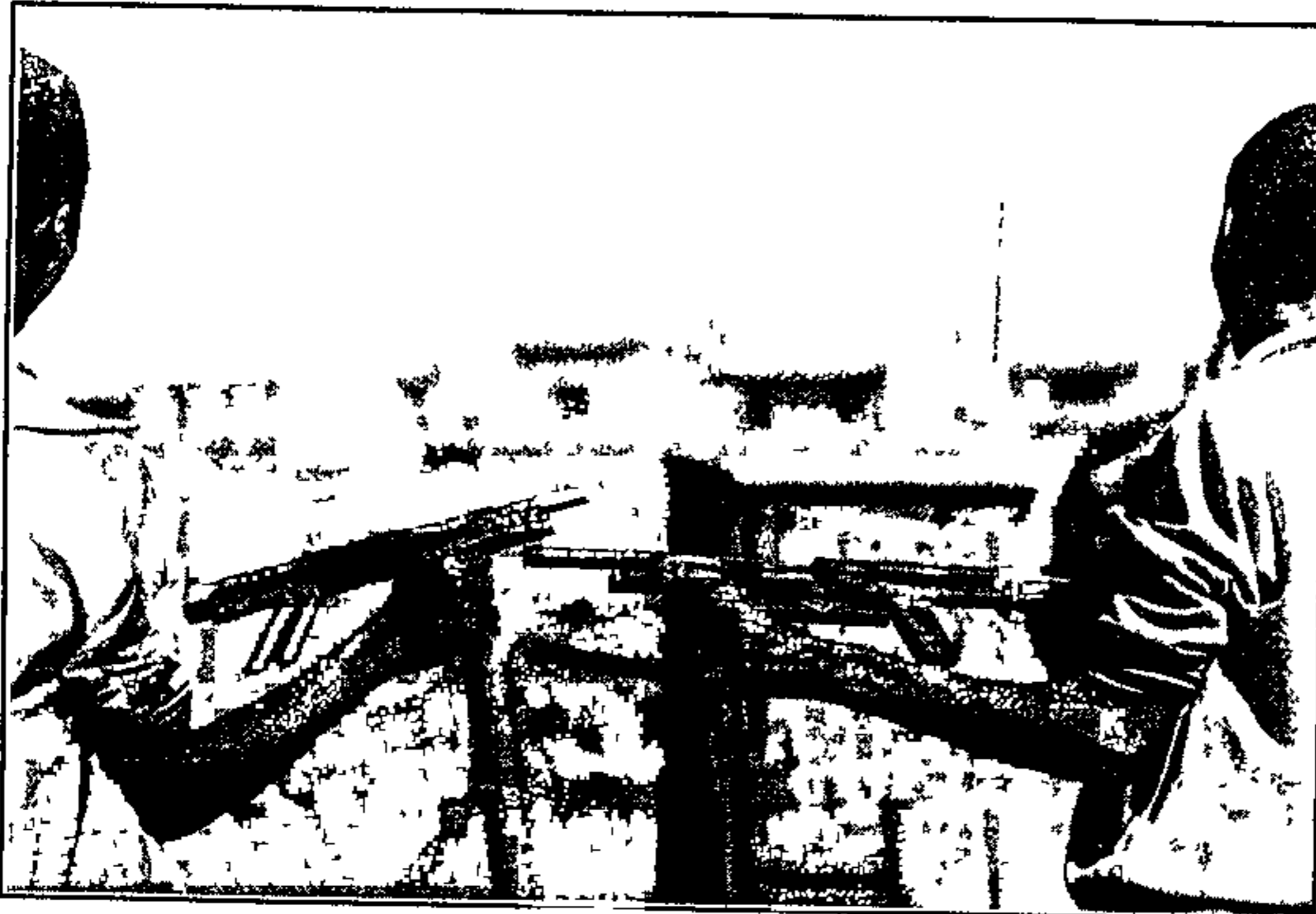
It was envisaged that the UDP steering committee would consult and co-operate with others in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand area to ensure an integrated plan which was in the best interests of the region as a whole, Mrs Saxby said.

The first stage of the UDP, which will take five months, will identify

key issues and residents' concerns.

"This will set the stage for the next step, which will be to identify common goals and a common vision for the region. Mechanisms for the implementation of this vision and the realisation of common goals will be the focus of the third step, expected to take place about 12 months from now," said Mrs Saxby.

She said Alexandra had been the focus of a number of development initiatives in the past, but few had adequately consulted at every level. It was, therefore, important that the UDP became a process with which the public identified strongly.



Home-made firearms. Teenaged comrades display the weapons they use in their 24-hour patrols in the streets of Sebokeng. PIC LEN KUMALO

Where comrade 'Nduna' and his boys are the 'lawmakers'

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IN CONTROL They patrol the streets

of Sebokeng openly carrying guns, and hold regular residents meetings while police Casspirs race away from them:

By Abbey Makoe

TEEENAGE boys have seized control of parts of Sebokeng. Some are only 14 years old and still at school.

They patrol the streets - day and night - openly carrying home made quash guns.

The boys are also the core of self-defence units in these areas, known as "blocks".

We found them digging trenches in the block called Solomon Mahlangu, saying that their mission was to ensure police and vigilantes did not gain easy access.

Only local motorists know which routes to follow, said the boys. Residents were up dated about new developments at meetings, held at least once every two days, the boys said.

They man roadblocks on routes leading to various blocks.

Meanwhile, police seem helpless about the situation. When the boys attacked the *Sowetan* team in Zone 7, police in a Casspir drove away when hiding residents threw stones from yards.

And when reporters drove in front



Sophia Mosie joined the comrades to prove that no-one in her family is an IFP member.

of the police Casspir, officers inside blew a hooter continuously and shouted at reporters "Drive faster we need to pass".

Indeed, their heavy Casspir drove past a barricade, leaving reporters under attack from surfacing youths who wanted to take *Sowetan's* car, shouting "Ke ya makgowa." (The car belongs to whites).

Four weeks ago youths in Solomon Mahlangu block burnt down a house because the owner, a policeman known only as Pule, was suspected of spying for the SAP.

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Leader of a Sebokeng defence unit

In a block called Joe Slovo, youths also set alight a house after one of the girls living there was accused of being an Inkatha member.

The house belonged to an unem

ployed woman who earned her living by casually doing washing for whites in Vanderbijlpark.

The woman's other daughter, Sophia Mosie (18), said she has since joined "the comrades" to assure them no one in her family belonged to Inkatha.

At a roadblock, mean-looking youths demanded details of our identities and reasons for being in the area. The day was saved by the popularity of photographer Len Kumalo.

The leader of the defence unit was initially reluctant to grant us an interview. It was only on condition that his identity was not disclosed that he started to budge. His code-name is Nduna.

"There is war going on here, Mfowethu," Nduna started. "We will survive," he said, looking impressively at the boys digging yet another trench.

Nduna made it clear that his boys were not against every policeman. "There are some who are living in this area and we don't attack them," Nduna said.

When asked where his boys got the bullets, Nduna smiled and said "As I have told you, Mfowethu, some policemen here are very co-operative."

"They give us bullets from time to time. They know what we are doing and they don't spy on us," Nduna said.

His boys were patrolling the streets in three shifts, he said. "The first one goes in at 6am to 2pm. The second from 2pm to 10pm and the last group take up arms from 10pm until the next morning at 6am."

The one thing Nduna stressed was discipline. He said boys who misbehaved, like moving around asking for "protection fee" from residents, were sjamboked.

"Depending on the seriousness of the crime, I can give one lash, two lashes, three lashes and so on," Nduna said.

He said all laws governing the blocks were made at the 20 man "council", comprising representatives from all the 13 zones in Sebokeng.

The two months old council is based at zone 14 and "it is the highest law-making body," Nduna said.

There was no one in Sebokeng who disobeyed the laws because they were formed in consultation with the residents.

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ANC team gets a hostile reception

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AN ANC-SACP-Cosatu delegation received a hostile reception yesterday when it visited Iscor's Kwamadala hostel to check on the evacuation of inmates

NUMSA official Alfred Woodington said yesterday the alliance had alerted Iscor's management and Kwamadala's leaders of their intended visit to the Vaal triangle hostel

"But when we got there, about 200 people toy-toyed towards us, calling us killers," Woodington said, adding that such a reception did not bode well for the spirit of reconciliation

The delegation was able, however, to talk to the hostel dwellers' leaders According to Woodington, it was agreed that a meeting of Inkatha, Iscor and the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance should be convened today

The meeting would discuss, among other things, what was going to be done about Bopatong residents who had been displaced by violence in the township and the reintegration of hostel dwellers in the local community, Woodington said

Asked about the process to evacuate Kwamadala hostel dwellers, he said the delegation was satisfied with steps taken to date One-third of the hostel had been emptied and a wall would be built between that portion and the rest of the complex, he said Iscor spokesman Neels Howalt has said his company intended moving all Kwamadala hostel inmates to Kwamadala hostel by September 21

Call for help in tracing killers

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DURBAN — Natal's regional police commissioner has appealed to political organisations and communities to help the SAP trace and apprehend people who attacked and killed policemen, following the deaths of four around Durban recently, Sapa reports

In a statement yesterday, May-Gen Colin Steyn referred specifically to three policemen killed at the weekend Const F J J Venter, Const Tyrell Tyrone Samuels and Detective Const Titus Maphanga

Just hours before his statement, Durban police reported the killing of Const Jabuhle Gunede, who was shot dead at point-blank range in Umlazi while waiting for a bus to take her to work yesterday

Steyn described the killings as "clearly politically motivated" He said a meeting had taken place between the ANC and Natal police last week to address rumours that the SAP intended withdrawing from certain areas

The latest attacks on members of the SAP can be seen as a contradiction of the sentiments and concerns voiced by the ANC, Steyn said

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that 112 policemen had been killed so far this year In his response to Steyn's remarks, the ANC's southern Natal secretary Sibusiso Ndebele rejected "the general's insinuation that the ANC is responsible for the

killings in Lamontville"

Ndebele said it was not ANC policy to kill policemen, adding that the organisation had suspended its armed activities

President F W de Klerk has requested the Goldstone commission to investigate attacks on the SAP Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday the commission fully shared De Klerk's concern about the large number of policemen killed and injured in recent months

Goldstone also said the commission had received "disturbing reports" from the Vosloorus Local Dispute Resolution Committee concerning violence in that area

The commission was also concerned at the renewed outbreak of violence at Bruntville and Mooi River

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Heruus Kriel gazetted a notice in Pretoria declaring the West Rand's Kagiso, Munsieville, Swanleville squatter settlement and Bekersdal unrest areas

RAY HARTLEY reports gunmen killed two men outside Selby Hostel in Johannesburg yesterday ANC spokesman Wally Mbhele said the attack followed the stabbing of a hostel dweller yesterday and the shooting of a worker on Friday

In another incident, at least two people were killed in a shooting at an Umlazi home yesterday, police said

And a burned body and a stabbing victim were found in Soweto



ANC spokesman Gill Marcus, who attended yesterday's SAUJ-sponsored conference on journalists' safety

Politicians promote journalists' safety

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POLITICAL organisations, including the ANC, Inkatha, SACP, NP and DP, yesterday signed a declaration promoting the safety of journalists

They were attending a conference organised by the SA Union of Journalists SAUJ president Peter Malherbe said that since January, one journalist had been killed, 21 assaulted and 12 threatened

The ANC said it had begun setting up a network of media marshals to act as guides for journalists in townships

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the marshals would relay complaints from journalists to the ANC

Inkatha information officer Errol Goetsch agreed that guides were needed NP information director Piet Coetzer said it was necessary "to change society's attitude towards freedom of expression"

The PAC and Azapo did not sign the declaration, which PAC spokesman Barney Desai said the national working committee had to discuss Azapo's Steven Peter said it "needed to be broadened"

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

PHOTOGRAPH BY GILL MARCUS

Upgrading gets thumbs-up

Staff Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council's R1 million project to upgrade the inner-city suburb of Joubert Park has received positive response from residents — but more public participation is needed, according to city planning department spokesman Marc Salver.

"We hope that, with the support of the people, the project will reverse the negative trends and turn the area into an innovative example for inner-city upgrading," he said in a statement yesterday.

The council plans to turn the area between Twist, Claim, Bok and Smit streets into a precinct in an attempt

to reverse inner-city decay.

The precinct forms part of the council's R3,2 million project for the upgrading of the central business district.

The project, which is still in the planning stage, is designed to comprise semi-private and public spaces, parking courts, a children's play area, benches and pedestrian lighting.

Work is scheduled to start next month and be completed by December.

Mr Salver said the precinct was seen as an opportunity to stabilise the area.

"We believe that redevelopment involving all stakeholders in the area will form this precinct into an exciting place for the local community."

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Kagiso sit-in threat

KAGISO residents have threatened an indefinite sit-in at the local town council offices from August 1 if their demands are not met

The threat follows the failure of the town council to install electricity in a large part of Kagiso and regular black-outs in sections which have lights

An official of the Kagiso branch of the ANC, Mr Uhuru Moiloa, said the municipality and the National Party had been given until August 5 to attend to grievances of the residents or face unprecedented mass action -

Sowetan Reporter

Squatters not natural criminals, court told

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To suggest that indigent people who could only be accommodated informally were inherently lawless was a startling proposition which had no foundation whatsoever, a senior advocate argued in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Sam Maritz, acting for the Transvaal Administrator, was opposing an application to stop the resettlement of the Zevenfontein community at Diepsloot.

Mr Maritz said the application by the Diepsloot Residents and Landowners Association

had not established a reasonable apprehension of harm resulting from an increased crime rate.

Police intended to erect satellite stations at Nietgedacht and Laezonia. A permanent police station was planned for Fourways.

The Administrator also intended to take reasonable precautions to prevent interference with the rights of surrounding landowners by implementing a proper town-planning scheme at Diepsloot. There was no question of uncontrolled squatting being allowed.

H Steyn, for the residents' association, argued on Tuesday that the Administrator had, in deciding to move the squatters to Diepsloot, not exercised his discretion properly.

He said the move would unlawfully interfere with the rights of Diepsloot residents and landowners.

The squatters would create a nuisance, and landowners in the area feared they would contaminate the groundwater supply. This would create a health risk to the community.

The hearing continues — Sapa

Councillors in arrears asked to quit

The mayor of Duduza and three of his councillors have been asked to resign from their positions after failing to pay rent.

According to a Transvaal Provincial Administration report, mayor Kebane Molo and councillors M Hlatshwayo, T D Nyembe and T Motoane have not paid rent for some time

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A TPA spokesman said that in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, the moment a councillor stopped paying rent without any reasonable explanation, he was automatically disqualified

He said an administrator, Willie Robinson, had been appointed to take over the running of Duduza

The TPA spokesman said

the disqualification did not adversely affect the residents because services were still being rendered to the community. (127)

The executive of the TPA had been informed about the disqualification. Mr Molo could not be reached for comment — East Rand Bureau

Vaal faces total collapse of services

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A serious health problem could be looming in strife-torn Vaal Triangle townships as local residents face what could become a total collapse of municipal services in the area.

The non-payment of rent since the Boipatong massacre is one of the main reasons for the brewing problem. Another factor is that rampaging mobs are making it nearly impossible for local councils to enter certain areas.

Roads are being blocked and municipal vehicles stolen or hijacked. When The Star visited some of the townships yesterday, it was clear that serious problems were already being

experienced with sewerage systems, refuse removal and water supply in the area.

Sewage-lined streets and accumulating rubbish were a common sight throughout the area.

Also conspicuous were a large number of barricades in Sebokeng and Sharpeville roads, severely hindering normal traffic flow.

Stoned

An armoured police vehicle transporting members of the media on a tour of the area was stoned several times during the course of the afternoon.

According to a statement released yesterday by MEC for Constitutional Development and Ne-

gotiations Olaus van Zyl, local councils are unable to continue supplying normal services as it is almost impossible to enter certain areas in the townships with their vehicles and equipment.

Mr van Zyl stated that some of the sewage flow in the Vaal was already on its way to the Vaal River. He added that at various places, streets were inaccessible, and warned that the lack of refuse removal could create a health hazard.

Cement blocks were also being thrown into manholes in the sewerage system. The blockages in the system could result in some of the pipelines having to be replaced — at a cost of about R3 million.

Mr van Zyl warned that the current situation

could cause a total collapse of municipal services in the area. Payment of accounts had dropped to a mere 11 percent since the Boipatong massacre.

It also appeared that damage to property was being done without taking into account the implications of these actions.

Tolerate

"Local residents can certainly no longer tolerate these actions in the townships. It is now necessary for them to stand together against elements that do not have the interest of the residents at heart. It is also necessary that local negotiations be resumed," he said.

Demo over Alex 'wooden shacks'

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■ The size of sites and timber houses to be built in Alex come under fire:

By Mathatha Tsedu

RESIDENTS of Alexandra yesterday took to the streets to object to the size of sites in the township's Far East Bank section

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The protesters, who included children holding placards criticising the size and the timber houses to be built there gathered at the house of chairman of the housing committee of the Alexandra Civic Organisation Mr Bob Mathibe

They demanded that sites be at least 400 square metres each. They said the ACO was not representing their interests as the new settlement being planned would be like "moving from a tin shack into a wooden shack".

Mathibe said he supported the protesters' demands and said the ACO would have to rethink its position in the Joint Negotiating Forum which arranged for the new area.

IFP vow on hostel dwellers

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ANY unilateral attempts to resettle KwaMadala hostel dwellers or any move which would endanger their personal safety would be resisted, the Inkatha Freedom Party vowed yesterday

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet, who

■ Inkatha Freedom Party would fight resettlement:

indicated his organisation had in principle accepted the relocation of KwaMadala inmates, said in a statement "The inhabitants of KwaMadala hostel are clearly living under dehuman-

ising and oppressive conditions
"Any decision to move the refugees must be underpinned by humanitarian principles that acknowledge the fears and insecurities of the community"

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Holgate says the sale of surplus council-owned land is an ongoing process, however, each proposed sale has to be approved by the full council and, in many cases, the land in question must first be subdivided and zonings amended. "All these are time-consuming processes," he says. In addition, council has no intention of selling off the family silver at bargain basement prices. Holgate says a prime requirement is to take into account the state of the market in any given area so that council can be certain it is maximising its revenue-earning potential.

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NEWS FEATURE Displaced Fox Lake residents forced to pay bonds for houses they are

But now I can't afford to rent a house or a backyard room. Instead I'm seriously considering moving to Dobsonville squatter camp

Miss Joyce Mudau, house owner



Hostel dwellers with their children fetch water outside these evacuated houses. They don't have to ask for permission - there's no one here. PICS PAT SEBOKO

not living in as township violence continues to wreak havoc in Soweto

Fox Lake deserted as war rages

By Abbey Makoe

FAMILIES WHO fled their houses during clashes between Meadowlands hostel inmates and residents are still paying their bonds - although they are not staying in those houses

The homeless families are residents of Killarney, Mzimhlope and Meadowlands in Soweto

They fled the war zone at the height of violent confrontation in the area, leaving behind their newly-built houses. Some of the houses are now vandalised and empty

Some home-owners said they were forced to pay R1 025 towards their bonds to the Allied Building Society

■ HELPLESS VICTIMS Caught in the middle, owners still pay mortgage:

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every month,

They said they have tried on numerous occasions to persuade the bank to suspend payments but in vain

A memorandum was presented to the bank's management to urge it to heed their call, but it fell on deaf ears

The residential area, known as Fox Lake, is separated by a wire from the hostel. On the other side, Fox Lake is divided from the township by Vincent Road, which has been nicknamed "death road" following many killings

on the street

When approached for comment, a senior official at the Allied Building Society said the media liaison officer was out of town and there was no one else to comment on the matter

In the past weeks, *Sowetan* went out to trace the whereabouts of the displaced Fox Lake families. Many have rejoined their families in the usual old matchbox township houses

Others had nowhere to stay. Few were found performing their daily household

chores at Fox Lake. There were fewer than five families and fear of publicity restrained them from talking to *Sowetan*

In interviews with some of those who fled Fox Lake, two points which instil fear in the minds of residents of that area were most expressed: "Inkatha" and "hostel dwellers"

Among them was Joyce Mudau. She said she was spending days carrying a plastic bag wherever she went

She had a dress, towel, a pair of slippers and a perfume in her plastic bag

She slept at any place where she could find overnight comfort and avoid winter's chilly nights

A cleaner at a post office in Johan-

nesburg, Miss Mudau used to share her house with her unemployed son

Her recollection of life next to the hostel is summed up in her description: "We were like hostages. We were people living in jail. You couldn't even take a walk to your gate and have a look around the garden," she said

She said she left the area after the hostel dwellers shot two women near her house. "They were accusing the women of being ANC sympathisers who had infiltrated the ranks of Inkatha in the hostel," she said

"But now," she said, "I can't afford to rent a house or a backyard room. Instead, I am seriously considering moving to Dobsonville squatter camp," Miss Mudau said

As if that was not enough, they then demanded that we take up Inkatha membership as proof that we sided with them

Nomsa Makhanya, Fox Lake resident

Insurance worker, Nomsa Makhanya, fled Fox Lake with her child to rent a backyard room. She was paying her bank R942,00 every month, she said

Miss Makhanya, who grew up in the township, said she could not blame township youths for attacking residents in Fox Lake. She said hostel dwellers used to launch attacks on the township, "using our premises"

Fox Lake residents were also "asked" by hostel dwellers to donate R2 every time they came home, claiming it was a "protection fee" against the township residents, Makhanya said

"As if that was not enough, they then demanded that we take up Inkatha membership as proof that we sided with them," she said

"Often they knocked on our doors at night, instructing us to go out with them when fighting against the township youths," said Makhanya.

Neo Mamatela, who also fled Fox Lake, echoed similar sentiments. "I just could not take it any more," he said

He said he was missed by a bullet fired from the township side one morning while on his way to work. "Matters got worse when I was thrown out of a taxi queue in Meadowlands," he said

"Residents said I should go and use taxis operating from where I lived, in the hostel," Mamatela said

Back in the trapped land where he lived, hostel dwellers accused him of being anti-Inkatha because he would not "donate" R50

When asked what the donation was for, he said he was told the money was going to be spent on transport ferrying hostel dwellers to a rally in Ulundi

The only money he remembered donating, he said, was R10, which like the R50, had to be donated by every householder

"The R10 was going to be used to buy bullets," Mamatela said. He said they were frequently reminded that taking up Inkatha membership was a safety guarantee.



Hostel dwellers allegedly vandalise houses and steal whatever they can get their hands on.

Plea to residents

THE Johannesburg City Council yesterday called on residents of Noordgesig to help stop the intimidation of council workers.

In an open letter to residents the council said intimidation seriously hampered services such as cleansing and other activities like land surveying. It said the involvement of residents could put an end to acts of intimidation which would greatly facilitate the speeding up of "what has to be done in Noordgesig".

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Nowhere to go IFP hostel dwellers demonstrate and chant outside the soon-to-be-closed kwaMadala Hostel this week

Photo GUY ADAMS

DOWN with Mandela!" "Numsa job thieves!" yelled the hostel dwellers — it looked as if we were about to witness another bloody episode in South Africa's unending political war

Bristling tensions initially marked the encounter between inmates of the kwaMadala hostel in Vanderbijlpark — the alleged launching-pad of the Boipatong massacre and numerous other attacks on surrounding townships — and a team from the National Union of Metalworkers and the African National Congress this week. But "a quiet word turneth away anger" subsequent negotiations defused the violent emotions and may have built a tenuous bridge between the two profoundly alienated groups

The hostel, an Inkatha stronghold, had become a virtual no-go area, sealed off from Boipatong since the massacre almost a month ago. The visitors from Numsa and the ANC were checking on the progress made in evacuating the hostel, after Iscor's announcement that it is to close by September 12.

As they stood outside the building, waiting for representatives of the hostel to arrive, the Numsa team was surrounded by more than 200 angry, slogan-shouting hostel inmates. Others — including a large number of women and children — carried placards saying "Keep away from our hostel!" and "You may destroy kwaMadala but you will not destroy the mighty Zulu!"

The leader of the Numsa delegation, Alfred Woodington, found himself being backed against his car while a group of men, all carrying knobkienes, stamped around him.

Violence was averted when each side allowed the other to state its case — to the hostellers' complaint that Numsa had no members at kwa-Madala, Woodington replied that the visit had been arranged with Inkatha Freedom Party officials.

After a 15-minute discussion, the two sides agreed that the Numsa/ANC delegation be allowed into a section of kwaMadala facing Boipa-

First the rage, then a shaky peace at hostel

Iscor's decision to close the controversial kwaMadala Hostel could have been a spark for conflict. But cool heads and negotiations saved the day, reports

BEATHUR BAKER

tong which has been sealed off by a steel wall. This has been constructed by Iscor in response to township residents' pleas. An Iscor worker cut a man-sized hole in the steel curtain to give the delegation access.

Closing the hostel is only the beginning of an enormously difficult and delicate process. Iscor has announced that the kwaMadala inmates are to be reintegrated with the 4 500 residents of nearby kwa-Masiza, its main hostel and an ANC stronghold.

In the aftermath of the massacre, Numsa officials indicated the kwa-Madala men would not be welcome. And the IFP members are convinced that a return to kwaMasiza, which they fled in late 1990, will be suicide.

This week IFP, ANC/Numsa and Iscor set the wheels in motion at a meeting to decide how to evacuate the hostel and where to move the residents. Walking around the empty part of the hostel, senior Numsa official Bernie Fanaroff asked accompanying IFP members

what they suggested be done about the move to kwaMasiza. One man answered "We must just sit around the table and talk about this thing. We can't go back to the other hostel, we will be killed."

IFP central committee member and urban organiser Vitus Mvelase added emphatically "kwaMadala is the only place our people can flee to, we believe our people must stay together."

The hostel dwellers faced huge and daily problems, he added. "Because they are known IFP supporters, they say they are not safe from township residents, which adds to their isolation."

Afterwards Fanaroff summed up the problem from Numsa's side. "The reality is that kwaMasiza people do not want them. They are very suspicious because they feel the kwa-Madala people have been involved in massacres." Although the community of Boipatong initially wanted kwa-Madala destroyed, Fanaroff said "We felt that we cannot put kwa-Madala residents in the veld."

During the tour of the hostel, some of the inmates described how they had to walk around in groups of six or more for protection. "We cannot even catch taxis, because the drivers are stopped from picking us up," said one man.

Despite these fears, Iscor is adamant that the move must go ahead. Said Iscor spokesman Ernest Webstock "The main aim still remains to integrate kwaMadala people into kwaMasiza."

Iscor is also insisting that only its workers will be housed, and has excluded non-employees from kwa-Madala. This has created a mini-crisis — these men have nowhere to go — but has ironically placed Numsa and the IFP in the same camp. Both agree that temporary accommodation must be found.

This week's encounter may have taken another small step towards reconciliation. At the end of the three-hour visit representatives shook hands, nodded in agreement over the agenda and set the date of the next meeting — July 22.



Police move in to arrest demonstrators who had occupied the Jeppe Street Post Office in Johannesburg on Saturday. Those arrested appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court the same night.

Pic. PAT SEBOKO

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■ Sit-in staged at Johannesburg's main post office:

MORE than 400 ANC supporters arrested for staging a sit-in at Johannesburg's main post office were being released yesterday with a warning to appear in court in two weeks time

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the 460 protesters arrested on Saturday faced charges of trespassing

The ANC said 500 people had been arrested in the hour-long occupation of the central Jeppe Street Post Office

The protesters, who are residents of Palm Springs in the Vaal Triangle, were highlighting demands for health and educational facilities in the area, a spokesman said

that participation in stayaways was Meyer and a third with his deputy

Zevenfontein relocation put on hold by court's interdict

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THE relocation of several hundred Zevenfontein squatter families was temporarily halted this weekend when residents of the Nietgedacht area obtained an urgent interim interdict against the TPA

Pretoria Supreme Court Judge Isak de Villiers also temporarily prohibited the TPA from continuing with the development of the Nietgedacht site for the resettlement of the Zevenfontein community

De Villiers gave the TPA and eight other respondents — including the owner of Zevenfontein farm, the Chartwell community and JCI — until September 8 to show cause why the order should not be made permanent

A TPA spokesman yesterday said that it would strongly oppose the court's interim order, and expressed regret about the inconvenience the legal action had caused the squatter community

"The Zevenfontein community currently lives under extremely undesirable conditions and we regret that they have to now suffer further inconvenience," TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said

The urgent application was launched by the Jukskei Crocodile Catchment Area

Land Owners' and Residents' Association (JCCA)

The interdict also affected the agreement signed between the owner of the farm Zevenfontein, the Chartwell community and JCI, which stipulated that the squatters would be relocated by July 31

The TPA's proposed site, north of Johannesburg, was technically and socio-economically unsuitable for low-cost housing settlement, the JCCA said in a statement

The area was strategically very important to the PWV as a major agricultural area for vegetables, flowers, fruit and other farm produce being supplied for export and the Johannesburg and Pretoria markets, the statement said

The two landowners who had been served expropriation orders by the TPA had not yet moved and had accepted the expropriation money without prejudice to their legal rights, JCCA spokesman Wessel Swart said yesterday

"The expropriated parties were extremely pleased about the successful court application," he said

Protecting workforce

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

THE Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa) and the newly formed United Independent Trade Unions' Adhoc Committee for SA, which together represent 70 000 workers, say members will defend themselves against anyone trying to prevent them from going to work during the mass action campaign

Uwusa and new union chairman Jabulani Dlamini last week warned of the effects of a general strike on the economy, saying many workers would lose their jobs and many might be killed in confrontations with police

"As trade unions our main task is to protect workers' interests in the workplace. We appeal to the ANC/Cosatu alliance not to involve workers in any political actions"

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Support for bond boycott diminishes

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More organisations, including the ANC, have distanced themselves from the call to boycott bond repayments

The call, made by the South African Civic Organisations, was also given the thumbs down by the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), especially because there had been no consultation on the issue

Organisations which have already poured cold water on the idea of the August 1 rent and bond boycott are the Inkatha Freedom Party, the New South African Housing Association under Dr Nthato Motlana and the Diepkloof Civic Association

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the matter was being dealt with at the highest level "The ANC did not call for or take a decision on the boycotts," he said.

PAC economic spokesman Mosebyane Malatsi said "affected people should have a participatory right in co-determining the level and modalities of payment of bonds. However, there has been no consultation in this instance and participation of those affected seems an imposition which is not acceptable."

However Mr Malatsi said PAC members were free to deal with the situation as they deemed fit.

Yesterday the Congress of

South African Students called for a two-day school boycott to coincide with next week's general strike and the SA Democratic Teachers' Union encouraged members to support the action.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday added its voice to threats of "no pay" for strikers.

ANC PWV region spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa denied a claim that the Johannesburg Stock Exchange had been targeted for "occupation" today

Earlier yesterday, Mr Mamoepa called on supporters of mass action to ignore thousands of pamphlets distributed in Pretoria urging workers to reject the strike. He claimed the pamphlets were distributed by the Pretoria Business Liaison Forum

In mass action-related protests yesterday

● Two policemen were slightly injured when they were hit by stones during a demonstration at the Medical University of Southern Africa

● At least 32 members of the ANC Youth League were arrested in Katlehong on the East Rand after they occupied council offices.

● Police arrested 42 people, including 35 teachers, who staged a sit-in protest at a Soweto school for the handicapped.

● ANC supporters occupied the Ciskei consulate in Port Elizabeth and called for its closure

Council approves policy to shape urban environment

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Bold new vision for PWV sought

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SWEEPING proposals to scrap old apartheid divisions in the location of black and white communities and consider the creation of a new, compact nonracial development zone within a 25 km radius of Johannesburg's city centre were unveiled by the Urban Foundation yesterday.

The foundation urged the total withdrawal of controversial draft plans, prepared by the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, published under the title "1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV".

Instead, a round-table non-racial indaba was proposed to pursue a radical new approach to black/white integration and rethinking about leaving black townships and so-called informal settlements — or squatter camps — remote from the economic mainstream.

"It is important to recognise that old apartheid ideas and practices live on," said the Urban Foundation. "In the PWV this legacy can be seen in segregation and fragmentation of the cities, economic growth issues, land for low-income housing and in the role of the central State."

"The time for greater honesty in the development arena is long overdue. We need new visions."

The PWV at the moment faced two crises: the enormous challenge to find land and housing opportunities in reasonable locations for hundreds of thousands of citizens without adequate shelter; and solutions to economic growth and job creation in a declining regional economy.

Urban Foundation executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein said the Government document had failed by falling far short of a new post-apartheid vision of the future.

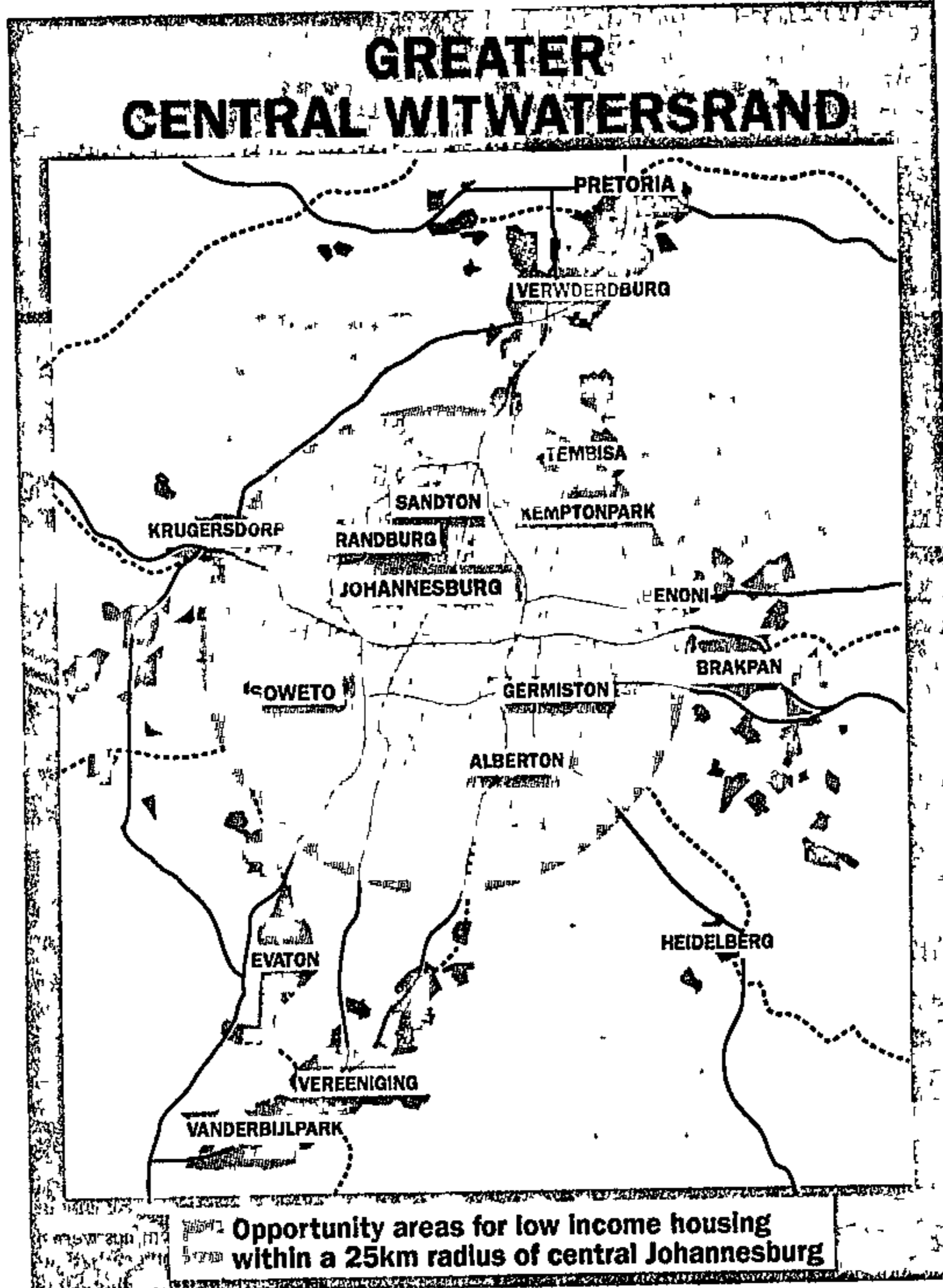
The crucial need now was for a set of practical guidelines on the residential and economic development of the entire region — mapped out not by bureaucrats alone but by round-table discussions by all the key stakeholders, from homeowners to investors.

Among the first priorities must be a radical re-examination of the outline of what has become known as the PWV — sprawling north from the Witwatersrand to Pretoria and south to the Vaal Triangle.

A decision was needed on whether the PWV should remain a single unit or whether the vast economic powerhouse should be split into three in a redrawing of the boundaries of development regions.

One option that deserved investigation was the creation of a compact zone within a 25 km radius of central Johannesburg, and its potential for low-cost housing, before more distant

The Government has been advised by the Urban Foundation to scrap controversial draft proposals on the future development of the entire PWV economic powerhouse. The foundation argues that a radical new approach is needed in a post-apartheid era, reports MICHAEL CHESTER.



marginal settlements were considered.

"The political framework for the cities is now quite different, and that entails a reassessment of how we understand future metropolitan growth in a multi-nodal region like the PWV," argued Ms Bernstein.

"We need to look carefully at the different areas that make up this region and assess the advantages and disadvantages (economic, political, social and in-

frastructural) of the present definition of planning regions."

New visions were required — such as the full integration of Johannesburg and Soweto as a newly constituted single city of world status.

It was now widely agreed that apartheid policies created an extremely inefficient and inequitable urban structure, Ms Bernstein said.

The Urban Foundation suggested that a key practical

guideline for the 1990s was that local authorities, regional authorities, private developers, community organisations and other urban players had to encourage the functional re-integration of cities still divided on racial lines.

The two key aims should be:

- To concentrate development wherever possible between former black townships and city cores, with guidelines for future public investment that could be

followed by private investment.

- To examine inner-city areas and study how to increase densities so as to maximise the impact of infrastructure and investment, taking lessons about inner city redevelopment from international as well as local experience.

Local authorities had to look at the costs and benefits of incentives for private and community investment, lobbying for national urban and housing policies to facilitate laying out new plans.

"Moving towards a democratic society means that the interests and needs of all those citizens hitherto ignored in the city must now be accommodated," said Ms Bernstein.

"The authorities will need to identify and deal with the needs of all the different new players and reconcile these new needs with those of the more established urban actors."

The Urban Foundation put forward two practical suggestions:

- Exploring a number of planning innovations that could be used to manage the interface between high and low-income communities by the location of various facilities.

- Recognising the inevitability of conflict around land issues in the transition and weighing the possibility of the creation of a Land Court where conflicts could be resolved through judicial process and by reference to national policy principles — rather than through unilateral decisions by public authorities.

Physical planning should respond to economic realities.

Planners should bear in mind that while jobs were still concentrated in industrial and commercial zones, jobs were also spread throughout the urban area — in suburban industrial parks, office complexes, private homes, shopping centres, parking lots, hotels and restaurants.

"Provision for housing, transportation, infrastructure and social services needs to take this economic reality into account and balance the location of jobs and housing," Ms Bernstein argued.

The draft 1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV had fallen short of meeting all the main criteria that should be followed. It should be withdrawn.

A totally new approach was needed in planning the future of the PWV complex.

All the key stakeholders in the region should be allowed to take part in laying new plans from the outset.

Planning should begin with focus on two crucial issues:

- The definition of the PWV
- The formulation of practical guidelines which responded to the new realities of South African cities. □

Council to spend R4-m on hostel upgrading

Johannesburg City Council is to spend more than R4 million on upgrading hostels in its municipal area.

Health and housing committee chairman Marietta Marx told the council while the hostels still existed the council intended to make them as comfortable as possible.

The council's strategic plans involved the phasing out of hostels, she said.

About R2 million will be used to investigate the conversion of hostels into family accommodation and servicing of 75 erven for building family accommodation.

● The council warned yesterday of a strong possibility that refuse collection, street cleaning and bus services could be severely disrupted by mass action next week.

Solid waste director Gys du Plessis said his department would distribute extra refuse bags to residents this week.

Hospitals and areas where food was handled would receive priority treatment.

Mr du Plessis warned of rubbish piles in business areas.

The council made plans to employ volunteer drivers for bus services. Priority routes, such as school trips, will be kept running, if possible.

A reduction in the frequency of buses was expected on some routes. — Sapa-Staff Reporter.

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NEWS 'Little' forensic testin

Pay accounts residents told

Condition to restore electricity supply:

THE supply of electricity to Tokoza township on a 24-hour basis would be provided by the Alberton Town Council on condition community organisations advised residents to pay their accounts

This is contained in a statement issued by the Tokoza Dispute Resolution Committee this week. (127)

The committee said the deal had been made following representations by the African National Congress, Inkatha Freedom Party, Tokoza Civic Association, the Tokoza Chamber of Commerce and Time Housing Residents Committee

All residents have been urged to pay the current amount on their accounts by not later than August 13.

Residents should fetch their accounts from Tokoza City Council offices.

"If this account is not paid, the electricity supply will again be cut and other services may also be interrupted," said the committee

Residents can pay their accounts at the Tokoza Pay Office or at the Rates Hall in the Alberton Town Council offices - Sapa.

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R4-m for hostels

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About R2 million of the money will be used to investigate the conversion of hostels into family accommodation, as well as for the proposed servicing of 75 erven for the construction of family accommodation - *Sapa*

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Ratepayers helping to shape local government

By Day 31/7/92

RATEPAYER organisations are emerging from the shadows of municipal politics to play an increasingly influential role in the shaping of local government policies. City and town councils throughout the Transvaal are being subjected to intensifying scrutiny of virtually every aspect of municipal affairs from the location of informal settlements and roads, such as the Zevenfontein community and the A3, to budgets, mass transport plans and negotiating forums.

Johannesburg City Council planning committee chairman Eddy Magid says that involving ratepayer organisations is "critical to the success of any project".

The civic spine fiasco, which was Magid's progeny, and the uproar over the Masstran transport system, provide ample evidence of the necessity for consultations.

"The community must not be merely informed, it must be actively involved. Without participation and commitment at grassroots level no project plan can be successfully

implemented," says Magid. No longer content to quibble solely over "pavement mentality" issues such as barking dogs, noise and litter, organisations have made their primary concern the question of how local government is to be restructured, Sandton Federation of Ratepayer Associations (Sanfed) chairman Gail Daus says.

A critical question is how effective ratepayer organisations are going to be when it comes to defining a new regional and local government dispensation. The danger is that ratepayers may become swamped by the decisions taken at national level.

"It has been the stated intent of government to devolve power to a local level and for that to work we need responsible citizens to play their part," Daus says.

Johannesburg city councillor Judith Briggs suggests a new local government structure would be likely to contain both direct and proportional representation.

In the case of the latter, and without a directly accountable public

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Daus cites the 1988 municipal elections as the catalyst for a renaissance in ratepayer activism. With 11 Sandton councillors elected unopposed in an 18% poll, Daus says the election brought into being a belated interest in the workings, personalities and decision-making of municipal affairs.

Creeping office development projects in the Sandton area, aided by a sympathetic town council and a perceived council slant toward autocracy, secrecy and paternalism, provoked ratepayer organisations to get organised and to become more involved, Daus says.

Discussions between the more than 20 ratepayer organisations op-

erating in Sandton at the end of 1989 led to the formation of Sanfed in February 1990.

"We decided to create a forum in which we could discuss issues of mutual interest to Sandton residents and express them through a united front," she says.

Two years on, Sanfed boasts up to 250 committee members in 23 paid-up ratepayer organisations and a grassroots membership of several thousand.

The 1988 municipal elections were also a watershed in ratepayer activism in Johannesburg, says Margrit Wolff, chairman of the umbrella ratepayers organisation the Northern Areas Group.

The DP, which rules the council in an alliance with the NP, fought the election on a public participation ticket and councillors have become far more responsive to ratepayer demands, she says.

Wolff describes the future of local government as a major concern for Johannesburg ratepayers.

"Now that we have got the negotiating forum in Johannesburg going, we hope to have some input into the constitution as it will affect local government."

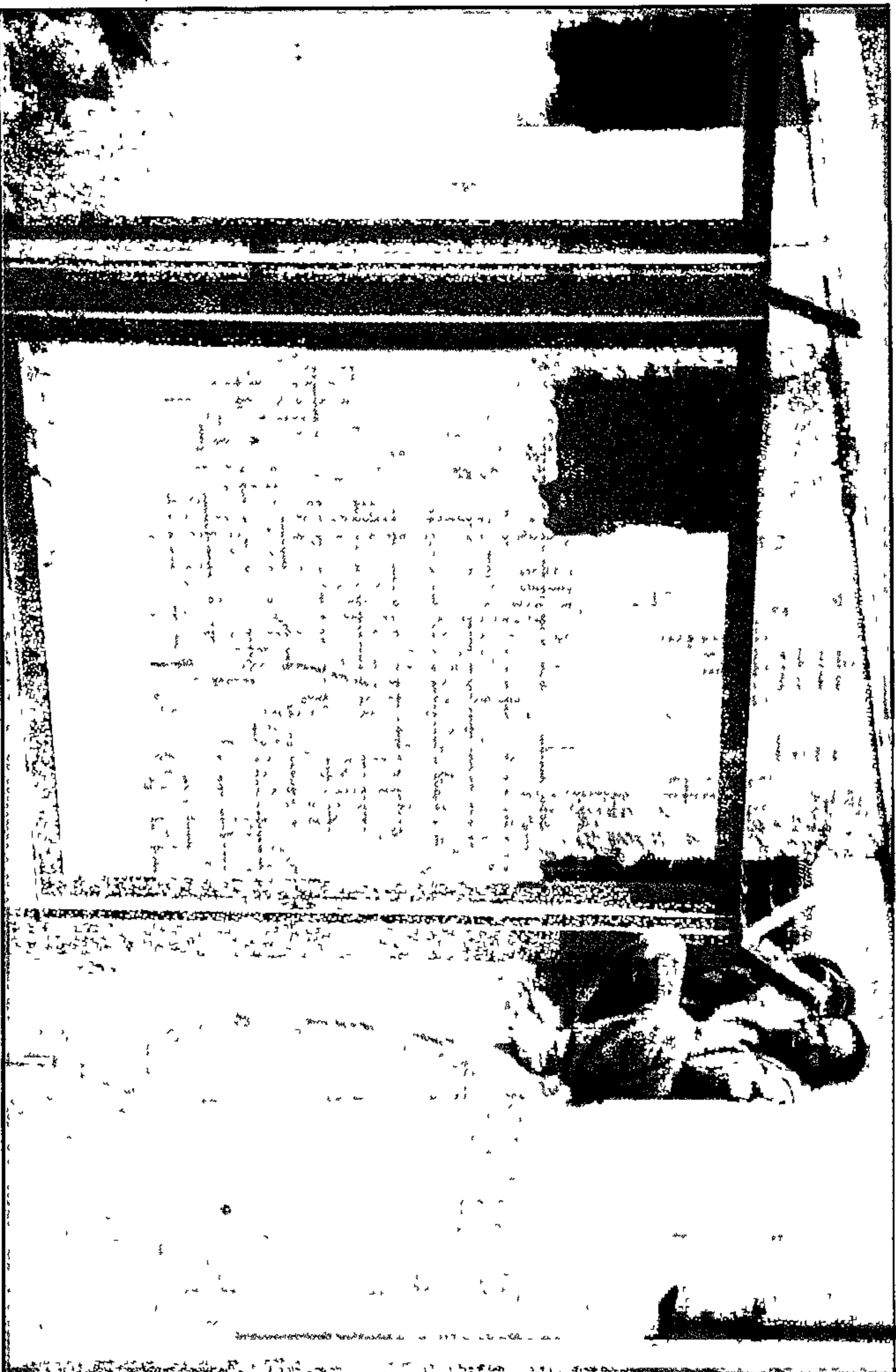
A common feeling among many ratepayer organisations is that a strong form of local authority would be preferable to a powerful regional one.

The argument is that it would be easier to deal with an empowered local level structure rather than with a wider regional one on issues such as the encroachment of business on residential zones and a higher ratepayer profile in city planning and development projects.

While apathy is still a problem — "people feel their money will cushion them," says Wolff — the challenge is on for ratepayer organisations to become involved and influential in a process that has crucial implications for every resident in the country.

But, as Wolff explains, "ratepayer organisations are becoming a voice to be heard."

CODESA's deadlock in May catalyzed federal...



Abandoned rooms . . . a worker who is helping to demolish one section of Boipatong's Kwamadala Hostel. Residents in the other section await the outcome of talks about where they will be transferred to.

Picture George Mashini

Demolition at hostel nears completion

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The demolition of an abandoned section of Kwamadala hostel in Boipatong is nearly complete, but there are still about 500 residents housed in the complex, awaiting the outcome of negotiations between themselves, employers and their prospective new neighbours.

Iscor public relations spokesman Ernest Webb-Stock confirmed that demolition begun on Tuesday was nearly finished.

The company, which owns the building and employs residents, had ordered demolition of only that half of the hostel which was no longer inhabited.

About 500 residents were moved to one side of Kwamadala, sectioned off by a steel wall, a month after the June 17 massacre and at the height of the tensions in the area.

They are still there, awaiting the outcome of four-way negotiations. The negotiations involve the acceptance of the largely Inkatha-aligned Kwamadala residents in Sebokeng's Kwamasiza hostel — Sapa

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Single list for

council homes

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A nonracial waiting list for council-owned housing in Johannesburg, will be established as a matter of urgency to deal with the backlog of more than 53 000 applications

At present, there is a separate list for white, coloured, Indian and black areas

Health and housing committee chairman Marietta Marx said people would be allocated points for every year they had been on a waiting list. — Municipal Reporter

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Civic boss' rent is paid

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■ **RENT ROW** Moses Mayekiso's annual R33 000

rent subsidy adds fuel to row over bond boycott:

THE bond boycott row took a new turn yesterday when it was revealed that its key proponent, civic and trade union leader Moses Mayekiso, receives R33 000 annually as a rent subsidy from an overseas donor agency. This will add to the criticism of the South African National Civic Organisation, of which Mayekiso is vice-presi-

dent, which has called for a rent and bond boycott from tomorrow. The call has been slammed by a range of organisations including the ANC and its leader, Mr Nelson Mandela. It has also led to building societies and banks slapping restrictive measures on bond applications from township residents.

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THE rent and bonds boycott call by the South African National Civic Association has, apart from raising an outcry, threatened to split the liberation movements apart as mass action day nears

Even the African National Congress president, Mr Nelson Mandela, entered the fray by saying the issue seemed to be sensitive

Sowetan spoke to Sanco vice-president Mr Moses Mayekiso about their continued call for a rent and bond boycott Mayekiso also spoke on next week's mass action and stayaway in his capacity as National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa general-secretary

Victor Tsuai: Mr Mayekiso, you have been linked to the rent and bond boycott which has been vigorously opposed Have you had a change of heart in view of the opposition?

Moses Mayekiso: It's very unfortunate that all those political parties who spoke against the boycott had to run to the Press without consulting us But what right do they have to oppose action called by local structures? The political bodies have a right to their opinion but nobody tampers with that It is disturbing that we are being criticised not by the petty bourgeois but by people close to our structures

Each of our structures had to look at ways on how to go about mass action

Independent

We are independent and our structures are in the grassroots The decision to issue the boycott was made by Sanco's general council in a bid to call for the disbanding of the Government and a demand for a Constituent Assembly The bond boycott can therefore not be separated from other forms of mass action

VT: Who is supposed to participate in the boycott and who should not?

MM: It's an all-encompassing thing But we also say that no one should be coerced Because of the probable repercussions which we are aware of, people need to come together Those who understand political and economic demands of the people should conscientise the people

VT: Mr Mayekiso, do you yourself live in a house for which you have to pay a bond?

MM: I also live in a bond house We do understand the struggle But this struggle is not only confined to a few people Think of the workers who will be staying away from work and will possibly be fired They will lose their houses Of course there are others who are already faced with these difficulties

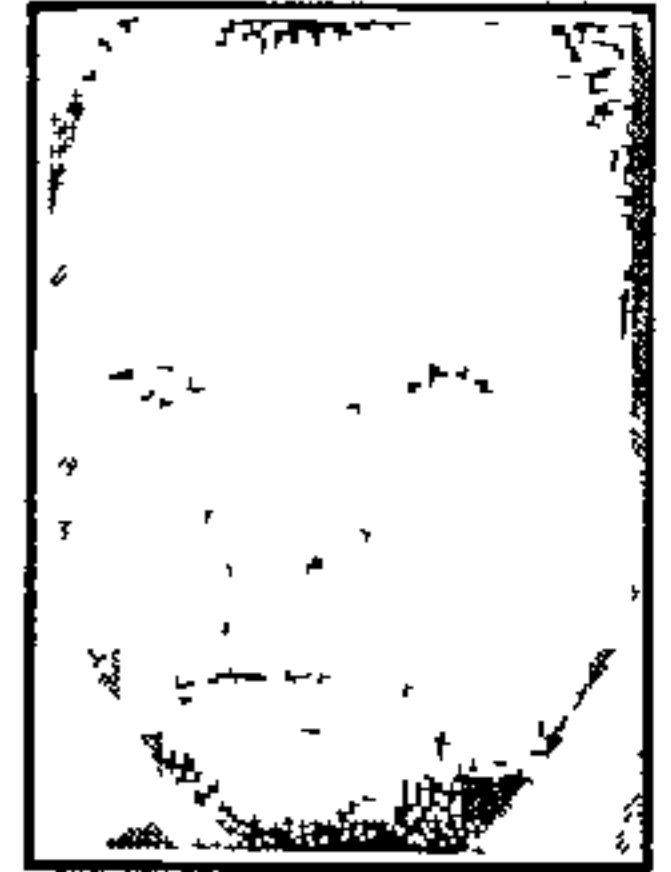
VT: How possible is it for you to monitor the boycott?

MM: It will be difficult to monitor the boycott It will depend on sincerity of our local structures who will monitor the situation through meetings and the banking institutions

Sanco vice-president Moses Mayekiso was interviewed by **Victor Tsuai** about the controversial bond boycott and three-day general strike:

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Moses Mayekiso ... at the centre of controversy.

Our working committee will also have to get access to banks

VT: Do you foresee any possible confrontation between Sanco and those defying the bond action in relation to mass action?

MM: This is a very sensitive question We once more say that the choice is between those who choose to ignore the bond boycott and those who know that it is their right to apply whatever defiance action is at their disposal We are talking here about hypocritical individuals

Bond boycotts

VT: You also say that the fight for bond boycotts is also caused by the threat by banking institutions to freeze bonds Is this assertion not putting the cart before the horse?

MM: Banks actually have fears that they are investing in an unstable economy and this fear was raised some time ago They are not committed to socio-economic restructuring They see

politics as something far away when it involves the disenfranchised

VT: Speaking of people losing jobs and possibly their houses through mass action, how do you condone the action of people who covertly work overtime in order to buy time for mass action? It's surely unfair on other workers with no alternative

MM: We do not deny that such practises do happen It's also a fact that there are such elements Sometimes they do this because of intimidation and fear by the employers We do not condone this action It is of course unfair on the other workers But it boils down to the point of people not being thoroughly politicised

VT: Finally, can you briefly tell us how many days the strike will be for

MM: The strike is supposed to be for three days from August 3 to 5 Two days will be the actual strike and the third day will be for occupation of towns and various buildings

NEWS Question over Sanco's call for rent and bond boycott

Mayekiso's rent paid up

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PAID UP ICFTU has paid Sanco vice president's

rent in advance for the whole year: (127)

By Mathatha Tsedu
Investigations Editor

THE International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has paid rent of about R140 000 for Mr Moses Mayekiso, whose organisation is calling for a rent and bond boycott

Sowetan can today reveal that the ICFTU has given Mayekiso R33 600 every year since December 1988, and that money for this year has already been paid to him

The money is to pay for his rent in the Hillbrow

flat where he went to stay after he was released on bail and barred from returning to Alexandra township. The rent amounts to R2 800 per month.

The Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, of which Mayekiso is president, and the South African National Civics Organisation, where he is vice president, have called for a rent and bond boycott to begin tomorrow.

The call has been widely criticised by organisations which said the move would backfire on blacks, who were the obvious target of the call.

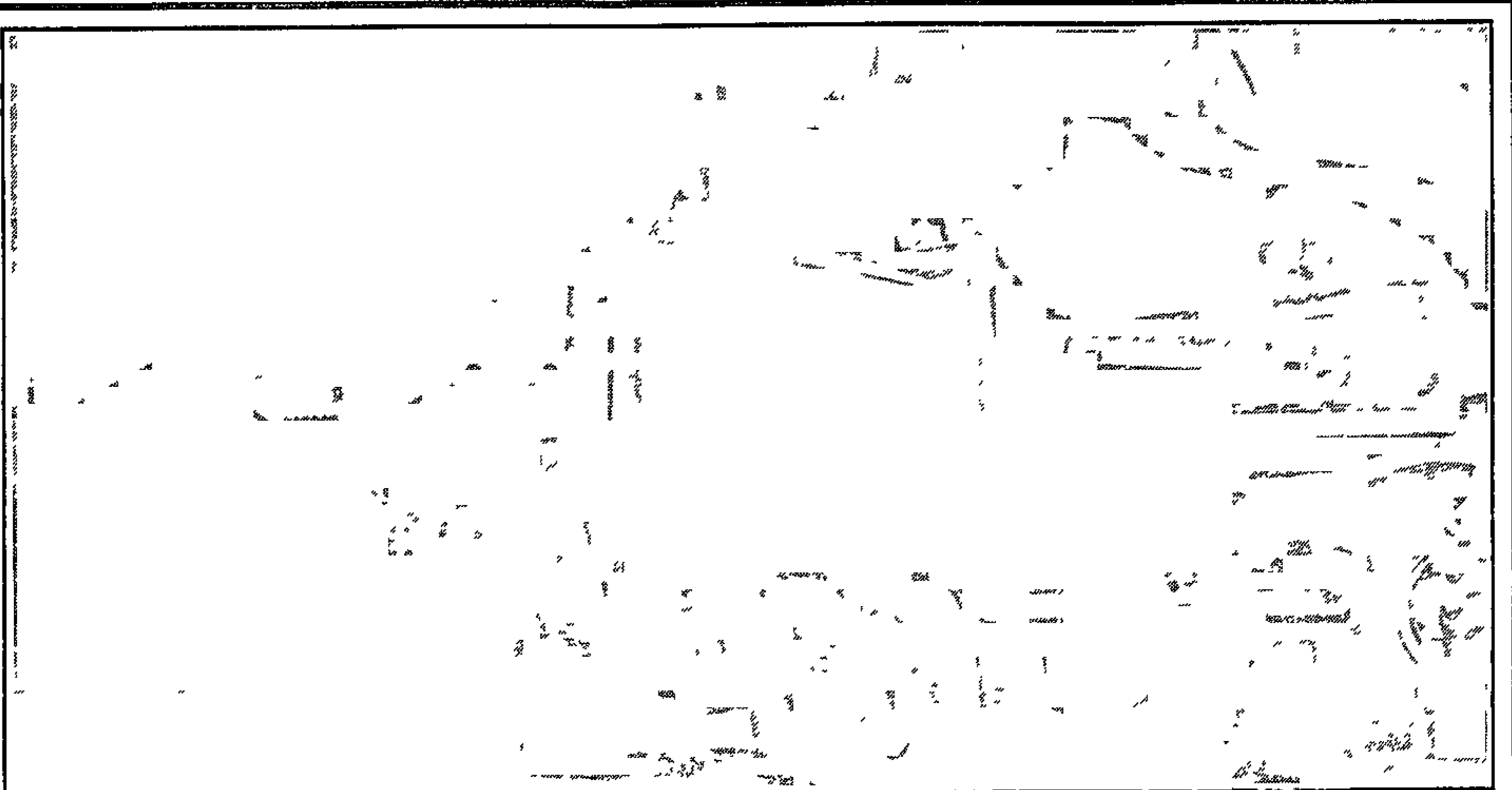
The disclosure that Mayekiso's rent has been paid up for the year puts a question mark over his

involvement in calls for the rent and bond boycott.

All attempts yesterday to reach Mayekiso, who is also secretary general of Numsa, were fruitless. His office said he was out preparing for the funeral of his son who died in a car accident near Kroonstad this week. They said he would not be available until today.

An ICFTU official in Brussels yesterday confirmed the amounts and said the organisation had responded to calls by Mayekiso soon after his bail in 1988, when he could not return to Alexandra and needed a safe place to stay.

"The relief was done in conjunction with the International Metalworkers' Federation as Mayekiso is in the metal industry. We have already sent this year's quota together with a letter stating that this will be the last payment as we are having financial problems," the spokesperson said.



The SAP and SADF moved into Sebokeng in full force this week to restore order. According to previous reports, youths had taken over control of the township and had dug trenches and barbed streets. An unofficial curfew was in place.

Pic LEN KUMALO

Hostel demolished ~~(2/4)~~

THE DEMOLITION of an abandoned section of Boipatong's KwaMadala Hostel is nearly complete (127)

But there are still about 500 dwellers housed in the complex awaiting the outcome of negotiations between themselves, employers and their prospective new neighbours

IsCOR spokesman Mr Ernest Webb-Stock confirmed demolition began on Tuesday and was nearly finished. The company, which owns the building, had ordered demolition of only half of the hostel which was no longer inhabited

About 500 dwellers were moved to one side of KwaMadala - sectioned off by a steel wall - a month after the June 17 massacre of more than 40 residents of nearby Boipatong

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R140 000 'for Mayekiso's security, not for his rent'

THE president of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco), Moses Mayekiso, has denied reports that he would be ignoring the nationwide rent and bond boycott call by his organisation.

He said at a press conference yesterday he would not pay this month's rent. He was responding to a report in Sowetan that the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) had paid about R140 000 in rent for him since December 1988.

The article said the ICFTU had given Mayekiso R33 600 a year and that this year's money had already been paid to him.

But officials of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) — of which Mayekiso is general-secretary — said the money was a lump sum used primarily for security measures.

"Numsa, the organisation, not Mayekiso, the individual, is responsi-

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ble The primary purpose of the assistance was not for rentals, as it was made out to be by the press, but for his overall security"

Others too

Mayekiso had been a target for assassination, and was always subjected to official harassment, which made such measures necessary. There had been two suspected attempts on his life in the past two months.

The fund was also used to help other members of the union in similar circumstances, the statement said.

Mayekiso said that, although the lump sum had been paid, this did not mean it was automatically applied to rent.

Sanco called for a rent and bond boycott, from the end of August, if negotiations with housing finance institutions did not succeed in making funds for houses more accessible to blacks.

The boycott call ran into a stumbling block almost right away when it was criticised by ANC leaders, including Nelson Mandela.

The organisation met financial institutions yesterday and said the outcome was favourable. More meetings would take place over the next two weeks, which would determine whether the boycott would go ahead or not, Mayekiso said.

Stinking disease!

By MOSES MAMALLA

BATTLE-WEARY Vaal residents could soon find themselves engaged in a war of a different kind - the one against disease

Squalor and filth are everywhere in the Vaal townships, threatening a possible outbreak of disease such as cholera as every open space in the area is being turned into a dumping zone and streets into streams of sewerage

Maintenance has come to a standstill in the area and there is no clear reason why this is the case

Sebokeng administrator Herran Immelman blames the township youths for the mess

"The boys who have taken control of the townships practically prevent our personnel from going into the area and cleaning up," he said

But this is strongly denied by residents who maintain that the authorities stopped providing essential services long before violence erupted in the area

Authorities claim that street barricades erected by youths as defence units since violence erupted in the Vaal township were preventing municipal workers from doing their job

Speaking about the breakdown of services in the troubled townships, Immelman said about R3-million would be required for the reconstruction of damaged roads, water and sewerage pipes

"But we would have to wait for the youths to remove the barricades and fill up the trenches. Our



WASTELAND OF NEGLECT... These kids have to live with streets of filthy water and rotting rubbish as their playground. They also run the risk of catching cholera. **Photo: TLAZI KHUVELA**

Danger on the Vaal this time from disease

Watch Mothibeli

"The authorities told us they had a critical shortage of trucks. They also claimed that residents were not paying rent"

"The council officials are able to move around in Sebokeng, switching off lights. But when they are called upon to repair damaged pipes they are afraid to enter the area," he added

Mothibeli's claims

'Trenchtown' ruled by thugs

By STAN MHLONGO

AN ANC call to throw up the barricades has been taken up so enthusiastically in Orange Farm that the ANC is having second thoughts

The Vaal town, called "Trenchtown" by residents, sports a host of diggers so dedicated that nobody - not even the lumbering security force vehicles - can navigate their deep slashes in the earth

And the digging goes on relentlessly - as if the act of digging itself has some kind of curative power

Trenchdiggers at work sound like old, weary miners with their deep, soulful chanting

Resident Moistum Ramola said the trench-digging campaign started two months ago after anonymous gunmen opened fire on bystanders

Now the situation is out of hand. Most services have broken down

Garbage was piled up high and the place stank

Two weeks ago the Ewaton ANC branch asked residents not to "burn private cars or vehicles taking food into the townships", and to stop "charging" at the barricades

But many residents feel anarchy has set in and hoodlums rule the roost

authorities not providing services in the township was alleged intimidation by the youths

VCA had never received reports that the council workers were harassed in the locations

"Besides, these workers stay in the townships. Why are they not harassed when they return to their homes?" he asked

While the residents and the authorities continue to trade accusations, the kids are playing in the streets polluted by rubbish and sewage with little knowledge of the health risks involved

Toddlers scavenged from the heaps of refuse

which litter the townships

Medical experts have expressed fears of an outbreak of water-borne diseases such as cholera if no drastic measures are taken to normalise the conditions

A Red Cross doctor said that clinics and health services were functioning under a lot of strain, adding that mobile units could no longer operate in the area because they were intimidated

Elderly people who were too sick to come to the clinic could not be assisted as "our cars are in danger of the youths who have no respect for the Red Cross"

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Rest returns as clerk is suspended

By DAN DHLAMINI

PEACE and goodwill now prevail in the previously trouble-torn West Rand township of Khutsong.

This, according to jubilant residents, results from the suspension last month of Khutsong town clerk WC Cronck.

A storm of protest erupted in Khutsong - which loosely translated means "The Resting Place" - after the town clerk handed over alleged rent defaulters to council lawyers who attached their furniture and sold it to a Carletonville pawnshop.

Residents claimed the pawnshop belonged to Cronck, but he denied this and threatened to sue anybody who linked him with the pawnshop.

This week Khutsong administrator Chris de Beer told City Press that he had relieved Cronck of his duties as town clerk because he was a stumbling block in attempts to put rent boycott negotiations with the Khutsong Civic Association back on track.

Cronck confirmed he had been suspended from his position until the climate was right for the normal running of the local authorities.

De Beer, who declined to say whether Cronck was being investigated, said he would no longer serve as Khutsong town clerk.

Regarding the return of confiscated furniture, De Beer said this was a gesture of goodwill and not an admission

the council was wrong in attaching the furniture of rent defaulters.

Meanwhile, Khutsong residents who for the past three years had been demanding the resignation of Cronck, told City Press that the suspension was indeed a major victory for them.

Nonzima Cashibe, a spokeswoman for the Khutsong branch of the ANC Women's League which had on more than two occasions staged sit-ins in his office, said this was proof "that the people shall govern".

Exorbitant bills

Residents had complained of exorbitant water and electricity bills for which Cronck could allegedly not give a reasonable explanation.

Some claimed they were billed for electricity although they did not have it installed in their houses.

Others complained they were charged for water consumption despite the fact their meters were not read.

A confident De Beer told City Press there was progress in the township.

He said a R10-million IDT housing project had been started in Khutsong and about 1 263 sites were being serviced to provide housing for squatters in the area.

KCA spokesman Vicky Nxumalo said a good working relationship had been developed with De Beer, and the KCA hoped things would now improve in the township.

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Bid to upgrade spruit area

By Bunt West ^{STAR} 4/8/92

The Randburg Town Council has bought 12 ha of land along the Braamfontein Spruit in Bordeaux and will spend R300 000 to improve the area.

Council parks director Andrew Crystal said: "The council has approved R50 000 to clean up the land, but some of this may be used to buy a portion of ground between Old Parktonians and the spruit."

"The other R250 000 has been allocated for stormwater management and will be utilised in conjunction with the

regional services council."

The chairman of the residents' association for Ward 6 and 7, Claire Read, explained: "We are trying to make Bordeaux a desirable residential area, and the idea of beautifying the spruit is commendable."

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"In the past, wards 6 and 7 have been instrumental in enhancing existing parks, including the Old Rose Gardens where 250 trees were planted over an 18-month period and money collected to erect play equipment."

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Demo for homes transfer (127)

MORE than 15 000 people marched from Elkah Stadium to the Soweto Council Offices to demand, among other things, the transfer of houses to the residents. Trouble was averted at the council offices after police refused to allow a delegation of the marchers to enter the premises to meet town clerk Miss Elizabeth Sithole. Mr Norman Prince, secretary general of the ANC PWV, said he was excited that people who believed in democracy took part in the march on the municipality.

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PWV DRAFT SPATIAL PLAN

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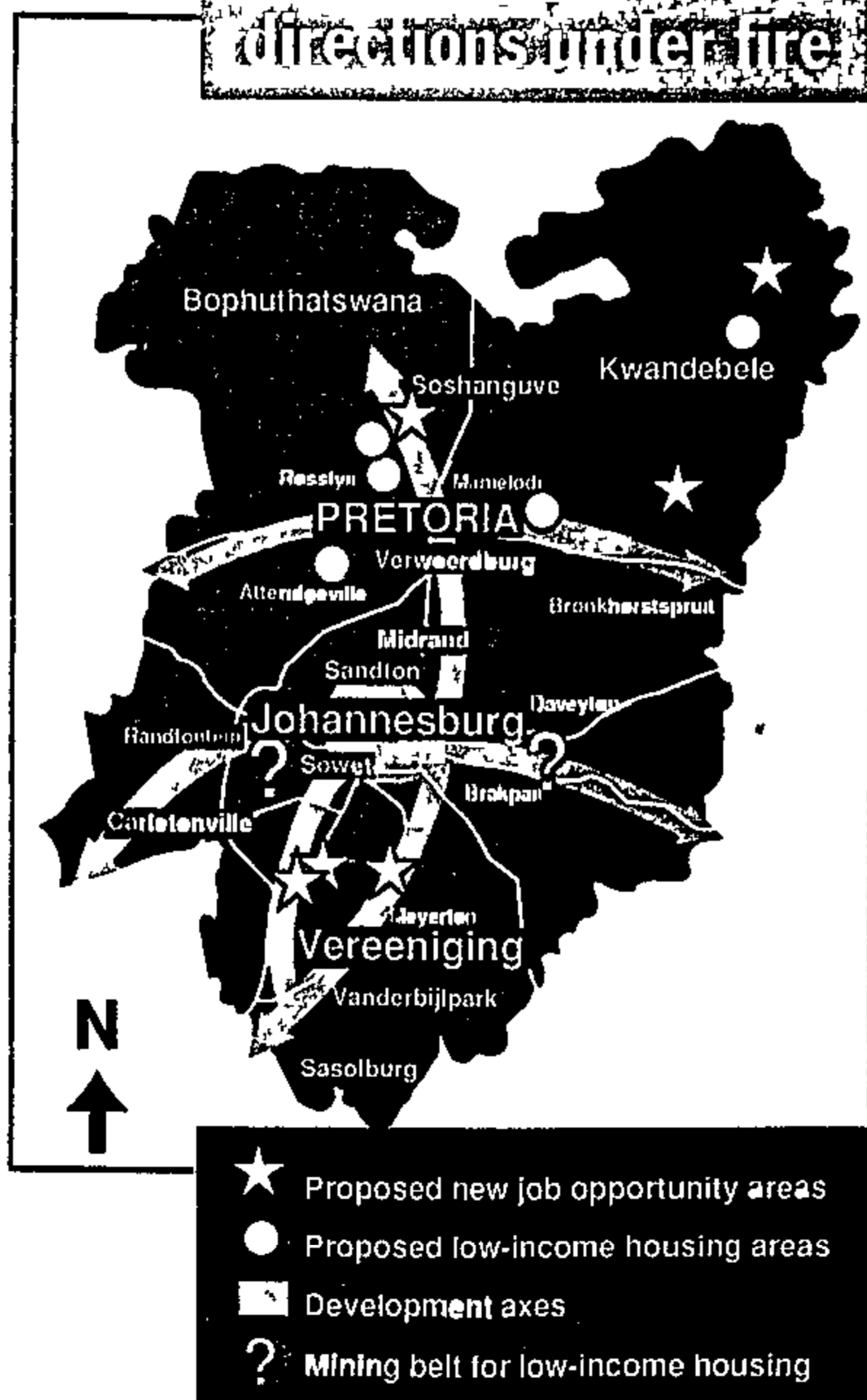
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Govt to sell off prime Reef land

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By Frank Jeans

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The Government is off-loading to the public a massive spread of its prime land for what is eventually expected to be a surge in new home development.

The properties, stretching from Houghton, Johannesburg, to Springs and other key areas ripe for residential projects, has a total value of about R10 million.

There will be 53 sites sold by auction at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg on August 26 at 10 am.

Property leaders believe the sale — understood to be one of the biggest ever of State-owned land — will be a drawcard for the development community.

Mossie Mostert, of auctioneering company Property

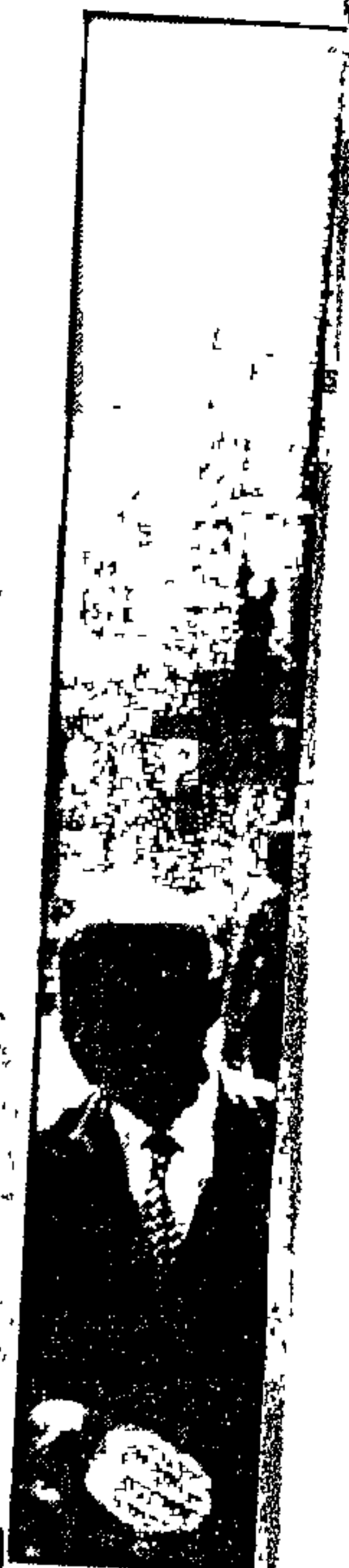
Mart, said: "Although the sale is coming on at a time when the homes market is very bad, there is little doubt that it will attract a lot of interest."

"The upset (minimum) prices fixed by the Government are very reasonable, with the rezoning period already discounted, along with professional fees and municipal costs."

The land is at present zoned as educational, and by the time it is rezoned as residential, the market could well have turned around, placing developers in a strong position to capitalise on investments.

The properties involved are in Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Benoni, Germiston, Springs, Alberton, Roodepoort, Brakpan and Boksburg.

If Government-pitched prices are achieved, the sales will be confirmed. If they fall short, offers are referred back to the State for reconsideration of confirmation



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Residents stop work on Alex project

By Anna Cox

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The East Bank Residents' Association has called for a halt on work on the new sites on Alexandra's Far East Bank and has threatened to bring a court interdict if necessary to stop it.

Association members said they owned properties bordering the new site-and-service development on the Jukskei River, yet they had never been consulted or included in discussions on the future of the area, which they feared would become a slum.

The association has also threatened a bond boycott if financial institutions did not help put pressure to stop the squatter development.

Only representatives from Alexandra, Randburg, Sandton, the Alexandra Civic Organisation and the Transvaal Provincial Administration have membership on the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF), which is responsible for the project.

East Bank Residents' Association chairman Pule Phalatse has accused the parties involved of using the squatters as political pawns.

He said most East Bank residents had invested their life savings in their properties and had tried to make the area as pleasant as possible to live in.

Residents claim they don't mind people moving into the area but they want proper structures to be erected on the 150-square metre stands and they want full services, including tarred roads, sewerage and electricity.

The Independent Development Trust, which is financing the R28 million project, said it would be demanding broader representation from the community to decide who the future land owners would be.

Halt sale of

State land, urges ANC

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The ANC is gearing up for battle over the proposed auction of 53 parcels of Government land in prime residential areas across the Reef.

Yesterday the ANC released a statement calling on the Government to suspend the auction on August 28 at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg.

Sources close to the ANC said the organisation viewed the auction as a test case, and would fight the Government with all its resources.

"The offer of this land to speculators and developers completely ignores the enormous land and housing crisis in the country, particularly in the PWV," the statement read.

The ANC demanded that the sale be halted "in order to provide the opportunity for a more socially responsible approach to be formulated — an approach more in keeping with the future of our cities than with their past."

Protested

The ANC said its demand for a halt to State land sales extended to provincial and local authorities.

Recently the Department of Public Works suspended the auction of several agricultural properties in the Queenstown and Tarkastad areas of the eastern Cape. The auction was due to have taken place yesterday, but land rights groups and communities uprooted by forced removals protested against the sale.

In rural areas the demand for a moratorium on the sale of State land relates largely to the fact that the Government still holds many areas from which "black spot" communities were removed.

Since the appointment of the State President's Advisory Commission on Land Allocation, several communities have lodged claims for the restoration of this land.



Filling empty bellies the headmaster of Dirkie Uys Laerskool in Norwood, Christo Lodder

Helping hand for hungry Norwood schoolchildren

By Anna Cox

In the heart of the upmarket suburb of Norwood, Johannesburg, there are children who go to school hungry every day.

And if it were not for the efforts of Christo Lodder, headmaster of Dirkie Uys Laerskool, who runs a feeding scheme at the school, many would go home hungry.

"We have our own twilight children at this school. It is

one of the last few Afrikaans schools in the northern suburbs, and when Joubert Park Laerskool closed we got many children from Hillbrow and Berea," said Mr Lodder.

"I found out by accident that certain children were coming to school hungry when a Grade 1 pupil was found stealing a classmate's lunch. She was caught red-handed, with a sandwich in her mouth.

"She had taken nothing except the food and when I asked her why she had done it she answered very simply that

she was hungry," said Mr Lodder, who took over as principal in April.

He began investigating all the suspected cases of hardship and personally visited each family to see what conditions they were living in.

"Some families are sleeping on blankets on the floor of unfurnished flats in Hillbrow. Husband and wife are often unemployed and there is no income. Some parents are even struggling to pay bus fare to school," he said.

After appeals for help from

the local community failed, Mr Lodder asked the O'Connor Foundation for assistance. Forty food parcels a month are now being sent to the school for the children to take home.

"It is not enough. We need money to get these children proper school uniforms, track suits and clothes for the cold winter days, but not many people are prepared to help."

Anyone who can assist should telephone Mr Lodder at 728-6307.

New HIV and hepatitis test to be launched soon

Medical Reporter

A new test for the HIV and hepatitis virus — a 10 minute "tongue-tip" saliva test — will soon be launched in Johannesburg.

British dental consultant Dr Marsh Midda, who is involved in clinical trials and the launch of the new test, arrived in South Africa this week to attend the Dental Association of SA congress.

Developed by Oracle Diagnostics of California, the saliva test is reportedly as accurate as the Elisa international standard test on blood but has the convenience of being quick, painless and affordable, and can be done in the privacy of one's home.

National Institute of Virology director Professor Barry

Schoub said the test was still under evaluation and so he could not comment fully.

"If it is proved to be reliable then certainly it would be a very useful facility," said Professor Schoub.

However, he strongly cautioned against people checking themselves in the absence of professional advice.

According to Dr Midda the home test-kit has met with some controversy in the UK and US as any patient undergoing an HIV test must have full professional counselling as well.

"In some cases, however, it would be better to have a quick diagnosis as some patients who were negative committed suicide before receiving the results of their blood tests," he said.

Arsonists set school bus alight

A bus belonging to a school for the handicapped was set on fire early yesterday, causing R50 000 damage, said Soweto police liaison officer Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo.

"There have been problems lately at the J.C. Merkins School for the Handicapped in White City, Soweto," Captain Mariemuthoo said.

In July, 36 of the school's teachers were arrested after a sit-in demanding the reinstatement of a colleague.

Yesterday at 3.30 am the tyres of the bus were slashed and the bus was set alight.

The arsonists could expect strong action from the police, Captain Mariemuthoo warned. — Sapa

Several hurt as hospital workers, protesters clash

By Thabo Leshilo
Labour Reporter

Several people were injured in a clash between sacked hospital workers and those on duty at Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg yesterday.

The confrontation took place at about 2 pm when 200 National Health, Education and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members gathered for their daily picket. The SAP, Nehawu and the hospital gave different accounts of how it started.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said hospital workers on duty "decided they had had enough of the shouting and noise of the protesters."

Hospital senior superintendent Dr Trevor Frankish said fighting started after two

workers on their way to work were stabbed by strikers.

However, Nehawu's Johannesburg branch secretary Bongani Tsimo claimed the attack was unprovoked. He said three Nehawu members were admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday it would meet the Soweto Action Committee for talks on restoring Baragwanath Hospital services to normal.

Fanie Ferreira, MEC for health services, said reinstating sacked workers would be discussed at the committee's request. Of the more than 7 000 sacked, just over 1 000 had given reasons why their dismissals should be reconsidered, he said, and about 400 had been re-employed.

House prices await a 'start climbing' signal

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RESIDENTIAL property might well be in the doldrums under the pressure of present socio-economic problems, but there is no doubt among real estate pundits that in the longer term the market must recover.

While it is premature to suggest that the homes business is on the verge of an upswing, there is clear evidence of continuing strong demand, albeit for the more reasonably priced properties.

What is especially heartening is that the lower and middle end of the market is still showing remarkable signs of growth despite the severe economic recession.

Certain areas seem to be ignoring the recession. For instance, a complex of one-bedroomed apartments in Athol was sold out within hours by a developer last Saturday.

However, in the upper end of the market, prices have come down in response to lower company profits and reduced disposable income.

Other favourable pointers to improving market sentiment are the probability of a further softening of interest rates and more hopeful

prospects for the economy. However, the main ingredient for a take-off remains the beginning of a political settlement.

There is consensus in property circles that this is the overriding factor for a recovery to begin and that, unlike the past, when bond rate reductions would have given additional spark to the market, recent mortgage cuts have not made a whiff of a difference.

Meanwhile, given a more stable outlook, what can buyers and sellers expect to achieve in realistic pricing of their properties?

The Star recently commissioned the Johannesburg consultancy, The Property Economist, to identify residential areas which showed high demand for specific types of property.

The sample study was undertaken with the help of three major real estate groups — Camdon, De Huizermark and Pam Golding Properties — and involved about 70 agents.

The survey conducted during May and June this year covered residential areas within Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg, Bedfordview, Edenvale and Roodepoort municipalities.

IN THIS special report, our finance staff reviews the state of the housing market in several areas and pinpoints why some fetch asking prices without apparent difficulty while others struggle to come within tens of thousands of the hoped-for figure.

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Neville Berkowitz, of The Property Economist, says "The results indicate which areas could see above-average price increases when the residential market improves."

The one key buzzword to emerge time and again from the findings was "affordability".

Overall demand is strongest for homes under R300 000.

Here is a survey breakdown Johannesburg region: Of the 36 areas canvassed, 22 showed a demand preference for houses under R400 000.

Although demand for homes in the R750 000 plus range is strong in areas such as Dunkeld, Houghton,

Linksfield, Melrose, Saxonwold, Westcliff as well as Bedfordview, it would appear that there is an excess supply of houses in this price range and competition to attract buyers is strong.

One preference which came through in this particular sector is for homes of a more modern design rather than the old mansion style.

Sandton: The highest demand for houses falls in the R150 000 to R400 000 range in the majority of the suburban areas.

Athol, Benmore, Illovo, Inanda, Morningside and Sandhurst are experiencing strong demand for homes up to and exceeding R750 000. Again, however, there appears to be an oversupply situation at this level.

Randburg: Popular choice in the 14 of the 16 suburbs canvassed is the under-R300 000 sector and there is an undersupply of homes in this range.

East Rand: Edenvale and surrounding areas are experiencing good results in the under-R150 000 market, while in Marais Steyn Park and Klopper Park the main thrust is for houses under the R100 000 mark.

West Rand: Popular choice in the Roodepoort area is for homes in the price range of R100 000 to R250 000.

Townhouses: Demand is strong, particularly in the northern suburbs, with the security factor and convenience the main selling points.

Cluster houses: Demand has steadily increased in recent years. Clusters have proved very popular as they generally offer quality homes in a secure, park-like environment. Again, security is high among priorities.

Apartments: Strong market interest, especially in Bellevue, Berea, Linden and Yeoville suburbs of Johannesburg, where selected apartments can still be secured for less than R100 000.

New townships: Affordability is most often the stimulus behind demand at this level.

Vacant land: The R150 000 to R250 000 range is the target in areas such as Linksfield, Senderwood and St Andrews.

However, available land is found only in certain areas, predominantly new townships, with the West Rand having seen a steady increase in demand pattern over the past five years.

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Minister may testify on hostels

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

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The Goldstone Commission has asked Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels to give evidence on the details of the Government's policy on upgrading hostels.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, chairman of the commission of inquiry into political violence, announced this yesterday as part of a renewed attempt by the commission to resolve the conflict surrounding hostels.

Mr Goldstone said there was

already some consensus that hostels would have to be changed, so he had instructed the commission committee to address specific issues now.

Mr Wessels had been asked to give evidence at a public hearing on August 25 in Pretoria on the following:

- The present policy of the Government with regard to the upgrading and/or conversion and/or closing of hostels
- The specific issues which the Government thought the commission should look into.

The National Housing Forum

— which is being formally established — had also been asked to give evidence

Other interested groups, including the ANC and the IFP, would also be asked to give evidence

The chairman of the hostels committee is advocate R W Nugent, SC, and the other members are P Mkhize, an attorney employed by the Industrial Development Corporation, A Geyser, an attorney in private practice in Maritzburg, and D Creighton, who is employed in private enterprise



Mothers march over distress

By Montshwa Moroke

The mothers of families displaced by the violence in Dobsonville occupied the Soweto office of Dobsonville mayor M Pheneti on Monday to protest against the distress suffered by their families.

The protesters were accompanied by Black Sash Transvaal co-chairman Laura Pollecutt and Shelagh Mary of the organisation Justice and Peace.

Hundreds of men, women and children have abandoned their possessions and fled their homes around Dobsonville's Siphwe hostel.

Forté High School, the township's only secondary

School, has been forced to close because of the month-long conflict between township residents and hostel inmates, which has claimed many lives.

On Monday, eight women marched on the council offices where they presented a memorandum. The group said the sit-in ended with Mr Pheneti promising to convey their grievances to a full council meeting tomorrow.

In the memorandum, the women demanded the immediate demolition of the hostel, protection for those returning to their homes, the building of low-cost housing and the renovation of township homes, and the immediate reopening of

Forté High School.

"Recently, we as residents have been made aware of an amount of R5,8 million which has allegedly been made available for the upgrading of the Dobsonville hostel as a single-sex hostel," it said.

Thus the residents totally rejected, insisting that the money went towards the demolition of the hostel, to be replaced by low-cost housing.

Mr Pheneti said he and chairman Vincent Thus had told the delegation that the issues contained in the memorandum were in the hands of the National Peace Committee and the Metropolitan Chamber.

Gangs cut electricity, demand fee

By Zingisa Mkhuma

Consumer Reporter (127)

The Soweto Council has warned residents about gangs who are cutting off houses' electricity supplies and then demanding a reconnection fee.

Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki yesterday said the gangs had also vandalised transmission boxes on the streets, causing blackouts which lasted for several hours.

Boys of school-going age were paid by the gangs to cut off the supplies. Older gang members then acted as runners, moving from house to house demanding reconnection fees of R2 or more.

On investigating, the council found that some blackouts experienced in Soweto areas, including Moletsane, Molapo and Protea North, had been caused by the gangs.

However, Mr Moseki said the gangs were not responsible for all power cuts in Soweto. He said blackouts in Orlando East had been caused by overloaded transmitters.

He added that Eskom was looking into Soweto's infrastructure, and that upgrading of the system was under way.

Soweto police Captain Joseph Ngoben said vandalising property was a crime. He called on residents to report culprits to the police.

18-m in SA lack access to adequate sanitation

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Half of South Africa's population does not have access to adequate sanitation, the Water Research Commission (WRC) revealed yesterday.

The commission found in its countrywide investigation into the provision of sanitation that in urban and rural areas, 18 million people had to make do without proper sanitation

The WRC announced it was engaged in a comprehensive programme aimed at addressing the problem of inadequate sanitation.

The objectives included

- To establish how many people had access to safe sanitation

- To develop a strategy with a view to improving the situation and developing a set of guidelines for the provision of sanitation

The investigating team has already established that it would cost about R11 billion to provide all urban dwellers in South Africa with water-borne sewerage by the year 2000.

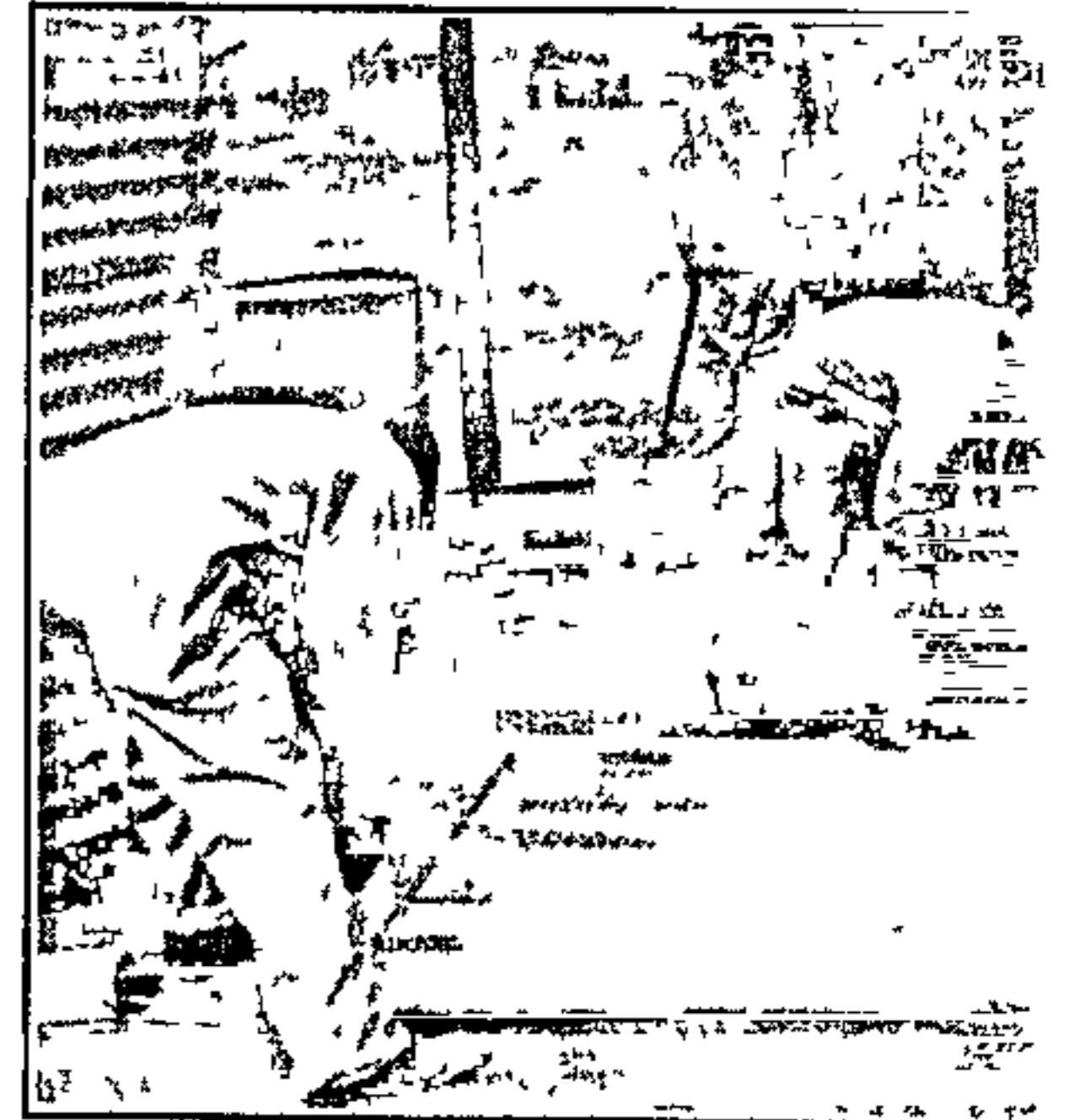
The WRC will hold a series of workshops throughout the country next month which will offer interested groups an opportunity to analyse the information produced to date.

For further information contact David van Rooyen at (011) 804-2933 or H Chapman at (012) 330-0340 — Sapa

FEATURE The success achieved in Botleng is proof once again that much can be attained



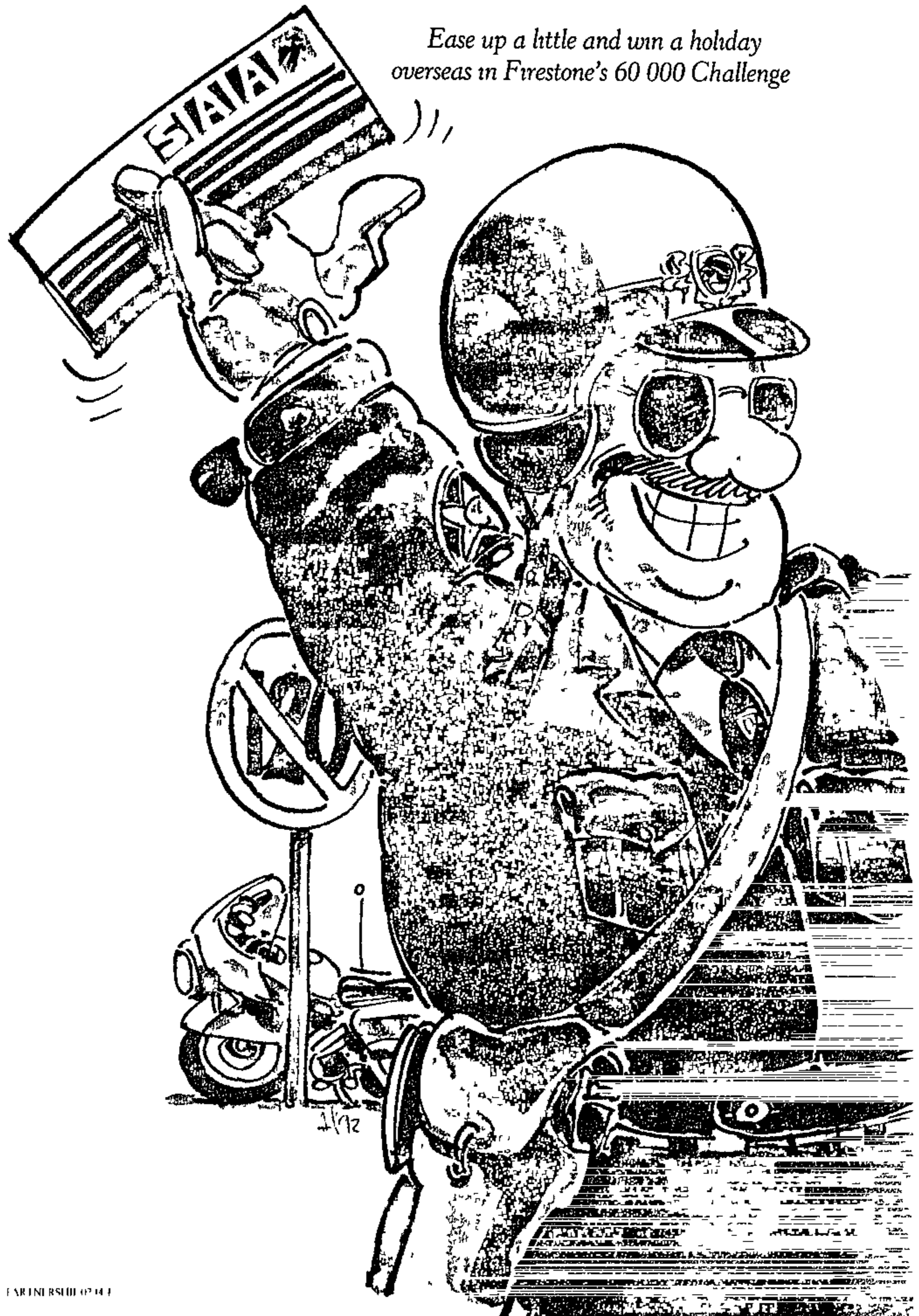
Thoko Mthethwa, a mother of five, is one of the happy homeowners outside her house



PICS JOE MOLEFE New homeowners are busy erecting their shacks.



Young Lauretta Mangope who will contest the Miss Soweto High Schools pageant at Club 2 000 in Tladi on September 5 The contest is staged by Progress Club 2 000 "We are trying to keep some of our colleagues off the streets as well as entertain them," said organiser Frank Seane Those who wish to enter should telephone Shirley at 988-8228

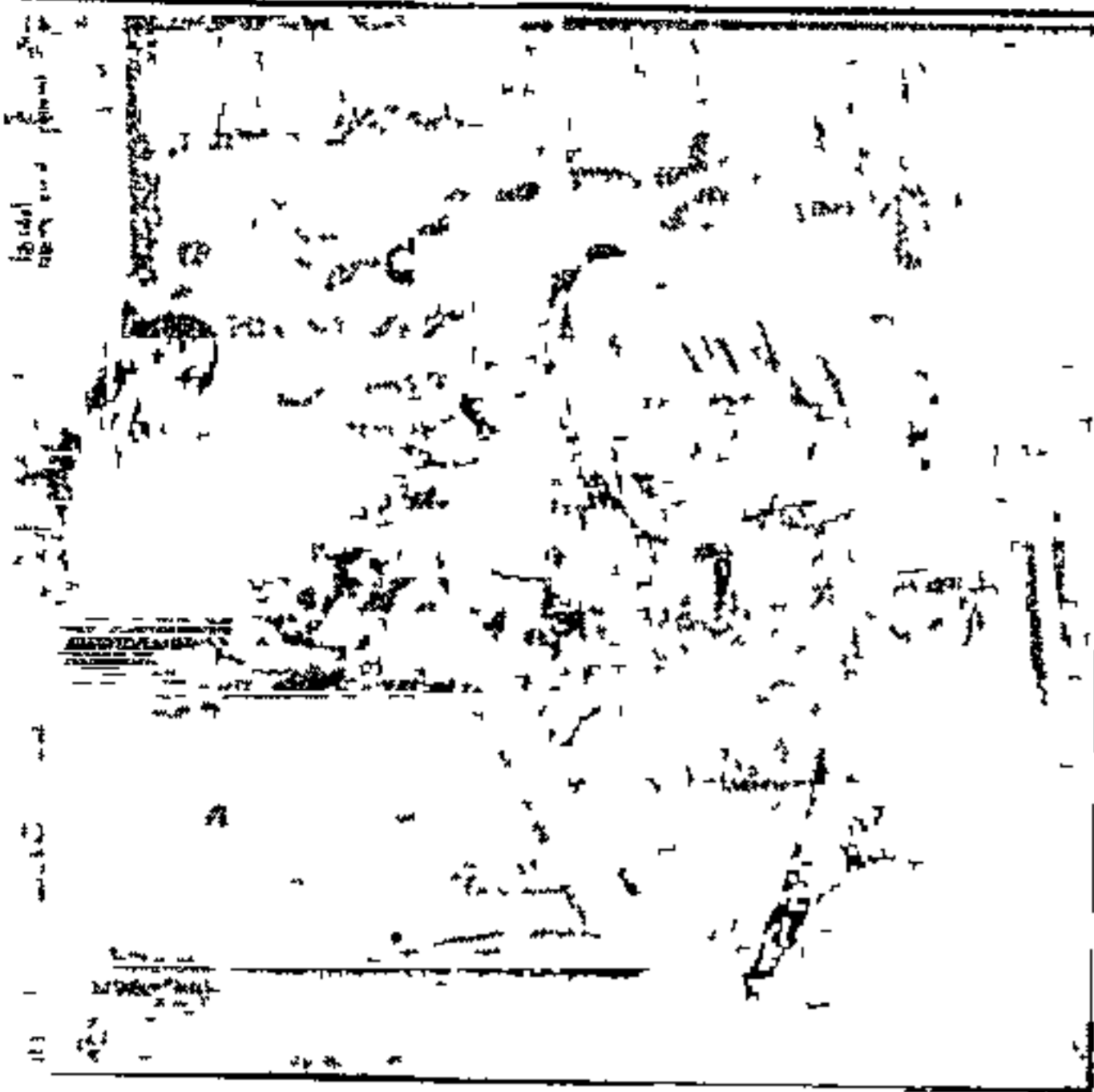


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Botleng residents beating the odds

■ LAND DUEL A township wins housing battles against Delmas conservatives.

There is now co-operation across the lines:

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By Mzimasi Ngudie

FROM TENANCY TO LORDSHIP Thoko Mthethwa owns land and lives in Botleng. At last, and like many other Botleng residents she now is her own boss. And all of this happened free of charge and just several metres from Delmas the heartland of rightwing conservatism. Not, however, before a long-drawn racial conflict.

History is that Botleng residents actually settled after a gruelling fight with Delmas white authorities. They had to employ the services of an attorney to acquire tenancy rights in Botleng.

In fact, the technical jargon word for the apparent harmony is concord despite dissonance. The strife dates back 83 years and the apparent consonance only two years.

This occurred in 1990 when the black community withdrew its farm labour forcing the whites to address their needs. Now the buzzword is co-operation, won hard through stayaways, boycotts and strikes.

In January 1991 Botleng residents saw an impromptu gesture of camaraderie when white farmers sent their trucks for a clean up operation.

Residents knew better

However, Botleng residents knew better. They knew that Alpha is not Omega and fought tirelessly to attain their ultimate objective: an upgrade of the township and a legal title to the land.

Now many residents are no longer listening to His Master's Voice. Bondsman only to themselves, they are now humble beneficiaries to the hard work of a trade that was hitherto not extant.

Cordial relations between the Botleng Civic Association and the Delmas Town Council culminated with the successful soliciting of financial help from the Independent Development Trust (IDT).

Botleng Civic Association public relations officer Mr Motsepe Matlala said the IDT project has relaxed the attitude of conservatism.

"The goodwill emanated from the fact that we can talk. This is what makes Botleng different from other townships. We no longer feel the town is conservative."

Matlala, a born orator and chatterbox, has not only succeeded in coaxing the council but has brought ideological and political factions together.

Botleng, a typical black township with about 60 000 residents, is one of 64 places countrywide in which an IDT project is under construction.

In December 1990 there was no infrastructure, no sewerage, no water and no electricity. With infrastructural services from the Oosvaal Regional Services Council limited, the Delmas Town Council obtained more than R5 million from the IDT.

The money was used to upgrade 734 sites by installing water, electricity and sewerage networks. Bus and taxi routes also were tarred.

A toilet and water tap

The IDT provides a site with a toilet and a water tap. The rest is left to the prospective owner who is free to build any structure.

The IDT pays out a capital subsidy of R7 500 per site to the developer when the ownership is transferred from the developer to the individual.

The residents are moving to the new sites at a rate of 600 families a month. On the pipeline is the integration of people living in Mandla View, a squatter settlement which almost encircles Botleng. The Delmas Town Council has allocated 500 sites to resettle them on the IDT scheme.

With an R800 000 project to provide electricity already started, Botleng will be much better than a "glorified squatter camp".

Botleng Administrator Mr J A Roux sums it up: "The success achieved in Botleng is once again proof that much can be attained through reconciliation, negotiation and the right attitude."

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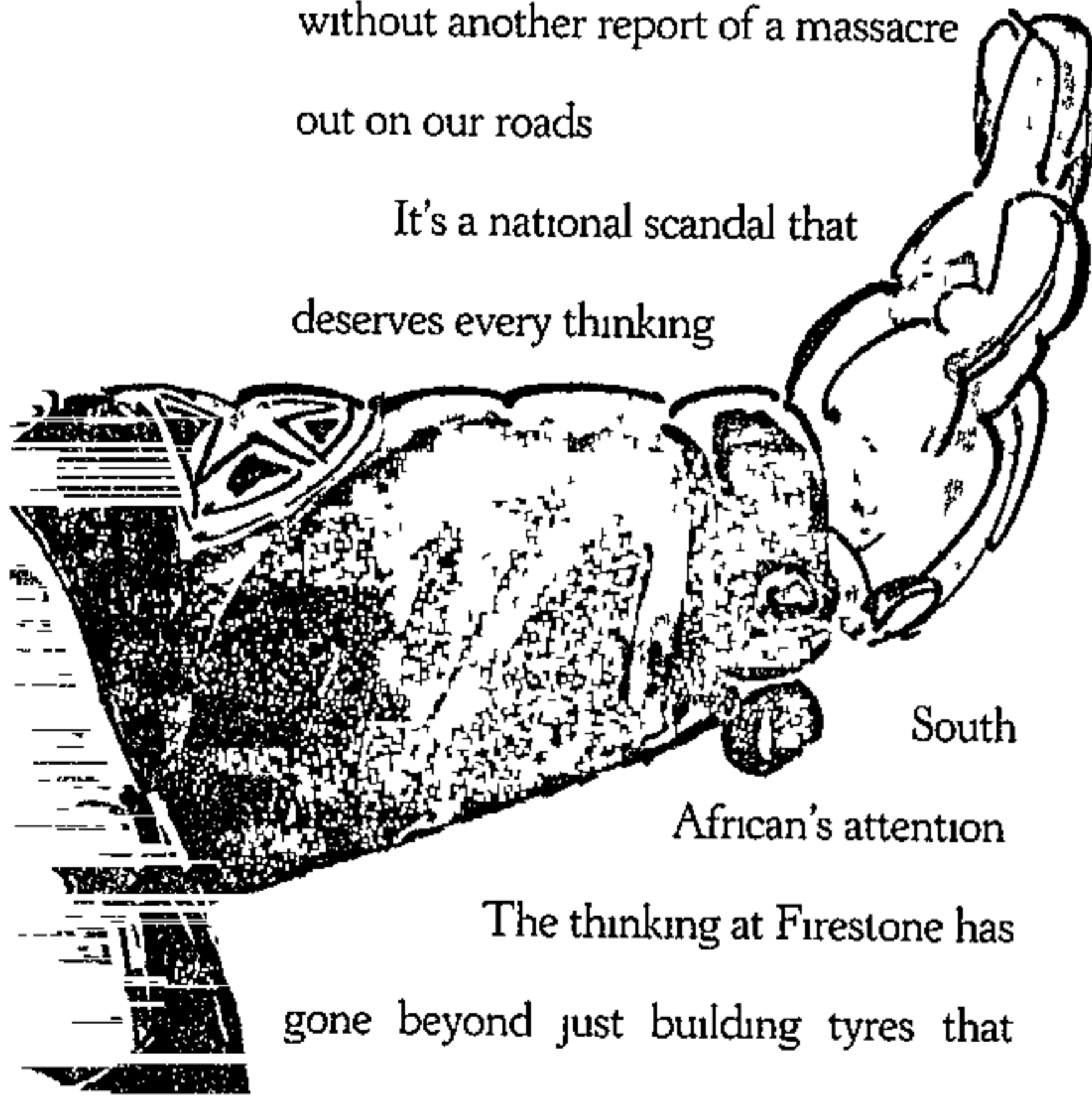
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Bond boycott talks

A MEETING between the South African National Civic Organisation, the Government and financial institutions could today decide whether the bond boycott call would be implemented. (127)

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Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso yesterday said the meeting would be attended by Minister of Manpower, Local Government and National Housing Mr Leon Wessels and officials of the Mortgage Lenders Association, banks and building societies.

He said if the meeting failed to meet "our demands, the (bond boycott) campaign will start at the end of August".

Hong Kong group may buy suburb

ADRIAN HADLAND (127)

A HONG KONG consortium is considering acquiring an entire Johannesburg suburb for the placement of more than 1 000 wealthy immigrant families from the Far East. Once a final offer on the purchase of property and development plans, estimated to be worth about R400m, has been received from the consortium, the project will have to be approved by the full Johannesburg City Council. The council's commerce and industry director Collin Wright confirmed a group from Hong Kong had "expressed an interest in developing a major suburb which will house, among others, wealthy immigrant families from Hong Kong and Asia". Wright stressed the suburb would not become an Asian enclave as about 40% of the development would be available for local home buyers. Each house in the development would be sold upon completion for between R200 000

and R250 000, he said. "The injection of wealth, expertise and entrepreneurship by 1 000 families from Asia could help to stimulate Johannesburg's economy," Wright said. The planned development is the third this year involving the immigration of Chinese families into SA. The Verwoerdburg Town Council approved the resettlement in Irene of 500 families from Hong Kong in February this year. A further 500 families would be moving to Bronkhorstspruit near Pretoria following government's decision in July to offer them land. With 1997 approaching and the future uncertain in Hong Kong, it was quite possible many more wealthy families would consider emigrating to SA, Wright said.

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Picture: Air Kumalo

Jo'burg council in favour of suburb for HK families

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between R200 000 and R250 000,
Mr Wright said

A R400 million project to buy land to establish a Johannesburg suburb for about 1 000 wealthy Hong Kong families has received the backing of the city council

"These people are known for their entrepreneurship. They are concerned at the crowded quality of life in Hong Kong and the takeover by communist China in 1997"

Council director of commerce and industry Collin Wright said the council was enthusiastic about the potential investment.

Apart from investments, these people would also provide jobs "and bring vibrancy to the local economy", he said
● Red China's Council for the Promotion of International Trade will soon be opening offices in Johannesburg — after encouragement by the city council.

A group of Hong Kong businessmen were looking at various Johannesburg areas. On completion, each house in the suburb would be sold for be-

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Boycott leader evicted for not paying rent

MOSES Mayekiso, outspoken advocate of bond boycotts, has been evicted from his central Johannesburg flat — for not paying the rent

SA National Civics Organisation president Mayekiso has been at the forefront of calls for a national bond and rent boycott to put pressure on financial institutions to encourage economic and political reform

Mayekiso said yesterday the boycott would begin at the end of August and be reassessed at the end of September

He said critics had accused him of continuing to pay rent while espousing the

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boycott So, at a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mayekiso produced the eviction notice to prove his credentials

The notice, addressed to a Mr and Mrs Myburgh and dated August 21 1992, said the occupants had 24 hours to vacate the premises "The reason for this notice is non-payment of rental," the letter from the JH Isaacs Group's residential leasing department stated.

Numsa spokesman Alfred Woodington said Mayekiso had not rented the flat in his

own name for security reasons Several attempts had been made on his life, including one last weekend, Woodington said.

Mayekiso said the bond boycott was gathering momentum If Sanco's latest demand — that SA commercial banks withhold loans to government institutions — was not met by the second week of September, "pickets, demonstrations and blockades of major banks and government offices" would be considered.

He estimated that of 200 000 black families in SA with bonds, more than 50 000 were in arrears on their repayments

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be sent to De Klerk at (011) 766 1189 or to
Lieutenant Henry Sinclair at 988 1182

Mass action over houses

Decision follows meeting with Government officials: (127)

THE South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) is to embark on mass action to force the Government and banks to address the housing crisis in the townships

Sanco's decision follows high-level talks with the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, and the Council of South African Banks and Mortgage Lenders Association at the weekend

Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso said yesterday that depending on the response of the Government and the banks,

the rent and bond boycotts would be intensified

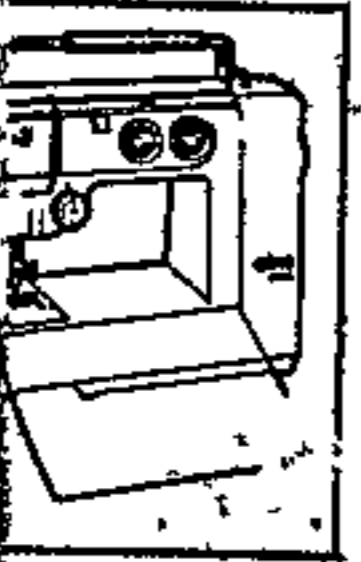
Sanco is due to meet Government officials and the banks within the next two weeks

The proposed rent and bond boycotts raised an outcry from political organisations when they were announced at the beginning of August

Other actions being considered by Sanco include pickets and demonstrations at major banks and Government offices

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Minister to be witness

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By Ismail Lagardien
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HOSTELS INQUIRY Report on progress

THE MINISTER of Local Government and National Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, will give evidence before the Goldstone Commission today

Wessels is expected to report to Mr Justice Richard Goldstone on the progress the Government has made about the upgrading, phasing out or closing down of single-sex hostels

Goldstone expects Wessels also to

regarding single-sex dwellings expected:

give some clarity on "specific issues which Government considers ought to be inquired into by the Commission to enable it to facilitate the resolution of the conflict surrounding the hostels"

Wessels said housing is intertwined with national political developments in the country and that a solution to the

almost critical housing shortage has to be discussed at the broadest level

He explained that housing in South Africa is affected by constraints uncertain political situation, rampant poverty, unemployment, violence and uncertainty, boycotts, and limited financial resources and unrealistic expectations

Kagiso will remain in the dark

■ Electrification low on the priority list, says Transvaal Provincial Administration official:

By Victor Tsuai

KAGISO township will have no electricity in the immediate future because of lack of funds, according to the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Kagiso, with a population of about a million residents, had been without electricity for the past 35 years

TPA spokesman Mr Olaus van Zyl said the Kagiso Town Council's application

for funds to install electricity in the township was turned down by the National Housing Commission

"The commission felt that electricity was not a priority in the township," said Van Zyl

"They felt that electricity is lower on the priority list. Subsequently they were advised to look for funds elsewhere"

The secretary of the Krugersdorp Civic Association, Mr Peter Kute, said

they were told about the issue in a meeting with the township administrator

"The news is like a tragedy to the residents," Kute said

"We have been patiently waiting for electricity. To be told that there are no funds borders on the absurd

"This leaves us with no option but to take the necessary drastic steps against the authorities. It goes without saying that the residents will feel betrayed and belittled"

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Organisations to submit draft strategy on AIDS

KATHRYN STRACHAN

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WIDELY divergent organisations which came together yesterday to begin the process of formulating the country's first national strategy against AIDS, demonstrated how daunting the task was

Delegates from a range of organisations, including the ANC, Saccola, and the National Health Department — which also sought to form a steering committee for October's national convention — were locked in heated debates as to how to proceed in their attempt to devise a national strategy

But convention organiser Adrian Woudstra said delegates had reached a "general consensus" by the end of the session which would make it possible to compile a draft report

The report would be presented at the final convention and would provide participants with "departure points regarding their own concerns, ideas and ambitions", he said

The objective of yesterday's meeting was for delegates to discuss issues such as how the programme should be co-ordinated,

possible funding sources and which should be the most important elements of a national strategy

Between 500 and 800 delegates from various institutions involved in fighting the spread of AIDS are expected to attend the convention, to be held at Nasrec outside Johannesburg on October 23 and 24 reports Sapa

Dr Natalie Stochton of the AIDS Unit told delegates yesterday the AIDS pandemic was taking on "ominous proportions" As many as 500 people a month were being infected with the virus and this could rise to 12 000 by the year 2000

This could mean 80% of the country's health budget would have to be used to combat the disease, she said.

Meanwhile, a national AIDS database is being compiled by Unisa's Institute for Behavioural Sciences to provide a reference index to assist sufferers, medical practitioners, support services and health authorities

East Rand land auctions suspended

Business Day Reporter

"These properties were transferred in terms of town establishment conditions free of charge to the state, and have not at all been acquired by way of expropriation," the department said

An ANC statement said department officials had informed the ANC commission that they had decided to suspend the sale pending receipt of proposals from the ANC on alternative use of the land by September 1, 1992

After this a forum would

be convened to discuss the issue further, it said

The ANC delegation this week urged the department to suspend the sale and open negotiations on the matter

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The land in the relevant areas was originally earmarked for building educational facilities

However, the department "unilaterally decided to put up the land in the areas for sale, regardless of the state of homelessness and landlessness of millions of people in the PWV region", the ANC said.

THE Department of Local Government, Housing and Works would postpone the sale of 53 properties on the East Rand, a department statement said yesterday

This followed a meeting between representatives of the ANC's PWV local and regional government commission and a department delegation led by department head L C Koch

The properties, in the Roodepoort, Boksburg, Springs, Kempton Park, Benoni, Germiston and Alberton areas, were due to go on public auction today.

Gunmen hurt 8 at Jo'burg station

FOUR people died in unrest yesterday, two of them in an incident that could be related to the taxi war in Alexandra, police said, while eight people were wounded last night when three gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a train at Park Station, Johannesburg

Police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the gunmen then boarded the train and left the station

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found," he said

A man who shot dead a taxi driver at Alexandra yesterday was killed by a policeman moments after the attack, police said

W/O Andy Pieke said Mphimthithi Sokhela, 40, was sitting in a taxi at the Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street, when a man walked up to him and fired four shots, killing him

"An assistant constable who was investigating a case in the area saw the attack and followed the gunman who had fled on foot," W/O Pieke said

The suspect ignored warnings to stop and he was fatally wounded

Police were investigating the possibility the attack was linked to a feud between taxi groups in Alexandra

Food and Allied Workers' Union shop steward Julia Sgudla was shot dead on her way to work at Olifantsfontein near Pretoria yesterday, Sapa reports

The body of an elderly man who had been hacked to death was discovered by police next to a railway line between Wadeville and Katlehong

Wessels testifies about hostel plans

PRETORIA — The first Cabinet Minister to appear before the Goldstone commission did so yesterday after an agreement was reached that he would not be cross-examined or be liable for recall

Agreement was reached just before Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels gave evidence, mainly about a lengthy report on hostel policy

Wessels told commission chairman Bob Nugent that R324,6m had been allocated for the upgrading or conversion of 177 hostels owned by black local authorities and provincial authorities

Government's policy was that hostel conversion had to be by consensus

Negotiations had been completed at 38 hostels and were proceeding at 65 others. Plans had been finalised at 24 hostels and were being finalised at 14 others. Projects had been approved at five hostels and requested at 13 others. Construction was in progress at one hostel, he said. The first upgraded hostel — in Thokoza — will be officially opened on Friday

Contrary to Goldstone's recommendations, government did not believe that all hostels should be fenced as this sometimes prevented integration with township residents

Wessels rejected demands that hostels be demolished, phased out or converted to family accommodation

Sapa reports that Wessels told the

TIM COHEN

commission the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle was preventing hostel negotiations

Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the hostels issue, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, (would) not create stability"

But interim national housing forum committee vice-chairman Khehla Shubane told the commission that the committee was experiencing problems because of government's withdrawal from the forum this year

Shubane said government was party to consensus on guidelines concerning upgrading hostels. Despite this, views on implementation differed

Since government's withdrawal, state funds had been made available to black local authorities without the forum being informed. This was causing concern because the local authorities were highly politicised. In other instances hostels had been destroyed by communities staying near them

Shubane said the forum had commitment from Inkatha, the ANC, Azapo, the PAC, Nactu and Cosatu

The sitting was adjourned until tomorrow, when ANC, Inkatha and Kwa-Zulu government representatives are expected to give evidence

Lenasia area is declared dolomitic

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■ Fears that houses in township could sink at any time.

By Victor Tsuai

MORE than 3 500 Lenasia families living in an area that was declared dolomitic this week expressed fear that their houses may sink at any time.

The community lives in an informal settlement, which is home for 15 000 to 20 000 people.

Representatives of the community have written a letter to State President FW de Klerk asking him to intervene.

The chairman of the Thembalihle Homeless Residents Committee, Mr Daniel Bovu, said: "The results of a geological study are that the land on which the settle-

ment is built is dolomitic with sinkhole formation very likely.

"Intra-link, the firm that carried out the work, concluded that the area is not suitable for residential development.

"We are committed to resolving this issue through negotiations. We do have to point out that the longer it is delayed, the greater the danger to our community becomes."

Bovu said they had been discussing the issue for the past four months and were still awaiting a response from the Johannesburg City Council and the House of Representatives. The results of the geological study would also be referred to De Klerk, said Bovu.

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Reef land auction postponed

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Government has called off today's auction of 53 pieces of prime land in Johannesburg and the Reef after representations from the ANC.

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Works announced yesterday that it had been decided in conjunction with the auction-

Pretoria Show set

eer to "temporarily postpone" the auction

The department's statement confirmed that talks had been held with ANC representatives, who had asked for a postponement so that they could submit "alternative proposals in respect of the alienation and utilisation of the land concerned".

The land, apparently earmarked originally for educational facilities, is scattered across residential areas of Jo-

hanneburg, Rodepoort, Benoni, Springs, Kempton Park, Boksburg, Germiston and Alberton.

According to the ANC's PWV region, a meeting took place on Monday between their representatives and L C Koch, head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works.

"The ANC delegation demanded the immediate suspension of the proposed sale and the opening of negotiations for the use of Government-owned urban

lands on alternative use of the land for the benefit of the homeless and landless people in the region," a statement from the ANC regional office read.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the organisation was told yesterday that it had until next Tuesday to submit alternative proposals.

The move by the ANC to open negotiations on the use of Government-owned urban

land forms part of a trend in which popular organisations are attempting to counter apartheid-style planning, which placed the poorest residents on the fringes of urban areas.

The Civic Association of Johannesburg, acting through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last year halted development at Rietfontein, the "second Soweto" planned about 50 km south of Johannesburg.

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R40-million allocated for low cost housing

Staff Reporter *2/8* the directorate would

The House of Representatives has allocated *127* schemes to stretch resources

R40 million for low cost housing — R12 million in individual home loans in 19 local authorities in the Transvaal

Deputy Housing Minister Cecil Herandien said on Monday that the money would provide

basic services and facilities and initiate both informal and conventional housing projects and upgrade existing dwellings.

Deputy housing director John Hopkins said

the directorate would promote self-help schemes to stretch resources

He said Boksburg would receive R12 million to buy land and provide services in Reiger-

spark Johannesburg would get R4 million, with some of it going towards a self-help project for 21 families

Eldorado Park would receive R2 million for the electrification of Nancefield, while Klerksdorp gets R700 000 for a self-help project for 50 families

Vaal violence delaying changes to hostel - claim

■ Wessels says struggle hampers hostel conversions:

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THE power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle is preventing negotiations on upgrading hostels, Housing Minister Leon Wessels told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

"It is self-evident that consensus between all the parties involved is a prerequisite to achieving a lasting and peaceful solution to the hostel issue," he added.

Wessels is reportedly the first Government minister to testify before the Goldstone Commission.

He said there were no "unwarranted delays" with the hostel programme, a thorny issue which constitutes one of the African National Congress' 14 demands that have to be met before negotiations are resumed.

Wessels said the Government's strategy for the upgrading or conversion of hostels into family units must result from negotiations between hostel dwellers, surrounding residents, interested parties and the owners of these hostels.

The essence of the Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capac-

ity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the issue of hostels, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, will not create stability" (127) (128)

"Upgrading, conversion and demolition of hostels can only be undertaken once discussions have led to agreement

"Everything possible is being done to finalise the negotiation process as soon as possible so that building construction may commence in the upgrading or conversion (of hostels) into family units."

In urgent cases the Government had approved measures to expedite administrative and tender procedures so that construction could start within "three to five weeks" once consensus had been reached.

Consensus had already been reached on the need of 38 of the 177 hostels in question, he said.

Negotiations among representative groups are in progress in respect of 65 other hostels, while negotiations are underway concerning a further 65 hostels. The first upgraded hostel, in Tokoza, will open on Friday. - Sapa.

City of Johannesburg
Bank assistant GM group
Credit Irene Willman.
Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Urban planning in the spotlight

KATHRYN STRACHAN

A BREAK from apartheid town-planning traditions which distanced people from job opportunities was predicted at the "Housing on the Fringe" conference this week.

ANC housing spokesman Thozamaile Botha told the two-day seminar, organised by the SA Institute for Housing, it was vital that urban planning be focused closer to the heart of the PWV. **8/08/92 2718/92**

Infraplan representative Nico Kriek supported the view that residential sites needed to be developed closer to the metropolitan core, but warned that this could not be done without affecting property values.

DBSA spokesman Glyn Davis said the current approach to housing — a little house on a little patch of land — meant about 50 000 ha of land would have to be found to tackle the PWV housing backlog. **(127)**

Govt distributes millions of condoms in anti-AIDS battle

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TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — The National Health Department would be distributing 25-million condoms at 62 000 distribution points around the country in an effort to curb the spread of AIDS, the department announced yesterday.

A media information package released by the department yesterday said 3-million more condoms would be distributed in 1992/93 in comparison to 1991/92.

The report notes that in the past, major problems were experienced with the supply and distribution of condoms.

These arose from the fact that there was a lack of sufficient awareness about the importance of using condoms and a resistance to them by a large section of the community.

It is hoped the newly formed AIDS programme, through sustained efforts, will enable an increasingly

well-informed population to be able to obtain sufficient condoms on demand in future.

The report also states that about R20m was allocated to the programme for the 1992/93 financial year.

The AIDS prevention budget has therefore more than doubled since the 1990/91 financial year, and rose a further 55%, or about R8m, in comparison to the current allocation.

National Health Department director-general C F Slabber said that very little future expansion of the programme was likely at central level.

There was, however, a great need to strengthen the AIDS programme at regional and community levels.

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Homes drive in the Transvaal

Local authorities adopting flexible approach to the needs of affordable housing:

THE House of Representatives is to spend R40 million on low cost housing in the Transvaal

This was announced in Cape Town this week by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr PW Saaiman

He said the funds had been allocated according to the availability of land and the community needs of 19 local authorities in the province.

These are Alberton, Barberton, Bloemhof, Boksburg, Eldorado Park, Fochville, Johannesburg, Middelburg, Nigel, Klerksdorp, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom, Piet Retief,

Randfontein, Sabie, Schweizer-Reneke, Vereeniging, Witbank, Thabazimbi and Warmbaths.

The deputy Minister of Housing, Mr Cecil Herandien, said the money would be used to provide basic services and facilities, initiate conventional and informal housing projects and upgrade existing dwellings

"We are thrilled with this tremendous boost in funds. The allocation will go a long way towards easing the housing situation in the Transvaal"

The deputy director of Housing, Mr John Hopkins, said "Besides encouraging individual achievement, the self-help option effectively cuts into two the building costs, creates employment and helps strengthen community co-operation"

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Fences won't solve hostels issue - IFP

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Inkatha Freedom Party has supported the Government's rejection of a recommendation by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone that hostels in troublespots be immediately fenced to help prevent violence.

Giving evidence before a Goldstone committee looking into the role of hostels in township violence, IFP central committee member Walter Felgate said problems could not be dealt with through barbed wire.

The Department of Local Government and Housing has also rejected fencing as a step to curb violence, saying such a move would be counter-productive and would exacerbate the isolation of hostel dwellers, embittering them further.

Mr Felgate said IFP policy on hostels was that they were a necessary "transitory mechanism" between apartheid and

the new South Africa

"Any attempt to remove them would have adverse effects on social stability. Hostel dwellers are human beings and they are exercising their right to be where they are. Those rights should be protected."

Shortage

Mr Felgate said the IFP would prefer to see hostel upgrading programmes conducted under the auspices of the National Peace Secretariat's local dispute resolution committees. He conceded that these were not yet operational.

He asked, however, that the Goldstone committee meet with the secretariat to inquire how it thought the hostels issue should be approached.

The IFP policy was much the same as that spelt out for the committee by KwaZulu Minister of Interior Emanuel Sithebe, who said the demolition of existing accommodation at a time when there was a critical hous-

ing shortage would be "nothing short of criminal"

In addition, the economic contribution made by hostel dwellers in urban areas was so great that their absence would probably result in a collapse of rural economies in many parts of South Africa.

The reality of South Africa was that its business and industries largely depended on migrant labour, as did the rural economies.

While it was not suggested that present hostel accommodation was satisfactory, the right to choose to make use of such accommodation should be respected, Mr Sithebe said.

The "glib acceptance of culpability" of hostels and their inmates, without due regard to the new social threats to hostel dwellers in changing political circumstances, ought to be avoided, Mr Sithebe said.

The ANC will present evidence to the committee on September 8 to give its policy on hostels.

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Hostel upgraded (127)

AN UPGRADED hostel at Thokoza on the East Rand was opened by Local Government, National Housing and Manpower Minister Leon Wessels on Friday

Wessels described the upgrading as "only the beginning of the road in attending to the social needs of all South Africans"

Residents ⁽¹²⁷⁾ agree on interim rate

By McKeed Kotlolo ^{STAR}
Pretoria Bureau ^{3/18/92}

About 3 000 Mamelodi residents yesterday resolved to pay an interim R50 flat rate for electricity and service charges.

They also resolved to isolate local councillors in protest against high monthly rentals.

Local businesses and taxis closed business yesterday in an attempt to get all residents to attend the mass meeting convened by the Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) in Mamelodi West.

The meeting rejected last week's council decision to cut the electricity tariff from 22c a unit to 14,9c, saying it was still higher than the tariffs paid by whites in Pretoria.

Pasty Malefo said the TPA, with whom the MCA had been locked in negotiations for three months, was not prepared to listen to the plight of the residents.

"They turned down our request for an interim R50 flat rate and insisted on a R206 flat rate, but we insisted on the R50," he said.

MCA chairman Sandy Lebese said the civic might arrange with street committees to make a house-to-house check "to ensure that residents pay R50 flat-rate and not more".

As people left the meeting, a list of properties belonging to councillors and council officials was read out. It was urged that they be boycotted.



Demos demand Davidson's head

By Rochelle Gosling-Hughes (127)

Parkview residents yesterday called for the resignation of Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson during a protest at a Democratic Party fete at Zoo Lake

About 15 Parkview, Westcliff and Mayfair residents handed a memorandum to DP leader Dr Zach de Beer, detailing their dissatisfaction with Mr Davidson and the city council

Lower Park Drive near Zoo Lake, said Mr Davidson had shown "a total lack of concern for the welfare of residents in his own ward" and was unable to "answer straightforward questions with straightforward answers"

Many motorists hooted and gave the thumbs-up as they drove past residents holding placards reading "Down with Davidson" and "Mis-management committee misleads ratepayers"

The ratepayers expressed their discontent with Mr Davidson's allegedly poor communication style

"He never replies or takes note of residents' letters," said Mrs Massey

DP member Timothy Cousins, who has been a DP member since its inception, said he had always donated

generously to the DP but had refused to do so this year

Dr de Beer said he was aware that much criticism had been directed at Mr Davidson, but believed him to be of excellent character and ability

"Any failure to communicate should be improved and I am entirely confident that it will be improved," he said

Mr Davidson was unavailable for comment

Wendy and Alan Cameron, former DP supporters who gave up celebrating their wedding anniversary yesterday to attend the protest, said DP city council members were arrogant and unapproachable

One of the protesters' main gripes yesterday was the building of the A3 highway destined to run between Fordsburg and Mayfair

They said the council had excluded residents' participation in its planning of the A3

Mayfair Civic Association member Nassim Pahad said he believed the decision to build the road was made in the 1950s "as part of the grand design of apartheid" to divide an Indian area from a white one

He estimated the road's cost at about R300 million and said the money should be used for housing or education

Surrounded by a group of protesters, Houghton DP MP Tony Leon said he was surprised that no definitive statement about the road had yet been released

He suggested that residents meet him and Dr de Beer tomorrow to discuss the issue

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Dr de Beer tomorrow to discuss the issue

The protesters also accused city councillors of overspending on overseas trips

Dr de Beer said Mr Davidson would explain that conferences abroad helped to cut expenditure in the long run

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Jo'burg power disrupted as substation blast hurts six

AN explosion at an electricity substation in Johannesburg yesterday morning injured six people and left a third of Johannesburg without electricity for several hours. **8:10pm 2/9/92**

The explosion, caused by "electrical component failure", demolished a wall of the installation. Several cars were wrecked and passers-by were struck by flying debris.

Power had been restored to most parts of the city by lunchtime, although some areas such as Selby and Village Main remained cut off until late afternoon.

City council spokesman Jan Pretorius said supply problems would continue to be experienced today, although most of the city would be back to normal.

Many businesses in the city reported disruptions and there was traffic con-

sion at robot-controlled intersections **(27)**

However, most major financial institutions reported that their central computer systems and consumer services had been largely unaffected.

JSE public relations officer Gail McGowan said no computer downtime had been experienced on the exchange as the emergency backup power system had kicked in automatically.

Pretorius said the extent of damage would take some days to determine. Parktown, Mayfair, Braamfontein and Joburg Park were affected intermittently as the council switched the supply between various suburbs to provide a partial service.

An Eskom spokesman said the high-voltage electricity supply to the substation had not been affected.

Emergency services officers pick through rubble at the Johannesburg electricity substation following yesterday's explosion which injured six people and cut power to a third of Johannesburg

Picture BRIAN HENDLER

Power is back on

POWER had been restored to all parts of Johannesburg and the Rand left without electricity after a blast on Tuesday at the Fordsburg substation, an official said yesterday.

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The city's acting city electrical engineer, Mr Martin Pomeroy, said there was no need for consumers to use electricity sparingly but the situation might have to be reassessed in case of a severe cold spell.

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Pomeroy said no final estimate of recommissioning the substation had been made - but added it would not be less than R20 million and could take many months. - Sapa

Mamelodi mass action threat

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

The Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) has threatened to embark on a mass stayaway and consumer boycott of white-owned businesses to highlight the rent crisis in the township

The mass action would be aimed at forcing the Mamelodi City Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to

reduce the local electricity and service charges alleged to be higher than those paid by whites, Indians and coloureds in Pretoria

According to an MCA statement, the stayaway and consumer boycott resolutions were taken by residents at a weekend mass meeting in the township

The dates for the stayaway still have to be

announced

Other actions include a march to the local city council offices to submit a memorandum to the TPA, to "isolate" councillors and council officials, and to pay a R50 flat rate until the rent crisis is resolved

MCA publicity secretary Pasty Malefo said the council insisted on an interim R206 flat rate

This was denied by local mayor Simon Mo-

kone, who said the council had never suggested any interim flat rate to the MCA

Mr Mokone said the allegations were a ploy to incite residents

"We have an open-door policy. Any individual or group that wants to advise or address us on anything to improve the situation in the township is welcome," said Mr Mokone

Katlehong civic turns its back on merger

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By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

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with its own merger proposals in terms of the Interim Measures Act, which CAST rejected.

The Katlehong Civic Association has withdrawn from the proposed amalgamation of Katlehong, Palm Ridge and Germiston.

He said the Act allowed unequal representation and was meant to support collapsing black councils.

The KCA is the second group to pull out. Bedfordview Town Council withdrew in April.

Germiston town clerk Tomie Heyneke said the council was bound to operate within the Interim Measures Act.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) spokesman Dan Mofokeng said the KCA had begun the process to form a broader Katlehong and Germiston community.

He said nonracial and democratic local authorities would come about only if the ANC negotiated such bodies with the Government on a national level.

Mr Mofokeng added: "We envisaged one non-racial city with a common tax base, but some members of Parliament instilled fear into some of the parties we were negotiating with by saying they were holding talks with communists."

Mr Heyneke said CAST had been asked to nominate its own representatives in the proposed amalgamation but had refused.

He said the Germiston council then came out

He said the Germiston council did not know who the true representative of Katlehong residents was.

BYLAE

1. In hierdie regulasies beteken "die Regulasies" die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing No R 1105 van 30 Mei 1984, soos gewysig

2. Die Regulasies word hierby gewysig deur die toevoeging van die volgende kwalifikasies:

Eksaminerende liggaam en kwalifikasie *Afkorting vir registrasie*

B. IN DIE KATEGORIE TERAPIE

REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Universiteit van Kaapstad—

Baccalaureus Medisyne Radioterapie	Scientiae (Honneurs)	in	BSc in Med (Hons) Therapie, Kaapstad
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C. IN DIE KATEGORIE KERNGENEESKUNDE

REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Technikon Pretoria—

Meestersdiploma in Tegnologie (Kerntegnologie)	M Dip in Tegnologie (Kerntegnologie), Technikon Pretoria
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**ADMINISTRASIE:
VOLKSRAAD**

DEPARTEMENT VAN LANDBOU-ONTWIKKELING

No. R. 2462

4 September 1992

DERDEPOORT-BESPROEINGSDISTRIK, DISTRIK MARICO, TRANSVAAL: TOEWYSING VAN WERKSAAMHEDE, BEVOEGDHEDE EN PLIGTE

Kragtens die bevoegdheid aan my gedelegeer by Goewermentskennisgewing 2645 van 16 November 1990, wys ek, Jeep Veenstra, in my hoedanigheid van waarnemende Hoofingenieur. Besproeiingsingenieurswese in die Departement van Landbou-ontwikkeling, hierby die werksaamhede, bevoegdheede en pligte soos omskryf in artikel 89 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) en (h) van die Waterwet, 1956 (Wet No 54 van 1956), aan die Derdepoort-besproeiingsdistrik toe

J. VEENSTRA,

Waarnemende Hoofingenieur: Besproeiingsingenieurswese,

Departement van Landbou-ontwikkeling

**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 2469

4 September 1992

STADSRAAD VAN LICHTENBURG

REGULASIES BETREFFENDE BEWONINGS-
OORLASTE

Dit het die Minister van Behuising en Werke. Volksraad behaag om kragtens die bepalings van artikel 11B (11) van die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, 1985 (Wet 103 van 1985), die Regulasies betreffende Bewoningsoorlaste van die Stadsraad van Lichtenburg hieronder uiteengesit, wat deur genoemde Raad opgestel is, goed te keur.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations "the Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R 1105 of 30 May 1984, as amended

2. The Regulations are hereby amended by the addition of the following qualifications:

Examining authority and qualification *Abbreviation for registration*

B. IN THE CATEGORY THERAPY

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

University of Cape Town—

Bachelor of Science in Medicine (Honours) in Radiotherapy	BSc in Med (Hons) in Therapy, Cape Town
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C. IN THE CATEGORY NUCLEAR MEDICINE

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Technikon Pretoria—

Masters Diploma in Technology (Nuclear Technology)	M Dip in Technology (Nuclear Technology), Technikon Pretoria
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**ADMINISTRATION:
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT

No. R. 2462

4 September 1992

DERDEPOORT IRRIGATION DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF MARICO, TRANSVAAL: ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES

By virtue of the powers delegated to me by Government Notice 2645 of 16 November 1990, I, Jeep Veenstra, in my capacity as acting Chief Engineer. Irrigation Engineering in the Department of Agricultural Development, hereby assign to the Derdepoort Irrigation District the functions, powers and duties as defined in section 89 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956)

J. VEENSTRA,

Acting Chief Engineer. Irrigation Engineering,

Department of Agricultural Development

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 2469

4 September 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF LICHTENBURG
REGULATIONS REGARDING HOUSING
NUISANCES

It pleased the Minister of Housing and Works: House of Assembly to approve the Regulations regarding Housing Nuisances according to the provisions of section 11B (11) of the Act on Development and Housing, 1985 (Act 103 of 1985), as being drawn up by the Town Council of Lichtenburg and being expositioned below

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Bylae A**REGULASIES BETREFFENDE BEWONINGS-
OORLASTE****Woordomskrywing**

1. In hierdie Regulasies, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, het al die woorde wat in die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No 103 van 1985, omskryf word, die betekenis wat aan hulle in daardie Wet toegeken word en in hierdie Regulasies beteken—

“**bewoner**”, in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon, of
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon; of
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**eienaar**”, met betrekking tot 'n perseel, die persoon in wie se naam die grond waarop 'n gebou opgerig is of word, na gelang van die geval, in die betrokke akteskantoor geregistreer is

Met dien verstande dat in die volgende gevalle die persone soos aangedui geag sal word as die eienaar vir doeleindes van hierdie regulasies.

- (a) In die geval van 'n natuurlike persoon, dood is of deur 'n hof onbekwaam om sy eie sake te beheer of tot 'n verkwister verklaar is of 'n pasient is soos omskryf in artikel 1 van die Wet op Geestesgesondheid, 1973 (Wet 18 van 1973), of indien sy boedel gesekwestreer is, die betrokke eksekuteur of kurator, na gelang van die geval;
- (b) in die geval van 'n regspersoon, gelikwieder of onder geregtelike bestuur geplaas is, die likwidateur of geregtelike bestuur, na gelang van die geval,
- (c) uit die Republiek afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind, iemand wat as agent of andersins die bestuur, instandhouding of invordering van huurgelde of ander gelde ten opsigte van daardie gebou of grond onderneem of daarvoor verantwoordelik is,
- (d) indien die betrokke plaaslike bestuur nie kan vasstel wie daardie persoon is nie, iemand wat op die voordeel van die gebruik van daardie gebou of grond geregtig is of sodanige voordeel geniet,
- (e) 'n Eienaar soos omskryf in die Wet op Deeltitels, 1971 (Wet 66 van 1971), soos gewysig;

“**gebou**” ook—

- (a) enige huis, kamer, vertrek, skuur, afdak, hut, voertuig, vaartuig, tent of enige ander struktuur, hetsy tydelik of permanent van aard en ongeag die materiale wat by die oprigting daarvan gebruik is, wat opgerig is of gebruik word vir of in verband met—
 - (i) die huisvesting of gerief van mense,

Schedule A**REGULATIONS REGARDING HOUSING
NUISANCES****Definitions**

1. In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, all the words defined in the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, will have the meaning assigned to them in that Act and in these regulations—

“**occupier**”, in relation to any premises, means—

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises; or
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises; or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown;

“**owner**”, in relation to a premises, means the person in whose name the land on which such building was or is erected or such land, as the case may be, is registered in the deeds office in question.

Provided that in the following cases the persons as stipulated will be regarded as the owner for purposes of these regulations:

- (a) Such person, in the case of a natural person, is deceased or was declared by any court to be incapable of managing his own affairs or a prodigal or is a patient as defined in section 1 of the Mental Health Act, 1973 (Act No 18 of 1973), or if his estate has been sequestrated, the executor or curator concerned, as the case may be;
- (b) such person, in the case of a juristic person, has been liquidated or placed under judicial management, the liquidator or judicial manager concerned, as the case may be,
- (c) such person is absent from the Republic or if his whereabouts are unknown, any person who, as agent or otherwise, undertakes the management, maintenance or collection of rentals or other moneys in respect of such building or land or who is responsible therefor,
- (d) the local authority in question is unable to determine the identity of such person, any person who is entitled to the benefit of the use of such building or land or who enjoys such benefit;
- (e) an owner as defined in the Sectional Titles Act, 1971 (Act 66 of 1971), as amended,

- (b) enige gedeelte van 'n gebou, met inbegrip van 'n gebou soos omskryf in paragraaf (a);
- (c) enige fasiliteite of stelsel, of gedeelte of deel daarvan binne of buite maar gepaardgaande met 'n gebou vir die verskaffing van 'n watervoorsienings-, dreinerings-, riool-, stormwaterafvoer-, elektrisiteitsvoorsienings- of ander soortgelyke diens ten opsigte van die gebou,

"gesin" 'n volwasse man of vrou wat alleen of saam as man en vrou woon, saam met of sonder enige afhanklike kinders of saam met die ouers van enigen van hulle;

"Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste" die hoof van die Raad se Departement van Gesondheidsdienste of enige beamppte wat gemagtig is om namens hom op te tree,

"perseel" 'n gebou of bouwerk, asook die grond waarop dit gelee is, wat vir doeleindes van bewoning opgerig is of daarvoor aangewend word, en ook 'n gebou of bouwerk wat vir woondoeleindes aangewend was en wat deur die bewoners daarvan ontruim is,

"Raad" die Stadsraad van Lichtenburg;

"verblyfsonderneming" 'n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting en een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word;

"Wet" die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No. 103 van 1985;

2. Verhuring en bewoning van perseel.

Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon of geokkupeer word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestande voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie:

- (a) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 12 m³ vryelugruimte en 4 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 6 m³ vryelugruimte en 2 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon jonger as tien jaar toelaat nie: Met dien verstande dat geen woonvertrek kleiner as 6 m² mag wees nie; en
- (b) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trapportaal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motorhuis, stal, tent, pakkamer, afdak, skuur, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Raad goedgekeur is.

3. Slaapakkommodasie, voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel

Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie.

- (a) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaapakkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teenoorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10 jaar, met uitsondering van 'n

"building" includes—

- (a) any house, room, apartment, shed, lean-to, hut, vehicle, vessel, tent or any other structure whether temporary or permanent and regardless of the materials used when erected, which is erected or used as, or in connection with—

- (i) the accommodation or convenience of people;

- (b) any part of a building including a building as described in paragraph (a),

- (c) any facilities or system, or part of it, inside or outside but coupled with a building for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage, floodwater drainage, electricity supply or any other service with regard to the building;

"family" means an adult male or female living either alone or together as man and wife, with or without any dependant children or the parents of either of them;

"Chief: Health Services" means the Chief of the Health Services of the Council or his assignee,

"premises" a building or construction, as well as the land on which it is situated which is erected for the purpose of occupation or used for occupation and also a building or construction which was adapted for accommodation and evacuated by the occupants;

"Council" The Town Council of Lichtenburg,

"accommodation establishment" means premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons,

"Act" means the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985;

2. Letting and occupation of premises:

No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following:

- (a) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons than will allow less than 12 m³ of free air space and 4 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 6 m³ of free air space and 2 m² of floor space for each person less than ten years of age provided that no room shall be smaller than 6 m²; and
- (b) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, store-room, lean-to, shed, cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its use for that purpose has been approved by the Council.

3. Sleeping accommodation, preparation and cooking of food

No person shall so let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following:

- (a) No premises or part thereof shall be occupied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of opposite sexes over ten years of age, other than a couple living together as husband

persoon wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertrekke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteenmure of afskortings geskei word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van Hoof Gesondheidsdienste stewig en toereikend is nie.

- (b) Alle persele moet voorsien word van fasiliteite vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertrekke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike fasiliteite ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste dit vereis

4. Ablusiegeriewe:

- (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stort(e) en spoelklosette, elk geskik gelee in 'n afsonderlike kompartement wat geredelik toeganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toegerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype: Met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype.
- (2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar vir die bewoners daarvan is.

5. Basiese lewensvereistes:

Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

- (a) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van goedgekeurde verligting en ventilasie:
- (b) te eniger tyd versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte nie met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang soos vereis in hierdie Regulasies, inbreuk maak nie.
- (c) versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie, met dien verstande egter dat vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel—
- (i) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of
- (ii) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon as een persoon beskou word;
- (d) versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg in stand gehou word nie

and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, separated from one another by brick walls or partitions, the construction of which is substantial and adequate in the opinion of the Chief: Health Services. (127)

- (b) All premises will be provided with accommodation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately: Provided that separate accommodation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Chief Health Services.

4. Ablution facilities:

- (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower(s), each suitably placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with waste pipes: Provided that a bath fitted with a waste pipe, may be substituted for each shower.
- (2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have a proper and sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof

5. Basic living requirements:

No owner of any premises shall—

- (a) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided independently of any other room, with light and ventilation.
- (b) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, built-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these regulations
- (c) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food. Provided, however, that for the purposes of this section—
- (i) two children of ten years or under; or
- (ii) two persons living together as man and wife shall be deemed to be one person,
- (d) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained.

6. Higieniese vereistes:

Geen eienaar van enige perseel mag toelaat dat sodanige perseel of gedeelte daarvan in 'n ongesonde of onhigieniese toestand of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is nie, of nie skoon of goed in stand gehou word nie, of waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees nie

7. Verblyfondernemings.

- (1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming afsonderlike ablusiegeriewe vir elke geslag het en toegerus is met—

- (a) een bad of stort;
- (b) een handewasbak; en
- (c) een spoelkloset:

Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word.

- (2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor dit bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees

8. Algemene vereistes:

Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

- (a) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlik werkende toestand hou,
- (b) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou;
- (c) doeltreffende maatreëls tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiere of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou;
- (d) toesien dat elke muur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanige geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word.

Elektriese verbindings en hysbakke

9. (1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

- (a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektrisiteitstoevoer vir beligting en krag het; en
- (b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word.

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

- (a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan; en
- (b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker.

10. Sloping of verandering van sekere geboue

(1) Indien die Raad op aanbeveling van die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste van oordeel is dat—

- (a) 'n gebou bouvallig of verval is of tekens daarvan toon;

6. Hygienic requirements

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No owner of any premises shall permit such premises or part thereof to be in an unwholesome or unhygienic state, unfit for human habitation or not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the persons occupying the premises

7. Accommodation establishments

- (1)** The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—

- (a) One bath or shower,
- (b) one wash hand basin; and
- (c) one water closet

Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex

- (2)** Every bathroom, shower compartment and water closet shall be clearly designated for the sex for which it is intended; Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments, or water closets have been installed on the premises, the entrances to each series shall bear such designation

8. General requirements:

The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

- (a) keep all sanitary fittings, boilers, lighting and fire extinguishing equipment at all times in proper working order,
- (b) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter;
- (c) take adequate measure to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin;
- (d) ensure that every wall, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the area painted remains clean and in a good state of repair.

9. Electrical connections and lifts:

(1) Where an electrical connection is available to any premises, the owner shall not permit any person to occupy such premises unless—

- (a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity for lighting and power, and
- (b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting

(2) Where a lift has been installed in premises, the owner shall ensure—

- (a) its continuous safe functioning, and
- (b) its availability to occupiers of the premises

10. Demolition or certain buildings

(1) If the local authority in question, on recommendation of the Chief Health Services is of the opinion that—

- (a) any building is dilapidated or in a state of disrepair or shows signs thereof,

- (b) 'n gebou of die grond waarop 'n gebou opgerig is, gevaarlik, of tekens toon dat dit gevaarlik of skadelik vir die gesondheid van lewe of die eiendom is,

kan die Raad die eienaar van daardie gebou of grond by skriftelike kennisgewing deur die pos bestel of oorhandig, gelas om, binne die tydperk wat in daardie kennisgewing vermeld word, daardie gebou te sloop of sodanig te verander, verwyder, ontruim of te beveilig dat dit nie meer bouvallig of vervalte is of tekens toon dat dit gevaarlik of skadelik vir die gesondheid van lewe of die eiendom is nie.

Met dien verstande dat indien die Raad op aanbeveling van die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste van oordeel is dat die toestand van 'n gebou sodanig is dat stappe onverwyld gedoen moet word ter beskerming van lewe of die eiendom, hy daardie stappe kan doen sonder om bedoelde kennisgewing aan die eienaar van daardie gebou te bestel of te oorhandig, en die koste van daardie stappe op daardie eienaar kan verhaal.

- (2) Indien die Raad op aanbeveling van die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste dit vir die veiligheid of gesondheid van enige iemand nodig ag, kan die Raad by skriftelike kennisgewing, deur die pos bestel of oorhandig—

(a) die eienaar van 'n gebou gelas om, binne naer van 'n gebou gelas om, binne die tydperk wat in daardie kennisgewing vermeld word, alle persone wat in daardie gebou woon of vir enige ander doel daarin is, daaruit te verwyder en toe te sien dat niemand wat nie deur die Raad daartoe gemagtig is nie, toegang tot daardie gebou verkry nie,

(b) iemand wat in 'n gebou woon of vir enige ander doel daarin is, gelas om, onmiddellik of binne 'n tydperk wat in daardie kennisgewing vermeld word, daardie gebou te ontruim

- (3) Niemand mag 'n gebou ten opsigte waarvan 'n kennisgewing ingevolge hierdie artikel bestel of oorhandig is of stappe deur die Raad ingevolge subartikel (1) gedoen is, bewoon of gebruik of toelaat dat dit bewoon of gebruik word nie tensy die Raad op aanbeveling van HGD skriftelik toestemming verleen het dat daardie gebou weer bewoon of gebruik mag word.

11. Vrystellings:

Die Raad kan op aanbeveling van die HGD enige persoon vrystel van die nakoming van al of enige van hierdie regulasies waar sodanige nie-nakoming na die mening van die Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste nie 'n gesondheidsgevaarlike toestand of oorlas skep of sal skep nie.

12. Strafbepaling:

Die eienaar van enige perseel wat enige van die bepalinge van hierdie Regulasies oortree, welke oortreding na die mening van die Raad 'n oorlas ingevolge artikel 11B van die Wet uitmaak en wat versuim om aan 'n kennisgewing ingevolge artikel 11B (2) (a) van die Wet om sodanige oorlas reg te stel te voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met die straf soos voorgeskryf in artikel 11B van die Wet.

- (b) any building or the land on which a building was or is being or is to be erected or any earthwork is dangerous or is showing signs of becoming dangerous to life or property,

it may by notice in writing, served by post or delivered, order the owner of such building, land or earthwork, within the period specified in such notice to demolish, remove or evacuate such building or to alter or secure it in such manner that it will no longer be dilapidated or in a state of disrepair or show signs thereof or be dangerous or show signs of becoming dangerous to life or property:

Provided that if the Council on recommendation of the Chief Health Services is of the opinion that the condition of any building, is such that steps should forthwith be taken to protect life or property, it may take such steps without serving or delivering such notice on or to the owner of such building, and may recover the costs of such steps from such owner.

- (2) If the Council on recommendation of the Chief: Health Services deems it necessary for the safety of any person, it may by notice in writing, served by post or delivered—

(a) order the owner of any building to remove, within the period specified in such notice, all persons occupying or working or being for any other purpose in such building therefrom, and to take care that any person not authorized by Council does not enter such building;

(b) order any person occupying or working or being for any other purpose in any building, to vacate such building immediately or within a period specified in such notice.

- (3) No person shall occupy or use or permit the occupation or use of any building in respect of which a notice was served or delivered in terms of this section or steps were taken by the Council in terms of subsection (1), unless such local authority on recommendation of the Chief: Health Services has granted permission in writing that such building may again be occupied or used.

11. Exemptions:

The Council on recommendation of the Chief: Health Services may exempt any person from complying with all or any of these regulations where such non-compliance in the opinion of the Chief: Health Services does not constitute a health hazard or nuisance

12. Penalties:

The owner of any premises who has contravened any of the provisions of these regulations, which contravention has been found by the Council to constitute a nuisance in terms of section 11B of the Act and who fails to comply with a notice in terms of section 11B (2) (a) of the Act, to rectify such nuisance, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to the penalties provided in section 11B of the Act the Act

Hostels: Inmates slam R700m plan

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A STORM is brewing over the government's hostel-upgrading projects. Hostel residents have slammed present efforts where contractors will cream off a cool R70,8-million if the plans continue.

The total bill to upgrade all 177 government-owned hostels will cost the taxpayer R687,8-million — if the costs of the first upgrading job establish the norm.

Not only that, but the government's first effort has been slammed as "patchwork over damage" by the 12 000-member Hostel Residents' Association.

A project manager involved in the Thokoza pro-

By CHARLENE SMITH

ject admitted "It can't be called upgrading. The only real change in terms of physical appearance is the new roofs. But the hot water and new electrical wiring are improvements."

The project manager did not want to be named.

Withdrew

The HRA has slammed the R3,8-million upgrading of the Thokoza hostel as indicative of a lack of real policy or consultation, and says it is not in line with recommendations by the all-party National Housing Forum.

The government withdrew from the forum last year after being party to

the agreement on hostel initiatives.

The lack of real upgrading, hostel residents say, has caused conflict between indunas and the HRA, with indunas being blamed for not acting democratically in negotiations with the authorities.

Renovations to the Thokoza hostel include a R240 000 security fence despite the government's stated opposition to the fencing off of hostels. Other costs include R40 000 for window panes, R50 000 for site work and R400 000 for "professional fees".

Another R560 000 was spent on "bathrooms, washrooms, sewerage and

water" and R340 000 on "hot-water systems".

The project manager said the R400 000 for professional fees was payment for the project manager, a quantity surveyor, an electrical engineer and an engineer for the hot-water systems. He said that, at about 10 percent of capital costs, this was "cheap".

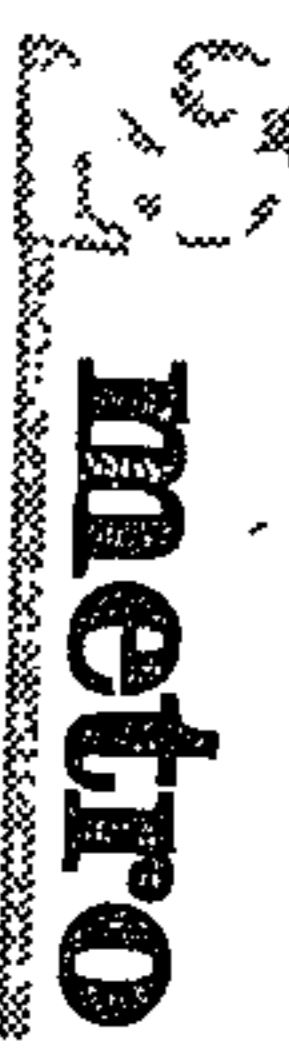
Premium

He said costs could have been R50 000 lower if the authorities had negotiated with hostel residents first and reached agreement on what was wanted without involving project managers and contractors in all the negotiations.

However, he also said

that a premium was charged "for that type of work because of security considerations. Materials could not be left on site, but had to be brought in daily". About 80 percent of those who worked on the project, however, were hostel inmates.

The Minister of National Housing and Local Government, Mr Leon Wessels, praised the completed work as evidence of the seriousness with which the government was approaching the hostel problem — a negotiation stalemate issue. Last week he was the first government minister to appear before the Goldstone commission to outline the government's policy on hostels.



Negotiations initiative signed

By Anna Cox

The constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) — which will investigate ways to facilitate the joint administration of a large metropolitan area — was formally signed and approved on Friday.

NJNF signatories are the councils of Sandton, Alexandra and Marlboro Gardens,

the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the East Bank Residents' Association, and the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association

"The NJNF is a negotiating forum which is investigating and formulating viable, non-racial, democratic, sub-regional and local government structures. The body was launched in 1990 and since then major successes have been achieved through the on-

going process of negotiation and consultation," said NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner.

"The creation of the NJNF resulted from the Alexandra Accord which envisaged the negotiation of new, non-racial, democratic, local government structures for the region, the improvement of services and administration in Alexandra as well as the lifting of the rates and rent boycott

"The original parties of the accord, however, realised that

the improvement of the general conditions and services in Alexandra could be achieved only through the involvement of the neighbouring towns. As a result, the Randburg and Sandton councils were invited to join in," said Mr Gardiner

Over the last 18 months other towns such as Modderfontein and Midrand have joined as observers. Supporting parties such as Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the Central Witwatersrand Re-

gional Services Council have also joined the forum

The aims of the NJNF are to investigate and implement a joint administration for the three municipalities, further the development proposals to accommodate the Alexandra community, continue interim assistance to the Alexandra council, upgrade and improve the living standards of Alexandra residents, and to prepare the foundations for a non-racial local authority in the northern region

Meeting on Vaal services crisis on hold

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The multiparty gathering between the independent mediating team investigating the present services crisis in Vaal Triangle townships and concerned groups has been postponed by a few weeks.

The chairman of the team, Peter Brandmuller, said in a statement in Johannesburg yesterday that the meeting, which aimed "to share ideas on the creation of mechanisms to foster discussions", was to have been held on Saturday.

"The mediating team feels it requires a few more weeks in the region to collect additional information and to have the opportunity to speak with certain stakeholders with whom we have not yet made contact."

The mediating team was set up by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the administrators of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong some weeks ago at the request of the Vaal Civic Association.

It will make recommendations regarding, among others, the improvement and normalisation of municipal services and payments, housing and hostels, the improvement of security, and the fostering of mutual trust between the community and the security forces — Sapa.

Boycott pressure gets to Mamelodi councillor

Star 8/19/92

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau



One of the longest-serving councillors in Mamelodi, Benjamin Shirinda (60), has resigned.

Mr Shirinda's resignation follows a week-long boycott of businesses belonging to his nephews over his involvement in the council.

Mr Shirinda joined the council in 1984 and was councillor for Ward 2.

Six councillors have resigned since the start of the rent boycott two years ago.

A residents' meeting

held on August 30 resolved to "isolate" councillors and council officials in protest against high monthly rentals in the township.

Mr Shirinda told The Star yesterday he had submitted his resignation letter to the local town clerk, Piet Nel, on Friday after residents boycotted businesses belonging to Solomon, Abel and Joseph Shirinda.

The former leader of the Sofasonke Party said residents had boycotted Shirinda Dry Cleaners and General Dealer at the Mamelodi Hostel

from last Monday

The owners decided to close the premises on Friday until the matter regarding ownership had been cleared

Mr Shirinda said his family could not live a normal life because of his involvement in the council

"Because I also want to be part of the community I live in, I decided to resign from the council," he said.

"I am prepared to work hand-in-hand with the community and give advice where it's needed," Mr Shirinda added

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Govt calls for binding agreement on hostels

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Government, suffering increasing resistance to its hostel upgrading programme, has called for agreements between interested parties to be made binding.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said in a statement yesterday that the R194,6 million earmarked for hostel upgrading in the Transvaal could be utilised only when consensus had been reached through consultation with all role-players.

And in order to maintain consensus, it was imperative to introduce a generally acceptable mechanism to bind the parties involved, "no matter what the substance of the agreement may be"

"The dilemma we are experiencing in the Transvaal, especially in the Witwatersrand region, is that it is in some cases extremely difficult to get the different rôle-players around a table

Patchwork

"In certain places, like Ethandakuthanya near Piet Retief and Emjindini near Barberton, consensus is being delayed because of the unco-operative attitude of the civics," the statement said.

The Government's only completely upgraded hostel, Hostel No 1, at Tokoza on the East Rand, has been criticised by the Hostel Residents' Association (HRA) as "patchwork over damage"

The R3,8 million rudimentary work to the hostel was indicative of a lack of real policy or consultation, the HRA added

The TPA said a comprehensive process of consultation was under way in the Transvaal in order to get response to the Government's hostel strategy

Of the 92 hostels in the province, consensus on the need to upgrade had already been reached at 11. Negotiations were in progress at 46 others.

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Bid to halt evictions (127)

CIVIC leaders were seeking a court interdict against the Alberton Town Council yesterday in an attempt to prevent the eviction of 43 families in Eden Park on the East Rand

Civic leader Makgabo Moloto said the East Rand Civic Association had instructed their lawyers to begin legal moves to halt the evictions

Moloto said a total 105 families were expected to be thrown out of their homes this week

Officials of the council were not available for comment. - Sapa

Banks and council ⁽¹²⁷⁾ stalling ^{STAR 8/19/92} — tenants

By Monica Oosterbroek

A group of Johannesburg flat tenants involved in negotiations to buy their buildings have accused major banks and the Johannesburg City Council of delaying the project.

The tenants decided a year ago to buy seven buildings to ensure that the management and control of the flats were in their hands. The buildings are Argyle Court, Branksome Towers, Comston Court, Manhattan Court, Margate Court, Protea Court, and Stanhope Mansions.

However, in a meeting with tenants last week, bankers and councillors said they needed more time to consider the feasibility of the project.

Wave

In a strongly worded letter to the media, Pressage Nkosi of the Seven Buildings Project said the delay could result in a wave of homelessness and increased insecurity.

"A year ago David Gorfil, who owns all seven buildings, gave us a chance to raise the necessary funds. But we had to buy time by paying an additional monthly levy per flat," Mr Nkosi said.

"Gorfil is proposing to charge even more money per flat from October, which will force some people on to the streets," he said.

They are demanding the council give them financial aid to rehabilitate the buildings, affordable utility rates, realistic evaluations of their buildings and rent subsidies for the poor.

They are also demanding a loan of R10 million at below market interest rates from the banks to buy and renovate the buildings and a change of lending criteria to accommodate the needs of the community.

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Lenasia project falls into dispute

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PROPERTY developers and the House of Delegates' housing development board are at loggerheads over the delay in township proclamation for the board's Lenasia South Ext 4 site.

The delay has prevented construction by private builders because without a proclamation houses cannot be transferred to buyers, a developer said.

A total of 3 300 sites have been allocated, with the House of Delegates already developing and selling more than 1 400 itself in spite of the proclamation delay, developers said.

A developer who declined to be named for fear of retribution said "The installation of services at the site was completed some time ago and the House of Delegates has built and is selling its homes as it has an arrangement whereby it can do this."

Private developers had been told they should be able to go on site in January.

"Nothing appears to be happening and more than R30m in taxpayers' money is just lying there waiting," another developer said.

"Given the desperate need for housing and the poor conditions in the building industry, this is unacceptable."

PETER GALLI

None of the directors of the board could be reached for comment. A secretary said they had been told by the director-general not to comment.

In another development, papers have been filed in the Durban Supreme Court by Universal Homes against the housing development board and its leader, J N Reddy.

Universal Homes is claiming damages of R3,08m from the board which allegedly had approved the allotment of 399 serviced sites in Lenasia South Ext 4 to it for the building and selling of homes.

A loan of R15,99m at 11,25% interest a year payable over five years was also allegedly approved.

This, Universal Homes says, was with the approval of the House of Delegates' Local Government, Housing and Agriculture Minister.

"On or around January 22 1991 the defendant wrongfully and unlawfully repudiated its obligations under the said approval, which resulted in Universal Homes sustaining damages of R3,08m," the company said.

The defendant denied all the claims, pleading they were bad in law for several reasons.

Sites for low-cost housing identified

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been made at this stage regarding which sites will be developed or how they will be developed. Local authorities, the province, civics and regional services council have been given until October 31 to comment, when a more detailed investigation will begin.

The study area stretches from Sandton and Modderfontein to Midrand and Tembisa, including land north-west of the Sandton and Randburg urban areas, to the north of Roodepoort and Krugersdorp, to Johannesburg's Klipriver Valley, the southern portions of Alberton, Germiston and Boksburg, to the Vaal Triangle and East Rand.

Land considered available has been ranked according to high, medium and low priorities and includes vacant land — large farms, smallholdings and erven, undeveloped land

— smallholdings or partially developed large sites such as prison or hospital infrastructures, land affected by dolomite, minor spruets and pans, and certain informal settlements (See graphic)

Most of the land is privately owned by banks, pension funds, individuals and consortiums and developers.

Land not suitable for residential purposes is described as existing public and private open space (from private golf courses to proclaimed nature reserve areas), major airport sites such as Jan Smuts, land taken up by bulk-services installations, and mine dumps.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the report was merely a land audit, not a recommendation, and the city council would study it very closely. "I wish to emphasise that no decisions have been

taken," he said.

The study area was extended to include areas on the Metropolitan Chamber's boundaries, but excluded the Vaal Triangle and far East and West Rand and Pretoria.

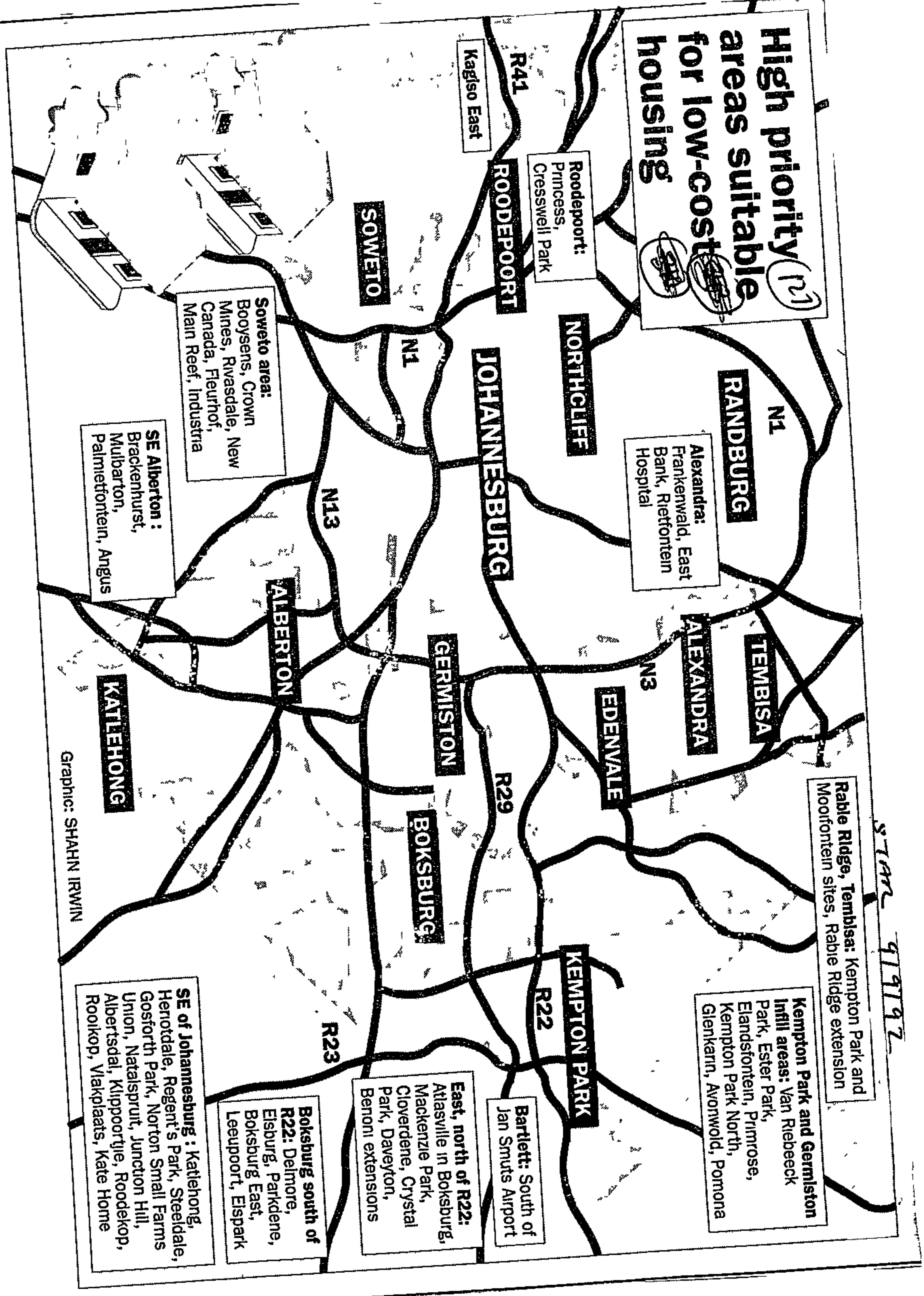
The study emphasises that before decision-makers taking final decisions and the selection of sites and development, a more detailed investigation would be required.

The investigation of land inside urban areas suitable for low-cost housing will be the subject of another study commissioned by the chamber.

The land task team recommended that the land availability study be expanded to include the entire PWV area.

It stressed that a regional planning authority had to conduct co-ordinated and integrated development planning and that negotiation between all stakeholders was crucial.

High priority (R2) areas suitable for low-cost housing



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Shot in the arm for urbanisation

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THE CENTRAL Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber made its Land Availability Report public last night, announcing that 180 sites in a 164 000 ha study area have been identified as suitable for informal residential settlements

The study was commissioned as a result of criticism by Johannesburg civic associations last year of the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council's proposals for the Reeffontein township development and the lack of planning alternatives, community participation and distance of Reeffontein from major employment centres

According to a statement released last night by the Metropolitan Chamber, the intention is that, after discussion of this report by the chamber's parties, an overall strategy plan for the region will be developed to

identify and analyse all potential land suitable for urbanisation, and to assess the opportunities and constraints presented by land which is suitable for development

The chamber's land task team concentrated on the identification of available land for low-income housing development in the greater central Witwatersrand — from Sandton to Modderfontein, Midrand to Tembisa, Roodepoort to Krugersdorp, the southern parts of Johannesburg, Alberton, Germiston and Boksburg, to the East Rand and land north of the Vaal Triangle

The report does not claim to make proposals about which sites should be developed for low-income housing — it only

identifies sites which have a high potential for low-income housing

Metropolitan Chamber secretary Vic Milne said a final decision on which area to pump the region's resources into would be taken only after more detailed investigation

"This is the first major step forward to getting affordable accommodation strategies on the table. Any development must be an integrated approach. The final decision and final recommendations will be made before the end of the year," Mr Milne said

He said new settlements had to have an economic base and be self-sufficient

The Star revealed yesterday that 11 areas had been identi-

Vacant and undeveloped land on the outskirts of urban areas on the Reef has been identified as possible sites for informal housing, writes Municipal Reporter LOUISE MARSLAND.

fied in the north-west of the study area as highly suitable for informal housing

The study recognises that the legacies of apartheid have resulted in a severe land and housing shortage, particularly for the low-income group, excessive travelling distances between home and work, racially structured land, housing and rental markets and inefficient use of resources, severe social and health problems related to overcrowding and poor living

conditions, large numbers of people in informal settlements facing threat of relocation, forced removal of people from their land and possible demands for restitution, and concentration of large-scale land ownership in the hands of a small white minority

According to the report, past policies have tended to ignore the affordable housing question as well as the chronic land and housing shortages on a national and metropolitan scale

one would be involved in the process

Some of the important principles of the study include the need to promote integrated urban development, promote the creation of work opportunities, include effective community participation and decision-making, the efficient use of financial and human resources, and measures to protect the environment

Although most of the land available for development consists of either smallholdings or large farm portions, the existing urban areas must not be excluded, the study states, and should be the subject of further investigation

Land regarded as high priority includes large farms and

Civic Association of Johannesburg general-secretary Cas Coovadia said the need to provide low-cost housing in the region was crucial. It was now up to the chamber to develop a strategy for low-cost housing and commercial and industrial development in the region

He said this was the first land investigation that had community participation as an integral facet

The aim of including a community participation programme in the overall study was to begin integrating the process of community involvement in the planning process

Mr Coovadia cautioned against a hysterical reaction from landowners and said there was no need for panic as every-

land owned by the State, the TPA or local authorities. Medium-priority land consists of smallholdings and land owned by large companies. Privately owned land and township erven are regarded as of low importance

According to the report, past increases in the black population in the region have not been catered for in the planning of new residential areas, due to a combination of apartheid policies and economic factors, resulting in squatting, informal settlements, backyard shacks and a backlog in the provision of housing stock

And with the black population in Johannesburg and on the East and West Rand expected to increase to around 5 million by the turn of the century, between 2.1 and 2.7 million additional people will need homes up to the year 2 000, based on present figures □

87 families may lose their homes

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■ Houses repossessed as union
runs out of cash: (127) ~~28~~

By Lulama Luti

ABOUT 87 families stand to lose their homes in Zamdela near Sasolburg as a result of a clamp-down by the United Building Society on bond defaulters

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...especially fellow blacks. Azado.

R600m Pretoria project mooted

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A R600m lakeside project planned by the Pretoria City Council in Sunnyside was expected to be presented to prospective developers next week, a source close to the council said yesterday.

However, the formal announcement depended on final proposal acceptance from the administrator, he said.

The council would not dictate the structuring of the project to developers, but it was looking at a lake covering about 6ha as the centrepiece, with 200 000m² of retail, commercial, conference, residential and hotel facilities around this.

A large part of the area between the Pretoria CBD and Sunnyside had not been fully utilised and the development would link the two places, he said.

Most of the 13ha site at the confluence of the Apies River and Walkerspruit — bounded by Esselen Street in the south, Church Street in the north, Beatrix Street in the east and Edward Street in the west — belonged to the council.

Some of the property in the proposed development was privately held and already built up.

"The concept will be put out to developers for proposals and, if they include the use of this privately held land in their proposals, they must negotiate satisfactory agreements with these owners," the source said. The development proposals would also have to include private sector funding proposals.

Reef plan

ready by
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year end

By Louise Marstand
Municipal Reporter

An interim strategic development plan for the greater central Witwatersrand should be in place by the end of the year, the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber heard last night.

Wits Professor Alan Mabini, who led the chamber's Land Task Team which identified land in the region suitable for low-cost housing, said an interim document containing proposals for a regional development strategy would be available soon.

Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, attempting to allay the fears of landowners and other stakeholders, stressed that the land availability study was merely a "land audit" of existing vacant land in and around the central Witwatersrand and should only be seen as an input to a future strategy plan.

Professor Mabini said the report was the first study undertaken in SA to be funded by a public authority — the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) — in which community participation was an integral part.

Chairman of the chamber's physical development working committee, Graham Phirre, said their challenge was to manage the urbanisation process.

The Land Task Team comprised representatives from the Urban Foundation, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Johannesburg City Council, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the CWRSC and Johannesburg civic bodies.

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Worries of the world can wait... a scrap-metal collector stops to take a pinch of snuff and smoke a cigarette next to some newspaper posters in President Street, Johannesburg

Picture Ken Oosterbroek

Taverners air grievances against SAB

By Montshwa Moroke

The love-hate relationship between the National Taverners' Association (NTA) and South African Breweries (SAB) came out into the open at a meeting of shebeen and tavern owners in Soweto yesterday.

The meeting was attended by hundreds of members of the Soweto Taverners' Association at Uncle Tom's Hall in

Orlando West to discuss, among other things, the conduct of SAB, crime, and legal constraints created by the Liquor Act.

A string of complaints were voiced by members against SAB, including the "insensitivity of SAB when dealing with shebeen and tavern owners and failure to consult operators when the brewery increases prices".

Several resolutions were passed, including one to pull down SAB posters in shebens and taverns and burn them if SAB refused to hold discussions with the NTA.

The meeting also called on SAB to offer discounts and introduce incentives and that the NTA executive should seek an urgent meeting with SAB within 10 days.

Executive NTA members claimed they had tried to meet SAB for the past 10

months

NTA public relations officer Saint Madlala told members that a delegation of NTA members would meet Deputy Minister of Trade and Industries Dr Dawie de Villiers in Pretoria on September 23 to discuss the constraints in the Liquor Act.

It was resolved that the formation of defence units be discussed speedily so as to combat crime, especially hold-ups

by David Wasglass

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Housing, she has put up over 900 houses in Soweto over the past six years. Then recently she launched the only sizeable, wholly black-owned estate agency on the Witwatersrand, Nankan Properties. And this, in the past seven months, has turned over R3m in second-hand properties.

She has a staff of 10 black agents — and is looking to train many more.

Of course, since the abolition of the Group Areas Act, blacks can live where they please. Nankan says that on the whole they prefer to live in black areas, but when they do move they move far. Alexandra residents prefer homes in Sandton and Randburg, Rembrandt Park or Honeydew, she believes, rather than in Kew or Kelvin. "Moving into neighbouring areas used to be the situation, when group areas was in force," she reflects.

She also thinks black tastes are quite distinct. "Generally blacks are not keen on townhouses and cluster homes, nor on older homes in need of renovation. They prefer

to Boksburg and Benoni.

Frequent calls to her office indicate that there is a more than ready market among blacks for rented flats between R500 a month and R1 500 a month. She is keen to move into this market. "Right now two-bedroom apartments are probably housing six people, though as salaries rise these densities will most likely decrease." She reports that many landlords in Hillbrow and Berea are finding that since blacks have moved in, maintenance costs are lower because the new residents take better care of their properties.

Greater movement to flats has been noted in Durban by JHI Durban's Andrew Foxcroft. He says the city's flatland is attractive to clerical and senior black employees, for whom locating closer to their work means that transport savings offset the higher costs of city rental.

Dispelling some of the myths about doing real estate business in the townships, Nankan says that in her experience, clients have paid — and want to pay — their bonds regularly. "The only time they don't," she claims, "is because of deficient building, or simply, like whites, because of cash-flow problems due to interest rate hikes over the past couple of years, and loss of income due to economic hardships, including retrenchments."



Nankan Properties MD Vino Nankan
trying hard

newer, free-standing homes, with yards." Much of her business in the second-hand property market is in the R100 000-R300 000 range.

Other agents have gone on record saying that there is not much movement in black townships these days — not only because of the recession, but because township homes have become artificially over-valued due to a shortage of upmarket homes. Nankan has a different view. "They are possibly over-capitalised as a result of the shortage."

She concurs with Balloon Estates' Alan Sampson that movement is taking place in Johannesburg's southern suburbs without local resistance. Ordinary white South Africans are accepting the fact that integration has to take place, she believes.

Nankan names Mondeor, Ormonde, Kristerville and Glen Vista, in particular, as increasingly popular areas for blacks. Sampson's estimate is that between 10% and 20% of sales in these regions is to blacks. Nankan says she is also seeing some movement to white areas on the East Rand — particularly

BLACK HOUSING

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The people want houses

Selling homes in black townships is not an easy business. Right now the National Housing Forum is seeking ways to sort out such questions as a shortage of bonds, stock and subsidisation, a possible bond repayment boycott — and associated political problems.

One person who has both built and is now trying to sell such homes on the Reef is Chatsworth-born Vino Nankan. As MD of her own construction company, Ven-Rich

Soweto: countdown to collapse

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SOWETO Council is running at an operating-cost shortfall of R4 million a month — and the TPA has dug in its heels over giving it more money. JOE LOUW reports.

THE story of the turbulent history of the Soweto council is like one of those old-time movie serials where every episode ends with the hero being in desperate trouble but by the next, either through some miraculous action of his own, or by the intervention of his horse, dog or the Seventh Cavalry, the situation is saved.

But this time round, according to Soweto public relations officer Mojalefi Moseki, the situation for Soweto is not going to be saved. There is no financial Seventh Cavalry storming round the bend to save the Soweto council from its horrendous operating-cost shortfall of R4 million a month.

The deputy director of the TPA, Len Dekker, is digging in his heels. He declared this month, "The Soweto City Council has used up every resource and the cupboard is bare. We have no more money to give them."

The TPA has been funding Soweto's R295-million annual budget by 77 percent but in July it refused to put up any more money. This means that 4 000 municipal workers, according to Moseki, will simply have to "pack up and go home", to say nothing of what will happen to the already very tightly stretched services for this "city" of more than 2,5 million people.

Service boycott

Already sewers are spilling into the streets, garbage collection at best is erratic and huge piles of refuse are building into small hills in some places. Most of the parks and open spaces are blighted with neglect and stagnation.

The mayor problem, Moseki says, is that residents have failed to pay service charges in accordance with the Soweto accord signed at the end of 1990.

The accord stipulated that residents were to pay R15 for a period of time. This amount was to have increased by R10 with effect from January 2 last year.

To date, the council has not been able to collect even 20 percent of the payments which would have amounted to R44 million.

A service charge boycott, started five months ago, made it impossible for the council to collect more than 10 percent of the R23 a month service levy from residents, Moseki said.

He told the Saturday Star this week that the council was so cash-strapped that "we are mopping up all small unused amounts we can find from our last budget in a desperate attempt to stay afloat. We are definitely in a countdown to total collapse."

A council report, prepared by Moseki, spells out several other factors that have helped to derail the council's 1991 "mission" to "upgrade the quality of



IN A MESS A cash-strapped Soweto Council can't function, so sewers spill over, garbage collection is erratic and rubbish builds up into huge piles

● Photograph STEVE HILTON-BARBER

life for the community". Among them are: politically motivated violence, attacks on contractors, on-going and sporadic boycotts, political thuggery and high unemployment rate.

The report also singles out civic organisations for not having complied with the stipulations of the accord. "The underlying cause of the ongoing violence is political intolerance," the report states, "which has its roots in the jostling for political hegemony by the various organisations."

Soweto Civic Organisation spokesman Pat Lapunya this week dismissed suggestions that the civics were in any way responsible for the predicament. "It's absurd for the Soweto council, especially Mojalefi Moseki, who was once an activist, to blame the civics we're in on the civics," he told the Saturday Star.

"Our attitude has always been that the problem of services started long, long ago at the creation of

apartheid and the idea that Soweto should be an autonomous city whose only revenue sources were seen as rents, a tax on bottle stores and some form of dog tax.

"The infrastructure built then assumed that black townships were not permanent and their residents were supposed to be temporary sojourners. Hence, the kind of structures that were put in are now proving hopelessly inadequate."

"Moreover, in contrast with Johannesburg, which was white, rich and permanent, what kind of sensible industrial investment could Soweto attract, being poor, black and overcrowded?"

"The situation can only be resolved if the apartheid regime pumps in massive resources to upgrade services, not only in Soweto but in all black areas, and not the accusations that we receive from the regime's puppets."

Increase in water price

Municipal Reporter

The Rand Water Board (RWB) has announced an increase of 4,40 cents per kilolitre of purified water from October 1.

This means that bulk consumers — municipalities and mines — will now pay 82,50c/kl

RWB chief executive Vincent Bath explained that the increase was due to the additional levy of 4c/kl to be charged by the Department of Water Affairs on all water purchased by the board from the Vaal River System from that date, to which 0,4c/kl would be added for value-added tax.

The purpose of the levy was partly to finance the cost of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

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Anger over crackdown

■ Big stayaway looms in Vosloorus today: ~~127~~ 127

By Mzimasi Ngudle

THOUSANDS of Vosloorus residents are expected to take part in a one-day work stayaway today in protest against a crackdown by the local council on rent defaulters. *Sawetan 14/9/92*

Last week, court officials accompanied by a contingent of police allegedly broke into houses and confiscated property belonging to residents who have not been paying for services.

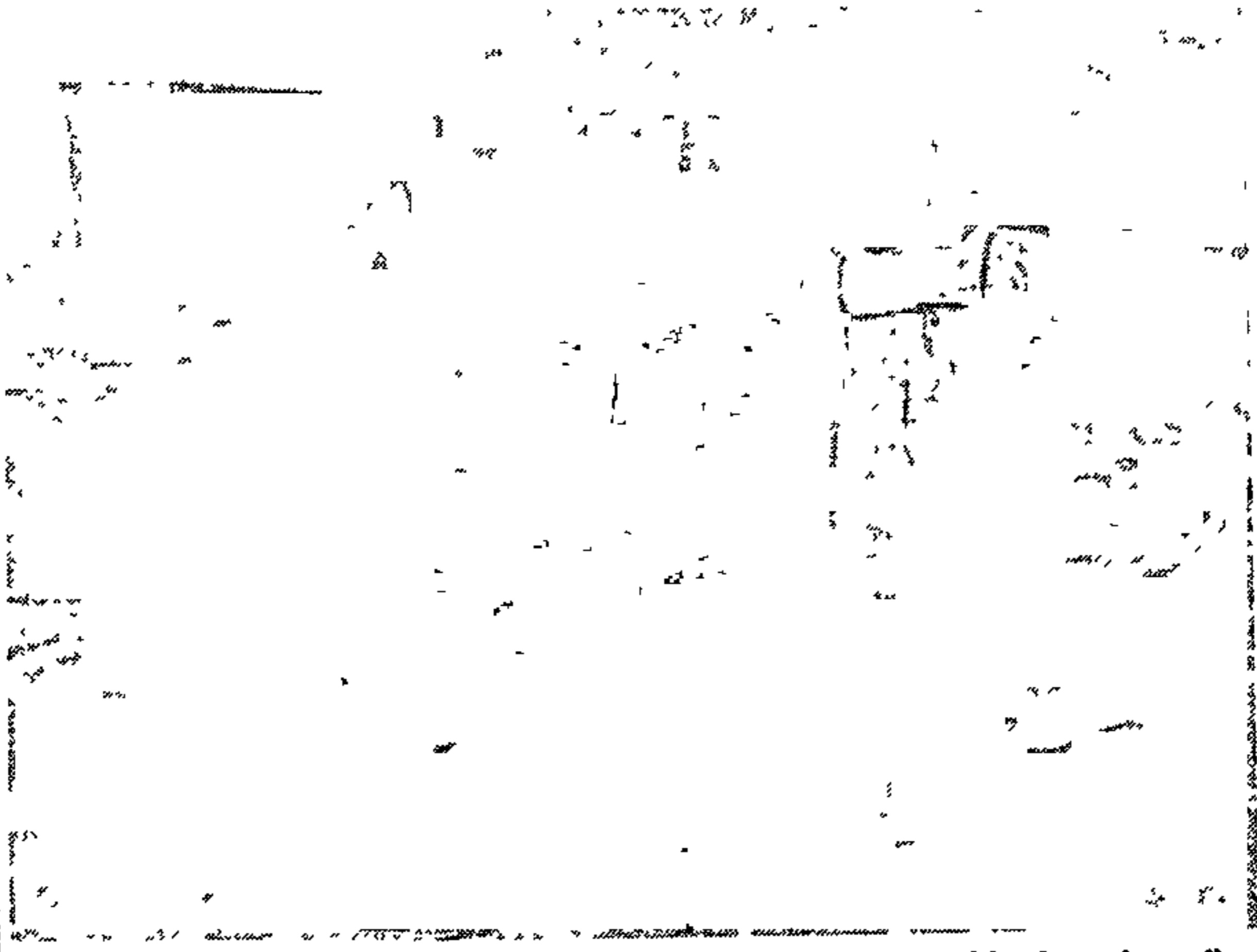
The seizure of property, following the nationwide rent boycott in the townships, started on Monday last week after the council obtained attachment orders against residents in arrears.

A spokesman for the Vosloorus Civic Association yesterday said residents resolved to guard their homes today in anticipation of another raid by officials. He said residents would march on the council offices to demand confiscated property be returned.

"Residents will demand an end to the action and that all councillors resign immediately. People will fill houses threatened with confiscation and make it impossible for these guys to take property."

Boksburg deputy sheriff Mr Frkkie Cloete confirmed the council obtained about 15 attachment orders - 12 orders have been executed.

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Five-year-old Mahlatse, dressed in her Sunday best, searches for her friends as she walks through the rubble where shacks once stood in Alexandria. The war between the ANC and Inkatha has devastated the township. Picture AP

Residents reject govt conditions

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk has agreed to declare the violence-ravaged section of Alexandra township known as "Beirut" a disaster area, but residents have rejected conditions for the declaration

WILSON ZWANE

will, in turn, be in charge of how they will be channelled," he said

A source close to the Alexandra branch of the ANC said yesterday a letter was received from De Klerk last week in which he agreed to declare "Beirut" a disaster area *BIOM 15/9/92*

Alexandra community leaders met Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in April to discuss violence in the township

"But the President has set conditions, which we reject," the source said

Kriel was then asked to refer the community leaders' request that "Beirut" be declared a disaster area to De Klerk

The source said one of the conditions was that residents in the area should apply individually to his office for relief aid

Kriel agreed and indicated he would visit Alexandra "soon" to examine the situation. But sources said yesterday he had not yet visited the township *(127)*

"We reject this condition as it makes the receipt of aid very difficult

ANC official Paul Mashatile recently said thousands of residents had been displaced by violence and their homes had been looted ~~STB~~

"What De Klerk must do is to make funds available to the council — under whose jurisdiction 'Beirut' falls — which

De Klerk's office could not confirm or deny that he had declared "Beirut" a disaster area

CP slams Verwoerd monument decision

PRETORIA — The CP said yesterday it noted with regret the decision by the Hendrik Verwoerd monument committee not to go ahead with the erection of a monument to the former prime minister on the planned Verwoerd Square in Pretoria

Gerber said the honouring of national heroes, such as Verwoerd, who had worked diligently for the freedom of the Afrikaner, should in future be left in the hands of those who would not allow themselves to be intimidated or dictated to about their symbols, their festive days, monuments and national heroes ~~STB~~

Brits MP Andrew Gerber, CP representative on the committee, said the decision had been taken because, among other reasons, the executive committee believed the current political climate was not favourable for the erection of such a monument

"Obviously supporters of the government no longer qualify"

Gerber said the committee had discredited the principles for which it stood

Verwoerd's perspicacity regarding the freedom of various nations in their own areas would eventually triumph, he said on behalf of the CP *BIOM 15/9/92*

"The ANC/SACP alliance is now dictating to Afrikaners which of their heroes they may honour and which not"

"He deserves recognition for the monumental work which he performed in this regard" — Sapa

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Protest threat over hospitals

By Abel Mushi

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The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) yesterday threatened mass action against the Government "like never before" if an estimated 8 000 dismissed hospital workers were not reinstated within seven days.

CAST general-secretary

Dan Mofokeng said at a press conference in Johannesburg that the dismissal of workers who had gone on strike because of a wage dispute had resulted in a drop in the standard of health care in the areas — particularly in the PWV region where two East Rand clinics, Benoni and Wattville, had since been closed down.

He claimed the problem was being exacerbated by the

fact that thousands of sick people would no longer visit hospitals such as the Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto because they feared the "hostel killers recruited by the Transvaal Provincial Administration" to replace dismissed workers.

"As a community organisation, we are only calling for the normalisation of health services by asking for the reinstatement of the workers.

Our trade union movements — Cosatu and Nehawu — are handling the labour problems which caused the strike," he said.

CAST said about 7 000 workers had been dismissed by the TPA in the PWV region and about 1 000 by the Free State Provincial Administration.

Mr Mofokeng said that although the underlying problem was of national concern, specific hospitals would be

targeted in the mass action campaign. These were Baragwanath, the Natalspruit and Tembisa hospitals and the Watville Clinic on the East Rand, and the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital near Pretoria.

Mr Mofokeng said CAST was consulting other organisations to prepare for a consumer boycott throughout the PWV region if hospital authorities failed to meet CAST's demands within seven days.

Few join Ennerdale stayaway

By Stan Hlophe

Most Ennerdale residents yesterday ignored the local civic association's call to stay away from work and march against alleged Local Development Committee corruption

Fewer than 500 people took part in the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association (Esca) protest action against four senior LDC officials, allegedly involved in corruption totalling R40 million

The residents marched to the LDC offices and handed a memorandum to a manage-

ment committee representative

Esca spokesman Roger McCulloch blamed the poor response on Pan Africanist Congress opposition to the march. He accused the PAC of opportunism and "dividing the people to the delight of the enemy"

Pamphlets distributed by the local PAC branch denounced the "undemocratic and irresponsible call by Esca at a time when our people are so hard-pressed for cash and work"

The PAC disputed Esca's legitimacy and said that while it

understood the people's feelings against the LDC, the timing of the protest was wrong

Esca's memorandum highlighted residents' grievances about poor service and high rentals, and called for the resignation of councillors, the appointment of an independent commission of inquiry into the alleged corruption, the election of an interim committee and the integration of the LDC with the Johannesburg City Council

The memorandum said that if a response was not received by September 30, Esca would "decide our future"

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Hostels: the middle path

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Into the hostel conversion debate comes a study which pleads for migrant workers' needs to be put at the centre of any upgrade venture, reports JO-ANNE COLLINGE.

THERE is a viable middle path between reducing the hostels to rubble and merely adding a daub of paint and a touch of comfort to fortress-like structures, says housing consultant Susan Rubenstein

She insists that effective hostel upgrading must be centred on the complex demands of migrant workers and cannot be dictated by political agendas which ignore these needs.

Ms Rubenstein was part of a team commissioned more than two years ago by four private-sector companies to investigate possibilities for upgrading the Nguni hostel in Vosloorus on the East Rand

The research report criticises the present Government-sponsored upgrade schemes, which fail to tackle the actual structural form of mammoth single-quarter buildings

"It would seem that proposed upgrading initiatives for PWV hostels have been planned by local authorities with, in most instances, no recourse to broad consultation," writes Ms Rubenstein

"In most cases, current hostel dwellers, together with apartheid-styled councils with almost no credibility, have been allowed to make the decision as to how public money earmarked for upgrading is to be spent."

She also rejects the demand from certain civic organisations for the eradication of hostels as unrealistic "Whatever the appalling impacts of migrant labour, we cannot wish it away"

The planning proposal resulting from the Vosloorus study has the following features

- It provides for both family units and small clusters of single quarters
- It avoids displacing any hostel resident or forcing any resident to undergo "a substantial change of lifestyle"
- It uses the hostel structures as a foundation but integrates hostels into the community, by building new thoroughfares and

introducing shops and other community facilities

- It allows for a variety of forms of tenure, from ownership to rental of individual and communal units

The social survey which led to this plan was based on a small but crucially differentiated sample of 69 men. It included migrant workers who remained in the hostels after the Vosloorus violence of 1990 and migrant workers who quit around that time. Most moved to avoid involvement in violence but some went because they found hostel conditions intolerable

The survey also took account of the views of householders in homes adjoining the hostel

While a few migrants wanted to relocate their families permanently to the urban areas, and others were preoccupied with keeping their children as far from town as possible, most fell somewhere in between

"These men wish to retain their rural homes but would like a unit in the urban area in order to accommodate themselves with privacy so that their families could visit for long periods of time," the report noted

Whether they opted for single or family quarters, all wanted safe, secure, private and affordable living space. Almost universally, migrants resented the crowding and intrusiveness of hostel life

And "many men who still required single quarters talked of being housed in smaller blocks or in blocks away from the township as a solution to the conflict"

The intention of the study was to use a corner of the hostel complex for a pilot conversion. This way, hostel dwellers and surrounding householders could judge the plan for themselves and offer feedback

But the Vosloorus Town Council stepped in firmly to prevent the pilot conversion

Ian Bernhardt, another consultant who worked on the project, could not contain his frustration about the barrier encountered at the point of implementation "We just want a chance to put the plan on the ground and let people come and have a look. A hell of a lot of work has been done, at great cost. It's a pity to waste it" □

A NEW and potentially volatile ingredient could soon be added to South Africa's boiling stew of warring group interests and racial tensions, if plans for the settlement of large numbers of Taiwanese and Hong Kong Chinese immigrants in several prime PWV locations bear fruit.

Two of the most advanced projects involve the arrival of about 500 Hong Kong Chinese families in Verwoerdburg, with additional schemes for mainland Chinese industrial ventures via the Beijing government's foreign-investment arm, Citic, also mooted. An unconnected, but similar, project is planned for the tiny platteland village of Bronkhorstspuit, where town clerk Dr Henne Senekal is busy promoting his plan to import 900 "high-class" families from Taiwan.

A third, highly secretive project is rumoured to involve the purchase of "an entire Johannesburg suburb" by an unnamed Hong Kong Chinese group. Talks between these Chinese and the Johannesburg City Council took place in early September, but negotiators on all sides remain tight-lipped.

Local activists are deeply suspicious of the schemes, regarding them as designed to reinforce effective white control of certain areas. The head of the African National Congress' local and regional government commission, advocate Mothole Moishkega, says the movement intends calling an urgent meeting with the developers to call a halt to the plans "until proper consultation has taken place".

In Verwoerdburg, a 30ha segment of land adjacent to the Irene Dairy has already been bought by a powerful Hong Kong syndicate called Legarleon Realties. Legarleon's man in Verwoerdburg, Philip Kotzenberg, says the organisation is so wealthy it can "do this out of its back pocket". The group appears to be active in property development and financing; it has other ventures in mainland China and the Philippines.

The development in this plush dormitory suburb of Pretoria goes by the evocative name of the Verwoerdburg Security Village, with all its echoes of white "laagerfication".

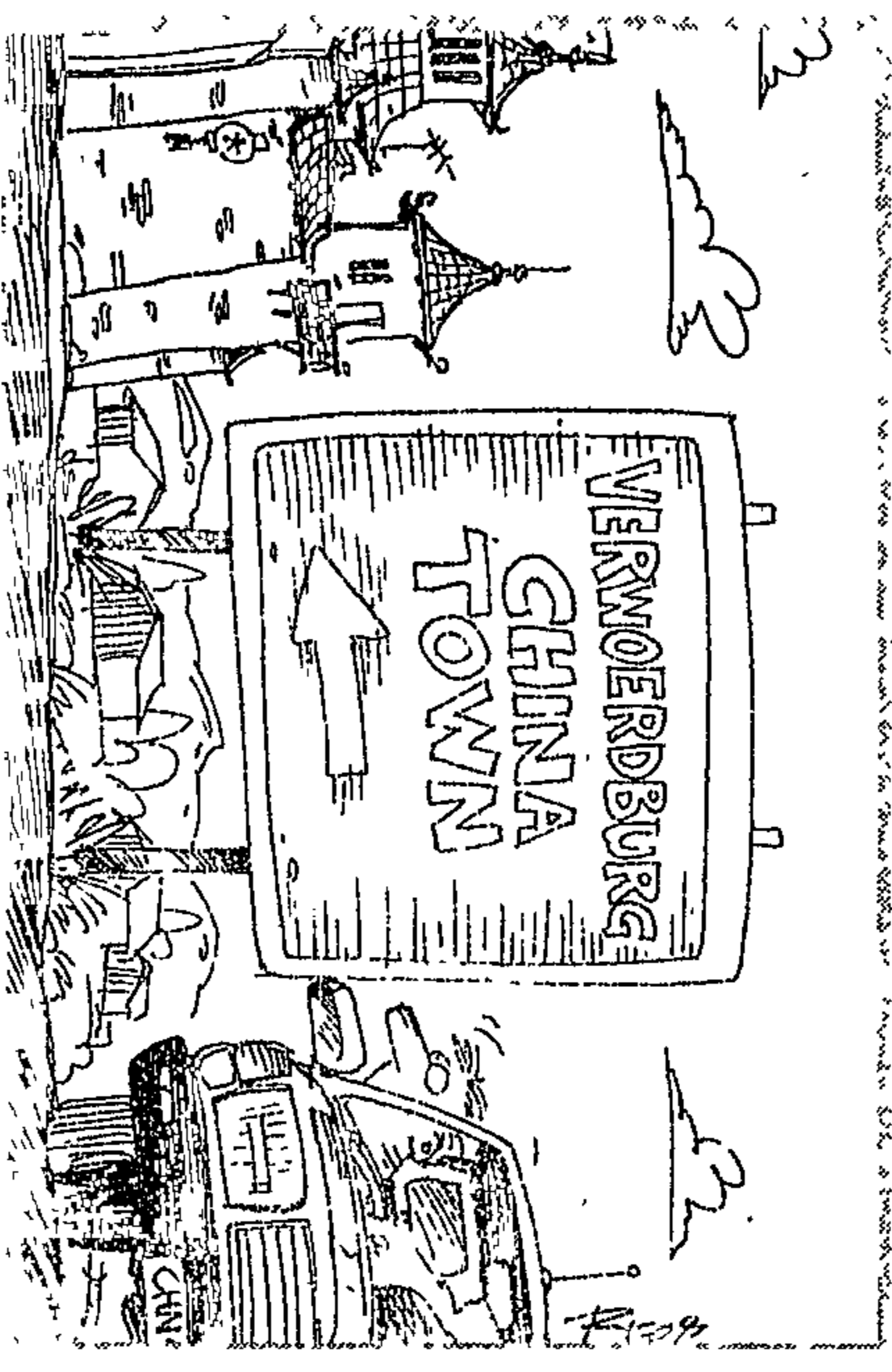
Why South Africa at this time, and why Verwoerdburg? South Africa has an indecent abundance of a commodity scarce in Asia and available at exorbitant premiums in Europe, the United States and Australia: cheap, feasible land and property.

Prospective investors tour the manicured Sandton suburbs and the vast and apparently

Influx from the East

adds to land friction

Large numbers of wealthy, land-hungry immigrants have their sights set on prime South African property. But local activists are deeply suspicious of their plans. By SALLY ROPER



empty plains surrounding Bronkhorstspuit. Such superficial research, encouraged by government officials anxious to shield them from the realities of the townships, tells them that money can be made here in property development and speculation, a major form of entrepreneurship throughout Asia.

In Canada and Australia, huge injections of Asian cash into the property market in the mid-1980s caused prices to soar — along with anti-Asian sentiment. The arrival in South Africa of large numbers of wealthy immigrants who will compete for — and probably secure — resources in the free-market environment could create escalating friction with the land and resource-hungry masses.

Verwoerdburg was settled upon by the Legarleon group not least because of its prime position between Pretoria and Johannesburg, and because of its access to roads, railways and airports. Kotzenberg adds that they especially liked his town "because there are no low-income populations nearby". The development will be fully secured, with controlled access and a wall around it, he says.

What jobs do the immigrants intend taking up? They are, says Kotzenberg, "the right sort of people to move to Verwoerdburg". They will bring wealth with them — each family must deposit a minimum of R300 000 in a South African bank account before preliminary vetting takes place — and will set up job-creating operations in such

"clean" industries as jewellery-making, electronics and optics, in an industrial centre planned across the road from Security Village.

In the run-up, estimates Kotzenberg, perhaps 10 000 jobs will be created in peripheral spheres such as building and infrastructure installation. And in the long term? Perhaps 2 000 or 3 000 was the reluctant final figure. No upfront training schemes are being designed to draw locals into these "new" industries, and employment possibilities for blacks in Verwoerdburg already seem thin.

Kotzenberg's optimistic vision is eclipsed by that of Senekal, who initiated and runs the Bronkhorstspuit settlement project. The burly Senekal and his aides frequently travel to Asia to vet, in their homes and workplaces, prospective Taiwanese settlers.

"We want to know the family," he says. "We can't have a negative influence. For instance, we would not want some of the Hillbrow crowd here."

Besides its apparently limitless quantities of land, Bronkhorstspuit lies, says Senekal, near an area destined to become a major industrial centre. It is also near kwaNdebele, whose people, says Senekal, are "very hard working".

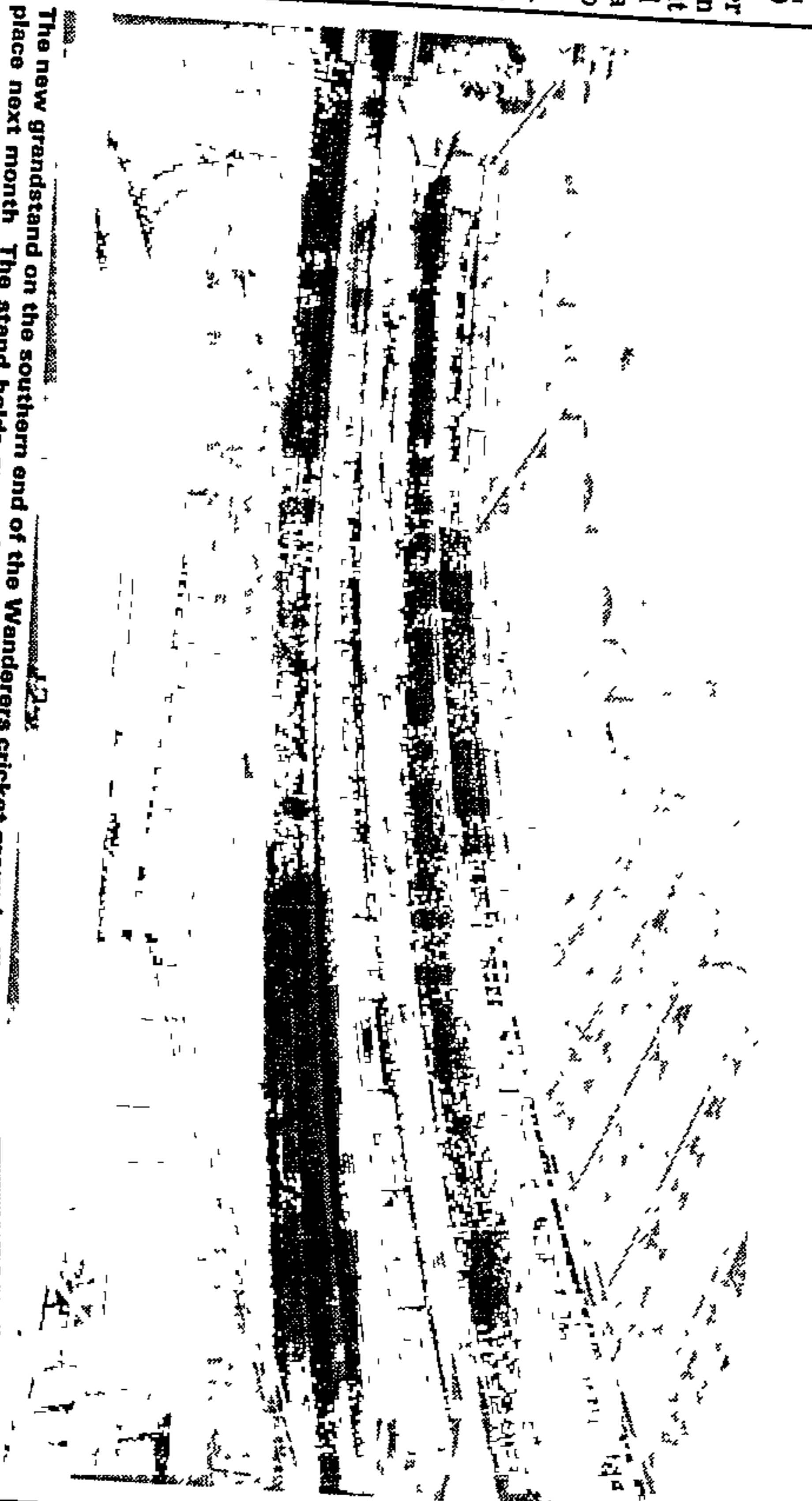
Business seems to be thriving: the Bronkhorstspuit Council runs four offices dotted around Taiwan, where staff "operate on commission". And the influx of 900 Taiwanese families could be just phase one as Senekal plans to explore the possibilities of South Korea and Japan.

Comments the ANC's Moishkega: "Our position is informed by the fact that only 13 percent of the land surface is occupied by the black majority, who form 85 percent of the population. The result is vast landlessness and homelessness."

"No local authority, provincial or national government has the right to unilaterally restructure and create settlements. Anyone who collaborates with these will be doing so at their own risk, and we will not recognise them."

Adds Dan Mofokeng, general secretary of the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal: "If preferential treatment is given to Chinese people, it has political motives."

Such immigrants will undoubtedly be voting conservatively; these schemes could be seen as a way of insulating some areas from black settlement."



The new grandstand on the southern end of the Wanderers cricket ground will be ready by the time the first game takes place next month. The stand holds more than 11 000 people.
Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Union fears hostel work

TIM COHEN

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PRETORIA A long-standing and escalating dispute between township councils and municipal workers is still preventing the provision of services to Reef hostels. Regional representative of the SA Municipal Workers' Union Reginald Dubanzana said at the weekend that union members were refusing to provide services to some hostels because they feared for their safety. **BLOOM** More than 300 union members were hired recently because they refused to provide services at the Dobsonville Hostel following the deaths of a number of union members, allegedly at the hands of hostel residents, he said. Workers then refused to report for work at municipal premises, which are attached to the hostel, where residents are mainly Inkatha supporters. The union regarded the action of the Dobsonville councils as an unfair labour practices and legal action was being considered. Although the Dobsonville hostel was the current flashpoint, union members are also loath to provide services to the hostel controlled by the Diepsmeadow council. This dispute arose last year, after municipal workers had refused to supply services because they feared for their safety. Services provided by municipal workers include plumbing and refuse removal, he said.

Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Flood warning plan probed

ADRIAN HADLAND

WITH more than 60 000 people in SA living on flood plains, the Department of Water Affairs is investigating the establishment of a flood advisory service for local authorities, says a department statement. Hydrological and meteorological information provided by the service would enable local authorities to issue warnings earlier and with greater certainty, the statement said. Of these people living on flood plains, a Water Affairs spokesman said "Due to ignorance they are in danger of losing their lives and possessions if the rivers should overflow."

Numsa men and assassin jailed

SUSAN RUSSELL

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THE Rand Supreme Court on Friday jailed five National Union Of Metalworkers (Numsa) members and a hired assassin following the murder of five non-strikers at Haggie Rand between 1989 and 1990. All six were convicted on various counts of murder, attempted murder and arson, and received effective sentences ranging from 12 to 28 years' imprisonment. The five Numsa members, two of whom were shop stewards, were all fired in October 1989 for taking part in an illegal strike. Richard Ngobeni, 40, Jeffrey Mshali, 36, Malvert Ngubane, 42, Malan Khumalo, 45, and Samuel Malepo, 41, were also members of a "Committee of 10" formed among strikers and which began a violent intimidation campaign aimed at forcing non-strikers to stop work. The sixth man, Joseph Bhengu, 27, was hired to kill non-strikers during the industrial dispute. All six pleaded not guilty to murdering five people and attempting to murder nine others during the intimidation campaign between October 1989 and May 1990. They also pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson and illegal possession of a firearm. The State last week called for the death sentence. Judge R du Plessis, sitting with two assessors, found that despite the seriousness of the crimes, mitigating circumstances existed which did not make it imperative to impose the death sentence on any of them, and that they could all be rehabilitated. All six were first offenders and, with the exception of Bhengu, had acted out of character by participating in the crimes. He also accepted that against the background of the strike and what they regarded as unfair dismissals, the five Numsa members had been influenced by strong emotional factors. An aggravating factor was that the attacks on non-strikers had been premeditated and committed over a long period of time. Another aggravating factor was that the crimes were "aimed at innocent workers whose only sins were to exercise their democratic right to eke out an existence", the judge said. "You have all had occasion to hear and see the widows and mothers of those victims who died in your attacks. You have heard them telling this court how the deaths of their loved ones has affected them. "Each of you is capable of being a useful member of society. Some of you have undoubted leadership qualities. The time that each of you is to spend in prison will not be easy. I trust you will ensure you make the best of that time," the judge said.

Union fears hostel work

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KwaMadala still open

THE KwaMadala Hostel in Boipatong, scheduled for closure yesterday, will remain open because residents of the nearby KwaMasisa Hostel are refusing to allow the remaining 400 inmates to move into their domain (127)

IsCOR, whose workers occupy both hostels, said yesterday efforts to bring the relevant parties to the negotiating table had failed.

Talks to close hostel fail

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

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Negotiations to close the notorious KwaMadala hostel in Bopatong in the Vaal Triangle have collapsed after a nearby hostel refused to house KwaMadala residents

This has torpedoed efforts by Iscor, whose workers occupy the two hostels, to negotiate the closure of KwaMadala with the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa).

The parties agreed on July 14 that by yesterday, KwaMadala hostel residents would be integrated into KwaMasiza, Iscor said

However, negotiations had not been successful and the closure could therefore not be finalised.

Iscor's statement said

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Numsa regional secretary Sim Tladi had stated that his delegation was not yet ready for a meeting and he had received a letter from KwaMasiza residents informing him they were not prepared to accept KwaMadala residents

"It would seem that this stalemate caused by the unwillingness to negotiate is symptomatic of the broader political intolerance being experienced in the country," the statement said

Most of KwaMasiza hostel's more than 4 000 residents are reportedly ANC supporters, and the KwaMadala hostel, which currently houses 400 people, is dominated by migrant Zulu workers who support the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Numsa spokesmen could not be reached for comment

KwaMadala Hostel closure delayed

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Boipatong
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■ Talks stalemate symptomatic of political intolerance:

THE KwaMadala Hostel in Boipatong, scheduled for closure on Monday, will continue to exist because residents of KwaMasiza Hostel are refusing to allow the remaining 400 inmates to move into their domain.

Iscor, whose workers occupy the two hostels, announced yesterday that efforts to bring the relevant parties to the negotiating table had failed and that the closure of the KwaMadala Hostel could not be finalised.

This new development follows an agreement reached in July between Iscor and the National Union of Metalworkers of South

Africa (Numsa), acting on behalf of the Vaal communities, in which September 21 was set for a negotiated integration of KwaMadala Hostel residents into KwaMasiza.

Most of the inmates of the KwaMasiza Hostel, which houses over 4 000 workers, are reportedly supporters of the African National Congress while KwaMadala Hostel is dominated by supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

KwaMadala earned its notoriety after the Boipatong massacre - Sapa.

KwaMadala hostel will not be closing down

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■ Inmates refused alternative accommodation by nearby hostel:

Sowetan Correspondent

NEGOTIATIONS to close the notorious KwaMadala Hostel in Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle have collapsed following the refusal by another nearby hostel to accommodate the KwaMadala dwellers

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Negotiations not successful

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Most of the dwellers at KwaMasiza Hostel, which houses more than 4 000 workers, are reportedly supporters of the ANC, while the KwaMadala hostel, which currently houses 400, is dominated by migrant Zulu workers who are supporters of the rival Inkatha Freedom Party

KwaMadala hostel earned notoriety following the Boipatong massacre on June 17 in which more than 40 people lost their lives. Seventy-two hostel dwellers are appearing in court in connection with the massacre

Iscor said it would continue to play a mediating role to bring the two parties together.

Plan to ~~write off~~
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A proposal to write off Soweto's R800 million debt and establish a Greater Soweto Forum (GSF) to take over the administration and provision of services has been forwarded to the Administrator of the Transvaal by the Johannesburg City Council

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Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the proposal, released last night, had been received favourably

Mr Davidson admits that the package is designed to resolve the deadlock in the township crisis.

Johannesburg proposes that the Greater Soweto Principal Parties, signatories to the Soweto Accord, be broadened to include political representatives of the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils into a body to be known as the GSF.

The forum will be a sub-structure of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and will report to the chamber

Mr Davidson said the GSF would be politically responsible for determining policy and the budget for Greater Soweto and would operate by consensus — Municipal Reporter

Bid to write off Soweto's R800-⁽¹²⁷⁾m debt

Sowetan 23/9/92

■ Move may end services boycott:

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Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson said the proposal had been "received favourably".

He admitted that the package was designed to resolve the immediate deadlock in the township crisis and could not resolve structural deficiencies in the short term.

"It is necessary to urgently negotiate and implement interim structural arrangements with due regard to the national process," he said.

The city proposes that the Greater Soweto Principle Parties, signatories to the Soweto Accord, be broadened

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Tariff hikes (127)

THE Atteridgeville Council is facing a deficit of more than R33,3 million for this financial year and the Pretoria City Council, which administers the township, is set to approve tariff increases

The Pretoria City Council was due to meet last night to debate the proposed increases

Last week it announced it would increase rates in Atteridgeville to reduce the shortfall and prevent the total collapse of services in the township

"It is proposed that tariffs be increased from the R103,30 flat rate to R220 a household a month," the deputy chairman of the management committee of the Pretoria Council said. He said the R33,3 million accumulated deficit did not even give the full picture of arrears

Summit is on

THE much talked about summit on peace between Mr Nelson Mandela and President FW de Klerk will be held this weekend

This became clear yesterday but both Government and ANC officials refused to confirm this before top level meetings today to ratify the decision.

The ANC's National Working Committee (NWC) and the Cabinet assembled early today for their respective Wednesday meetings where agreements reached between their top negotiators are expected to be ratified

The meeting would have to take place before next Wednesday when Mandela is scheduled to leave on a two-week visit to Asia.

No motive murders

A Mamelodi, Pretoria, businessman was gunned down at his home this week while relaxing in his

lounge

Mr Peter Mopeloa of Mamelodi Gardens, owner of a hair salon in Mamelodi West, died instantly after being hit by five bullets from a 9mm pistol

Police said the motive for the attack was unknown and nothing was taken from the house. No arrests have been made

In Soshanguve the body of a 25-year-old woman was found at Wallmansthal Secondary School by a pupil. She had two head-wounds but police believe she was throttled

HIV on the increase

A total of 157 people have died of Aids at Engwelezane Hospital near Empangeni in northern Natal this year

The hospital's medical superintendent, Dr Peter Haselau, yesterday expressed concern at the number of patients who tested HIV positive and confirmed 423 patients were being treated at the institution

He said about 60 percent of the women and 40 percent of the men who had visited the hospital this year had been infected with the killer disease

Foreign observers

A five-person ecumenical eminent persons group arrived in South Africa yesterday to observe the country's difficult transition period to a democracy.

They are the first church-based organisation to visit South Africa in this capacity.

Earlier observers were from international organisations such as the OAU and the UN

Meanwhile, a group of OAU observers arrives in Cape Town today. The PAC announced yesterday that the group would meet its regional leadership and that of the ANC - Sowetan Reporters and Sapa

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Council

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By Louise Marsland
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council has agreed to sell 1 000 houses in Noordgesig, adjoining Soweto, to residents at a price of between R500 and R900 a unit, ending years of uncertainty over the transfer of the homes.

The decision, taken by the council last night, is subject to the approval of the Housing Board and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Dissatisfaction with the City Council's attitude over the housing issue and provision of services provoked unrest in Noordgesig earlier this year.

Following a series of talks between the Noordgesig Civic Association and the council, an amicable solution was reached.

Noordgesig residents who have already purchased their houses at a higher price from the council will be refunded.

Health, housing and urbanisation committee chairman Marietta Marx said Noordgesig was traditionally a low-income coloured housing area occupied mainly by pensioners, low wage earners and the unemployed. They had made numerous attempts to purchase their homes.

The agreement to sell is based on residents purchasing houses on deed of sale, pending the proclamation of the township after which transfer will take place.

Soweto water cuts

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THE Diepmeadow City Council will be shutting down the water supply from 7am to 6pm tomorrow due to emergency repairs on the main supply pipes. *Soweto 23/9/92*

The affected areas will be Meadowlands, Dube North, Dube Hostel, Mofolo North and Orlando West

The Soweto City Council will also stop the water supply to some townships to repair the main supply pipes tomorrow. Those affected will be Protea South, Protea North, Midway industrial and parts of Tshiawelo

Clampdown on rent defaulters

Soweto 23/9/92 (127)

By Lulama Luti

■ **AXE FALLS** Council threatens to confiscate furniture for defaulters:

ABOUT 1 000 RENT defaulters in Dobsonville, Soweto, who owe the local council more than R500 000 have been issued with summonses in an apparent move to clampdown on a rent boycott in the area

Seventy are to appear in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court on September 29

In a summary court judgment against a large number of unsuspecting defaulters last week, the Dobsonville Council was granted legal permission to proceed with the confiscation of household goods

Although some of the summons were issued as far back as June, some residents did not respond

Dobsonville Town Clerk Mr Tony

Roux confirmed yesterday his council had sought legal action in a bid to break the boycott

The summonses were issued only to people who owed R500 or more, he said

"They are going to lose furniture and their belongings within the next week or so"

"If they know that they are not in default it's up to them to prove that they have paid," he said

According to the summonses, the council claims residents have not been paying rent since 1990

But this was disputed by Mr Sandile Ntwasa of the Dobsonville Advice

Centre

He said people had been paying rent all along and only stopped at the end of April following the burning down of the council offices on May Day

"The burning down of the offices coincided with a decision by the local civic association to go ahead with the rent boycott after withdrawing from agreements concluded in the Metropolitan Chamber.

"So, in effect, the boycott started in May and all along people have been paying rent," he said

Residents had complained that the chamber agreement would result in rent increases which they objected to

Meeting Eskom (127)

ESKOM is to hold a meeting with Soweto traders at the Jabulani Standard Bank Hall today at 10am to discuss the new electricity tariffs. *Soweto*

The meeting will be attended by members of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce, the Diepmeadow Chamber of Commerce, the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers Association and other professional people.

Soweto 24/1/92
Houses to be sold

THE Johannesburg City Council is to sell all 1 072 houses in Noordgesig, adjoining Soweto, to residents for an average cash price of R500 each, if the Government and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council approve of the plan (127) (35)

The decision was taken at a council meeting on Tuesday and could conclude years of uncertainty over the future of the houses which were built more than 40 years ago.

A statement issued after the meeting on behalf of Councillor Marietta Marx said the decision followed agreement reached between the council and representatives of the Noordesig community who previously had been denied the right to purchase their homes because of an outstanding township establishment proclamation. - Sapa

Councils threaten legal action on rent

By Stan Hlophle

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24/9/92

The councils of Dobsonville and Soweto, which are owed more than R1 million in service charges, have threatened to take Soweto residents to court for failing to pay rent.

The Dobsonville Council has set the ball rolling by issuing summonses to 70 rent defaulters. They are scheduled to appear in the Roodenort Magistrate's Court on Wednesday. Dobsonville town clerk Tony Roux confirmed the

council had sought legal action to recover money owed

Mr Roux said the summonses, some of which had been issued as far back as June, were sent to residents who owed R500 or more.

He said that earlier this month, the court had granted the council permission to confiscate furniture and other valuables to recover its debts.

The council claimed in its summonses that residents had been owing rent since the signing in 1990 of the Soweto Accord, which made provision for residents to pay a flat rate for services and signalled the

end of the rent boycott.

But this was disputed by Dobsonville Advice Centre spokesman Sandile Ntwasa, who said people had stopped paying rent only at the end of April.

Mr Sandile said the reason for that was that the council offices had been burnt down on May 1 this year, and that residents had nowhere to go to pay bills.

The Soweto Council has also issued strong warnings to residents to pay rent or face court action. Letters have been sent to residents in the wake of the council's appeal for funds to

the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. The council said it would collapse if funds were not received by month-end.

Soweto public relations officer Mojalefa Moseki said the Soweto Civic Association was to blame for the collapse of services as it had failed to persuade the residents to pay for services as agreed to in the Soweto Accord.

However, Mr Moseki denied that the council had threatened residents with court action if they failed to meet

their obligations

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Leaders of a two-month-old consumer boycott in Roodepoort, the local business community and the police have recommended jointly that a Dobsonville hostel be fenced off

The Consumer Boycott Committee announced earlier yesterday that it was suspending the boycott of businesses from the end of the month, following a meeting on Tuesday

"The suspension of the boycott is to allow the recommendations to be implemented, failing which we will not hesitate to review our stand," boycott leader Mandla Dlamini said.

The parties also agreed that a local high school caught up in continuing violence should reopen, and that a climate for the return of displaced families be created

Forte High School, close to Simphiwe hostel, has been shut for about six months following attacks on pupils, Mr Dlamini said

At least 60 people have died in Dobsonville during the past two years in violence involving inmates of the hostel.

A TPA official who attended the talks, held at the local police station, had pledged to push for immediate action by the town council on the recommendations, Roodepoort trader Ismail Hasam said — Sapa

National housing forum on cards

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■ Government will maintain ties with group it withdrew from:

By Joshua Raboroko

A CONVENING group to discuss the formation of a National Housing Forum for Local Government Affairs was set up at a meeting in Johannesburg this week.

The group consists of members from the secretariat of the Council for Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, the South African National Civic Associations.

The forum was established to play a meaningful role in rendering better services and defusing tension in the various communities.

Both parties have agreed to meet for a report back on the progress made by the convening group.

At the meeting the Government was represented by the Minister of Local Government and National Housing and of Manpower Mr Leon Wessels and four

members of the provincial administrations.

Government spokesman Mr Johan Smit said that issues such as bond boycotts and the reregulations of mortgage finance were not discussed at the meeting.

Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso said that his organisation would pursue demands it earlier presented to the Government.

Relevant stakeholders

In its memorandum, the organisation accused the Government of unilaterally formulating housing policy and restructuring local government.

It proposed a forum, involving all the major and relevant stakeholders to negotiating the formulation of housing policy and related urban development.

Wessels has said that Government would maintain bilateral ties with the national housing forum, from which it withdrew earlier this year.

Agreement to fence off hostel

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■ CONSUMER BOYCOTT Suspended

after meeting between residents

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organisation, businesses and police:

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Forte High School, close to the Simphuwe hostel, has been shut for about six months following attacks on pupils, Dlamini said

At least 60 people have died in Dobsonville during the past two years in violence involving inmates of the hostel

A TPA official who attended the talks held at the local police station had pledged to push for immediate action by the town council on the recommendations, Roodepoort trader Ismail Hassam told *Sapa*

Also at the meeting, a Brig de Vries pledged to step up security in the vicinity of the hostel, Hassam added

He said the boycott had affected businesses "terribly" and things had come to a point where businessmen were becoming desperate

Roodepoort lies west of Johannesburg - *Sapa*

Banks expect civics to avoid bond boycott

BANKERS expect the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) to stop short of calling for bond boycotts at a mass meeting on Sunday

Bankers, speaking off the record after the Association of Mortgage Lenders (AML) met Sanco yesterday, said their impression was that Sanco wanted to "avoid these extremes" They did, however, expect some form of protest action

Sanco president Moses Mayekiso said yesterday FNB remained a target for mass action This would be discussed at Sunday's report-back meeting He would

not confirm that there would be no specific call for bond boycotts

He said much ground had been covered at yesterday's meeting with the AML and that there would be another meeting next week He said all parties were serious about addressing the housing crisis

Sanco and the AML are hoping to find a solution for the present non-payment of instalments on about a quarter of township bonds Banks' total exposure to the townships is estimated at about R6bn

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Sanco last week named FNB a "primary target" for mass action for, among other things, not providing figures Sanco said it needed to arrive at the true picture of the township housing crisis, such as details of amounts owed and property values

FNB senior GM Norman Axten said compliance would be time-consuming because the bank had no reference to race or ethnic origin in its records

Sanco is also protesting at "the lack of financial services in disadvantaged communities at a time when bank profits are high and banks are expanding overseas"

Water row set to boil over

By Philip Zoio

(127)

The anger of residents of a suburb in Verwoerdburg near Pretoria has almost reached breaking point over the failure of local authorities for five years to provide the suburb with a constant water supply.

Since Sunday morning the taps in Roonhuskraal Ext 20 have been dry, according to the residents. Water has been supplied by two tankers and a fire engine.

Adriaan Bakker, a resident of Roonhuskraal since it was built in 1987, said the problem reached a critical point at the start of every summer. Water would run out virtually every weekend, he said.

Mr Bakker, recently elected chairman of the suburb's rate-payers association, blamed the town council for the "has-co". He said the council made excuses every year for the water shortage in the suburb, but would never solve the problem.

The high-lying suburb's reservoir is connected to the Rand Water Board's main supply pipe by a smaller pipe

The board has told Mr Bakker the smaller pipe, controlled by the town council, is too small to service the suburb.

Town councillor Willie Theron said the town engineer had told him the Rand Water Board had not been supplying water at a sufficiently high pressure.

A second reservoir, which

was to have been completed during the winter, could not be filled up in time to meet increased demand because a plastic lining tore during construction, Mr Theron said.

He said there had also been a technical problem with the valve on the main supply pipe.

The engineer told him the problem would be solved "in about two weeks."

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Family of five evicted from Newlands flat

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■ Court messenger demanded R560 for removing their possessions:

By Nicolette Tladi

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A NEWLANDS family was stranded after being evicted this week by the Johannesburg City Council from a flat they had occupied for 16 months

Mr Moeghamed Sarhe, his wife Soraya and their two children, Moeghamed (6) and 16-month-old Zakirha, were told by the municipality that they were occupying the 389 Limpopo Manor council flat unlawfully

On Tuesday, a messenger of the court removed the family's furniture from the flat.

The messenger also demanded R560 for the time he had spent at the premises, a charge of R150 an hour. He confiscated the family's fridge when they failed to pay the amount on the spot.

The Johannesburg City Council refused to wait until the couple found alternative accommodation.

A Mr Huntley of the Johannesburg City Council said the tenant had unlawfully taken occupation of the premises when the registered tenant, Mr R Ryan, absconded.

Huntley said the Sarlies were given notice, which they acknowledged, to vacate the premises before 30 April this year.

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Increases to be challenged

The Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) yesterday said it would challenge a more than 100 percent increase in rent and service charges by the Pretoria City Council.

At its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the council decided to increase the local rent and service charges from R103 monthly flat rate to R220 flat rate starting from November 1.

In a statement released yesterday, Asro threatened to "use whatever means we have at our disposal to challenge these intended tariffs." It said it always maintained that without a viable economic infrastructure, the township could not properly manage its affairs.

A residents' meeting to discuss the proposed increase is scheduled for the local community hall on Sunday at 10:30 am.

— Pretoria Bureau

Atteridgeville to oppose tariff hike

THEO RAWANA (127) *BIDAM 2579/92*

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Association (Asro) has threatened to challenge the Pretoria City Council's decision to more than double service tariffs in the township

The council is to raise monthly tariffs from R103,30 to R220 a household from November. The township faces a R33,3m deficit *BIDAM*

The council said the increase was an attempt to reduce the shortfall and to prevent a total collapse of services in Atteridgeville

Administration of the township was taken over by Pretoria in April after its administrator, town clerk and city treasurer resigned

Asro chairman Reeves Mabitsi said yesterday residents deplored the "unilateral decision of the Pretoria City Council" and would meet at the local community hall on Sunday "to shape the way forward"

"We are going to use whatever means at our disposal to challenge these intended tariffs *2579/92*"

"We have always maintained that without a viable economic infrastructure there is no way in which the township could manage its affairs properly," Mabitsi said

Diplomats oppose march on Ulundi

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — Diplomatic community members yesterday expressed severe reservations about the ANC's decision in principle to proceed with the protest march on Ulundi

Most diplomats canvassed said the march would be a provocative act, contrary to the spirit of the national peace accord

They said the right of free political expression needed to be weighed against other factors, such as the possibility of violence, the effect repercussions might have on the economy, and what the march could achieve

The decision to hold a march at Ulundi, in the context of hostile statements by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the events at Bisho, was clearly contrary to a peace accord requirements that organisers of any political event should "take into account local sentiment and foreseeable consequences"

Sapa reports the Law and Order Ministry said in Pretoria that the organisers of the march had shown contempt for the peace process and the demonstration would inevitably

lead to bloodshed

A ministry spokesman said the ANC should have learned the lesson that mass action inevitably led to conflict and violence

"It is almost inevitable that this decision will lead to bloodshed, as it did at Bisho, Ciskei"

RAY HARTLEY reports that DP Law and Order spokesman Peter Gastrow said political organisations had an inherent right to march, but "confrontation and bloodshed" would result from a march on Ulundi

Cosatu yesterday accused the DP, government and the media of whipping up hysteria "to create a climate in which any attempt to challenge tinpot dictators in the bantustans would be viewed as irresponsible and provocative"

The union federation threw its weight behind the decision of "structures of the democratic movement in Natal" to go ahead with the march in a statement released yesterday.

NP welcomes corruption probe

TIM COHEN *BIDAM 2579/92*

PRETORIA — The NP caucus in the Pretoria City Council yesterday welcomed the announcement that a TPA-appointed committee of inquiry would investigate alleged corruption and bribery by council members

The commission will also investigate whether council members should be involved in property development during their terms of office

A TPA spokesman said the extent of the alleged self-enrichment was not known and would form part of the investigation

Toxic dumping alleged

SUSAN RUSSELL

A POTCHEFSTROOM man, whose estranged wife alleged he dumped toxic and radioactive waste in the area, applied for a final interdict in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday preventing her from making public accusations against him

Theodorus Bekker has asked the court for an order

of as many as 80 drums of toxic waste material

Bekker denies he told his wife he had dumped any waste

Counsel for Maria Bekker submitted that she had been acting in the public interest when she made her allegations to the me-

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Soweto - out of service (127)

ESSENTIAL services in Dobsonville, Soweto, have ground to a halt after the dismissal of council employees three weeks ago.

While the battle for their reinstatement continues, residents have to contend with blocked drains and heaps of garbage in the township. Former mayor Mr Steve Kgame said yesterday "For almost eight weeks now I've tried to get the council to unblock our drains."

The 270 workers were sacked on September 3 after complaining about their safety following the killing of two colleagues due to violence in the area.

Town Clerk Mr Tony Roux confirmed yesterday that the workers had been dismissed but denied that Inkatha members had replaced the fired workers.

Teachers suspend strike (35)

A chalkdown strike by teachers in Tsakane on the East Rand has been suspended, a spokesman for the local branch of the SA Democratic Teachers Union said yesterday.

Sadtu's education secretary for the Tsakane branch, Mr Eldridge Matane, said some teachers returned to work yesterday.

- Schooling came to a standstill earlier this week when about 400 teachers went on strike in protest against overcrowding.

Councillor slain in home

A Soweto councillor was stabbed to death at his Orlando East home on Wednesday night after an argument with a group of men. Mr Hector Kunene died on his way to hospital. - *Sowetan Reporters*

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Wit Wolf goes free today

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MULTIPLE killer "Wit Wolf" Barend Strydom will be released from the Pretoria Prison today.

This was confirmed by Department of Correctional Services spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Gamble in Pretoria yesterday.

Gamble confirmed that Magoo's Bar bomber Robert McBride would also be released today from the Westville Prison, outside Durban.

Strydom was sentenced to death eight times for having shot dead seven blacks on Strydom Square in Pretoria, and for having shot dead a black woman in a previous incident.

McBride detonated a car bomb in 1986 which killed three white women outside a crowded beachfront bar. - Sapa

PAC, Govt to meet soon

Sowetan 28/9/92
THE Pan Africanist Congress and the Government have agreed to meet soon at senior leadership level in a neighbouring country to discuss a new constitution, the two sides said in a joint statement yesterday.

"The Government will be represented by senior members of the Cabinet and the PAC by senior members of its national executive committee," said the statement released by Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer and the PAC's Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr Gora Ebrahim.

"The meeting is to take place soon. Details of the venue, date and agenda of the planned meeting will be released in due course." - Sapa

Marching to Benoni

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THOUSANDS of Daveyton and Wattville residents are to march on the Benoni Town Council today to demand a written reply to a memorandum they handed to the municipality a week ago.

They also resolved to pay a R50 flat-rate only and threatened to call a three-month consumer boycott of all businesses in Benoni if their minimum demands in the memorandum were not met. They demand - among other things - a single municipality for Benoni and its satellite townships. *Sowetan 28/9/92*

The ANC, PAC, AZAPO, Inkatha Freedom Party, local taxi associations, churches and business groups endorsed the march - Sowetan Reporter

More power to women

WOMEN should be in the forefront of efforts to rebuild the family along lines that benefit society.

This was said by Ms Thandeka Mgoduso of the Imbeleko Women's Organisation during a women's conference at the Eskom conference centre in Midrand at the weekend. *(3551)*

The conference, organised by the Community Development Foundation titled "Women and The Constitution," was addressed by women from various organisations including the ANC, PAC, IFP, Azapo and the Democratic Party. *Sowetan 28/9/92*

Some issues tackled were: Women's Rights in a Constitution, Women and Economic Activity and Education and Development. - Sowetan Reporter.

Fencing of hostels to begin next month

Political Reporter

The Government undertook at the summit on violence to start the fencing of 28 hostels in the PWV area and Natal before October 22 and to complete the construction by November 15.

The details are outlined in the implementation programme agreed to at Saturday's talks between President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela.

Hostels to be fenced include Mzimhlope, Dube, Nancefield, Dobsonville and Merafe hostels in Soweto; Madala hostel in Alexandra and the Sebokeng complex.

The ANC identified two hostels in KwaZulu as being associated with violence and the Government undertook to consult the KwaZulu government on them.

The 2 m high fences with limited access points "shall be maintained until the situation has stabilised to the satisfaction of the Goldstone Commission".

A 24-hour access/arms control by the responsible authorities, in conjunction with the police, will be monitored by the National Peace Secretariat and the Goldstone Commission.

November date set for hostel fencing

MID-November had been set as the deadline for the fencing off of hostels identified by ANC and government negotiators at the weekend as places of violence, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday.

A well placed source said 15 hostels, including the KwaMadala Hostel — linked to the Boipatong massacre — and the Madala Hostel in Alexandra had been identified by negotiators as key trouble spots.

National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday government had targeted 27 hostels for fencing and regular searches. Niehaus said no exact starting date had been set at the summit for the fencing, but it would be "within weeks". An annexure to the Record of Understanding would be released this week, he said.

Discussions would be held with business about improving security at privately owned hostels if these were identified as places where violence was planned, Niehaus said.

The fencing off of hostels would take place in consultation with hostel residents, but the accord did not stipulate that Inkatha — opposed to fencing — needed to be consulted beforehand, he said. New hostels could be added to the list if they emerged as violence flashpoints, Niehaus added.

The Goldstone commission paved the way for the speeded-up tackling of the hostel problem on Friday when it announced certain hostels needed to be iso-

lated and dealt with to reduce violence. The commission statement represented a reversal of its earlier position that all hostels needed upgrading.

In a separate development, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday negotiations were under way between itself and "key role players" on the upgrading of 89 Transvaal hostels at a cost of R194.6m, with agreements concluded already in 21 cases.

TPA Physical Planning and Development head John Mavuso said final decisions were made on hostel upgrading only after consensus had been achieved with community organisations.

"Up to now, consensus has been reached at 21 hostels, while the parties concerned are negotiating at 49 other hostels. In another 19 cases, talks are being held to identify and bring together the parties concerned," he said.

"The Cabinet decision to upgrade and/or convert hostels into family units, and thus to improve the living conditions of the residents, was not made lightly," he said. At least 400 000 erven were needed to deal with homelessness in the PWV alone, he added.

Government had voted R324.6m to the upgrading of hostels for this financial year, according to recent evidence given to the Goldstone commission by Wessels

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RAY HARTLEY

Inkatha blames deaths on MK

DURBAN — Inkatha claims that members of the ANC's armed wing were involved in a "military-style" weekend massacre of nine of its members in the Khegesehe area of Richmond.

The ANC has admitted one of its members was killed in the conflict, but has denied the ANC sanctioned an attack on the area, or that Umkhonto we Sizwe members were involved.

Inkatha also criticised the SAP for failing to protect local residents, reports Sapa. Durban SAP spokesman Capt Hamilton Ngidi rejected claims of ineffective policing, saying patrols had been stepped up in the Richmond area recently.

Houses were looted and burned, telephone lines were cut and two cars were burned in the attack. ANC Midlands spokesman Reggie Hadebe said party supporters were trying to return to the area when they were attacked.

During the weekend another 11 people died in violence. Three men were hacked to death at B-boyi, near Port Shepstone in Natal. Four were shot dead at Mzumalanga near Hammarsdale, Natal. Two more bodies were found at Umlazi, near Durban. A soldier was shot dead in one of 39 incidents of arson, looting and assault in Ciskei.

Technikons lagging behind universities

PRETORIA — Despite government efforts to upgrade technikons, about three times more students still studied at universities, National Education Minister Piet Marais said yesterday.

Although the growth in student numbers was much greater at technikons than at universities, it would take a long time to achieve even distribution of students between the two types of institutions, Marais said.

Honest attempts were being made to bridge the differences between the First and Third World components in the SA education system in the midst of serious economic limitations, he said.

This was clearly illustrated in a recent government report, Education Realities in SA, 1992, he said.

The nearly 6,5% of GDP spent by government on education in 1991/92 was "very high", he said.

Releasing the report — following the publication earlier this month of a similar report by the Development Bank, called Education in South Africa, a Regional Overview, 1991 — Marais said SA had nearly 27 000 educational institutions, including 21 universities and 15 technikons.

The Development Bank study revealed that there were 18 different education departments in SA. The number of pupils and students receiving formal education was nearly 10,8-million, of which 64% or 6,9-

GERALD REILLY

million were in primary schools, Marais said.

However there were many other countries where more was spent. In 1990, 1 393 out of every 100 000 people in SA were studying at tertiary institutions, Marais said.

This was exceptionally high ratio compared with African countries, but low compared with developed countries such as France, New Zealand and the US.

The average annual growth in pupil student enrolment between 1986 and 1991 was nearly 4%.

Significant

The report showed that of the 402 700 staff working in education departments — excluding universities and technikons — 81% were college- and school-related educators.

Between 1986 and 1990 the percentage of educators with the minimum three years' training rose from 47% to 57%.

Marais said it was significant to compare certain indicators in the education system with those of other countries.

The primary education pupil-teacher ratio of 33.1 in SA in 1991 was lower than the 36.1 in other African countries.

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Nelspruit faces stiffer water curbs

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By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

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NELSPRUIT — Nelspruit residents, already faced with severe water restrictions, could be subjected to further tough measures unless it rains soon.

This warning came from management committee chairman Nic van Zyl at a town council meeting on Monday night.

He said Lydenburg's Braam Raubenheimer Dam was at a level of 19,65 percent

New restrictions include

- Water usage for householders and flat owners to be limited to 40 kilolitres a month.
- School, club and hospital gardens may only be watered for two hours a week
- Written permission will have to be obtained to fill new or repaired swimming pools.

The following rates, plus VAT, will be applied to householders exceeding the 40 kl limit: from 0-40 kl 85c/kl; 41-50 kl R2/kl; 51-75 kl R5/kl, 76-100 kl R10/kl, exceeding 100 kl R20/kl

PROPERTIES IN POSSESSION

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Breaking the bonds (127)

When homeowners default on bond repayments they run the risk of having their houses repossessed. This is a last resort, however, because bankers say they try to stay out of the difficult business of selling houses and prefer to resolve matters. The question of repossession seldom arises when the borrower has a significant stake in the property, says Standard Bank's Duncan Reekie.

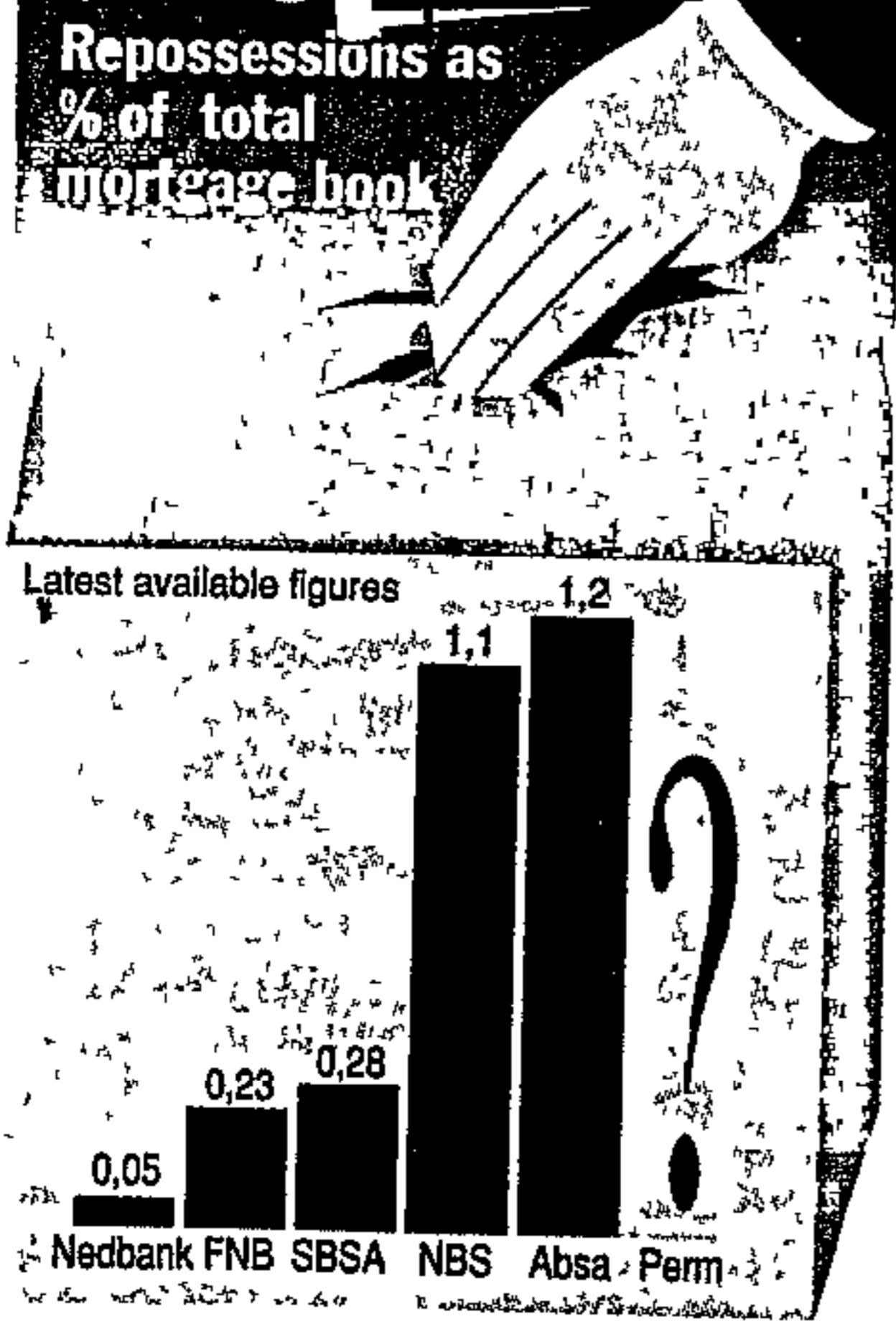
The subject also has a political sensitivity because of the large numbers of repossessions in lower-income groups, threatened bond strikes and violence in townships. To make matters worse, the banks' legal recourse is being undermined because of their inability to take possession of property and protect it against vandalism.

Not all banks admit there are political implications, and stress that statistics show repossessions and defaults are taking place across the board, but this is true only in value terms because one repossessed house in Johannesburg's elite Houghton suburb can be equivalent to 10 in Soweto.

Out of proportion to the sensitivity of the issue, repossessions represent only a tiny percentage of mortgage loans outstanding, and all but one of the institutions approached were willing to quantify it. However, a difficulty in comparing the ratios arises because of the way the various banks account for repossessions. Some write the value of repossessed properties down to market value while others reflect the balance outstanding; some banks decrease their figure for repossessions when the properties are sold while others do so only on transfer, and some banks bring in repossessed properties at a nominal value.

The former building societies have greater exposure at the lower end of the mortgage market than traditional banks, which is why their percentages are higher. The Perm, now a division of Nedcor Bank, and known for its high profile in the lower-end market segment, refuses to disclose its percentage of repossessions to total outstanding book, cit-

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ing the reason as "negativity of articles such as these."

FNB's percentage is 0,23%, Standard

Bank's 0,28% and Nedbank — also a division of Nedcor Bank — 0,05%. Absa's March figure is 1,3%, which had moved up from 1,1% over 12 months. Absa's Gavin Webster says, however, the group's percentage has reduced slightly since March to 1,2%, which is a promising trend. NBS's percentage is 1,1%.

Both Absa and NBS bring properties into their books at the balance outstanding on repossession which, in this depressed market, is usually higher than the market value.

"Times are tough," says NBS's Trevor Olivier, "and the numbers of repossessed properties on our balance sheet reflect the economic climate."

All banks call in defaulting borrowers to try to help them by rescheduling repayment or extending the loan's term. Each case is judged on its merits.

Reekie says: "Obviously, we're always willing to negotiate with customers who are in financial difficulties, but it's not always possible. For instance, in the case of bonds still in the early stages of repayment, the accumulating interest can push the outstanding balance above the value of the prop-

erty." He expects that the ratio of repossessions to total mortgage borrowings will narrow in the short term.

The trend of arrears payments is not the same for all banks. FNB's Andre Latré says amounts in arrear are on the increase, especially in the 120-days-and-over range. Webster says Absa's arrears figures show no significant change over the last year's. The Perm's Hugh Maclachlan notes that at his bank the arrears are "dipping and levelling off." He calls it an encouraging indication that the number of defaulting borrowers — and, therefore, later repossessions is also falling. He doesn't give any indication of the amount by which they had risen over the previous year.

At the NBS the arrears percentage has reduced over the past few months while Nedbank's Tom Bangert says that the ratio of arrears to total book has remained stable over the past two years. He admits that Nedbank's "very satisfactory" homeloan book is probably attributable to the fact that it operates mainly in metropolitan areas and because its homeloans are add-on products to existing and known clients.

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AECI provides land for staff housing

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PETER GALLI

AECI would make about 2 000 sites north of Modderfontein available for affordable housing, property manager Pat Stirling said yesterday.

Many AECI employees were housed in hostels and the move would enable them to buy property, but if employees wished, they could remain in the hostels. (127)

"We will soon go out to tender on this scheme, which is mainly meant to offer employees the opportunity to acquire their own property," he said.

The township would be known as Klipton View and a town planning application had been submitted, which would probably be approved before the end of the year.

The 130ha site would be able to accommodate about 2 000 stands. AECI would service the sites and install the infrastructure while vacant sites would be sold to individuals or private developers, he said.

Staff and shop stewards had been consulted about the development.

Workers, residents tested after toxic gas exposure

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By Charmeela Bhagawat

Residents and workers, exposed to toxic gases released from the Rhone-Poulenc chemical factory fire in Midrand recently, yesterday took medical tests, paid for by Rhone-Poulenc, to determine whether they were contaminated.

And police yesterday said they were investigating the possibility that the death of a 35-year-old man, whose body was found in a relative's deep freeze in Alexandra two days ago, was related to the fire.

SAP spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said police searched for Sefrao Ngoma's body after his employer, Bob Sugrue, reported the

death to the police.

Mr Sugrue told The Star that Mr Ngoma died in his outbuilding early last Wednesday morning, allegedly after walking past the gutted chemical factory on Tuesday afternoon.

He said the man died at about 1 am after saying he was thirsty.

He said policemen who came to the scene told him Mr Ngoma had died from natural causes before taking the body to a mortuary.

But when numerous attempts to trace Mr Ngoma's body in the past week failed, he decided to go back to the police to demand an autopsy, said Mr Sugrue.

Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said the SAP for-

mally opened an inquest docket on Wednesday after Mr Sugrue spoke to the police and Mr Ngoma's body was found in Alexandra.

Midrand electronics technician John Rich, who works near the gutted chemical warehouse and was one of the people who visited the Carstenhof Clinic for tests yesterday, said his nose started bleeding on Monday.

Among about 20 people who went for tests yesterday was television personality Richard Loring, who owns a company in Constantia Park — an office complex next to Rhone-Poulenc.

He said he was having his family and all 35 staff members tested.

Hostel residents to boycott rents payments

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TRANSVAAL hostel residents have decided to boycott rent payments in protest against government's plan to increase security at hostels identified as trouble spots

Random searches of the hostels and tight access control to prevent the carrying of weapons were among the new measures announced yesterday by National Housing Minister Leon Wessels

The measures, which include the fencing by November 15 of 21 hostels with a history of violence and criminality, would apply only until violence had been stabilised to the satisfaction of the Goldstone commis-

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sion, said Wessels

But Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joe Kubheka said a meeting of the organisation had decided on mass action and a rent boycott

The campaign was launched last night when about 300 association members, representing 22 hostels, protested outside TPA offices in Germiston while Kubheka presented their demands

Kubheka said afterwards the TPA was working to government's agenda and

would not listen to his group's arguments

He conceded that some hostels were linked to violence but said these should be dealt with in consultation with his organisation, which he said had 40 000 members

A document on government's hostel strategy released yesterday said policing would be intensified through regular patrols in the vicinity of affected hostels, ensuring a quick response to incidents

Once stability had been achieved, upgrading or conversion of hostels would be dealt with through negotiation

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WITWATERSRAND LAND AUDIT
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Race against time

Responses to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's recently released Land Availability Report are still coming in. The October 31 deadline was set so that the chamber could consider the matter at its monthly meeting in November.

The report found that land totalling about 160 000 ha is vacant or unused in the central Witwatersrand area. The audit — the first of its kind in SA — has been hailed as an excellent start to setting up acceptable mechanisms for the release and development of land for the urban poor. Planning must now take place as soon as possible, say those associated with the land inventory.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne explains "Planning must be done within months, not years, to avoid a crisis. Legislation and expropriation are negative mechanisms. To avoid these, an overall planning framework must be drawn up and be mutually acceptable to all."

The study area was divided into nine sectors and analyses were done on 180 portions. Criteria for land use included the costs of services, variations in land ownership and availability of jobs. Portions were then ranked and given scores.

"For the first time," says Milne, "all planners — government, civic associations and the private sector — are able to compare like with like. It levels the playing fields and reduces the likelihood of hidden agendas among local authorities — or any other parties for that matter."

The chamber's land task team, under the chairmanship of Wits' Alan Mabini, jointly commissioned town planner Rosmarin & Associates, together with the Civic Association of Johannesburg, to do the audit, which it did independently of local authorities. Sources were diverse and included aerial studies.

The team stresses that the work is not intended to be definitive and that not all the 160 000 ha are suitable for low-income housing. Some land will have to be made available for high-income housing or industrial use, plus a wide range of other purposes.

The chamber envisages three stages in development.

- Compiling the land database,
- Devising an integrated and comprehensive planning framework for urban development, and
- Implementation of this plan

The case of the squatter community of Zevenfontein, northwest of Randburg, involving about 1 000 people, was an example of how not to go about relocating people. It was the result of ad hoc decision-making without consultation, Milne says. "We're talking about tens of thousands of people who hopefully will be relocated in a much



Chamber's Milne plan to avert a crisis

easier and more acceptable manner."

The big question is who is going to lead the third phase — implementation. The overall feeling is that the private sector, which owns most of the identified land, is best-equipped, but it should do so only in partnership with government and the civics. The Metropolitan Chamber is expected to play a pivotal role in bringing the project together.

What about the second stage? According to the Urban Foundation "The Metropolitan Chamber has taken a bold step in identifying land in the region. Its inclusion of a set of principles is welcomed as they form reference points against which to evaluate policy decisions. These principles are aimed *inter alia* at promoting integrating urban development, maximising access and prioritising development and should be supported by all who have an interest in promoting viable, non-racial land development in this region.

"We note that the study has identified only the larger land parcels. All local authorities within the chamber area should now assist by undertaking detailed analyses of landholdings within their areas and contribute this towards a comprehensive land audit for the metropolitan area. Also, this type of study should be extended to other parts of the PWV including the Vaal Triangle, the East and West Rand and the Pretoria Metropolitan area so that a composite picture of land availability is obtained."

The foundation notes that the problem of identification and development of land for low-income housing is a metropolitan one and all authorities have a contribution to make. Through public participation, community involvement and the timely allocation of land for low-income housing, poten-

tial for conflict can be reduced.

"Also, if insufficient land is identified or if land in unsuitable locations is identified, low-income communities seeking accommodation closer to their places of work are left with few other options than to crowd into existing areas or to settle illegally on vacant land."

Any strategic planning framework within which land for low-income development is identified becomes not simply desirable in a time of massive urbanisation, but politically sensitive. So far, so good. ■

Govt agrees to step up hostel security

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The Government had approved additional interim measures to upgrade security at hostels, National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday.

Intensified policing, random searches of hostels and access control to prevent the carrying of weapons had been approved as additional measures to augment the Government's hostel strategy.

These measures would apply only until violence and criminality had been stabilised to the satisfaction of the Goldstone Commission.

According to a Gov-

ernment document released yesterday on the re-evaluation of the hostel strategy, policing would be intensified by ensuring that personnel were available for regular patrols in the vicinity of affected hostels, and to ensure police response within a reasonable time.

Routine and random searches at hostels by the SAP had been approved to ensure that criminality was curtailed as far as possible.

The provision or repair of fencing at 21 hostels with a history of violence and criminality had also been approved.

By CHARLENE SMITH

HOSTEL dwellers throughout the Transvaal meet this weekend to plan resistance to government plans to fence them in.

They have already begun a rent boycott and are planning marches and action to destroy existing fences.

They have warned that the "lives of those who try to erect fences will not be safe", according to Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association spokesman Leonard Maweli.

He said the R240 000 security fence erected at Thokoza hostel a month ago had already been torn down.

On Thursday night 500 hostel dwellers massed outside the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices in Germiston, while an unhappy meeting took place between the TPA and the Hostel Residents' Association, which led to a walk-out by the association.

Mr Maweli, who has lived in Jabulani hostel since 1984, said the TPA was attempting to use his organisation to implement the hostels agreement negotiated between the government and the ANC last weekend.

A Hostel Residents' Association meeting will be held on Thursday to finalise a "mass action" programme against the new measures.

Mr Maweli said hostel dwellers were angry because they had been told that money for the fences would come out of the R360-

Hostel dwellers

warn: We will not be fenced in

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million budget set aside for upgrading a year ago.

However, Mr Geoff Wilkens, the TPA's chief director of physical planning and development for the Witwatersrand, said upgrading work was being impeded by the turmoil surrounding some hostels, with many contractors refusing to work on them except at a premium.

Violent

"If the situation can be stabilised then real work can get under way upgrading hostels, preferably using unemployed people in those areas," he said.

Twenty-eight hostels have been classified as "problematic" in terms of the "Implementation Programme: Hostels (in terms of the Record of Understanding)", which has come into the possession of the Sunday Times.

In terms of the agreement, underscored by the Goldstone Commission, fencing is to "prevent criminality by hostel dwellers and to protect them from external aggression".

Seven hostels considered among the most violent in the country have no fences. They are: Mzimhlope, Dube, Nancefield/Lefateng, Dobsonville and Merafe/Ma-petla in Soweto, Madala in Kagiso and Sebokeng.

In terms of the implementation programme, a written report detailing all policing work carried out in respect of these will be submitted to the Minister of Law and Order every fortnight by police.

The Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, is also to receive a fortnightly progress report, with copies of all reports being sent to the Goldstone Commission and regular meetings on the situation being held between the ANC and the government.

Regular searches of hostels, primarily seeking arms, are also planned.

The government has 11 days in which to produce a detailed production programme, with construction of the first fences scheduled for October 22 and the rest by November 15.

Vosloorus rent boycott still on

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■ **PEOPLE'S FURY** Boksburg municipality

urged to take over Vosloo administration:

By Nicolette Tladi

VOSLOORUS residents in Boksburg yesterday called for the immediate resignation of local town councillors and vowed to continue with the bond and rent boycott until their demands were met.

At a meeting held at the local football stadium, residents also threatened to attack officials who evicted rent defaulters and resolved to seek direct negotiations with the electricity supplier, Eskom, to determine the amount to be paid for the service.

They called on the authorities to stop evicting people who owed rent. They also called on the Boksburg municipality to take over the administration of the township. Residents expressed their anger at the crackdown on rent defaulters, some of whom had been evicted and their property allegedly attached.

They also resolved not to pay the interim monthly rent of R42 for essential services.

Residents said they viewed the court order authorising the attachment of their furniture even during their absence as a "violation of human rights".

They called on the authorities to return furniture before any negotiations could get underway.

The Vosloos Civic Association was scheduled to meet city council officials today to brief them about yesterday's decisions.

Deputy president of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal Kgaps Mosonkutu said the bond boycott would continue until the residents' demands were met.

He added that building societies should also be put under pressure as they were instrumental in the eviction of people. Residents resolved to stage a march to the local TPA offices to demand the return of their confiscated furniture.

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TPA explains hostel fences to KwaZulu

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration, in a bid to ease opposition to the fencing of hostels, yesterday sent an explanatory letter to the KwaZulu government.

A source said the TPA had said in the letter that the fencing was necessary to improve relationships between township residents and hostel dwellers.

The source said it was the TPA's view that barriers, which were "substantive enough but which are not unsightly or offensive", should be built between township residents and hostel dwellers until the relationship between the two improved.

At the recent summit on violence, President F W de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela agreed that 24 hostels in the Transvaal and four in Natal should be fenced off and subjected to increased policing.

According to reports, the ANC has identified two hostels in KwaZulu implicated in violence.

News of the letter to the KwaZulu government came as the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association was formulating protestsaction it would take against the fencing plan.

Association spokesman Leonard Mwelu said yesterday consultations with the asso-

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ciation's structures had taken place at the weekend and the association's executive would meet within two days to decide on a course of action.

He would not disclose the nature of the actions the association intended embarking on, saying the matter was too sensitive.

It is understood that the association is considering, among other things, the destruction of existing fences.

Mwelu confirmed that hostel dwellers under the jurisdiction of his association were no longer paying rent.

TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday the TPA would seek a meeting with the hostel dwellers' representatives as the administration believed that any upgrading of hostels should be done in consultation with the inmates.

Wilken said it was a pity that the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association had decided to boycott rent payments as such a move would exacerbate rather than resolve the problem.

Although no exact starting date was set for the fencing of hostels at the violence summit, reports indicate that the measures will be implemented within a few weeks, and the hostels should be fenced off by November 15.

TPA might delay decision on Soweto

THE TPA's decision on whether to appoint an administrator for Soweto and Diepmeadow might have to be delayed, a TPA spokesman said yesterday.

Both councils had been given until yesterday to produce complete financial statements but Soweto had applied for an extension and nothing had been received from Diepmeadow by late yesterday afternoon, TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said.

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The two councils were warned last month that if their finances were unsound and the TPA was not satisfied with the reasons, an administrator would be appointed. The TPA would consider Soweto's request for an extension but were concerned about the deterioration of services to the townships *BIDM 6/10/92*

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz

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Ad hoc mergers out, says Magid

By Louise Marsland
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg ratepayers would not be taking on Soweto's debt, acting Johannesburg management committee chairman Eddy Magid said yesterday

Mr Magid was reacting to a World Bank report which warned that capital and business could flee the Johannesburg city centre for the northern suburbs to escape the tax

burden if Johannesburg merged with Soweto.

"We are vehemently opposed to ad hoc city mergers and we will fight that concept tooth and nail," Mr Magid said.

"We realise a responsibility to assist Soweto infrastructurally. The proposal is that this be done on an agency basis only — at no cost to ratepayers."

Mr Magid said it was common knowledge that regional structures were being discus-

sed at present and metropolitan boundaries were being negotiated at the "highest possible level".

Taxes

He believed there should be no difference in property taxes between towns, and rates should be determined uniformly in metropolitan areas.

Elaborating on Johannesburg's decision to provide services to Soweto on an agency

basis, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said, in an earlier interview, that a system of local government would be devised around the total integrated urban economy of the Witwatersrand metropolitan area

Mr Davidson said that a two-tier metropolitan government was being talked about at Government and regional level.

It was envisaged that municipalities such as those of Johannesburg, Randburg, Dobsonville and Soweto would

be retained, but be responsible to a broader metropolitan authority based on the existing Regional Services Council, he said

"We're moving towards the concept of one metropole, one tax base

"The councils in this region are interdependent of each other

"One can't draw artificial boundaries, the issues are far more complex and the Government has finally come to accept this fact," Mr Davidson said

Johannesburg

Soweto council asks TPA for extension

STAR 6/10/92.
By Montshiwa Moroke

The Soweto Council has requested the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to give it more time to submit reasons for its poor financial standing

The Soweto and Diepmeadow councils had been given until yesterday by the TPA to account for their "unsound" financial state and to show why their respective authorities should not be dissolved.

After studying and considering their submissions the TPA would decide on the future of the two councils

The councils have run into administrative problems with the TPA in the past and their affairs had to be run by an appointed administrator

Two weeks ago Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough wrote to the councils expressing his dissatisfaction with their finances

The two councils have experienced serious cash flow problems because of a rent boycott

However, in a last-minute plea the Soweto Council has requested the TPA to give it until after October 12 to get its house in order, council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday

TPA director of communications Piet Wilken said the TPA was "still considering" the request

Spokesmen for the Diepmeadow Council were not available for comment yesterday. Earlier, officials were reported to be "locked" in a meeting.

TPA pleads for input on hostel fencing plans

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday made an impassioned plea to all relevant parties to consult it about government's plan to fence off hostels identified as unrest flashpoints.

hostel strategy as important." No comment could be obtained from the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association yesterday.

In terms of an agreement between government and the ANC, the hostels should be fenced off by November 15.

Transvaal MEC for physical planning and development John Mavuso said in a statement yesterday the TPA's "comprehensive consultation process" was seriously hampered by a lack of co-operation.

It could not be established yesterday when the TPA would begin fencing seven of the 24 Transvaal hostels identified as unrest flashpoints.

Police reported yesterday that a man was killed and another wounded on Monday when gunmen dressed in camouflage entered a house in Umhlangeni, near Durban, and opened fire.

Sebokeng hostel residents failed to show up for a meeting called to discuss the plan on Monday night, he said. Their absence was apparently sparked by pamphlets — written on ANC letterheads — urging residents not to attend.

Geoff Wilkens, TPA chief director of physical planning and development for the Witwatersrand, said the implementation date for the plan depended on when an agreement with all relevant parties was reached. The plan included measures such as random searches and tight access control to prevent bearing arms.

The killing follows a series of incidents in Natal in which the attackers have worn security force uniforms. Arson was reported at Sharpeville and Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle.

"When the question of the absence of the hostel residents was raised, the ANC said it represented them"

Sapa reports President F W de Klerk told Cape NP congress delegates in East London yesterday these steps would have been taken even if talks had not been held with the ANC recently.

STEPHANE BOTHMA reports that a policeman on a foot patrol in the Sandton suburb of Marlboro was shot dead yesterday afternoon. The killing brings the total of policemen shot this year to 177.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said he was not aware that his organisation's letterheads had been used to print the pamphlets.

Government was not taking sides. "It simply must be done to stop violence and prevent further killings." He alleged that ANC-controlled hostels were also involved in violence.

The assistant constable was on a crime prevention patrol with a colleague when they were confronted by two unidentified men armed with revolvers, police said.

Mavuso said: "It seems, at this stage, that all the parties do not regard the purpose of the government's

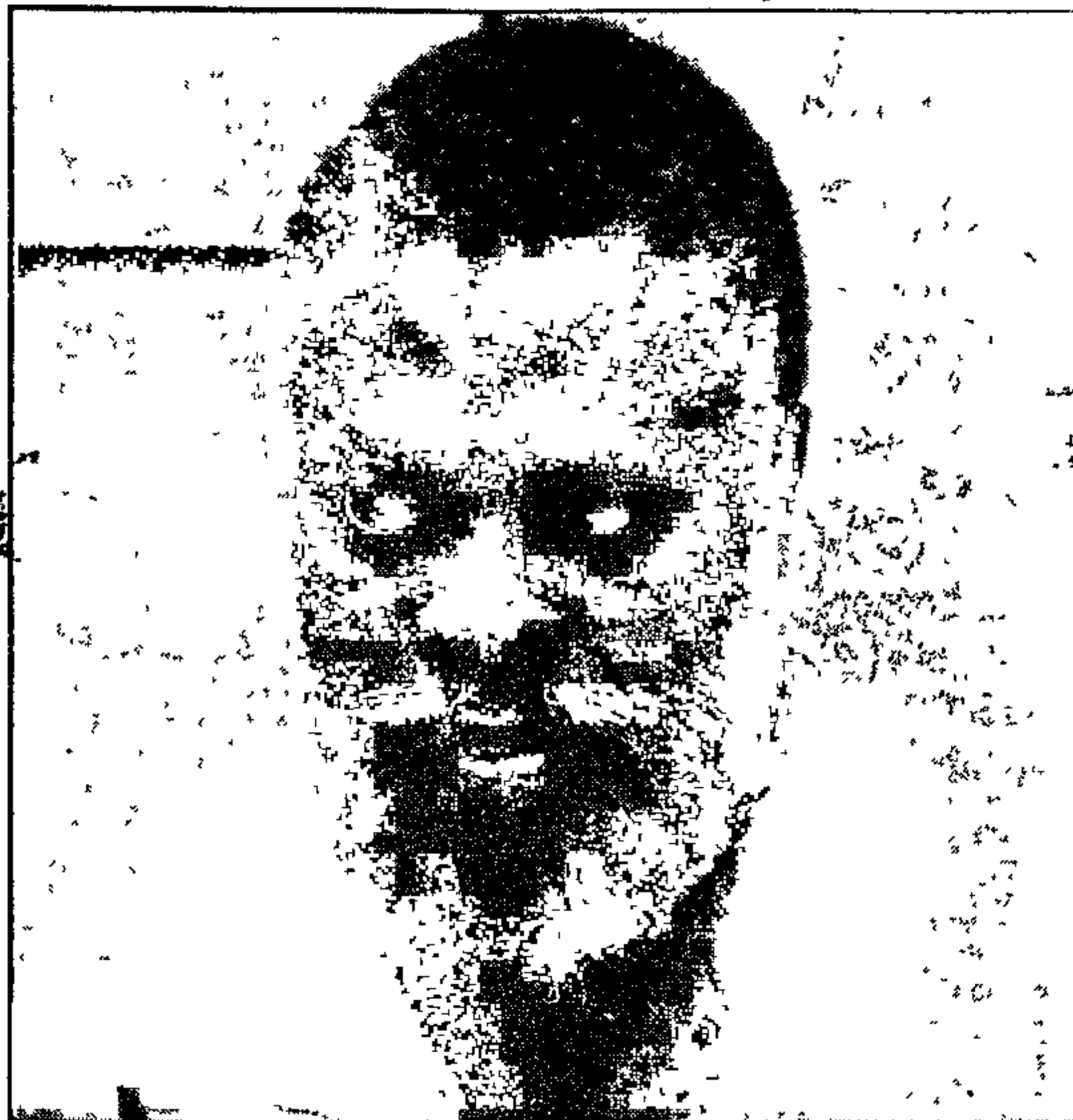
Shots were fired and the constable collapsed. The attackers fled, taking the wounded constable's service pistol. The second policeman escaped unharmed. The wounded constable died soon after he arrived at Johannesburg Hospital.

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The Reverend Lord McCamel of the Vaal Civic Association.

Group formed to fight land seizures

■ Residents will fight to bitter end to protect properties:

By Joshua Raboroko

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A working committee has been formed by Evaton residents to investigate the alleged expropriation of their properties by the local authorities.

A delegation is expected to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the administrator who was appointed after the collapse of the Evaton Town Council last month.

The committee consists of the following associations: Isolumuzi Stand-owners, Ratepayers, Wildebeesfontein and Evaton Standowners.

Co-ordinator Reverend Lord McCamel said the committee was looking at various options, including legal action, to protect their properties.

Many stand-owners have alleged that their properties were sold by auction by the authorities without their knowledge.

A former councillor said no property had been expropriated in Evaton, although many residents received summonses to appear in court for allegedly failing to pay for services.

Some residents failed to pay their tariffs in the aftermath of the rent boycott in the Vaal Triangle townships in 1984. But, he added, the now-defunct council never planned to take property.

"We have always been against the expropriation of property because Evaton is one of the few areas where blacks have freehold rights," he said.

McCamel said residents were not consulted about the collapse of the council and the appointment of an administrator. The council was apparently dissolved after its members failed to form a quorum at various meetings.

"We can't afford to lose our properties," he said. "We will fight to the bitter end."

Tickets to the concert will cost US\$1 each... could be valuable... those is expected to attend... conference in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Volsunnie support 'growing'

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — There were signs of growing grassroots support for the newly formed Afrikaner Volsunnie, the CP breakaway group's leader Andries Beyers said yesterday.

He neither ruled out nor predicted that more CP or NP MPs would join the fledgling group, although he said it was getting support from a wide range of organisations.

The Volsunnie was formed after five CP MPs walked out of their party in protest at the CP's non-participation in negotiations and out of a desire to place Afrikaner nationalism firmly on the negotiations agenda.

There were signs the NP was concerned about the formation of the group as supporters suspected the NP had capitulated to the ANC, he said.

The group was getting grassroots support from CP members who were frustrated with CP reluctance to become involved in negotiations. But Beyers said the party was not

primarily involved in a struggle with the NP or the CP.

"Our organisation is not important," he said. "It is important that our cause should prosper."

It was therefore encouraging that the CP had taken part in the conference on regionalism and the meeting of homeland leaders and right-wing groups held on Tuesday.

Beyers hinted that the party would meet the ANC soon and had met senior government members yesterday.

The organisation said the Afrikaner nation was incorrectly categorised along racial lines. It was against such a "white nation" characterisation and was against racism.

By participating in negotiations, it ought to be possible to ensure that Afrikaners were not placed in a position where they were forced to be the enemy, Beyers said.

'Eyes in the sky' valuable to SAP

STEPHANE BOTHTMA

COMPLAINTS about noisy SAP helicopters circling residential areas were outweighed by the value of policing from the air, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

It was unfortunate some people complained about helicopters patrolling suburban and other areas from time to time.

However, the number of calls received from residents expressing their gratitude for the police presence outnumbered the complaints, he said.

With the Witwatersrand Air Wing's two helicopters taking part in almost 500 operations a month, the SAP was convinced of the value of "eyes in the sky". Fixed-wing craft were also being used by the SAP unit.

Cosas fears exam disruptions

WILSON ZWANE

THE Congress of SA Students (Cosas) appealed yesterday to the national peace secretariat and UN observers to monitor the writing of matric examinations in unrest areas.

Cosas publicity secretary Ismael Ralebese told a Johannesburg news conference yesterday that the appeal for the monitoring stemmed from his organisation's concern that examinations could be disrupted in "certain areas" by intimidation of pupils.

Ralebese cited the Border/Ciskei region and Kaitleng on the East Rand as areas where intimidation was most likely to occur.

He also disclosed that the Cosas executive committee had resolved last week to call for a boycott of the Department of Education and Training (DET) examination fees next year.

Earlier this year, the DET increased fees for a school-leaving certificate from R54 to R64.

Ralebese said his organisation believed that education should be free.

"Next year we won't pay the examination fees at all," he said.

DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said it was not only the DET matriculants who paid the fees. "The paying of the fees is a requirement for all matric candidates," he said.

On possible disruptions of examinations, Rademeyer said regional chief directors would monitor the situation. Should the need arise, alternative examination centres would be found for affected pupils.

He would not comment on the threatened boycott of examination fees next year.

Sapa reports that Ralebese said at the news conference "Although we acknowledge the frustrating circumstances under which our students studied throughout the year, we call on them to write the 1992 examinations."

British Ports Holdings PLC and leader of CONFERENCE





Mr Brian Wegerle of the ICC and Mr Obed Bapela of the ANC.

Violence a constant plague to housing

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By Joshua Raboroko

■ POOR INFRASTRUCTURE Committee looks at why Alex housing is scarce:

VIOLENCE and large-scale unemployment have continued to plague the development of housing in Alexandra.

The situation has been aggravated by the unavailability of land, finance criteria applied by banks and building societies and the threat to boycott bond repayments. These are some of the views expressed at the Alexandra Housing Convention held last week.

Addressing the conference, chairman of the Interim Crisis Committee Mr Brian Wegerle said there were 46 000 shacks, three single-sex hostels and few middle-class homes in Alexandra.

Wegerle said infrastructure was poor

- no sewerage or refuse removal and the township was "a health hazard"

It was evident that there was a housing backlog in the country, therefore everybody was being challenged to resolve the housing crisis.

But as long as violence continued to sweep through most of the townships, the housing backlog will not be solved because developers and financial institutions are reluctant to invest in the beleaguered townships.

Financial institutions, the private sector, the business community, building industries and the current governing bodies were applying themselves to

breaking this housing shortage, yet violence inhibited their moves, he said.

The population of Alexandra was 355 000, and 305 000 were unemployed. These people could not afford to buy homes, and financial institutions would not give them loans.

Problems highlighted were:

- Mushrooming of squatters near Alex;
- Call by South African National Civic Organisation to boycott bond repayments, and the fact that the organisation's president was a resident there;
- No networking between the residents and community organisations regarding the housing shortage.

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Upgrading snags

NEGOTIATIONS on upgrading hostels in the PWV region are being hampered by some of those involved. Mr John Mavuso, Transvaal Provincial Administration MEC for Physical Planning and Development, said on Tuesday.

Mavuso was commenting in a statement after the collapse of Monday's meeting in Sebokeng when hostel dwellers were advised in pamphlets bearing the African National Congress logo not to attend.

The meeting was called by the town council to discuss upgrading and/or conversion of hostels, and the safety of inmates and residents.

He said another meeting would be called at a later date - Sapa

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Eskom is set to supply Vosloorus

ESKOM is set to start direct provision of electricity to the East Rand township of Vosloorus

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said yesterday the council, the TPA, Eskom and the Vosloorus Civic Association would meet tomorrow to finalise the agreement, in terms of which Eskom would take over all the aspects of power supply in the township

Prinsloo said his council was "anxious" to finalise the agreement.

Negotiations on the arrangement began in 1990 after it became clear the Vosloorus Town Council was unable to settle its Eskom electricity accounts. The council owes the utility R25m in unpaid electricity bills.

Should the agreement be finalised,

WILSON ZWANE

Vosloorus will become the fourth township on the Reef to have had Eskom take over its electricity supply from the local authority. Other townships are Soweto, Dobsonville and Alexandra.

The SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) told an electrification conference convened by the Development Bank of Southern Africa last month that it wanted Eskom to take over the supply of electricity in all townships.

Eskom public affairs executive Johan du Plessis said electricity payments had improved substantially in Soweto, Dobsonville and Alexandra since the utility's takeover.

NEWS 5 434 graves to be moved to make way for new road and township

Town exhumes blacks' remains

5 000 Edenvale graves dug up to make way for a white housing project and connecting road:

By **Abbey Makoe**

Sowetan 9/10/92.

MORE than 5 000 graves of black people at a cemetery in a white suburb of Edenvale will be dug up and the remains reburied at Mooifontein near Kempton Park, *Sowetan* has learnt.

This is to make way for a new road that will link Edenvale and Kempton Park. The remaining area of the cemetery will be used for a housing project.

A total of 5 434 people have been buried at the cemetery.

The Edenvale Town Council says it hopes to complete the massive exhumations before the end of the year.

Edenvale Town Clerk Mr Piet Jacobs said yesterday the 34-year-old cemetery was not being properly looked after by relatives of the dead.

"It looks like veld," he said

Most of the families of the dead live nearby in Tembisa.

Council official Mr Frans Palm said.

"They used to live near the cemetery at a township called Ethindela until they were moved in 1972 when the place was declared an industrial area."

Palm believed there would be no problems in carrying out the exhumations.

"So far we are looking for tenders. You know, many people don't like the job."

Notices were placed in four newspapers in July, warning affected families or people with reservations about the move to object in writing within 14 days.

However, 23 weeks later no one had objected, the two council officials said. Instead, two people with relatives buried at the cemetery had endorsed the plan, they said.

They said the project was the culmination of a long desire by the council to have a main road connecting Edenvale and Kempton Park.

The first person to be buried there was a stillborn baby, John Manamela, in December 1958, according to a council register. The last was Elizabeth Wynand in 1976.

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About 50 pensioners and the disabled were presented with groceries by the Mohlakeng Chamber of Commerce. Showing her joy is Mrs Kefelatswe Phefo as she was handed out her package by Mrs Nancy Phokompe a local businesswoman.

Pic: JOE MOLEFE

the nation in brief

Sowetan 9/10/92
Terse PAC reply

THE Pan Africanist Congress yesterday denied it had tried to act as a mediator between the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party

"We told the ANC to convene a meeting between (PAC) president Clarence Makwetu and (ANC) president Nelson Mandela to discuss political intolerance and violence," the PAC said in a terse statement.

According to the PAC, the ANC was reacting to praise that the PAC might get for its efforts to end the violence, and this was a typical sign of political immaturity

"The PAC position is not inconsistent with the ANC national executive decision that they are prepared to meet with all parties to discuss the violence," the movement added - Sapa

Sowetan 9/10/92
Children catered for

THE Department of Education and Training yesterday officially opened a R17 million industrial school at Ogies in the Eastern Transvaal

The school, which was built by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and is known as the Vikelwa School for Industries, caters for neglected children and is being run by the DET.

In his address the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam De Beer, emphasised the need for making the education of "our children" relevant to the needs of the country

He said teaching at Vikelwa was centred on life skills, social rehabilitation, labour practice training and entrepreneurial skills - Sowetan Reporter

Sowetan 9/10/92
Cast conference

THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal will hold its first biennial congress at the World Trade Centre today, Cast general secretary Mr Dan Mofokeng said yesterday.

Topics to be discussed at the three-

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day conference include the rent, bond and service boycotts, the disbandment of white and black local authorities, and the approach to democratic elections. New leadership will also be elected

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Vista students picket

ABOUT 40 students of Vista University's Mamelodi campus yesterday picketed outside the institution's head office in Pretoria to show their dissatisfaction with their examination roster.

Police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch confirmed that student representatives were holding a meeting with Vista's management council, and that no violence was reported. - Sapa

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DP goes it alone

THE Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer yesterday warned that his party would not be "sucked into either the National Party or the ANC"

De Beer was speaking at a Press conference in Johannesburg to announce the party's aim to embark on a massive fundraising and election campaigns in preparation for the election

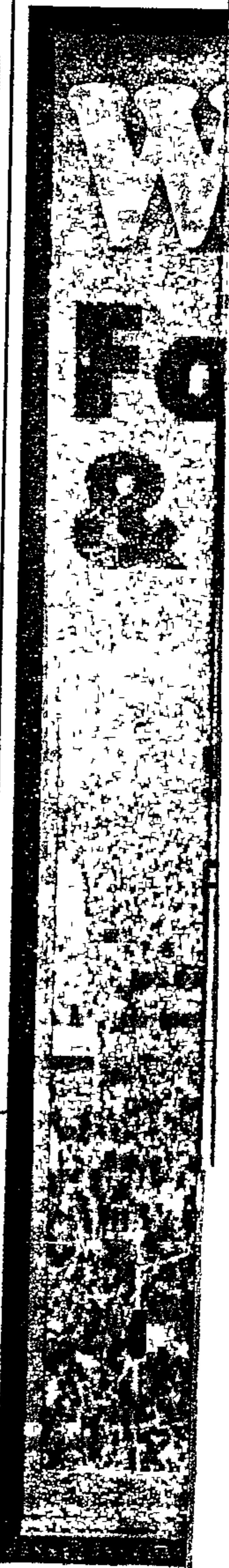
"We have never been associated with corruption in any form. We have no connection whatever with any of the violence which has marred and scarred the face of South Africa," said De Beer

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End call-up call

THE End Conscription Campaign has called for decisive action to end South Africa's whites-only military call-up

A statement yesterday by Chns de Villiers of the ECC calls on all those affected by the call-up either to refuse outright to serve, or to actively avoid their call-ups.

"By standing together, we can end the call-up and move one step closer to really closing the book of apartheid" Sapa.



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Waves in Waverley

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Over the past few months, M&R Properties has bought six houses on Scott Street, Waverley, Johannesburg, fronting the M1 motorway. The company tells the *FM* it is keen to get business rights and believes a low-density business park, if designed aesthetically, "would form a natural buffer zone for the residents of Waverley between the suburb and the highway."

It intends to apply to Johannesburg City Council for these rights within the next couple of months after proper planning.

Waverley Property Owners' Association says, however, it will strongly oppose any rezoning application, as it has in the past, because it wants to retain Waverley's low-density residential nature.

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Residents have been particularly angered by the manner in which the properties were bought. They claim sellers were initially approached by an agent purporting to represent a Cape Town businessman — a notional frequent traveller between Cape Town and Johannesburg — who wanted a Johannesburg base. There is also the allegation that M&R Properties' identity became known only after estate agent Marque Properties, which had initially approached owners to gain mandates to sell their homes, presented them with written offers. The buyer was in fact M&R Properties' subsidiary M&R Properties Projects. The ex-owners started to compare notes.

In response to allegations of buying under false pretences, M&R Properties Transvaal MD Joy Wagner says: "M&R Properties appointed a property broker to obtain mandates on the houses, which it did. It came back to us with them and we accepted or rejected them as the case may be. I think the allegation of misrepresentation is harsh. When a seller gives an agent a mandate, no buyer need be disclosed at that stage. But, obviously, when the offer document comes in, his name must be disclosed."

According to Wagner, offers ranged, according to stand sizes and the value of improvements, from R420 000 to R820 000. "We paid according to the residential value of the property. Should the rezoning not be successful, we will have to put these properties back into the market as residences."

Comment from Fluxman Rabinowitz Raphaely Weiner partner Costa Carides, who acts for the Estate Agents Board, is that if Marque Properties deliberately misrepresented the identity of the proposed purchaser, the agent could be liable for a contravention of the board's code of conduct. ■

5 000 graves to be dug up

Own Correspondent

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"So far we are looking for tenders. You know, many people don't like the job."

Notices were placed in four newspapers in July, warning affected families or people with reservations about the move, to object in writing within 14 days.

However, 23 weeks later no one had objected, the two council officials said. Instead, two people with relatives buried at the cemetery had endorsed the plan, they said.

The first person to be buried at the cemetery was a still-born baby, John Manamela, in December 1958, according to a council register. The last was Elizabeth Wynand in August 1976.

Springs 'toxic waste capital'

By Julienne du Toit

Horrified Springs residents were told of the dangers of having a toxic waste incinerator built in their town, already dubbed the toxic waste capital of South Africa, at a meeting held by Earthlife Africa on Wednesday night.

Cape Town entrepreneur Sidney Saunders announced some months back that he would be importing a toxic waste incinerator. It was to be

situated near the current toxic waste site at Hoffontein in Springs.

At the meeting, about 60 residents of the East Rand town were shown a video of the potential health hazards of toxic waste incinerators and how towns in other parts of the world successfully fought against them.

"Springs is turning into the toxic waste capital of South Africa," Peter Lukey of Earthlife Africa told the meeting.

He noted that Waste-Tech was also planning to put a

medical waste incinerator up in Springs.

Residents expressed amazement that the Wade-Chem toxic waste dump, now about two years old, had come about in the first place.

Many learnt of its existence only at Wednesday's meeting and said they would take the town council to task for allowing it and for not telling residents.

They expressed fears that the groundwater for their boreholes could one day become contaminated. As for the incinerator,

Lukey said many materials, such as heavy metals, were not destroyed in an incinerator.

"Then we sit with a big landfill in the sky full of potentially carcinogens," he said.

Incinerators also took the pressure off companies to reduce or treat waste, especially hazardous waste, at source. The ash produced from a toxic waste incinerator was also toxic and had to be buried in landfill sites anyway, he said.

The Springs Town Council said they had not given per-

mission for the incinerator.

"Before an application for such a development is considered by Council, the necessary permission must be granted by State Departments and an environmental impact assessment must be successfully carried out — neither of which has been submitted to the Springs Town Council."

The council said only Wade-Chem had been given permission to operate in Springs, and the Department of Water Affairs had also granted the licence for the site

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CONCENTRATION CAMPS? ... Hostel dwellers have vowed to defy the ANC and government's agreement to fence in hostels, charging that they were not consulted.

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Hostel pact a 'slap in the face'

By DESMOND BLOW

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A TRANSVAAL Hostel Members' Association lawyer this week described the agreement between the SA government and the ANC to fence off hostels and have hostel residents searched by police as "a return to some of the worst aspects of apartheid"

"Putting the hostel dwellers in concentration camps is typical of Verwoerdian-era apartheid when things were done for blacks without consultation. The people most affected are the hostel dwellers, but they were not approached," Sakte Steyn said.

He said this was "a slap in the face" for hostel dwellers.

"The hostel dwellers are angry and will not take this lying down."

Hostel dwellers have threatened mass action and rent boycotts. They have also threatened to break down the fences.

The Hostel Residents Association has petitioned the government to immediately with-

draw the agreement between State President FW de Klerk and Nelson Mandela.

They demanded the government speed up the upgrading of hostels and begin construction no later than March 1993 in compliance with the short-term guidelines of the National Housing Forum.

They also demanded a code of conduct be negotiated between hostel residents and the SA Police regarding the entering, searching and general policing of hostels.

Steyn said in November a forum consisting of hostel dwellers, the PAC, the ANC, Inkatha and the government had been formed and a consensus reached on what to do about the hostel problem.

"It was decided that the question of fencing would be decided by the needs of the community involved."

He said some of the residents at hostels where violence had occurred welcomed the fences

"for their own protection"

"But this was done in consultation with local communities and hostel dwellers"

"For instance, taxi ranks were taken into consideration as well as the stalls for hawkers when deciding where gates should be placed"

In its petition, the association refers to the Goldstone Commission's report of September 21, which found that violence was associated only with a few hostels and "considers its earlier recommendation that all hostels be fenced off is no longer appropriate".

"The commission has accordingly decided to modify the recommendation so as to make it applicable to only those hostels that have been associated with violence"

Steyn said "The Goldstone Commission was supposed to sit on October 19 and 20 to decide on which hostels are violent, but the ANC has seen to it that the government has pre-

empted the commission's investigations

"The future of scores of thousands of hostel dwellers have been decided by two people - Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk"

The petition further said the agreement between the ANC and the government was a flagrant breach of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment"

The agreement also contravened the SA Law Commission's Draft Bill of Rights

Steyn criticised the list of violent hostels issued by the Independent Board of Inquiry. He said the list assumed hostels near where violence had occurred on trains were involved.

Jabulani was an example of a hostel where there had never been any trouble and no one in the community had ever alleged it was a problem hostel, he said.

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Families warned of sinkholes in Lenasia

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By Lulama Luti

■ DANGEROUS GROUND People

refuse to move despite grave danger:

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has warned about 3 500 families living in a dolomitic area in Zone 4, Lenasia, that it will not accept any responsibility should sinkholes develop.

According to the TPA, a complete geological survey conducted between Extensions 9 and 10 revealed that it was dolomitic and that the specific area in which the people lived (Zone 4) was very dangerous and that sinkholes may form.

The TPA chief director Physical

Planning and Development Mr PPC van der Hoven said in a statement that local community leaders were informed about this and that the danger zones were pointed out to them.

"In May this year, we moved the people who resided on a portion of Zone 4 to a more stable area at our own expense. There is, however, a certain group of people who refused to be moved.

"On two occasions we erected notice

boards to warn residents but these were removed. It should be noted that we cannot be held responsible for any harmful consequences to the squatters who still occupy the land," he said.

He added that the TPA in conjunction with the Land Task Team of the Metropolitan Chamber, the Johannesburg City Council and the House of Delegates were involved in ongoing negotiations to find suitable land for the resettlement of the squatters.

Vaal Joy at IDT R13-million

THOUSANDS of Vaal residents deprived of the comfort and joy of a home rejoiced this week at the funding of a R13-million project to make their dreams come true.

This came about when a long battle by 1 685 Vaal residents - which started in March 1991 - bore fruit when residents were granted sites in the emerging township of Tshepiso between Sharpeville and Boipatong.

According to the Vaal Civic Association's Paul Sithole, the acquisition of properties by residents followed tedious battles inside and outside the courts. *CP Res 11/10/92*

Negotiations between the VCA and the Independent Development Trust resulted in the IDT extending the huge sponsorship.

"Part of the agreement reached with VCA is that the community should participate in decision-making on the development project," said Sithole, adding the area's infrastructure - including water, electricity and sewerage supply services - had already been installed.

■ Reports by CP Reporters, CP Correspondents, Sapa.

CAST renews call (127)

THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal has renewed its campaign to force black councillors and management committees to resign *Sowetan*

The decision was taken at CAST's bi-annual three-day congress which ended at the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park yesterday *12/10/92*

It was attended by representatives from more than 84 civic bodies

In his presidential speech CAST president Mr Moses Mayekiso said he was pleased the civic bodies had succeeded in launching a relentless fight against apartheid

"To all intents and purposes the Black Local Authorities are and have been rendered unworkable

"It is clear to us now that the white councils have to go," Mayekiso said

ANC vows to intensify mass action campaign

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THE ANC vowed at the weekend to intensify its campaign for free political activity in the homelands

The announcement came as Bophuthatswana security forces prevented ANC supporters from attending an ANC mass meeting in the homeland

ANC western Transvaal spokesman Ike Moroe said the meeting had been called to discuss a march on Mmabatho, which was recently deferred to October 24

Moroe said Bophuthatswana security forces used roadblocks to prevent workers from Impala platinum mine near Rustenburg from attending the mass meeting, Sapa reports

The ANC and its alliance partners — the SACP and Cosatu — said at the weekend a new phase of their "campaign for peace and democracy" would begin this week

This would include a local and international campaign against "those homeland despots who are terrorising the people"

An ANC statement said the campaign would "put pressure on bantustan regimes, irrespective of who they are, who are refusing to allow people in their areas to freely express their political views"

It is understood that the ANC's western

RAY HARTLEY

Transvaal region has decided it will not delay its proposed march on Mmabatho beyond October 24

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, SACP chairman Joe Slovo and Cosatu officials are expected to lead a march on the opening of parliament in Cape Town today as part of the campaign

An "Asinamali" or "we have no money" campaign would be launched tomorrow to "focus on the socio-economic crisis facing our people" The campaign would begin by focusing on high food prices, VAT and the drought, the ANC statement said

The campaign also aimed to "put an end to their-unilateral economic restructuring, which is only worsening the situation"

Meanwhile Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi told an Inkatha Women's Brigade rally at the weekend that Cosatu's involvement in mass action was turning the economy into a political battleground

"The economy of SA is now in dire straits The burdens of this are carried by you as women of our nation, for it is you who are concerned about feeding, clothing, education and housing," he added.

Ciskei requested help, says SADF

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SADF involvement in Ciskeian operations followed a request for assistance by Ciskei's government, SADF spokesman Col John Rolt said yesterday

All operations were of a purely "protective" nature, he said

The reaction followed joint operations by the SADF and the Ciskei Defence Force (CDF) in which ANC members' homes were raided last week

After the Bisho shootings on September 7 the Ciskei government had requested assistance from the SADF through normal diplomatic channels, Rolt said

The homes of two ANC members in Ciskei were raided early on Thursday morning during which "political literature" was demanded, the ANC said yesterday

The operations were a response to information received which was directly linked

STEPHANE BOTHMA

to intelligence pertaining to ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe's planned actions in the Ciskei, SADF spokesman Maj C F Loxton said

The SADF said in all cases where homes had been searched, the occupants had signed "indemnity forms" which was standard practice

In response, ANC Border region publicity secretary Mcebisi Bata accused the SADF of joining Ciskei ruler Brig Oupa Gqozo in harassing ANC members

He said it was strange that SADF members would search for political literature in a civilian's house if the SADF was not a politically motivated army

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'Racist' exhumation opposed

PLANS by the Edenvale Town Council to dig up more than 5 000 graves of blacks have met with strong resistance from the East Rand Civic Association, which described the council at the weekend as "racist"

Council official Daan Pieterse said the exhumation of 5 434 bodies from a cemetery on the outskirts of Edenvale had been on the cards for more than a year

Pieterse said the council planned to rebury the bodies at Kempton Park's Mooifontein cemetery

WILSON ZWANE

This was to make way for construction of a new road connecting Edenvale and Kempton Park, he said

Civic Association chairman Ali Tleane said his organisation was "totally opposed" to the move

Tleane said his organisation would seek an urgent meeting with the council to "discuss this matter, about which we were not consulted"

"We see no reason why the bodies should be exhumed to make way for a stupid road," he said

Pieterse said the council had placed legal notices in newspapers in July, warning families and people with misgivings about the plan to object in writing within 14 days

No one had objected, he said

However, the council was organising a meeting with all interested parties to discuss the matter, Pieterse said

The meeting was planned for October 30

Should people object to the exhumations, the council would not carry them out, Pieterse said

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NEWS Edenvale residents surveyed by *Sowetan*

Many oppose exhumations - poll

■ **MASS REMOVAL** The bodies of over 5 000 people are to be moved from Edenvale to Mooifontein: 127

By **Abbey Makoe** *Sowetan* 12/10/92

A snap *Sowetan* survey has revealed that many white Edenvale residents were not aware that their local council intended to exhume en masse the remains of black people to make way for a new road.

Asked for their views on the move, most residents expressed shock and dismay while others said the whole saga was no big deal.

They were reacting to the Edenvale Town Council's plan to dig up 5 434 graves of black people at a local cemetery and rebury the remains at Mooifontein, between Kempton Park and Tembisa.

Part of the cemetery will make way for a new road and the remaining piece set aside for a housing project.

One local resident, Mrs Lelys Maddock, remarked: "Good God, really? I didn't know about that."

Another resident, Mr John Pimm, said. "I can't believe they can do something like that. It seems very insensitive."

He likened the pending exhumations to the "breaking down of churches to make way for new houses".

Mrs Lona Greune said: "It's silly, man. The graveyard has been there for years. The council could do something better with that money."

She added: "They (the dead) have been sleeping there for years. Why not leave them alone?"

Mrs L Twaddle (63), moved to Edenvale 10 years ago. She too was not aware of the council's move.

She described a graveyard as a "sacred place" and said she was against exhumations.

Mrs Molly van Rensburg said: "To me it doesn't really matter if you are talking about that old cemetery."

It also mattered less to Mrs Margaret Atte who said: "I prefer cremation in the first place."

She was, however, against the council's move, particularly if building houses was the motive for the exhumations. "But a park would be fine," she said.

Mr John MacDonald said: "The cemetery was taking a lot of space." He said he believed in cremation and therefore the whole fracas was to him "immaterial".

Angry Midrand residents demand answers

Staff Reporter

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State Midrand residents, concerned about the possible effects a fire at a chemical factory last month might have on the environment and their health, have called for answers from the Midrand Town Council and some business organisations in the area.

At a meeting convened by the Glen Austen Ratepayers' Association and the Make Midrand Green Association in Halsbury House on Thursday, residents wanted to know why the company, Rhone Poulenc, did not reveal what chemicals were on the property when fire broke out on September 19.

Why experts were not called in to clean up once it was established that highly toxic chemicals were present.

Why the Midrand Town Council did not act decisively during the crisis.

Representatives from Rhone Poulenc, Waste-Tech, the Midrand Town Council and chamber of commerce as well as specialists faced a barrage of accusations from members of the public afraid of damage to their health.

Responding to questions, Rhone Poulenc general manager Simon Grimbeek said his company had not tried to hide anything. It had been unable to give the Midrand authorities a comprehensive list of chemicals immediately because it was unable to retrieve the information on the computer as the fire had cut off the electricity.

The company has employed a team from the Atomic Energy Corporation to make a comprehensive environmental impact study. Grimbeek promised to give regular reports on the findings.

He said anyone who needed medical attention for chemical poisoning should forward accounts to the factory.

Cast appoints new leaders (127)

THE Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) appointed new leaders at the weekend

Mr Kgabiso Mosunkutu replaces Mr Moses Mayekiso as president and the new deputy president is Mr Richard Mdakane *Sowetan 13/10/92*

Mr Dan Mofokeng is general secretary, Mr Matthew Phetla deputy secretary and Mr Ali Tlane is now the treasurer. The association's new publicity secretary is Mr Pat Lephunya, while Mr Toenka Matila has been appointed education secretary and Ali Maziya is regional organiser

Bertrams pharmacist charged

A BERTRAMS, Johannesburg, pharmacist was arrested on Thursday last week for allegedly indecently assaulting two young girls.

Moments after police had stopped a suspicious vehicle in Queens Street, two girls ran up to the police vehicle. The girls, aged eight and 11, alleged the man in the car had assaulted them in an indecent manner on a previous occasion

The man, who allegedly often stopped his white vehicle in the vicinity of a Bertrams's park, was arrested and was due to appear in court yesterday on charges of indecent assault and public indecency

Anyone with information about further attacks should contact the Johannesburg Child Protection Unit at (011) 477-1390 ext 251. Investigating officer is Det/Sgt Timothy Edwards

Police initiate peace talks (218)

THE warring factions at Ngonyameni, near Umlazi, Durban, where about 40 people have been killed, yesterday committed themselves to peace in the area, SABC radio news reported

This emerged at a meeting of the two factions led by Induna Petros Mbokazi and Induna Ziphu Mdabe at Isipingo, south of Durban. The meeting was organised by the local police station commander, Captain Danny Pillay, and was attended by the local chief, Inkosi Ndodi Cele

He said the two factions were to meet again over the weekend and a peace accord was expected to be signed after the meeting

Idasa mourns Mhlambi (218)

THE Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) yesterday expressed shock and dismay at the weekend murder of a Phola Park leader

Mr Prince Mhlambi and two others were shot dead when gunmen riddled their car with bullets on Saturday *Sowetan 13/10/92*

Two others were injured in the incident, which police said took place in Mapanga Section, Katlehong. However, witnesses said the shooting took place in Tokoza

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focus on Soweto

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HEAPS of rubbish littered in the area line street after street. Rivulets of dirty water run freely. There are blocked drains and toilets that have not been attended to for weeks.

This is Soweto. The situation is pitiable. Services are collapsing by the day. The situation has become critical.

Never before has Soweto needed the coming together of its people more than it does now, said Mr Pat Lephunya, general secretary of the Soweto Civic Association.

"We have called on residents to put into exercise the concept of people's power," he said.

According to Lephunya, Sowetans have been asked to rally into groups and use available manpower to clean their areas.

"However, I would like to point out that this must not be misconstrued as an attempt to render council employees redundant. This is an attempt to create better conditions under the circumstances," he said.

While the Soweto council puts the blame for the collapse of services squarely on the shoulders of the civic association, for having reinstated the rent boycott on May 2 this year, Lephunya is adamant that this is not true.

He points out that a vote of no confidence against the council was passed by residents a long time ago.

"More than 70 percent of the residents are now paying electricity directly to Eskom and only 20 percent to the council. Now, that is a vote of no confidence against them," he said.

"While the rent boycott played an important part in helping register residents' grievances, the collapse of services in Soweto cannot be attributed to the rent boycott alone," he said.

The trouble started when the Government declared black residential areas, especially Soweto, financially autonomous.

"The infrastructure was of such a weak nature that people were led to believe that they were temporary sojourners in the urban areas.

"The Government continued pumping in money to sustain the life of rejected structures like the councils. Rents continued to increase until people said enough was enough," he added.

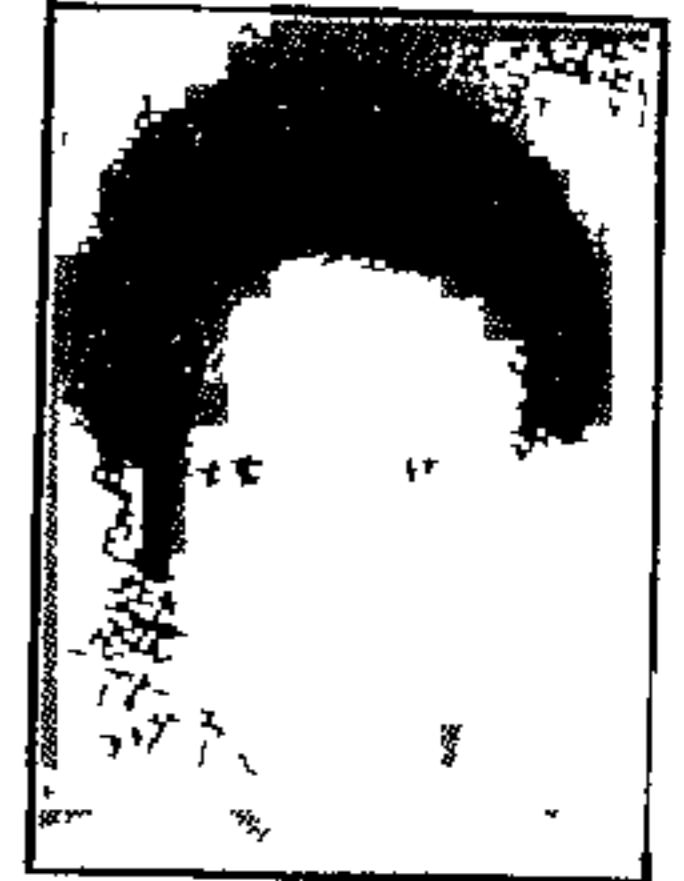
Lephunya said this was the reason why civic associations had always called for the establishment of single councils.

"There are no sound industrial and tax bases in Soweto - crucial contributory factors to the collapse of services," he said.

"Residents have been paying and paying and it is not known where the money went to."

Lephunya said while councillors refused to resign, they continued to get money from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council without giving any clear indication of

The situation in Soweto has become critical as services collapse and litter piles up in the streets. But the Soweto Civic Association says residents will continue their rent boycott until a new dispensation has been worked out. **Lulama Luti** reports:



Litter piles up in Soweto.

what their programme of action was.

"That's precisely the reason why we had to reinstate the rent boycott. To force them out of our way," he said.

Amidst all these problems, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has begun a legal process that will ultimately decide on the future of not only the Soweto council, but that of Diepmeadow as well.

He said that in the on-going negotiations the civic association had proposed two phases through which the problems of Soweto could be solved.

"Once they (councillors) are out, there should be an interim administration committee and some administrative functions should be combined with those of the Roodepoort and Johannesburg councils.

"This committee would look purely into the delivery of essential services and the improvement of existing infrastructure," he said.

Lephunya puts forward that to this effect, the civic association calls for massive state financial intervention.

During the second interim phase, he said, the councils would be expected to implement moves towards single municipalities thus doing away with black/white councils.

"We hope by then the interim government will be in place," he added.

He concluded that the council should rest assured that, this time, the boycott would not be called off.

"Certainly not until such time as they have resigned, the hostels done away with and both the black and white councils have been merged into single municipalities as a matter of urgency," he said.

And while the wrangle continues, the people of Soweto will have to contend with the growing heaps of rubbish posing a great threat to an already poor health system.

Don't fence us in, say hostel dwellers

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We're not wild animals Angry hostel residents say they will tear up any fences Photo: GUY ADAMS

THE men who live in Diepkloof Hostel — generally regarded as “quiet and friendly” by neighbouring township residents — are gearing themselves up for a stubborn rejection of a fence around their hostel. They are adamant that they will not “be fenced in like some wild animals”.

At a meeting called by the local *izinduna* last Sunday, inmates were asked to donate R5 to hire taxis that will transport thousands of hostel dwellers to the Johannesburg city centre where a march is planned for tomorrow.

Emotions are at fever pitch at Diepkloof, which is among 28 hostels in the PWV and Natal areas earmarked for fencing, searching and constant policing.

Residents from nearby Diepkloof Extension have expressed concern (albeit in hushed voices) “about men living alone like soldiers in barracks” just a stone’s throw away from their homes.

Most of the people who spoke to us before and after Sunday’s meeting felt the hostel needed to be upgraded, not fenced in. The anger was at boiling point and an outsider’s presence closely scrutinised. Several *izindunas* questioned the purpose of

A bilateral agreement between the government and the ANC on the fencing of hostels has incensed those who live in the disputed areas **RAY NXUMALO** visited Diepkloof Hostel

my visit to the hostel and when the meeting to discuss the fence and cultural-weapons issue was held, I was “politely” told I could not attend the proceedings.

Moving around the hostel, one is constantly engulfed with a nose-piercing stench. Inmates cannot remember when last garbage was collected, heaps of rubbish dot every open space.

An overpowering smell of sorghum beer and cattle entrails hangs around the “market” behind the administrative offices. This is undoubtedly the hub of the hostel, where small entrepreneurs trade next to gamblers.

The estimated 6 000 hostel dwellers live in narrow, barracks-like rooms, each accommodating 16 men. They live in semi-darkness, there are no curtains and where the panes are broken the spaces are covered by cardboard and corrugated iron. The walls show the signs of years of primus-stove cooking — sometimes as many as eight burning in a room at a time.

Toilets in working condition are few and the stench of urine is everywhere. Even the working toilets are clogged with faeces. Flies greatly outnumber humans.

Diepkloof Hostel inmates have threatened to boycott their rents — between R15,45 and R17,50 per month — if the fences go up. “We’ll just roll up the fence and take it to build kraals for our cattle in Natal,” said an incensed dweller.

A militant young inmate did not mince his words: “Whether the defence force or the police will be here to supervise the erection of the fence, we’ll rip it out of the ground with our bare hands. No amount of force will suppress us on this one.”

Apart from isolating them from the community, the feeling is that they are being treated “like some wild animals”.

Dumisane Mhlanga, who has lived in the hostel since 1976, believes such a fence is suitable for a zoo. “As you can see, we are not animals,” he said.

Lephia Base and her six children have found refuge in the hostel. She fled from the Mandelaville squatter camp in May last year after threats on their lives.

“We went to an Inkatha meeting in George Goch and on our return were told we were no longer welcome. They said we’d be killed because we had attended an IFP gathering.”

Despite the dehumanising lack of privacy she has to endure as a woman, she is not prepared to move. “It’s a lot safer here.”

She has lost count of the number of times when men have stumbled in on her in the unpartitioned toilets. “After a while one learns to live with it,” Base says.

Contrary to common belief that hostels are single-sex accommodation, Diepkloof is swarming with children and several hundred women. Base says most women are refugees “and are not kept here against their will”.

She is unemployed and worries about the children. “Our children cannot go to school in the township because they get attacked. And their sin? Living in the hostel,” she says.

But that is not the only victimisation Mhlanga, who commutes to work by bus, says fellow commuters “sometimes tell the bus drivers not to stop for that hostel dog”.

While the bilateral agreement between the government and the African National Congress to fence off certain hostels and ban the carrying of traditional weapons was welcomed in the townships as “a victory for all peace-loving South Africans”, hostel dwellers are vehemently countering the implementation of this agreement.

However, the ANC says it regards the fencing of hostels as “an interim measure aimed at reducing the level of violence”.

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By MOSES MAMAILA

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A BLACK man from Paul Roux township near Bethlehem has been ordered to pay a R50 fine or appear in court after being accused of disturbing whites who live about 5 km away.

Jeff Kruger, 30, held a music festival last Saturday, attended by about 2 000 fun-lovers. It was raided by two cops who entered the stadium and accused Kruger of "making a noise for whites".

On Monday the cops served Kruger with a summons. He is contesting the charge.

Immigrants' settlement waiting for green light

(127) ADRIAN HADLAND

THE settlement of up to 1 000 Hong Kong Chinese families in Johannesburg's Liefde en Vrede suburb will be considered in principle by the city's management committee this month. *BIDAM*

Infrastructure in the suburb, from lamp posts and roads to bridges and services connections, has been installed at a cost to the council of about R30m.

Once the proposal for the R400m development has been approved by the management committee, the consortium financing the project will make an offer for the purchase of the land. *20/10/92*

The offer and project will then have to be approved by the full Johannesburg city council.

If the council rules against the project, alternative purchasers would be sought for the site.

Council commerce and industry director Colin Wright said ratepayers from adjacent suburbs had expressed support for the development.

Neighbouring suburbs Glenvista and Mulbarton are affluent areas, and residents had been concerned that development in the region be of a suitable nature.

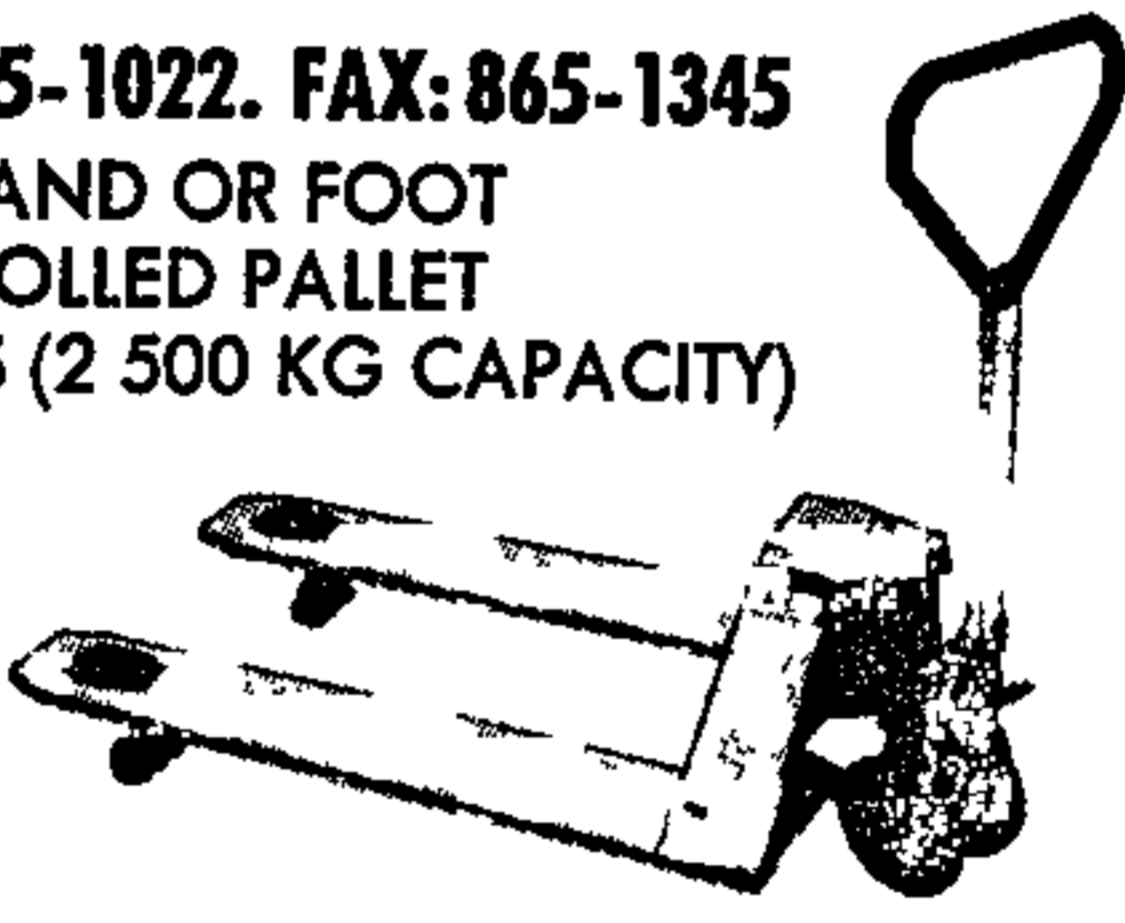
Liefde en Vrede would not be entirely for Chinese residents as about a third of the R250 000 and upwards (per unit) houses would be sold to local purchasers, Wright said.

The project is one of several aimed at attracting wealthy immigrants to the PWV, as a means of both stimulating the economy and providing refuge from communist governments.

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■ Soweto council reacts to report about a new road:

THE Soweto City Council has no plans to demolish more than 2 000 houses to make way for a new road, a spokesman said yesterday.

The assistant city engineer (projects), Mr Dick Hallett, said about R150 million would be required to provide homes for displaced people should any such project be undertaken.

This would be "utter lunacy," he said, adding "It is not going to happen. The cost of such a project would be horrendous."

Hallett was reacting to a weekend newspaper report on a secret highway project in which about 2 000 houses

would be bulldozed to make way for a highway linking Johannesburg and Roodepoort and passing through Soweto.

Houses reportedly affected would be along Central Western Jabavu, Mofolo, Dube and some parts of Dobsonville.

Hallett said while there were moves to widen several busy roads in the township, there was no way that the improvement of roads could take precedence over housing, especially as there was a major housing shortage. Hallett said the major roads had been identified for improvement.



The cast of Nomisa Manaka's dance programme, *Rainbow Of Hope*, thrilled audiences at the Wits Theatre in Braamfontein at the weekend.
PIC PHANUEL MAHUNTSI



Eskom looks at negotiated tariffs

PETER DELMAR

NEGOTIATED electricity tariffs would play a much more significant role in future power supply, an Eskom spokesman said yesterday.

Customer incentive schemes manager John Thorby said Eskom was no longer concerned customers qualifying under the incentive scheme should use the electricity for export.

He said in an interview Eskom was moving away from its narrowly defined customer incentive schemes to more broadly defined negotiated packages *8/10/72*

In trying to mop up its excess capacity Eskom had, to date, concentrated on offering incentive packages to the big consumers

However, in future Eskom envisaged other distributors, particularly municipalities, offering consumers negotiated packages. *(27)*

This could be effected through a possible restructuring of the electricity supply industry, to be considered by the national electricity forum which was expected to be launched early next year.

PROPERTY

Legislation 'hampers retirement market'

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THE retirement village market is underdeveloped because onerous legislation has tended to frighten away institutional and responsible developers, says Grovewalk Holdings MD Gerard de Rauville.

"The Housing for Retired Persons Act of 1988 creates as many problems as it solves. The requirement to forecast levies three years forward is burdensome in our uncertain and inflationary climate," he says.

With laws like the Sectional Title Act and the Share Block Control Act, there was enough legislation to deal with retirement developments.

"Every time suspect developers move into a particular sector, legislation is rushed through to protect unsuspecting buyers. But legislation will never prevent shady operations. It simply outlines what needs to be done and what penalty one incurs for failing to do certain things," says De Rauville.

However, the mid-'80s saw the demise of a number of retirement developments, with many people losing their savings and investments. Legislation was regarded by some people as inadequate, and government introduced the 1988 Bill to protect the consumer further from unscrupulous developers.

PETER GALLI

Grovewalk Projects director Pieter Venter says the situation in Durban reflects the national retirement housing crisis. Durban's wealthier pensioners have little choice of accommodation, and the two main retirement villages in the area cannot cope with the demand.

"In answer to the growing shortage of retirement accommodation on the Berea, we are assembling a R25m Garden Grove project, located on Musgrave and St Thomas' Roads, close to the Musgrave Centre," he says.

Finance for the venture is being provided by the Board of Executors, and Stocks & Stocks is the building contractor. Situated on a 2,5ha site, the first phase will be ready in February. The project will have 126 suites. It will also offer on-site health care. Prices range from R173 000 to R510 000. Levies will be between R425 and R2 055 a month, and increases of about 15% have been forecast for the next three years.

Ownership will be by share block and be subject to the Retired Persons Act. It will also be possible for the owners to convert the property to sectional title at a later stage.

Ridge development comes on stream

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IN SPITE of poor economic conditions, residential developments catering for the upper end of the market continue to come on stream. The latest — an eight unit sectional title development known as Westcliff Ridge — was launched by Tiber Developments at the weekend, with units priced from R2,6m to R3,2m. Situated on a 1,5ha site at the end of Pallinghurst Road on Westcliff Ridge, the terracotta units command views of the northern suburbs, including the Johannesburg Zoo.

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THE buzzword in black business and political circles in South Africa today is "affirmative action".

A lot of definitions have been given by many local and international academics, business and political analysts pertaining to this controversial concept.

According to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, affirmative action is "a deliberate and concerted effort on the part of an organisation - public or private - to create opportunities for blacks to acquire education relevant to the core of their business."

"It is an effort to provide opportunities for them to be trained and developed and to acquire experience that will enable them to make a contribution to, and a career, in the organisation."

Visiting US academic Professor David Hunt told an audience at the University of Wits Business School that affirmative action would fail if it

amounted to window-dressing

He said if affirmative action was based on the assumption that the recruitment, the employment and the development of blacks was merely a social responsibility, and not a wise investment in terms of nurturing human resources, the concept would fail to meet its objective.

The need for affirmative action was highlighted by former Wits Business School lecturer and manager of the CSIR, Mr Silas Thlopane, at the 22nd annual conference of the Southern Transvaal Affirmative Action Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Johannesburg last week.

He talked about the need to re-evaluate the needs of corporations if the concept was to succeed.

Training has to begin from top management to ordinary employees and must involve everybody within corporations, Thlopane said.

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He said a democracy that does not take seriously the feelings, thoughts, and aspirations of millions of people at grassroots level - the poor, the less educated, less experienced, the ordinary workers, the peasant farmer - would fail.

If the urgent need for development is ignored, the achievement of political goals and liberation would be totally meaningless.

Any post-apartheid Government in South Africa will inherit a formidable, deep-rooted socio-economic crisis.

Thlopane said the extent of the crisis could be illustrated by economic indicators. He cited examples of high unemployment, poverty and women - will enjoy equal employment opportunities and will be equitably represented in the various positions of employment.

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ings and development is well established. A crucial question facing South Africa is how to allocate educational spending in the most equitable and efficient manner.

Affirmative action is a deliberate and concerted effort on the part of an organisation to employ blacks with potential in the technical, scientific, management, and professional job categories.

Its programme is a set of measures designed to ensure that people who have been disadvantaged - blacks, coloured, Asians - will enjoy equal employment opportunities and will be equitably represented in the various positions of employment.

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Affirmative action means different things to different people. For many it means the general elimination of discrimination and that only merit and efficiency will be taken into account when deciding on the appointment or promotion of people.

To others it means much more namely, equal results - that is, righting of the wrongs of discriminatory measures of the past. In the latter instance the reference is to specific groups and their backlog in respect of education and in the political, social and economic environment as a result of discriminatory measures of the past.

In this sense, it is a move away from the level of equal opportunities to statistical parity of groups in given situations. It is about managing diversity in the hiring procedure.

It is an action process of self-evaluation, related to how we allocate economic opportunities.

He said companies must move towards a discrimination-free society, so that we can reap the benefits of our diverse populations.

"The potential for success is enormous," he said.



SILAS THLOPANE highlighted the need for affirmative action.

freeing the work environment from discrimination was the only viable road for South African companies to follow.

It has been said that there was nothing as unequal as the equal treatment of unequals. Although reverse discrimination has always been a contentious issue, affirmative action programmes did not exploit workers, and they were not used to the detriment of the company.

The actions aim to improve tolerance, and cooperation between various races within the organisation, to address differences, and to show how these can be used to enhance the performance of the workforce.

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Blacks abused *C/Pre* even in *25/10/92* death

By MOSES MAMAILA

INHUMANE treatment is the lot of black people, even in death.

These sentiments were expressed by ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale on Friday at the Ratanda graveyard in Heidelberg where 11 bodies were thrown into shallow graves, allegedly by police. (127)

Coffins in most of the graves were upside-down which confirmed claims by gravediggers that the police actually threw the bodies haphazardly into their "permanent homes" (127)

Speaking at the scene, Sexwale said: "You do not have to open the coffins to know that the deceased are black. Only blacks in this country are subjected to this kind of treatment"

The small community outside Heidelberg has been shocked by the heartless treatment of the dead.

GRAVE ISSUE ... Shocked residents discuss the appalling burial procedure of 11 corpses which were allegedly tossed into graves.

■ PLOI TLADI KHUELE

ANC names its executive

THE PWV region of the ANC yesterday issued a full list of names of new members of its executive committee elected at its congress in Johannesburg which ended on Sunday.

They are Tokyo Sexwale (chairman), Advocate Mathole Motshekga (deputy chairman), Paul Mashatile (secretary general), Obed Bapela (deputy secretary-general), Cassim Saloojee (treasurer). The 20 additional members are Amos Masondo, Carl Niehaus, Jessie Duarte, Aubrey Mokoena, Tiego Moseneke, Bavumile Vilakazi, Barbara Hogan, Janet Love, Professor Ismael Mohammed, Ronnie Mamoepa, Mondli Gungubele, Dr Abe Nkomo, Ben Turok, Dr Frene Ginwala, Dave Dalling, Hazy Sibanyoni, Steward Ngwenya, Mary Metcalfe, Giles Mulholland and Joan Fubbs.

FW's testimony dilemma

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk is to launch a bid to set aside a subpoena calling him to testify as defence witness in the public violence trial of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and 14 other right-wingers.

Terre'Blanche and his co-accused appeared in the Potchefstroom Regional Court earlier this month on charges of public violence following a clash between police and right-wingers in Ventersdorp on August 27 last year.

The "Battle of Ventersdorp" broke out at a meeting addressed by De Klerk and some of the accused have since issued a subpoena calling De Klerk to testify in their defence when their trial resumes on November 2.

Vaal Civic has had enough

THE Vaal Civic Association has dissolved its central executive committee because of constant pressure on office bearers caused by the violence in the Vaal Triangle during the past two months.

The VCA said yesterday an interim executive committee had been appointed to arrange for the election of a new executive committee. The interim committee's brief includes co-ordinating the VCA's normalisation task team whose duties were to normalise services in the Vaal and repair infrastructure destroyed in the upsurge of violence in the area.



Cast calls for immigrants probe

■ Appeal to organisations for support:

By Isaac Moledi

THE Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal yesterday called for the setting up of a commission of inquiry to investigate the activities of the Department of Home Affairs

Cast also appealed to black political organisations to join it in the campaign

It said it had become suspicious of the department because of the growing number of immigrants, especially when South Africa was approaching democratic elections for the first time.

"While prevailing conditions in the country today dictate that the Government must call for democratic elections, this importation is seen as a dirty attempt to buy elections.

"We send a special call to all liberation movements to vigilantly address the issue and see how best it can be resolved," Cast said.

It condemned the setting aside of large tracts of land for "exploitation" while "our country faces serious challenges to house the homeless and create jobs for the unemployed"

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Water supplies cut

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RESIDENTS of Mkgopong near Naboomspruit have been plunged into further crisis with the cutting of the water supplies to the entire township

A spokesman for the local civic association Mr Reuben Kekana said residents had decided at the weekend to continue with the rent boycott to support their various demands. The water supply was apparently cut in retaliation. The civic association met the township's administrator Mr Eugène Naude last week but no agreement could be reached.

Increased number of homes for rent

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PETER GALLI

THE home rental market is under pressure. The number of homes for rent has increased dramatically in the past year as sale prices continue to drop, say estate agents.

Pam Golding Properties director Ronald Ennik said some prospective sellers were unable to achieve the prices they wanted and were therefore looking at alternatives.

"Many of these people have left the country, or relocated in SA, and are unhappy with the offers for their houses. They are thus looking at the alternatives, including acquiring office rights on the property, or renting it out."

The number of Johannesburg homes the company had for rent on its books had doubled to about 80 during the past year. While these landlords were seeking fairly high rentals, the levels were being determined by demand.

While rentals ranged from about R2 000 to R7 000 a month, most activity fell into the R2 500 to R3 000 range, he said. Homes achieving high rentals attracted specific tenants, usually senior people here on contract from overseas.

Eskel Jawitz/JHI Real Estate MD Eskel Jawitz agreed, saying the letting market was under pressure as supply exceeded demand. "Our list of properties to rent is

bigger than normal, and while there is a demand, prospective tenants are becoming far more critical and choosy"

There were three reasons for the increase in the number of homes to rent:

Owners could not achieve the sale price they believed their properties were worth,

They believed if they rented the property for a year or two they would be able to sell in a boom market; and

They were unsure of their future plans.

While rental levels were usually 8%-10% of the house's current market value, average rentals being achieved ranged from R2 000 to R3 500 a month, Jawitz said.

Camdons MD Scott McRae said there were more properties than usual for rent across the board

"The tenant is determining the rent achieved rather than the owner," he said

There was a limited, specific demand for homes at R6 000-R7 000 a month, and such rentals were often achieved, but at the lower levels there was "much negotiation".

The average rental tenants were prepared to pay was about R2 500, but there were not that many homes available at this price. The group had about 80 freestanding houses on its books

Foreign tenants were active in the market and helping to sustain it.

media reports about freeway denied ● Exams are going smoothly

Soweto highway project a mystery

■ Roads plan scrapped because it would affect too many people, says engineer:

Soweto 29/10/92.

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By Lulama Luti

A CONSULTING engineers' report about a secret highway project in which more than 1 200 houses would be demolished has become something of a mystery

The report, carried out by Van Wyk and Louw Engineers in 1988, was undertaken to determine the overall plan to upgrade roads in Soweto

According to the assistant city engineer (projects) Mr Dick Hallett the report was submitted to the council but was never approved because houses and several business premises would be affected

Hallett was reacting to persistent media reports on a secret highway project which proposed that 1 213 houses be

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bulldozed to make way for a freeway linking Johannesburg and Roodepoort which would pass through Soweto

The houses reportedly affected would be along central western Jabavu,

Dube, Mofolo and Dobsonville

Hallett said while there were plans to widen existing major roads in Soweto, there were, however, no plans for a freeway that would pass through Soweto

"There is already a freeway going through the north of Soweto from Johannesburg and therefore there is no way that we could come up with another one. Someone somewhere is getting their facts confused," he said

He also said that the public was free to contact the department as their books were open for scrutiny

He was also adamant that the council would never uproot so many people especially as there was a major housing shortage and that about R100 million would be required to provide homes for the displaced people

Wessels tells of TBVC problems

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THE incorporation of the TBVC states into a new system of regional government would have to be considered extremely carefully, Local Government Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday.

Delivering the opening address at the regional services councils' national congress in Port Elizabeth, Wessels said boundaries were critical to efficient regional administration.

If current RSC borders were extended to include the TBVC states, the demand for infrastructure in those areas would exert great pressure on existing RSC budgets.

If, on the other hand, new RSCs were created within the TBVC areas, it was likely that "too few funds would be generated to make any significant contribution to development", he said.

Wessels said while most political parties had accepted that some form of regionalism would be implemented in SA, the future of RSCs was uncertain.

The successful functioning of RSCs, however, had shown people "it was possible to function across local borders in a spirit of cooperation and harmony".

The participatory consensus politics employed by RSCs had been an important development experience.

Regional government would probably have to coincide with the demarcation of development regions in SA.

087 scrapped

FACING an end-of-off of their R100m in line operators were native strategies, said yesterday.

The Premium Rate (Prasa) is negotiating extension of 087 contracts but indications suggest terminated or allowed under stringent conditions.

Prasa vice-chairman GM Rob Russell said trying to diversify into services. However the easy and many operators equipment to other countries establish offshore presence.

International manufacturer line equipment has up to 40% in anticipated. Russell said up to 80% use would have to be expected many smaller of business.

The public would phone-in service but services instead, he said.

"Millions will be going to satisfy people's minds," Russell said.

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200 in council office sit-in

ABOUT 200 Johannesburg CBD residents staged a sit-in at the city council offices yesterday. They were removed by police (BDM)

The sit-in followed months of negotiations in which residents of seven buildings in the Joubert Park area appealed to the council to finance the purchase of the buildings and implement a social housing scheme in the city. 30/1/92

With negotiations deadlocked, the owner of the buildings sent out eviction

ADRIAN HADLAND

notices this week requiring the 700 residents to vacate the buildings by the end of November, a Seven Buildings Project spokesman said.

City secretary Howard Veale said a group of about 200 people met housing committee chairman Marietta Marx yesterday with a list of demands.

The demands included a contribution of R1,7m by the council for the refurbishment of the buildings.

Caught between a shack and a sinkhole

W/Mail 30/10-5/11/92
By JACQUIE GOLDING
A "ZEVENFONTEIN SCENARIO" is emerging in Lenasia, with mounting anger among householders over at least 30 000 shack-dwellers who have settled in the Indian township. Local residents have launched a rent boycott to force the Transvaal Provincial Administration to act on the settlement, proposing that shack-dwellers be relocated to a large vacant lot in Lenasia's Extension 13 owned by the House of Delegates.

But a TPA plan to develop the lot for low-cost housing has been blocked by the House of Delegates, which wants to use it for Indian housing. The TPA has written to President FW de Klerk asking him to meet the demand for resettlement or risk further land invasion.

However, squatters stressed they had nowhere else to go.

The tricameral chamber has paid in excess of R60 000 a month over the past three years to secure the vacant

lot, according to National People's Party MP Desmond Padyachey

"The House of Delegates could have resolved the problem from the onset by accepting a low-cost housing proposal," he said.

"Instead they preserve this white elephant and waste the taxpayers' money."

The shack settlement poses a delicate problem for the local branch of the African National Congress, which denies there are tensions between residents and squatters.

The ANC is encouraging shack-dwellers to stay where they are. But according to the TPA, the shacks have been built in dangerous sinkhole areas.

Residents in Lenasia's Extensions 9, 10 and 11 are hostile to the shack-dwellers, who are blamed for rising crime and seen as a health hazard and threat to property values

Yunus Bismillah said his car has been broken into twice and his house was burgled a month ago.

Tenants of a block of flats adjacent to the shack settlement have embarked on a rent boycott to urge the TPA to attend to the problem.

One tenant, Tony Paul, said his daughter and her friends had been attacked by shack-dwellers.

"They were threatened with knives and could have been killed," he said.

"The squatters should move, because they are hassling us and our children," said another tenant, Reuben Williams.

and residents

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Shan Balton, ANC organiser in Lenasia, offered a different interpretation of residents' attitudes. "Residents would like the standard of living improved in these settlements," said Balton, "and the ANC has ensured that good relationships are maintained between the homeless people and the residents."

Sarah Skhosana, a resident in the camp adjacent to extension 9, said she had moved from Piet Retief with her four children but she "did not know where to go from here".

Frans Khonco, a fellow resident, moved into the area in 1988 with the first group of informal settlers. He is adamant that he will not move his family of nine unless he is given a house.

Pact pinpoints danger hostels

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

AN unpublished pact between the government and the African National Congress commits the security forces to isolate, disarm and regularly check 28 hostels identified as centres of violence, crime and a danger to law and order.

Commonwealth diplomats, who disclosed details of the pact, said it was drawn up as an annexure to the Record of Understanding reached by President FW de Klerk and the ANC's Nelson Mandela on September 26. The details have remained secret presumably to avert protests.

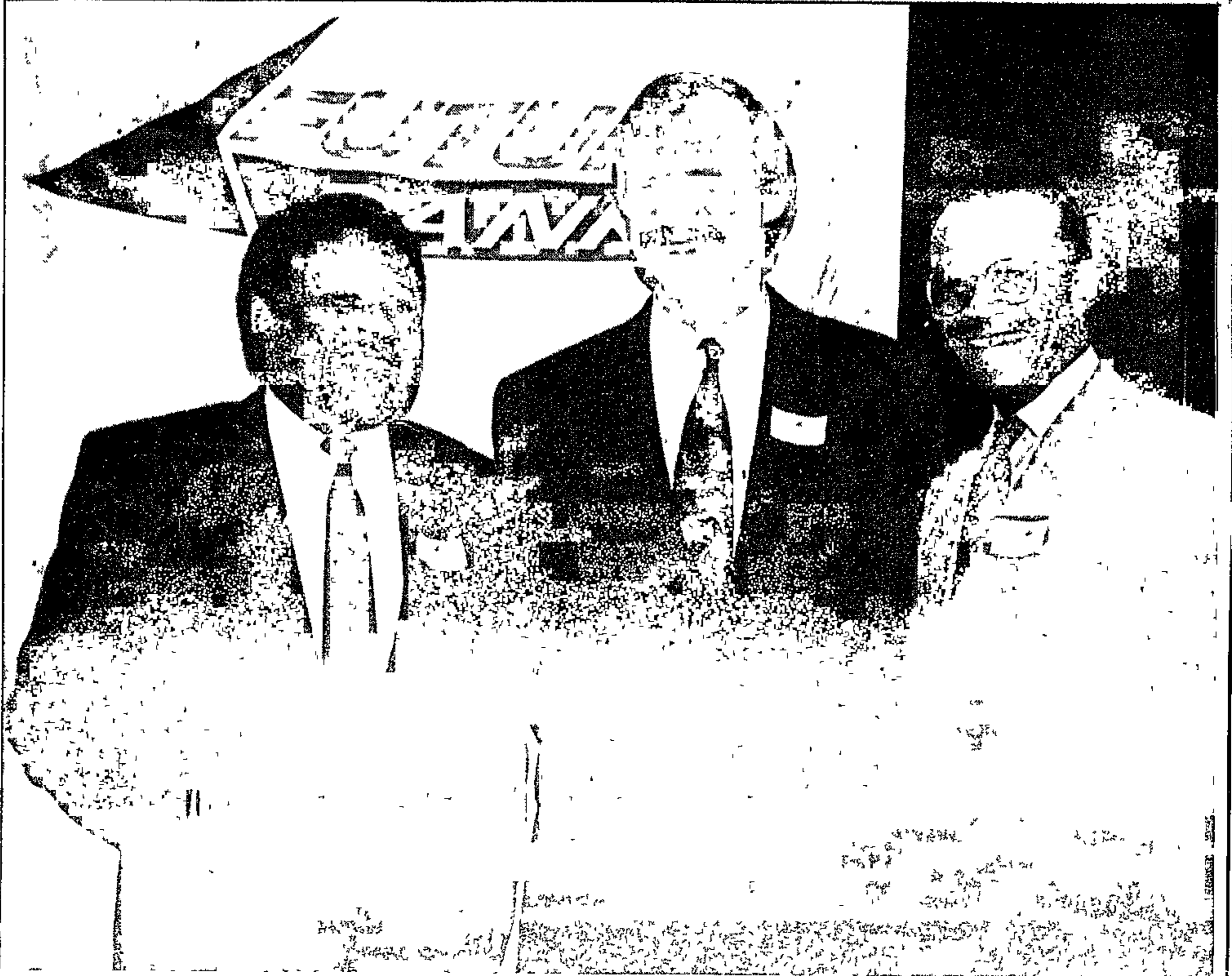
Essentially, the confidential document spells out how the government and ANC foresee the implementation of a programme of security focusing on the flashpoint hostels named.

It embodies the main recommendations on the problem submitted by the Goldstone Commission which the government has accepted. November 15 is set as the deadline for completing the new security measures, though there is provision for extending that time limit.

Prime responsibility for executing the programme is delegated to the police who, if necessary, may call for military support.

The document pays particular attention to the issue of fencing danger hostels. It stipulates that fences erected around new hostel perimeters should be 2m high, with limited access points allowed. Where old fences exist, they must be maintained in good repair.

Topping a list of hostels needing to be fenced is kwaMadala Hostel. Others earmarked for urgent attention include Mzimhlope, Dube, Nancefield, Dobsonville and Merafe in the Greater Soweto area; the Sebokeng complex in the Vaal; and Umlazi Section T Unit 17 and kwaMashu in kwaZulu.



AFFORDABLE .. Joas Mogale, left, Phillip van den Heever and Peter Vundla at the launch. ■ PLOI TLADI KHUELE

Low-cost housing scheme kicks off

By **JETHRO SEREISHO**

A **BANKING** executive told this week of his shock at the poor workmanship of houses built for an Orange Farm squatter camp housing exhibition seven months ago.

Future Bank general marketing manager Phillip van den Heever was addressing an affordable housing media launch by his bank in Johannesburg.

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 "Those houses were built by different contractors during the house show, but after only seven months, were already falling apart."

"Low cost should not necessarily mean low quality."

The scheme intends covering houses costing up to approximately R12 500, with loans repayable over three years. Loans will be granted

without the expense of mortgage bond registration, but long-term tenure over the site will be mandatory.

"It is becoming increasingly obvious that the availability of finance, rather than the actual supply of land, is the major obstacle facing the current housing crisis."

"Our scheme is designed to provide these funds to employees, with-

out calling for exorbitant guarantees from employers," Van den Heever said.

He added the housing shortage was in the region of two to three million homes. It appeared that many people currently living in shacks were perfectly capable of meeting reasonable monthly instalment.

"Extensive research, both locally and interna-

tionally, has shown that long repayment periods are inappropriate for the low-income sector and that it is more important to provide a revolving facility for the upgrading of accommodation.

"Our plan caters for this admirably, as the facility can be "rolled" after three years to enable the employee to expand his basic home," Van den Heever said.

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water, power after boycott • NCCCR confirms scam

Residents to meet TPA over cut-offs

UNILATERAL DECISION Supply of services suspended

following rent boycott in Northern Transvaal township:

By Alinah Dube (127)

COMMUNITY LEADERS AT Mokgopong township near Naboomspruit are to meet officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) on Wednesday following the suspension of services in the area

A spokesman for the Mokgopong Civic Association, Mr Reuben Kekana, said when they had asked for a meeting with the township administrator, Mr Eugene Naude, he refused to meet the association

The supply of water and electricity to the Northern Transvaal township were cut following a three-month rent boycott

The boycott was called in support of demands for a R25 flat-rate, resignation of township superintendent Mr EGS Gouwer and his staff and the recognition of the township's civic association.

Residents said they were angered by the administrator's unilateral decision to increase rent from R39 to R62

When *Sowetan* visited the area on Saturday, water had

been restored to certain parts of the township but most of the residents still did not have water. Residents complained about the intermittent cutting off of lights and water

Local resident Mrs Rebecca Ngubeni said: "I keep a constant watch on my tap to make sure I do not miss out when the water is turned on. Although we are never informed beforehand that water will be available, we do get a random supply each day," she said

A pensioner, Mrs Eva Matjila, said she has had to stop selling soft-drinks as a result of the electricity blackout. She could no longer use the freezer her children bought for her to store soft-drinks

"The authorities are insensitive to our plight. Instead of exempting pensioners from paying rent, they now want us to pay even more

"We built these houses on our own. We were made to pay for land, electricity cables and the sewerage system but we are still being inconvenienced," she said

The administrator said there was nothing the authorities could do as people were not prepared to pay rent.

Bogus exiles to be sent home

By Lulama Luti

THE National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of Exiles has confirmed that people from other countries in Southern Africa fraudulently obtained documentation to enter South Africa as returned exiles

NCCCR media co-ordinator Mr Mbulelo Musi said arrangements were now being made to send them back to their countries of origin

Musi was responding to reports published in *Sowetan* last week about the plight of 106 returned exiles living at the Sebokeng Reception Centre in the Vaal Triangle

Regarding genuine returnees, Musi said they had to be accommodated in reception centres due to the shortage of housing and the inability to trace their families

NCCCR unable to trace the families of many of the returned exiles:

"According to an agreement between the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the Government, the returned exiles can stay in the reception centre for a period of not more than five days

He said the NCCCR was engaged in negotiations with the UNHCR and other international donors to raise funds for repatriation and grants

"The number of returnees in the country is higher than the initial estimate. This has resulted in serious financial constraints on the project," he said

He said the NCCCR had helped in providing food and other services for the returned exiles

With regard to food, an amount of R300 was deducted from the grants. The grants, which totalled R4 250, were paid out in instalments over six months, he said

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Goldstone closes Boipatong inquiry

THE inquiry into the Boipatong massacre was declared closed by Judge R Goldstone on Friday, but could be reopened if the analysis of erased police tapes warranted such a move.

The tapes, which contained information relevant to events of the evening of June 17, were submitted to British government experts for analysis after the information was taped over by the Vereeniging internal stability unit of the SAP.

Closing proceedings, counsel for the commission J J du Toit asked the commission to consider recommending creation of a "crack apprehension squad" which could work closely with the internal stability unit of the SAP in townships. The unit's prime task should be the following up of attacks and the tracing of those responsible while the trail was still fresh.

Meanwhile, Flip Hattingh SC, representing the SAP, said in closing argument that massacres such as that at Boipatong could not be averted. "It is physically impossible to prevent attacks of this nature taking place. We do not have the manpower and vehicles to patrol every township 24 hours a day," Hattingh argued.

He conceded the police should have taken steps to enter and search KwaMadala Hostel sooner than they did after the Boipatong massacre. This could have resulted in the arrest of more attackers and seizure

STEPHANE BOTHMA

of evidence before it was destroyed, he said.

But, he told the commission, entry into the hostel shortly after the massacre would have met with resistance, violence and possible further bloodshed.

Louis Visser SC, representing Inkatha and the KwaZulu government, said in his closing argument on Friday that there had been no evidence that linked his clients to the massacre.

"No evidence has been submitted which in any way justifies allegations of any direct or official complicity in, or planning of, the attack on the residents of Boipatong by either the KwaZulu government or Inkatha," Visser said.

Although evidence showed residents of the KwaMadala Hostel had perpetrated the attack, "the fact that someone is a Zulu and lives in KwaMadala does not necessarily mean he is a member of Inkatha."

Visser told Goldstone the criminal trial which would follow in the near future would probably show the massacre was not preceded by a carefully considered, politically motivated plan.

SADF senior counsel Anton Mostert SC argued that the two SADF units in the area on the night of the massacre had conducted themselves properly.

R8,7m passed for hostels in Transvaal

PRETORIA — An amount of R8,7m had been voted from the R196,6m made available by government to the TPA for the improvement of 92 hostels in the Transvaal, planning and development MEC John Mavuso said at the weekend.

It had been agreed that at 12 out of 14 towns in the eastern Transvaal, hostel accommodation should mainly be converted into family units.

Mavuso said co-operation between inter-

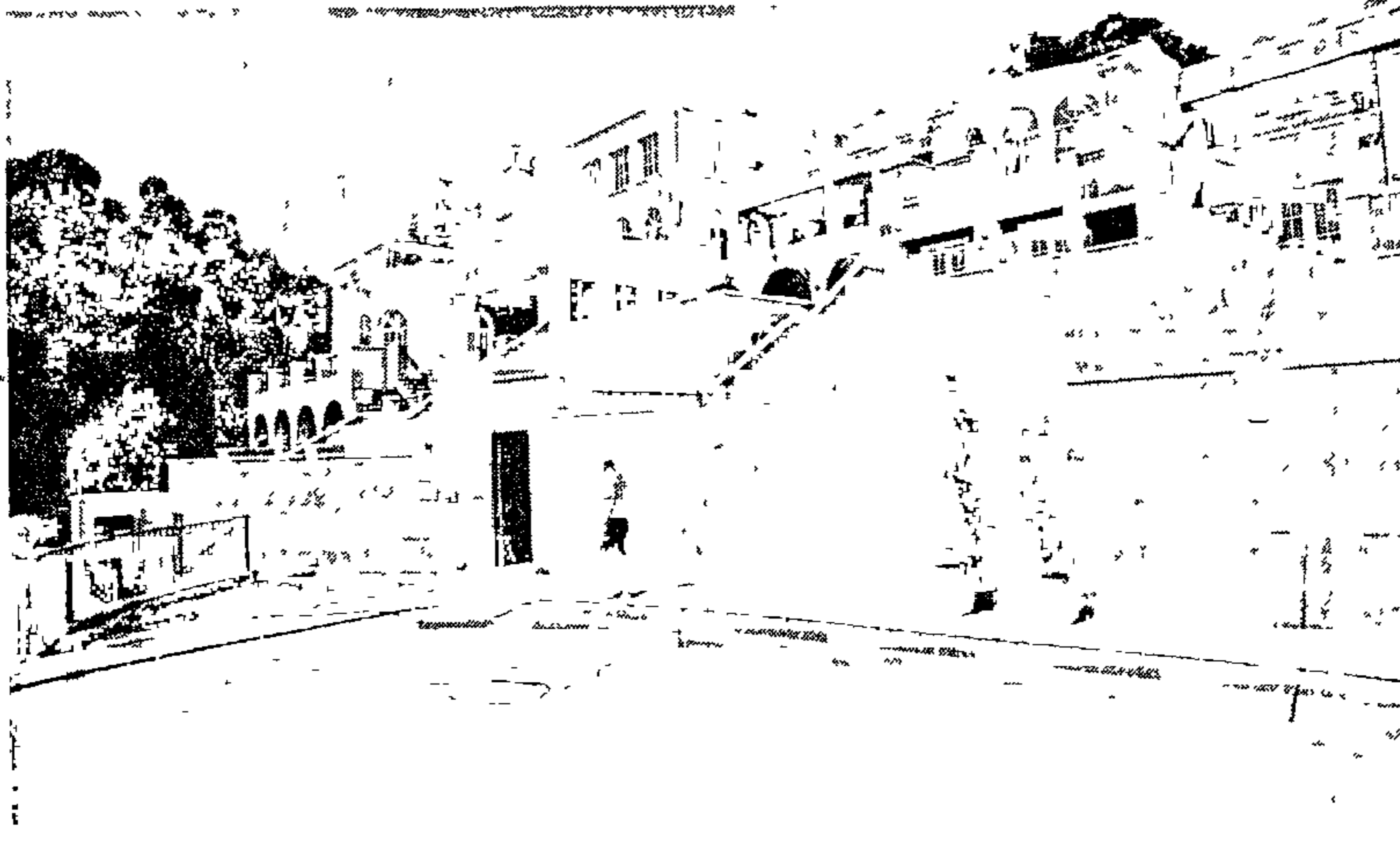
GERALD REILLY

est groups should serve as an example of what could be achieved when the needs of communities were put first.

Negotiations were in progress at a further 46 hostels on the process of upgrading and/or conversion.

Mavuso said in nine other cases, efforts were being made to identify all interested parties and to urge them to negotiate.

...after infiltrating from Transkei



Tiber Development's Westcliff Ridge complex, offering eight units ranging in price from R2,6m to R3,2m, is on the market. Units are available with two, three or four floors and command spectacular views of the north. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Bloubostrand 'serves as a lesson for homeowners'

MANY homeowners have expressed concern since events at Bloubostrand, north of Johannesburg, showed that squatters could become the neighbours of middle-class homeowners almost overnight, said Rode Report editor Erwin Rode at the FM investment conference last week.

"The suburb of Bloubostrand, on the edge of the built-up area of the Randburg municipality and bordering on the industrial township of Kya Sand, hit the headlines in January when it was announced that squatters from Zevenfontein would be housed next to this suburb," he said.

After strong opposition from own-

ers it was decided to use the land for formal, low-cost housing (127)

"So how did these developments affect property values at Bloubostrand? No sales of stands took place in February but prices, surprisingly, kept on rising in March and April to peak at R43 000," Rode said.

"Then the rot set in, and by July prices had fallen to R34 000 — the levels achieved a year before"

During the second half of 1991 house prices were growing strongly at Bloubostrand, reaching R149 000 in January 1992. In February there was one panic sale at R100 000, and by June average sale prices had fallen to

R132 000, representing a capital loss of about 11% (21%)

"I cannot comprehend that the authorities have not yet devised a spatial plan for our main cities considering that influx control was scrapped as long ago as the mid-'80s," he said.

However, it was inevitable that some property owners would be harmed by urbanisation, although planning could minimise this.

"The homeowner who wants to protect his most important asset must avoid areas that could be invaded, and proximity to open spaces, which includes farmholdings."

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Beuthin could be tried in absentia

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE kidnap, assault and attempted extortion trial of Gary Beuthin would continue on Monday whether or not the body-builder and former bouncer was in a proper mental state, Rand Supreme Court Judge M J Strydom ordered yesterday.

Beuthin, 28, had delayed the start of his trial since Monday on the grounds that he was unfit to continue with court proceedings since beginning a hunger strike almost four weeks ago.

Harassment and strict prison rules had also prevented him from properly consulting legal advisers and witnesses so he could not fully prepare his defence, Beuthin claimed. He said he was not guilty of the crimes he was charged with because when he allegedly kidnapped and assaulted former model Jill Reeves in May he was "on the most powerful anabolic steroids in the world".

The trial had already been put off three times at Beuthin's insistence. Postponing the matter to Monday, Strydom said it was the last delay Beuthin would be granted. "Whether you are in a proper mental state or not, your trial will start on Monday."

A pro deo team was appointed yesterday to handle Beuthin's defence.

Residents vow to reoccupy hostels

WILSON ZWANE

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HOSTEL residents from Thokoza vowed yesterday to forcibly reoccupy hostels they had vacated for upgrading.

Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubheka said the Thokoza Town Council had refused to allow hostel residents to return to the complex unless they undertook in writing to pay a 300% increase in rent.

Kubheka said residents had paid a monthly rental of R15. They were now being asked to pay R55 a month.

Residents were opposed to the ultimatum and had vowed to "force their way in".

Thokoza town clerk Herman Combrinck said residents and their representatives had walked out of a meeting called on Monday to discuss rentals.

He said municipal police had been deployed at the hostel and would prevent anyone from entering.

In another development, Kubheka said his association and the TPA were edging closer to establishing a joint management committee for the Denver, George Goch, MBA and Jeppe hostels in Johannesburg.

Liberation movements seek unity

HARARE — ANC leader Nelson Mandela said yesterday he would urgently consider forming a united front with the rival PAC to hasten the advent of majority rule in SA.

"I have undertaken that I will treat the matter (of unity) as one of utmost urgency," he told a news conference in Harare after two-hour talks with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

"I do hope that if certain conditions are fulfilled it will be possible for the PAC's Clarence Makwetu and I to sit down to address the question of our relationship and the absence of a common goal in the liberation movement," he said.

Mandela declined to elaborate but indicated there was a wide chasm between the two sides. He said he had not spoken yesterday to Makwetu, who also met Mugabe.

Last year the ANC formed a "patriotic front" with the PAC, but the alliance collapsed within a year over differences in strategy in negotiations with Pretoria.

Briefing journalists after the talks, Mugabe said he was trying to get the two organisations to work together.

Mugabe said Mandela and Makwetu would return to SA to discuss the issue of reviving the front. "We have not lost hope, but we cannot talk of having achieved success at this meeting." — Sapa-Reuter.

NEW NEIGHBOURS

Overcoming Group Areas

The greying of once-white suburbs, with the repeal of the Group Areas Act, has not been the disaster many would have us believe. Real Estate Surveys MD Erwin Rode, who has kept a close track on developments, brought this message to delegates at the FM Investment Conference.

Rode talks of invasion — which he says is a sociological term used in the US — rather than the less emotive term urbanisation favoured in SA. Whichever way you look at it, though, blacks tend to move to neighbouring suburbs, irrespective of ethnicity. As Rode points out: "People prefer to stay close to their social infrastructure — friends and religious centres."

What is noticeable is that blacks prefer to move into areas first occupied by coloureds and Indians where the perceived social distance is shorter, as in the case of Joubert Park, Hillbrow, in Johannesburg, and Lenasia, among others.

In the Cape Peninsula, Rode notes, a movement of coloureds is evident into Rondebosch East, Kenwyn, Ottery, Wetton, Lansdowne, Southfield and Plumstead.

On the Witwatersrand, upwardly-mobile blacks are moving into Lenasia (Indian), Ennerdale (a coloured area close to Soweto) or Kelvin (a white area close to the black township of Tembisa). Because there is talk of a mosque being built in Johannesburg at Observatory, he says, there is evidence that more Indians are buying in that suburb and in nearby Cyrildene. Parts of Benoni and Boksburg are also becoming popular among Indians because of the mosque in Actonville.

While these movements may initially result in a decline in property values, Rode points out that "some select areas might recover their initial capital loss, once the penetration is complete. Examples might be in Johannesburg's Fordsburg and Mayfair West, already about 85% Indian and where a *gentrification* process is taking place." These areas were originally Indian before government declared otherwise.

Regarding informal settlements and their effect on land and house prices, movements monitored by Rode in Randburg's Bloubostrand area — the centre of the Zevenfontein storm — have interesting pointers. At the end of January it was announced that the Zevenfontein community would be settled close to Bloubostrand, a white middle-class suburb. After much local reaction, it was decided in June that the community would be resettled north of the R28 at Diepsloot and Nietgedacht and that land in Bloubostrand would be earmarked for formal, low-cost housing.

Uncertainty over the fate of the squatters resulted in no sales of residential stands taking place in Bloubostrand in February but, amazingly, land prices kept on growing in March and April and peaked at R43 000. After the June announcement they dropped

to R34 000, the level of the year before. House prices, meanwhile, fell from a peak of R149 000 in January to R100 000 in February — the one and only sale — and by June had shown a decline of 11% to an average of R132 000. The big surprise was that by July, average house prices were back at R140 000. "It means the market either does not think low-cost housing will be allowed or that it is not fazed by this prospect. If not fazed, this would be good news for SA," Rode concludes.

No doubt property researchers like Rode will still be watching developments and property price movements in Bloubostrand. ■

Minister calls for urgent peace talks

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday called for an urgent meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi to bring an end to violence in the country.

Kriel, who announced a package of sweeping measures to end violence in Natal, called for an end to political posturing in the interests of peace.

"I would like to make an urgent appeal to Dr Buthelezi and Dr Mandela. For God's sake, please meet, for God's sake, please make peace. We have to stop the senseless killing of people in our country," Kriel told a news conference in Pretoria.

Kriel said he had declared Umbumbulu and Richmond in Natal as unrest areas.

The security forces were experiencing difficulty in fighting violence in the province because attacks there were well planned and executed at night, and because of the availability of AK-47 assault rifles and other firearms.

Kriel said blatant disregard for the national peace accord, inflammatory statements from local leaders and the difficult terrain in Natal were further hampering peace-keeping efforts, as was a proposed ANC march to Ulundi.

Kriel said an additional 2 000 SADF members had already been deployed in Natal, and a further 310 members of the SAP internal stability unit were being concentrated in "hot spots".

UN and Commonwealth observers had been asked to pay particular attention to the region, he said.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Buthelezi met in Ulundi yesterday to discuss ways to

curb the violence.

Buthelezi's office said in a brief statement that the discussions formed part of the church leaders' efforts to resolve the crisis.

The statement said Tutu, Buthelezi and two other senior KwaZulu government officials held "intensive" discussions on the archbishop's proposals for a joint meeting of all black political leaders.

However, since that was an issue under discussion in the national peace committee, it was resolved that the outcome of the committee's discussions be awaited, the statement said.

On Wednesday, SA Council of Churches (SACC) general secretary Rev Frank Chikane sent a letter to 15 political leaders — including President F W de Klerk, Mandela and Buthelezi — urging them to address the violence.

The leaders should work towards convening a multiparty conference and setting a date for electing a constitution-making body as a new political dispensation would bring peace, Chikane said in the letter.

In another development, a delegation of church leaders will meet the SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) next week after suggestions by the institute that some churches encouraged violence in SA.

The relationship between the church leaders and the SAIRR was soured last year when the institute's executive director John Kane-Berman accused them of having helped to legitimise violence as an instrument of liberation.

Govt backs away from hostels deal

THE National Housing Department has asked the Goldstone commission to review its recommendations that hostels be fenced off.

National Housing director-general Dugie de Beer said in a report to the commission that government could not "under present circumstances" meet the obligations it had made in the record of understanding between the ANC and NP to fence off certain hostels.

Instead, priority should be given to upgrading and conversion, with fences being erected only where firm evidence existed that a hostel was being used as a launching pad for violence.

He said that although a programme for the repairing and erecting of fences around hostels identified by the commission had been prepared, "it has not been possible to proceed with construction in the light of prevailing circumstances".

De Beer said Inkatha and the Transvaal

Hostel Residents' Association had "totally rejected" the agreement between government and the ANC to fence off hostels linked to violence.

The association had said it would launch counter measures including a rent boycott and protest marches. It had warned that no contractors would be allowed on site and said fences would be torn down.

Hostel residents were also unhappy that fencing had been given a higher priority than upgrading, De Beer said, although they had indicated such measures would be acceptable provided they were part of an upgrading programme.

"Mass protest of this nature and scope is likely to lead to an escalation of violence, thereby undermining the whole purpose of the fencing and security measures concerning hostels," he said.

Defiant granny prepares to settle some old scores

By STAN MHLONGO

THE eviction of twin Vaal grannies at gunpoint six years ago, during which one of them was allegedly punched by a municipal policeman, took a dramatic turn this week when lawyers issued letters demanding the return of their expropriated property from the Evaton Town Council.

This follows the declaration of a defiance campaign by one of the surviving grannies, Elizabeth Ndolela, 79, who this week pitched a shack on plot 28, First Avenue, Evaton.

The Ndolelas were among some of the residents who did not pay permit rates in defiance of the local administration board. As a result, their property was expropriated.



TEST CASE ... Elizabeth Ndolela.

City Press 8/11/92,
According to Ndolela's lawyer, Mpho Molefe, the matter could turn into a test case at the Land Commission, set up by government last year to decide the fate, among other things, of expropri-

ated land. (127)
Molefe warned: "We have been ordered by the Wildebeesfontein Stand owners Association to recover all plots illegally expropriated by the Evaton Town Council."

Evaton town clerk J Myburgh confirmed that he received a letter from Ndolela's lawyers, but said the matter was sub judice.

City Press was there to record the incident after Elizabeth Ndolela's twin sister, Lydia, was allegedly punched in the face by a municipal policeman when she protested against her eviction.

After expropriating the plot, the council built about 30 plush houses on it. Ndolela's lawyers estimate this has trebled the value of the plot to about R2-million.

news in brief

Report on deaths an error

POLICE will continue to provide the Press and public with information on deaths in custody, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday. *Sowetan 11/11/92*

Referring to a report in a Johannesburg daily newspaper which claimed the contrary, he said the report occurred as a result of a misunderstanding between the newspaper and police public relations officials. Kotze denied that Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe had issued a statement saying such information would not be provided.

'Bolo Punch' to be buried

SOWETO boxing promoter and businessman Mr Isaac Nkumane, who died after a short illness at his home in Mofolo last week, will be buried in the Avalon Cemetery today

"Bolo Punch", as he was affectionately known, is the father of former *True Love* editor Pearl Luthuli.

He is survived by his wife Christine, three daughters, two sons and 10 granddaughters. A memorial service will be held at his home at 3 Roodepoort Road, Mofolo North, from 11am.

Problems referred to DRC

PROBLEMS leading to the non-payment of rent and the discontinuation of services in Mokgophong township near Naboomspruit have been referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee. *(127)*

The decision was taken after the Naboomspruit Town Council and the local business community refused to meet the Mokgophong Civic Association, which had asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration to organise a meeting to resolve the current water and electricity crisis in the area. Supply to the township was cut following a three-month boycott.

ANC branch chairman dies

THE CHAIRMAN of the ANC branch in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Mr Marcus Sekano (70), died of a heart attack on Sunday. Sekano went into exile in Zambia in 1962 and became chairman of the northern Copperbelt branch of the ANC, a position he held for 20 years until he moved to Harare in 1984. He is survived by his wife Juanita and six children. *(127)*

Council 'acted in bad faith'

POWER was cut off in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday and community organisations have blamed the local town council, accusing it of acting in bad faith. This follows a statement last week by the town clerk, Mr Herman Combrink, that power cuts in the township were "imminent" because the council was experiencing problems with the "very low and inconsistent" payments by residents. *(127)*

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Police detain civic association leaders (127)

Allegations of intimidation as a rent boycott continues:

THE deputy chairman of the Mokgophong Civic Association, Mr Reuben Kekana, and five other local residents have been detained by police in Naboomspruit following allegations of intimidation against them.

The arrests were confirmed yesterday by Major Arno Vogel, liaison officer of the Far Northern Transvaal police.

He said no charges had been put to the detainees and that they were still being held as suspects.

A spokesman for the civic association told *Sowetan* that Kekana was fetched from his home on Tuesday morning while the other unidentified people were detained the previous day. Kekana and other local leaders are

involved in a dispute over water and electricity cuts in the township.

The Naboomspruit Town Council cut the supply to the township after residents launched a rent boycott.

A spokesman for the civic association said they viewed the detentions as intimidation and harassment by the local authorities.

"The failure of the authorities to address our problem and their bringing the police into the matter has led to a boycott of white-owned Naboomspruit shops by residents of Mokgophong," the spokesman said.

"We see this as the only means available to us to put pressure on the business community to help us solve the problems we are facing," the spokesman added.

Shop boycott after arrest of civic leaders

Bara clerks caught in burial furore

FROZEN OUT Bereaved families told not to use undertakers from outside Soweto in the latest battle of the bodies:

By **Ike Motsapi**

THE FIGHT between Soweto funeral undertakers and those outside the township took another turn this week with claims that clerks at the Baragwanath Hospital's mortuary were being used as touts.

A *Sowetan* investigation has uncovered a racket which involves clerks at the hospital's mortuary and some Soweto undertakers who have a list of about 100 names.

the clerks

Mr Tony Guinness of City Funeral Undertakers claimed yesterday that some of his clients had been threatened to drop him in favour of certain people in the business.

"I find this very strange because people have the right to choose the person they want to conduct business with.

"This is supposed to be a free enterprise society where people will go for the best available service. "I am appalled at what is happening now. This is disgusting, to say the least," he said.



Dlamini and Bishop
Matthew Mabuza

Diepmeadow water cuts (127)

THE Diepmeadow Council has announced there will be cuts in the water supply on November 19 due to emergency repairs on the main supply pipes.

The cuts will be effective from 7am to 6pm and will affect Diepkloof, Orlando East, Power Park, the Baragwanath Hospital and the Lesedi Clinic

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Council warns residents (127)

THE Lekoa Town Council yesterday warned it would cut off electricity and water supplies on December 9 unless at least 65 percent of the residents had settled their accounts

The council said many residents had not been paying their bills although an agreement binding them to pay for services was reached between itself, the Vaal Civic Association and the Transvaal Provincial Administration earlier this year. The municipality said it was reluctant to cut bulk supplies, but was bound to do so as a last resort. - Sapa.

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Workers down tools (132)

MORE than 100 workers at the Highgate, Johannesburg, branch of Pick 'n Pay downed tools yesterday following the dismissal of two cashiers

The workers said the two were dismissed without being given an opportunity to be represented. Police were called in but no violence was reported. The workers vowed not to return to work until the matter had been resolved. Pick 'n Pay acting general manager Mr Larry Michelow confirmed there was a work stoppage. He said the cashiers were dismissed for misconduct. He denied, however, that management had denied the fired workers representation. - Sowetan Reporter

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Council employees picket

A DIEPMEADOW Council executive meeting was yesterday disrupted when members of the South African Municipal Workers Association held a picket demanding increases allegedly promised them by the municipality

According to the union, the workers were to have been granted a 10 percent wage increase with effect from July 1 this year. The council said it could not fulfill the agreement as it had no money

The council will hold a meeting with Samwu shop stewards today. - Sowetan Reporter.

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Minister questions report

DEPUTY Minister of Land Affairs Johan Scheepers yesterday questioned the National Land Committee's claim that 38 000ha of South African Development Trust land had been transferred to the Lebowa government.

Scheepers said the facts repeatedly stated by the Government through the media were - among other things - that the land would remain part of South Africa and did not form part of the Lebowa self-governing territory. - Sapa

'ANC renegades behind campaign to kill police'

RENEGADE members of the ANC's self-defence units were behind a campaign to kill policemen in Reef townships, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Opperman said 18 defence unit members — many of them from Phola Park — had been arrested. Three had appeared in court in connection with possession of firearms and attacks on policemen.

A recent claim by an ANC defence unit member that he had accidentally shot a prominent ANC member because he mistook him for a policeman was further evidence of instructions they had received to kill policemen, he said.

At least 194 policemen have died violently since the beginning of the year. Last year 143 were killed.

ANC claims that the defence units were out of control because of police infiltration were "a clear attempt to shift blame by means of propaganda", the police and SADF said in a joint statement yesterday.

"Motives of sources producing unfounded, unproven, untested and malicious allegations aimed at alienating the security forces from the very people they protect, must be questioned," the statement said.

Opperman said 10 ANC members had been arrested in possession of firearms

and police uniforms. Police were investigating "several armed attacks carried out by ANC members or supporters in the Vaal triangle, particularly Sebokeng".

He said the ANC was hindering police investigations at the scenes of unrest-related murders and crimes.

Opperman said ANC suggestions that a "code of conduct" be drawn up for self-defence unit members were welcomed.

Sapa reports that three people — one of them a policeman — were killed and two others were injured in attacks on Reef trains yesterday. Police said Const P M Mpanza was thrown from a train between Elsburg and Katlehong on the East Rand. His body, which landed under a train, was badly mutilated.

He was the third policeman in seven months to die in violence on trains.

In Atteridgeville two assistant constables were attacked while on patrol on Wednesday night.

□ Government's Social Relief Fund had paid out R670 000 and had assisted more than 1 000 families affected by political violence since it was established three months ago, fund chairman Piet Koornhof said in Durban yesterday.

Govt fence-sitting on hostels

GOVERNMENT will not fence off hostels, identified as sources of violence, in terms of the record of understanding it reached with the ANC in September.

In terms of the understanding, seven Reef hostels were to have been fenced off by Sunday.

Local Government and National Housing Department official Johan Oosthuizen said yesterday government would not fence off hostels by Sunday.

Oosthuizen said objections from Inkatha and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association had made it impossible to construct fences around the hostels in terms of the

agreement. He said it seemed implementation of the agreement would fuel violence rather than end it.

However, the hostels would be fenced off in due course as part of government's strategy to upgrade them, Oosthuizen said.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said yesterday the ANC had not met to discuss the matter.

But government's decision to renege on the agreement had serious implications for future negotiations. He would not discuss the implications.

The agreement was

hailed as a breakthrough for constitutional negotiations which had virtually collapsed after the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

The ANC cancelled talks between itself and government after the massacre, saying such talks would be resumed only after government had — among other things — taken sufficient steps to curb violence.

The fencing off of the hostels is a demand from the ANC, which attributes most unrest incidents to hostel residents. The organisation believes barriers between hostel residents and township residents will restore peace in the townships.

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Inner-city tenants' dreams dashed by apartheid's SA

By ODETTE GELDENHUYTS

ONCE upon a time there were seven large residential buildings in the centre of a big city.

The tenants, all poor and working-class black people, paid high rents to the landlord. The landlord paid high rates and taxes to the City Council.

The tenants decided: "Down with exploitation, down with evictions! Forward to ownership and control". And the tenants bought their buildings and all lived happily ever after.

Not so! Today, about 2 000 tenants stay in Hillbrow and Joubert Park buildings owned by Gorfil

Brothers Investments, and they have been trying to buy their flats for over a year. *Clare*

The Seven Buildings Project is aiming to solve the problems of high rents, inflated charges and decaying premises, experienced by all inner-city tenants. *Still?*

The alternative is co-operative ownership of the buildings by the current tenants. Through co-operative ownership the tenants are aiming to achieve affordable accommodation, security of tenure and tenants' management and control.

Will the tenants become the owners of their buildings, and will they be able to turn the hundreds of rands paid to the

landlord into home improvements?

The answer is yes, owing to tenant education and training.

Tenants are now learning how to run meetings, how to maintain and manage the buildings, and the different kinds of ownership that are possible. Education has been underway for a year, and will continue for another two more with the assistance of a Johannesburg-based non-profit agency, Co-operative Planning and Education (Cope).

Johannesburg's bankers also need plenty of education to persuade them to begin lending again for residences in the centre of town! The banks practise "redlining",

which means that on a map they draw a red line around Hillbrow, Joubert Park and other inner-city areas, and refuse to make loans there.

Tenants have tried to explain to the banks that this policy is self-destructive, since it only leads to even worse inner-city decay, within just a few blocks of the banks' own expensive headquarters.

The Johannesburg City Council is another organisation also in need of education. The Council subsidises accommodation for its white public housing residents, but not for blacks. The majority of people in the inner-city are black, and the rates they pay for council services are far higher than

those paid by even the white northern suburb residents. *(127)*

The tenants have decided that after all the years of fighting one struggle against a single landlord, they want their buildings to reflect the collective effort. The seven buildings will be a co-operative, and each tenant will own shares in a non-profit company managed by a board of directors made up mostly of tenants. Within each building special committees will collect monthly payments, administer clean-up operations and enforce house rules.

It seems like a real life fairytale, but in reality the Seven Buildings Project might turn into yet

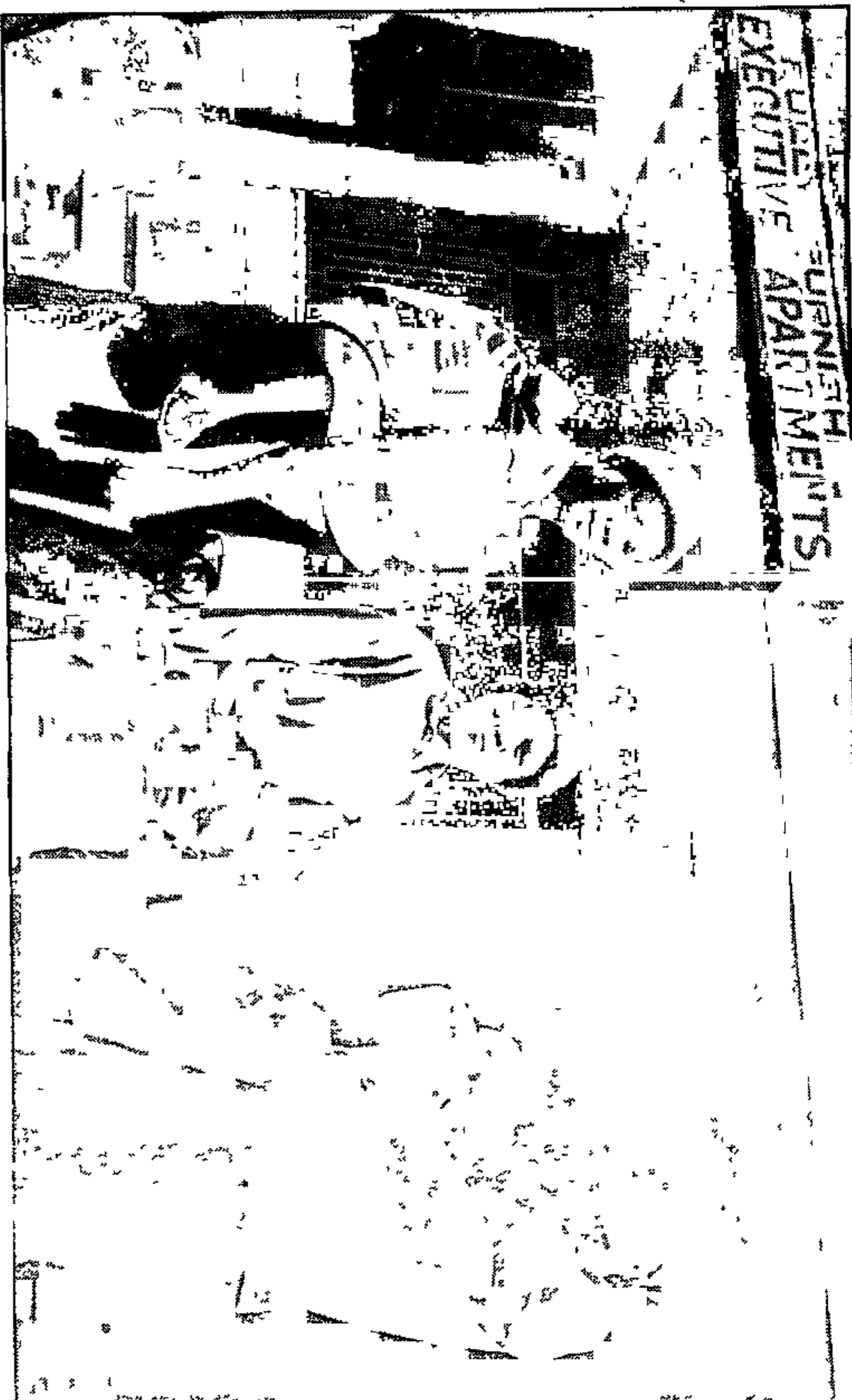
another sad story.

The landlord decided in late October to try to evict the tenants, and no bank has so far been willing to make a loan to the tenants. The City Council turned down the tenants' requests for fair treatment in rates and taxes.

The dream of owning their own buildings may just fade away.

But the tenants believe so much in their project that they are continuing their fight. They also believe that if successful, they will be able to help many other tenants who want to take control of their lives, their money and their living space.

Odette Geldenhuys works for the Legal Resources Centre.



A PLACE OF THEIR OWN... Black tenants living in the city are looking to the Seven Buildings Project in the hope of overcoming their difficulties.

PHOTO BY P. C. AMSON

Township debt mountain

TRANSVAAL black township residents owed their local authorities R1,57bn in rent and services fees between 1988 and last August, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) said on Friday.

The arrears did not include the R516m written off in September 1990 by the three Greater Soweto councils of Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto, and other lesser sums in other townships.

The Lekoa City Council in the Vaal Triangle also wrote off R254m in August 1991, town treasurer Piet Roets said.

The Lekoa council warned last week that electricity and water supplies would be cut off on December 9 unless 65% of residents had settled accounts. Roets said residents still owed R35,8m.

The council said many residents had not been paying their bills, in spite of an agree-

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ment between the Vaal Civic Association, the TPA and the council earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow and Soweto — warned by the TPA to put their financial houses in order by December 15 or face dissolution — are now in the grip of labour action.

The 3 200 employees of the Soweto City Council, including white officials, staged six-hour sit-ins last Thursday and Friday in protest against the council's announcement that there might be no annual bonuses this year.

The Diepmeadow city council is locked in a battle with the SA Municipal Workers' Union over its "reneging" on a 10% pay rise agreement.

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Bonds for Tsakane

STANDARD Bank has allocated 70 bonds to interested, prospective and qualifying people to purchase houses in Tsakane Extension 5, the FHA homes development has announced.

The FHA has given buyers a wide choice of attractive and functional designs and in the past three years has developed 1 100 sites of which 560 have been sold.

FHA sales manager Mr Willie Clegg said Tsakane had been made attractive by its proximity to industrial areas such as Brakpan, Springs, Nigel and Benoni and the local hospital and police station.

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Officials to visit hostels

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A DELEGATION of senior ANC, Cosatu and SACP officials is to visit hostels in the Vaal Triangle today in preparation for this weekend's summit on renegade self defence units (127)

The officials, including SACP general secretary Chris Hanu and Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso, will address residents of the Sebokeng and KwaMasiza hostels

"Individuals in the community are being intimidated by hostel-dwellers subject to criminal influences," Numsa national organiser Alfred Woodington said yesterday

The infiltration of self defence units by criminals and by the state had created a volatile situation in the Vaal Triangle, Woodington said.

Services had broken down, the crime rate was increasing and political and community structures were "falling apart"

At the summit this weekend, representatives of the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance will attempt to bring errant defence units to heel by imposing a code of conduct and improving accountability

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Water crisis mounts

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■ Siyathemba residents accuse council of failing to resolve shortage:

SIYATHEMBA township near Balfour on the East Rand has once again been hit by acute water shortages and this week the situation reached crisis levels

While hopeful residents waited in long queues around the few places where they could get

water, most of them went back home with empty buckets. Residents have accused the council of failing to resolve the 25-year-old water crisis in the area.

"For the past four weeks, now, we've had to make do with very little or no water at all. The situation is pathetic," an angry resident said.

Council puts loans on hold

THE Johannesburg City Council would not be borrowing from the capital market during the 1992/93 financial year, City Treasurer Willie Siebert has confirmed.

This is despite the fact that the council reported an audited budget deficit of R21,2m for the 1991/92 financial year.

Siebert said the council would not go to the capital market because of the increasing difficulty local authorities were experiencing in acquiring financing.

A reduction of R87,5m in the city's R2,5bn total expenditure last year, together with "tight financial discipline", had led to a satisfactory though austere outlook for the current financial year, Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson said.

He added that falling capital expenditure, out by 18,5% over the previous year would have "far-reaching implications for SA" if sustained in the long term.

"Johannesburg is the powerhouse of the national economy and its viability will in-

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evitably be endangered by reducing the scope of its services," he said.

Davidson said the city's revenue sources had come under severe pressure as a result of the protracted recession.

The surplus on electricity supplies had dropped from R251m in 1990/91 to R166m in 1991-92, income from gas had moved from a R3,2m surplus to a R633 000 deficit while water revenues had also fallen from an R11m surplus to a R2,5m deficit.

Electricity revenues had decreased due to a 10% per unit reduction in levies while shrinking demand from non-domestic water and gas consumers, together with leakage from deteriorating infrastructure, had caused falling revenues in these areas.

Despite prevailing economic conditions, Davidson said the city's finances were in "pretty good shape".

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Last year, the council secured two loans totalling R505m to finance capital expenditure and service previous loans.

An anticipated fall in interest rates, relatively sound city finances and the increasing difficulty in acquiring loans locally had persuaded the council not to take to the capital market this year.

Financiers were "jittery" about lending to local authorities "given the prevailing uncertainty not only in the country but within the local government context", Siebert said.

"Local government stock, always pre-

sumed a solid investment in the past, is now perceived to be risky," he said.

In the city's audited financial report for 1991/92, Siebert said a Finance Department directive had instructed local authorities not to take up foreign loans.

Siebert said the city was "actively pursuing alternative methods of finance for major projects in order to ensure the continued growth of the region within current economic constraints".

The UAL Merchant Bank together with FNB's credit department both said the city's risk profile was "very low".

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Brisk sales in Bedfordview

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FLAT sales at the Bedford Gardens Estate in Bedfordview by Investec Property Group are moving far faster than forecast, says IPG MD Sam Hackner.

When IPG purchased the 11-building complex for a syndicate of financial institutions and developers for R90m in January 1991, the sell-out timetable was three years

Now, 16 months later, more than 70% of the 964 flats in the 11-building complex have been sold. A strong marketing thrust aimed at day show customers began in August 1991.

"We are a year ahead of our sales schedule and with savings in holding costs, the group has been able to pitch entry-level prices lower," Hackner said

Prices in the latest block to be marketed ranged from R124 900 to R180 000, he said

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Blom 25/11/92 **Affordable housing going well** (127)

MORE than 60 of 188 stands have been sold in the Voslooview affordable housing development, undertaken by Murray & Roberts subsidiary Condev Homes. The starting price of a house is R46 588.

Logaro development sells out

THE Logaro Group recently sold out its R5m one-bedroom apartment development in Wierda Road, Sandton. The 36 units, which started at R99 000, were snapped up within two hours on showday.

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Greenbelt group to oppose expansion

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By Anna Cox

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The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) is to oppose an application by the Sandton town council to expand its borders to the north.

GAG spokesman Anthony Duigan said residents living north of Diepsloot and Knoppieslaagte had no desire to be incorporated into Sandton.

The Sandton Town Council earlier this week agreed to petition the Administrator of the Transvaal to extend its borders to the north as far as the Skurweberg.

Sandton wants to include Diepsloot, Dainfern, Treesbank, Glenferness, Leeuwkop, Broadacres, Kengies and Waterval within its boundaries.

"Sandton is an urban municipality which deals with urban issues. Ours is a rural, recreational area. If Sandton took over it would provide us with no services because

we are too far away, yet Sandton would take rates from us. We would derive no benefit," said Duigan.

He said residents north of Sandton wanted their own local authority representative for the area.

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said Sandton should expand because the proposed area of expansion was one of the most dynamic in the country. He said Sandtonians would benefit because the town would grow, acquire a new asset and ensure a future for its residents.

Certain Sandton councillors disagreed with the expansion plan, saying modern town planning trends called for smaller, more manageable towns.

The Demarcation Board will hear objections until December 15 and the board's hearing will start on January 12 in Krugersdorp.

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Shelter for homeless to go ahead

With 2 500 people living on the streets of Johannesburg, the city council approved on Tuesday a city shelter for the homeless *STAR 26/11/92*

Proposals for the management of the city shelter at 80 Albert Street, Marshalltown, will be called for

A four-storey building there could provide emergency shel-

ter for about 350 homeless and destitute people

There are facilities to house men, women and children, offices for counselling and rehabilitation and job skills training, and an area for a canteen and recreation

A board of trustees will look after the shelter's interests — Staff Reporter.

... had enough time to come to her senses

KwaThema protest march

THE KwaThema Civic Association is organising a protest march to the KwaThema Council offices in Springs on Saturday

KCA spokesman Mr Kenny Masehle said the march would begin at noon from the local sports field and proceed to the council's office to deliver a memorandum demanding, among other things, that the township's mayor resign, black local authorities be discontinued and decent houses be built

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UN focus on taxi feud

A DELEGATION of United Nations and European Economic Community observers are to meet Lebowa government officials in Lebowakgomo today to discuss, among other issues, the taxi feud in Pietersburg earlier this month

No other details were released by the Lebowa administration.

Chance for budding writers

THE Peninsula Technikon is to present a writing school for prospective authors, poets and playwrights in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa during 1993, rector Franklin Sonn said yesterday

The course is a community project aimed at providing technical assistance to budding writers and will be run by prominent authors such as writer Abraham de Vries, poet and playwright Sandile Diken and Monica Cromhout, editor of *Writers World*.

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Black Christmas looms

RESIDENTS of East Rand townships are bracing themselves for a "Black Christmas" when a month-long consumer boycott starts in December

The call for a boycott of white businesses in Boksburg and Germiston was made by the East Rand Civic Association yesterday

ERCA spokesman Jabu Dumane said townships affected would be Vosloorus, Villa Lisa, Reiger Park, Dawn Park and Palm Ridge.

Residents are demanding, among other things, that the confiscation of residents' furniture by the Vosloorus Council be stopped, corruption, bribery, extortion and harassment of Villa Lisa residents by its management be stopped and the Vosloorus Council be disbanded

R40-m on DET schools

THE Department of Education and Training has spent nearly R40 million on school construction and upgrading projects in Soweto and Alexandra so far this year, the DET's Johannesburg regional director, Mr R R Motau, said yesterday

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**Pay up or
face cuts** (127)

THE Tokoza Council has warned residents of the East Rand township to settle their electricity accounts by next Tuesday or face power cuts.

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Merger debate live on screen

By Louise Marsland

The Randburg Town Council will reveal details of a plan to merge with Sandton and Alexandra to form a super-city — which could rival Johannesburg — during an historic live television broadcast to residents on Tuesday.

The town council decided to explain its motivation behind the ambitious plan to residents and ratepayers directly from M-Net studios via big

television screens.

The screens will be installed at four venues in Randburg — Cresta Centre, Northgate, Sandton Centre and the Civic Centre. Residents will be able to ask councillors questions by means of telephones to be installed at the venues. The broadcast will begin at 1 pm

A special, town council meeting will be held at 4 pm after the big-screen broadcast so that councillors can ratify the decision to commit Randburg to the merger.

Acting management committee chairman Gary Cooney

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said the decision was taken after a "bush indaba" between council officials and councillors.

"We have a fear of being swallowed up by Johannesburg. The interests of people in the northern areas should be protected."

Cooney said Sandton was expected to take a similar decision in January, and the Alexandra Civic Association had already indicated it was in favour of the merger.

However, acting Sandton management committee chairman Mike Melunsky said

Sandton had never committed itself to a merger with Randburg.

"Randburg is an autonomous body and entitled to take any decision it likes. We will investigate any proposal put to Sandton by Randburg, but any decision taken would be in the best interests of Sandton residents."

Melunsky said Sandton would decide in January whether to form a joint administration with Randburg and Alexandra and co-operate on an administrative basis,

while retaining separate councils and municipal boundaries.

Cooney said business leaders and the Randburg Federation of Ratepayers' Association had been consulted about the decision.

"We have no option. The merger will either be forced on us in six months, or we can take the lead now. Alex is fast going down the tube and something needs to be done," Cooney said.

He was confident Randburg would become a model city in the new South Africa

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WITH the population of the Central Witwatersrand region expected to increase by 60 per cent by the year 2010, the planning framework task team of the Metropolitan Chamber's Physical Development Working Group was given the mandate to prepare an overall strategy plan for the region.

The task team's Interim Strategic Framework (ISF) for the Central Witwatersrand was put before the Chamber a week ago for comment.

Through the ISF guidelines, the Chamber will facilitate the establishment of a post-apartheid urban model of the Johannesburg metropolitan region, which will meet the needs of all its people.

Aspects which will receive attention include land use, infrastructure services, housing for

Plan for post-apartheid

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all, job creation and affordable transport services.

The ISF will also serve as a broad framework for the preparation of a residential development programme aimed at locating the urban poor in the inner metropolitan areas.

Physical Development Working Group chairman Graham Pirie said the ISF was a milestone document and a post-apartheid model for the Central Witwatersrand.

Task team chairman Johan van der Merwe said the ISF could have an impact on all the

workings of the Metropolitan Chamber and would also affect economic and social initiatives in the region.

An intensive public participation programme will soon be launched to inform various interest groups and the public of the ISF goals.

Pirie said the Chamber recognised the need to preserve the environment.

"The population is expected to double in the next few years. How are we going to accommodate everyone without chaos, provide transport, homes, pre-

Guidelines to deal with urbanisation and manage the transition process in the Johannesburg area have been formulated by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. LOUISE MARSLAND reports.

serve the quality of life, and avoid degradation? We have to manage the transition process, and the solution has to be a regional solution.

"The policies of the past precluded urbanisation," Pirie said. The ISF does not aim to re-

solve all the region's problems, or achieve the complete social, economic, physical, financial, environmental and constitutional restructuring of the metropolitan region.

The document put before the

city



magnitude of unmet needs, and the unpredictable and uncontrollable social processes arising out of poverty, instability and violence.

Pirie said the emphasis was on meeting the needs of low income people, as their needs were greater. A final model would concentrate on the needs of all groups.

Nearly 60 percent of the population in the Central Witwatersrand falls into the lower income category and the lower income population is expected to double by 2010. The resultant demand

for housing, for example, will increase to 400 000 units per 27 000 ha, with a backlog of 100 000 houses in 2010.

Problems that will be addressed by the ISF include

- Large scale homelessness
 - Displacement of the poor on the urban periphery
 - Long travel distances between home and work for the urban poor
 - Under-used high priority land
 - Inadequate bulk services provision and maintenance in areas experiencing high rates of urbanisation
 - Unco-ordinated and inadequate transport infrastructure
 - Spatially disconnected relationships between residential areas, formal employment areas and mixed use areas
- The ISF will eventually form the basis for a long-term urban framework. □

Chamber stated that if such a framework was not put in place in the short term, land use decisions, in particular, would be "ad hoc" and shaped by the apartheid framework.

Any attempt to restructure the apartheid city would have to commence with the restructuring of the urban form, the document stated.

Problems that will impact on the ISF goals are the effects of past and future planning decisions, physical constraints, availability of finance, levels of economic growth and employment,

Stand owners fight for their rights

By Joshua Raboroko

THE newly-formed Evaton Stand Owners Working Committee has met officials of the TPA to discuss various problems, including the expropriation of their properties by the authorities

Leader of the committee Reverend Lord McCamel highlighted the plight of the property owners and said their rights had been eroded by the now-defunct local authorities

He said they were concerned about the payment of rates and taxes as well as arrears

Property owners needed clarification regarding the role of the new administrator in Evaton following the dissolution of the town council

The administrator Mr D Mclean said ratepayers should dispel fears that Evaton was being "swallowed" by the authorities, especially in view of the fact that the township would be administered by the Meyerton Town

■ Evaton owners concerned after dissolution of council:

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There is a possibility of joint administration between the two councils early in 1993 and this may be the opportune time of getting into grips with the affairs of Evaton

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He added: "There is a possibility of joint administration between the two councils early in 1993 and this may be the opportune time of getting into grips with the affairs of Evaton"

He promised to keep the stand own-

ers informed about their status as well as any project the council would embark on

The council would provide services such as building roads, installing electricity, water and sewerage and improve recreational facilities in the township

However, he warned stand-owners to meet their obligations by way of paying for the services, adding, failure to do so might result in the council stopping the facilities.

He explained that failure to pay often resulted in the expropriation of properties in accordance with the prescribed legal actions

The council had not expropriated land from the owners, and instead the land had been sub-divided and sold on freehold basis to the residents

McCamel promised to convene a meeting of residents at his church on November 29

Report on buildings project clarified

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STAFF REPORTER

A STORY published by the Saturday Star on October 31 about an attempt by residents to purchase their apartment buildings in Hillbrow and Joubert Park has generated a flurry of debate.

Neil Fraser of the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) — said in our report to be facilitating a deal between owners and residents — has written a letter stating that the article, "Dreams of buying buildings shattered", contained "gross inaccuracies" which had brought the credibility of the CJP into question.

He claims that the CJP has never been involved in any negotiations with representatives of the Seven Buildings Project.

Then the Saturday Star received a letter from the Legal Resources Centre stating, among other things, that "as far back as January 22 the project's Sani Mgidlana and others, in the form of a presentation to the CJP, presented the project's application for assistance. This is confirmed by Actstop. This was the first application for assistance received by the CJP."

"We remind the CJP that in developing its financial mechanism it has had direct negotiations with the project through the Land Investment Trust and the New Housing Company. The financial mechanism referred to, which is aimed at being of general applicability, has used the data of the Seven Buildings Project to develop the mechanism. These negotiations continue."

Fraser further stated that First National Bank, the Standard Bank and Nedcor, members of the CJP, "have not been involved in Seven Build-

ings negotiations".

But the letter from the Legal Resources Centre states: "The project (ie, Seven Buildings) has also had detailed and ongoing negotiations with First National, Standard Bank and Nedcor Absa has also joined the negotiations — a business plan is being drawn up for presentation to them."

Fraser says the organisation is addressing many issues that are negatively affecting the city in reality and in perception, "the latter sadly fuelled by articles such as that under reply".

The aim of the article was not to attack the CJP, but to report on the stormy protest meeting held at the Civic Centre that day and to record the bitter disappointment of the residents of the Seven Buildings Project at their perceived rejection by the city council and other institutions which they had hoped might help them acquire the buildings.

The Saturday Star does regret that a statement suggesting that the CJP was ineffectual was wrongly attributed to Mgidlana, a resident who is also an executive member of the CJP, who was chairman and interpreter at the reported meeting.

A lot of bitter words were spoken at that meeting and Mgidlana confirms that the attack on the CJP was made at that meeting, but by another tenant.

A fourth letter, this time from Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia, states among other things: "I read with interest the report (by Joe Louw) and was generally of the opinion that the report was a fair reflection of the views of those who are spokespersons for the Seven Buildings committee."

'Rhodie factor horror

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By MOSES MAMAILA
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WHITE racists are harassing blacks in formerly whites-only areas.

Causing most of the trouble, say black residents, are black-hating whites - dubbed "the Rhodie (Rhodesia) factor" - who have vowed to drive blacks out.

In Yeoville - ironically an area renowned for tolerance and anti-racism among many whites - the rotten eggs have organised themselves into neo-Nazi groups.

White "skinheads" are running amok in Rockey Street, assaulting mainly blacks at night.

Last Friday, cops were called in to quell an explosive situation in Yeoville involving skinheads.

Police spokesman Maj Henrietta Bester said three youths were detained briefly and later released.

Many black Yeovillites said the attitudes of some whites were shocking.

They spoke of assaults - verbal and physical - by whites who whinged about the "decreasing value of their properties".

Flat-dweller Susan Mazibuko said a self-styled "Wit Wolf" was bullying her. He had even written graffiti deriding her and the kids.

Tokoza faces blackout

Electricity will be cut off unless residents pay bills by tomorrow

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By Lulama Luti

THE whole of Tokoza will be plunged into darkness if residents fail to pay their electricity bills by tomorrow.

According to notices issued to residents, the nearby Alberton Town Council said it would discontinue the supply of electricity to the entire township if "insufficient money" was collected by December 1.

This warning comes after lengthy discussions between the Tokoza Civic Association, the Alberton and Tokoza town councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Tokoza Local Dispute Resolution Committee. It also comes two weeks after power was cut off in the township.

Earlier this year the Alberton council, which is the bulk supplier of electricity to Tokoza, agreed to restore electricity if the Tokoza council paid an outstanding electricity bill of R2,2 million.

Several calls

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A further deal that was entered into in July stated that electricity supply on a 24-hour basis would be provided on condition community organisations advised residents to pay their accounts.

However, despite several calls to residents by the LDRC to pay for electricity consumed, it was learnt that by Tuesday last week residents were still not paying enough money to cover the costs of the electricity being supplied.

Boycott threat

Councils urged to end violence

By Lulama Luti

THE KwaThema and Springs town councils as well as the Transvaal Provincial Administration have been given until December 4 to end the violence or face a consumer boycott.

The chairman of the KwaThema Civic Association, Mr Kenny Madalane, said if concrete steps to stop the violence had not been taken by the stipulated date, the community would embark on a consumer boycott.

The killings have claimed the lives of 65 people. Sowefu 30/11/92
This decision follows a protest march to the local police station and a subsequent sit-in at the council offices on Saturday.

Hostel residents and ANC sign agreement

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GOVERNMENT hostel initiatives should be suspended immediately and transferred to the National Housing Forum, representatives of the ANC's PWV region and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association said yesterday

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September 1992," the statement said
ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the pact, the first of its kind between hostel dwellers and the ANC, did not contradict September's record of understanding between government and the ANC

In a joint agreement signed yesterday, the ANC and the hostel association expressed mutual dissatisfaction with government's handling of the hostels crisis

Hostel dwellers, who said recently they would tear down any fences erected as a result of the record, consented yesterday to five hostels in the PWV being fenced

The two parties objected to the use of Black Local Authorities for the upgrading and maintenance of hostels, said the process of consultation undertaken by the Transvaal Provincial Administration had been insufficiently inclusive and rejected the "extensive and costly" use of private sector consultants

The joint agreement stated that if certain hostel areas were not fenced, "upgrading, integration and development will not be possible"

They also said the R326m set aside by government for the upgrading of hostels had not been disbursed satisfactorily

The Madala and Nobuhle hostels in Alexandra, the Meadowlands and Dobsonville hostels in Soweto and the Ratanda hostel in Heidelberg all required "immediate stabilising measures", the agreement stated

"Government should immediately undertake to suspend all their initiatives at hostels where agreements have not been finalised and contracts signed by 30 No-

These measures include the walling or fencing off of the hostels, a 24-hour police presence, random searches of grounds and dwellers and a constant monitoring of all access points into and out of the hostels

Attorney-general to decide on Ceba's arrest

THE police informer which the Goldstone commission found had organised two attacks which claimed 19 lives in Thokoza last year would be arrested only if the attorney-general found sufficient grounds, police said yesterday *BIDAY 1/12/92*

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He had also led a violent coup in the Phola Park Residents' Committee, of which three members were subsequently assassinated

An inquiry found that Mncugi Ceba, posing as an ANC self-defence unit head, ambushed a march by hostel residents in September last year, killing 16 and injuring 13

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the commission usually directed its findings to the attorney-general, after which they would be sent to the police

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Agreement on hostels reached

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

The ANC PWV region and the Transvaal Hostels Resident Association (THRA) have agreed to the fencing of five hostels in the area.

The agreement was signed yesterday in Johannesburg to fence Madala and Nobuhle hostels in Alexandra, Ratanda hostel in Heidelberg as well as hostels in Meadowlands and Dobsonville

The ANC and Government

agreed at the violence summit on September 26 to the fencing of 27 hostels on the Reef and in Natal.

Threat

But the Government last month told the Goldstone Commission's committee on hostels that it could not proceed with the fencing of hostels because of opposition by the Inkatha Freedom Party and the THRA

In a report, which was drawn up by the Department of Local Government and

Local Housing and submitted to the Goldstone committee on hostels on November 6, the Government said the THRA had threatened a rent boycott and marches and vowed that the contractors would not be allowed on site

"It was also stated that fences would be destroyed," the report said.

The Government had argued that the fencing of hostels would increase violence and proposed that the National Peace Secretariat be asked to call a meeting of all the

parties concerned and serve as a mediator to resolve the conflict.

It also requested mediation from the Goldstone Commission to resolve the conflict.

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said last night that the THRA was an autonomous body and "if it comes to an arrangement in full consultation, it is their decision".

She said the essence of democracy was that consultations took place on matters of mutual concern, rather than

the imposition of bilateral decisions.

The IFP pulled out of talks with the Government following the ANC/Government Record of Understanding, which included the fencing of 27 hostels.

Issues

On November 15 — the target date for the implementation of the Record of Understanding — none of the identified hostels had been fenced and the ANC said it was still discussing outstanding issues with the Government.

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Crackdown against defaulter

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By Lulama Luti

■ Councils cut electricity and water to at least four townships:

AT least four townships on the East Rand and in Naboomspruit have had some supplies cut off in a crackdown on rent defaulters

And, the Dobsonville Town Council continued this week to issue summonses against more than 5 000 residents saying they had not paid rent since 1990

More than 5 000 residents of Mokgopong in Naboomspruit have been without water since last Friday following a rent boycott that started last month. They demanded a flat-rate of R25

Extension 25 in Vosloorus is without water and electricity

Vosloorus town clerk Mr George Prinsloo said negotiations broke down in October when the local civic association rejected the council's offer of a R42 flat-rate

Restrictions

"Every second day there will be restrictions on water supply in some areas. Otherwise, with regard to electricity, we had to cut off the supply

completely," he said

Tokoza residents were warned by the Alberton Town Council to pay their electricity bills by yesterday

Acting town secretary Mr CJK Pelsler yesterday said they were still collecting money

The township's average daily consumption is between R12 000 and R14 000

Meanwhile, Katlehong has been without water for the past three weeks while refuse removal and burst water pipes had not been attended to

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Northern merger on cards

By Bunty West

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Randburg residents can expect to pay between 10 and 15 percent more on their rates bill if plans to amalgamate Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra go ahead.

But with the phasing in of joint administration, staff appointments would be rationalised as departments merged

Residents in Randburg were yesterday given the opportunity to make their feelings heard during a unique phone-in/video link-up with Randburg councillors seated at M-Net's studio monitors, situated in four centres throughout the town.

The majority of residents were concerned with the costs of putting the "sub-region" plans on the road

According to councillor

Brian Crail, the management committee chairman, "if we do not accept responsibility for Alexandra now it will be foisted on us by central Government in July 1993

"By being pro-active now, we can manage the changes to the advantage of all ratepayers," he said.

"The alternative is a redistribution of wealth by central Government"

With Randburg taking a

leadership role, Sandton would make a decision in January, and the council could look after the northern areas' interests and increase economic interaction in the sub-region, Crail said

Despite this, however, even if ratepayers did decide they did not want to amalgamate, a decision would be made for them because, according to the council, the merger was inevitable.

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Call to probe Rosebank land deals

STAR 2/12/92

Staff Reporter (127)

The Rosebank Action Group (RAG) yesterday demanded a public inquiry into land sales by the Johannesburg City Council.

RAG co-chairman Julian Lap said in a statement that the council was selling prime land in Rosebank at a fraction of its market value and changing the property zoning without applications being made.

He said the building on the corner of Baker Street and Cradock Avenue — the 11-storey JHI House — did not meet parking requirements or

observe height restrictions of between three and four storeys

The land was sold without tender in 1980 for R70/sq m. Lap said the land was valued at an estimated R955/sq m in April this year.

Johannesburg city secretary Howard Veale said last night that RAG had put in a memorandum to discuss the issue. He said RAG still had to confirm a meeting tomorrow with the council, which would comment further at a later date.

Lap said RAG was organising opposition to another council scheme for a high-rise

hotel development on a narrow strip of land near Cradock and Tyrwhitt avenues and had invited residents and businessmen to attend an on-site inspection at 9.20 am tomorrow.

Public tenders had again not been called for and the sale had been negotiated privately for a sum less than that offered by other potential buyers, said Lap.

He said there would be a hearing at the Civic Centre after the on-site inspection. People who need transport to the hearing can call Lap at (011) 447-3287 or 788-1610.

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RMP to develop low-cost housing

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RAND Mines Properties planned to use some of its land to develop affordable housing projects and other community facilities, chairman John Hall said in the latest annual report.

The rapid urbanisation taking place on the Witwatersrand was creating a need for this type of project, which would involve local communities, developers and authorities

"It is important that a suitably representative and legitimate metropolitan authority be established as soon as possible to co-ordinate the extensive development required to cater for the influx of people as well as the general growth of the Witwatersrand," Hall said.

In an interview yesterday, RMP MD Colin Steyn said the proposed affordable housing projects were still in embryo stage and extensive discussions were taking place between all involved parties

"Initially we are looking at setting aside about 100ha of land southwest of Johannesburg for affordable housing. Our objective is to keep the houses priced at between R40 000 and R50 000," he said

Discussions were being held with civic associations and prospective communities to determine what their requirements were

RMP was determined to do its share to address the housing problem. "We believe people must live close to their workplace and are setting aside some of our land to facilitate this," Steyn said

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As discussions regarding possible developers and financiers were at a "delicate" stage, he declined to elaborate further

Hall said the volatile political and social climate and the prevailing adverse economic conditions would continue to affect the demand for township land

"Uncertainties in these areas will delay commitments to buy land and activity in the property market is therefore likely to remain depressed in 1993. Profit from property operations is unlikely to exceed that in 1992," he said.

However, contrary to expectations, profits from property operations improved 35% compared with the previous year due to township land sales to major institutions and a rise in rental income, he said

Cost increases at the Crown Mines and City Deep plants were contained below the rate of inflation, but the lower gold price in rand terms and an increased amortisation charge were the major causes of the R4,9m operating loss at these plants.

Profitability of the gold recovery operations would depend largely on the rand gold price received and the ability of management to further contain costs, he said

Turnover for the year to end-September rose to R189,49m (R180,6m) but attributable profit dropped to R13,11m (R18,76m), translating into earnings of 106c (151c) a share.

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Threat to destroy hostel fences

SI DAM 3/12/92

INKATHA hostel leaders have threatened to tear down fences around hostels in the PWV — despite an agreement that “stabilising measures” would have to be adopted at five hostels in the region

Inkatha’s Alexandra Hostel branch chairman Phineas Sokhela said Inkatha branches would not allow “anybody to fence us”

The statement followed the signing of an agreement on Monday between the ANC’s PWV region and the Transvaal Hostel Residents Association

In the agreement, the first of its kind between the ANC and hostel dwellers, it was agreed that “stabilising measures” would have to be adopted at five hostels in the PWV region including the Madala and Nobuhle hostels in Alexandra and the Meadowslands hostel in Soweto

The agreement stated that if certain hostels were not fenced, “upgrading, integration and development will not be possi-

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ble”
The hostel association claimed to have significant support in all hostels in the PWV region

The Inkatha statement said residents of the hostels involved were not consulted about the agreement “This agreement will bind only those who sign it We shall use our hands to tear down the fences,” it said

ANC PWV deputy regional secretary Obed Bapela said Inkatha was attempting to politicise the issue without having studied the agreement

“The agreement goes beyond fencing hostels, it encourages upgrading, development and the reintegration of hostels with the community,” Bapela said

Fencing was only one of the stabilising options available but this would be done in consultation with hostel residents, he added

Tollgate

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substantial injection of new capital by TGH shareholders, if this took place Absa might consider injecting new capital itself

But returning from a trip to the UK in November when he discussed the matter with TGH shareholders, Askin said no shareholder injection of capital would be forthcoming unless Absa was prepared to restructure the debt

Absa rejected this suggestion, Brits said, as it would have involved substantial debt write-offs

Absa also rejected a set of proposals submitted by TGH in November after it had rejected suggestions made in August to restructure the debt The August proposals involved Absa writing off or cancelling about R160m of its debt, “ring fencing” an additional R99m, investing another R82m in preference shares in TGH and granting the group a working capital facility of about R30m

The November proposals involved either a buyout, a controlled liquidation involving the sale of some of TGH’s viable businesses or an immediate liquidation

In terms of the buyout proposal, Absa would release certain sureties and take

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over certain assets to reduce TGH’s exposure to Absa to R182m This would be converted to backdated, five-year redeemable preference shares with a coupon of 50% of prime bank rate Absa would also make available as secured working capital a further R30m financed by bankers’ acceptances for two years

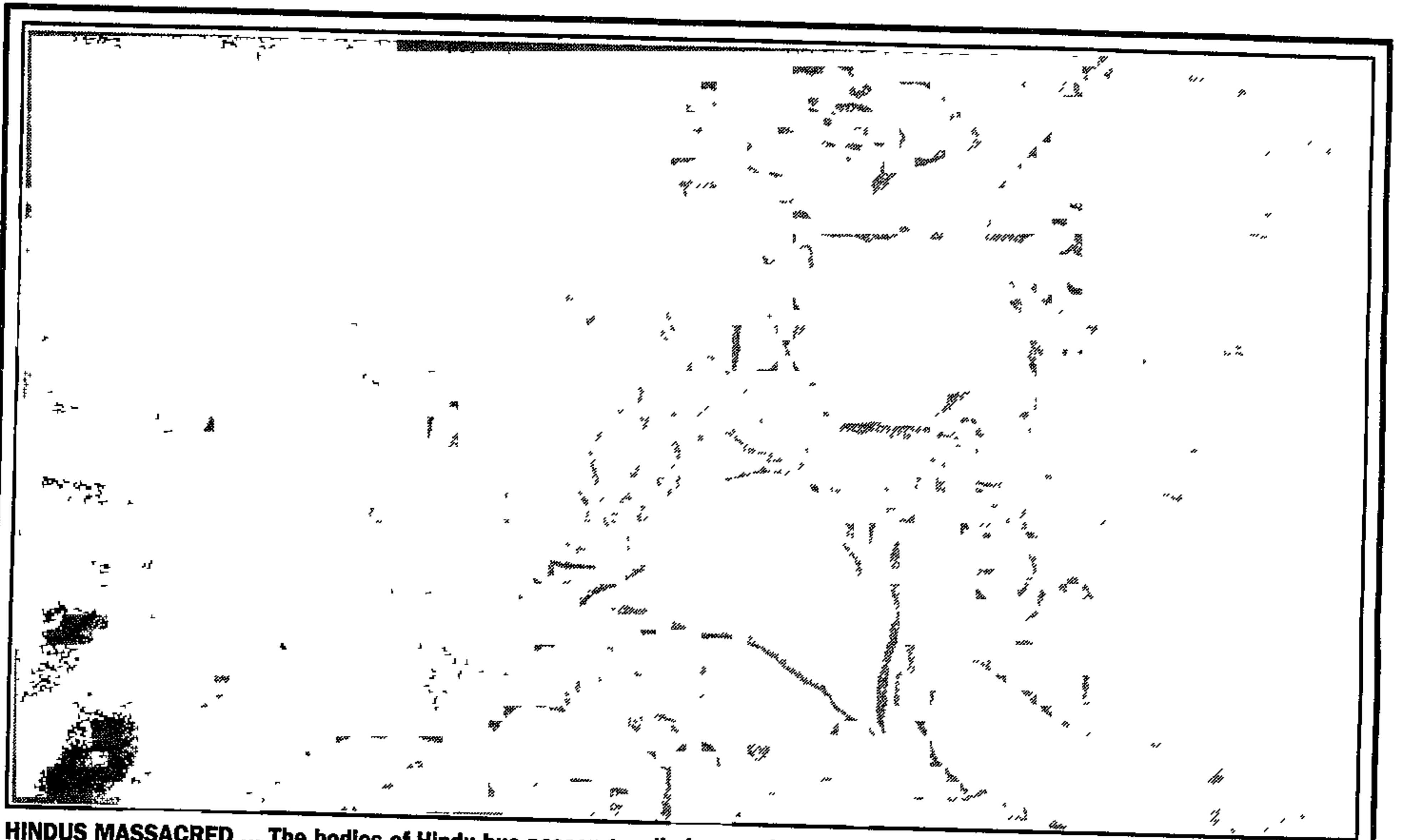
A consortium of some of the present shareholders together with the new shareholders would make an offer to minority shareholders and then delist TGH A separate Absa loan to a consortium shareholder overseas would also be converted into five-year preference shares

The effect of the buyout proposal would be to leave earnings of R5m, which would be sufficient for the R4m a year required for other bank claims and contingencies The scheme was rejected by Absa

TGH’s financial position deteriorated in the six months to end-June and it made an operating loss of R7,8m and its net asset value declined by about R47,7m Brits said there was no possibility of the group achieving the projected operating profit of R56m for the full financial year



NEWS Diepmeadow Council acts on rent defaulters



HINDUS MASSACRED ... The bodies of Hindu bus passengers lie in a pool of blood after 16 were slaughtered by Sikh gunmen in the Punjab village of Sidhwan Kurad. The gunmen separated the Hindus from other passengers on a crowded bus and shot them while the bus sped down a highway. Militant Sikhs are fighting for a homeland independent of India.

Residents face threat

By Lulama Luti

MORE THAN 29 000 Diepkloof and Meadowlands residents could be served with summonses for failing to pay rent and service charges following a council resolution taken last month

According to a letter dated November 11, the Diepmeadow Council has advised the Transvaal Provincial Administration of its intention to issue summonses in a bid to meet the TPA's December 15 deadline.

In its reply, the TPA told the council to disconnect the electricity supply to all rent defaulters

The TPA also urged the council to retrench 10 percent of its current staff in order to cut down on expenditure

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■ COUNCIL RESOLUTION TPA ⁽¹²⁷⁾ tells council to disconnect power supply to rent defaulters:

Both the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils were given until December 15 to put their houses in order or face possible dissolution

Meanwhile, Diepmeadow Council employees were shocked this week when they learnt that their annual bonuses had been frozen

Asked to freeze payments

While the council had issued receipts advising them that the bonuses would be paid out on November 30, the workers had since learnt that the money had not been deposited with their banks

They now fear the banks had been asked to freeze the payments

The general secretary of the shopsteward council, Mr G Moseboa, said the situation was such that traffic officers had to fork out their own money for petrol for the patrol cars

The council's switchboard had also not been working for about two weeks, he said

The workers staged a protest march to the mayoral house in Meadowlands yesterday

Attempts to reach the council for comment were unsuccessful as officials were said to be locked in meetings

Call for brand new health care system

BIDAY 3/12/92

FIVE children die every hour in SA of malnutrition-related diseases, and 12 die every day of tuberculosis, spokesmen for health organisations said yesterday, calling for a fundamental restructuring of the country's health care system

Speaking at a news conference, National Progressive Primary Health Care Network chairman Prakash Vallabh said latest figures from the Department of Health and the SA National Tuberculosis Association showed the desperate need for transformation of health care service

"The unfair allocation of health resources in our country has led to widescale death and suffering. What we need is a fundamental restructuring of the health care system"

The network, together with the SA Health and Social Services Organisation, the two largest NGOs in the health sector, said they would hold a conference next week to formulate a health policy to guide SA through its transition phase

The conference would be addressed by medical experts from 10 developing countries which had important lessons for SA

Speaking at yesterday's meeting, Cuban doctor Leonardo Mejias said that through the development of a

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strong primary health programme, his country had almost eradicated diseases such as measles, which plagued SA. Cuba had also achieved a low incidence of malnutrition and tuberculosis

SA Health and Social Services Organisation spokesman Aslam Dasoo said the conference would focus on the most serious needs of SA communities, especially in rural areas and squatter camps where lack of water, sanitation and refuse removal systems had contributed greatly to poor health conditions.

The conference would also discuss ways of making the private health care industry — which Dasoo said was "running rampant" — more involved in community health

Conference spokesman Max Price emphasised that a focus on primary health would not mean tertiary and specialised care would be disregarded. But, there would have to be "a reallocation of resources".

Specialised care had an important role to play, especially in keeping medical experts and academics in the country, maintaining high standards and giving citizens a sense of security, said Price

Rent summonses spark Vosloorus stayaway call

WILSON ZWANE

THE Vosloorus Civic Association has called for a stayaway in the East Rand township today to protest against summonses served on rent defaulters

Civic association official Ali Maziya said yesterday the stayaway had been called to coincide with the appearance of some residents in the Boksburg Magistrates' Court in connection with non-payment of services

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said dwindling revenue from residents had forced the council to take steps against rent defaulters

These included severe water restrictions

Prinsloo said less than 10% of the residents were paying their accounts. As a result, the town council had been forced to cut the water supply to residents for 15 hours every second day

The measure came into effect on Sunday, and according to Prinsloo, it — as well as power cuts and legal actions against rent defaulters — had been taken after a deadlock in negotiations on the payment of services between the council and the Vosloorus Civic Association

Meanwhile a boycott of Boksburg's businesses by residents from Vosloorus, Villa Lisa, Reiger Park and Palm Ridge entered its second day yesterday

The boycott, called by the East Rand Civic Association, was aimed at putting pressure on the Boksburg City Council to stop the Vosloorus municipality from attaching properties belonging to rent defaulters

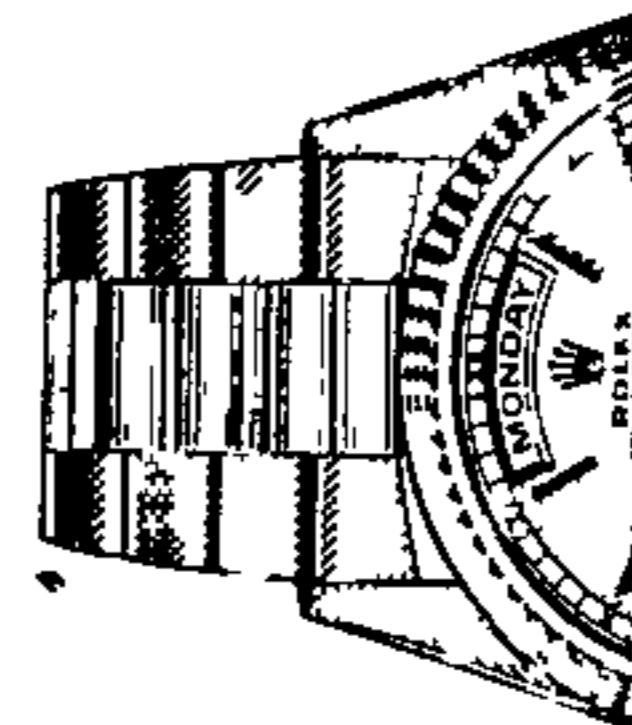
Boksburg acting town clerk Robert van der Merwe has said his municipality would not tell Vosloorus — an "autonomous" municipality — what to do

However, Boksburg's management committee was prepared to meet the East Rand Civic Association to discuss their grievances, Van der Merwe said

Boksburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries vice-president Sandra Morris said a snap survey of 30 businesses had shown that the boycott was in force

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Rent boycotts to continue

THE time was not yet ripe for the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) to advise its members to suspend rent and services boycotts, Sanco president Moses Mayekiso said yesterday

He said in an interview that Sanco did not want to "encourage the culture of non-payment of services"

However, a number of things had to happen before Sanco advised its constituencies to suspend the boycotts. These included "sufficient movement towards the democratisation of government — at both local and national levels", the scrapping of the Interim Measures for Local Government Act and the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Amendment Act and the forging of a single tax base for towns and their neighbouring townships

Mayekiso said while negotiations were continuing in the Local Government Negotiating Committee — which comprised government and civics — authorities should not "penalise our people by cutting services"

Former Local Government Minister Leon Wessels said recently government was prepared to suspend the

WILSON ZWANE

Interim Measures for Local Government Act and the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Amendment Act if boycotts of rent and services were lifted

In another development, a working group of the Local Government Negotiating Committee met this week to finalise a draft document on the establishment of a local government forum

The document would be submitted to the committee in the new year for discussion

The document, which Sanco has circulated to its regions, contains three options for local government

□ The inclusion of extra-parliamentary groups in the Council for the Coordination of Local Government Affairs,

□ The scaling down of this council to make it more cost-effective and less unwieldy; and

□ The establishment of a completely new forum for local government

It is understood Sanco will push for acceptance of the third option

PAC to seek black businessmen's help

THE PAC is asking black business and the black professional community to work with it in finding solutions to the country's political and economic problems

PAC president Clarence Makwetu said yesterday his organisation believed business and professional people's contribution to current political debates was vital to SA's future stability and prosperity

A two-day conference attracting

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around 250 people would be held at Midrand at the weekend "to explore and develop possible synergies" between the PAC and black businessmen, Makwetu said

Key speakers will include PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke, Nafcoc president Archie Nkonyeni and National Sorghum Brewery executive chairman Mohale Mahanyele

Witness fails to recall events

SUSAN RUSSELL

POLICEMAN Eugene Riley, identified by two witnesses at the Webster inquest from an identikit of a suspect in the murder of Wits academic David Webster, testified yesterday he could not remember what he had done on May 1 1989, the day of the murder

Riley said the date had no special significance for him.

The police counter-insurgency unit member told the court he and former CCB agent Ferdi Barnard had been friends since 1981

Riley said after his suspension from the police force — he had been charged with attempted murder and robbery in Bophuthatswana — Barnard had hired him as an informant for MI last year. Barnard worked for MI from May to December last year

Riley said Barnard had paid him for his services until August last year

Earlier yesterday Judge M Stegmann refused an application by counsel for the Webster family, E Bertelsmann SC, for an order compelling the investigating officer to identify a source who approached him during the first week after the murder and suggested he direct his investigation towards CCB MD Joe Verster

The judge said there was nothing to suggest that the source could offer information that was not already before the court

The court adjourned until January 19 when counsel will present their closing arguments.

Roll up for peek at the real Soweto

STAR STAFF

FOREIGNERS rush in where abelungu fear to tread.

An eclectic group of German, Dutch and British tourists crowded the pavement outside the Carlton Hotel — the departure point for Soweto tours

Photographer Steve Hilton-Barber and I had arranged to meet a guide from the Soweto Council, but there was no sign of him.

Instead we found Jimmy Mntshi selling taxi rides to Soweto at R65 each. The real Soweto The good, the bad and the ugly, not some sanitised version. We decided to go

I tried wangling a discount for two cash-strapped South Africans "Considering you want to write something, you can have a free interview afterwards," he said magnanimously

"You charge for interviews?" I asked incredulously "In a business man," he shrugged. An entrepreneur extraordinaire I heard him

"Flopping stones to the tourists. R20 apiece. "You may need them," he warned He was joking I think

ENTERPRISING tour guides are cashing in on Soweto. CAROLINE HURRY set out to see the good, the bad and the ugly — and found warmth.

tour guide, eased us down the highway Welcome, my dear friends," he exclaimed warmly

Cameras checked furiously as we approached the township Feel free to take photos We in Soweto are very photogenic Any questions?"

invited Oupa "Is there a sea in Johannesburg?" asked one middle-aged woman Oupa did not permit himself even the flicker of a smile

"No, Johannesburg is full of gold instead Durban and Cape Town have an ocean," he explained patiently "Okay, my good friends, there are three forms of transport in Soweto The trains are the cheapest But they are no longer in favour because of the violence

The Putco buses are also not in favour because they are slow and expensive. The minibuses or taxis are very much in favour There are 250 000 in Soweto They are privately owned and much safer

Oupa's eyes twinkled "Fear not, madame. I've plenty of rocks under my seat to hurt back if they do," he assured her

"Right, good friends, this is Diepkloof Extension 4, which we call Diepkloof Expensive. The people here have servants, educate their children in Johannesburg and own BMWs."

Soweto is an erratic fusion of affluence and poverty Tin shacks mushroom next to mansions. Spazas squat beside supermarkets. The gardens, some less than a square metre, are carefully tended

Oupa points out the asbestos-roofed houses built by the Government "We call these matchboxes There are three or four rooms and an outside toilet. Come and see for yourselves."

The minibus lurched to a halt. A woman, her skirts weighed down by a clutch of children peeping shyly around her ample frame, ushered us into her humble abode. Modest furnishings, but everything neat as a pin

"These are my friends," said Oupa by way of introduction. We were made to feel as welcome as long-lost relatives

Fortified by a cup of tea, we pressed on to the famous and lesser-known landmarks — homes of local luminaries such as Winnie Mandela and Ar



HAPPY SNAPPERS At the entrance to Soweto



VIEW FROM THE INSIDE The tourists are driven through a squatter camp ● Photographs STEVE HILTON-BARBER

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A former chef, Ntintli
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Who needs to pick up the
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Quite I ponder the
possibilities of Parktown
as a potential package
promotion.

"What about the
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VIPs?" he suggests. "No
one's doing that here yet
and it's big business in
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Soweto might not have a
seaside, but it does have
an ocean of character



GUIDE: Oupa Mofokeng shows tourists the Baragwanath taxi rank.



TEA BREAK: A stop at one of Oupa's friends.



UNEQUAL PROBLEM . . . While whites in Balfour water their gardens with hosepipes, Siyathemba residents, who have had dry taps for three months now, are forced to travel three kilometres to fetch drinking water in containers.

■ PIC: THULANI SITHOLI

By THEMBA KHUMALO

PLENTY of rain but not a scrap of water to drink

That's the plight of blacks in Siyathemba, a small dusty township near Balfour, a conservative one-street town in the south-eastern Transvaal

In an unusual twist of fate blacks have to travel about three kilometres from the township to town to fetch water in buckets and other containers

The only option open to the elderly and the ill who cannot make it to

the taps at the local council offices is to buy water from passing horse-pulled carts

Local whites do not have such problems. During a City Press tour of the town we saw lush lawns being watered with hosepipes.

Despite torrential rains that have fallen in most parts of the country recently, the water

crisis continues to hit Siyathemba residents

For the past three months they have not had a drop of water from their taps.

Every morning desperate women queue at the three reservoirs in the township in the hope that trucks carrying water will come to their aid.

Members of Siyath

emba Civic Association (SCA) and the community believe the scarcity of water in the area is due to racism

Jan Moshele of the SCA said. "This is pure racism. You won't find a single white person looking around for water. It's a plot by the rightwingers to frustrate us."

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A tale of hosepipes, lush lawns and dusty streets

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tor Johnny Lewis denies this, saying the water shortage was a longstanding problem which affected blacks and whites equally

"We draw our water in a pipe from the Grootvlei power station. There is a technical problem with the pipe, but we are busy trying to solve it. We are hoping for positive results

before Christmas"

Moshele said confrontation with the authorities started in July when Winnie Mandela led a march of township residents to the local police station in a protest against the lack of water

"For the next few days we had a regular water supply, but the problem has started all over again I think we need another march in order to have things sorted out," Moshele said, adding essential services had collapsed in

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PLANNING AHEAD .. RMP's Colin Steyn and Islamic Bank's Ebrahim Kharsany

ISLAMIC BANK TO BUILD R200m HOUSING ESTATE

SI Times (BUSS) 6/12/92

THE ISLAMIC Bank is to develop a R200-million multi-cultural housing estate in Ormonde, near Johannesburg, on land bought from Rand Mines Properties

In the biggest single transaction undertaken by RMP in its 25-year history, it has sold the 86ha property to the bank for R25-million

The land covers 554 residential erven, ranging from 600m² to 1 200m², and the houses will be sold for between R150 000 and R250 000, depending on demand

Islamic Bank executive director Ebrahim Kharsany said they will develop the houses and give mortgages to buyers. The mortgage will have to be repaid within five years, and while the

By TERRY BETTY

bank will not charge interest on the mortgage, it will put a mark-up on the house

The project, which will be done in seven phases, is to begin with the land being proclaimed in January. The first homes should be ready for occupation in August

RMP has already sold another property south of Johannesburg to Islamic Bank, which is to be developed with townhouses and cluster homes

RMP managing director Colin Steyn

says RMP has traditionally been perceived as being active only in the commercial and industrial markets. "This project illustrates the key role RMP is playing in the provision of housing close to the Johannesburg CBD," he said

He added "RMP is addressing issues arising from the pressures of urbanisation by initiating a number of additional projects over 100ha of land"

He said RMP has several properties close to the CBD which they have held for many years and which used to be mining land that belonged to Crown Mines

He said this land is becoming more valuable as people wanted to move closer to the Johannesburg CBD

Alex Clean-up brings hope of fresh start

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The streets of Alexandra were still dusty but the yellow bags of rubbish lay in neat piles, waiting for the front-end loaders to lift them away.

On Third Avenue, which forms a boundary between IFP and ANC territory, supporters of each group worked their area without recrimination.

Only a couple of months ago, continuous battles were fought in this township, bordering Sandton. Where gun-wielding soldiers once shot rounds at attackers, cleaners decked in the yellow plastic bags now swept the streets.

The atmosphere in the township was peaceful. Despite the searing heat, workers loaded bags of rubbish on to trucks which headed off for the municipal dumping grounds.

Alexandra's political rivals agreed that the clean-up operation, launched by the community group Direct Action, had brought a measure of stability to the area.

Alexandra ANC member Lina Twala said it had brought people closer together.

A number of clean-ups had been attempted in the township before but none had removed the volume of rubbish taken away in this two-week campaign.

"It's great now, but if we're not careful we'll be back to square one in January. All we need is funds," Twala said.

IFP member David Khumalo said he was happy to see the ANC and his people working side by side in the same area.

"Now they have no time to fight," he said.

Speaking from the IFP stronghold of "Beirut", leader Peterson Phowasa said the clean-up was "very good, because for two years there has

Alexandra residents joined hands in a clean-up campaign last week.
CHARLOTTE JAMES
was there.

Beirut to clean for R8 plus bread and jam said they were "pleased because the area is looking very nice".

If the residents of Alexandra were impressed with the changes, the campaign organisers were thrilled.

Direct Action committee chairman Patience Pashe said "We've been flooded with calls of congratulations, everyone thinks the town looks cleaner."

Once people had become involved in the campaign, it took their minds off the violence — it was a reprieve, she said.

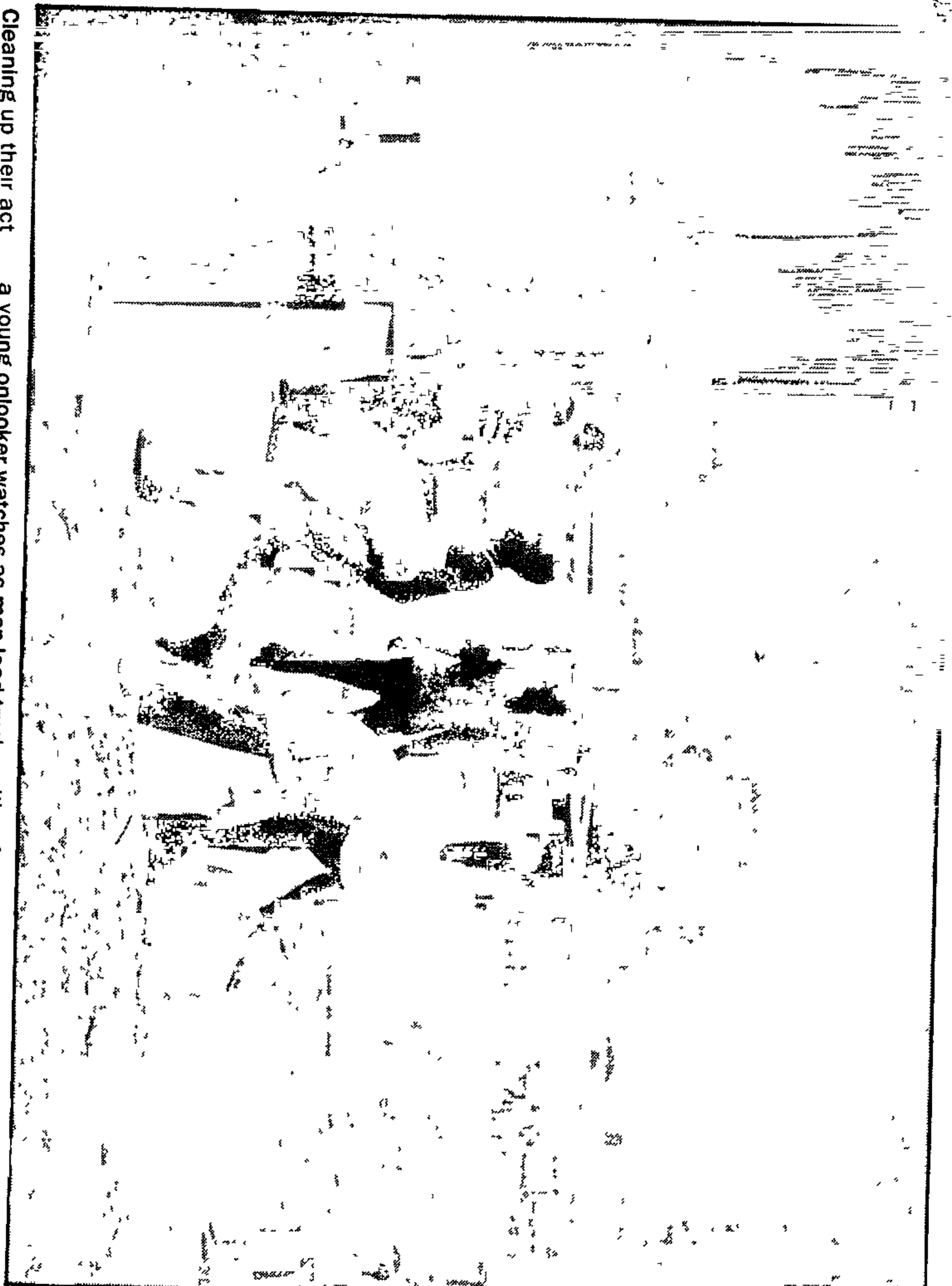
The Interim Crisis Committee's Deane Yates directed me to a stretch of pavement which had been hidden by rubbish for seven years. The great piles which had obscured it had gone to the dumping ground.

Nearby, even the notorious Madala hostel no longer had rubbish heaped outside. The mounds of earth had been flattened.

And after about 600 people had cleared it of refuse, parts of the Jukskei River were flowing for the first time in 15 years.

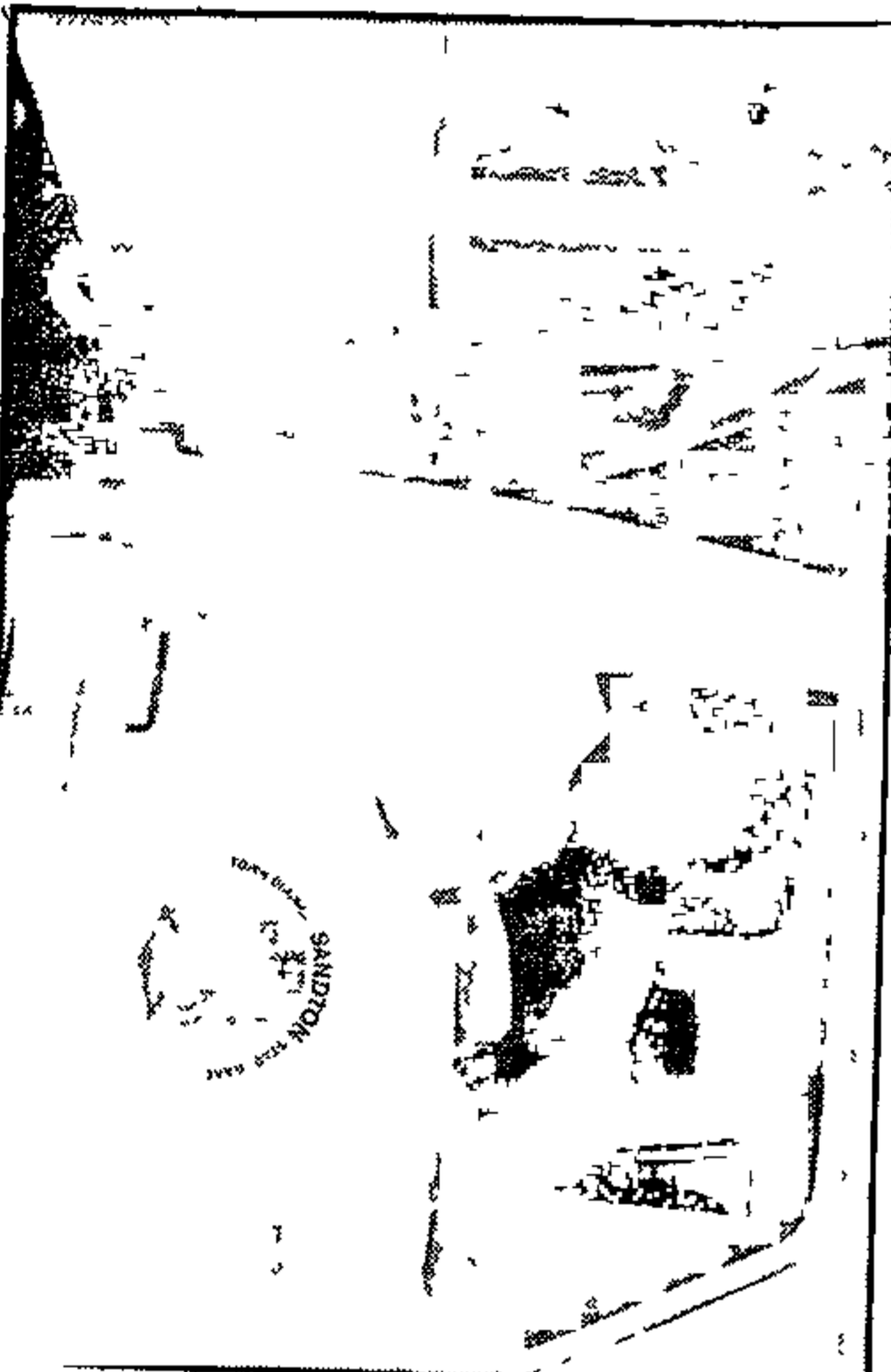
Direct Action's non-political stance allows it access into parts of Alexandra where no IFP or ANC member would dare to set foot.

Campaign spokesman Richard Mollentez drove me through the buffer zone between ANC and IFP territory. This eerie no-man's-land is a strip of deserted homes, razed shacks and empty streets.



Cleaning up their act a young onlooker watches as men load trucks with refuse gathered in the two-week clean-up campaign in Alexandra

a young onlooker watches as men load trucks with refuse gathered in the two-week clean-up campaign in Alexandra Pictures Peter Mogaki



Demo bus will educate people about electricity

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A bus, fitted out with electrical appliances, television monitors and display boards, to educate people about the safe and correct use of electricity, was launched in Elandsfontein on Friday.

The "demonstration bus" is part of a joint project between the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) and East Rand-based electronics firm Circuit Breakers International (CBI).

The bus will be used to explain and demonstrate to people the potential dangers and efficient use of electricity.

CAST and CBI decided that a programme to educate people about the benefits and hazards of electricity was necessary in the light of in-

creasing access to electricity.

Eskom is electrifying about 3 000 houses a month, according to Eskom sales and customer service general manager Ja. de Beer.

"The bus is a bold step in making electricity available to people," South African National Civics Association president Moses Mayekiso said. He hoped the bus would help raise issues like the affordability of electricity.

CAST general secretary Dan Mofokeng said that even though Eskom's "Electricity for All" programme was under way, there was "still a long way to go

He said projects such as the "demonstration bus" would help to educate rural people about the benefits of electricity.

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Shopping centres in tune with demand

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MAJOR retailers are confident they are not over-exposing themselves by continuing to invest in shopping centres, particularly in the north of Johannesburg. They say market research shows there is still a demand for such facilities.

Edgars group property development manager Mike Lewin said any decision was based on whether the business generated by the new store was sufficient to justify its establishment.

"We will not embark on a new store if it is merely going to take shoppers away from existing stores. Every store requires a substantial financial commitment to fit out the store, as well as to stock and staff it," he said.

OK Bazaars MD-elect Mervyn Serebro said a considerable amount of market research was completed before a decision was made to invest in new space. The Fourways Mall had good growth potential and the major chains were committed to the centre.

"We do not believe our new store at Fourways will have any effect on the Hyperama in Sandton City. That store is not large enough and is under some parking pressure," he said.

Northgate was also not a threat as it was situated some distance from both Sandton City and Fourways Mall, he said.

"It would be very short-sighted for any of the majors to take new space that could possibly affect their present stores.

"Our expansion hinges on several factors. These include the market need, economic climate and the general climate

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within SA. We have confidence in the future of the country and our business will grow as necessary," he said.

The fact that three major shopping centres were located in relatively close proximity — Sandton City, Fourways Mall and Northgate — did not make the majors feel uncomfortable, he said.

The reason for this was that people wanted to travel shorter distances and spend less time shopping. This allowed the industry to sustain three centres so close to one another, he said.

Interleisure MD Mike Egan said each centre and its location was thoroughly considered before any cinemas were built. However, he did not feel there had been over-development in the area north of Johannesburg.

"Increasing numbers of people are living in the corridor between Johannesburg and Pretoria — particularly young people, which is our target market," he said.

Movie attendances in the suburbs were increasing at the expense of the CBD, but a drop in audiences was not expected at Sandton City when Fourways Mall opened.

"Constructing any new shopping centres north of Rosebank in the next few years would be foolhardy, but it will probably happen five years from now," Egan said.

Fourways Mall, which opens in March, is 96% pre-let. The 19 000m² second phase of Northgate is 75% pre-let, with all major tenants in place including Ackermans, Dion, Clicks, Boardmans and Ster Kinekor.

Long list of objections extends hotel hearing

PETER GALLI

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THE controversy surrounding the proposed Grace Hotel adjacent to The Mall shopping centre in Rosebank continued as the Town Planning Tribunal began to hear both the council's application and the numerous objections last week.

However, the matter was not resolved as the list of objectors was so long the proceedings could not be finalised in the day allocated. The matter has been postponed to next year.

The Johannesburg City Council has applied to rezone erf 46. If it succeeds, the council will be able to sell the site, a 2 146m² narrow strip of land near the corner of Tyrwhitt and Cradock avenues, to the owners of The Mall for the construction of a 10-storey hotel.

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Rosmarin & Associates' director John Rosmarin, representing the council as applicant, said it had been decided to reduce the height of the proposed hotel from 44m above ground level to 34,5m, and to drop the floor area to 11 000m² from 14 000m².

The proposed hotel did not contravene any height restrictions or create a precedent for the area, while traffic and parking in the area would hardly be affected, he said.

Irma Hugo of City Planning supported the call for rezoning, saying there was a need for a five-star hotel in the Rosebank area. The proposed development complemented The Mall shopping centre.

However, more than 1 000 objections were lodged by residents and other concerned parties.

Opposition has been co-ordinated by the Rosebank Action Group (RAG), which says the development will contravene the council's own bulk guidelines, affecting traffic, parking and service requirements.

"This move will also pave the way for other similar developments, which will turn Rosebank into another Braamfontein or Hillbrow. We have also launched an inquiry into land dealings and rezonings," RAG co-chairman Julian Lap said.

He said the group recently met officials to discuss issues including the sale of prime land to developers at less than R70/m² when the municipal valuation was more than R955/m²; the apparent circumvention of parking requirements; and how an area supposedly subject to a height restriction of three to four storeys was now subject to developments of 10 storeys and more.



UN, OAU tour hostel

ADRIAN HADLAND

SOWETO's troubled Meadowlands hostel was visited yesterday by UN observers and OAU representative Shaddy Sibayene in an effort to comprehend the violence that has reduced large sections of the hostel to a burnt-out shell.

The visit comes in the wake of a recent agreement signed by the ANC's PWV region and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association in which reconciliation between hostel dwellers and nearby communities was deemed essential before upgrading and development could be undertaken.

ANC PWV region chairman Tokyo Sexwale said joint rallies between hostel dwellers and members of surrounding communities would be organised as a way to encourage the peaceful reintegration of the region's 32 hostels.

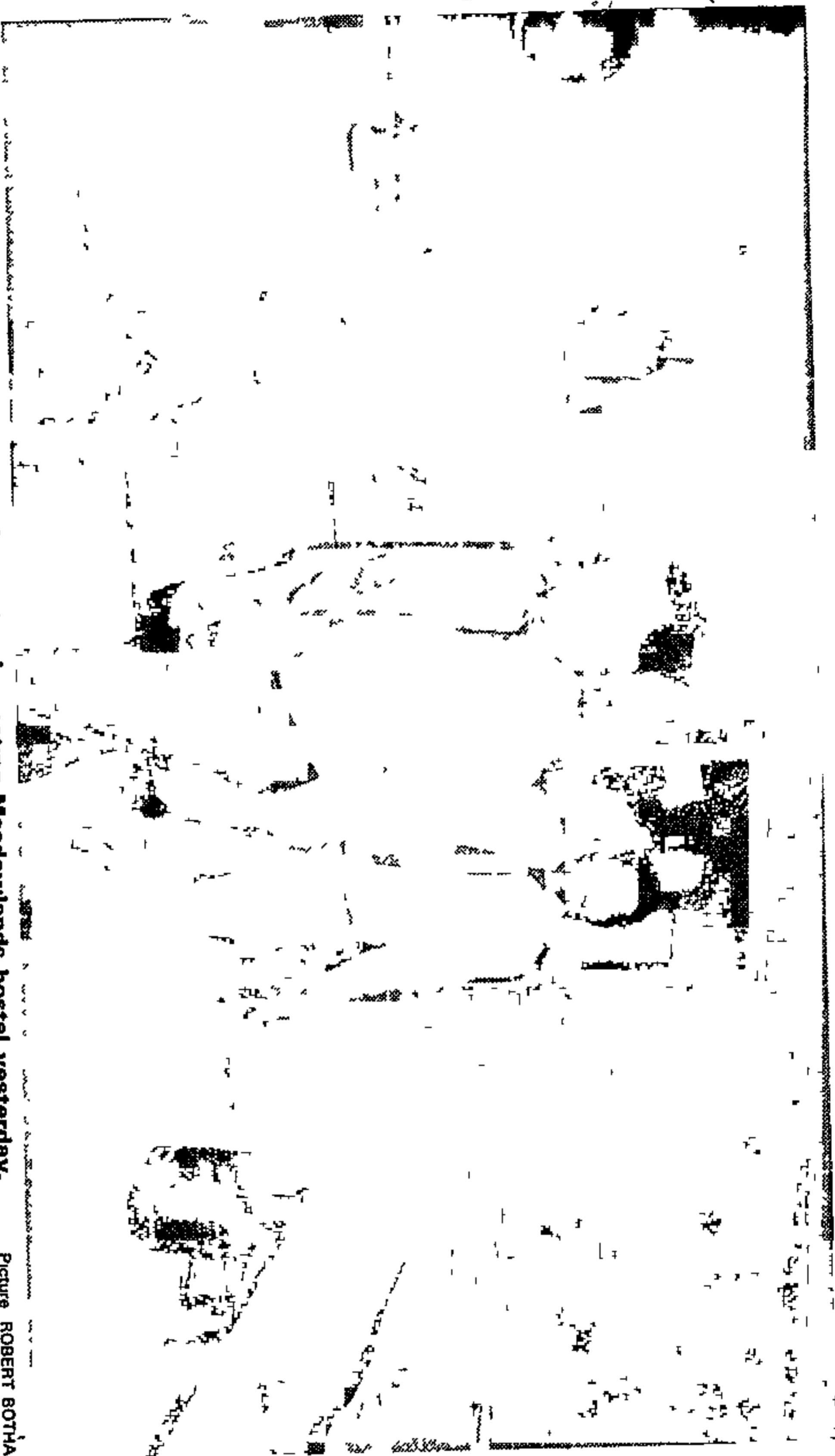
Sexwale reiterated the demand of the association/ANC agreement that funds earmarked by government for hostel upgrading be transferred to the National Housing Forum.

He called on business, the churches and the UN to contribute to the upgrading programme and said visits to other hostels were to be arranged.

Meadowlands hostel chairman Wesley Dlamini, who showed the UN, OAU, ANC and media representatives the condition at the hostel, said the hostel issue had to be depoliticised if any progress was to be made.

ANC PWV region chairman Tokyo Sexwale, centre, inspecting Meadowlands hostel yesterday.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA



Mixed reaction to 'Chinatowns'

By KATHRYN STRACHAN

PLANS to develop a series of Chinese "villages" in the PWV region have encountered criticism and suspicion, but local authorities say the projects are aimed at initiating commercial ventures and attracting foreign capital.

The Johannesburg City Council last month granted permission for Hong Kong consortium Standard Authorised to buy the entire township of Liefde en Vrede, south of the city, for R30,8m. The development includes a multimillion-rand shopping and business centre as well as residential sites, and is expected to be completed within a year.

The council decision was taken amid heated debate over a clause — requested by the buyer — stipulating that "not less than 60% of the residential erven shall be sold by the purchaser to Chinese people who have immigrated to SA from Hong Kong in the last two years or would do so in future."

The clause amounted to an "exclusive ghetto" reminiscent of the days of the Group Areas Act, DP and CP councillors said. The project is one of four this

year aimed at attracting wealthy immigrants to the PWV as a means of stimulating the economy and providing refuge from communist governments.

Standard Authorised is also set to buy more than 100 ha of the Pretoria suburb, Moreleta Park. Building is expected to begin in July and the development should be completed within two years.

The consortium plans to take representatives from the Johannesburg and Pretoria city councils to Hong Kong in February to market the townships.

A marketing strategy, including television advertising and live council interviews with city council officials, is planned for Hong Kong.

Standard Authorised director Rico Li said that as the viability of SA became known among immigrants in the Far East, another five or 10 developments could follow.

Li said his company would sell stands in both Liefde en Vrede and Moreleta Park to immigrants fleeing the mainland China commu-

nist take-over of Hong Kong in 1997.

A similar project is planned for the plateland village of Bronkhorstspuit where the town council is planning to "import" 900 Taiwanese families.

In Verwoerdburg a 30ha section of land adjacent to the Irene Darry has been bought by a Hong Kong syndicate called Legarleon Realties to settle about 500 families.

Although instability in SA has frightened off many foreign investors, Transvaal Chinese Association chairman Eric Yenson said one of the factors attracting the new immigrants was that it was easier to get into SA than it was to migrate to Canada, Australia or the US.

The immigrants were also lured by investment opportunities in SA, said Yenson.

"Maybe they think they can take a chance and see what happens," Johannesburg Council director of commerce and industry Colin Wright said the aim was not to create an exclusive Chinese area at Liefde en Vrede, but to boost commercial and industrial ventures and to attract foreign capital

to Johannesburg.

The Far East had a concentration of skills and expertise, which would serve as a job creator if it were drawn into Johannesburg, he said.

"They are not people who come looking for jobs in the civil service. They are basically entrepreneurs who will start up ventures and create work in this environment," said Wright.

With the current depressed property market, Wright said it would take about five years for the area to be absorbed if it were aimed at locals, so the city council agreed to market the land to foreigners.

But the projects have been viewed with suspicion in certain quarters, such as the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal, which saw them as reinforcing effective white control of particular areas.

ANC spokesman on local and regional government affairs Mathole Motshelga said his organisation intended calling an urgent meeting with the developers to bring a halt to plans until proper consultation had taken place.



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Consult us over merger, say residents of Sandton

Local Government Reporter

Sandton residents have called on the town council to poll their views before taking a decision on a merger with Randburg and Alexandra

Sandton Civic Foundation chairman Colin Adcock said residents were entitled to know what the pros and cons of such a merger were, and urged the town council to hold an opinion poll

"The Sandton Civic Foundation would take the strongest possible exception were the Sandton Town Council to consider approving the merger next month without first ascertaining the views of the people of Sandton

"As a merger would involve both Randburg and Sandton in the expenditure of large sums of money for the provision of

infrastructure and the upgrading of Alexandra, residents must be made aware of the full details of the proposals, including the tax base, the financial implications and who would be responsible for Alexandra's R400 million debt."

Adcock said it had already been indicated that Sandton would have to bear 68 percent of the tax base. Presumably this would mean it would also have to bear 68 percent of any increased costs

Acting Sandton management committee chairman Mike Melunsky said last week that Sandton had never committed itself to a merger with Randburg. He said the council would investigate any proposal put to it by Randburg, but any decision taken would be in the best interests of Sandton residents

Decaying hostel shocks officials

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By Monica Oosterbroek

Local and international officials were visibly shocked by the living conditions at Soweto's Meadowlands hostel, which they toured yesterday.

The tour followed a formal agreement on November 30 between the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association (THRA) and the ANC that while some hostels — including Meadowlands — needed to be fenced to be "stabilised", all hostels needed massive upgrading.

Members of the ANC PWV region and leaders of the THRA yesterday inspected Meadowlands hostel with monitoring groups, United Nations dele-

gates and the press.

Some members of the touring group were visibly shocked when they walked into the single quarters to be confronted by dozens of women, children and men living in darkness. For these hostel dwellers, home means a single crumbling, cramped and airless room. The smell of rancid food, stale sweat and dampness was overwhelming.

One room had a sign outside saying "Paradise" but residents said it was "a joke".

While people dodged piles of rubbish, stepped over decomposing foodstuff and avoided marshy patches, it was discussed how best to use the R326 million set aside by the

Government for upgrading Transvaal hostels.

ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale said hostels were breeding grounds for violence because the terrible living conditions were dehumanising. He called on the Government to forward the funds earmarked for upgrading to local development bodies so that improvements could begin.

Leaders and residents agreed that hostels needed running water, refuse collection, toilets and electricity.

But the rebuilding of living quarters smashed down during violent uprisings could begin only once hostel dwellers and township residents had been reconciled, THRA general secretary Leonard Mueli said.

Call for inquiry into Lenasia authorities

By Shehnaaz Moosa

The South East Civic Forum yesterday called for a commission of inquiry into the activities of the Lenasia South East Management Committee (LSEMC) after alleged irregularities were exposed by a local newspaper, The Indicator

The Indicator has spearheaded an investigation into the activities of members of the LSEMC and local NP members after obtaining several documents which pointed to alleged irregular dealings by its members. These include:

- A copy of acknowledgement of debt of R6 708,29 by NP and LSEMC vice-chairman Mathevin Ramsamy on April 24 1989 in respect of fraudulent use of (Standard Bank) Auto Bank as well as Standard Bank's letter to the po-

lice requesting that Ramsamy be arrested and a civil court judgment be instituted

Standard Bank spokesman Andre Paris told The Star Ramsamy was paying back the money. The bank, he said, decided not to take legal action unless Ramsamy did not honour the agreement to refund the bank

Ramsamy is the brother-in-law of chairman of the LSEMC and local NP member Tiro Chetty, who declined to comment

- A letter was allegedly written by Ramsamy to the chairman of the Firearms Appeal Board requesting a licence. In the letter, Ramsamy admitted to certain criminal convictions

A spokesman for the Firearms Appeal Board told The Star the board had no record of Ramsamy's correspondence

Housing project for Boksburg

ANDREW KRUMM

THE House of Representatives yesterday launched a low-cost housing project for Boksburg coloured residents in the face of opposition by the town council and the neighbouring middle-income suburb of Dawn Park

House of Representatives ministers' council chairman Jac Rabie said at the launch the CP-aligned Boksburg Town Council at first had been reluctant to provide services estimated at R12m to the planned housing development. Once these objections were overcome, relations with the town council became cordial

Boksburg mayor T J Ferreira was present at the ceremony and gave his council's support for the project

The 400-home development, Wind-

mill Park, was the first phase of a larger town to be known as Finaalspan, which eventually would house more than 3 000 families. About 24 show houses had been built to date. The land was acquired for R12,5m

Residents of Dawn Park had objected to the siting of a low-cost housing project next to their suburb, saying that the move would affect house prices in their area

Rabie dismissed these objections. "It has been said we sited the project here for reasons of affordability. Well, we did. It is no use having houses that are not affordable to the community which they are meant to attract"

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National health policy proposed

AFTER a week-long conference, major health organisations on Friday released their national health policy which is expected to hold far-reaching implications for future health provision in SA

The policy document — which was formulated by the SA Health and Social Services Organisation and the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network — has first to be ratified at a regional level before it is formally adopted

The document focused on the fragmentation of the present health service which has resulted in wasted resources and inequitable care to different sectors of the population

The issue of labour relations in the public health sector was given prominence in the document. Poor labour relations had damaged and disrupted health care in SA and, by undermining the morale of workers, it had affected the quality of their care, it said.

The exclusion of civil servants from the Labour Relations Amendment Act of 1991 was the root cause of the strife. The conference called for the Act to be extended immediately to include all public servants and to guarantee their right to strike

In order to avoid strike action workers, especially nurses, had to be guaranteed freedom of professional association, and acceptable dispute resolution mechanisms had to be adopted

Many of the health sector's problems arose from the concentration of health personnel in urban white areas and in the private sector. To redress the imbalance, the document resolved to implement incentives such as higher pay or greater professional recognition for work to at-

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tract personnel to underserved rural areas or to the public sector

The document also proposed a stronger emphasis on mental health. Several investigations in recent years had found that up to four in 10 people were suffering from some form of mental ill-health, which was often brought about by the violence in communities as well as within families and by alcohol and drug abuse

Speaking at the conference Gerald Bloom, a developmental studies lecturer at Sussex University, said there was no simple solution to the problem of financing essential health services in a society as segmented as in SA, where there were many sophisticated hospitals for the rich and an under-developed primary health care service for the poor

"It may be unrealistic to attempt to provide the entire population with the kinds of services which have been developed to serve the elite, or even those services which formal sector employees have come to regard as their right. The establishment of new institutions is costly and takes time to establish," said Bloom

Johannesburg city health executive director Dr Nicky Padayachee proposed an option for health sector restructuring which could be rapidly implemented once an interim government was in place

"There is obvious support for a unitary health system with decentralised implementation and the removal of fragmentation, duplication and racism. There is also wide support for equity and for a primary health care approach, including community accountability and participation"

ANC slates TPA over hostels

THE ANC has called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to hand over the R326m set aside for upgrading of hostels to the National Housing Forum in order to improve community participation in the process

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the TPA was acting unilaterally and making false claims about having formally consulted hostel dwellers about the upgrading process

"There have been instances where the TPA has talked to individuals. In reality the TPA has not consulted and, where there have been consultations, they have been undemocratic," he said

The Hostel Residents' Association had informed the ANC that it had never been officially consulted by the TPA, he said

The TPA said at the weekend it had reached consensus during consultations with the residents of 35 of the 92 hostels it administered.

"Negotiations among representative negotiation groups are in progress in respect of 42 other hostels," the TPA said, adding that it would proceed with the upgrading process despite recent ANC criticism

A TPA statement said allegations that it was not following guidelines for upgrading agreed on in November by the National

RAY HARTLEY

Discussion Forum on Hostels, were untrue

"The TPA wishes to appeal to all role-players in this important aspect of housing to co-operate so that the whole issue may be addressed as speedily as possible

"It must be stressed that the TPA regards proper and representative consultation of the utmost importance in achieving consensus regarding the upgrading or conversion of hostels in the Transvaal

"This allegation is noted with concern as it appears that in some cases, ANC members at the grassroots level are not being informed on negotiations and progress regarding the upgrading and conversion of hostels by their organisation's representatives," the TPA said

But Mamoepa said the ANC was "seriously concerned about the way the TPA goes about this kind of thing"

Tokoza hostel dwellers who had vacated their rooms when the TPA had begun renovations could not afford the higher fees charged after upgrading, he said

The TPA said expectations of better living conditions had been created during the consultation process and the TPA wished to meet these by continuing upgrading

Miss World 1992 Julia Kurotscheva and the Lost City. She is flanked by Gago, 19, who was named t

SAP torture probe is on

STEPHANE BOTHMA

CLAIMS of widescale torture of suspects by Brixton murder and robbery unit detectives would be probed by Witwatersrand Regional Police Commissioner Maj-Gen Chris Serfontein, the SAP said at the weekend

The announcement followed media reports alleging that policemen routinely extracted information from detainees by torturing them in a "truth room" at Brixton murder and robbery headquarters

The Weekly Mail reported that electric shocks, hanging prisoners by their wrists and beatings appeared to be an everyday occurrence at Brixton

The newspaper reportedly possessed a statement from a police source, backed by interviews with other policemen, former policemen, lawyers and former Brixton detainees to support the claims

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said the SAP had never tolerated misconduct by its members and called on those who alleged the torture to prove the claims so that the police force could be rid of "any unsavoury character"

An independent police board would soon investigate serious complaints, Opperman said

House builders quit troubled Vaal townships

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The housing shortage is chronic, but white developers are frightened to enter the area where they are robbed of materials, vehicles and threatened with death, reports JOSHUA RABOROKO.

Most white property developers building homes for blacks are pulling out of Vaal Triangle townships as a result of the escalating violence, despite the critical shortage of homes in the area.

The property developers maintain that their new homes have been vandalised, building materials have been stolen and vehicles hijacked by unruly elements who have made the area "altogether ungovernable and extremely dangerous".

Personnel at some of the offices have been attacked and robbed of money, while some are living in fear of their lives after death threats have been made

Losses

According to sources, only two of the 15 property developers are still operating in the beleaguered areas.

However, it is feared they, too, might leave after colleagues reported losses of millions of rands

Property developer Johan Killian has said he lost R250 000 as a result of materials being stolen and vehicles hijacked while building new homes in Zone 17, Sebokeng, in the past nine months.

In the latest of these attacks an employee was driving in Sebokeng when group of people armed with AK-47s stopped the vehicle and ordered him out last week

They left with the bakkie that was carrying R16 000 worth of building material Killian said his vehicle was valued at R20 000

He said that since February business had been very bad in the townships as a result of criminal and other elements

"We just cannot operate our companies in the present conditions," he said.

Killian said it was difficult to operate in Boipatong in the aftermath of the massacre in June

Violence had brought everything virtually to a standstill, he said, adding "If you go there, you are not sure you will come back."

Most of the developers have left the remaining jobs with black sub-contractors who were also experiencing problems because they were seen to be sell-outs

Killian said he had built more than 800 homes in Vaal Triangle townships since 1984, but had never encountered the problems he had to face this year.

"This is the worst year in my business," he said.

He explained that their problems were compounded by the fact that building societies and financial institutions were reluctant to grant home loans to blacks

Another property developer, Andre Pienaar, said building a new home in Sebokeng was almost impossible. He said before a house was completed, material was stolen and deliveries disrupted by unruly elements in the townships.

"It is dangerous to operate a business with a gun virtually pointing at your head all the time

"We are living in fear of our lives and have decided to

quit the townships in the wake of the growing violence," Pienaar said

He had built homes in Zone 6 and 7 in Sebokeng.

His remaining jobs were passed on to black sub-contractors — probably with the view to empower them economically, he said.

Most of the developers have left and indicated that they might return when things become better in the trouble-torn Vaal Triangle townships next year

Pienaar said he would probably take contracts to build for private companies, rather than go into "the troubled waters"

Killian said it seemed the whole building system had "fallen flat on its face" in the townships after numerous charges had been laid at police stations

Estimates

This a very sad story indeed at a time when hundreds of people are without homes and living in squatter camps in the area

It is estimated that more than 100 000 people are homeless and living in squatter camps and backyards in the area

A police spokesman said more police were being deployed in the area.

There were many robberies, including the hijacking of vehicles, but the spokesman could not say if they belonged to any particular property developer.

The police would investigate every case after charges had been laid

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Residents clash with councillor in Vosloorus

Crime Reporter 127

A Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) meeting at the local stadium ended in chaos yesterday morning when the crowd clashed with a local councillor

Councillor Sam Mkhize and one other person were wounded and Mkhize's car was gutted

The VCA accused Mkhize of starting the violence but Mkhize told police he had been attacked by the crowd

VCA spokesman Jabulani Dumani said the trouble started at about noon when residents, who attended the meeting to discuss water and electricity cuts in the township were leaving the stadium

Dumani said people outside the stadium were shot at by Mkhize, who lives opposite the stadium, but Mkhize told police he was attacked first by the dispersing crowd

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said the councillor was driving into his yard in a municipal car when a person shot at him, injuring him in the left ankle. She said the crowd stoned his home and gutted the municipal car, causing about R30 000 damage

Van Zweel said Mkhize returned the fire

The VCA's Dumani said one member of the crowd was injured. He denied that people in the crowd had fired at the councillor

Van Zweel said the police were investigating charges of attempted murder and public violence.

Reef hostels expect a peaceful Christmas

REEF hostel residents were looking forward to a peaceful Christmas in stark contrast to the violence which ripped through the area during the festive season last year, police and community spokesmen said yesterday.

In the past month there has been a sharp decrease in incidents of violence in areas around hostels. Politicians, hostel organisations and police said yesterday they hoped the relative peace would last.

Police emphasised there would be no relaxation in their vigilance over Christmas.

Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association general secretary Leonard Mweh said the

signing of an agreement on upgrading of accommodation between the association and the ANC earlier this month had reduced tensions in and around hostels.

Mweh said tensions had been lowered since "the people saw the leaders of the hostels talking to the ANC" about ways of improving living standards in hostels.

Police spokesman Lt Brahm du Preez said a three-pronged police strategy of searching, patrolling and seizing weapons had paid dividends. Although no figures were yet available, violence had declined "substantially".

Last week the Human Rights Commission reported a nine-month low of 263 deaths in political violence countrywide, with a significant decline in the PWV area.

Mweh warned raised expectations about hostel upgrading by the TPA were not being met, and said money had been "wasted on consultants" when it should have been spent on building and renovation. He said hostel dwellers were beginning to question the sincerity of TPA "consultations" when recommendations were ignored.

Residents of Thokoza hostel had been promised extensive upgrading by the TPA,

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but the hostel had simply been painted and residents were asked to pay more rent when they returned to their rooms, he said.

Mweh said hostel residents needed to have more say in what was being done with the R326m set aside for renovations by the TPA. Some of the money could go towards training hostel residents for the job market, he added.

The ANC has called on the TPA to hand the money to the National Housing Forum.

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit said the TPA could not comment on the ANC demand as the money was still in the hands of the Local Government Department.

She said the TPA needed more time to respond to the allegations made about up-

grading at the Thokoza hostel.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the bilateral agreement with hostel residents had led to greater integration into surrounding communities. But he stressed that fencing had been included in the agreement as part of upgrading.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said increased police patrols to protect those attending Inkatha meetings had reduced attacks on hostel dwellers.

Agreements between hostel residents and the ANC, PAC and civic organisations had played a major role in quelling violence along with the "cooling down of the political temperature" after the ANC's mass action campaign, he said.

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Women 'iron out' differences with Eskom

A GROUP of Vosloorus women, fed up with an electricity switch-off in the East Rand township, invaded the local Eskom headquarters with their electric appliances this week. After plugging them into the office power supply, the women reportedly got on with their cooking and ironing.

Eskom customer services manager Laetitia van Staaden said the demonstrators had asked Eskom to switch their electricity back on, but had been told they would have to deal with their town council as the service provider and Eskom client.

"Some of them were doing their ironing

WILSON ZWANE
and LLOYD COUTTS (127)

They said their electricity had been cut off and they had to do their ironing. It was all very peaceful and we said we had no objection to it, but we had to point out to them that they had to talk to the council."

Van Staaden said Eskom had proposed to the council that it lease Vosloorus's electricity distribution system to the utility at a nominal rental in return for supply rights. In terms of the proposal, Eskom would hold off its claim for about R30m

owed by the council for services.

However, negotiations were on hold as the council was in recess and the agreement could therefore not be signed before January 7. As a result, Eskom would continue its legal action against the council.

"Setting aside (the debt) does not mean we are writing it off, but we do not want the outstanding debt to stand in the way of at least a temporary solution."

Vosloorus has been without electricity for the past two weeks because, the council says, less than 10% of residents have been paying their accounts.

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BUSINESS New company aims to help low income groups raise loans to build houses

BFC raises housings prospects

By Mzimkulu Malunga

Sowetan

A FINANCE company which says it uses information as security for the provision of housing loans was launched on the East Rand last week

Bochabela Finance Corporation says its market is the low-income groups, who have difficulties in acquiring loans to build houses

"We use information as opposed to assets as collateral," said the company's chief executive, Mr Fuzile Magwa

BFC will operate on the East Rand until the situation becomes conducive to expansion

"We felt that it was better to operate in an area we know best," Magwa said

Both groups and individuals can qualify for loans

A person has to be earning R1 000 or less to qualify

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Borrowers would have to provide healthy trade references, the same criteria used by furniture and clothing shops

Loan amounts range between R5 000 and R10 000

Most of the loans would be short term

"Many poor people want something that they know can be paid off within a particular period, not in instalments that stretch on for over 20 years," he said

Prospective borrowers would also have to provide evidence of savings amounting to 25 percent of the amount they borrow. The cash, could then be used as security for the loan

Clients choose a financial institution with which to save the money during the loan repayment period. The company would then approach the bank concerned for that particular amount to be frozen until the loan had been fully repaid

"This system will give us indications of the financial capabilities of the borrower. It also enables BFC to

deal with the huge demand we have to handle," said Magwa

Interest on the loans is 24 percent because the market is risky and only smaller amounts are involved

Another factor which forced the BFC to put interest above official rates was because the company's creditors were not influenced by either the bank or prime rates

In a move calculated to encourage consistency in the payment of the loans, BFC would also introduce a performance bonus to clients who do not default

The bonus would be the amount of money put on stand-by to cover the costs should a client be unable to pay. "If he pays well during those 36 months we will give him that money back," said Magwa

BFC was registered as a non-profit making organisation in June this year and has a credit facility to the tune of R22 million with the Independent Development Trust Finance Corporation - an autonomous subsidiary of the Independent Development Trust

■ INFORMATION CRITICAL Assets not the

criteria to get help for a loan;

Banks 'must invest in townships'

SA NATIONAL Civics Organisation (Sanco) president Moses Mayekiso said yesterday his organisation was drafting legislation which, if accepted by a new government, would force banks to invest more in townships

The organisation was also expanding its housing and finance campaign aimed at getting financial institutions to agree to its demands

These demands, he said, included a banking code of conduct and an end to loans to homelands and other "apartheid structures"

Mayekiso said the drafting of the legislation by his organisation stemmed from concern that banks had not been investing sufficiently in the townships

"We are extremely disturbed by the fact that several banks have been making expensive purchases of over-

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WILSON ZWANE

seas banks without establishing branches in the townships first," he said

Mayekiso said Sanco would canvass public support for the legislation — a copycat of the Community Reinvestment Act in the US — once it had been drafted

When the public had endorsed the draft legislation, Sanco would lobby for it to be passed into law by a future government, said Mayekiso

"We aim to force banks to maintain a permanent presence (in the townships)," he said

On the expansion of Sanco's housing and finance campaign, Mayekiso said the move was aimed at putting pressure on banks to invest more in the townships, to stop lending money to homelands and other "apartheid

structures" and to end the flight of capital overseas

The London-based British Anti-Apartheid Movement and End Loans to SA, and the New York-based Interfaith Centre on Corporate Responsibility, had already given the campaign their blessing, he said

On the state of the economy, Mayekiso said his organisation intended becoming more involved in national economic debates to ensure that backlogs in basic needs, such as housing and health care, were tackled effectively

"If this cannot be done through the market (forces) alone, we will do everything in our power to have the first democratic state redirect capital from its current unproductive, speculative, wasteful and unpatriotic uses," he said



Mngisa Majola at the PAC West WV area. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Kriel shocked by attack

MINISTER of Law and Order Hernus Kriel has reacted "with shock" to Saturday's attack on the occupants of a bakkie on the road between Queenstown and Dordrecht.

Five people were admitted to hospitals in the eastern Cape after a running gun battle between people on the two bakkies on Saturday afternoon.

"It is evident that a situation is developing in Transkei that makes moving there dangerous," Kriel appealed to Transkeians not to visit the homeland unnecessarily until such time as the situation had improved.

He said government had closed the entrances to Transkei at Queenstown and Dordrecht.

These would remain closed until government was assured of the safe passage of SA citizens.

Police spokesman Lt Christo Coetzee said between 4.30pm and 5pm a red Toyota bakkie with five occupants, all from Dordrecht, was fired on from another bakkie travelling in the same direction near Agnes Crest, in Transkei.

Coetzee said a passenger on the back of the vehicle opened fire with an automatic weapon and the red bakkie was hit 12 times. All but one of the occupants was injured.

A 52-year-old man, a passenger on the back of the red bakkie, returned fire. During the firing the driver of another vehicle, a lorry and trailer, was hit in the throat and admitted to hospital — Sapa

Eskom offers free power to Vosloorus

IN A gesture of goodwill, Eskom has offered to supply electricity to the East Rand township of Vosloorus free of charge until January 7.

But the local town council, which controls the power supply, is refusing to switch on the lights. It will only do this if residents guarantee they will continue to pay for other services, such as water and refuse removal.

The council cut electricity supplies three weeks ago because, it said, fewer than 10% of township residents were paying their accounts.

Vosloorus Civic Association spokesman Jabulani Dumani said at the weekend Eskom had written a letter to the council on Thursday requesting it to reconnect the electricity supply until January 7, the day on which Eskom and the council are expected to sign an agreement enabling the utility to take over the supply of electricity from the council.

Dumani said Eskom had undertaken not to charge the council for electricity consumed between December 15 and the January 7 date Eskom had set.

□ Eskom official Jan de Beer said the utility's offer to the council was a genuine attempt to alleviate the plight of residents during the festive season.

Comment could not be obtained from the Vosloorus Town Council.

In another development, the Boksburg

WILSON ZWANE

Chamber of Commerce has warned that unless the crisis in Vosloorus is resolved, several Boksburg businesses will go under because of the consumer boycott called to protest against power cuts and other issues.

Chamber vice-president Sandra Morris said at the weekend the chamber had written to the Vosloorus Civic Association — one of the organisations behind the three-week-old boycott — asking for an urgent meeting to resolve the crisis. No reply had been received yet.

Morris said it was imperative business people and the civic association got together and discussed problems.

The boycott was having a severe effect, with businesses reporting a sharp drop in sales. Unless a solution was found before Christmas, several businesses could collapse, she said.

The consumer boycott was called by the East Rand Civic Association — to which the Vosloorus Civic Association is affiliated — to put pressure on the Boksburg City Council to intervene to restore the electricity supply and persuade the Vosloorus council to stop attaching properties of rent defaulters.

The Boksburg City Council has repeatedly said it could not issue orders to Vosloorus, an autonomous municipality.

Endangered rhino offered to hunters

Gous threatens to revenge

FREE State Agricultural Union president Dr Pieter Gous has warned that farmers could take the law into their own hands in rooting out those who attack them

He was reacting to an attack on a Free State farm on Saturday night in which a teenage girl was killed

New executive for the Vaal

THE VAAL Civic Association has announced its new executive following elections last week

Mr Mlungisi Hlongwane was elected president, Mr Joe Williams vice-president, Ms Linda Mngomezulu general secretary, Mr Ntsane Lehoko assistant general secretary, Mr Jeffrey Rademeyer publicity secretary, Ms Suzi Tshabalala treasurer, Mr Doctor Raboroko treasurer and Mr Sello Morake organiser.

Party still rejects Codesa

BOERESTAAT Party leader Robert van Tonder yesterday reiterated that his organisation would not take part in multiparty negotiations at Codesa

Van Tonder was speaking at a wreath-laying ceremony at Pretoria's heroes' acre in commemoration of the death 78 years ago of Boer rebel Jopie Fourie. The ceremony was attended by other right-wing organisations, including the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Wit Wolwe

Residents' threat of hunger strike

■ East Rand township plunged into
darkness on Christmas eve:

Sowetan 22/12/92

By Isaac Moledi and Jed
Battersby

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ANGRY Vosloorus residents have threatened to turn their sit-in at Eskom's Germiston district office into a hunger strike if electricity is not restored to the township by noon today.

The Vosloorus Council stopped supplying electricity to the East Rand township three weeks ago after residents defaulted in paying their bills.

At a Press conference at Eskom offices in Germiston yesterday, the Vosloorus Civic Association, which estimated 95 percent of the township was without electricity, said it would take part in the hunger strike.

The residents, mainly women with babies as young as two years old on their backs, occupied the building a week ago. They are demanding that electricity be supplied directly by Eskom and not through the council.

Other demands include the immediate restoration of the water supply.

However, the Vosloorus Council said it had begun restoring power to residents as a gesture of goodwill.

John Seiler, used to the sanctuary of Norwood, takes a nervous, escorted drive

Dipping a toe into the waters of Alex

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I AM no less culpable than most other white residents of Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg I had never been into Alexandra township

I had seen it in a smoky haze, from the flat of a wealthy estate agent on Linksfield Ridge during a visit. Since we moved to Johannesburg, I had come near it while driving to and from Benny Goldberg's shop on Louis Botha Avenue, when I saw Casspirs, either brown or yellow, and felt a complex twinge of fear that Alexandra violence might have dribbled over into Wynberg and might even attack the quiet streets of my suburb, Norwood

Guilt that I had not visited the township, and relief that my world was detached from that one, linked only by the ambiguous web of rhetoric and sentiment that simultaneously binds and separates most liberal whites from their black compatriots

My wife and I went to Alexandra a few days ago. We parked our car at the Alexandra Clinic to be met by a local councillor who wanted to show us the impact of violence on former residents of "Beirut" and the desperate need for "temporary" housing more substantial than the present form

Our first insight was that the clinic was outside Alexandra, but despite this the venue had become difficult for many Alexandra residents to reach, because walking to it meant coming into or perilously close to the no-go zone of Beirut

Our next insight was that the police station is also outside Alexandra. Our third was finding an SAP Casspir with a brace of armed policemen, waiting to escort our host's car

Our host drove very slowly, partly to point out the deserted blocks of Beirut, partly to avoid breaking his axle in the large potholes of the neighbourhood streets

Some houses were totally destroyed, others almost undamaged, some lived in (by Zulu residents who presumably felt more comfortable near the two hostels than they did in other parts of Alex — or who may have recently arrived in Alex from other places)

There were some police within Beirut, but even more at the border between it and the rest of

Alex a street named oddly (to my American ear) "Roosevelt".

Was this a long-ago sign of respect for the president who gave the world the "Four Freedoms" from which flowed the UN Declaration of Human Rights and which in a general way impelled the US policy of anti-colonialism towards the end of World War 2? Was it misspelt intentionally, as a clever pun on what might in the 1940s have been an open stretch of useless grassland?

This musing in my head kept me from panic as we drove down Roosevelt past hostel M1, the one from which most attacks against Alex residents have come. The only traffic aside from us and our Casspir were two other Casspirs and an SAP car

A new general store, with expensive security bars, stood closed and silent just across Roosevelt from M1. Despite being built for hostel custom by someone with some ties to the inhabitants, it had not survived the anarchy of the border street

We saw no one in or around the hostel, aside from a few men kicking a soccer ball in the brown field next to M1 and despite many open and glassless windows, no rifles appeared, and we passed by in embarrassed relief

The crux of our visit was a talk with several people who had fled Beirut in March, taking with them as much of their household belongings as they could muster, at a time of especially violent raids from the hostels.

Hundreds of families who fled there live still in "temporary"

shelters in various Alex churches, sometimes in church community buildings, but even in the churches themselves, making difficult the provision of normal church services and other functions

The ones we saw were living in a large gym, a community centre for 47 families, maybe 100 children of school age, another 100 pre-school children.

Each family had its universe in the gym demarcated by a wall of its belongings — chairs, mirrors, lounge furnishings.

Most had a bed at the centre of its rectangle, some an odd chair or two. Cooking was done on a communal hot plate. Small children wandered around, curious and friendly

The older children were in Alex schools, but had no place to study when they got "home". Play was limited to the open space outside the centre, within eye and nose of the terrible-smelling and barely moving Jukskei River

Despite the obvious physical shortcomings of the centre, the striking, almost palpable impression was the vitality and conviction of the people there,

They have a committee. They are represented on the Interim Crisis Committee, the Alex local dispute resolution committee. They are firm that they will not leave their present "temporary" quarters for any other "temporary" housing, for fear that the upgraded shelters being contemplated by the ICC and the Alex Council, hopefully with Government money, would become per-

manent.

While they recognise the problems faced by their former neighbours who are staying in church buildings, for themselves only one move is acceptable — back to their houses in Beirut, with security and money to rebuild and refurbish a prerequisite. The ICC now says money will come in six months. Earlier, it had talked of three months

The rest of Alexandra is peaceful, despite its varied social nature. Housing runs a wide gamut from professional housing at various places to ramshackle huts that reminded us of Maputo's over-run highway verges and public parks.

Some of these huts are occupied by Mozambicans, others by Rastafarians, each in separate neighbourhoods, separate from one another. Both are separated by an open fringe — the focus of contention about low-cost housing — from the sturdy middle-class houses of East Bank

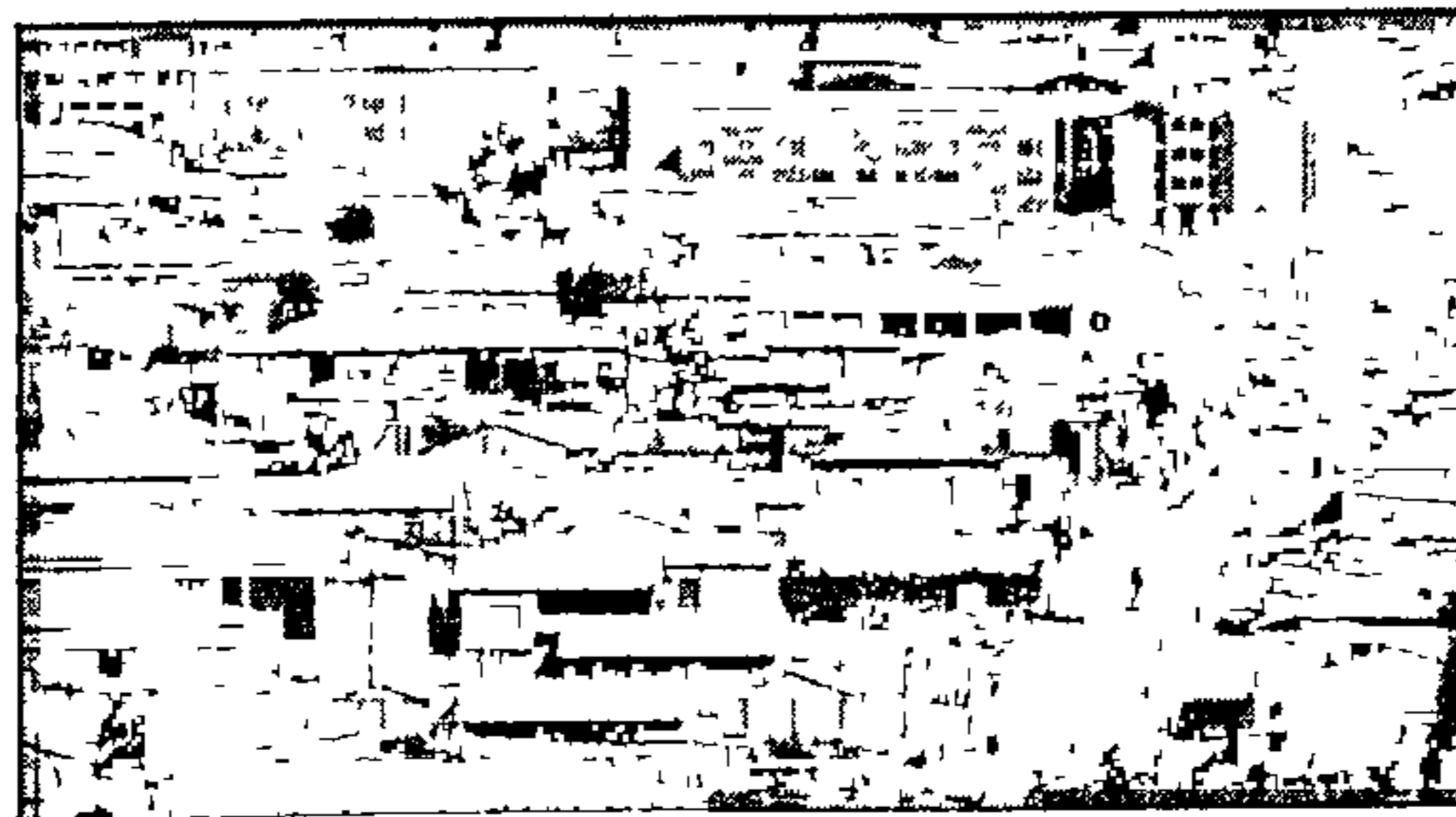
East Bank and Far East Bank are in turn cut off from Lombardy and Rembrandt Park by a 75 ha site just recently approved by the Johannesburg City Council for a golf academy, rather than the affordable housing recommended by the Planning Directorate

I write this in the comfort and security of my Norwood home. Swimming pool, a garden, a dog, a cat — the usual accoutrements of white middle-class suburban life

I do not feel guilt about it. It is far from pretentious. And, while I appreciate and to some extent share the fears and anxieties of my Norwood neighbours (and, of course, whites living near Alexandra or with businesses in Malboro made inoperable by hoodlums moving in from Alex), I see avidly now that avoiding Alex — or looking at it from the beguiling vantage point of Linksfield Ridge — only exacerbates fear and anxiety

Most Alex residents, whatever their ethnic background or political persuasion, want the same security and opportunity for themselves and their families that I want for mine. Recognising their central motive, and helping them to achieve these goals urgently, is what we need to do now

● Dr Seiler is a visiting American political scientist



Living on the edge . . . Life in Alexandra is a daily struggle.

Rush for fuel as pumps run dry in Bulawayo

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — Filling stations in Bulawayo were yesterday desperately seeking fresh supplies of petrol and diesel after the state-run national oil company failed to make deliveries to local depots of major commercial oil companies.

As word spread of pumps running dry, there was a rush by motorists, reminiscent of the nationwide 1982 crisis when overnight queues formed at garages.

Despite recent heavy rains breaking the worst drought in decades, there is still a water shortage in Zimbabwe's second city, with households rationed to 400l a day.

Meanwhile, hungry villagers surviving on the government's monthly 5kg maize meal handouts have braved armed police guards to attack maize shipments from SA near Mwenzezi.

Hordes of villagers recently swarmed onto a train 140km south of Masvingo and made off with considerable amounts of the estimated 1 000 tons cargo.

Local Zanu (PF) leader Joel Machava blamed erratic delivery of government drought relief for the upsurge in theft from trains.

Sapa-Reuter reports that police in Harare confirmed the incident.

Zimbabwe has been in the grips of a drought which forced more than 5,4-million people, half the country's population, to depend on government food handouts.



Eskom's team at yesterday's media conference included, from left, corporate communications manager Bongani Khumalo, Johannesburg distribution manager John Bradbury, East Rand sales and customer service manager Martin Opperman. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Eskom seals Congo deal

PETER DELMAR

ESKOM said yesterday it had concluded a co-operation and technical assistance agreement with the government of Congo, the 17th African state to open its doors to the utility.

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Eskom also announced that its CEO Ian McRae would hold talks early next year with Uganda and Egypt.

In terms of an agreement to be signed early next year, Eskom and the Congolese government and its Societe Nationale d'Electricite (SNE) will co-operate in a number of fields. These include training and development of staff, a technical study on the Congo's power systems, improving the reliability of SNE's power supply, assistance with protection against lightning, and rural and urban electrification.

Eskom said McRae had "expressed satisfaction with the latest milestone achieved in the establishment of an economically robust and socially stable southern Africa and indeed Africa, supported by effective and inexpensive electrical energy".

Eskom recently signed a similar co-operation agreement with Tanzania. It has started talks on co-operation with each of the 12 SADC states and has formal co-operation agreements with Zambia and the Ivory Coast.

Council resists takeover bid

THEO RAWANA and STEPHEN COPLAN

ESKOM yesterday told the Vosloorus Town Council to hand over the running of electricity services to the utility before January 7, or face court action over the R40m it owed.

The council refused to restore the electricity supply to residents even after Eskom had offered to supply it free to the East Rand township until January 7 as a gesture of goodwill.

Eskom's Johannesburg sales and customer service manager John Bradbury told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday the Vosloorus Civic Association members, who were staging sit-ins and threatening hunger strikes at Eskom's Germiston offices, were targeting the wrong people.

The council was to blame for the crisis, Bradbury said.

At another news conference, Vosloorus councillor Sidwell Mofokeng

said his council had decided to store electricity and services to the township for 10 days only.

The takeover issue was raised two years ago when it had become clear that the council was unable to pay Eskom. But up to now, the council had refused to sign the agreement, Bradbury said.

Eskom corporate communications manager Bongani Khumalo said "Once the council signs the agreement, the legal action will be rescinded and the R40m debt put aside."

Sapa reports that Vosloorus Civic Association president Ali Maziya said it was unlikely that residents would pay the R100 service charge required as they had decided in November to pay only R20.

He said most residents had paid their electricity charges in accordance with a 1991 agreement between the civic association and the council.

127 He claimed the council cut off electricity supplies three weeks ago to force residents to pay for other services such as water and refuse removal.

Residents refused to be blackmailed by electricity cuts into paying for these services. They demanded the establishment of a commission of inquiry to investigate claims of corruption and maladministration in the council, Maziya said.

Vosloorus residents will picket the council's offices today, demanding the council sign an agreement allowing Eskom to supply electricity directly to residents and the immediate resignation of all councillors.

news in brief

Eskom supports residents

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ESKOM has given its support for residents of Vosloorus in the ongoing electricity crisis in the township. *Sowetan 23/12/92*

At a Press conference at their Braamfontein offices yesterday, Eskom officials denounced the actions of the Vosloorus Council and said the council was punishing innocent people by indiscriminately cutting off electricity supplies to the East Rand township.

Eskom reaffirmed its commitment to help solve the problem, but stressed that the dispute was essentially between the residents and the council.

Meanwhile, the Vosloorus Council announced yesterday that the electricity supply to the township had been reconnected subject to residents paying R100 for service charges by December 28.

Makena was sacked - TTA

Sowetan 23/12/92
THE Transvaal Taxi Association said yesterday Mr Enos Makena was expelled from the TTA's executive and did not resign as he had claimed. *SA*

Makena said on Tuesday he was resigning from the SA Black Taxi Association because Sabta's executive was merely a rubber stamp body. However, the TTA said Makena was expelled by the disciplinary committee after he had refused to distance himself from newspaper reports ascribed to him which brought the TTA into disrepute. His expulsion from the TTA also affected his position on the Sabta executive committee.

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Plan to make Harrison Street historic precinct

STEPHEN COPLAN

2/27/92

PLANS are afoot to restore Johannesburg's Harrison Street to its turn of the century state, Johannesburg City Council acting chairman Albert Hugo said yesterday

He said the council intended creating a "historical ambience" by upgrading the four buildings at the intersection of Harrison and Fox streets and introducing lighting, signage and street furniture reminiscent of the era when the buildings were built.

The council planned to upgrade the six city blocks between Main and Market streets, where a number of well preserved historic buildings were situated, creating a historic precinct, Hugo said

There were also plans to repave pavements and possibly to pave sections of the street with cobblestones and introduce bollards to reduce the flow of traffic to add to the historic and architectural character of the area

Hugo said the plan was still a proposal which could be approved only when it came before the council early next year

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The council's proposal was restricted to public property at this stage, but it was hoped that once it was accepted, it could engage owners of the buildings in the area in jointly enhancing its character through projects such as the upgrading the building's facades, he said

Hugo said the council believed the precinct would have a positive impact on society, and would create diversity in the city centre.

While modern buildings were springing up around the city, the council felt it important to preserve its historical heritage, Hugo said.

Semantics stymie safety

Vosloorus council is ¹²⁷ blamed for power cuts

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VOSLOORUS residents, angered at having their electricity supply cut off, yesterday switched the focus of their wrath from Eskom to the East Rand township's council

The residents had been staging sit-ins and threatening hunger strikes at Eskom's Germiston offices, protesting against the three-week-old power cut

The Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) decided to target the council after Eskom offered to supply the township with free electricity over Christmas and called on the council to hand over the administration of power supply

The council owes Eskom R40m and is facing legal action unless it gives up control of electricity

Sapa reports that a group of demonstrators picketed the council offices yesterday, demanding that the council hand over the township's electricity supply to Eskom

The demonstrators also demanded the resignation of the councillors

The demonstration was

THEO RAWANA

organised by the Vosloorus Mass Democratic Movement, which includes the civic association and branches of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance

Movement spokesman Keith Montsisi said 10 demonstrators had entered council offices and planned to occupy them until the demands were met

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said yesterday the lights had come on again in Vosloorus and the 20 000 households would have electricity for Christmas

Prinsloo said the council had allowed the switch-on until the end of the month as a "gesture of goodwill", hoping that the residents would respond by paying their arrears.

He said it was possible that Eskom might take over the running of electricity in January

This contradicted councillor Sidwell Mofokeng's threat on Tuesday that the council would switch off the lights on December 28

ANC woman gunned down

UMTATA — A senior member of the ANC Women's League in Transkei was gunned down early on Tuesday, Transkei police CID chief Gen T P Ngceke said yesterday ^{BIDAM 24/12/92}

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Nomanono Doris Vilakazi and her husband Prof Herbert Vilakazi were leaving a party at a house in Ngangelizwe township near Umtata when shots rang out, killing Vilakazi instantly and slightly wounding her husband in a knee.

A friend, Hazel Majokweni, who was seeing them off, was seriously injured and has been transferred to a Durban hospital

Vilakazi, 38, was attached to the finance division of Transkei Agricultural Corporation

Prof Vilakazi lectures at Transkei University — Sapa

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Mayor's plea to residents

THE MAYOR of Soweto yesterday appealed to residents to pay all outstanding service charges for 1992 and said council offices would remain open during the festive season for this purpose. (127)

Mr Oscar Maseko said residents should realise they could not continue evading the responsibility of paying for services

"Non-payment makes it very difficult for the council to develop, maintain and supply services to Soweto townships. If this situation continues, only residents stand to lose a great deal," he said.

ROOIE COME

High-tech train set for test run

RAY HARTLEY

THE first high-tech security train designed to foil railway violence goes into operation next week.

The 14-coach train will be tested on the Soweto line on January 4. If tests prove successful, it will go into full operation two days later.

The train is equipped with concealed video cameras which automatically focus on coaches in which commuters have pressed emergency buttons.

SA Rail and Commuter Corporation official Brian Carver said the cameras would be monitored by security officials close to potential conflict areas and swift action could be taken against instigators of violence.

Other features include extra-strong windows and interleading doors with rubber housing between coaches to thwart incidents in which commuters are thrown from trains.

The new windows, manufactured locally by Nustart from polycarbonate sheeting produced by AECI, would cut down on money spent on replacing glass windows, frequently smashed during stoning incidents, Carver said.

The new rail guard would go into operation in the new year in a further bid to eliminate train violence, he said.

A new spirit of cooperation existed between the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation, the ANC and police following a successful police strategy implemented this year of randomly searching trains, he said.

Consensus reached on hostels revamp

CONSENSUS had been reached on upgrading programmes at 35 hostels in the Transvaal, a TPA spokesman said last week.

The TPA has had almost R200m allocated to it by government for the upgrading of 92 hostels in the province.

The administration has pursued a policy of seeking consensus with hostel residents on the measures to be taken at each hostel. Plans for changes at 26 of the hostels have already been completed, while talks are still in progress at another nine.

"In 24 instances, approval for projects has been requested (from the national housing department) and in 13 cases approval for the projects has been granted," a TPA statement said.

The TPA spokesman said negotiations were under way at a further 48 hostels.

Representatives from the ANC PWV region and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association, however, have called on government to transfer the responsibility of hostel upgrading, together with the more than R300m allocated nationally for the purpose, to the National Housing Forum.

The two associations claimed the TPA had not consulted sufficiently with hostel dwellers before implementing upgrading programmes.

"The aim of the TPA's hostel strategy is to improve living conditions of hostel dwellers by means of the upgrading of existing facilities for single persons and/or conversion of hostels into family units," a

ADRIAN HADLAND

TPA statement said

"It must be stressed that the TPA regards proper and representative consultation of the utmost importance in achieving the upgrading or conversion of hostels in the Transvaal," it added.

The Local Government and National Housing Department said that, nationwide, planning for 41 upgrading projects was under way at a cost of about R3,5m. Building operations had been approved for a further 30 sites, the cost of which would be almost R98m.

Sapa reports that fighting among inmates of the Durban Deep Hostel on the West Rand left six people dead on Saturday night, bringing to eight the number killed at the hostel since Christmas day.

Police have reported at least six other deaths in violence in the Transvaal since Thursday.

Three men died at Hostel 4, Sebokeng, in the Vaal Triangle, a man was stabbed to death and a woman was found hanged in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg; and the body of an unidentified man with his genitals cut off was found in the veld near Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

In Natal on Friday, two men were found shot dead at KwaNdengezi between Durban and Maritzburg, and the bodies of three men were found at Swayimani, outside Maritzburg.

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35 hostels to be revamped

STAT 29/12/92

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has reached agreement on the upgrading of 35 hostels in the province

The TPA has been allocated almost R200 million by the Government for the upgrading of 92 Transvaal hostels

TPA chief director of physical planning and development in the Witwatersrand region, Jeff Wilkins, said discussions had been held with a wide range of interested parties before a decision was made. These included the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association, hostel owners, township residents and political parties

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The TPA had been presented with several choices on how to deal with the various hostels, which ranged from upgrading to conversion into family units and even demolition. Wilkins said any decision made required the approval of residents of affected hostels

The ANC's PWV region has, meanwhile, expressed concern over the TPA's decision to go ahead with the upgrading of hostels. Regional deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said the funds earmarked for the task, and the responsibility for upgrading, should be transferred to the National Housing Forum — Sapa