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A total of 187 high school and 198 primary school teachers employed by the Department of Education and Culture, were made redundant in 1989, the Minister, Mr Piet Clase, said in the House of Assembly yesterday in a written reply to a question from Mr W U Nel (DP Mooi River)

They included 340 in the Cape, two in Natal, two in the OFS and 41 in the Transvaal

In the Cape 213 were subsequently reemployed and in the Transvaal 40 as members of the permanent relieving staff.

- Sapa

... they are, from left, Constable Mario
at Officer Mbhekeni Ben Nhlapo (Best Student) and Sergeant C F
them is the deputy commissioner of the operations branch of the
or-General I Coetzee. Municipal policemen do guard duty at po-
sitions and patrol various business districts.

Payless teachers refuse to go to work

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By HANS-PETER BAKKER
Staff Reporter

TWENTY-NINE teachers at
Beaufort West Primary School
have refused to work for the
second day because they have
not been paid.

The principal and chairman
of the Beaufort West Teachers'
Union, Mr Themba Hanabe,
said no teachers arrived at the
school yesterday.

All 998 pupils had stayed
away. Some arrived in the
morning but left when they
saw the teachers had stayed
away.

Mr Bill Staude, regional
chief director of the Depart-
ment of Education and Train-
ing, said the salary cheques
had been posted from the Cape
Town East office of the DET
on April 22 but had not arrived
in Beaufort West.

He apologised for the delay.
The DET would investigate "to
ensure that it doesn't happen
again".

Mr Hanabe said he had visit-
ed all the post offices in Beau-
fort West in search of the
cheques.

Clash as pupils receive refund

By DAN DHLAMINI

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THE government must fund black education fully and stop trying to convince parents to pay school fees.

This was the reaction of Ikageng Education Crisis Committee spokesman Duduetsang Modise to an incident this week in which police clashed with pupils as headmasters refunded their school fees.

Modise said the IECC believed the DET should refund fees because it was the government's duty to pay for the education of black children.

Police who had escorted Tlokwe Secondary School headmaster J Nel - who was refunding the pupils - fired teargas to disperse pupils who could not produce receipts of payment.

The situation was tense this week as student representative councils demanded all pupils be refunded whether they had receipts or not.

Western Transvaal police spokesman, Maj Ben van Heerden confirmed the incident but said no one was injured.

Alexandra education project receives R100 000 boost

9/5/40 Staff Reporter

The Alexandra Community Education Centre (ACE), a R15 million project undertaken jointly by The Star, Bramley Rotary Club and the Department of Education and Training, has received a R100 000 boost from the Otis Elevator Company.

Last August, Otis donated R50 000 towards the centre.

Building of a technical high school, which will accommodate 450 students, is already underway at the centre.

The multi-purpose ACE Centre was made possible by major donations from Barlow Rand

and Toyota. Barlow Rand donated R3 million over three years and Toyota will provide workshops for the second phase of the school. (256)

Other donors are JCI Chairman's Fund R250 000, AECI R120 000, The Star Teach Fund R100 000, Sasol R90 000, Millionex R65 000, Premier Food R63 482, Estate late Carleo-Putco R50 000, Allied Building Society Educational Trust R50 000, Argus Newspapers Ltd R50 000, National Orchestra concert proceeds R16 500, Hyde Park Centre R11 000, sundry donations R3 563

● Barlow Rand Educational Trust has donated R1 million towards building the first students' residence in a residential village at Mangosuthu Technikon, KwaZulu, bringing to R5 million the amount the company has donated to technical education in South Africa in six months. A total of R3 million went to the ACE Centre in Alexandra and R1 million to Durban's M L Sultan Technikon

● The residence at Mangosuthu Technikon will accommodate about 50 students. It is part of a R4 million development which will house 400 students

Boycotts close 74 schools

Political Staff

A TOTAL of 74 schools out of 2 224 administered by the Department of Education and Training were closed yesterday because of school boycotts and another 103 recorded an attendance of less than 80%.

A department spokesman disclosed that the majority of the schools affected were in the Free State, where 38, mainly on the Goldfields, were closed

The only area totally unaffected was Johannesburg

The spokesman said there were no reports of any of the department's 59 217 teachers being on strike.

Replying to a question in Parlia-

ment earlier, Minister of Education and Training Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said no disciplinary action had been taken against teachers who had been absent from service for more than 14 days without leave.

He said the black community interpreted inequalities in educational facilities as discriminatory and this naturally led to frustration and dissatisfaction — feelings which could easily be exploited for political gain.

He said it had been impossible to identify individual teachers who had participated in protest marches, and some principals and senior staff had been intimidated.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

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For written reply

General Affairs

Certain persons employed by Department

303 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

- (1) Whether any of the persons mentioned in his reply to Question No 12 on 6 March 1990 are still in the employ of his Department, if so, (a) in what specified capacity and (u) at what post level is each of these persons being employed and (b) what are the names of those employed on a (aa) permanent and (bb) temporary basis,
- (2) whether new posts were created for any of these persons; if so, (a) why and (b) which new posts,
- (3) whether any other persons were transferred to create vacancies for any of the above-mentioned persons, if so, (a) why and (b) to what positions were they transferred?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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- (1) Yes
- (a) (i) J S Slabber — Services temporarily utilised at Area Office
- L Redelinghuys — Transferred to Good Hope College
- G M W Visser — Services utilised at the Umzingizi Special School
- P H de Wet — Transferred to Head Office
- C S Kelly — Retired on 30 April 1990 due to ill health
- J J Schutte — Transferred to Head Office
- H S J Coetzee — Services temporarily utilised at Area Office

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W Slabbert — Services temporarily utilised at Area Office

C W van der Vyver — Services temporarily utilised at Area Office

- (u) J S Slabber — Post level 5
- L Redelinghuys — Post level 1
- G M W Visser — Post level 4
- P H de Wet — Post level 3
- C S Kelly — Post level 3
- J J Schutte — Post level 6
- H S J Coetzee — Post level 2
- W Slabbert — Post level 5
- C W van der Vyver — Post level 5
- (b) (aa) J S Slabber
- G M W Visser
- P H de Wet
- J J Schutte
- H S J Coetzee
- W Slabbert
- C W van der Vyver
- (bb) L Redelinghuys
- (2) No
- (a) and (b) fall away
- (3) No
- (a) and (b) fall away

Schools: unrest damage

330 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education. *Handwritten: 4/5/90*

Whether any schools falling under the control of his Department were damaged or destroyed by pupils as a result of unrest during the past 15 years, if so, (a) what was the total amount of damage caused and (b) in respect of what period is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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- Yes It is, however, impossible to determine the damage which was caused by pupils
- (a) About R58 870 000,00 The cost to repair or replace the facilities would be higher
- (b) 1 April 1982 to 31 March 1990

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Secondary schools in Western Cape: staff/furniture

332 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

- (1) How many (a) pupils, (b) teachers, (c) classrooms, (d) desks or tables for pupils
- (2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Name of school	(a)		(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)	
	Pupils	Teachers	Class-rooms	Double Tables	Single Tables	Double Desks	Single Desks	Chairs		
Bulmko Secondary School	581	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Crossroads No. 3 Secondary School	1 245	36	27	621	550					
Fezeka Secondary School	1 283	34	29	516	613					
I D Mkuze Secondary School	1 178	33	27	660	482					
Intshukumo Secondary School	1 226	47	29	670	1 190					
Isulumela Secondary School	1 160	40	47	559	1 160					
Khulani Secondary School	202	10	6	120	240					
Laguinya Secondary School	740	18	—	—	—					
Langa Secondary School	842	25	21	377	338					
Luhlaza Secondary School	1 330	39	35	793	1 706					
Mahzo Secondary School	1 243	41	22	737	1 219					
Masiyile Secondary School	1 555	50	36	766	1 264					
Mvuzemvuzwe Secondary School	848	31	30	519	1 000					
Sebenza Secondary School	1 134	34	40	575	710					
Simon Hebe Secondary School	737	23	18	269	463					
Sizamle Secondary School	1 123	29	27	450	500					

Notes 1 The double and single desks are fitted with fixed seats

- 2 The Bulmko Secondary School platoon with the Lwandle Primary School
- 3 The Lagunya Secondary School is housed in a church complex and also makes use of that institution's furniture

(2) 27 April 1990

Persons under 18 years awaiting trial

374 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice *Handwritten: 4/5/90*

How many persons under the age of 18 years were awaiting trial in prisons as at 31 December 1989?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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Section 29 of the Prisons Act, 1959 (Act No 8 of 1959) stipulates *inter alia* that a person under the age of 18 years who is accused of having committed an offence shall before his

conviction, not be detained in a prison unless his detention is necessary and no suitable place of detention mentioned in the Child Care Act, 1983 (Act No 74 of 1983) is available for his detention. In each such case the particular judicial officer issues a certificate to this effect. In deciding on the suitability of the place of detention, the nature of the offence with which a person is charged is taken into account as well as age, sex, character, etc.

A juvenile who is detained in terms of section 29 of the Prisons Act, 1959 shall not be permitted to associate with a person over the age of 21 years who is in custody, provided that he may be permitted to associate with such a person in custody who has been charged jointly with him, if the head of the prison is of

PRIMARY school principal Ivan Cyprian Moyane, of Shirinda Combined School in Mamelodi West, may have misappropriated more than R50 000 belonging to the school fund, the school management council (SMC) claims.

Parents whose children attend the school are planning to withdraw them from school this week to force the DET to dismiss the principal

Moyane allegedly stole more than R8 000 between 1988 and 1989 before the alleged fraud was uncovered by the chairman of the SMC late last year.

The chairman, Godfrey Khoza, said that amount was only "the tip of the iceberg" as Moyane refused to release other books dating back to 1981.

"The total amount could be more than R50 000," Khoza said

According to Khoza, Moyane would cash a cheque for R800 and enter only R8 in his expenses book, as the SMC signed blank cheques for use in case of emergency during their absence

The SMC claims there are no receipts to back Moyane's expenses, and that when the SMC asked him to supply the 1989-90

financial statement - which he also forwarded to the DET - the statement showed a balance of more than R1 500.

"When we checked with the bank we instead found an overdraft of R317," said Khoza

According to the SMC Moyane promised to repay the money, but has not done so.

The SMC said the school was now broke because parents were refusing to pay school fees until Moyane repaid the money and resigned

Moyane this week refuted all allegations

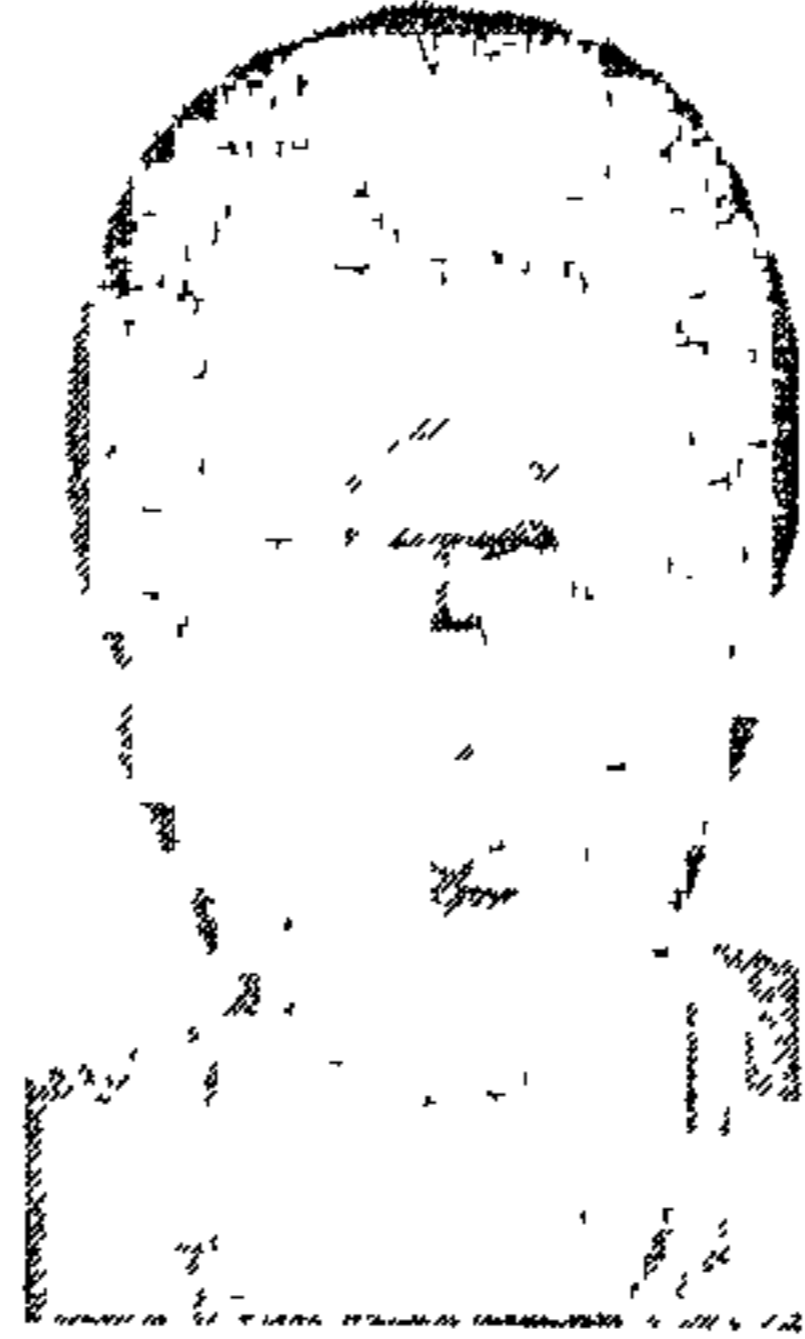
"I know nothing about such serious allegations. Before rushing to the Press, the SMC should have first consulted me," Moyane said

However, according to documents in *City Press's* possession, Moyane signed a handwritten acknowledgment of debt dated 26-09-1989 to the SMC concerning the stolen money.

It reads: "I the undersigned .. undertake to repay R6 500 at an amount of R500 per month with effect from 1st November 1989"

Northern Transvaal regional director of the DET JESchoeman declined to speak to *City Press* and referred all inquiries to his liaison department.

Parents want head fired



Godfrey Khoza.

By ELIAS MALULEKE

School fund cash

disappears

Matric certificates keep DET staff on overtime

Sowetan 10/5/90

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

THE Department of Education and Training has implemented and is also planning several measures to cope up with the huge task of issuing Std 10 certificates to private candidates.

Mr Hennie de Wet, the DET's public relations officer in Pretoria, said yesterday that last year 150 000 applications for certificates were received.

He said up to April 30, this year, a further 87 000 had been recorded.

"This adds up to 162 000 man-hours to process them, at 41 minutes per application (ie 20 250 days of eight hours each). The staff in the DET's examinations section work overtime, until 9pm," he said.

According to De

WET, the problem with private candidates certificates is that they build their subjects credits over any number of years. He said it is DET's policy to permit private candidates to accrue credits in the form of subjects passes whenever they sit for an examination.

"After each exam, each candidate is issued with a statement of the symbols awarded for the subjects entered for. When a candidate calculates that he has passed sufficient subjects to merit a certificate, he applies for the certificate to be issued.

"All such applications

are handled by the department's examination section. The application is then entered in the computer, which checks results dating back to May/June 1984, when the exam results were computerised for the first time.

"If any subjects were passed before that date, individual mark sheets have to be consulted manually. As some candidates passed subjects as far back as 1960, and the again in 1989, this is a time-consuming exercise.

"When all the results have been verified, the certificate is typed and mailed. This process, of which the time was measured, takes an average of 41 minutes an application," he said.

Attendances still low - DET

THE Department of Education and Training is still experiencing problems about school attendances in some parts of the country, a spokesman for the DET said yesterday.

Mr Hennie de Wet, the department's PRO in Pretoria, said areas affected by boycotts or disruptions early this week were Potchefstroom and

By NKOPANE
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Orkney in the Western Transvaal, Virginia, Allanridge, Welkom and Odendaalsrus in the Free State

Kimberley, Warrenton, Vryburg and Prieska in the northern Cape, and Katlehong and Kwa-Thema townships in the

East Rand

The situations in some of these places had since returned to normal, he said. *Soweto 11/5/90*

Reasons

De Wet said the reasons for pupils not attending classes varied from area to area, and in some the low attendances were related to detentions or ar-

rests of pupils

"On Tuesday, out of a total of 494 DET secondary schools countrywide, there was poor or no attendance at 49 schools.

"Primaries reported unsatisfactory attendances at 59 out of 1 730 schools nationwide. We have not experienced any problems with the more than 5 000 farm schools under our control," he said

Sharpeville faces new education crisis as pupils stage protest

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By STAN MHLONGO

SHARPEVILLE, the Vaal township that has known so much sorrow during the past three decades, is facing a new crisis - this time in education.

Principals, teachers and pupils this week told *City Press* that since schools opened on January 10 this year pupils have been to school for only 35 days.

While the rest of the country responded with excitement to the back-to-school call, Sharpeville pupils made it clear they were returning to classes under protest.

The situation deteriorated after 5 000 teachers affiliated to the Vaal Progressive Teachers' Organisation staged a chalks-down protest claiming the Department of Education and Train-

ing had ignored a memorandum handed to them on February 21.

The protest started on March 19 - a month after Sharpeville pupils had embarked on a class boycott.

Five days before this pupils had staged another protest, claiming the DET Vaal region had failed to respond to a memorandum listing their grievances and presented to the DET on February 14.

Sharpeville pupils said they knew education in 1990 would open on a sour note unless the DET acted swiftly to address problems in black education.

While pupils in other areas were still recovering from Christmas holidays, Sharpeville pupils had already drafted complaints to be addressed by the

DET Vaal region.

"If this was not done, we realised this would be a year of hardship for Sharpeville pupils," said a member of the area's Student Representative Council.

The main grievances contained in the memorandum handed to the DET's Vereeniging regional office were the lack of stationery and textbooks, and a shortage of teachers.

Director of the Vaal regional office, FH Foster, said the head office in Pretoria had not yet responded to the pupils' demand for more textbooks and stationery.

On the shortage of teachers, Foster said the DET allocated a fixed ratio of teachers to all schools and this had been done in Sharpeville, as in all other areas.

Verdict soon on DET youth camps

THE Government had received the third report of the Van der Heever Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Education's youth camps and would soon give its reaction to it, Minister of Education Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, said yesterday.

Speaking in his vote on the Budget, he said any irregularities uncovered by the commission would be thoroughly dealt with as had happened with the first two reports.

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Library books

The Attorney-General was still studying the commission's earlier findings, and had not yet given its response.

The only matter still outstanding in the inquiry was the question of a supply of library books on which the commission had not yet reported. - Sapa.

Black education stifled - Minister

RESOURCES for black education were lost over the years because those involved had pulled in opposite directions, the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, said yesterday.

This had happened because the schools had been made the focal point of a political struggle. A more mature approach was now needed.

"From my side we stand ready to muster all available resources and all our energy towards the goal of attaining sensible education for black children," he said.

He called on people and organisations genuinely interested in the improvement of education for blacks to co-operate.

There were more than 7,5 million blacks at school in South Africa today compared with 750 000, 40 years ago. - Sapa.

'Dread' over year's black matric results

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Political Staff

THE chances of good results being achieved by black matriculants this year were "disturbingly" limited, Mr Piet Marais, deputy minister of Education and Development Aid, said yesterday

Speaking in the debate on his department's budget vote in Parliament, Mr Marais said the disruption already experienced in many schools this year had taken its toll and the current school year did not bode well

"I experience a feeling of dread when I think of what is going to happen to thousands of Standard 10 pupils at the end of the year," he said.

Teaching programmes would have to be adapted to better equip scholars for jobs

"We will have to concentrate

on giving all citizens the same basic, generally formative education. Together with that, we will have to provide a large variety of opportunities for career education for all who want to qualify themselves — even if only for a short period — for a useful job

"This career education must be widespread and planned and provided on a regional basis and a trainee must receive a certificate on completion of a course. These certificates must have market value as a top priority. They must be useful and practicable and must enable people to earn a living," Mr Marais said

Mr Ken Andrew, the Democratic Party's spokesman on black education, said black education was despised, discredited and distrusted and there was no hope of substantial improvement unless there was a change of atti-

tude.

"No education system will be successful unless it has credibility in the eyes of the users," Mr Andrew, MP for Gardens, said during the debate on the Education Vote.

The key areas of credibility, finance and motivation required urgent attention if black schools were to start providing the quality of education that was so desperately needed

Schools had to be seen as means of upliftment and not instruments of subjugation.

"The opening of the education system at all levels — schools, training colleges, technikons and universities — and one education department operating on a highly decentralised basis are essential if the government's bona fides are to be accepted," Mr Andrew said

Call on black

have included the first steps towards... all scale study on air pollution in... system of base line

Defy DET, principal ⁽²⁵⁶⁾ is told ^{Sowetan} ^{15/5/90}

THE National Education Union of South Africa has told a Soweto principal who was to have been transferred last Thursday to remain at his school.

He is Mr Abner Saule, principal of Tladi Comprehensive School.

Saule is also an executive member of Neusa's Southern Transvaal regional council.

Neusa spokesman Mr Thulas Nxesi told *Sowetan* yesterday Saule had informed them last Wednesday that he had received a letter of transfer from Mr Peet Struwig, the Department of Education and Training's Johannesburg chief regional director.

The DET's letter instructed Saule to leave his school and report at one of Struwig's departments.

Nxesi said they had written to Struwig, telling him that Neusa has decided that Saule should remain at Tladi in the same position.

Struwig yesterday confirmed that he had received a letter from Neusa.

He, however, declined to comment on the matter.

Single education system 'coming'

Capt J. J. 16/5/90 *(256)*

JOHANNESBURG. — The government is prepared to sit down and talk about a single education system, Mr Piet Marais, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, said last night.

In an interview on SABC TV news, Mr Marais said he foresaw a future in which there would be a single education department such as that which existed in the Department of National Education.

He said this education department would plan the policies and the syllabi as well as look at the "financial side of matters"

The future South African government would be a non-racial government, and the department would also be non-racial

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training had started the selective purchasing of empty white schools to be used by black pupils to solve overcrowding in schools

● Most white adults favour "open" schools — providing standards and admission requirements are maintained, according to the findings of a nationwide Human Sciences Research Council study involving 1 856

whites

Nearly 52% of respondents strongly favoured or predominantly favoured open schools, while 40,9% were either strongly opposed to the concept or predominantly against it.

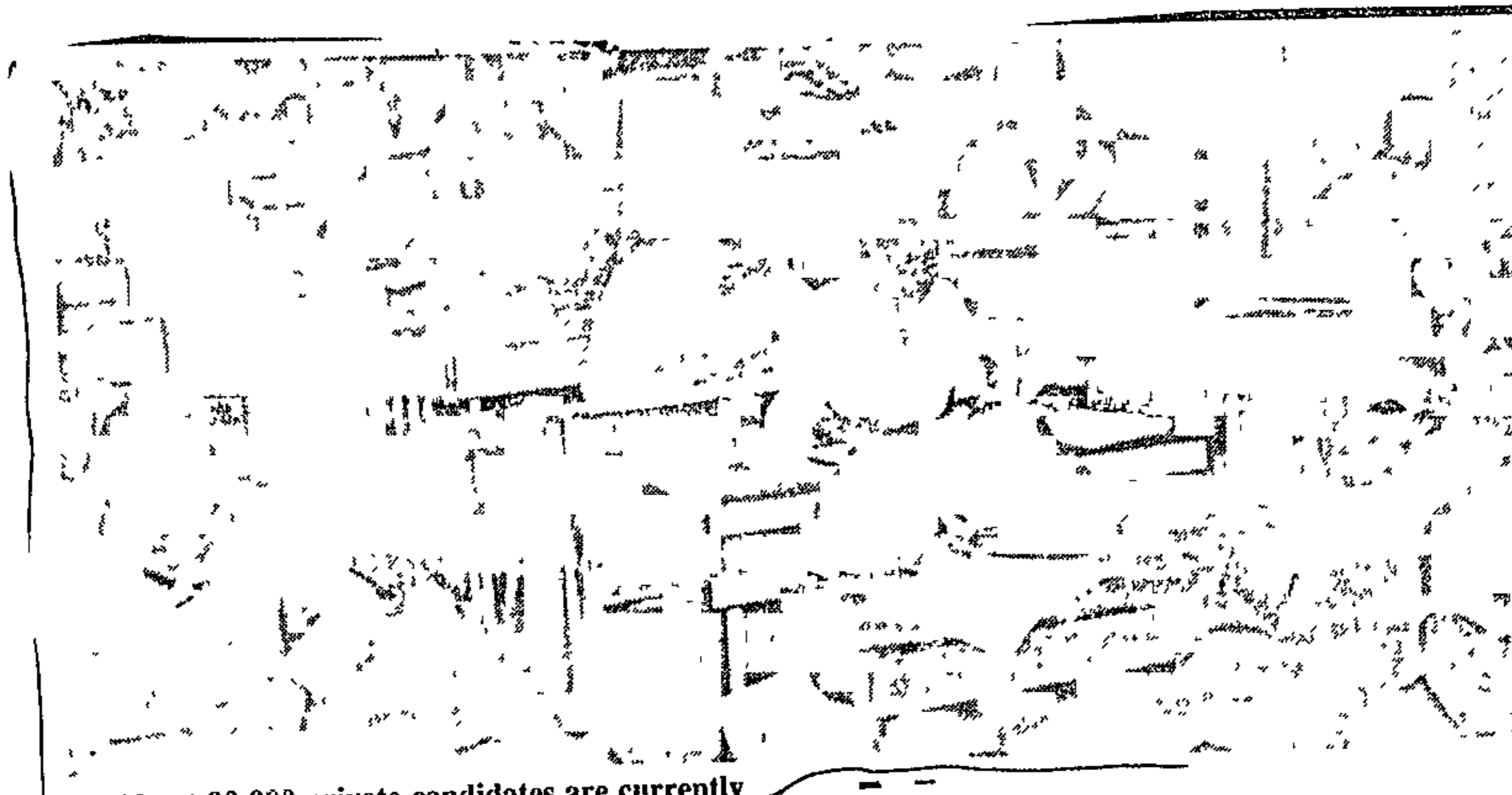
The study, by researchers Mr Chris de Kock and Mr Nic Rhodie, followed the announcement in Parliament recently of two new education models which provide for the admission of other races to white schools.

More than 66% of respondents supported the model which provides for existing white schools to be privatised if this is the wish of most parents

They wanted the schools to be able to decide for themselves whether to admit pupils of other races.

There was a positive reaction of 54,2% to the second model which provides for white government schools to admit non-white pupils if this is favoured by a majority of parents

On the issue of a central education department for all South Africans, 33,1% were strongly in favour and 16,3% strongly against with 9,5% predominantly against the concept. — Sapa and Own Correspondent



Soweto 16/5/90

About 90 000 private candidates are currently rewriting their Department of Education and Training matric examination at different centres throughout the country. The candidates, who were full-time pupils and joined finishing or adult education centres this year, failed the the November 1989 Std 10 exam, but passed three subjects or more. They are rewriting only those subjects they failed. The exam started on May 2 and will finish on June 8. This picture was taken at P Q Vundla Adult Centre in Molapo, Soweto, which last year produced best results of all adult centres

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'Coloured' teachers in protest march

MORE than 2 500 teachers dispersed peacefully after presenting a memorandum detailing grievances against the "coloured" education system at the House of Representatives' offices in Johannesburg on Friday.

The huge throng sat down at the Bree Street entrance of the Department of Education and Culture offices while three teachers presented the memorandum to Transvaal chief education inspector Johnny Francis, who was booed and heckled.

On several short-term demands, Francis indicated his department was flexible, but he could not give a firm undertaking that several teachers dismissed for their alleged political involvement would be re-employed.

Provincial Teachers' Union member Mike Davey warned that if any who took part in the protest were victimised "we will come out in a much bigger force".

The march marked the end of a four-day "chalks-down" protest, which started on Tuesday. The education head office in Cape Town is expected to respond to teachers' demands tomorrow — Sapa



The crowd of teachers marching to hand in their grievances about the education system.

2 Cape Times, Monday, May 21, 1990

Teachers to act on bungled pay, poor conditions

By BRONWYN DAVIDS

A NEWLY qualified teacher, who is a single parent with a four-year-old child, had to survive on R398 a month for three months as a result of a pay bungle by education authorities.

The teacher, who declined to be named for fear of victimisation, is also afraid that she may not have a job at the end of the month, although she was told by the principal of her school that she would have a job for a year.

By arrangement between principals, she has been registered at another school.

The teacher has managed to make ends meet by paying half the rent and being fed by supportive family members. She barely manages to pay her four-year-old son's nursery school fees every month and there is no money for clothes and other necessities.

In April, she was not paid but later received about R1 000. She has still not received any back-pay, she said yesterday.

The problem of teachers not being

paid or living in fear of losing their jobs was raised at a meeting organised by the National Teacher Unity Forum at the City Hall at the weekend.

A memorandum which is to be discussed with the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, on May 28.

Among the teachers' demands are a minimum salary level based on a minimum living wage, the suspension of inspection and bureaucratic controls and the recognition of a Teacher's Bill of Rights which includes security of tenure.

They also called for a single, non-racial, non-sexist education system which addressed the education crisis which was crippling pupil learning.

Last night Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association (CTPA), said "We have a most unacceptable situation in schools. We were assured by the department that all the teachers' salaries had been paid and that they were checking up for any salary backlogs."

DET won't resolve its legitimacy crisis: NECC

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THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee has welcomed the Government's announcement last week that a single education system was on the agenda and up for discussion

In a statement, the NECC said the announcement was a step forward as the DET had recognised that the present black education was un-

acceptable to the people it was intended for

"We welcome their proposal to develop an acceptable formula that is determined by the people, and also a proposal to review the Council of Education and Training (CET)

"However, the NECC still believes that the DET is inherently undemocratic because it is fundamentally unaccountable to the people it claims to serve

Crisis

"Regardless of the Education and Training Act (Act 35 of 1989), the DET will not be able to resolve its crisis of legitimacy and acceptability and thereby be unable to resolve the crisis in education

"We in the NECC believe that the resolution to the crisis lies in the resolution of the national

political crisis. However, in the meantime (prior to the election of a national constituent assembly), the crisis can be reduced if an interim government, consisting of the main actors, namely the ANC and the NP is constituted as a matter of urgency

"With regard to education, this proposed interim government would then be responsible for the establishment of an interim education department whose objective it would be to resolve the crisis in all areas of education

"We believe that this would result in both quantitative and qualitative changes

"Talking of a single education department rings hollow without fundamental changes. Indeed, talking a single department of education that does not address or respond to the people's concerns, grievances or suspicions will remain fundamentally undemocratic."

24/5/90

Brits teachers resolve to ~~continue~~ continue with strike

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

About 300 striking teachers in Brits, yesterday resolved to continue with the strike until their suspended colleagues were unconditionally re-instated

The strike started on Tuesday after the suspension of 13 teachers by the Department of Education and Training (DET) for allegedly having disrupted a principals' meeting at Rooikoppies about 20 km from Brits

All the striking teachers are members of the Brits Teachers Union (Britu)

The chairman of the union and one of the suspended teachers, Tshidi Matlala, said yesterday's meeting resolved to continue the strike until the 13 were reinstated with full pay

Mr Matlala said their motto was "an injury to one is an injury to all" By suspending the 13, they felt the department was suspending them all.

He said the reason for disrupting the May 11 1990 meeting which was addressed by the chief director for the Northern Transvaal region of DET, Jop Schoeman, was that the principals were violating the defiance campaign's 14 points as set by the union, one of which is to isolate the DET.

Solidarity

Teachers from the neighbouring farm schools have pledged solidarity with the striking teachers. The following demands were yesterday

- The unconditional reinstatement of the teachers on full pay;
- DET officials should stop violating the 14 points as outlined by Britu in conjunction with the Pretoria Teachers Union,
- Mr Schoeman should stop intimidating and victimising union members,
- The department should supply more teachers instead of suspending and dismissing them.

The suspension — without pay — of the 13 teachers was announced by Mr Schoeman on Monday

Eleven of the teachers were from Ikhutsiseng High School, one from Itumeleng Primary School and the other from Botlhabelo High School.

DET Schoeman to get 29/5/90 tough

By MONK NKOMO

THE Department of Education and Training has threatened to close down trouble-torn schools and warned it would not consider salary increases for teachers unless they performed their duties well.

Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's Northern Transvaal regional director, said in a circular to principals last week that many schools had been disrupted because of political interference since the beginning of the year.

Meeting

He instructed principals to hold meetings with parents and pupils and inform them about the situation. They should report back to circuit inspectors within five days after such a meeting.

The disruptions resulted in some principals and teachers being chased away from their schools, said Schoeman.

Teachers and pupils were encouraged to defy authority and some teachers refused to teach certain subjects or perform certain duties.

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DET threat over schools

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Schoeman said certain organisations had attempted to take over the control of schools by usurping the authority of the staff.

Teachers, parents and pupils were subjected to subtle and open intimidation.

"Teachers' unions had severed all ties with the department and had openly threatened inspectors and other officials not to attempt to visit schools or try to exercise any form of control," said Schoeman.

He warned that where people in authority were prevented from exercising proper control, the department would suspend all services to such a school.

Failure to exercise control over internal examinations could lead to the rejecting of promotion schedules at the end of the year.

"Year marks submitted for Standard 10 students have to be moderated. Where such moderation cannot take place, year marks will not be acceptable to the department and the Joint Matriculation Board.

"The legitimacy and validity of end-of-year examinations, particularly the Standard 10 examination, can only be guaranteed if proper control is exercised at every school," Schoeman said.

He also warned that the appointment of teachers on probation would not be confirmed

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Union calls on teachers to ignore Republic Day

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The National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) in the southern Transvaal has urged teachers to ignore Republic Day as a public holiday tomorrow and instead conduct lessons and revision for the mid-year exams.

Union secretary Joe Mogane said in a statement it would be up to individual teachers in Neusa's 13 branches to decide whether to heed the call to hold lessons tomorrow.

The statement also said Neusa had written to the regional directors of the Department of Education and Training calling on the department to stop harassing Neusa members.

Since the start of the second term, Neusa members have conducted a campaign against DET regulations and prevented inspectors from carrying out their normal functions.

Their defiance was an attempt to get the DET to address teachers' demands. These included alleviating overcrowding and high pupil-teacher ratios; the shortage of facilities and resources; and the recognition of student representative councils and parent-teacher-student associations.

DET Northern Transvaal regional director Job Schoeman said teachers' unions had "severed all ties with the DET and threatened inspectors".

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DET IS attacked

THE Azanian Students Movement has rejected claims by the Department of Education and Training that schools were being disrupted because of political interference by certain organisations.

The claim was made this week by the DET's Northern Transvaal regional director, Mr Job Schoeman, who warned the department may be forced to close down schools at which people in authority were intimidated and prevented from taking control.

"The claim that schools are disrupted solely by political interference smacks of complete ignorance," Azasm spokesman Mr Siphon Maseko said yesterday.

He accused the DET of "sectarianism", displayed by the department in trying to resolve the education crisis.

NECC takes first tentative step in direction of accord

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IN a move to address the deepening education crisis in the country, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee this week agreed to make suggestions to the Department of Education and Training on how to spend R800-million given to DET schools by the government.

Announcing the decision at a press conference in Johannesburg on Wednesday, NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg, said he hoped this would be the first tentative step towards negotiation between education officials and teachers.

The DET requested the NECC early this month to provide the department with their "thinking" on how a government non-recurrent expenditure of R800-million could be allocated productively to improve the standard of DET schools.

The NECC said while it welcomed the move, there was concern that because the DET provided education for about 30 percent of all black students, the 70 percent of students who receive their education in the "homelands" and outside DET schools are not intended beneficiaries of the R800-million.

The University of the Witwatersrand Education Policy Unit has prepared a document for the NECC containing suggestions that could be made to the DET concerning the improvement of the quantity and quality of black education.

The EPU report proposed that the NECC should give priority to improving the quality of teachers.

The NECC has agreed to make suggestions to the DET on how to spend R800-million. PHIL MOLEFE reports

The report noted that the black teaching corps in South Africa is generally demoralised, disorganised and undertrained.

In this regard, the EPU proposed that, teachers' salaries and qualifications, should be upgraded.

"The whole question of service conditions for teachers is one which needs constant attention in order to ensure that the best people enter and are retained by the profession," said the report.

EPU proposed that much attention should also be given to pre-primary and primary schooling, and advised that the call for a non-racial department of education should be accompanied by a demand for compulsory education at least up to the age of 11.

Lack of education at primary level contributes to South Africa's high illiteracy rate, particularly among blacks, because of the absence of compulsory schooling, said EPU.

The supply of textbooks was another area that should be given priority because the supply is "almost without exception inadequate in every school".

The EPU brief is directed towards short term priorities.

Rensburg said the NECC would make suggestions to the department next week.

Coloured teachers down chalk again

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THOUSANDS of coloured teachers in the PWV region downed chalk yesterday for the second time in a month after the failure of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) to respond to their demands

The strike started as mid-year examinations were due to begin.

The co-ordinator of the Action Committee of Teachers (Act), Mike Davy, said yesterday that teachers had decided the "chalk down" was total and that no mid-year examinations would be written

Decision

He said the strike would continue until the House of Representatives responded to teachers' short-term demands.

The decision to strike was taken by about 1 000 teachers at a meeting in Eldorado Park on Wednesday

They also decided that no administrative work would take place

Yesterday it could not be established whether the strike was total, but it has affected all schools in and around Johannesburg and schools in Pretoria, Potchefstroom and Boksburg

"Teachers insist that children attend schools and teachers will supervise them in the classroom to ensure disci-

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Education Reporter

pline is maintained. Junior classes will have informal tuition," Mr Davy said.

"We feel this situation could have been avoided had the department responded to our short-term demands earlier this week"

Teachers had agreed that, if the department responded favourably, they would work during the June holidays to catch up on the syllabus

Short-term demands include that all outstanding salaries be paid immediately, that salaries be paid on time, that there be full parity between male and female teachers and that equipment be supplied to schools

Coloured teachers downed chalk for a week last month before handing a memorandum to the regional director of the department, listing their grievances. They gave him until May 29 to respond

The liaison officer for the House of Representatives, Mr Thinus Dempsey, confirmed the protest but could not say how many pupils were affected by the teachers' action, Sapa reports

"Word reaching us from our circuits in the Transvaal confirms that protest action is being conducted by teachers. But we will only know later what the extent of the action has been," Mr Dempsey said

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Zuurbekom will open classrooms once more

LAERSKOOL Zuurbekom, which has stood deserted and surrounded by waist-high weeds since it closed last year because of dwindling numbers of white pupils, has now been handed over for blacks pupils to use

Mr Willie van Staden, spokesman for the Transvaal Education Department (TED), said the school has been transferred to the Department of Education and Training (DET) which runs black education.

"The decision was taken because of the rezoning of residential areas. The dwindling number of white pupils in the area contributed to the decision," Mr van Staden said.

The school has served the white community in the area for 35 years. Up until two years ago it was catering for about 90 children. By the beginning of 1989 that number had dropped to 60. White pupils in the area were being bused to schools in Randfontein or Westonaria. In February this year the school was empty. It had no choice but to close.

Black pupils in the area were

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having to travel to schools in Soweto. Moves to get the school's facilities made available to them were already being put in motion in May last year.

Former Soweto mayor and president of the Sofasonke Party, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said then that he was investigating the possibility of buying the school for use by black pupils.

Now Mr Tom Kekana of the DET says that the department's regional office, under which the school will be controlled, has applied for a grant. As soon as the application is approved, the school will start operating. Furniture and books are already available.

He added that the school, which can accommodate up to 500 pupils in 15 classrooms, will not be renamed, at least for now. "Once the school's management committee has been elected, parents can decide whether or not they want the school renamed."

Minor renovations to the buildings are under way.

NECC to guide Govt on R800-m for education

After a request from the Department of Education and Training, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee is discussing a number of proposals researched by the Education Policy Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand on how best to allocate R800 million non-recurrent funds within DET schooling

NECC general secretary Ithron Rensburg stressed that one of the problems the NECC faced was how to engage the Government on the educational terrain without being co-opted

The NECC understood the DET's request to mean that the NECC should provide the department with ideas on how the expenditure "could be most productively allocated without causing friction between departments and without causing frictions between communities"

In addition to the money allocated in the education budget for Department of Education and Training schooling, the Government has set aside a non-recurrent R800 million for black schooling this year. The National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) this week suggested a number of ways the funds could be spent in an attempt to alleviate the crisis in education. Education Reporter JANET HEARD, reports.

After discussing the proposals, the NECC may decide that the entire R800 million should be spent on one feature in an attempt to address short-term priorities, for instance the electrification of schools, or whether to spread it over a number of areas

The NECC stressed that a priority within the next six months was the establishment of Parent-Teacher-Student-Associations (PTSA's) which would take part meaningfully in the administration of schools and the allocation of funds.

The proposals, which give an

The proposals, which give an idea of the depth of the qualitative and quantitative problems in education, include

- Pre-primary and primary schooling. People without basic levels of literacy were excluded from all but the most menial forms of labour.

Formal schooling

Investment in primary schooling made the largest contribution to returns in both the social and economic spheres than any other kind of educational investment.

Pre-school programmes assisted children in adjusting to the demands of formal schooling,

irrespective of their socioeconomic background

However, the costs of establishing pre-primary schools for all children would be prohibitive, but Early Childhood Education centres could be established and maintained for no more than a few thousand rands a year

- Expanding provision. Classrooms should be provided for all within a system of compulsory education. The present shortage of classrooms was one legacy of the lack of forward planning and the failure to link school provision to demographic patterns during the '60s.

Textbooks. The World Bank report (1988) noted that the mere presence of textbooks in a classroom was second only to the quality of the teacher in influencing the quality of learning, yet the supply of textbooks

was almost without exception inadequate in every school

The reasons textbooks were not supplied included inefficiency in supply procedures, corruption, budget restrictions and poor control of books in schools.

The backlog in the supply of books was so great that it will be impossible to eliminate immediately but it was possible to concentrate on crucial subjects such as mathematics and the sciences. If all students, say in Stds 6 and 7, were provided with mathematics and science textbooks, there could be a real improvement in results in these subjects

- Parent-Teacher-Student Associations: Authority in black schools had broken down. PTSA's could play a role in providing the technical skills needed in the workplace and in acting as one important node in the web of community

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Renewed effort to solve black education crisis

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

A delegation from the giant umbrella teacher body, the National Teacher Unity Forum (NTUF), will meet National Education Minister Gene Louw tomorrow in a bid to address the deepening crisis.

The key short-term demands of teachers include the democratisation of the DET and the establishment of parent-teacher-pupil associations. Such associations, they say, will legitimise schools in the eyes of pupils and the wider community, and restore order.

Heightened protests against the inferior education received by black pupils have occurred this year and teachers have embarked on mass protest actions including strikes, marches and a defiance of DET regulations.

There is a virtual breakdown in learning at many schools, educationists have warned, and a national teachers' strike is looming.

There is little chance of improvement on last year's 42 percent pass rate in DET schools and many pupils, particularly in parts of the Transvaal and the Free State, are unlikely to sit for the mid-year exams.

This is the situation in the four provinces

- Free State. There has been virtually no teaching at schools in Mangaung outside Bloemfontein this year, and all primary and secondary schools have ground to a halt as pupils wait for a response to their demands.

DET regional director NPJ Botha said "Even if they return tomorrow, how can they do a year's work in half a year? Pupils have demands, but I (as a DET official) am in no position to satisfy them. For example, how can I ensure that police keep away from schools or provide one single education department in South Africa?"

- Transvaal: Pretoria teachers have threatened mass action this week against the suspension of 13 teachers. In surrounding areas such as Oukasië and Lethabile, teachers have entered their second week of strikes.

- PWV: Coloured teachers are on strike. In Soweto and Alexandra, teachers and the DET have reached deadlock in attempts to alleviate the education crisis. There has been a breakdown in authority, with teachers complaining that pupils will not obey rules.

Peter Mundell of the regional DET office said although pupils and teachers were attending school, "there is a virtual standstill in education at secondary schools and meaningful teaching is simply not taking place".

- Cape: The DET reports that schools generally settled down in the second term and examinations were being written. Teachers and pupils have held marches and handed petitions to the DET on various occasions.

- Natal: Disruptions at DET schools and those under the KwaZulu Education Department stem largely from the UDF-Inkatha conflict. A DET spokesman said there had been no normal schooling in Inanda near Durban and Imbali outside Maritzburg.

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THE Department of Education and Training is determined to go ahead with disciplinary action against 13 Brits teachers despite the threat of a widespread boycott should it proceed with its action. *Schoeman*

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DET spokesman Mr. Job Schoeman said the threatened boycott would bring even more culprits on the firing line.

Linguist Achmat Davids displays a 19th century text written in Afrikaans using the Arabic alphabet. ● Picture by Reuter.

'Positive attitude' to Afrikaans found in black schools

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

Work by the Human Sciences Research Council has revealed that the attitude of black secondary school pupils towards Afrikaans is "positive", despite lack of stimulation in the learning environment.

The research was aimed at analysing the present position of Afrikaans at secondary schools under the Department of Education and Training (DET)

Although pupils' language preference was clearly English, it was found the attitude of pupils towards Afrikaans was neutral to positive. Its position, place and role in secondary schools' broad curriculum and the attitude of the black community towards the subject in general was received with "mainly positive recognition".

Mrs Sabrina Cahill, one of the researchers, said "As far as the role of Afrikaans is concerned in terms of the broad black community's expectations, the findings reveal that Afrikaans is regarded as having considerable functional value for studying and job opportunities".

It was also found that the attitude of matric pupils towards the subject at those schools was more positive than that of the Std 8 pupils.

A shortage of textbooks and teaching aids, inadequate inter-action between pupils and teacher as well as the use of stereotyped and unstimulating teaching techniques were responsible for the "largely non-stimulating learning environment" in the Afrikaans class.

The researchers also found the "occupational proficiency of the Afrikaans teachers to be inadequate, with gaps in subject knowledge and language proficiency skills having a negative effect on the teachers' capability".

However, the general attitude of the Afrikaans teacher towards the subject, its teaching and training courses offered was found to be substantial.

Researchers also discovered indications of discrepancies between examination results and actual communicative competence in Afrikaans

The study concluded that most of the problems experienced with Afrikaans teaching could be overcome and "a change in educational policy with regard to the status of Afrikaans was therefore unnecessary"

The National Education Union of South Africa claims that its members are being harassed by officials of the Department of Education and Training.

Mr Joe Mogane, Neusa's correspondence secretary for the Southern Transvaal, said yesterday that they have written letters to four DET regional directors telling them about provocative actions by officials in black schools.

The four DET regions involved are Johannesburg, Orange-Vaal, Northern Transvaal and the Highveld.

And yesterday, chief directors of the Northern Transvaal and Orange-Vaal regions, Mr Job Schoeman and Mr FH Vorster respectively,

DET officials are arrogant, says Neusa

By NKOPANE
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denied the allegations.

Schoeman said although he had not received any letter from Neusa, to his knowledge there was no harassment in his region.

Letter

Vorster confirmed having received the letter and said no harassment was happening in his area.

He questioned Neusa's authority to write such letters to the department.

Mr JH Booysen, chief director for the Highveld region, and Mr Peet Struwig for Johannesburg could not be reached for comment.

Mogane alleged that officials were arrogant and used remarks such as: "Go to your Neusa for a housing subsidy," when teachers belonging to the union went to DET offices for as-



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sistance.

He also said they viewed as serious the persistent harassment of so-called temporary teachers and teachers on probation who had been told to avail themselves for inspection.

In a letter to Struwig, Neusa says his high-handedness and arrogance when dealing with its members undermined the back-to-school decision.

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Teachers' strike: parents appeal for urgent action

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Parents of children affected by the strike by coloured teachers in the Transvaal have appealed to the House of Representatives to urgently address teachers' demands.

Many parents contacted The Star yesterday and expressed grave concern that the future of their children was at stake as no mid-year examinations were being written.

Striking teachers at more than 50 schools will review their five-day "chalks down" at a mass meeting in Eldorado Park today.

Parents contacted The Star yesterday and complained that the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) had ignored the teachers' demands, which were submitted to the department on May 18

'Suffering'

Carol Damons, whose son is in Std 2 at the Bosmont Second Primary School, said "I would like to know why the Department of Education is taking so long to respond to teachers' grievances. In the meantime, the children are suffering and it will have an affect on their future and the future of SA"

Another mother, Gail Thomas, said. "I have a son in matric, he wants to apply for a bursary to attend universi-

ty next year and if he does not have his June mark, they won't consider him"

Sharon Tim of Bosmont, whose two children are in primary school, said teachers should be given maternity leave and should be paid on time, but added: "Why do teachers wait for the crucial time — during exams — to embark on a strike, and why does the department ignore their grievances for so long?"

The organisation co-ordinating the strike, the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT), has held a series of meetings with parents to explain the reasons for embarking on the strike, and 10 parents support committees have been formed in different areas

An ACT spokesman, Mike Davy, said yesterday that ACT had still not received a response from the department.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Rev Allan Hendrickse, said in a statement to The Star earlier this week that it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the teachers' demands as they were included in the overall demands of teachers' represented by the National Teacher Unity Forum

"My policy in respect of education has been stated clearly, namely that I am working for the removal of the racial bias of education structures and am striving for the establishment of a unitary education system open for all."

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Education in Soweto 'almost at standstill'

JOHANNESBURG — Secondary school education in Soweto has ground to a virtual halt, the Department of Education and Training said yesterday

In a statement Mr P Struwig, regional chief director in Johannesburg, said education officials had no access to the schools and principals and teachers had been reduced to spectators.

There was a "collapse of authority on an unprecedented scale" and a real danger of anarchy and total disorder

"Formal educational in Soweto's secondary schools has come to a tragic standstill."

He blamed the degeneration on what he said was the inability of the student and teacher organisations to engage in sustained, constructive dialogue with the DET.

"This is not, and has never been, an attempt to co-opt political bodies or compromise their standpoint," Mr Struwig said — Sapa

Pupils tell principals: Agree or quit

THE Soweto branch of Cosas has told principals to stay out of "our schools" until the Department of Education and Training has met student demands.

Most principals say they will stay away until the dispute placing them between the DET and the Congress of South African Students has been resolved.

Cosas met principals in Soweto on Monday and accused them of not making any effort to force the DET to address the education crisis. The students claimed DET regional director Peet Struwig last month told the Soweto delegation the department was prepared to supply textbooks if principals ordered them. The alle-

gation, which Struwig denied yesterday, sparked the student/principal confrontation.

Principals also denied charges that they had not ordered books.

Yesterday about 50 principals presented Struwig with a list of complaints which included a shortage of textbooks, stationery and furniture. The petition also called for improved educational facilities and equipment.

Struwig said there was a "collapse of authority on an unprecedented scale" in Soweto high schools. He would convene a meeting of principals, students and the National Education Union of South Africa by Wednesday.

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DET in move to reinstate 13 teachers

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THE Department of Education and Training will recommend that 13 suspended teachers in Brits be reinstated if teachers and residents stopped their defiance campaign.

The DET also wants teachers to persuade pupils in the area to return to school today.

Officials of the DET, including regional chief director Mr Job Schoeman, met a delegation of 17 residents from Oukasie and Lethabile in Pretoria on Wednesday to

By **MONK NKOMO**

discuss the fate of the teachers.

They were suspended without pay on May 29 for allegedly disrupting a meeting of principals on May 11.

In a statement yesterday, the DET said both parties had agreed that the delegation would intervene with their communities and teachers to suspend the campaign and get teachers and pupils back to school from today.

It said the parties had also agreed that the DET should set up a special task force of inspectors, who will visit the affected schools today and on

Monday to see if normal schooling was taking place.

"On receipt of a positive report, the regional chief director will immediately recommend that the suspension of the 13 teachers be suspended," the statement said.

The delegation is to meet DET officials again next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, scores of pupils at Flavius Mareka Secondary School in Atteridgeville boycotted classes yesterday in protest against the arrests of three pupils who allegedly assaulted a female teacher on May 28.

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Angry parents to march as school system faces anarchy

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SOWETO parents are angry and frustrated about the critical situation in the township's secondary schools, where there has been a complete breakdown of authority

Now parents are planning to march to the Department of Education and Training offices in Johannesburg on Monday to demand school books for their children

Warning that there was a real prospect of anarchy, Peet Struwig, the DET's Johannesburg regional chief director, said yesterday that schools were virtually inaccessible to DET officials

Listing other problems, he said

- Principals and senior teachers had been relegated to the status of spectators
- Authority had collapsed on an unprecedented scale.
- There was a prospect of near-irreversible academic degeneration.
- Attitudes were being cultivated in young school-leavers which would seriously impair the realisation of their potential

The damage to the rank, status and dedication of senior education personnel is irreparable. The traumatic effect of boycotts, intimidation and the defiance campaign, on sound and effective organisation is simply ignored," Mr Struwig said

A statement from Community Assembled to Mobilize and Promote Unity in Schools (Campus) said yesterday that, even though the academic year was so far advanced, students still had no text books

Matric students were sharing one book between five people

Campus accused the DET of insensitivity: "They will be blaming everything else for poor results at the end of the school year"

Soweto Education Coordinating Committee (SECC) spokesman David Maepa said that because of the book shortage, there had been very little effective teaching this year

"If we had the books then we would have the challenge of ensuring effective teaching was taking place"

He said the DET looked to see if a particular book had been supplied to a particular school in the last five years. If it had, it was not re-issued.

Quota

He also pointed out that the number of students in Soweto schools was 40 percent above the DET quota

Mr Maepa said that as soon as books were delivered, the disruption would ease, as pupils would at least have learning materials

Besides the march on DET offices, other actions were in the pipeline, he said

Mr Struwig said the supply of books, overcrowding and repair of schools were legitimate grievances, which the DET would continue to address to the best of its ability.

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Cosas demands DET action by June 16

By SANDILE MEMELA

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THE East Rand branch of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) this week submitted a memorandum to the Department of Education and Training calling for a single, non-racial education system.

Publicity secretary Eric Rakgabale said Cosas has noted the "devastating" conditions in

township schools.

"We note particularly the serious shortage of textbooks and some other essentials to our education," he said.

The memo listed student demands, including:

- The hand-over of schools to the community;
- An end to tribal schools and erection of more schools;

- Abolition of school management councils, and their replacement by Parent-Teacher-Student associations;

- Adequate library facilities; and

- Recognition of Cosas, SRCs, and Neusa.

Rakgabale said the students would "consider taking action" unless the demands were met by June 16.

THE crisis in Bloemfontein's black schools has intensified with more than 50 000 of Mangaung township's students having had little or no education since the beginning of the year.

All primary and high schools in the township have ground to a virtual halt and students decided last week to stay away from school until the Department of Education and Training meets their demands.

"I didn't get any school lessons this year," said Pule Hlathwayo, a student and organiser of the Mangaung Congress of South African Students (Cosas). "From Sub A to matric there has been no school since the beginning of the year." Education in the area has been hamstrung by demonstrations and countless petitions.

When the *Weekly Mail* visited Mangaung this week there was hardly a school uniform in sight — with the exception of six-year-old Keneiloe Moepadira, a Sub B pupil at Tebelelo

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Primary school, who roamed the street in a neat black-and-white uniform. "My mother dresses me up every day hoping that we will return to school," she told me. "I want to go back to school because I am longing to see my friends," said Keneiloe.

Cosas branch president Khushi Jwayi said the crisis began when ANC leaders and the National Education Crisis Committee called for all students to go back to school at the beginning of this year. "Schools were flooded, but the DET did not make the necessary provisions to handle the influx," Jwayi said.

This resulted in overcrowding at schools, shortage of teachers and lack of text books. In Mangaung, it took up to the middle of February before schools could be brought back

Black pupils in Bloemfontein have had virtually no education this year. PHIL MOLEFFE reports

on stream as principals and teachers battled to solve the space problem.

"Just when we thought everything was falling into place the English rebel cricket tour came and was met with fierce opposition in Bloemfontein," said Cosas secretary Motlatsi Motseise. Schools were disrupted as students joined in protests against the visit of Mike Gating's team to Bloemfontein. Student leaders were detained by the police and classes were boycotted.

About the same time Mandela was released, sparking celebrations throughout the township. "As people

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marched through the streets celebrating the release of Comrade Mandela a police combi drove into the crowd, killing two people," said Motseise.

"On April 23 students presented a list of complaints to Free State DET regional director NPJ Botha, which included lack of educational facilities, teachers, text books, stationery and space."

The students decided to stage a sit-in when Botha "refused" to address their demands two days after he was presented with the memorandum Responding to the students' demands Botha said. "While the government of South Africa is willing to admit that there are many reasons for dissatisfaction, and I agree to that, I have to state that the DET cannot be blamed for everything that is wrong."

"Over the years money was available for equipment and replacements but this was not made use of because schools did not place orders," said Botha.

Again no lessons were conducted at schools during the sit-in period as students held "political workshops" organised by student leaders. Last Friday students decided at a mass meeting to stay away from school.

"If they (DET) do not meet our demands then the boycott continues." The chairman of the Mangaung National Education Union of South Africa, Zingile Dingani, said while teachers agreed with the students' demands, staying away from school was not an "appropriate" strategy.

He accused the DET of delaying a return to normal education. "The students have expressed a wish to return to school but they feel that the department is reluctant to solve the crisis," he said.

Parents are to march on DET

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By NKOPANE
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SOWETO parents are to march to the Department of Education and Training offices in Braamfontein today to demand that the authorities address the shortage of books and other equipment in schools.

The march, organised by the Soweto Education and Co-ordinating Committee, is to start at the Johannesburg City Library at 10am.

According to a spokesman of the SECC, it is in support of the demands by pupils that they be supplied with books.

He said as parents, they felt they had to show by deeds that they had the interest of the children at heart.

"Our children have marched, crying for books. The teachers have also marched on the same issue and other demands.

"It is now June and still there are no books. We love our children and their future. It is now time that we also march to demand books," he said.

Last week the Congress of South African Students called on princi-

pals to go to the DET offices to submit requisitions for all outstanding shortages.

Principals have been told not to return to their schools until all the demands were met.

Mr Peet Struwig, the DET's Johannesburg chief regional director, said last week a meeting was to be held where the issue would be discussed.

Present at that meeting will be DET region officials, Cosas, the National Education Union of South Africa and principals.

Meanwhile, Soweto parents yesterday endorsed a decision by local teachers and pupils to defy the official DET closing dates for the June holidays.

The Azanian Students' Movement yesterday condemned the moves to bar principals from their schools.

Azasm said in a statement it would do all in its power to ensure schools were not disrupted.

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10 parents stage sit-in

JOHANNESBURG — Ten Soweto parents began a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training (DET) headquarters here yesterday afternoon after the DET allegedly failed to give a firm undertaking to provide much-needed textbooks for Soweto schools.

A 2½-hour meeting between a delegation from the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) and the DET had earlier failed to reach agreement on the crisis in Soweto's schools.

Mr David Maepa, head of the SECC delegation, broke the news that the DET had not been able to meet their demands for text books — Sapa

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TEN Soweto parents began a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday after the DET allegedly failed to give a firm undertaking to provide textbooks for schools.

A meeting lasting two-and-a-half hours between a delegation from the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee and the DET had earlier failed to reach agreement on the crisis in Soweto's schools.

Mr David Maepa, leader of the SECC delegation, emerged from the meeting to break the news that the DET had not been able to meet their demands for textbooks and, as a result, the delegation had decided on the sit-in.

"We decided we are going to sit-in until such time we get a written response that there will be a specific date for the delivery of books," Maepa told a cheering group of supporters.

The parents were prepared to stay in the DET building in Braamfontein "as long as it takes", he said.

"There were no strong-arm tactics,

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we told them we would not be leaving the building."

"The DET responded by saying that they will try their best to make our stay here as comfortable as possible," he added.

Maepa said DET regional director Mr Peet Shruwig, who had led the DET delegation at the meeting, was on his way to Pretoria to meet his seniors about the textbook crisis.

He said the SECC delegation and the DET had agreed "we must join forces to bring pressure to bear on the powers that be so that the issue and supply of books is expedited".

Pressure

No plan had been worked out with the DET on how to put pressure on the Government.

The sit-in was taking place in the DET's conference room, he said.

"The people are in there already and waiting for their baggage," Maepa said, as he carried a sleeping bag in one hand and a bag in the other.

"We cannot speculate as to how long it will take. It may take anything from a



Parents' DET sit-in

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week to two months but we are prepared to stay here two months" (256)

Maepa said the delegation was surprised by the DET's response to the sit-in announcement (256)

"We must admit we expected there could be strong-arm measures applied to kick us out.

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He asked members and supporters from the DR.

SECC and another Soweto organisation, Campus (Community Assembled to Mobilise and Promote Unity in Schools), to disperse and leave the DET building in Braamfontein.

No plans had been made about meals for the 10 people inside the DET building, he said. Sapa

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Top-level talks 256 on education crisis

Staff Reporter *ARCUS 12/6/90*

THE Nyanga Education Co-ordinating Committee is to discuss the crisis in black education with a top Department of Education and Training official, Mr Bill Staude

A delegation of 12 held talks with Mr A M Ndamase, Deputy Director, Cape Town West, yesterday. He promised to set up a meeting with Mr Staude, the regional chief director, on Friday, said Mr Mziwonke Pro Jack who led the delegation.

He said the delegation, which represented parent-teacher-student associations at Sebenza, Crossroads No 3 and Sizamile high schools in Nyanga, had handed Mr Ndamase a memorandum in which they highlighted conditions at the schools.

"We told him black education was collapsing," Mr Jack said.

Sizamile has desks for only 640 of its 1 113 pupils, had a shortage of stationery from Standard 6 to matric and teachers at all three schools were overloaded, with some working 47 to 50 periods a week, Mr Jack said.

It was disturbing that non-teaching staff at comprehensive schools were working as groundsmen and nightwatchmen without any extra remuneration.

The delegation also told Mr Ndamase that it wanted to rename schools in Nyanga after Mr Nelson Mandela, and the question of acting principals running schools for as long as two years was also raised.

THERE were no signs of an end to the day-old sit-in by eight Soweto parents at the Department of Education and Training head office in Johannesburg yesterday.

Mr David Maepa, head of the Soweto Education Coordinating Committee delegation occupying the DET building, came out and told the Press on Tuesday morning there had been no response yet from the DET on their demand for textbooks for Soweto students.

Maepa described conditions in the building as uncomfortable, but said the delegation would remain there as long as it

DET sit-in by parents goes on

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takes to get a written reply for the delivery of much-needed books for Soweto schools.

He said Mr Peet Struwig, regional director of the DET, had assured the delegation on Monday, when the talks adjourned, that he would be consulting his seniors in Pretoria on Monday afternoon

"We expected a feedback on Monday night. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for that feedback"

Media

According to Maepa, Struwig refused on Monday morning to allow the media into the building to see how the parents were coping

As for the conditions the parents were living under, he said they had "made the best of the situation."

"We are all in the conference room, except when it is time to sleep the ladies go into the kitchen

"We had no mattresses, and the carpet had no underfelt. Another

problem was that the heating system went off at 4 40 pm on Monday, and only came back after 6am yesterday morning. Last night all phones were cut off too"

Because of the uncomfortable situation, Maepa said the delegation had decided to reduce their number from 10 to eight

Teachers' sit-in abandoned, one by parents continues

Education Reporter

More than 60 coloured teachers abandoned a sit-in at the offices of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) in Johannesburg yesterday after the national director of education, A W Muller, agreed to meet them today

This is the second education "sit-in" in Johannesburg this-week.

On Monday, Soweto parents began a sit-in at the offices of the Department of Education and Training in Braamfontein

In yesterday's action, teachers who are on strike took over

the office of the regional chief inspector for eight hours.

They were demanding a response to a list of grievances sent on May 18

After lengthy meetings and telephone calls to Cape Town, Mr Muller agreed to meet the teachers in Johannesburg today to discuss their grievances

The demands include the timely payment of salaries, the scrapping of the inspection system, and parity between male and female teachers

The eight Soweto parents and members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee

enter their third day in the DET offices today.

They plan to remain until given a date for the delivery of vital textbooks, still unavailable six months into the year.

One of the protesters, David Maepa, spoke to a press gathering outside the building yesterday after the DET refused permission for a press conference inside

He said they had been supplied with hot water, but did not have mattresses and were having food delivered from outside

The DET regional director,

Peet Struwig, said yesterday that he had met his superiors in Pretoria and was waiting for instructions on how to address the shortage of textbooks

He said the crisis had been exacerbated by the increase in the number of pupils attending school this year following the back-to-school call, and by many pupils not returning books at the end of the year.

● Parents of pupils affected by the strike by coloured teachers in the Transvaal will march to the House of Representatives building in Johannesburg tomorrow.

SECC protesters may go on hunger strike

EIGHT Soweto parents occupying the Department of Education and Training head office in Johannesburg may embark on a hunger strike after they announced yesterday morning they would refuse food rations. The eight - members of the Soweto Education Coordinating Committee occupied the conference room at the DET building in Braamfontein on Monday afternoon when talks

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with DET regional director, Mr Peet Struwig, failed to resolve the text book crisis. "On Tuesday night, we took in the last supply of food and the delegation has requested that there be no further food deliveries," SECC spokesman Bongani Mori said yesterday. "They are minimising

their food intake and it might develop into a hunger strike," Mori added.

The SECC official said their action was intended to further "put pressure on the DET to resolve the issue".

According to Mori, the DET had not yet replied to the demand for text books for Soweto's 64 high schools and 354 pri-

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Hunger strike for books by SECC

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many schools. There was no indication of whether, or when, they would go on a hunger strike, Mori said.

Meanwhile, the ANC issued a statement in Johannesburg yesterday commending the stand taken by the eight.

"If the legitimate (SECC) demand is not met, the ANC, together with the students, parents and teachers, will decide on appropriate action to address this critical issue."

With pupils back in school, the responsibility lies four-square with the DET to meet their demand for text books.

"Education is a right,

not a privilege. The real grievances of the pupils must be addressed immediately," the ANC said.

The DET will determine the need for textbooks in Soweto schools only after normality prevails at those institutions, those institutions, director-general of Education and Training, Dr Bernard Louw, said in a statement yesterday, writes MONK NKOMO

He said the textbook shortage in many schools "has been exacerbated by the return of almost 4 600 pupils who failed the 1989 Standard 10 examinations".

"As soon as the situation in Johannesburg schools has returned to normal, the department will determine the need for textbooks and do everything in its power to solve the problem," said Louw.

He added that the organisers of the sit-in at the DET offices in Johannesburg were highly prominent in several campaigns which resulted in the distabilisation of education.

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Education Reporter

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any feedback to their demand from the regional director, Peet Struwig.

The eight Soweto parents who are staging a sit-in at the Braamfontein offices of the Department of Education and Training decided yesterday to refuse meals and take only dried fruit and liquids.

The Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) has warned that this could build up to a full-scale hunger strike.

This morning members of the ANC internal leadership were due to meet the parents in support of their demand for much-needed textbooks.

A spokesman for the parents said they had still not received

The ANC said in a statement that if the demand for textbooks was not met, the ANC, with students, parents and teachers, would decide on appropriate action to address the issue.

The parents began the sit-in at lunchtime on Monday and plan to remain there until a definite date has been set for the delivery of textbooks to schools.

The parents have undertaken not to speak to the press during their stay in the conference room on the 16th floor of the DET building.

Responding to the action by

parents, the director-general of Education and Training, Dr Bernhard Louw, said in order to seek ways to eliminate the shortage, DET officials must have access to schools, and principals and department heads must be permitted to carry out their duties without interference.

For the past two months teachers have prevented inspectors from visiting schools in protest against the failure of the DET to respond to their demands. Last week, the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) called on principals not to return to school until textbooks had been delivered.

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Teachers decide to end strike after talks with Govt officials

Striking teachers yesterday voted to suspend their strike action from next term, which begins on July 10.

This development came about after a five-hour meeting in Johannesburg yesterday between teachers, who have been on strike for almost two weeks, and officials from the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives)

Teachers and officials discussed the list of teachers' short-term demands sent to the department on May 18

The discussions have apparently paved the way for future negotiations between the department and the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT) and the Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU).

Chief Director of Education

Awie Muller and Director of Colleges Cyril Beukes flew to Johannesburg from Cape Town yesterday after about 60 teachers had staged a sit-in in the House of Representatives building in Bree Street, Johannesburg on Tuesday.

A joint statement read out after the meeting said the department would consider not withholding the salary cheques of teachers who participated in the strike, but might take action against teachers who took part in the sit-in.

The statement added that the department had agreed to reassess the role of the inspectorate after much discussion about the demand that the system of evaluating teachers be scrapped or re-evaluated. — Education Reporter and Sapa.

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More attempts to make DET act on crisis

Marches, sit-ins, delegations to the state president — teachers, pupils and parents are using every method at their disposal to get the authorities to do something about the worsening education crisis. PHIL MOLEFE reports

FRUSTRATION levels in black and coloured schools continued to rise this week as parents and teachers threw their weight behind students' demands in an attempt to "force" the authorities to urgently address the deepening education crisis.

Yesterday, more than 5 000 parents, teachers and students from various coloured townships around the Reef marched through the streets of Johannesburg to present a memorandum to the chief regional director of education in the House of Representatives, Johnny Francis

About the same time, a delegation of 10 parents and teachers met a representative of the state president in Pretoria in a bid to solve the four-week-long "chalks down" strike by coloured teachers

This followed a one-day sit-in by a group of coloured teachers at the education offices on Tuesday demanding a "positive" response from the House of Representatives Minister of Education, Reverend Alan Hendrickse

Eight Soweto parents began a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training offices in Johannesburg on Monday

The parents, who formed part of a delegation of the Soweto Education Crisis Committee which met DET regional director Peet Struwig, said yesterday they would stay until the DET set a date in writing — to supply students with textbooks.

More than 60 coloured schools in the Transvaal did not write the June examinations, as no teaching took place following the teachers' strike — the result



Mass outcry ... students, teachers and parents demonstrate outside the House of Representatives Education Department

Picture: SEELAN NAIDOO

of unpaid salaries, victimisation and the freezing of teaching posts

Schools in Eldorado Park, Western Area, Kiptown and as far afield as Potchefstroom ground to a halt as teachers refused to offer any lessons until Hendrickse meets their demands

A memorandum sent to Hendrickse said teachers had to resort to this action because "hundreds of teachers have not received salaries for as long as six months"

In May, teachers at several primary and high schools decided to go on a "chalks down" strike until their demands are met

Lunch time traffic was brought to a standstill as the throng marched for about two kilometres, *toyi-toying* and shouting slogans denouncing apartheid, the tricameral parliament and education authorities

The marchers also carried placards which read: "If you can read this — thank a teacher", "A fish rots from its head — Hendrickse must go" and "One person, One vote, One country, One education system"

Police kept a low profile as traffic officers battled to control the marchers and impatient motorists

In Braamfontein, a representative of

the SECC, David Maepa, said the four-day-old sit-in by Soweto parents will continue until the DET supplied schools with textbooks.

The director-general of the DET, Dr Bernhard Louw, said the department works on the assumption that textbooks have a lifespan of four years and new books were supplied for the projected number of new entrants.

Mems Maepa, executive member of Action Committee of Teachers (Act) yesterday rejected Louw's statement and said it was only intended to divert focus away from their demand — the supply of books.

The parents were yesterday visited by the leader of the internal wing of the African National Congress, Walter Sisulu. Sisulu said the ANC was planning to get involved not only in the shortage of textbooks and the resulting sit-in but in the growing black education crisis.

Meanwhile, Soweto principals have not reported for work this week after they were allegedly ordered to leave their schools by the Congress of South African Students last week until they forced the DET to provide textbooks.

When *The Weekly Mail* visited the schools on Tuesday, students expressed frustration and anger at Cosas' "suspension" of the principals.

The Azanian Student Movement's publicity secretary, Siphso Maseko, said Cosas had acted undemocratically.

Soweto needs books worth over R25m

TANIA LEVY

BOOKS worth more than R25m would have to be supplied to alleviate the textbook shortage in Soweto schools, Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) spokesman Liz Ngudle said yesterday.

But eight parents who are on the fifth day of a sit-in at Department of Education and Training offices in Braamfontein, to highlight the shortages, have reached stalemate with the DET.

The parents are refusing to eat until the DET commits itself to a date for delivery of textbooks. The DET refuses to do this until officials are allowed in to schools to confirm how many books are needed.

In a statement yesterday, the parents said the DET was employing delaying tactics in saying schools had been inaccessible to inspectors since March.

Aware

Did this mean the department had remained indifferent to textbook needs between January and March? the statement asked.

The parents said principals' requisitions for books could be used. (256)

DET director general Bernhard Louw yesterday said the department was acutely aware that the textbook shortage was a major problem in Soweto schools and was geared to act immediately within its given financial constraints.

However, officials needed access to schools to confirm the number of books required. He was sorry the parents found it necessary to resort to drastic action.

Although the second term officially ends today, Soweto teachers and pupils have decided to continue classes throughout the holiday to catch up on time lost during the teachers' strike last term.

Midrand council firm on action against squatters

SUSAN RUSSELL

COUNSEL for the Midrand Town Council told a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday his clients were not prepared to make any concessions for 52 squatters who have gone to court in a bid to stop the demolition of their shacks.

J L van der Merwe SC said this in response to a plea by Mr Justice Margo on Wednesday to the council to reconsider "in the name of mercy" what could be done for the squatters whose homes were due to be demolished last week.

The squatters obtained an interim interdict in the Rand Supreme Court last week halting the demolition.

Midrand Town Council had until this week to show cause why the interim order should not be made final.

Margo said at the end of Wednesday's court session he had complete faith in the Midrand Town Council's views of what was right and wrong and requested van der Merwe to ask his clients to reconsider.

Van der Merwe said his clients had taken note of the judge's faith in them and gave the assurance this would not be misplaced, but they were not prepared to make any concessions to the applicants.

Mr Justice Margo said he would take time in giving a decision.

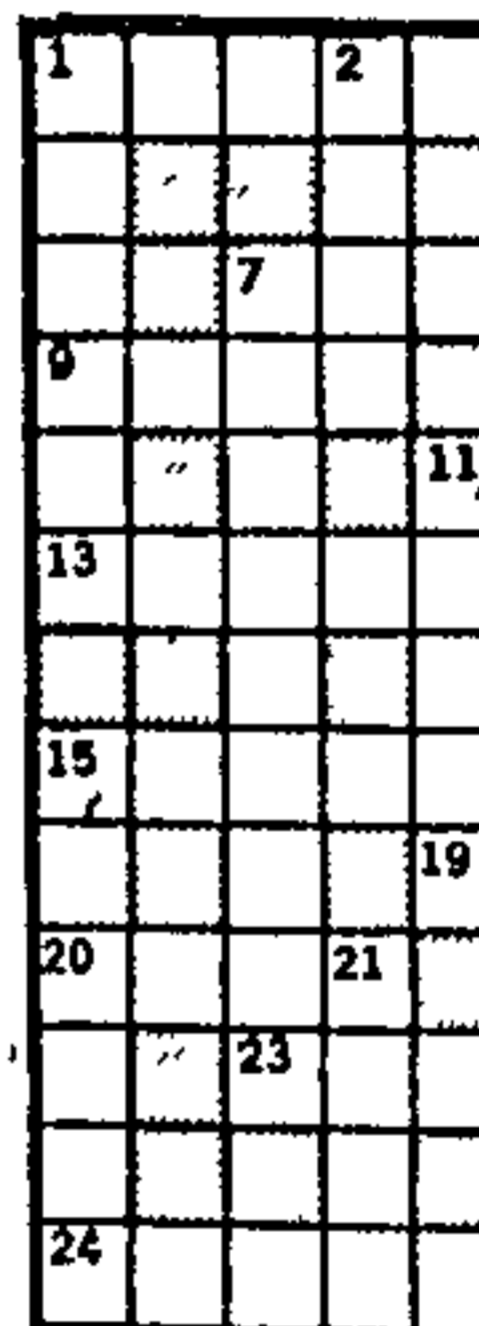
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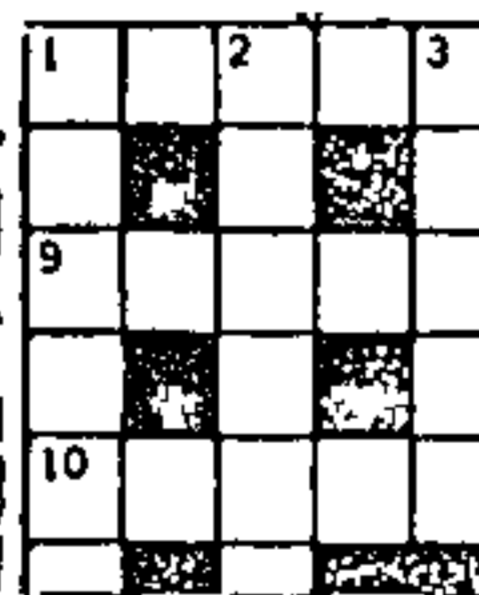
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 - 12 Wakes to one side (5)
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NEWS



Now hear this . . . a marshal instructs the crowd of about 7 000 coloured parents, teachers and children who marched through Johannesburg yesterday to submit their grievances to the House of Representatives office. ● Picture by John Hogg.

Mass protests underline the turmoil in black education

By Janet Heard, Stan Hlope and Shehnaaz Bulbulia

South Africa's black education system is threatened with collapse amid unprecedented mass protest action

Various education departments have been hit by marches, pickets, sit-ins, strikes, and mass rallies by teachers, principals, parents and pupils

These have led to attempts to negotiate with top Government officials

A uniform long-term demand by black teachers is the call for one single education system.

Yesterday, events staged by

Indian, coloured, African and even white groups included:

● After a visit to eight parents "sitting in" at the offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET), ANC leader Walter Sisulu signalled that the ANC was planning to get involved not only in the textbook shortage which resulted in the sit-in, but in the growing national education crisis as a whole.

The parents rejected the response by the DET that their demands would be addressed when schools returned to normal.

● At a press conference, the Congress of South Africa Stu-

dents (Cosas) announced that schools would stay open during the holidays as part of a defiance campaign.

● In Lenasia principals led a 3 km march involving more than 1 300 Transvaal Indian teachers, pupils and parents to the local office of the House of Delegates (HoD) to express their "total dissatisfaction".

● Affiliates of the white teacher body, the Teachers' Federal Council (TFC), are split on the TFC's decision to suspend co-operation with the Minister of National Education, Gene Louw.

There are rumours of a possi-

ble split within the TFC following Mr Louw's decision to meet the non-racial National Teacher Unity Forum a few weeks ago

● About 7 000 coloured parents, teachers and children marched to the regional offices of the House of Representatives in central Johannesburg and submitted a list of grievances which resulted in the teachers staging a two-week "chalks-down". The teachers decided to continue the strike until July 10.

● The DET has asked Soweto teachers to collect their salary cheques from their area offices after midday today.

Parents defy DET's order to leave

EIGHT Soweto parents on hunger strike at the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday defied an order from the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe, to leave the building.

The eight, members of the Soweto Education Co-ordination Committee, occupied the building on Monday after talks between themselves and DET officials broke down. They said they would not leave until each Soweto pupil was provided with a text book.

At 12 15 pm yesterday, Mr Peet Struwig, director of the DET's Johannesburg region, delivered notices to

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the parents' delegation ordering them to vacate the building within an hour.

"Your continued presence in the building is unlawful, notwithstanding your motives for such conduct," said the letters, which were signed by the State Attorney, Mr J F Zwiegelaar.

Mr van der Merwe warned the delegation in the letters that if they did not comply with the order, he would make an urgent Supreme Court application to

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have them removed

Soon afterwards, Mr David Maepa, spokesman for group, emerged from the building and told reporters, the delegation would not respect the notices

They would remain in the building until their demand was met and continue with their hunger strike

The delegation last ate solids — dried fruits and biscuits — on Thursday at lunchtime and are now taking liquids only.

"We are disappointed

as the issue was the delivery of books to our children and not the illegal occupation of the building," said Mr Maepa.

About 1½ hours after the deadline for the group to leave the DET's Educon Building, a team of five lawyers arrived

When the lawyers emerged from the building two hours later, they confirmed that the delegation had decided to remain in the building until their demand was met.

The parents would also not oppose a court application to have them removed.

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Schools crisis simmers on

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FOURTEEN years ago today schoolchildren in Soweto took to the streets to protest against being taught in Afrikaans. It was the first tangible sign that something was seriously wrong with black education. A decade and a half later black education is still under attack — and discontent has spread to white, coloured and Indian schools. **SUE OLSWANG** reports.

SOUTH Africa's already critical skills shortage will become worse if the present educational disparities and the way some education departments function is allowed to continue

The education crisis simmers after years of repeated calls for a single education system for all South Africans, regardless of colour.

Problems in black education — where pupils and teachers battle with grossly overcrowded classrooms and drastic shortages of textbooks — have again been highlighted by the following recent incidents:

● An eight-person delegation of Soweto parents this week "sat in" and refused meals after marching on the Braamfontein, Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET) to demand school books for their children

The delegation, which embarked on a full hunger strike on Thursday afternoon and has defied a ministerial order to leave, has vowed to remain "sitting in" until the setting of a definite date for the delivery of textbooks to black schools. About 300 000 black pupils do not have textbooks.

The delegation has the full support of the African National Congress (ANC) and the head of its

leadership core, Walter Sisulu, visited the parents on Thursday.

● A substantial number of black principals did not return to schools in Alexander and Soweto after the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) called for their stay away until textbooks are delivered and damaged desks replaced

Cosas has urged black pupils and teachers, whose schools closed yesterday, to forego their June holidays and attend classes

● Close to 140 teachers from Oukasie and Letlhabile, near Brits, were dismissed this week by the DET after their 14-day absence from schools

Spread

The chaos in education — which initially saw protest actions among the black population only — recently spread to other population groups as well

The coloured education sector has seen

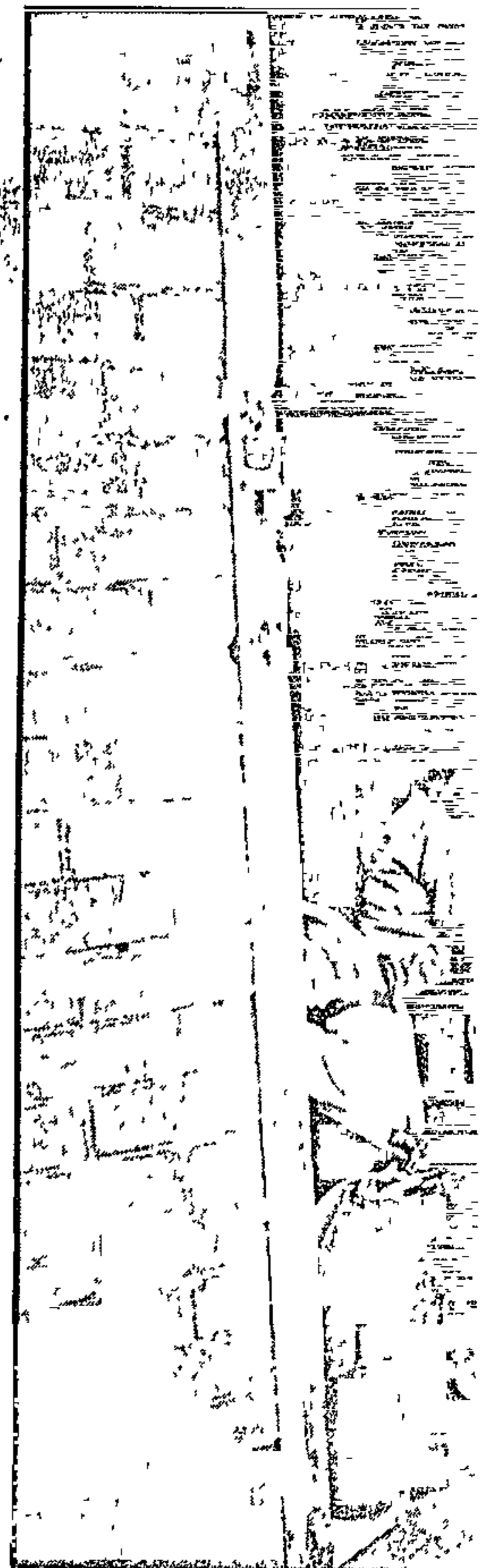
● Striking teachers abandoning a "sit-in" at the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) after the national director of education, A W Muller, agreed to discuss demands for the timely payment of salaries, an end to the inspection system, the provision of equipment and parity between male and female teachers

● Parents of pupils affected by the teachers'

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Number of places required	Nil	(@ 54 per class)	108 000		
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SOURCE: SA BAROMETER — Vol 4, No 10 June 8, 1990

APARTHEID EDUCATION. There have been a number of changes between 1976 and 1988, but as the table shows a great deal must still be done to remove disparities in the education provided to South Africa's different race groups.



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Cosas has urged black
pupils and teachers,
whose schools closed yes-
terday, to forego their
June holidays and attend
classes

● Close to 140 teachers
from Oukasie and Letlha-
bile, near Brits, were dis-
missed this week by the
DET after their 14-day
absence from schools

Spread

The chaos in education
— which initially saw
protest actions among
the black population only
— recently spread to
other population groups
as well

The coloured education
sector has seen

● Striking teachers aban-
doning a "sit-in" at the
Johannesburg offices of
the Department of Edu-
cation and Culture
(House of Representa-
tives) after the national
director of education,
A W Muller, agreed to
discuss demands for the
timely payment of sa-
laries, an end to the in-
spection system, the pro-
vision of equipment and
parity between male and
female teachers

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fected by the teachers'

strike, the second in a
month, on Thursday
marched in support of
the Transvaal "chalks
down"

Problems in Indian
education have been
highlighted by

● A teachers' march on

Thursday to present a
memorandum to the of-
fices of the House of Del-
egates in Lenasia

● A march by several
thousand Durban teach-
ers to protest against the
Department of Education
and Culture's (House of
Representatives) system
of evaluations

White education this
week saw.

● The Transvaal Onder-
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sion to meet the NTUF
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has been asked to inter-
vene in the dispute.

Breakdown

The Education Policy
Unit at Wits University
said in a press statement
that the core of the prob-
lem was a breakdown of
authority at every level
of the school system

"Teachers have no ped-
agogic authority over
their pupils. Without au-
thority schools cannot
run," it said

The EPU said the key
causes included the State
of Emergency "smash-
ing" the authority of
community organisations
and the rising expecta-
tions which accompany
times of change

The EPU maintained
there was nothing the

DET, in its present form,
could do to meaningfully
address the crisis

"The only way the DET
can move is in concert
with legitimate commu-
nity groups toward the
establishment of a new
education system," it
said

The call for a single
education body is the
most common rallying
point for both teachers
and students, according
to leading educationist
Dr Franz Auerbach

"Behind the demand
for a single education de-
partment is the profound
belief that needs will be
assessed and resources
allocated on the basis of
fairness and equality only
once a single department
(decentralised regionally
but not ethnically) de-
cides on priorities," he
said in the statistics jour-
nal SA Barometer



BLEAK FUTURE For every 10 000 black children who start school in Grade 1, only 113 will pass matric, according to figures issued by the Research Institute for Educational Planning (RIEP). Only 27 of these children gain matric exemption and a single child gets an exemption in maths and science.

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Everything must be handled!

By SOPHIE TEMA

Sit-in parents defy moves to evict them

THE eight Soweto parents occupying the Department of Education and Training (DET) head office in Johannesburg are defying all moves to evict them — and they are suffering for their strong stand.

The delegation had marched to the DET building to demand textbooks for Soweto school pupils and took occupation of the conference-room where they began a sit-in on Monday afternoon.

On Friday night, one of the eight, Silas Tlouabata, was admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital suffering from high blood pressure after being diagnosed by Dr I Bismilla of the Southern African Health Workers' Congress.

Dr Bismilla said two women delegates also complained of pains in their backs caused by the uncomfortable manner in which they have to sleep and sit.

On Friday afternoon a written request signed by State Attorney JF Zwiègehaar was served on the eight to leave the DET regional office building in Braamfontein.

On Friday night Education Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said on television that if the eight failed to vacate the premises, he would have to apply for a court order.

Yesterday, the lawyer for the eight, Kuben Pillay, said his clients

would have to be dragged out by police if an eviction order was obtained.

"They are not going to oppose the order in court," he said.

On Friday teaching staff from Soweto schools had to receive their salary cheques from area offices and not from their schools.

Regional Chief Director of the DET Peet Struwig said the move was a direct result of threats and intimidation which made it impossible for school principals to carry out their normal duties and functions in their schools.

The cheques were issued to them

by their school principals.

"Principals have to be present when salary cheques are issued to teaching staff, because they have to follow strict procedure to confirm that every teacher has been paid.

Van der Merwe said the DET could not address the book shortage issue because inspectors did not have access to schools.

"The department is prepared to spend a large sum of money on buying and providing textbooks as soon as we are able to verify what the real situation is.

"We cannot spend millions of rands on books that might have to

be delivered with no assurance that they will be put to good use."

Van der Merwe also accused teachers of being "uncontrolled and irresponsible" because they could have helped suspend the defiance campaign directed at the Department.

DET director general Bernard Louw said as soon as the situation in Johannesburg schools has returned to normal the Department will determine the need for textbooks and do everything in its power to solve the problem.

SECC delegation spokesman David Maepa this week said parents

should exert pressure on the department to provide schools in the townships with books and other necessary materials.

In a statement sent to Louw the delegation said: "The primary abnormality in our schools is the shortage of books and all other problems flow from this.

"Dr Louw should remember that it is a fallacy to say the schools belong to the department.

"The same people who have children in schools in Soweto are the same members of the community whose taxes built the schools, pay the teachers and DET officials.

"We believe Dr Louw's claims are an insult to the intelligence and democratic right of our people's freedom of choice."

7 education hunger strikers 'weakening'

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By Thabo Leshilo

The seven members of the Soweto Education Coordinating Committee on hunger strike at the regional offices of the Department of Education

and Training in Johannesburg have become weak and have been told to conserve energy, their doctor said yesterday.

Dr Refik Bismilla, of the South African Health Workers Congress (Sahwco), said the protesters remained committed to continuing the fast despite their condition.

The seven embarked on a sit-in at the offices last Monday in protest against shortages of books in some schools in Soweto. They resolved not to leave the building until the DET gave a written undertaking to deliver the books.

The eighth protester, Silas Tloubatla, left the building on Thursday because of ill health.

Dr Bismilla said the protesters had been drinking fruit juice since they started their fast on Thursday, but had taken only water at the weekend.

The protesters have ignored an ultimatum issued on Friday by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe, to vacate the building.

Disruption

The Minister told the delegation that its continued occupation of the premises was illegal. He said he would obtain an urgent Supreme Court order to have them removed.

Delegation spokesman David Maepa told reporters they would ignore the ultimatum.

The Director-General of Education and Training, Bernhard Louw, admitted in a statement there was a shortage of books, but blamed the situation on the "prolonged disruption of schooling" in Soweto.

Dr Louw said "Efforts to collect a stock of books from the available sources in order to distribute them in the best possible way have already been resumed."

Back at school on time or lose pay, teachers warned

Education Reporter

Teachers at black schools have been warned to be back at school on July 10 for the next term or lose pay, regardless of whether classes continue during the present holidays to make up for time lost through boycotts.

The warning came from Department of Education and Training Director General Bernhard Louw in the face of plans made by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) for the holidays to be postponed, and be held instead from July 13 to August 1.

Dr Louw said that irrespective of any tuition given during the official school holidays, the schools would re-open on July 10

'Unacceptable'

"It is therefore expected of teachers to report for duty at their schools on July 10. Should it happen that any teacher absents himself from school on or after July 10 without any legitimate reason, I have no choice but to regard such a teacher's absence as leave without pay", Dr Louw said.

It was "unacceptable" for teachers to postpone the school holidays to a later date, irrespective of whether

they decided to teach during the official June holidays.

Because many schools had been disrupted since the beginning of the year and much teaching time had been lost, any attempt to make up for lost time was heartily welcomed, he said.

"There is therefore no objection if schools do not close during the coming holidays but continue with teaching".

Teachers in parts of the country including Soweto and Alexandra have undertaken to continue teaching through the June holidays, which officially started last Friday.

The Congress of South African

Students (Cosas) said in Soweto last week that all schools would continue until July 13. Half-yearly exams would start on July 3 until July 13 and they would then break until August 1 to allow teachers to mark scripts, Cosas said.

On SABC's Network last night, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, Minister of Education and Development Aid, appealed to Mr Curtis Nkondo, president of the National Education Union of S.A., to speak to him when he had a problem.

He said he would appreciate it if Mr Nkondo or anyone

from his organisation who had a problem with his department, or who "ran into a brick wall" with officials, would approach him or his office directly.

Problems

"Why don't you speak to me before you take the children out of school; why don't you speak to me before you take the teachers out of school, so that we can see if we can solve the problem beforehand," Dr van der Merwe said.

He said if the organisation did not do so, he could not accept their bona fides

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**SECC man
hospitalised** (256)

JOHANNESBURG. —

One of the eight members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) occupying the Department of Education and Training building in Johannesburg was admitted to Hillbrow hospital on Friday, but discharged on Saturday.

A hospital spokeswoman confirmed Mr Silas Tloubatla had been admitted to Hillbrow, but declined to disclose the reasons for his admission.

The SECC members began occupying the building on Monday last week. — Sapa

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DEPARTMENT of Education and Training (DET) regional schools needed about 300 000 textbooks, costing about R25m-R30m, to solve the current crisis, Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) member Liz Ngudle said yesterday.

She said much of the problem lay in the DET underestimating student numbers.

DET director-general Bernhard Louw said: "It is true there is a shortage of textbooks and prescribed books in certain schools in the Johannesburg region. Since the beginning of January, the DET has been aware of the problem and efforts were made to provide sufficient books."

DANIEL FELDMAN

He said the "prolonged disruption of schooling in Soweto" was a factor in the inability of provide books, as well as the failure of many pupils to return books.

However, Ngudle disputed this, saying parents had to pay for lost books before children received year-end results.

Louw said it was impossible to determine the number of books needed as inspectors were being denied access to schools.

Ngudle said her organisation, representing Soweto parents, was not responsible for this and the DET would have to talk to the

256 National Education Union of SA (Neusa) and the Congress of SA Students (Cosas)

She said the Neusa action had started in March and the students had expelled principals two weeks ago. But "this is a problem that has existed for years and the DET could have investigated it months ago".

Seven SECC members continued their hunger strike and sit-in in the DET's Braamfontein headquarters yesterday. They received notification that an eviction order would be brought against them today on behalf of Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe.

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Hundreds hail parents after DET sit-in

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Seven Soweto parents protesting against the shortage of textbooks in schools ended their sit-in at the Department of Education and Training offices in Johannesburg yesterday.

The protesters, who have not eaten for five days after embarking on a liquid diet, were given a hero's welcome by hundreds of principals, teachers and parents as they walked through the building in Braamfontein shortly after 1 pm.

The parents, who staged the protest for eight days, left the building of their own accord an hour before an eviction order was to be lodged in the Supreme Court on behalf of Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe.

Emotional

The protesters, members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC), said the "war" against the DET had just begun and they vowed to continue their "just demand for books".

In an emotional speech, one of the protesters, David Maepa, said the DET had failed to heed their appeal for textbooks.

He said the parents were forced to leave the building, because the department had criminalised the protest by deciding

to take the matter to court.

"They (DET) say the schools' situation is abnormal. We agree. They say the situation is abnormal because inspectors and principals have no access to schools. We differ. We say the situation is abnormal because without books no normal schooling can take place."

He warned there were only 71 school days left before the final examinations begin. "Our children are still without books and the department says it still needs to investigate the extent of the shortage".

He said DET regional director Peet Struwig "would be doing the community a favour if he bowed out".

From Saturday the DET refused to allow the parents any contact with the outside world and prevented people from delivering fruit juice, cigarettes and newspapers to them. On Monday, a doctor forced his way through security officials after he was told he was not allowed to visit his patients.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee will hold a special meeting on June 28 to formulate a plan to ensure textbooks are delivered to schools.

Mr Struwig said in a statement that his department would continue to address shortages and speed up supplies as quickly as possible.

"Disruptions, stayaways and intimidation have created a tragic backlog (of textbooks) since 1985", he said.

DET sit-in ends after court order

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SEVEN Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee members yesterday ended their eight-day sit-in at the Department of Education and Training offices an hour after a Supreme Court action against them.

The strikers, who were completely cut off from the outside world, smuggled a message from the eighth floor office to inform Soweto principals camping outside that they would end their sit-in and hunger strike at 1pm.

The move was aimed at taking the sting out of a possible Supreme Court eviction order.

However, a statement from DET regional director Mr Peet Struwig said the sit-in parents left the building voluntarily.

"We will continue to address shortages and speed up supplies," Struwig said.

Sahwco yesterday also lodged a complaint to the United Nations through

By PHANGISILE
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the UN fact-finding mission presently in South Africa after Bismilla was barred from seeing the members on Monday night.

"We called on the UN and the international committees to reprimand the government and the DET for a criminal act against black pupils and the parents who were on hunger strike.

"They were denied the basic human right to health," Sahwco spokesman Dr Aslam Dasoo said.

Windows

Over the weekend the department's staff allegedly sealed the windows, switched off the air conditioners and cut off their liquid supplies.

Meanwhile, principals who had planned a march for books, demonstrated outside the DET offices. A meeting to review their situation will be held in Soweto today with Cosas.

"We are not disgraced but move out with our heads held high," Maepa told a Press conference.

"We stipulated that we would not leave the offices without a written undertaking from the DET that books would be delivered to Soweto school on a specific date.

"They have refused to address the issue and we are being moved out by force.

"The department said 90 percent of matriculants

would fail at the end of the year. That is the sentence already pronounced on our children," Maepa said

Mphuthi and Segasa burst into tears while the rest of the members looked haggard and grey as they walked out

Soweto parents claim success as sit-in ends ahead of court eviction

THE week-long sit-in hunger strike by Soweto parents ended yesterday when the seven left the Department of Education and Training (DET) offices in Braamfontein before being forced to do so by Supreme Court order

Although they failed to get the DET to commit itself to a date for delivery of an estimated shortfall of 300 000 books at Soweto schools, the parents felt they had brought pressure to bear on the department, Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) spokesman Liz Ngudle said

They warned it was only the beginning of the struggle to get authorities to comprehend and

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act on the critical shortage of textbooks. Parents, students and teachers would meet today to decide on their next strategy, she said

DET regional director Peet Struwig said he was unable to give a date when books could be delivered as the department was still trying to work out estimates of the shortage. However, inspectors needed access to schools to calculate more accurate figures

The department would be unable to afford an estimated R25m for the books

He said the court order had been applied for because of the inconvenience of the sit-in

He was still willing to talk to the SECC and other interested parties

Sapa reports SA Health Workers' Congress spokesman Aslam Dassoo confirmed that a letter detailing the DET's isolation of the sit-in seven had been sent to Geneva via the UN delegation in SA

Earlier in the Rand Supreme Court Mr Justice McArthur granted an order declaring the presence of the seven in the Educon building unlawful and directing them to leave. They were ordered to pay the application's costs

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Tearful parents end sit-in hunger strike at DET office

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JOHANNESBURG — The sit-in hunger strike at the Department of Education and Training offices ended yesterday with the demand for more books for Soweto schoolchildren still not met.

The seven parents involved in the sit-in, backed by representatives from a number of national anti-apartheid bodies, issued a defiant statement: "The struggle will continue until the authorities comprehend and act on the critical shortage of textbooks in Soweto schools."

The parents, ashen-faced and several of them crying, grouped in a

park opposite the DET offices to face the press to declare the sit-in a victory

"We are not out in disgrace, but with our heads held high," said spokesman Mr D Maepa

The seven, who were holed up in the DET's Braamfontein offices for seven days, had their last solid meal on Thursday afternoon. The DET, acting within its legal rights as owners of the building, blocked all access to them, cutting off liquid supplies, medical attention and communication with the press or their lawyer. — Sapa

Black teachers at wits' end

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Their militancy creates a rift in white peers' ranks

It has become a commonplace occurrence for black pupils to vent their anger against an inferior education system. But this year it was their teachers who entered the arena of protest.

Teachers, not known for their militancy, have rallied together and held marches and meetings country-wide, staged pickets, sit-ins, strikes. This action has resulted in a series of meetings with top Government officials, the most significant being with Minister of National Education Gene Louw.

The demands by black teachers have generally been expressed through unrecognised teacher associations. Their actions have at times been perceived as a threat by established teacher organisations, including the white Teachers' Federal Council (TFC).

Teachers, relatively inexperienced in organised protest action, have not always heeded recommendations from their leaders.

Recent actions

Recent action has included

- Black teachers in Soweto and Alexandra, who fall under the Department of Education and Training (DET), embarked on a "chalks-down" which dragged on for a month during the first term.

- The strike, organised by the National Education Union of SA spread to the East Rand and other parts of the Transvaal. When teachers returned to the classroom they embarked on an ongoing defiance of DET regulations, which included preventing inspectors from visiting schools to evaluate teachers.

- Transvaal coloured teachers, who fall under the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives), downed chalk almost three weeks ago and pupils did not write the mid-year exams.

The Director of Education in the own affairs department, Awie Muller, met the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT) and the Progressive Teachers Union (PTU). Despite a recommendation by the ACT ex-

While the debate about the future of education gains momentum, black teachers have taken to the streets to protest against working conditions. They have repeatedly called for a single education system, believing it to be a prerequisite to broader negotiations about the country's future. Now their action has had a ripple effect on the organised white teaching profession. JANET HEARD reports.

ecutive to suspend the strike, teachers voted to continue until July 10.

The established Transvaal Association of Teachers did not support the strike and was asked not to attend the meeting between Mr Muller and the ACT/PTU.

- Indian teachers held two meetings with the Department of Education and Culture (House of Delegates) about their grievances. A march was held in Durban and another in Lenasia on the West Rand (which was led by principals). The department has been given until July 9 to respond to their demands.

- The first teachers to be dismissed for embarking on a chalksdown were 144 teachers in the Brits townships of Letlhabile and Oukasi. The DET said they could re-apply for their posts within a limited period.

In a bid to avoid a breakdown in the education system and amid threats of a national strike, Mr Louw met a delegation from the Co-satu-aligned nonracial umbrella body, the National Teacher Unity Forum (NTUF).

The meeting, described as "constructive and historic" by both parties, resulted in a decision by the TFC, which has 93 000 members, to suspend co-operation with Mr Louw and appeal to President de Klerk to intervene in the dispute.

TFC chairman Professor Hennie Maree accused Mr Louw of ignoring standard negotiation procedures and of discussing matters outside

the sphere of his jurisdiction.

He said the NTUF was an unrecognised body whose aim was to not co-operate with Government.

The TFC's action revealed differences between the eight TFC affiliates and warnings of a possible split within the TFC.

Two affiliates, the Natal Teachers' Society (NTS) and the Transvaal Teachers' Association (TTA), publicly dissociated themselves from the statement saying it did not represent the views of all TFC members. They supported any attempts by the Government to resolve the crisis in education.

The NTS, which enjoys observer status on the NTUF, and the TTA both plan to attend the next regional meetings of the NTUF.

Other more conservative affiliates such as the Transvaalse Onderwysersvereniging backed the TFC's action.

The NTUF, which was formed in 1988 at a conference of teachers in Harare, claims the support of 150 000 teachers of all races. One of its long-term goals is to establish a single teachers' union.

At the meeting with Mr Louw, discussions centred on demands which have been echoed in disputes teachers have had with their respective Ministers in each own affairs department.

Mr Louw agreed there should be a basic living wage for teachers and high priority be given to seeking

parity in salaries between male and female teachers. He agreed to urgently address the problem of temporary appointments in view of the country's critical shortage of qualified educationists.

NTUF spokesman Poobie Naicker said this week that it was unfortunate that, "in this day and age, the TFC reacted negatively to the meeting, but it is a positive sign that a growing number of white teachers dissociated themselves from the TFC's action."

He dismissed the suggestion that the NTUF was a threat to established teacher organisations. "On the contrary, we will play an important supportive role to maintain the present standards of education, and make improvements."

Explaining the outburst of teacher dissent, he said their grievances were rooted in the Government's education policy which was based on apartheid.

Black teachers were overworked, underpaid and often not paid timeously. They had to cope with large classes and inadequate facilities, he said.

Low morale

Mr Naicker said the bureaucratic and "inefficient" control of the education departments had contributed to lowering the morale of teachers.

Inspectors expected teachers to maintain a high standard of teaching without considering the conditions under which they taught.

"It is in this light that teachers have come out very forcefully to express their anger, frustration, and disappointment and have now taken to the street in protest marches to demand a change to the present order."

"There is a unified call from teacher organisations for a single ministry of education with a single education department and provision of equal opportunities for all South Africans. We believe this is a prerequisite to any meaningful negotiations for a new constitutional dispensation for SA", Mr Naicker said.

Low black pass rate predicted

By Janet Heard
and Zingisa Mkhuma

If there were no intervention in the black schools crisis, this year's matric pass rate in Natal, the Free State and the Transvaal could be as low as 10 or 15 percent, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) warned yesterday.

NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg said at a press conference that in the Cape the pass rate could be between 35 and 40 percent.

In another announcement yesterday, an ad hoc Committee of Principals in Soweto said headmasters would resume duties today after a two-week absence.

Principals heeded a demand by the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to stay away from schools to pressure the Department of Education and Training (DET) into supplying textbooks.

The committee said it supported the defiance campaign against DET regulations and said most principals had agreed to work "hand in glove" with Cosas and the National Education Union of SA.

At the NECC conference, Mr Rensburg estimated that about 30 000 pupils in Soweto did not have textbooks.

He said an ANC/NECC conference to find short-term solutions to the national crisis would be held next Thursday.

"Interventions until now with DET officials have failed," he said, adding that the DET was "grossly mis-managed and inefficient".

He said if the Government did not address the shortage of physical resources and the chronic demoralisation of teachers and pupils, "any attempt by the teachers and pupils to save the school year will be futile".

In Natal, Mr Rensburg said, 500 000 pupils were displaced because of the violence there. There was little prospect they would sit for exams.

The type of intervention required included negotiating for the transformation of education and giving "confidence and hope" to black pupils to encourage them to go back to the classroom and learn.

At the Soweto conference, a spokesman for the Committee of Principals, P Mabena, admitted, after being repeatedly questioned by journalists, that Cosas had told principals to stay away from schools.

Mr Mabena, reporting on a meeting between Cosas and principals earlier this week, said that principals "obliged" Cosas because it was time principals took a stand against the DET's failure to act on the community's grievances.

The Committee of Principals will meet the regional director of the DET, Peet Struwig, on Monday.

Minister condemns crisis claim

By Peter Fabricius

CAPE TOWN — Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe has hit back at the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) for blaming his department for the education crisis.

He was reacting to NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg who, at a press conference yesterday, accused the Department of Education and Training (DET) of "gross mismanagement and inefficiency".

Mr Rensburg said that "if the DET did not overcome the shortage of equipment such as textbooks, attempts by teachers and students to save the school year would be futile".

Dr Van der Merwe replied in a statement last night that "perhaps the time has arrived that the blame should be placed with whom it belongs".

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- Why Mr Rensburg had not contacted him over the past few months if he really saw an education crisis
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Soweto principals, Cosas unify in bid to solve crisis

By PHIL MOLEFE *w/Man/22/6/90*
SOWETO principals, who were "suspended" from schools two weeks ago, resume their duties today following a landmark meeting with the Congress of South African Students on Wednesday.

Yesterday, the Soweto Principals Ad Hoc Committee held a joint press conference with Cosas which marked the closing of a chasm that existed between principals and students in Soweto.

"It's encouraging that we now have principals on our side," said Cosas publicity secretary Michael Dube

The principals were ordered to stay out of schools until the Department of Education and Training solves the problem of the shortage of textbooks and stationery. Cosas denied yesterday that principals were forced out of schools and said they had "requested" principals to act in pressuring the DET to supply schools with books and report back in two weeks.

A representative of the Principal's Ad Hoc Committee, Patrick Mabena, said principals unanimously agreed to report to their schools with immediate effect.

He said principals decided to work closely with all organisations keen to solve the education crisis and added they "endorse the defiance campaign that was

adopted by teachers, students and the community against the DET".

"As part of the defiance campaign, principals will not follow instructions if we believe that they are unjust and unfair," said Mabena.

DET schools in Soweto and other parts of the country have not closed for the June holidays to defy the DET calendar.

According to the DET schools should have closed on June 15 and would reopen on July 10 but students and teachers have decided to continue with classes until July 14 to resume on August 1.

A major confrontation between teachers and the DET looms as a result.

The DET has already warned teachers in letters that they would not be paid for the time they are absent after their school is due to reopen.

Meanwhile, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee and the African National Congress will meet next Thursday to combine initiatives in an attempt to solve the deepening education crisis in black schools.

NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg told a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday that his organisation has thoroughly briefed the ANC on the extent of the crisis.

He said until now interventions with DET officials have failed and pointed out that over the last six months the education system in South Africa has virtually collapsed.

"Unless learning and teaching is immediately intensified the entire school year will be lost," said Rensburg.

He accused the DET of "gross mismanagement and gross inefficiency".

"We make a last call to the government to close down the department of education and training," he said.

The NECC met the Minister of Education and Training, Stoffel van der Merwe, in January to request him to make available the additional resources as a result of the back to school campaign.

"The minister gave us an undertaking as early as January that he will do everything in his power to get additional funds," said Rensburg.

He said that since January and following subsequent meetings held with education officials the question of the shortage of textbooks, stationery and other facilities had not been met.

He said Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig told them in a meeting last Monday that it would take up to six months before textbooks were supplied.

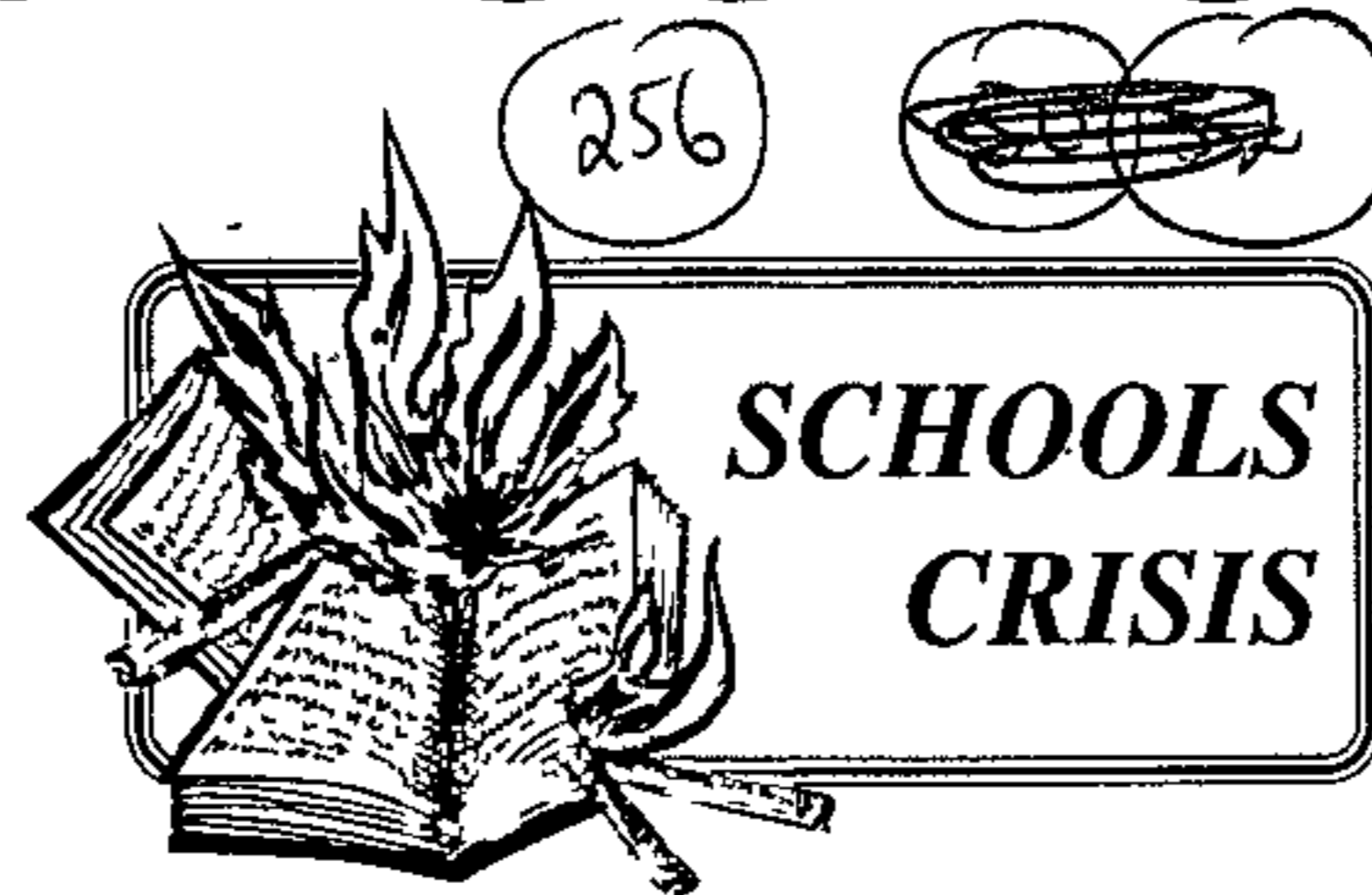
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THE Department of Education and Training must close for failing to resolve the ongoing crisis in black education, a National Education Crisis Committee spokesman said yesterday.

Addressing a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Ihron Rensburg, the NECC's general secretary, said his executive would meet the ANC next Thursday to consider a joint initiative to resolve the crisis.

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Textbooks

"If the State does not address the shortage of physical resources such as textbooks, any attempt by the teachers and pupils to

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Rensburg said the NECC predicted that this year's matric pass rate would be between 30 and 35 percent nationally.

He said in places such as the Eastern Cape and Border, where schooling had been normal, results would still be around 40 percent.

"However, we want to say that the current crisis has not been caused by the back-to-school campaign in which more

pupils than expected enrolled at schools

"The crisis has been with us all these years. We did everything in our power to inform the Government on time about the campaign and reasons that have been given for the delay for delivery of textbooks are inexcusable. There has been gross mismanagement and inefficiency," he said.

Policy

Rensburg said there was a need to start developing a national education policy framework.

With this end in view, the NECC would hold a People's Education workshop at the beginning of July to discuss principles and policy for a future system of education in South Africa, he said.

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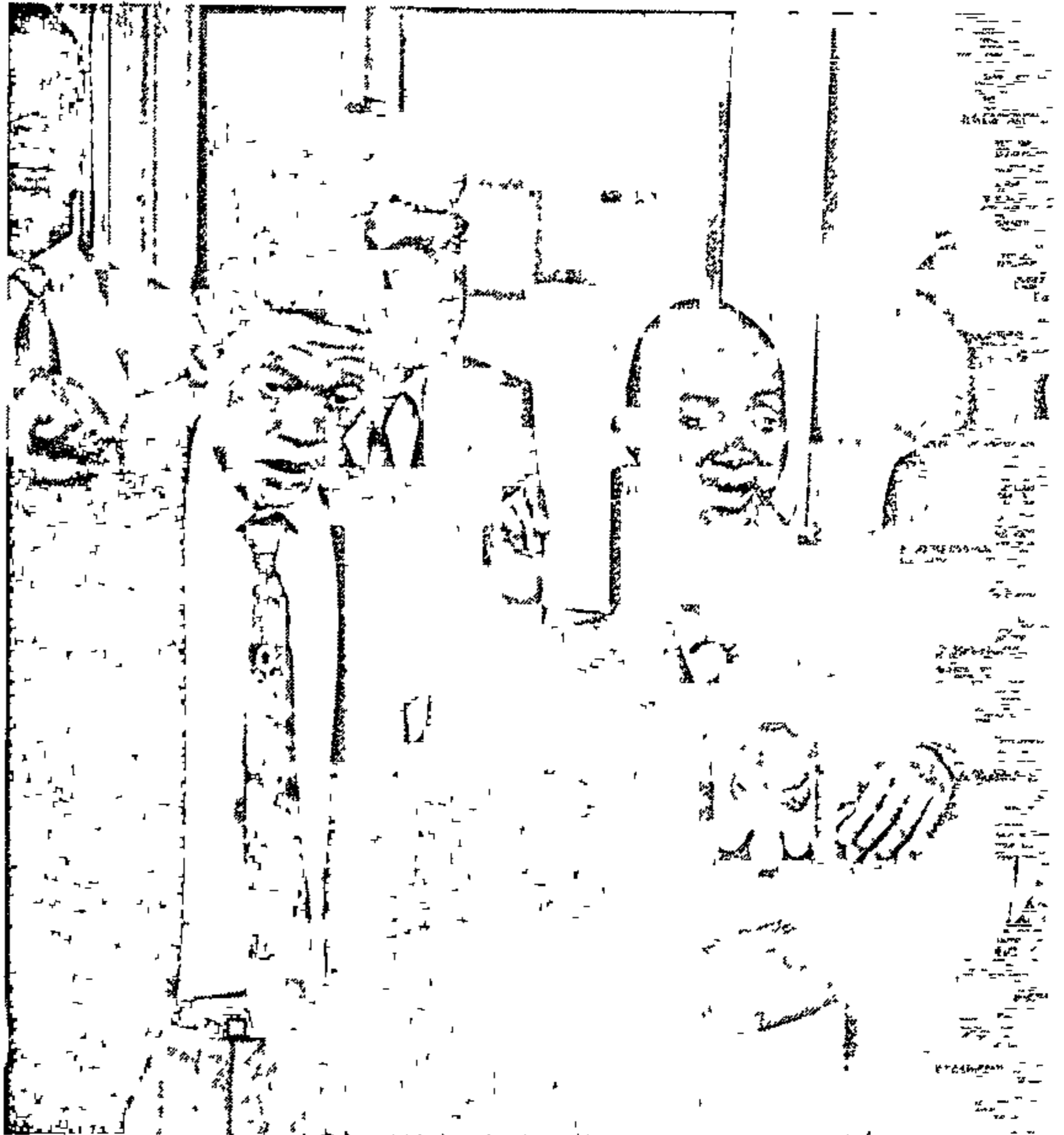
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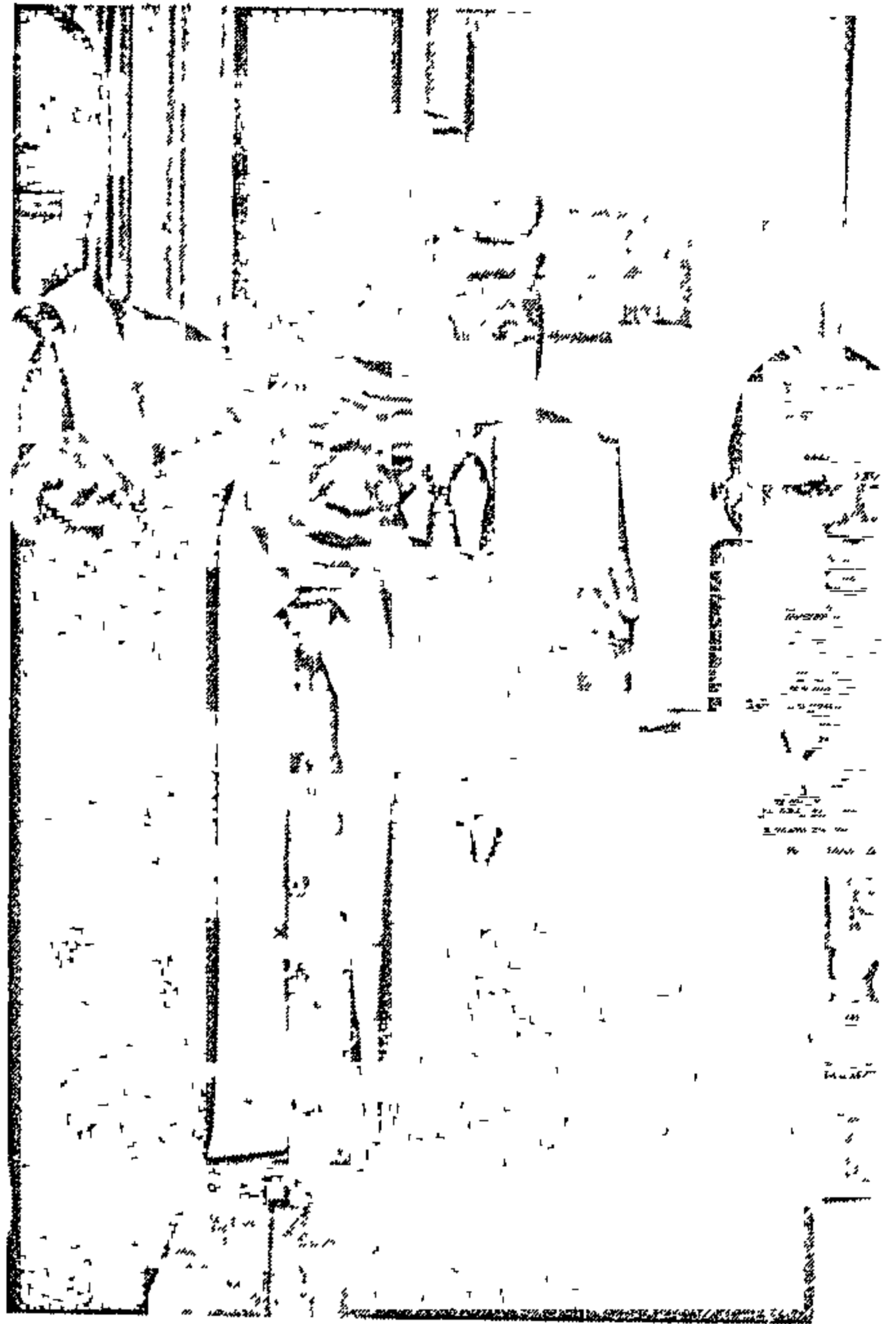
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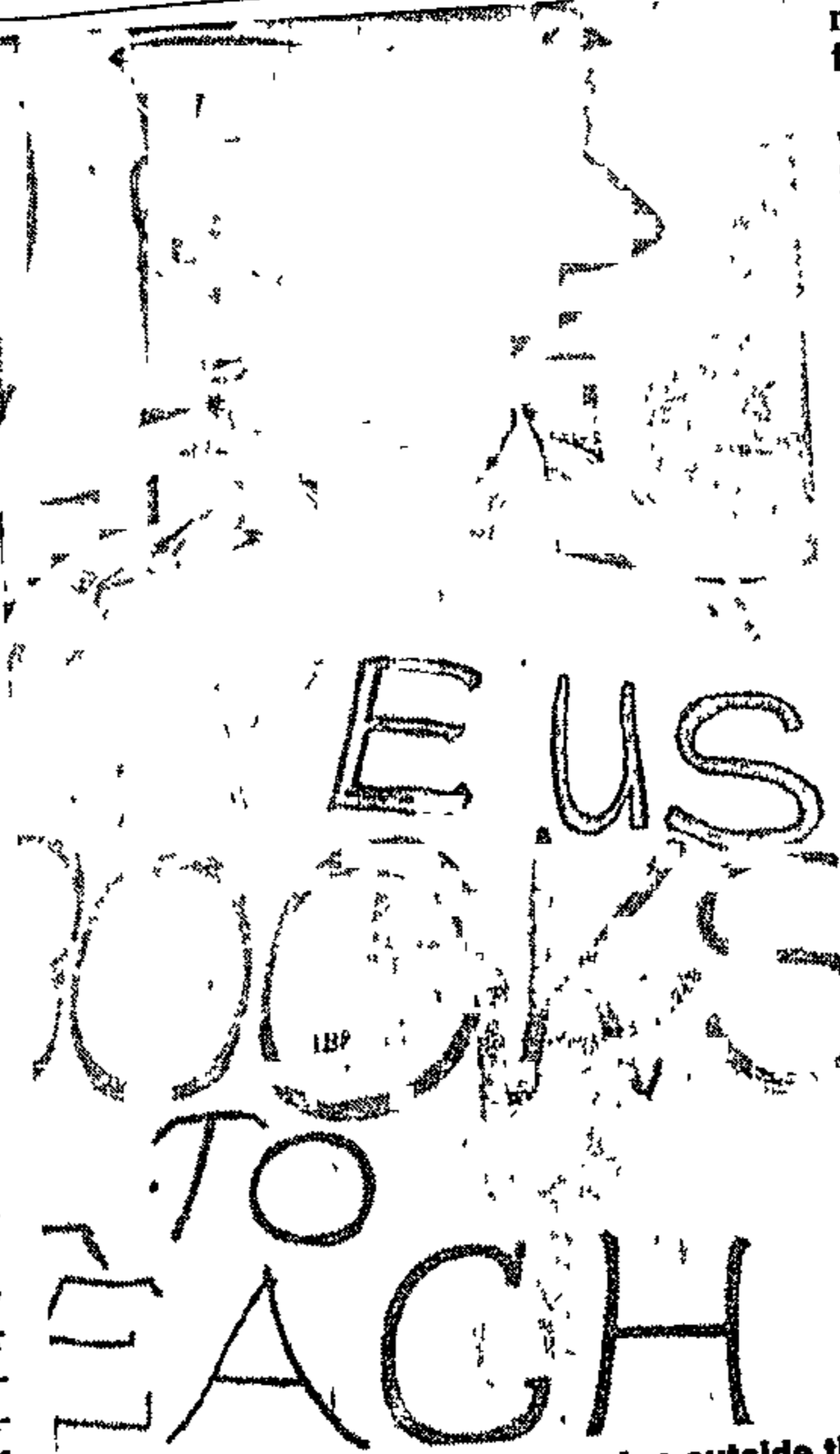
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DET attacks parent protest

JOHANNESBURG —
The Department of Education and Training has lashed out at the recent Soweto parents' hunger strike and sit-in at their offices, calling it a "story of false pretences and deceit".

At a press conference on Saturday, DET regional chief director Mr Peet Struwig said the parents had asked for a meeting to discuss the shortage of text books as a pretext for getting into the building.

He said they had hidden stores of food, despite claims of being on a hunger strike. — Sapa

Textbooks by end of July

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By Janet Heard,
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Ad hoc Committee of Principals yesterday.

The Department of Education and Training has undertaken to ensure that textbooks are supplied to Soweto schools by the end of July, a principal, Patrick Mabena, said last night.

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Mr Mabena said Mr Struwig had appealed to principals whose schools had a surplus of equipment and textbooks to hand them over for redistribution.

Comment from Mr Struwig was not available last night.

Mr Mabena said the meeting, which he described as "cordial and constructive", was held to get a response to a list of demands handed to the DET three weeks ago.

Other issues included the repair of damaged schools and the supply of educational facilities.

A special meeting between principals and the DET will be held on July 3.

DET rejects Winnie's claim

MRS. Winnie Mandela's statement this week that black schools were "legitimate military targets" was strongly refuted yesterday by Dr EP Ndaba, the Natal director of the Department of Education and Training.

Ndaba said the statement was "most unfortunate" and

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"counterproductive".
Mandela said South Africa's black schools were legitimate military targets because they were Government facilities and provided inferior education.

She said children had turned the schools into military targets, as this was in line with the dictates of the armed strug-

gle, in which she "totally believed".

"The motto 'liberation before education' has now been totally discredited. Pupils have been told by Mr Nelson Mandela and other leaders to go back to school. Youth organisations are speaking the same language" - Own Correspondent.



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Teacher body calls for sit-in protest

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

The non-racial teacher body, the National Teachers' Unity Forum (NTUF), has called for a national "sit-in" by all educators on July 24

The sit-in has been proposed as part of the NTUF's national plan of action against the crisis in education. The NTUF claims the support of 150 000 teachers and has 13 affiliates countrywide

In a statement, the NTL announced that it would officially launch itself as a union in October this year and be renamed the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu).

Recognition

The establishment of a single union was one of the NTUF's key goals when it was formed nearly two years ago

The Sadtu will immediately seek recognition from the Minister of National Education, Gene Louw

The 13 affiliates of the NTUF include established bodies such as the African Teachers' Association of SA and the Teachers' Association of SA (for Indian teachers) as well as militant groupings such as the National Education Union of SA (Neusa) and the Progressive Teachers' Union

A spokesman for the National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) expressed support for both the sit-in and the formation of a single union

Neusa's Southern Transvaal branch supported the protest action in principle. Neusa spokesman Joe Mogane said the proposal for a sit-in would first have to be discussed in the region's 17 branches

He said Neusa had organised a picket for July 17 to demand textbooks in schools

He said that teachers from all regions should decide when to launch Sadtu and the matter would be "thrashed out" at an annual general meeting.

DET extends deadline for exam fees

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About 15 000 full-time matrics in Department of Education and Training schools who have not paid their November exam entry fees have until July 13 to do so, the DET said yesterday.

Matric candidates were supposed to have paid their exam registration fees by May 30, but a special arrangement had been made to cater for late registrations, DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said.

He warned that money would not be accepted after July 13.

The fees had to be paid to principals.

Altogether 254 000 candidates, including pupils in the six "homelands", have entered for the exam. Last year there were 196 000 candidates.

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Fees for DET matric exams unpaid

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About 15 000 full-time candidates for the November matric examinations have not yet paid their entry fees, according to the director-general of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Dr Bernhard Louw

He said a special arrangement had been made for pupils to pay their fees to principals

until July 13, after which no more money would be received

The fees were due on May 30

Dr Louw said a total of 254 000 candidates (including those in the homelands) had entered the matric examinations

This was considerably more than the 196 000 candidates who entered last year's examinations — Education Reporter

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DET 'lacking in credibility'

The man in charge of administering 219 000 schoolchildren in Soweto and Alexandra has admitted that the Department of Education and Training (DET) sadly lacks credibility in the eyes of the community.

But Peet Struwig, the DET's regional director,

asked: "What will the kids have if the DET closes down? What hope is there then for the future? Why don't we take what we have and build from there?"

Mr Struwig added that a solution to the crisis was to "remove politics from education". — Staff Reporter.

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Education-probe shock

By DESMOND BLOW

AS MANY as 190 000 black schoolchildren – or 25 percent – drop out of school annually because of poverty

The shocking state of black education – far worse than black education's severest critics have ever claimed – was revealed this week in a R400 000 research into black education by Market Research Africa, Marknor and Integrated Marketing Research on behalf of The Third Alternative – a group of concerned businessmen

It proves the reason for the huge number of drop-outs in every standard is not, as the DET claims, because of unrest – but because people are so poor they cannot afford to send their children to school

The Third Alternative announced the findings after canvassing 10 000 people during a 30-month study sponsored by 75 South African businesses

They discovered there were about 666 000 drop-outs a year, although some of them returned to school at a later stage if they could afford it

The survey said most children would probably continue their schooling if their families were not so poor

Boycotts and stayaways accounted for only five percent of boys and one per cent of girls dropping out, compared to 64 percent of girls and 50 percent of boys dropping-out because of poverty

Pregnancy – 10 percent – accounted for 10 times as

190 000 black pupils drop out annually in their first year

many drop-outs among girls as did boycotts.

Three percent of boys and five percent for girls drop out because of failure

The study also found that about 60 percent of blacks lived in rural areas, although this figure was expected to drop to about half that in a decade, because people in rural areas were poorer than those in the cities

In rural areas, families average six children, compared to about five in urban areas, and they survive on an average of one-eighth of a hectare when their need for proper survival is between four and five hectares a family.

Education plays a major role in the earning power of blacks

Blacks who had no formal education earned an average R175 a month, while those who had matric earned an average R772 a month, and graduates averaged R1 851 a month

In 1985, 22 percent of black adults had no schooling at all, and this year the figure had increased to 24 percent This means one black person in four in this

country has no education and can only expect to earn an average R175 a month.

Only five percent of adults have completed high school and only two percent of adults have tertiary qualifications – 23 000 out of a population of 21-million, compared with more than 200 000 white graduates

The black population in 1960 was 12-million and it is expected to reach 37-million by the year 2000

Children under the age of six make up 19 percent of the black population, while 31 percent are between six and 18 years Only 50 percent of blacks are older than 19 years, compared with 69 percent of whites and only five percent of blacks are over 60

At present there are only 180 000 teachers at black schools The number needed in 10 years' time to provide even the equivalent inadequate education of today is 457 000 teachers, more than double the number

To put black education on par with white education would cost R29-billion a year – half the country's budget

Parents say they are prepared to pay extra for their children's education – but most have already proved they cannot afford it

Although DET says the average classroom has no more than 38 pupils, the survey found that 31 percent of teachers had to teach more than one class at the same time – particularly at farm schools

Only five percent of children between the ages of 14 and 21 have desks to work on at home and only 21 percent have a place to study

Single households – people living in squatter camps, backyards and hostels – make up 62 percent of wage earners

Unemployed parents make up 59 percent of the population

Thirty percent of households with children aged between 14 and 21 have no books at all The remainder have an average of between six and nine

The Third Alternative research concludes that a single, unitary, national, nonracial and compulsory education system is needed. Most of those interviewed said the State should be responsible for the educations of its citizens

Meanwhile, there is a pressing need for a bold initiative by the private sector in close consultation with community representatives

"The message is loud and clear," said Teddy Langschmidt, managing director of IMR when he presented the findings "No project will succeed unless it is an alliance of all the relevant parties and is firmly rooted in the community."

He said such an alliance would launch and manage a host of educational projects aimed at addressing the problems identified in the research.

Priorities would be set by a controlling board, which would comprise representatives of the community, key educationists and business leaders of all races

thought.

Stoffel: New education system

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PRETORIA. — A radical transformation of education in South Africa will come, including one education department, but in the meantime the government and its opponents should work together, said Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, Minister of Education and Development Aid.

"We should stop working at cross purposes. We should cooperate in order to make the most of the available resources," he said.

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conflict — between his department and the ANC-linked National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC).

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pencies between white and black education." The plan will look into a "complete overhaul" of all aspects of education.

"The first goal is to have effective teaching in schools."

In the medium-term, the department will try "more effective community involvement."

"Given goodwill, and the interests of the children at heart and not the interests of organisations, there's a lot to be done."

He said he didn't think it was going to be possible — "I don't think it is desirable" — to change the whole education system in advance of the process in which a future whole new society will be negotiated.

Let's get teaching going again, Minister tells NECC

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What does the Minister's department hope to achieve in the short term in black education, which Dr van der Merwe himself described as being in crisis?

Effective teaching

"The first goal is to have effective teaching going on in schools. It would be so much easier if the NECC gave their co-operation with that, because we've got an exam coming up

"Last year's exam is going to look good against this year's exam," Dr van der Merwe predicted. "We're going to be longing for the good old days of 1989 when we get the results this year. They are going to be terrible.

"The department does have a lot to answer for and there are many faults," the Minister admitted

"But I can guarantee you there are also many, many people in the department that have the interests of the black children at heart

"But they've not been allowed to play a positive role because of the politicised nature of the whole situation," Dr van der Merwe said.

"So our first aim is to restore normality as far as possible, in order that as many children as possible can receive the best education possible for the rest of this year. So we can try and do some damage control."

In the medium term, according to the Minister, his department is going to try and get more effective community involvement.

"Community involvement need not necessarily be a grand design which you sit down designing for two years, and then implement on the 1st of January 1993, or something like that.

"It is something which we can start with almost immediately"

"Given goodwill, and given the interests of the children at heart and not the interests of organisations, there's a lot to be done." — Sapa

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Conflicting calls over black schools

Pretoria Bureau

The Department of Education and Training has appealed to parents and community leaders to accompany their children to school tomorrow in order to restore discipline at schools.

The chief regional director for the Northern Transvaal, Job Schoeman, said: "I issue this appeal because there are clear indications that certain groups intend causing further disruptions to the school programme on and after July 10," he said.

Meanwhile Mamelodi teachers appealed to parents yesterday not to send children to school tomorrow because they had closed schools only on Friday last week. He said they would reopen on July 31, the same date as the Transvaal Education Department schools.

A spokesman for the local teachers' union said: "We decided to follow the TED so that our pupils can participate in television programmes organised for white pupils. By so doing we are not adopting TED's calendar because we are still awaiting a new calendar to be introduced by the ANC government."

State promises to regenerate black schoolings

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By Janet Heard and Karen Stander

The Government yesterday committed itself to regenerate black education and called on the community to co-operate with the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Minister of Education and Development Aid Stoffel van der Merwe made a declaration of intent in Welkom yesterday — saying no preconceived ideas were attached to his call.

He said the new initiative was to break the disruption of black schooling.

The new DET school term starts today but it is not certain schools will open. The National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) and the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) — which supported classes during the official holidays — claim schools will reopen only on July 31.

Dr van der Merwe said education co-operation would mean that "all over South Africa, in each school community, area or region, all of us must explore what we can bring to such a compact".

"However, I do insist that the first compact should concern the immediate restoration of education in those schools where tuition has come to a standstill. "We can no longer afford the waste of valuable time — time that will be lost forever."

Dr van der Merwe said the problems in black education involved three main issues:

- The long-term question of the restructuring of education in the future South Africa, which was a political question to be resolved with overall negotiations

Suspend

- The medium-term question: what should happen in black education until a new political and social system comes into being as a result of negotiations.

- This needs to be addressed urgently, because we surely cannot suspend education until such time as a new overall system is negotiated, finalised and implemented," he said

- The short-term question to restore normality to schools immediately.

"This also needs to be addressed urgently, because otherwise we will face a huge crisis

at the end of the year"

He agreed with community representatives that the political debates should not be used as battlefields to the detriment of innocent children.

On the question of textbooks, he said R8 million had been made available to counteract the shortages.

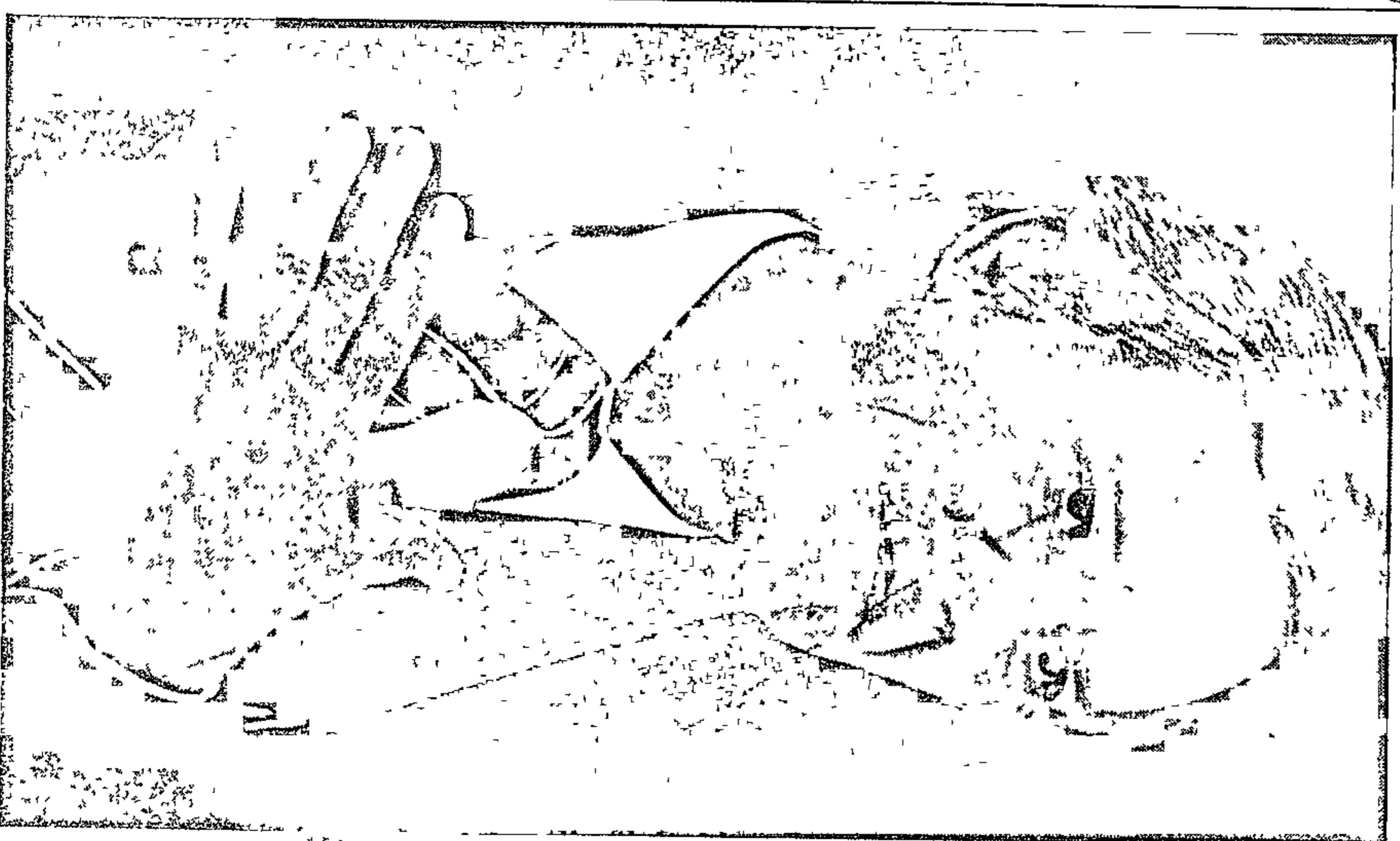
Political and educational organisations have reacted with scepticism to the announcement of a new deal.

Curtis Nkondo, national president of Neusa, said he would wait and see if the promises by Dr van der Merwe were met.

"When the demands made by students and teachers have been met then we will start talking to the Government," he said.

A spokesman for Azapo said while it encouraged students to return to classes, it did not believe Dr van der Merwe or the National Party had a claim to participating in the creation a new education system.

"Education is a composition of the values, norms, history and knowledge of an entire nation. That kind of education can only be devised in a truly democratic and socialist country," the spokesman said.



Half the disruption of schooling . . . Stoffel van der Merwe talks in a school hall in Thabong, Welkom © Picture by Sean Woods

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Don't stay away or stop kids

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DET warns teachers as schools reopen

THE Department of Education and Training has threatened to take strong action as from today against teachers who stay away from work or prevent pupils and other teachers from attending school.

The threat was made yesterday by Mr Job Schoeman, chief director of the DET in the Northern Transvaal.

He said there were clear indications that "certain groups" in-

By ALINAH DUBE¹

tended disrupting the school programme starting today when DET schools reopen.

"Very little effective education took place during the first half of the year. In some schools less than 20 percent of the available time was used for teaching.

Defiance

"Pupils and even teachers unceremoniously chased away principals from their schools.

"The so-called teachers unions introduced a defiance campaign which has rendered many schools non-functional and led to a drastic drop in standards and discipline".

Schoeman said he had received reports of teachers being allegedly harassed and intimidated while pupils were being mobilised to prevent teachers from returning to school today.

He appealed to parents to accompany their children to school and assist in restoring order and discipline.

Attendance varies at city's black schools

By EDWARD MOLOINYAN, Staff Reporter

ATTENDANCE at Cape Town black secondary schools ranged from 60 percent to "normal" when they re-opened for the third term.

Teachers said there was still a shortage of books and stationery at some schools when they opened yesterday. At Langa High, four teachers were absent.

Principals of schools said the Department of Education and Training (DET) had supplied some equipment towards the end of the last term, but the situation was still bad as these were inadequate.

Last term, the DET gave assurances that about R1 million had been put aside "to address issues immediately connected with education".

This included the provision of stationery and books.

"Almost normal"

A DET spokesman confirmed 60 percent attendance had been recorded at schools in the Peninsula yesterday.

Asked what had happened to the R1 million set aside for books and stationery last term, the spokesman said "As far as I know, nothing came out of it. Perhaps something will materialise when we meet in Port Elizabeth next week."

Three secondary schools in Khayelitsha, Gugulethu and Langa reported attendances of between 60 and 65 percent. Principals attributed the low attendance to the rain. Some other schools had "almost normal" attendance.

Mr C W Louw, acting principal of Luhlaza Secondary School in Khayelitsha said that except for a few pupils whose parents had telephoned to say their children would be late, attendance was "almost normal" and classes had resumed.

"Have to catch up"

"There is a great willingness to settle down to studies because everybody knows we have to catch up."

At Gugulethu Comprehensive, a teacher said about 1 010 of the 1 287 pupils had turned up.

"Although the department did supply us with some books and stationery these are far from being enough." He said four teachers were absent.

Meanwhile, a call has been made to the DET to address the crisis in black schools in the Western Cape as a matter of urgency, writes staff reporter DENNIS CRUYWAGEN.

In a statement, the Nyanga Education Co-ordinating Committee said the local region of the department had given it an undertaking in May that it would address the acute shortage of desks, stationery and textbooks at local schools.

"Quite worried"

"We asked them to address this issue during the June holidays so that the situation would normalise as soon as schools re-opened. Nothing has happened so far."

"We are quite worried about the unwillingness of the department to resolve the crisis in black education," said spokesman Mr Mziwonke Pro Jack.

Teachers at schools in the Transvaal will re-turn today after voting last night to suspend their "chalks down" strike which dragged on for more than a month, reports The Argus Correspondent from Johannesburg.
The decision to suspend the strike was taken at a meeting of more than 1 000 teachers in Eldorado Park.

No to call to help 'reform Bantu education'

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From MONO BADELA JOHANNESBURG. —

Black educationists have spurned a call by education and training minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe for them to cooperate in implementing a new education deal for blacks.

Mr Curtis Nkondo of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) has flatly rejected the government's proposed new education deal for blacks in which the government committed itself to regenerating black education.

Van der Merwe made a declaration of intent in Welkom on Monday, saying no preconceived ideas were attached to his call. His new initiative was simply to end the disruption of black schooling, he said.

But Nkondo responded to the offer by accusing the government of trying to "reform Bantu education"

"We are not prepared to be partner in that kind of reformation. We want to negotiate as equal partners. The government should have person-to-person nego-

tations. (256) "We all have to work together and try to resolve the impasse," Nkondo said.

Neusa had handed in many demands, but not one had been fully met.

"It is all very well to talk about R8-million set aside for books. The books should have been delivered in January — so talking about R8-million is unimpressive"

Nkondo said Neusa had asked that damaged schools be restored and upgraded "Not one is being repaired"

He rejected a government claim that schools could not be repaired because school inspectors are being chased away. These officials did not build schools.

The African National Congress has also reacted with scepticism to the announcement of a new deal in black education

Referring to the R8-million said to be put aside for textbooks, Mr Pallo Jordan, head of the ANC's Department of Information and

Publicity scoffed at the school-book grant.

"The sum mentioned is an insult. It won't even address the problem in one town."

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Strini Moodley, said Van der Merwe should not appeal to the black community to assist him in legalising his education system which "has been responsible for the way in which this society has developed over the last five decades".

Meanwhile, a slow return to school marked the official start of the third term under the Department of Education and Training (DET) on Tuesday

Most schools in Soweto and Alexandra did not close when black schools closed for winter holidays on June 15. These schools will close on Friday and are due to reopen on July 31, the same day as the white Transvaal DET schools.

In Mamelodi, Pretoria, no pupils turned up for school on Tuesday

Mandela to address lawyers

South 12/7 - 18/7/90

From MONO BADELA JOHANNESBURG. —

ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela, now on his last leg of his tour of Europe, America and Africa, will deliver a keynote address when the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (Nadel) hold its fourth an-

nual general meeting from August 3 to 5.

The meeting, to be held in Durban, will focus on the role of lawyers and the judiciary in the 90s.

Mandela, who trained as a lawyer, is the association's honorary life president. Other speakers during the opening session will include Albie Sachs

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negotiations on a new constitution are under way (during which the future of education will undoubtedly feature prominently). And the final step will be to develop an entirely new (presumably non-racial) education system for the "new SA." (256)

Van der Merwe pledged an immediate R8m to help buy badly needed textbooks — one of the major grievances of teachers and pupils. But even when added to the R30m allocated this year for textbooks in black schools, the R8m is well short of the estimated R100m needed to supply new books to all black scholars.

Van der Merwe's plan faces major obstacles and it will be a test of political skill to overcome them. Not least is a fairly significant slice of the black community which believes education can wait until after "political freedom" — and that children who sacrifice their education will be rewarded after "liberation." An independent survey last year (*Current Affairs* December 1) showed that 19% of respondents believed the former and 37% the latter.

Van der Merwe also faces political resistance in spite of his appeal to get politics out of the playground. In many areas highly radicalised young blacks are apparently having little trouble mobilising scholars in spite of repeated calls by ANC leaders — including Nelson Mandela — to return to class.

The Congress of SA Students (Cosas) has been singled out as a significant influence in some areas. In a recent article the daily newspaper, *Sowetan*, said Cosas had no right to autocratically disrupt education.

Government's initial challenge will be to convince black pupils, teachers and parents of its willingness and ability to deal with the education crisis in the short term. In the longer term — regardless of which government is in power — resources will have to be poured into black education on a massive scale if there is to be any hope of establishing an acceptable and efficient school system for the vast majority. ■

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Order in the class (256)

Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe undoubtedly deserves an "A" for effort following his bold comments this week on steps to "normalise" black education.

But the enormity of what is arguably government's gravest crisis is far from being addressed. It seems that only a massive joint effort by both government and black communities will start to solve the problems.

While it's unnecessary to question Van der Merwe's credentials, his suggestion during talks with interested parties in Welkom this week that unless black schools are "normalised" before the end of the year, a major crisis "will be staring us in the face" seemed to disregard the black education crises that have stared him and his Nat colleagues in the face year after year since 1976. (256)

He did implicitly acknowledge that previous governments had neglected black education, but insisted that those days are over. His plan to set black education back on its feet involves immediate steps to "normalise" the situation at schools, which effectively means getting children and teachers back into the classrooms and policemen off the playing fields — far easier said than done.

The next step is an interim arrangement to keep black education going while political

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Registrar of Insurance Piet Badenhorst. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

New statutory annual returns to become law

LINDA ENSOR ^{B/10/20 18/12/90}

NEW statutory annual returns for registered short-term insurers which require greater disclosure of information and allow for a closer supervision of the industry will be gazetted in the next few weeks

The new returns were compiled in conjunction with the industry

Assistant registrar, short term, Nico Fourie says the returns, which have to be submitted within four months of the end of an insurer's financial year, will be applicable retroactively to January 1 1990

"Insurance companies with reporting dates of February and March have already volunteered to report on the new forms," Fourie says

The returns will consist of 14 statements and allow "greater visibility" of an insurer's business activity

"Previous returns differentiated between six different classes of insurance business. These have now been sub-divided so that returns on 23 different classes of business will in future have to be submitted," says Fourie

Registrar of Insurance Piet Badenhorst says in the past a lot of business was reported as "miscellaneous" and there was no basis for deciding what this category consisted of

"We will now have access to information and financial results for each class," Badenhorst says. New technical reserves for each class of business will in future be necessary

As the returns are publicly available, the greater disclosure will enable the industry to monitor developments within the market and will ensure that the Registrar keeps abreast with developments

Fourie adds that an additional feature of the new returns is that greater detail of the run-off position of outstanding claims which have been incurred but not reported (IBNR) is required.

An additional loading factor for underwriting losses has been incorporated into the unexpired risk reserve. Badenhorst says the Financial Institutions Office has instituted an early warning system on its computer which indicates if an insurer's financial position has reached a critical stage

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DET denies

blame for losing books

TRACY MELASS

THE discovery of 30 000 unused textbooks in black schools was an example of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) inefficiency and inability to control education, National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) spokesman Dave Maepa said yesterday

Maepa's criticism follows the DET's discovery on Monday of 30 000 secondary school textbooks in 19 black schools around Johannesburg

DET Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig yesterday confirmed the books had been wrongly distributed

"Subjects at schools are sometimes discontinued. Books are often not redistributed, but no one can be blamed for this," he said

Shortage

Maepa said "Deliveries between different schools are often mixed up. Red tape prevents school principals from making simple exchanges between themselves"

He said books could only be redirected by an official from the central DET depot

Struwig said book shortages in black schools caused the DET to investigate the possibility of finding surplus books. Each book cost an average of between R6-R8, meaning the unused books were worth about R250 000

Struwig said redistribution of books would begin immediately. The fact that surplus books were mostly for standards 6 to 9 would enable the DET to focus attention on matriculants

"The problem of matriculants is a serious one as matric numbers have increased almost two-fold since 1989. The DET can now concentrate the R1-million government education grant on matriculants in the Johannesburg area"

Two more die in violence

PRETORIA — Two people died and five policemen were injured in political violence in the previous 24 hours, police said yesterday

Five others were wounded in police gunfire and 30 arrested for staging illegal meetings. In Natal, a man was necklaced at Zuba and another stabbed

Teachers to get jobs back

SD writer 18/7/90
By ALINAH
DUBE

THE Department of Education and Training is to reinstate 111 teachers who were dismissed from schools in the Brits area for being absent from work without permission.

According to Mr Job Schoeman, regional chief director of the DET in the northern Transvaal, the reinstatement means that the affected teachers will not forfeit any accumulated benefits such as leave and pension.

He said the period they were absent from work will, however, be regarded as unpaid leave.

"The Minister of Education and Training and of Development Aid Dr Stoffel van der Merwe has acceded to requests from the regional office and the management councils of the schools concerned for the full reinstatement of the teachers

"These teachers were absent from duty without the permission of the director-general for more than 14 days


"They were therefore deemed to have discharged on account of misconduct

"Sixteen teachers chose not to apply for reinstatement and their services were therefore terminated with effect from May 22 this year."

Outcry over vandals

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By REHANA ROSSOUW
THE National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) has condemned a recent spate of theft and vandalism at township schools and called on the police and the Department of Education and Training (DET) to take positive action.

Last weekend, six brand-new stoves were stolen from the home-economics class at ID Mkize High in Guguletu.

Earlier this year, two stoves were stolen during a burglary at the school.

Burglaries took place at the Sizamile Secondary School and Liwa Lower Primary in Nyanga last week.

"This is a serious problem," said Mr Morde Tulwana, a teacher at ID Mkize and Western Cape chairperson of the NECC.

Disrupt

"Our pupils cannot do practical work because the equipment is stolen.

"While we are calling for the transformation of our school, pupils to return to classes and discipline, it seems there are people who are determined to disrupt schooling."

Tulwana said the break-in at ID Mkize was reported to the police on Saturday morning, but they had not visited the school until Tuesday afternoon.

The DET had been asked on numerous occasions to provide professional security at schools, but had not responded.

Tulwana said the NECC appealed to the DET to address the problem of poor security at schools, the police to trace the vandals, and recover the stolen property and the private sector to provide equipment for township schools.

Police spokesperson Captain Attie Laubscher said a charge had not been laid after the break-in at ID Mkize on Saturday and appealed for the school to approach the police.

Pretoria teachers go back

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Teachers in Pretoria and surrounding areas returned to work yesterday after a week-long stayaway following a warning from the Department of Education and Training that they faced dismissal.

The local United Democratic Front office confirmed today that teachers at Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Soshanguwe, Brits and Moutse schools suspended their protest action in a "tactical retreat" following DET Northern Transvaal chief director Job Schoeman's warning that they would be fired if they did not resume classes by next Monday, and that July absences would be treated as leave without pay.

The protest action began

when teachers refused to take classes during the DET-stipulated school terms. The present term began on July 10, but schools were effectively closed.

To protest over the lack of consultation on the school calendar, among other grievances, teachers instead intended to report for work on July 31, the first day of the DET's official school holidays.

"Teachers who fail to report at schools and perform their normal duties from Monday July 23 will have been absent for duty without permission for more than 14 days," said Mr Schoeman.

"Teachers' salary cheques for July will have to be adjusted. The inevitable effect of this is that salary cheques cannot be distributed before July 31."

Welkom teachers stage sit-in at DET offices

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By MONK NKOMO

THREE teachers at Thabong in Welkom have staged a sit-in at the offices of the Department of Education and Training.

They are protesting against the impending return of four white school principals in the township.

A spokesman for the Thabong Teachers Crisis Committee said yesterday the three teachers started the sit-in on Monday and slept at the DET offices at the Metropolitan Centre in Welkom.

He said the teachers were also protesting against the decision by

about 75 white teachers who have vowed to return to classes in Thabong but only if the four white principals were also allowed to take up their posts.

Unrest

The DET's assistant director in Welkom, Mr Johan Steyn, yesterday confirmed the sit-in and said the authorities were discussing the issue at the highest level.

The 75 white teachers, who were withdrawn

from schools in March this year because of unrest in the township, have criticised a decision by the Thabong community to exclude white principals and only allow teachers to return to schools.

A spokesman for the TTCC said the four white principals, "some of whom were unqualified for these posts, were asked to resign in March because of their unprofessional behaviour".

He added that the 75 white teachers should not set conditions for their return to classes.

"They either return or resign," the TTCC spokesman said.

Despite the shortage of teachers in the area, schooling in the township was normal, he said.

Principals

Steyn said the four principals did not contravene any regulation that warranted their resignations or discharge.

"We are presently discussing the matter and we hope that reason will prevail and the matter will be amicably resolved," Steyn said.

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warning
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of jobs

By MONK NKOMO

TEACHERS who have not been reporting to school since July 10 could lose their jobs or part of their salaries if they failed to report for duty on Monday, the Department of Education and Training warned yesterday.

The DET's regional director for the northern Transvaal, Mr Job Schoeman, said many teachers in the Moutse and Pretoria areas had not reported for work since schools reopened.

He said such absence would be regarded as leave without pay. He added that teachers' salary cheques for July would be adjusted.

Absenteeism *Schoeman 20/7/70*

"The inevitable is that salary cheques cannot be distributed before July 31. Every effort will be made to ensure that salaries are paid as soon as possible after the end of the month so as not to cause undue hardships," he said.

He said teachers who failed to report for work from Monday would be regarded as having been absent from duty without permission for more than 14 days.

"Such teachers will be deemed to have been discharged on account of misconduct in terms of Section 21 (2) of the Education and Training Act of 1979," Schoeman said.

Sit-in over as white teachers return

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

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THE decision by about 100 white teachers to return to their posts in Thabong by Monday heralds a breakthrough in the schools crisis

The teachers were withdrawn from the Welkom township by Department of Education and Training Regional Director JA Steyn in March, after students and teachers called for white principals to leave the township

As a result of the decision by the white teachers, black teachers yesterday ended their sit-in at the DET's regional offices in Welkom

It was agreed at a meeting yesterday between the joint working committee of Thabong teachers, inspectors, parents

and the DET, that the white teachers would return to schools on condition that "suitable" principals were appointed and their safety guaranteed

The parties also agreed that the posts vacated by the five white principals who resigned yesterday would be formally advertised, as would those of the white teachers who had refused to return

Black teachers hailed the agreement as a victory. A teacher who took part in the sit-in said: "We came out victorious, and on Monday it will be back to normal schooling."

"We, as black teachers, have pledged that we will give those white teachers who are returning our full and undivided support."

DET removes four white principals

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FOUR white principals in Thabong, Welkom, who have been at the centre of a dispute between the local community and the Department of Education and Training, have been removed from the Free State township's schools pending an investigation into grievances against them.

The principals were removed after the DET received complaints about them from a joint working

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

committee representing local community leaders, parents and school inspectors

The DET was told the Thabong community wanted them removed

The JWC consists of the Thabong Education Co-ordinating Committee, management council members and school inspectors.

In a statement, the JWC said it had concluded that the community welcomed the return of 75 white teachers to local schools but wanted the principals removed

The white teachers were removed from the township by the department because of unrest.

Last week the teachers criticised a decision by the Thabong community to exclude white principals and only allow them to return to schools

They vowed to return to classes only if the four

white principals were allowed to return to their posts.

Mr JAC Steyn, DET's assistant director in Welkom, confirmed that the principals had been removed

He said the JWC met on Thursday to nominate candidates who would be appointed acting principals until the posts became officially vacant

Once that was done, he would ratify the nominees. This depended on whether these people accepted the appointments

He said he was assured by white teachers that they did not object to serving under a competent black principal. They had also agreed that the posts were open to all - white or black

"Now that normality has been restored, we sincerely hope that pupils will return to classes and teachers will formally assume their duties," Steyn said

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Sit-in could paralyse black schools today

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

The formal education programme could come to a standstill at black schools countrywide today if pupils and teachers heed the call by the National Teacher Unity Forum (NTUF) for a sit-in.

Organisations affiliated to the NTUF have said pupils should not treat the day of protest as a holiday, but should attend classes and take part in an alternative education programme.

The NTUF claims the support of 150 000 teachers countrywide and has 13 affiliates.

The action has been organised to pressure the Government into addressing the crisis at schools and to consolidate the national teacher-unity process.

The Natal Teachers' Society (NTS), a regional body which organises in white schools, has

given qualified support to a day of constructive action by teachers. Executive director David Ryman said yesterday that the NTS understood the action to be a day of constructive debate — and not a sit-in.

However, Minister of Education and Development Aid Stofel van der Merwe has criticised the proposed action and said it would deny pupils yet another day's tuition.

He said: "With the future of thousands of pupils critically at stake parents and the rest of the South African community may well ask themselves if anyone will benefit from an activity which by all rights should take place outside school hours."

Dr van der Merwe said many teachers who wished to be in the classrooms were being subjected to intimidation for the sake of the political aspirations of a small group of people.

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Clash looming between police, schoolchildren

By Karen Stander and Janet Heard

About 65 teachers at black schools in the northern Transvaal have been dismissed in the Department of Education and Training's tough response to recent protest action by teachers.

The department announced yesterday that about 50 teachers had been dismissed following a defiance campaign in which schools unilaterally ignored the DET's school calendar.

And a separate group of 15

CAPE TOWN — The scene looks set for confrontation between the police and a proposed mass march of coloured and black schoolchildren through the streets of Cape Town today, as marchers have allegedly refused to apply for magisterial permission

A spokesman for the Congress of SA Students, which is organising the march, said it was expected to be a mass march and although the marchers had applied for permission from the traffic department as regards the route, "The pupils are adamant they will not apply for magisterial permission."

She described the mood at Peninsula schools as ugly.

"Marchers might reconsider applying for magisterial permission if they were approached by the police," she said.

Meanwhile, Cape Town police have issued a strong warning to marchers and have appealed to "all law-abiding citizens" not to become involved in today's events.

Acting Regional Commissioner of police for Cape Town, Brigadier Nick Acker, said the

police had received information that pupils from coloured and black schools in the Peninsula were planning to march through the streets of Cape Town.

"At present there has been no application as regards legalising the proposed demonstration.

"The South African Police would pertinently like to draw the organisers' attention to the fact that there are certain regulations that legally prohibit this type of action.

"Police cannot allow these regulations to be broken."

Desist

"There are many channels with which to obtain the necessary legalisation and we suggest the organisers make use of these channels"

Police also called on law-abiding citizens to desist from any illegal actions.

Marchers are scheduled to assemble at Cape Town's Grand Parade during the morning, from where they propose to march to St George's Cathedral, then to the offices of the Department of Education and Training, where they will hand in a petition protesting against the current education system — Sapa.

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DET takes tough action against defiant teachers

permanent teachers from Brits have also been dismissed, after a strike last term

Other teachers who participated in the strike have not been paid for the days they did not work, some reportedly taking home as little as R100

Job Schoeman, regional chief director of the Department of Education and Training in the northern Transvaal, said the 50

teachers had "dismissed themselves" by being absent from their schools without permission for more than 14 days

Classes in Soshanguve, Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Soweto continued after the beginning of their official June holiday, but the schools broke for a self-declared holiday on July 10 in line with the dates set for white Transvaal schools

Mr Schoeman said action was taken against the 50 teachers in terms of Section 21 (2) of the Education and Training Act.

He said the SABC claimed in a number of news bulletins that thousands of teachers have been dismissed, but this was incorrect

He said the other group of 15 were among 127 teachers who

downed chalk after the suspension of 13 teachers who had been charged with misconduct.

● All textbooks for matric pupils at schools in Soweto and Alexandra should be delivered by the end of next week, a spokesman for the DET's Johannesburg office said yesterday. The DET bought R500 000 worth of textbooks for matric pupils

The DET hoped to complete the distribution of "surplus" textbooks to schools by tomorrow, he said

Pretoria move to get rid of DET director

Sowetan 27/7/90

THE Pretoria Teachers Union yesterday called on the Department of Education and Training to remove its chief northern Transvaal regional director, Mr Job Schoeman.

This follows the dismissal earlier this week of about 50 teachers in the area.

Schoeman said these teachers in the Pretoria and Moutse region had discharged themselves after failing to report for duty for 14 days since July 10, when schools reopened.

Most teachers and pupils heeded a call to ignore DET's calendar and continue classes during the June holidays, to close on July 6 and reopen on July 31.

Investigations, however, revealed that little teaching took place during this period and most pupils stayed at home.

A call by educational

By MONK NKOMO

organisations, including the South African Youth Congress, that pupils should report for classes on July 10 was ignored.

The DET reported that some teachers and pupils who reported for classes after July 10 were chased away and intimidated by their colleagues.

Return

In a statement released yesterday, Pretu said they "nullified the 14 days threat" because they held meetings on July 16 and 17 and resolved that all teachers should go to schools from July 18.

Pretu said Schoeman was either ill-advised or did not know what was happening in his region.

They accused the DET of failing to meet their demands but, instead, dismissing their colleagues "bringing education of

our children to a standstill".

Schoeman announced last week that teachers who had been absent without genuine reasons since July 10 would not receive their full salaries.

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Schoeman has established that several teachers in Brits had their June salaries docked for taking part in the "chalk down strike" last month.

Some teachers said they had only received R92.

Schoeman said pay cheques would not be ready until after July 31 because they had to be adjusted.

Pretu called on the DET to speedily remove Schoeman as regional director "as he has proved beyond reasonable doubts that he is grossly inefficient or is not prepared to resolve problems in this region amicably and seems to be bent on wrecking the education system in our country".

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Pretoria union rejects sackings

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By Mkeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria Teachers' Union (Pretu) has rejected the Department of Education and Training's decision to sack 50 of its members for being absent from school after winter holidays.

Reacting to the announcement by the DET's Northern Transvaal chief regional director, Job Schoeman, Pretu said teachers from Mamelodi and Atteridgeville had heeded the call to return to school.

Earlier this week, Mr Schoeman announced the teachers had "dismissed themselves" by being absent from school for 14 consecutive days from July 10.

The teachers demanded that Mr Schoeman vacate the post of regional director for being "grossly inefficient or just not prepared to amicably resolve problems in his region".



New call for teachers to return to classes

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Renewed calls have been made on teachers and pupils at schools in the Northern Transvaal, controlled by the Department of Education and Training, to return to classes today.

At a Press conference yesterday, the Pretoria Teachers Union (Pretu), The United Democratic Front, the Pretoria Civic Association, the Council of South African Students and the Pretoria Educational Coordinating Committee urged teachers and students to attend classes.

Teachers in the region, who were originally scheduled to return to school on July 10, had asked to draw up their own school calendar in line with Transvaal Education Department schools and earlier in the month declared themselves on holiday until July 31.

Brought to halt

This was brought to a halt two weeks ago, when, after an emergency Pretu meeting, teachers voted to return to school and so avoid dismissal in terms of a DET ruling in which teachers who are absent for a period of more than 14 days automatically dismiss themselves.

"Most of the teachers returned to school on July 18 but we have had communication problems with schools in the Moutse area," said Pretu spokesman Mr Mike Molefe when asked why it was necessary to renew the call.

There were no definite figures as to how many teachers were dismissed and Pretu had no knowledge of teachers receiving dismissal notices from the DET, Mr Molefe said.

A DET spokesman yesterday said about 50 teachers were dismissed but that no formal notices had been sent out.

In spite of the fact that none of the dismissed teachers were known, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) have been contacted to help address the matter, according to UDF spokesman Mr Sipiwe Ngwenya.

"We call on all teachers, whether they have been dismissed or not, to return to school. We have enlisted LHR to aid us in this regard," said Mr Ngwenya.

A spokesman for the lawyers was yesterday unable to confirm that the organisations' help had been requested.

Cosas spokesman Mr Zakhale Nxumalo said "We are behind our teachers and we will be returning to school. We call on all students to heed this call."

Department docks pay packets of dismissed teachers

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

Each of the estimated 50 Pretoria teachers who were recently dismissed for being absent from work for 14 days will receive a salary cheque for nine days only.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training's northern Transvaal region yesterday told The Star the dismissed teachers would receive their July salary cheques with the rest of the estimated 2 600 teachers, but they would receive pay for July 1 to July 9 only.

He said the cheques would be distributed as from Wednesday

The spokesman reported the following incidents at northern Transvaal schools yesterday.

● Members of the Krugersdorp Teachers Union chased teachers who were non-union members away from SG Mafaisa Secondary School

Driven away

● At Kagiso, Mosupatsela High School pupils drove their teachers away. A similar incident was reported at Hlanganani Secondary in Soshanguve.

● Pupil attendance at Moutse schools was normal, but only 60 percent of teachers were in school while the others attended a meeting in the area. Attendance at other schools in the region was normal until 10 am, after which pupils had left the school premises.

Scores of Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Soshanguve pupils were yesterday spotted in Pretoria in their various school uniforms.

Officials of the Pretoria Teachers Union could not be reached for comment. It is believed they were attending a meeting in Mamelodi

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Many miss exams due to late timetables

ABOUT 500 people who enrolled for the May/June examinations in Sebokeng did not write their examinations because the timetables arrived late. According to Joe Shabalala of the Sebokeng Adult Centre, the timetables arrived on a Tuesday and the examinations were scheduled to begin on the Friday of the same week.

This meant that some people had not receive their timetables by the time their examinations were due to be written.

Shabalala said the delay had been caused by the Department of Education and Training (DET), but that they had not given any reasons for the delay.

Shabalala said the DET refused to offer those who were unable to write the opportunity to sit for the exams in December.

He expressed concern over the fact that the results would only be available at the end of this month, at the same time that enrolment for the December examinations closed.

Many people would be placed in a dilemma as they would not have received their May/June results in time to enrol for the December exams.

The DET's alternative was for students to register for all subjects, including those they had written in May/June. But Shabalala rejected this as impractical, saying that the exam fees for subjects passed would only be refunded six months later.

DET spokesperson Hannes Schoeman denied the timetables had been late. He said admission cards had been late because the closing date for enrolment had been postponed "several" times. Results would be available next week.

'School closed': Row as 350 pupils locked out

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By SHARKEY ISAACS
The Argus Reporter

NEARLY 350 pupils have been locked out of St Patrick's Intermediate School at Zwelihle Township, Hermanus, the area's only black educational institution.

But the Department of Education and Training denied the school has been closed and claimed the normal routine of the school had been "interrupted in a complex situation which was not entirely of an educational nature".

Chairman of the school's nine-member management council Mr Saul Koloko said that when he arrived at the school on Wednesday, teachers told him that the school's keys had been handed over to a circuit inspector.

Resignation

The lock-out prevented pupils from Sub A to Standard 7 from entering the school on Wednesday. It follows the resignation of the headmaster and an alleged two-month work stoppage by more than two thirds of the staff who were demanding his immediate re-appointment.

The National Education Coordinating Committee has called for the immediate reopening of the school and the appointment of an official commission of inquiry into its closure.

Western Cape chairman of the NECC, Mr Monde Tulwana, said appeals to the DET to intervene in the crisis had not been answered.

He claimed the school's headmaster, Mr Menziwa Esau Tsholoba, handed in his resignation to the school's management committee on May 22 after being questioned on alleged PAC sympathies by pupils and parents.

DET Cape regional chief director, Mr W A Staude said claims that the school had been closed by the DET were "untrue".

He said the normal routine of the school had been "unfortunately interrupted" and the full background and reasons for the interruption were still obscure. Tactful discussions with all parties would be necessary.

A meeting of DET officials, parents and NECC representatives is expected to take place this week.

News in Brief

Pupils expel teachers

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PRETORIA — The situation at black schools in the Northern Transvaal worsened yesterday when more than 20 teachers from Soshanguve were said to have reported at the Department of Education and Training's area offices after allegedly being expelled from schools by pupils

Teachers start sit-in at Witbank DET office

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By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

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the earliest he could be available would be next Wednesday.

About 60 Witbank teachers staged an eight-hour sit-in at the office of the Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday to protest about the growing education crisis in KwaGuqa township.

A spokesman for the Witbank Teachers Union said the teachers would occupy the office every day during working hours until the DET's regional director, H Booysen, agreed to travel from Springs to Witbank to discuss their grievances.

A DET highveld area official who met the teachers yesterday said Mr Booysen had indicated

The union spokesman said the situation at KwaGuqa schools was "extremely serious"

"Hundreds of children are learning out of doors, there is a grave shortage of textbooks and an immediate need for two new primary and secondary schools.

"We have classes with up to 110 children."

He said the union demanded the permanent appointment of teachers presently on probation.

He said the union had forwarded these grievances to the regional director in March, but had received no reply.

Survey's findings frightening

THE findings of a recent survey on black education, published by a research group known as Third Alternative, are frightening, even though they may be common knowledge. *New Nation! Learning Nation*

The findings are of concern, not only to students, parents and educationists, but to the entire society, including the white community. *10/8 - 10/8/90*

One of the findings of the survey is that an estimated 1,6 million children between the ages of six and 17 years are currently not going to school. This suggests that, if nothing is done, and quickly, by the year 2 000 South Africa will have 1,6 million unemployable people between the ages of 16 and 27.

One of the shocking findings of the report is that the total per capita expenditure on education in 1989/90 was R3 082 for each white child, R765 for a black child in a Department of Education and Training (DET) school, R622 in the so-called national states and R481 in the so-called TBVC countries.

It is obvious, from these facts, that serious problems in black schools are unavoidable.

The report also says that, in 1989, 34 percent of DET teachers did not have matric. This also implies that they did not receive any teachers' training.

Probably the only available means to rescue black education is to hand over the schools to community control, as suggested by the report.

The report also recommends that, if schools were turned into community centres, it would be possible to use them for fund-raising events, among other things.

This would relieve schools' financial problems and, to some extent, could also help to decrease vandalism.

In an interview with PUPILS FORUM some months ago, National Education Union of SA president Curtis Nkondo said that, if the entire community, including students, was drawn into controlling the schools, they would feel that the schools was theirs and not the government's.

The report recommends that an educational newspaper be launched and distributed free to pupils. It suggests that these newspapers should carry selected advertisements and sponsored articles.

Turmoil as pupils say: 'Teach us!'

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By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

The situation is tense at schools under the control of the Northern Transvaal region of the Department of Education and Training (DET) after pupils attacked teachers for refusing to teach them.

According to reports, in some instances teachers and some pupils drove principals away from schools.

A DET regional spokesman said this week pupils at some Soshanguve schools had assaulted teachers who refused to teach them.

The spokesman described the situation at Soshanguve secondary schools as "very tense" after the attacks on teachers at Itumeleng Secondary School and Soshanguve High School.

He said pupils at Soshanguve High School had called teachers sitting in the staff room to the assembly grounds and demanded an explanation for their failure to teach.

The teachers had allegedly failed to give a satisfactory explanation and the pupils stoned them. One teacher was injured, he said.

A matric pupil at Itumeleng

— where seven teachers were reportedly assaulted by pupils on Monday — told The Star that he was opposed to violence but they could no longer understand why the teachers were not doing their work.

He said teachers were being unfair to the pupils because they (teachers) were busy with their Unisa and Vista University assignments and "they know well they are going to be paid for the period they did not teach".

The DET spokesman also confirmed that at least 19 teachers from Hlanganani and Hlompanang secondary schools in Soshanguve had sought refuge at the local circuit office after they were allegedly warned by pupils to leave.

The principal of Saulridge High School in Atteridgeville was reported to have been driven away by pupils who demanded text books this week.

Also alleged to have been driven away was the principal of Hofmeyr High School.

The DET spokesman said the principal of Mamelodi High School had been driven away, and that no effective teaching was taking place at secondary schools.

Witbank teachers to hold mass sit-in

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The education crisis in Witbank escalated yesterday with a decision by the local teachers' union that all 450 teachers in KwaGuqa will begin a sit-in today.

The decision means that education for about 23 000 black students in the area is at a standstill.

A Witbank Teachers' Union (Witu) spokesman said the sit-in would continue until the director-general and regional director of the Department of Education and Training came to Witbank to discuss grievances. A list of grievances was forwarded to the DET in March, but no reply was received, the union said.

"The only language the DET understands is the language of crisis," said a Witu spokesman.

Grievances include a shortage of textbooks, the immediate need for four new schools, the incorrect payment of teacher subsidies and the permanent appointment of teachers.

Teachers allege thousands of children are being taught in old hostels, abandoned buildings and in the veld.

All KwaGuqa schools were closed yesterday while the township's teachers gathered at Bonginsimbi High School for an all-day meeting. The same school is to be used for the mass teacher sit-in.

Business

It was decided that Witu would today ask school principals to travel to Pretoria tomorrow to inform the DET director-general of the crisis.

About 60 Witu members have been occupying the DET's Witbank office since Thursday.

● Sapa reports that Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday he could do business with black communities who were prepared to set political power-play aside and show genuine interest in the future of education in the country.

● The anarchy at black schools has prompted the Transvaal

United African Teachers' Association (Tuata) to launch a nationwide "Save our children" media campaign.

Tuata advertisements in Johannesburg newspapers read: "Are these children? You can't teach someone who is armed and may even kill you. Indifference runs deep and pupils say it makes no difference whether or not they write exams or even come to school."

"Students, this is a dangerous time. A new South Africa is going to need educated people. You must stop sloganising and toy-toying around the streets — without education. How can you be leaders of tomorrow if you are ignorant?"

"The young men you see hanging out in the street corners are kids who never finished school. No education means no job! No job means no future!"

The campaign concludes urging parents to take a stand regarding the unruly behaviour of children.

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Missing ²⁵⁶ schoolbooks discovered

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

While some classes at a Witbank township school have been taught without a single maths textbook throughout this year, hundreds of the required books have been found at the Department of Education and Training's Witbank office

Maths books and other urgently needed textbooks were discovered by members of the Witbank Teachers' Union (Witu) who are now into the third week of a sit-in in 32 schools

The sit-in has brought education to a standstill for about 30 000 pupils in the Witbank and Ogies area.

A chronic shortage of textbooks is at the top of the list of grievances cited by the 450 township teachers taking part in the sit-in

Witu has said it will continue its action until the DET director-general agrees to meet it.

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Call for single education dept

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Dr Oscar Dhomo, former minister of education and culture in Kwa-Zulu, yesterday called for a single education department which would "move beyond the artificial boundaries of apartheid" and encompass the learning needs of all South African pupils

He told the Natal Education Board in Durban that education in the country was "not simply in a crisis, but in a state of emergency"

"Any future education system must be the result of complete transformation and not merely a re-adjustment of the present confusion of systems," he said.

"The process of designing a future education system cannot be undertaken by any single player in isolation, Government included

"The state of emergency in education must be recognised for what it is by all parties involved in negotiating the constitutional future of this country," he said

Teachers' sit-in foiled

Attempts by five teachers to stage a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training regional offices have been foiled. (256) (S) 22/8/90

The teachers, all members of the Pretoria Teachers Union, were forcibly removed from the offices yesterday.

The sit-in was part of the protest action against the DET's decision to adjust some teachers' salaries. — Pretoria Correspondent.

Low morale hits black education

Staff Reporter

BLACK education under the Department of Education and Training (DET) is at a standstill due to rejection by the community and widespread despondency among teachers and administrators.

This is the assessment of the recently appointed head of curriculum development for UCT's education department, Professor Joe Muller, who warns that unless urgent steps are taken to formulate new education policies based on community involvement, the "new South Africa" will be crippled from the start.

Some 25% of black children who started school under the present system were doomed to remain functionally illiterate because they left before starting their second year.

More than half had dropped out by Std 5 due to the "lack of holding power of the system" and the "scandalous fact that we do not have compulsory education", he said.

Prof Muller was the first co-ordinator of the education policy unit at Wits University, which liaised closely with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) to investigate the validity of "people's education" and is in the process of formulating concrete alternatives to apartheid education policies.

"Black education is moving into a phase of alliance between the DET and alternative structures — in the same way as the government and ANC are co-operating — because the realisation is gradually dawning that any policy that is imposed from above will be rejected," Prof Muller said.

He identified a desperate need for pre-school early-learning centres that functioned within the community.

Pupils' frantic bid to prepare for exams

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Lecturers and university students are being asked to assist teachers in giving weekend and evening classes to black pupils in an effort to avoid a disastrous matric pass rate

Last year 58 percent of black matric candidates failed and prospects for this year are even gloomier

The Department of Education and Training (DET) in Johannesburg has predicted that the failure rate could be as high as 90 percent

Education was widely disrupted this year when teachers took to the streets to demonstrate against the racially divided system, working conditions and the low standard of education

A successful back-to-school campaign in January saw several government schools and other basic equipment at most schools managed by the DET

Protests took the form of marches and meetings country-wide, pickets, sit-ins by teachers and parents, a teachers' "chalk-down" strike in parts of the Transvaal, and a defiance campaign against the DET's school calendar followed by the

Very little effective teaching has taken place in black schools, and 1990 will be lost as a school year unless teachers and education organisations are successful in their plans for a "crash course" to prepare matriculation pupils for their approaching final examination, writes Education Reporter KAREN STANDER

adoption of the term dates of white Transvaal schools

Although the department allocated R3 million for textbooks last month, many schools have still not received supplies and thousands of matriculants are facing the prospect of final examinations without books from which to prepare

The DET has instituted an emergency plan to buy thousands of study guides but these are now distributed for the benefit of white pupils

With the publication of the matric examination timetable last month — exams are scheduled to begin on October 22 — educationists and students began to discuss the possibility of postponing exams until next year to allow pupils to make up for time lost

However, Minister of Education and Training Stoffel van der Merwe has announced that examinations would not be postponed, although a "minor rescheduling" was still under consideration

Dr van der Merwe said the DET had reported that a "substantial majority" of the 254 000 matric candidates were "more or less" prepared for their finals

He said the shifting of exams to January or February would mean that successful candidates could "go on to receive education at tertiary institutions next year" would upset the administrative cycle and interfere in other examinations scheduled for the future, and new exam papers would have to be set "at prohibitive cost and great effort"

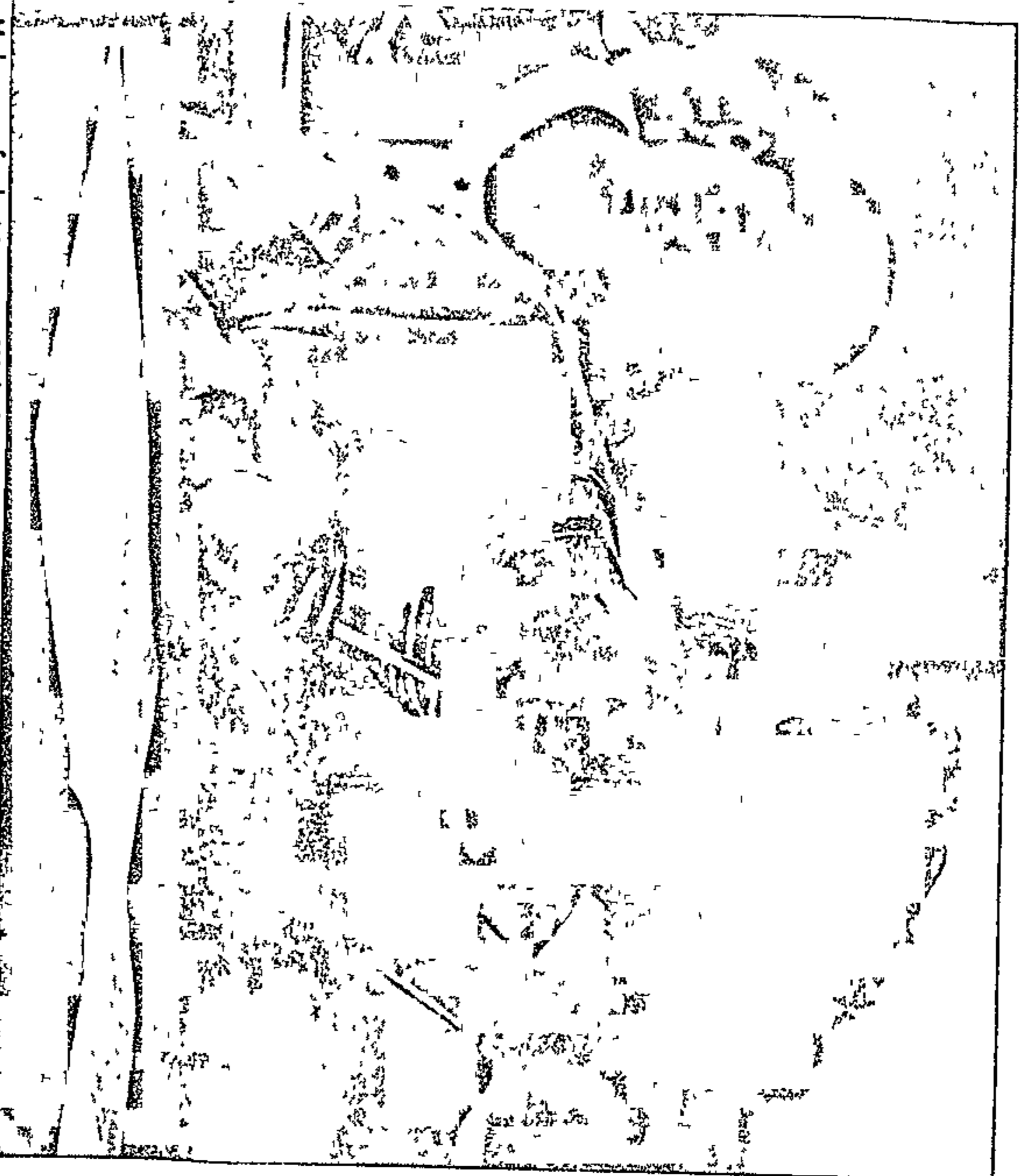
African Students Organisation (Paso) — the student wing of the PAC — are still pressing for exams to be moved to November or the beginning of December to allow students a few extra precious weeks

The NECC is planning a campaign of intensive teaching and learning during the last 10 weeks of the school year which will include asking students and academics at tertiary institutions to assist teachers in giving classes over weekends

Paso has made similar recommendations in a discussion paper being circulated to members

Demands by the NECC include

- All students who fail as well as those who wish to improve their results should be allowed to re-write during February or March next year
- No student who fails should be refused entry to school next year
- The immediate and unconditional reinstatement of suspended teachers
- The restructuring of university entrance requirements which NOW ensure domination of the institutions by whites



Making up for lost time. With the matric exams fast approaching, the pressure is on for black pupils, most of whom have experienced a disrupted school year. Picture by Sean Woods

Hold DET responsible for school results, says union

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By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training (DET) should be held responsible for the school exam results this year, according to the Soweto branch of the National Education Union of South Africa.

Neusa Soweto chairman Matakanye Matekanye said the DET had deliberately ignored the demands of teachers and students, such as the supply of books and learning material.

Protest

At the branch's first annual conference last week, teachers, students and parents were urged to work collectively to create a situation of stability.

● Three student organisations

have called for students to embark on a week of action to protest against violence.

The South African National Students Congress, the National Union of South African Students and the Congress of South African Students said in a joint statement that the action would include pickets, mass meetings and marches to police stations.

Demands would include that the police "stop assisting Inkatha" and that Inkatha vigilantes be disarmed.

The students would also demand the disbanding of the homelands, the hostel system and the KwaZulu education department; the establishment of a single education department; and that exams be postponed.

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Louw names new head for Supporting Services

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THE Director-General of the Department of Education and Training, Dr. Bernard Louw, has appointed Mr Roelf du Preez as deputy Director-General (Supporting Services)

Du Preez (50), completed his high-school education at the Hoerskool Wonderboom and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree through part-time study at the University of Pretoria

He is, at present, chief director of management supporting services at the Department of National Health and Population Development.

He has previously served in the Department of Development Aid, the Department of the Prime Minister, the Office of the Commission for Administration and the Department of

National Health and Population Development.

In the early part of his career, Du Preez specialised in personnel administration and training. He was later involved in personnel and financial administration, logistical services, legal advisory services, organisation and work study, computerisation and liaison and publications

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Du Preez has also been, among other things, a member of the Committee for Educational Structures, which advises the Minister of National Education on the salaries and conditions of service of educational staff. He was also a member of the Investigation Committee into the Nursing Profession.

'Door still open' as NECC makes bid for exam delay

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By SAMANTHA WEINBERG

A DELEGATION from the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) is to make a strong representation to Education Minister Stoffel van der Merwe on Monday, in an attempt to persuade him to reschedule end of year exams to mid-November.

A spokesman from the minister's office told *The Weekly Mail* yesterday that "the door is still open" for the postponement of exams, but a final decision on the matter had not yet been made.

The NECC, in conjunction with its affiliated organisations — the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) and the South African National Students' Congress (Sansco) — is also working on a study aid programme to help students revise for exams.

Matric exams are due to begin all over the country on October 22, but student organisations believe more time is needed for students to prepare for exams to make up for time lost this year through protest action.

When the delegation meets Van der Merwe on Monday evening, the issue at the top of the agenda will be the request for the postponement of end-of-year exams.

It will also be requested that students in identified areas, and particularly matriculants, who have failed or wish to re-



Stoffel van der Merwe

write be allowed to do so in February or March.

Van der Merwe said earlier this month that for a number of reasons it would not be possible to reschedule exams — except perhaps in a minor fashion. However a representative from his department told *The Weekly Mail* that the minister was still in consultation with educationalists from all sectors, and a decision would be made after he had consulted interested parties.

Cosas regional chairman Aaron Mwela said that while his organisation did not see rescheduling as a solution, it would undoubtedly ease the situation.

Speaking at an NECC press conference yesterday, general-secretary Ihron

Rensburg said they would also be pushing for "all obstacles to effective learning/teaching, such as the removal of the police and SADF from the schools and the provision of textbooks, to be addressed immediately".

Other demands will include a plea to tertiary institutions to restructure their entrance requirements to accommodate students writing exams.

As the university term officially begins in February, students rewriting matric exams would forfeit a year if university entrance requirements were not revised.

The DET, however, pointed out that university dates are the same for students of all races and to make special allowances for DET students would provide almost insuperable problems for the system as a whole.

The NECC has also urged all students and teachers to commit themselves to an intensive learning programme.

Teachers' posts to be advertised?

By DAN DHLAMINI

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IKAGENG Education Crisis Committee will continue with its court action against the Department of Education and Training to force it to advertise posts previously held by white teachers at Tlokwe and Botoka high schools.

IECC spokesman Dudedzang Modise said the decision follows the failure of white teachers to report for duty on August 20 as agreed upon by members of the Joint Working Committee which comprised representatives of DET, IECC, Neusa, Cosas, Sayco and Kagang Civic Association (ICA).

The entire white staff at Tlokwe and Botoka were in February rejected by pupils, who

accused them of racism.

Modise said representatives of various community structures and DET representatives were engaged in weeks of hard negotiations.

"Both parties agreed to compromise and 31 of the 43 teachers were supposed to start on August 20. Only 11 reported and were welcomed by pupils," said Modise. They were surprised on August 20, when the teachers made new demands instead of teaching.

"The DET must now implement the regulation which states that if a teacher absents himself or herself from work for more than 14 days, he or she will be dismissed. The 14-day period ends on Monday and we will instruct our lawyers to proceed with the

Supreme Court action," said Modise.

Meanwhile, the teachers issued a statement accusing IECC, Neusa, Sayco, ICA and Cosas of giving them an ultimatum when they requested a few more days to clarify some issues before they could start working.

In another development, DET's Diamond Fields region has also issued a statement saying it was willing to assist matric pupils pass final exams.

According to DFR public relations officer, JJ Mokoena, examinations cannot be postponed as urged by the National Education Crisis Committee, because new question papers would have to be set, incurring a lot of time and expense.

Battle to postpone exams rages on

By DESMOND BLOW

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Meeting with minister over matric crisis

THE battle to have matric exams postponed will be taken up at Cabinet level when the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) meets Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe tomorrow.

NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg said exams should start on November 12 instead of October 22.

There are indications that Van der Merwe will treat the request sympathetically, but that he will demand assurances that the postponement will be used positively to assist pupils in passing their matric.

The NECC said: "There have been numerous meetings and talks since the beginning of the year and nothing positive has evolved and another wasted year has gone by.

"One of the major problems has been the shortage of textbooks and this situation still exists. Pupils have not been able to study.

"Another problem is that teachers in certain areas are still not being paid, despite assurances from the minister. We believe the minister is sincere but there are civil servants who thwart his wishes."

Another grievance to be aired at tomorrow's meeting is that the Department of Education and Training (DET) has altered the form of examination questions this year without informing teachers or pupils.

Pupils could easily be caught unawares by the biology paper's new "visual questions", such as diagrams, and there are some English literature

questions which have never been asked before.

The NECC wants an assurance from the minister that all matric teachers will be informed of changes to exam formats so they can prepare pupils

It is also demanding that students who have already passed certain subjects will not be required to write them again

The NECC said: "This will mean they can concentrate more fully on the subjects they failed"

Other demands include the removal of all obstacles to effective learning, such as security forces at schools and the immediate reinstatement of teachers who have been suspended

Also, all students who fail matric must be permitted to return to school in 1991

The NECC will undertake to launch an intensive 10-week "learning campaign" in preparation for the exams

Weekends will be utilised and students plus academics at tertiary institutions will be called upon to assist the teachers

Learning Press (*City Press*) and other organisations will be called in to assist with the programme.



NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg ... has asked for a 21-day extension before exams.



Government agrees to postpone black matric

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, Minister of Education and Training, has agreed that the matriculation examinations of black pupils should be postponed.

Mr Ihron Rensburg, secretary of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, said Dr Van der Merwe had indicated that his department would postpone the examinations, but that no final date had been agreed on.

"Fruitful talks"

Dr Van der Merwe met delegates of the NECC and other organisations on Monday and the talks were described as "fruitful" by Mr Rensburg.

The NECC delegation said "virtually no learning" had taken place in black schools this year.

It also demanded that pupils who failed at the end of this year should be allowed to re-write in February or March.

Overcrowding and problems with textbooks — in some cases textbooks had still not been delivered to schools — were some of the problems that had faced schools, Mr Rensburg said.

"We look back on the results of 1990 with apprehension."

Preparation

Mr Rensburg said the NECC had asked that the examinations be postponed from October 22 to November 20, so that a planned intensive learning programme could be implemented.

"This would allow us one month to prepare pupils as best we can," he said.

However, due to administrative constraints, Dr van der Merwe's department had indicated it could not accommodate a delay of that length.

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DET sit-in
to go on

MEMBERS of the KwaThema branch of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), yesterday threatened to continue a sit-in in the Springs offices of the Department of Education and Training until the DET agreed to postpone black matriculation examinations.

The 25 protesters are also demanding the immediate allocation of textbooks, a first-aid kit for the sit-in participants and a halt to "harassment" of students.

They said in a statement the sit-in would continue until their demands were met.

A spokesman for the southern Transvaal branch of Cosas, Lawrence Bayana, said the sit-in had the support of his region. — Sapa.

Students sit-in

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congress of the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) – the student wing of Azapo

Also, Azapo members went into closed session in downtown Johannesburg to discuss the possibility of President F W de Klerk extending a formal invitation to peace talks

Azapo leadership, including president Dr Jerry Mosala and deputy Dr Aubrey Mokoape, had flown to Johannesburg earlier to discuss suggestions made by Dutch, German, US and British diplomats regarding the talks.

As their black and gold flag flew

with its stark red star in the centre, pupils and students from throughout the country chanted and sang liberation songs as they entered the complex

Azasm publicity secretary Siphon Maseko said: "This is a historic gathering because it comes at a time when students have to act decisively in shaping the future of the education system and their country"

The congress is scheduled to deal with the impending matric examinations, abuse of drugs among pupils and how the question of negotiations will affect black students and pupils.

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Week's reprieve for black matrics

PRETORIA. — The examinations for about 249 000 matric candidates will be postponed for one week, Education and Training Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe announced yesterday.

The exams will now start on October 29 instead of October 22.

Dr Van der Merwe said that, after consultation with parents' groups, committees and other educational-interest groups, it had been decided to present a package deal.

This involved assistance in the form of study aids and advice, the opening of the re-examination in March 1991 if candidates obtained at least 20% in the November examinations and a reduction of the exam fee.

"It has accordingly been decided that the papers that were to have been written in the first week of the examinations (October 22-26) will now be written at the end of the scheduled session (November 21-27)," said Dr Van der Merwe.

The only exception would be the paper for typing, which would still be written on October 24.

"The writing of this paper can-

not be deferred because it is also written by candidates of other education departments."

The supplementary examinations, which were scheduled to begin on February 13, 1991, would now begin on March 6, 1991, "mainly as a result of logistics involved".

Dr Van der Merwe said this was the latest possible date and it would allow the department to mark the papers during the April school holidays.

He further said that candidates who required more time to prepare themselves would also have an opportunity to enrol for the May/June 1991 examinations together with private candidates.

The closing date for entries for full-time candidates for the supplementary examinations of March 1991 and the May/June 1991 examinations had been changed to January 18, 1991.

"As a further concession the fees for that examination will be cut by half," he said.

Dr Van der Merwe said the reduction costs of these examinations would cost the department between R3 million and R5 million.

He said the concessions were

the most that could be done with full responsibility while maintaining the integrity and the legitimacy of the examination process.

He also said he realised the measures taken for the partial deferment of the examinations would fall short of the expectations that were raised in some circles, but added that a large number of candidates would benefit from these arrangements because most of the learning subjects like history and biology would now be written during the last week of the exams — from November 21 to 27.

Meanwhile, the Conservative Party has come out strongly against what it terms the "concessions" towards the education demands of the black community.

Mr Schalk Pienaar, MP for Potgietersrus and CP spokesman for Education and Training, said the administrative disruption and additional expenditure which would be caused for the state could not be justified.

"The concessions discriminate against white pupils who have to obtain at least 30% for access to supplementary examinations," he said. — Sapa

Jaap Strydom passing - closing of a chapter

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

TO many old teachers in the Johannesburg area, a memorable chapter was closed on September 2 when former director-general of the Department of Education and Training Mr Jaap Strydom died.

Strydom (58) died of cancer and diabetes at the Unitas Hospital at Verwoerdburg, near Pretoria. He is survived by his wife Anne-Marie and six children.

In the teaching fraternity, Strydom was known not only for his iron-handedness but also for his humour.

Many teachers will tell you that although he was firm, he was also a popular character because there was never a dull moment when he was around.

Witty

However, journalists who knew him well tell you he was witty and very protective of the department.

He was one man who was prepared to defend the department at all cost. I will illustrate this later in two of the interviews he had with two of my colleagues.

Strydom was appointed to the "hot seat" of Johannesburg regional director of Bantu Education in 1977 - a year after the Soweto June 16 uprisings.

He was brought in on a mission to bring the school situation under



Jaap Strydom

control. Prior to that he had been a school inspector in the area.

He was given credit as the man who rebuilt Soweto's schools after the uprisings. On taking over the "hot seat" he was praised as a man with "flexibility and responsiveness".

When he took over, he said he would work for free and compulsory education and that he did not believe in paternalism.

He was instrumental in building new schools and upgrading teachers' qualifications.

To achieve these aims, R22 million was spent in five years - more than the entire sum spent over the previous 25 years on Soweto's schools.

He supported equal pay for equal qualifications and later went on record as saying he did not believe matriculation was enough to ensure young people jobs.

In an interview he had with *Sowetan* deputy editor Joe Thlooe in June 1980, he said the DET was not to blame for the quality of graduates from its schools.

"Our children write the Joint Matriculation

Board or the National Senior Certificate exams. The choice is that of the school.

"The JMB lays down the standards and if people accuse our schools, then surely the fault lies with the examination. It is not we who test the quality," he said.

On criticism of facilities at black schools, he retorted that if there was any school that was not adequately equipped, it was not the department's fault but the principal's. He maintained facilities were adequate.

Proud

In an interview with *Sowetan* news editor Sello Rabothata in July 1986, Strydom made it clear his business was education - finish and *klaar*.

"I have a proud track record and you can go back on that I am only a professional educator, that's my job and that's my business, politics is not my business. Education is my business. It has been for the past 30 years. Finish and *klaar*, that's it."

Rabothata: Mr Strydom, you went through a different education system than the one you are administering. Don't you think that one is inferior to the other or do you think they are basically the same? Why are there so many problems with one and less with the other?

Answer: I will tell you why. People from outside are trying to hijack our children for their own political ends. Absolute interference for their own purpose.

Rabothata: Is it possible for one to go to children who are learning happily and who are satisfied with their education and convince them that they are eating poison and they believe this to the extent that they do?

Answer: If you have a child and he believes that he is getting good food and he is indoctrinated to believe that he is getting poison, verily he will believe that he is getting poison and that is what propaganda is all about.

If people tell you that black education is inferior, you must analyse it with your brain, what are the components of the education system, the buildings, the teachers and the syllabus are the same and textbooks are the same.

Let us take our own education, black teachers teaching black pupils and let us decide what is inferior.

Challenge

Rabothata: This comes out of the budgets that are allocated by the State to the different education departments. They do not get the same amounts.

Answer: I challenge you to come and show me the difference between our schools and those of other departments on properly run schools. We are now trying to find what is inferior. Are you now telling me that the black teachers are inferior to white teachers?

I could go on and on. This was the Jaap Strydom many people knew would like to remember a no-nonsense educationist.

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Unrest blow to exam hopes

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THE unrest situation in certain parts of the country is threatening to render insignificant the postponement of matriculation examinations - because of a lack of normal schooling in affected areas (256) (S) (14)

DET public relations director Corrie Redemeyer said although it was not immediately possible to give a detailed assessment on attendances throughout the country, it was clear many schools could not function normally in areas affected by unrest

DET matriculation examinations are due to start on October 29, after a one-week postponement.

And an educational crisis of astronomical proportions is looming in Soweto for about 90 000 non-matric pupils - many of whom have been taught only between 10 and 50 percent of the year's curriculum, because of school boycotts and chalk-downs by teachers.

DET Johannesburg regional chief director LP Mo-

letsane warned, moreover, that reports and promotions from any internal examinations would have "no legal value" unless evaluated by his department's officials, who were barred from Soweto schools

Moletsane said a effort was being launched by his department to "address this enormous problem and join hands with everyone involved to work hard for a positive, practical solution"

There are 70 000 secondary school pupils in Soweto, of whom 8 000 are in matric. In the primary schools, about 30 000 pupils are affected by the problem, Moletsane said.

However, his department's efforts were hampered by what he termed "a Soweto teacher organisation", which was denying his officials access to Soweto schools

Meetings have been held with this organisation in which its members were urged to adhere to the "stand-

ing procedures" and start allowing the department's estimated 40 inspectors back into the schools - without any success

These inspectors were now preparing matric study guides for the forthcoming examinations, Moletsane explained

The regional chief director warned "unless official evaluation is exercised, the resulting school reports would have no legal value. Promotion hangs in the balance. Many parents have expressed their extreme anxiety over the present state of affairs"

"The 'pass one, pass all' campaign in 1984 has been cited as the main reason for the poor 1989 matric results. This year no one wants to see a repeat of that campaign," Moletsane said. - Sapa

Pupils in court over protest

By DAN DHLAMINI

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ONE hundred and fifteen pupils - all members of the Congress of South African Students - were this week arrested in separate incidents in Potchefstroom

The first group of 36, including Potchefstroom branch president Jimmy Masindi and Cosas members from Stilfontein, Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp, appeared before Magistrate E Schutte charged with trespassing at the Department of Education and Training offices.

Their appearance in court follows an alleged sit-in at the DET Diamond Field region's Teemaneng Building on Monday.

The accused were not asked to plead and the magistrate postponed the case to November 8.

Eight of the youths aged between 13 and 16 were released into the custody of

their parents and others are out on R100 bail each.

While the first group's hearing was in session 79 other pupils - also Cosas members - were arrested on Thursday at the DET's offices.

They have been charged under the Internal Security Act.

The state alleges that the group gathered illegally at the DET's offices in Potchefstroom.

Chief prosecutor E Nortje said the matter had been referred to the Attorney-General for a ruling.

The 79 pupils appeared before the same magistrate, who adjourned their case to November 13 pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

They were each granted R300 bail and those who were under age were released into their parents' custody.

DET report due out while Struwig is away

TANIA LEVY

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig is on leave and sources said his deputy, Lawrence Moletsane, who has been acting director since last week, could be appointed director.

Highly placed education sources yesterday said this might be linked to the release of the third report of a commission investigating the DET.

The Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry's findings regarding youth camps will be released to the media tomorrow

DET director-general Bernhard Louw said yesterday Struwig was on leave and Moletsane was acting as director in his absence.

Louw said he could not comment on Struwig's or Moletsane's future positions or any aspect of the report until tomorrow Struwig had not resigned or been fired, Louw said.

Struwig could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

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'Dishonesty was rife'

Charge DET officials, says commission

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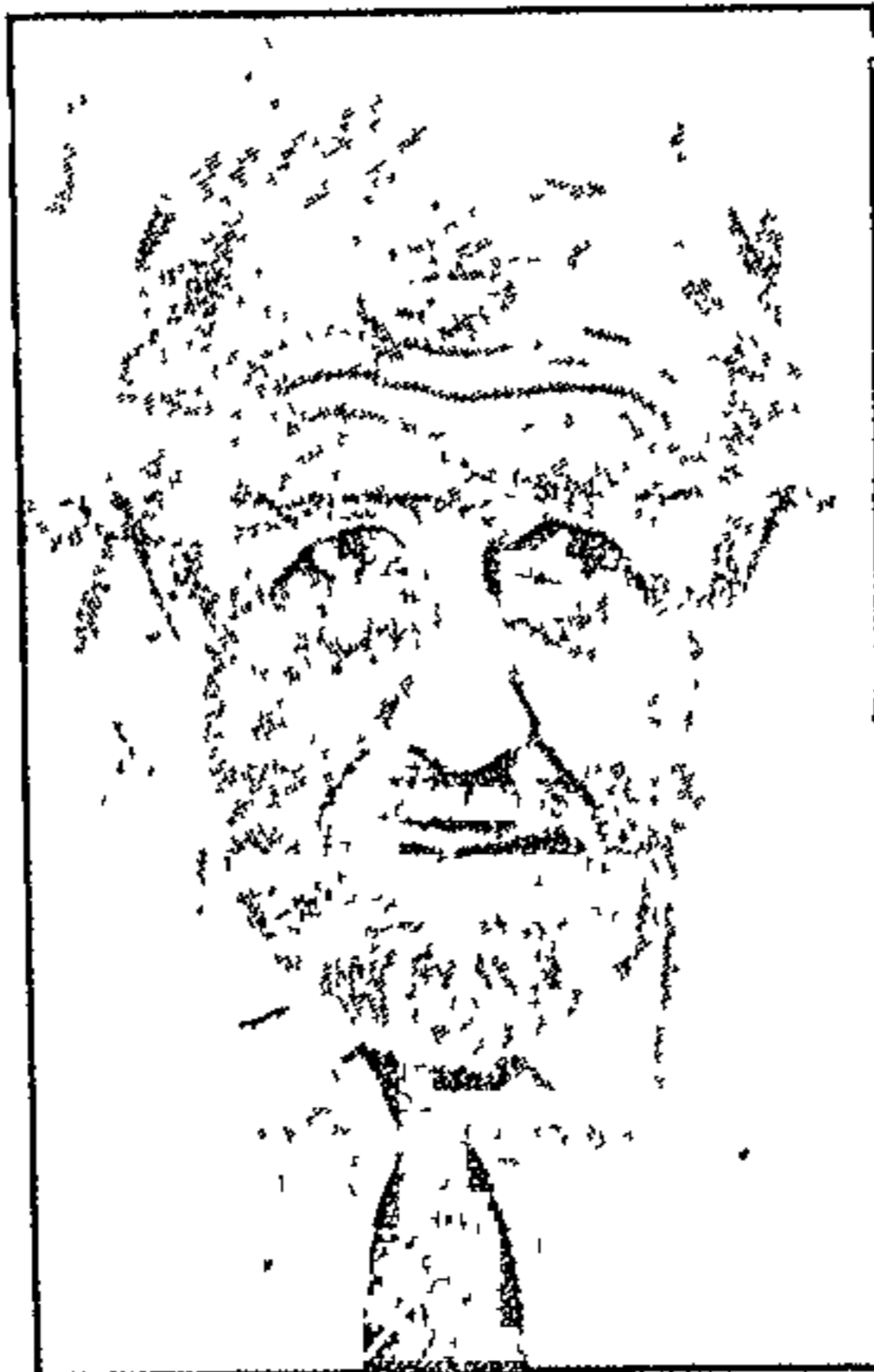
Criminal charges could be instituted against several Department of Education and Training (DET) officials in the wake of the Van den Heever Commission report that irregularities and dishonesty were the "order of the day" in the running of the department's youth camps.

DET Director-General Dr Bernhard Louw announced at a press conference in Pretoria yesterday that DET Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig — named by the commission as possibly being implicated in the theft of money from private funds obtained by the DET — had been transferred from his post with immediate effect.

Another man, Gert Swart, was also implicated in this

The Van den Heever Commission, chaired by Justice Leonora van den Heever, began investigating DET activities in 1988. The commission released its third report yesterday after its probe into DET youth camps.

The first report covered irregu-



Peet Struwig ... transferred from his DET post in Johannesburg with immediate effect.

larities in the purchase of a computer system and the second dealt with irregular printing contracts.

Mr Struwig, who has held his post in Johannesburg for two years, has now been assigned to the Pretoria office of the DET's Provision of Education deputy director-general, Dirk Scholtz.

His place was being filled temporarily by Richard Motau, Deputy-Director of Education at Springs, Dr Louw said.

It was revealed yesterday that documents submitted to the commission indicated that irregularities with regard to money paid out had been a common occurrence.

The commission found that control in respect of financial matters had been particularly inept and documents were sometimes tampered with to create a semblance of consistency.

"Documentation is so vague and payment requisitions so easily written and honoured that a team of detectives and accountants would battle to find out what the funds were used for."

Regarding payments of deposits for the rental of camping sites, it was found that about R500 000 had been used and an amount of R394 184,84 was missing.

Several people outside the department were alleged by the commission to be guilty of criminal offences and certain DET officials and former officials could also be guilty of misconduct because they were either lax or dishonest with documentation, said the report.

These people are named as Leon

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Dishonest DET staff criticised

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Schonken, Mr Struwig, a Mr Lubbe, Philip Engelbrecht, "Chaka" Croucamp, a Mr Schutte and Mr Swart

It was also found that relatives or friends of certain officials had been awarded contracts without competition.

Paul Brosnihan, a friend of the late former Deputy Director-General, Jaap Strydom, and Mr Swart's brother, Renier Swart, were granted contracts without competition

Persons found prima facie guilty of offences that could lead to prosecution were

● Mr Brosnihan and Mark Galbraith Stones for misrepresentations in the Broederstroom Training Centre invoices and failure at times to collect GST

● Mr Stones, Mr Brosnihan and Jack Paul regarding fraud in Recrea-

tional Development Centre invoices.

● Mr Gert Swart and his brother Renier regarding misrepresentations in invoices

● Tinus Strydom, son of the former Deputy Director-General, for fraud and/or theft and trying to obstruct justice

● Mr Jaap Strydom and Mr Schonken for bribery

Persons which further investigations may indicate need to be charged are:

● Frikkie van Kraayenburg for overpayments of money obtained for the Alpha training centre.

● Mr Lubbe, whose honesty the report questioned, saying "it is difficult to accept that an accountant could hand out money so regularly on such inadequate documentation".

● Mr Bob Swiegelaar, who was involved in Re-

creational Resorts with Mr Brosnihan. It was accepted that officials must be bribed in this operation

The report has been submitted to the Attorneys-General of the Transvaal and Natal for investigation

The commission recommended that

● Further investigation into the printing and buying of books be undertaken as it was possible that other irregularities could be uncovered with regard to departmental contracts

● A post for an ombudsman be created to take over the task of the commission

● Persons who were guilty of criminal offences should be charged without delay

● Officials who were still with the DET and who were responsible for certain irregularities should be removed from the department

Three DET officials should face criminal charges, commission finds

THE Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Education and Training (DET) has recommended criminal charges be laid against at least three officials after the discovery of gross financial mismanagement in the running of youth camps.

Nepotism, dishonesty and irregularities were the order of the day in the running of youth camps, the commission said in its third report.

Miss Justice Leo Van den Heever said as far as commission members were concerned their investigation was incomplete, time-consuming and uneconomical because no action had been taken to charge people as recommended in the previous two reports.

Internal investigations had been superficial and sympathetic and had revealed little about the millions of rands allegedly paid out through irregular procedures.

The commission felt irregularities of the greatest magnitude would probably be uncovered regarding DET contracts for the printing and buying of books Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday this matter would constitute the fourth leg of the commission's inquiry.

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In the third report, released in Pretoria yesterday, the commission reiterated previous findings that, for practical purposes, financial controls had been non-existent in the DET before director-general Bernhard Louw was brought in.

The fact that ethical norms were not exactly proper among top DET officials was to be expected given the example set at the top by former director-general Braam Fourie, who favoured his son's company, she said.

The judge said it was difficult to believe that so many irregularities could have occurred within one department without the deputy directors-general, the finance director-general, or someone responsible becoming aware of it.

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and in most instances there was no serious attempt or intention to recover the money. Until now, R394 185 of the R500 000 paid out in deposits had still to be recovered.

Struwig and DET official Leon Schonken were guilty as accomplices in Tinus Strydom's false representations to obtain cheques for a youth farm, The Ninja, the commission said.

Treasury was insufficiently inquisitive before condoning the payment of deposits and the Tender Board had not been vigilant regarding the renting of private sites.

The commission recommended Schonken be charged with bribery in his dealings with the Umgababa Youth Camp and Rand Coach Tours.

The commission found Johannesburg businessman Paul Brosnhan, a friend of Strydom's, had been deliberately favoured, as was SABC employee Renier Swart, the brother of DET official Gert Swart.

The commission recommended Schonken said he was "totally shocked" by the commission's recommendation that he face criminal charges.

Used as agents or middlemen between the DET and private campsite owners, both were awarded contracts without competition, allowing them to make considerable amounts of money out of the DET.

He could not comment on its findings without seeing them replaced by former DET deputy director of the Highveld region, Richard Motau, who becomes acting regional chief director of the Johannesburg region.

The commission recommended that those found prima facie guilty of criminal offences in their dealings with DET be charged as soon as possible.

These included Strydom for bribery and attempting to for theft and/or fraud and attempting to defeat the ends of justice.

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'Govt acted on inquiry into DET'

TANIA LEVY

MAJOR changes had been made in the organisational structure of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) head office to correct management deficiencies, Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday

Other steps taken included the introduction of budgeting objectives to control financial management. The changes were made since April in response to previous findings of the Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry

Commenting on the commission's third report — into irregularities in the running of youth camps — he said government regarded inconsistencies and irregularities in a serious light

Charges of misconduct were being investigated, but departmental action would only be taken after the Attorney-General had decided whether to institute criminal proceedings

All privately donated funds had been deposited with Revenue. Some of this money had previously been handled by regional directors in savings accounts, but these accounts had been frozen

Van der Merwe said the Justice Department was considering appointing an ombudsman as requested earlier by the commission

Spareco must meet creditors judge

TIM COHEN

A RAND Supreme Court judge yesterday ordered that meetings take place between Spareco Ltd and its creditors to consider a compromise arrangement which proposed a solution to the company's financial crisis.

Mr Justice Joffe also ordered that the liquidation application brought against Spareco by Ferodo Pty Ltd be postponed to October 5, the date on which the court will hear the result of the meetings

The judge ordered that the meetings take place in terms of Section 311 (1) of the Companies Act, which empowers the court to order meetings to take place where a compromise arrangement is proposed

He ordered that the parties should consider a "scheme or arrangement" proposed by the Lakewood Corporation, which is registered in the Cayman Islands

Loan

In terms of the scheme, Lakewood has proposed that it will make available to the company R10m by subscribing for the company's ordinary share capital.

It also proposes to procure a loan of R5m to be utilised for working capital

The scheme also proposes that Spareco's major creditors — Bankorp Ltd, First National Bank of Southern Africa Ltd, Alpha Bank Ltd and the International Bank of Johannesburg Ltd — convert their claims into capital and debentures while other creditors be paid from this capital sum

The banks would be required to capitalise 56% of their claims against the company by converting these claims into 12,65% preference shares in Lakewood

They would also be required to convert 25% of their claims against Spareco into redeemable debentures, while the remain-

ing 19% of the claims would remain payable by the company as overdraft

The capital sum of R15m would be distributed towards the claims and costs of the concurrent, secured and preference creditors

The concurrent creditors would be paid 30c in the rand on the amount of their claims against the company, to the maximum amount of R3,6m, in full and final settlement of their claims.

The secured and preference creditors would receive amounts equal to those which they would have received in terms of the Insolvency Act, subject to a ceiling of R262 000 in the case of secured creditors and a ceiling of R2,412m in the case of preference creditors

The balance of the capital sum would go to the costs incurred in administering the company and in securing its assets since September 5, when the banks obtained a court order to hold Spareco's stock

The scheme also proposes that anyone who has reserved ownership of trading stock not be affected by the terms of the arrangement

MARCIA KLEIN reports that a statement from major creditors said negotiations were taking place in an attempt to reopen Spareco outlets as soon as possible

International Bank of Johannesburg MD Peter Gray said yesterday an agreement would be reached shortly on what was to become of Spareco until court proceedings or offers had been finalised

He said there was still a possibility of a takeover with a firm offer on the table, but "there are differences of opinion at the moment with regard to offers"

It was important to open Spareco's doors again, he said

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Commission into DET names the culprits

PRETORIA — The Van den Heever Commission into the DET said in its third report released in Pretoria yesterday that it would take a team of detectives and accountants "years" to go through all the documents relating to irregular DET expenditure on youth camp projects.

The commission, chaired by Miss Justice Leo van den Heever, at the same time decried the impression that its investigation was uneconomical "because, as far as the commission members could ascertain, no action had been taken — as had previously been recommended — to charge those who are prima facie guilty of criminal offences".

The report named officials and individuals it said were prima facie guilty of criminal offences and misconduct. Miss Justice van den Heever said there had practically been no financial control at the DET before Bernhard Louw was appointed its new director-general.

The third report deals mainly with the DET's youth camps, where "irregularities and dishonesty had been the order of the day". Financial control had been so slack that the then deputy director-general, Jaap Strydom, and the DET's "social services" section decided "what they wanted to do, and made their own rules as they went along".

The Treasury was rebuked by the commission because it had not been "inquisitive enough" about payments, while the Tender Board had not been vigilant. Those accused of being prima facie guilty of criminal offences were named as:
 Paul Brosnihan and Mark Galbraith Stones, because of misrepresentations in their Broederstroum Training

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Centre invoices and their occasional failure to collect GST;
 Brosnihan, Stones and Jack Paul, as a result of a fraudulent invoice involving the Recreational Development Centre;
 Gert Swart and his brother Renier as a result of misrepresentations in their invoices;

Jaap Strydom's son Tinus Strydom, because of fraud and/or theft, and attempts at obstructing the law;
 DET Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig and Leon Schonken, because of complicity in Tinus Strydom's misrepresentations to obtain cheques;

Struwig and Gert Swart, due to involvement in theft of money from "private" funds that should have been accrued by the DET;
 Jaap Strydom and Schonken because of bribery. Further investigation may reveal that the following persons should also be charged:
 Frikkie van Kraayenburg, because of numerous double



Former DET Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig

A Mr Lubbe, because it was hard to accept that an accountant could so readily dish out money without proper documentation and yet be honest;
 A Mr Swiegelhaar, who, the commission, heard, had been involved in recreational resorts which accepted that officials should be bribed;
 A Mr Schutte, who had possibly been involved in misrepresentations, and
 Schonken, who received R1 400 from Tinus Strydom.

Those who were guilty of misconduct because they had been slack or dishonest with documentation were named as Schonken, Struwig, Lubbe, Engelbrecht (who has since retired), Croukamp, Gert Swart and Schutte. Brosnihan had apparently received R50 000 for camps that had never been held.

New director-general Louw said yesterday those implicated in the report had either been transferred to other sections of the department or had resigned. Struwig had been transferred to Pretoria head office. The "social services" section no longer existed but the DET continued to run a R6m youth camp programme, Louw said.

He said the Department of Justice was considering creating a post for an ombudsman — Sapa.

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Dishonesty 'order of day' in DET, commission finds

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. —

Criminal charges could be instituted against several Department of Education and Training officials in the wake of the Van den Heever Commission report that irregularities and dishonesty were the "order of the day" in the running of the department's youth camps.

DET Director-General Dr Bernhard Louw announced at a Press conference in Pretoria yesterday that Johannesburg regional director Mr Peet Struwig, named by the commission as possibly being implicated in theft, had been transferred.

The Van den Heever Commission, which began its investigation in 1988, released its third report yesterday after its probe into DET youth camps. The commission was chaired by Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever.

Computer system

The first report covered irregularities in the purchase of a computer system and the second report dealt with irregular printing contracts.

Mr Struwig's place in Johannesburg was being filled temporarily by Mr Richard Motau, Deputy-Director of Education at Springs, Dr Louw said.

The commission found that control in respect of financial matters had been particularly inept and documents were sometimes tampered with.

Regarding payments of deposits for the rental of camping sites, it was found that about R500 000 had been used and R394 184,84 was missing.

The report has been submitted to the Attorneys-General of the Transvaal and Natal for investigation.

Ombudsman

The commission recommended that

Further investigation into the printing and buying of books be undertaken as it was possible that other irregularities could be uncovered.

An ombudsman be appointed to take over the task of the commission.

People who were guilty of criminal offences should be charged without delay.

Officials who were responsible for certain irregularities should be removed.

DET dishonesty and thefts anger blacks

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE black community has reacted with anger at revelations that irregularities and dishonesty were the "order of the day" in the running of Department of Education and Training youth camps.

The Van den Hoeve Commission report on the DET this week found that control of financial matters had been particularly inept and documents were sometimes tampered with to create a semblance of consistency.

Criminal charges could be instituted against several officials, including Johannesburg chief regional director Mr Peet Struwig, who has been transferred from his post as a result of the revelations.

Shocked

A spokesman for the Soweto Education Coordinating Committee, Mr David Maepa, said, although the news had shocked everyone, it was not unexpected.

He said the fact that the commission had publicly named officials, indicated that there was *prima facie* evidence of guilt.

"This indicates what we have always said, that once you centralise power in the hands of a few, you lay it open to abuse.

"We call on the DET to realise it is necessary for the community to be involved at all levels of decision-making so as to check and balance the DET administration.

"We also call on the Government to remove such people from our system of education. We trust that the due process of the law will take its course speedily," he said.

Dr Gordon Sibya, chairman of the Science and Engineering Academy of South Africa, said the findings supported many demands by black people.

He warned that unless there were systems built into all Government departments, in which officials could account, involving all sectors of the population, such misdeeds would never be eradicated.

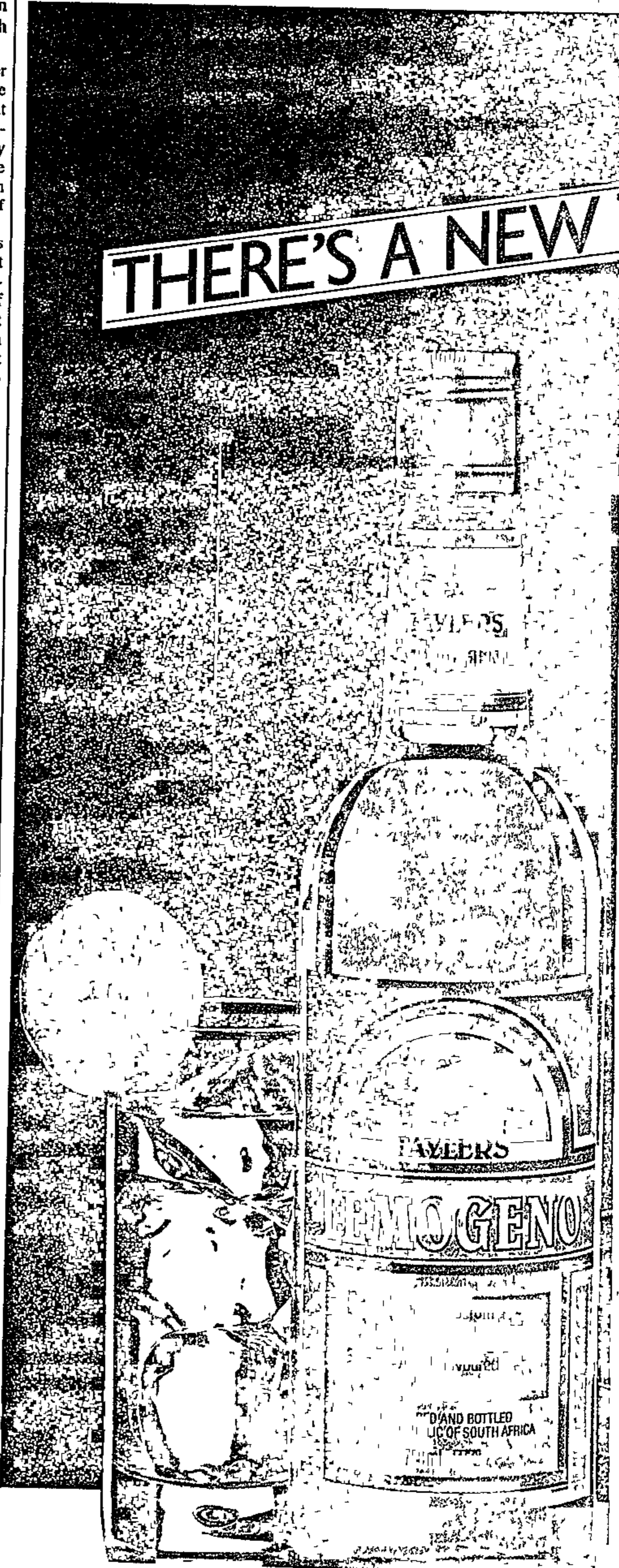
Mr Eugene Motati, the Pan Africanist Student Organisation's national organiser, said it was clear the DET did not have the interest of the African student at heart.

He said Pasos demanded that the offi-

cialists concerned be dismissed forthwith because transferring them meant they still had the chance to commit more corrup-

tion. "We know that it is not the first time that officials are involved in such cases.

"Most of them were kept by the department and now it wants to appear as though it does not tolerate corruption while it is corrupt itself," he said.



Textbook scandal could spark education uproar 256

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IRREGULARITIES of the "greatest magnitude" would probably be uncovered if investigations into the printing and buying of textbooks by the Department of Education and Training were undertaken, according to the third report of the Van den Heever Commission, released on Wednesday.

If this proves to be true, it could cause an uproar in black education circles, as the shortage of textbooks in DET schools has been a major gripe of students and education organisations in the past years.

This year alone, countless school days have been lost as pupils staged protests

— including class boycotts and sit-ins
— against the inadequate supply of textbooks

Over the last three years, sums of R43,8-million (1987-8), R39,9-million (1988-9) and R43,8-million (1989-90) were spent on books and stationary for DET schools.

Eight million rand was allocated for an urgent additional purchase of textbooks in July this year. Of that, R1-million was meant to be used to buy school books for schools in the Johannesburg region — Soweto and Alexandra.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) has made repeated

claims that a large proportion of the textbooks have yet to be delivered, although representatives from the DET — including former Johannesburg regional director Peet Struwig — say the full complement arrived at schools weeks ago.

Struwig was transferred from his job to a position at the DET central office on Wednesday, after he was named in the report in connection with fraudulent misrepresentations to obtain cheques.

Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever was asked to conduct a commission of enquiry into financial irregularities in conduct by former Minister of Education and Training Gerrit Viljoen, in 1988.

DET should be abolished

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THE Department of Education and Training (DET) had repeatedly been shown to be riddled with officials who were educationally out of touch, administratively incompetent and imbued with discredited Verwoerdian ideologies, the Democratic Party said yesterday

There would be no recovery in black education until the Department had been abolished, it said in a statement issued by its black education spokesman, Mr Ken Andrew, in response to the third report of the Van den Heever Commission.

The three ~~subsequent~~ ^{subsequent} reports of the commission had seriously discredited numerous officials and had fully vindicated the DP's determination to force an inquiry

"The revelations of illegality, corruption and incompetence are alarming, but equally disturbing is the unwillingness of the government and the department to take tough and decisive action against those responsible," Mr Andrew said

"At the very least, officials against whom there are prima facie cases of serious irregularity should be suspended immediately until the judicial processes have been completed

"The cover-up started with the government's reluctance to appoint a judicial commission in the first place, and has continued ever since"

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CALLED TO ACCOUNT

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The report of the Van den Heever Commission says former Department of Education & Training (DET) deputy DG Jaap Strydom and others are *prima facie* guilty of criminal offences. They are: Thinus Strydom, of fraud and/or theft, and attempting to defeat the ends of justice; Renier Swart (a senior SABC employee) and his brother Gert Swart (a DET assistant director), of misrepresentations of invoices for a black youth camp; Business associates Paul Brosnhan (a friend of Jaap Strydom) and Mark Stones, for misrepresentations of invoices at the Broederstroom Training Centre and occasional neglect to charge GST; Brosnhan, Stones and business partner Jack Paul, of fraud with company invoices; Deputy DET director Peet Struwig and Gert Swart of theft of money owed to the DET from "private funds"; Struwig and assistant director Leon Schonken, as accessories of Thinus Strydom's false representations to obtain cheques; and Schonken, of bribery in dealings with the Umgababa youth camp and Rand Coach Tours.

Judge Van den Heever also found that other persons could possibly be charged criminally after further investigation. They are: Johannesburg businessman Frikkie van Kraayenburg, who made overpayments to the Alpha youth camp, which he had managed at some stage; DET accountant Gert Lubbe; Port Elizabeth DET official Bob Swie-gelaar; Senior DET official Chris Schutte, who was possibly an accessory to fraudulent misrepresentations to the Ninja youth camp and in whose private bank account R2 000 was deposited by Thinus Strydom; and Schonken, who received R1 400 from Thinus Strydom.

The judge has also found that various DET officials are *prima facie* guilty of misconduct. They are: Schonken, Struwig, Lubbe, Philip Engelbrecht (who has since retired), Chaka Croukamp, Gert Swart and Schutte. The DET is already considering the formulation of charges of misconduct against certain officials. In his reaction, DET Minister Stoffel van der Merwe says government sees the irregularities in a serious light and will act firmly. He says, however, that as the findings, deductions and criticism by the commission remain untested in some cases, action by government will only be taken after a full evaluation of the facts. However, certain legal steps have already been taken, as in one case, where deposits were paid out by the DET to a youth camp owner. (See *The axe falls*). All the money which was paid by private donors to the DET and deposited in private savings accounts by regional chief directors, has been paid to the Treasury. The accounts have all been frozen. Other contracts dealing with the rental of youth camps will also be scrutinised. Any contracts which the DET has signed with Rand Coach Tours will be investigated. The report has also been forwarded to the Attorney-General for consideration. The commission will also investigate DET contracts for buying books. The FM reported on certain irregularities in the purchase of library books (*Currents Affairs* October 20 1989) and government has now decided that this will form the fourth leg of the commission's inquiry.

Eddie Boothe

THE AXE FALLS

The Department of Education & Training (DET) is expected to take legal action against the estate of a deceased former deputy director-general (DG) The aim is to recover the outstanding portion of more than a half a million rands misappropriated in a DET youth camp scheme Former deputy DG Jaap Strydom, who was found to be *prima facie* guilty of bribery by Justice Leo van den Heever in her latest report on irregularities at the DET, died two weeks ago

The *FM* was the first to report on irregularities (such as the paying of commissions) in the involvement of outside agents in running the black youth camps. Last year Judge Van den Heever also brought out a highly critical report on DET printing contracts, these had been awarded to Strydom's son, Thinus, a Pretoria publisher — again after the *FM* was the first to investigate and report the matter.

In a damning report of almost 100 pages, released by President FW de Klerk this week, Judge Van den Heever found that Jaap Strydom, his son, various officials and private businessmen were *prima facie* guilty

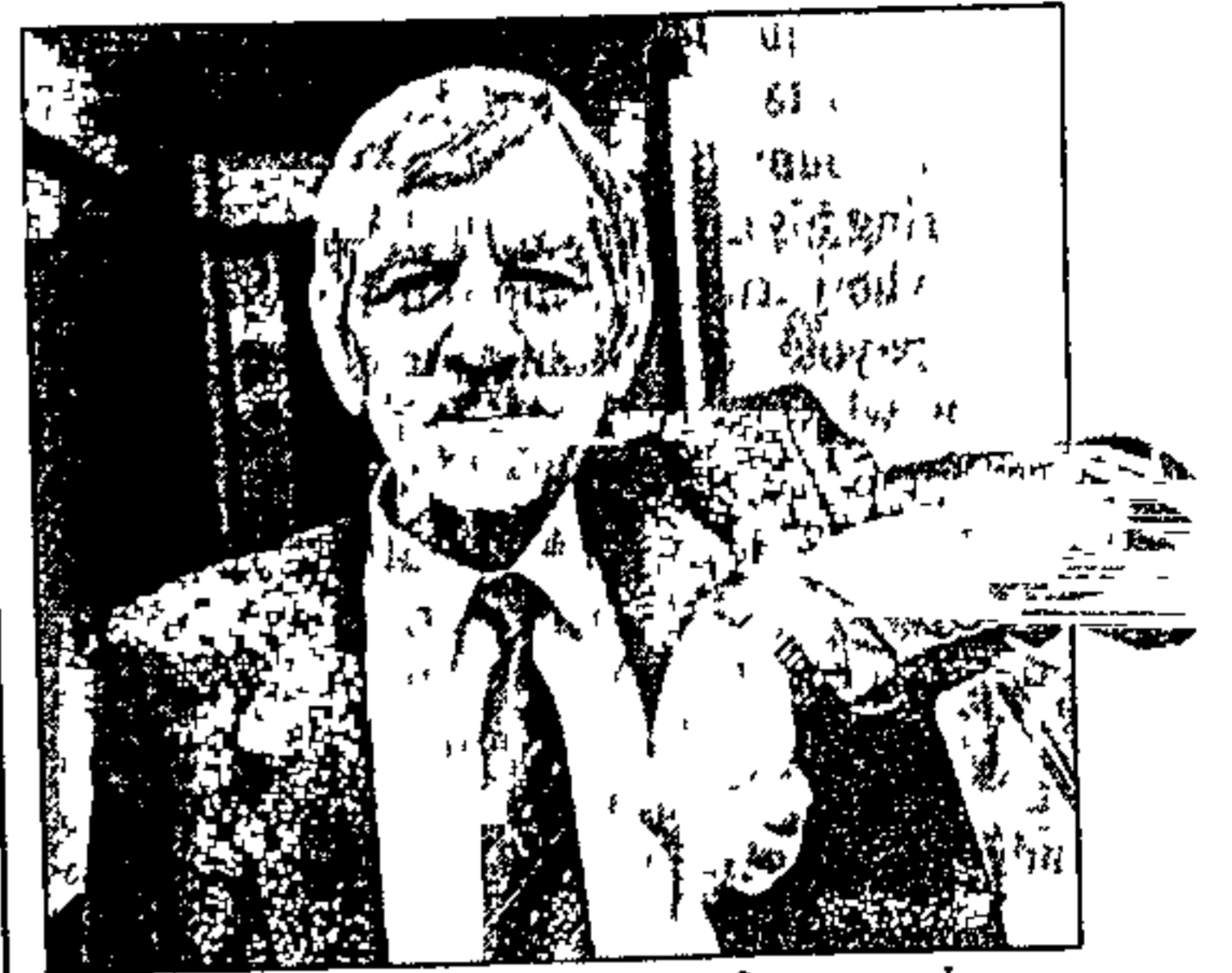
of criminal offences (*See Called to account*)

The judge criticises the State Tender Board (she says it was not watchful enough) and the Treasury (which had "not been curious enough" when allowing the payments of deposits to youth camps)

She finds that irregularities and dishonesty were the accepted norm concerning the youth camps Financial control had been so lacking that Jaap Strydom and his officials at the DET's social service section could do whatever they wanted, and made their own rules

The judge has high praise for the *FM* and says that Jaap Strydom's friend, Paul Brosnihan, and DET official Gert Swart's brother, Renier Swart, a SABC employee who works for the Nguni services, had been favoured by contracts without competition which enabled them to earn vast amounts from the DET That was until the *FM* first reported on the outside agents and the youth camps, and, says the judge, "the carpet was pulled from underneath their feet"

Jaap Strydom was *prima facie* guilty of bribery, says the report, according to evi-



Jaap Strydom *prima facie* guilty of bribery

dence that he had received a tractor from the former owner of the Ninja farm, which the DET later used as a youth camp

She also found that Swart had registered a truck, which had been bought from a "so-called private fund," in his own name The fund comprised money from private donors intended to benefit the DET Johannesburg

DET regional director Peet Struwig, who is in charge of Soweto, also had a truck registered in his name after R261 460 had been paid by the DET to Mooiland, another farm which had been earmarked as a youth camp Of this amount only R40 763,76 has been redeemed.

According to evidence, a Rand Coach Tours' cheque for R350 found its way into DET assistant director Leon Schonken's bank account

During his dealings with the DET, Brosnihan (who earned for himself R2m, out of a total payout of R4,8m for private youth camps within five months) operated under the names of many companies They were Olympic Training Association, Olympic Sports, Broederstroom Training Centre, A W J Construction, Security Structures and Recreational Development Centres He, and his associates acted as agents or were indirectly involved with five youth camps used by the DET to accommodate black children.

Judge Van den Heever says Brosnihan's expectation that his involvement with the DET would be long term and profitable was possibly foiled by the reports in the *FM* which lead to the appointment of the commission

The State Security Council was also involved at one such camp, Alpha Training Centre, which had been started by Jaap Strydom, Johannesburg businessman Frikie van Kraayenburg and one P B Oertel The judge says some of the courses were funded by the council and recommends that this be investigated further

She says Struwig had "prima facie mis-

led" former DET Minister Gerrit Viljoen when he (Viljoen) had asked why Brosnihan had been accepted as an outside agent at Alpha This was after the *FM* had raised the matter with Viljoen

On various occasions double payments (and once a triple payment) were made to Alpha, amounting to R173 581 On other occasions deposits were made which were not recovered and the DET was overcharged or charged for camps which had not taken place

The commission found that Brosnihan had received about R50 000 for non-existent camps "It is difficult to believe that so many irregularities could take place within one department . without the knowledge of the deputy DGs, the DG, the Treasury, the Auditor-General Why was it left to the press to open the door of this Aegean stable?" asks Judge Van den Heever

Renier Swart started as an agent for the DET at the Oban farm in Natal after his brother, DET's Gert Swart, inspected the camp on behalf of the DET After the first article appeared in the *FM* querying the apparent favouritism towards Brosnihan and Renier Swart (*Current Affairs* June 10 1988) Swart gradually reneged on his commitments (according to testimony from Sandy Berry, co-owner of Oban)

In his immediate reaction to the Van den Heever Commission's findings, DET Minister Stoffel van der Merwe says R394 188,84 is still outstanding from the R504 990,51 which had been paid in deposits to private youth camps. According to the Exchequer Act, unauthorised expenditure can be recovered by the Treasury from the accounting

The *FM* has learnt that the DET is officer considering taking legal action against the deceased estate of Jaap Strydom, who was the deputy DG in charge of social services

Eddie Botha

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Suspend the implicated

DET staff

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Political and educational organisations yesterday called on the Government to suspend immediately all Department of Education and Training officials implicated by the findings of the Van den Heever Commission.

This comes in the wake of the commission's revelations that irregularities and dishonesty had been rampant in the running of the DET's youth camps.

The commission recommended that several prominent officials face criminal charges.

Political and educational groups canvassed said the report came as no surprise.

National Education Union of SA spokesman Curtis Nkondo said irregularities and corruption were to be expected where power was in the hands of a few.

Democratic Party spokesman Ken Andrew said relevant officials should be suspended until judicial processes had been completed.

DET scandal: more could be charged

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MORE officials and others implicated in the corruption scandal in the Department of Education and Training could be prosecuted as a result of the Van den Heever report published this week

Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe gave this assurance yesterday after criticism that the Government's response to the commission report had been inadequate. The transfer — and not dismissal — of some officials implicated in the report has been particularly criticised.

Dr van der Merwe said the report had been referred to the Attorney-General who would prosecute officials and others if sufficient evidence of criminal behaviour was found.

"It is difficult to imagine stronger action than that," he added. It would take time for the Attorney-General to decide who should be prosecuted.

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"In the meantime the law stipulates that a person is innocent until proven guilty. It would therefore be unjust to take premature and overhasty action against individuals — the law must take its course.

"In order to prevent any recurrence of irregularities the people who have been placed under suspicion by the commission have been transferred to posts where the recurrence of similar incidents are not possible. The interests of the State and the public are therefore fully protected."

Dr van der Merwe also pointed out that the structure of the department had been changed "dramatically" to institute effective control and avoid recurrence of corruption and bad management.

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Govt slammed for lack of any prosecutions

THE Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry has taken the government to task for not prosecuting offending officials mentioned in its first two reports.

In its latest report, released this week, the commission says its investigation so far has been "uneconomic" because no action had been taken against those who had been prima facie guilty of criminal offences - as was recommended by the commission.

It says it is desirable that those those who were prima facie guilty of criminal offences be prosecuted speedily. "After each report a small cloud of dust is kicked up which settles soon and is forgotten."

The commission received little co-operation from officials whose conduct was investigated. From a psychological viewpoint the trial of an offender when it no longer had news value, had little value as a deterrent. If those who trespassed were removed from the department, the bad example could be countered.

The commission mentions the possibility of appointing a team of national servicemen trained as accountants to comb the documents of the DET - like those who had been appointed to help the Department of Inland Revenue. Without such a team to work through the documents "like army-worms", the dirty stable of the DET could not easily be cleaned.

The commission found irregularities of the "greatest magnitude" would probably be uncovered with regard to contracts for the printing and buying of books.

The commission suggests the appointment of an ombudsman who could take over its work.

In his response to the report, Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said the organisational structure of the head of-

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In his response to the report,
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Dishonesty 'the order of the day'

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THE commission found that for a long time financial control did not exist for all practical purposes in the DET. Irregularities and dishonesty were the order of the day where it concerned youth camps organised by the department.

"Financial 'control' was so slack that (former DET director general) Jaap Strydom and his officials at Social Services decided what they wanted to do, and then they made their own rules about how to do it

"Jaap's friend (Paul) Brosnihan was deliberately favoured, as was (DET official) Gert Swart's brother Renier, through contracts which were granted without competition, making it possible for them to make a lot of money out of the DET," the judge said.

Deposits were paid to terrain owners for youth camps of which no proper records were kept and generally no serious efforts were made to recover them.

The judge said there was prima facie evidence of criminal behaviour on the parts of:

- "Outsiders" Brosnihan and Mark Galbraith Stones for misrepresentation and neglect to collect GST,
- Brosnihan, Stone and Jack Paul for fraud,
- DET Social Services assistant director of youth, Gert Swart, and his brother Renier for misrepresentation;
- Jaap Strydom's "outsider" son Tinus for fraud and/or theft and attempts to defeat the ends of justice,
- The then deputy director of youth, Peet Struwig, and assistant director youth Leon Schonken as accomplice with Tinus Strydom in misrepresentation;
- Struwig and Swart for theft,
- Jaap Strydom - now deceased - for bribery; and
- Schonken for bribery.

The commission lists four men who could be prosecuted on further investigations and seven officials, including some listed above, who are prima facie guilty of misconduct. It also takes to task the Tender Board and Treasury for not being vigilant enough.

Report exposes DET head Struwig

Books fudged over youth camp payments

Struwig was not dishonest, he was so ignorant about the payment of money that he should be in no position where he is given authority over more than petty cash.

This is the verdict of the Van den Heever Commission on Peet Struwig, former deputy director of youth in the DET's department of Social Services.

Struwig was this week transferred from his post as DET Johannesburg regional director in the wake of the commission's third report.

The judge made this remark when speaking of "The Ninja", a youth camp in the Phalaborwa district, which according to evidence had been used for pupils who had just been released from detention.

Cheques totalling about R140 000 for The Ninja had been paid into the account of Tinus Strydom son of former DET director general Jaap Strydom. Tinus was prima facie guilty of fraud and/or theft, the judge said.

In the two years from October 1986 to October 1988 the DET had paid out more than R2-million for accommodation at The Ninja, but the documentation for payments was insufficient.

The commission says it is a riddle how money could have been paid in many of these cases where it was impossible to control what the payments were for and if the amounts were really owed.

But Struwig authorised payments and Finance provided the money.

According to DET files, figures showing that children were accommodated at R44 each a day and teachers at R30 a day were changed to R30 a day for children - but all kinds of extras were added like "entertainment and excursions" and "equipment and course material" to make it balance with the original invoice.

But earlier a deposit of nearly R60 000 had been authorised on his behalf.

The judge found evidence of fraud on the part of Brosnhan and either "incredible laxity or dishonesty" on the part of Struwig and another top official, Leon Schonken.

"We mention dishonesty as an alternative deduction because it is difficult to accept that Struwig allowed this money to be paid out through ignorance," the report says.

Struwig and two other officials authorised the payment of more than R250 000 to Brosnhan's Recreational Development Centre, after he rented

Why should it have been left to the Press to open the door of the Augean stables? The size of the much-heaps in those stables appear to be bigger with each new investigation of the commission.

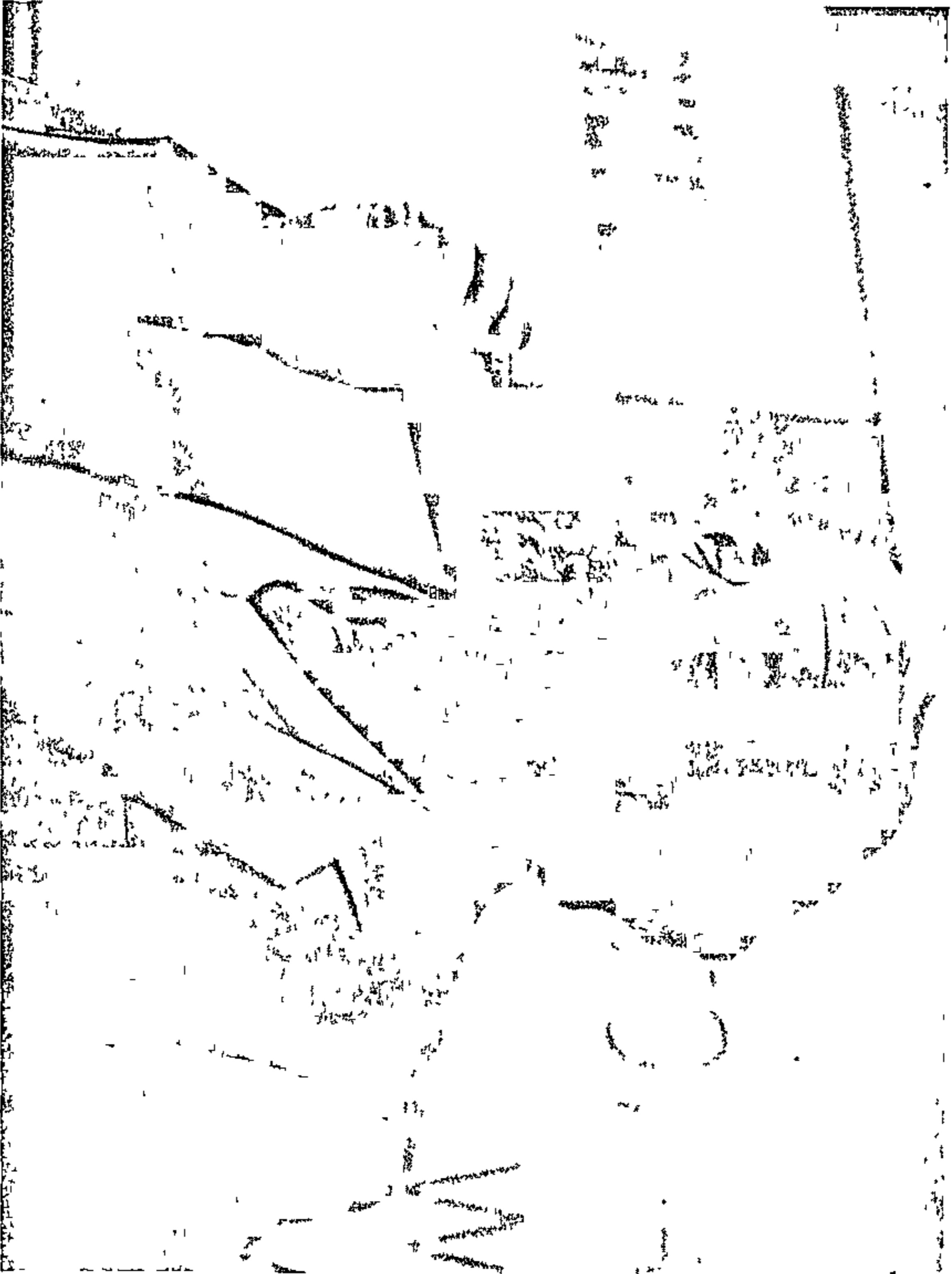
facilities at the New Haven hotel in Natal for two years at a cost of R16 a person a day, without any proof that the DET received what it was invoiced for.

"Where Brosnhan is prima facie guilty of fraud concerning invoices with swollen figures and lengthened days, Schonken and Struwig are prima facie guilty of misconduct consisting of gross negligence in the certification of documents and authorisation of payment without any confirmation that invoiced amounts were indeed due."

Struwig asked the Tender Board to approve money after it had been spent because of the "sensitivities" of the matter. The commission could not make sense of the Tender Board's response to Struwig.

Struwig authorised the payment of deposits of R261 460 to Moorland and other youth camp. According to the commission, deposit payments were swept under the carpet for all practical purposes. The Minister was not properly informed and Struwig did not tell the DET's legal advisers about it.

After deposits were paid to Moorland Struwig was given a financial "gift" with which he bought a car.



Peet Struwig - transferred from his DET post following the commission's report

The third report of the Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Department of Education and Training - chaired by Judge Leo van den Heever - was released this week. It concentrates on transactions between the DET and various parties concerning the renting of sites that were used for youth camps and youth courses, and exposes corruption on a large scale. Large deposits were paid to owners and go-betweens, ostensibly for the provision of housing and sports facilities, but numerous invoices for deposits were signed with no proof that anything had been done. Few deposits were paid back. Invoices were also signed for camps that did not take place, while figures of pupils and days spent in the camps were inflated. The first report concentrated on irregularities about a computer system bought by the DET and the second on irregularities in printing done for the DET.

Govt slammed for lack of any prosecutions

THE Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry has taken the government to task for not prosecuting offending officials mentioned in its first two reports.

In its latest report, released this week, the commission says its investigation so far has been "uneconomic" because no action had been taken against those who had been prima facie guilty of criminal offences - as was recommended by the commission.

It says it is desirable that those who were prima facie guilty of criminal offences be prosecuted speedily. After each report a small cloud of dust is kicked up which settles soon and is forgotten.

The commission received little co-operation from officials whose conduct was investigated. From a psychological viewpoint the trial of an offender when it no longer had news value, had little value as a deterrent. If those who trespassed were removed from the department, the bad example could be countered.

The commission mentions the possibility of appointing a team of national servicemen trained as accountants to comb the documents of the DET - like those who had been appointed to help the Department of Inland Revenue. Without such a team to work through the documents "like army-worms", the dirty stable of the DET could not easily be cleaned.

The commission found irregularities of the "greatest magnitude" would probably be uncovered with regard to contracts for the printing and buying of books. The commission suggests the appointment of an ombudsman who could take over its work.

In his response to the report, Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said the organisational structure of the head office of the department had been drastically changed since April 1, 1990 and it now had a clear and simple organisational structure.

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Dishonesty 'the order of the day'

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DET 'hot seat' for black educationist

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The Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training (DET), has always been the "hot potato" of black education.

Events in this region send a ripple of response throughout the country, whenever pupils and teachers have something to complain about.

Anyone who has held the post of DET's regional director, can confirm that it is the "hottest seat" in education.

A man who hopes to tame the post is Mr Richard Roddy Motau (62), the first black man to hold the position. He assumed his new duties on September 20, 1990.

Motau temporarily filled Mr Peet Struwig's place who took up the post two years ago. Struwig has been assigned to DET's Pretoria office under Education deputy director-general, Dirk Scholtz.

Motau, who has been deputy director of the Highveld region since 1985, stays in Kwa-Thema, Springs. Born in 1927 in the Northern Transvaal's Zoutpansberg district, he completed his primary education in Pretoria.

Teaching

In 1942, he did his Native Primary Teachers' Certificate (NPTC) at the then Lemana Training College at Elm, outside Louis Trichardt.

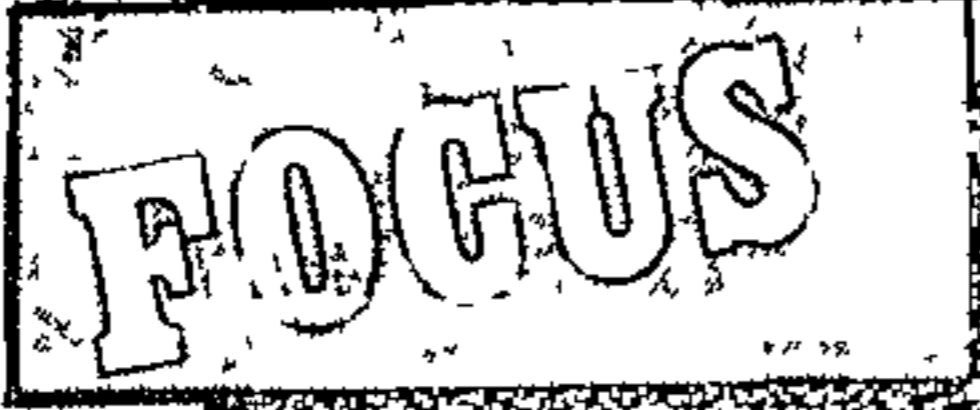
He started teaching in 1945 at Lydenburg in the Eastern Transvaal. He stayed for three years. He went back to Pretoria North and taught at Sambok Primary School.

At the beginning of 1950, he taught at Mamelodi and later joined Unisa's Department of African Studies as a language assistant. He left the university in 1952 for Springs where he taught at the then Payneville Secondary School.

This school was later transferred to Kwa-Thema and is today called Tlakula High School.

In 1966, he became a schools inspector and served in two circuits: Boksburg and Springs. In 1984, he was appointed assistant director in the Boksburg circuit.

In 1985 he was among the first



By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

seven blacks to be appointed as DET's deputy regional directors. He was placed in the Highveld region. Apart from Dr Edward Ndaba, the chief director of the Natal region, Motau is the second black man to occupy the post of regional director.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Unisa in 1953 and Bachelor of Education from Wits University in 1983. His two degrees and matric were attained through private studies.

Believed

He is the president of DET's officers of education and member of the DET select committee.

In an interview with Sowetan this week, Motau declined to say if the appointment was permanent. He said he would be filling in the post up to the end of next month when the post would be adjusted.

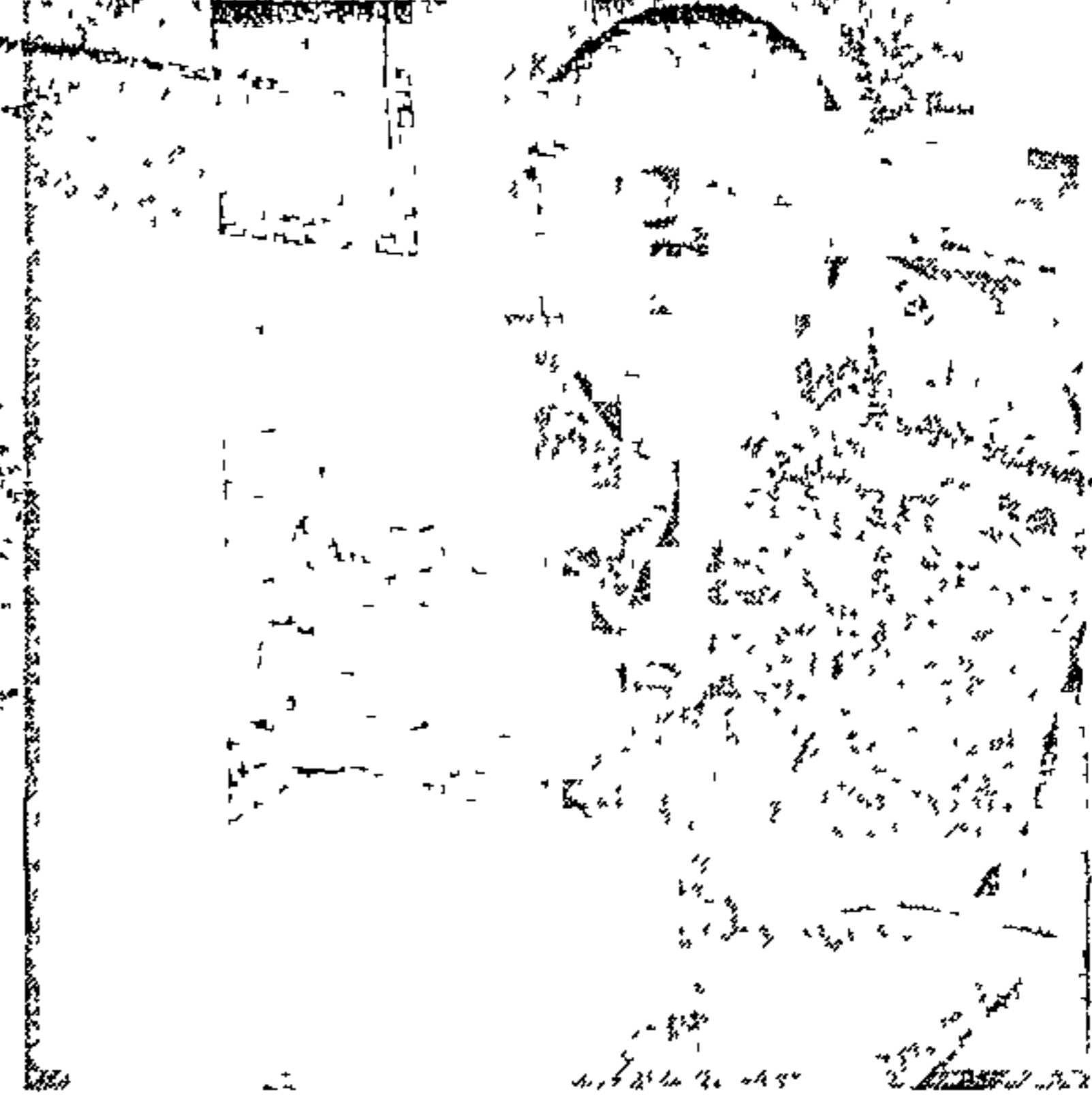
It is widely believed that he will be permanently appointed to the post.

Motau, an educationist for the past 38 years, is filled with memories when he talks about the various stages he has gone through in black education.

"I started to be involved in the days of Missionary schools, through to the days of Bantu Education to the current Department of Education and Training.

"I am well aware that the present education system is not the kind of education people want. It would be naive to do so because it is obvious to every Tom, Dick and Harry that it needs credibility for acceptance by black people," he says.

On the demand for one single Ministry of Education, Motau says it is a fact that this would help to satisfy demands of people in the black community.



Mr Richard Roddy Motau

"I am for a single ministry, provided that such a structure is also run on regional basis to provide for local needs without being racial," he said.

He feels saddened by the past decade in black education. He says as a black person, a parent, a member of the community and an educator, he believes he is adequately qualified to talk about the damage that has been done to the black nation.

"We shall never regain the valuable time that we have lost. This has resulted in a huge gap that will take years of dedication and commitment to close. As a member of the community, I also feel the concern that everyone is feeling.

"I have been very hurt to see children missing out on their education. Abandoning everything and waiting for the day when we shall be liberated, will widen the education gap. It is also obvious that if we have this gap, other levels of our lives such as the social, political and economic will suffer.

"While one may not agree entirely with the current education system, one must appreciate and acknowledge that the same education has produced a lot of respectable leaders we have in the black community today. We can fight a lot of things through education. Education is

today a base people can use to fight for their aspirations and use for their own development and advancement.

"As a parent, I could be happy that when I retire, education would be what we have fought for," he said.

Motau regards himself as a friendly person who likes to see things done promptly and well. He believes he has been assigned to this post because of his track record.

"I take this appointment as a challenge. My first reaction when I was told about it was decidedly where my services are needed.

"I told myself that I had to serve my people in this critical area. I felt that with assistance and co-operation, I will be able to do the job," he said.

He is aware that there are people who believe he has taken more than he can chew. He says he is not disturbed by that.

"In fact, I have been receiving telephone calls from friends and acquaintances wishing me all the luck.

"I am aware I will win some battles and lose others. Red tape and hurdles are to be confronted. I cannot say much at this stage except that I will try to do my best.

"I am still learning about my new environment and its problems. This does not mean I am going to be a spectator," he said with a smile.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

With the DET still in shock after the recent report by Justice Leo van den Heever (See *More worms*), the IBDA letter coincides with the judge's warning that irregularities in DET contracts for the printing and purchase of books will probably be far greater than that which surfaced during the previous three investigations by the commission.

Nollie Niehaus, the advocate who conducted the investigation into school books on behalf of the commission (See *People*), is now writing the final report, the *FM* understands

Jane Phillips, IBDA education committee chairman, has confirmed to the *FM* that she has written to the DET. The action was decided upon at a meeting of the committee on September 12, after complaints from IBDA members that some of them were overlooked by the DET when publishers were asked to submit study guides.

According to an *FM* source, some publishers were contacted by DET official Dawie van Rensburg and asked to submit study guides, after an urgent appeal from the National Education Co-ordinating Committee

One publisher said he received his call about five weeks ago at about 16h00, he says he was told by Van Rensburg to submit study guides at 09h00 the next day

In its official response to the *FM*, the DET says its buying department liaised with all publishers who normally do business with the department and asked them to submit study guides as a matter of urgency. However, two publishers have told the *FM* that they did not receive Van Rensburg's call

To this the DET replies that it does not have a list of publishers who print study guides, as these guides are normally not bought by the DET. "It is thus possible — and probable — that publishers have been overlooked.

"The directorate has done everything possible to find out the names of other publishers who may have such material (study guides) available. Newspaper ads were checked and publishers were asked to inform other publishers," says the statement

Phillips says her subcommittee has asked the DET for copies of tenders and letters to publishers "We also want to know which study guides have been accepted, from whom and the quantities bought. Also whether this is normal procedure to purchase"

The DET, however, says its procurement administration has applied for permission from the Tender Board to waive normal tender procedures "This was in the interest of the country that we got the study guides as soon as possible."

Maskew Miller Longman's Mike Peacock, who submitted study guides that were not accepted, agrees "It was a desperate situation and essential that the submissions took place as soon as possible. I have no problems with the way it happened. There was nothing underhand about it; the DET really had to get the study guides to the kids"

As far as the *FM* can determine, Lexicon

Publishers, Macmillan, Hodder & Stoughton and Via Afrika were among the publishers asked by Van Rensburg to submit guides. According to our sources, two of Lexicon's study guides were accepted while the bulk of the order apparently went to Via Afrika. According to the DET, however, 15 publishers submitted study guides and a selection panel decided to buy guides from 11 of them

The *FM* has also learnt that neither Heinemann nor Oxford University Press was asked to submit study guides, though they have stockpiles available

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Another row is threatening the embattled Department of Education & Training (DET). In an unprecedented move, members of the International Book Distributors' Association (IBDA) have asked the DET to provide more details about the recent orders for study guides for black children.

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Mandela and wife .. problems with the law

the ANC include novelist Nadine Gordimer, singer Jennifer Ferguson, actress Grethe Fox and lecturer Wilhelm Liebenberg

The organisation has launched 60 branches in the PWV region, with more than 31 000 members. Soweto has 10 000 members in its 22 branches (Orlando East with 804 members is the biggest)

One of the largest and best organised branches is Katlehong with 1 500 members. The Pretoria sub-region has about 3 000 members in nine branches, the West Rand has 480 in two branches; and the East Rand has 3 500 in nine branches

Johannesburg (including Alexandra and the "coloured" townships) has 3 337 members in 11 branches ■

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MORE WORMS (256)

The Treasury condoned irregular deposits of more than R500 000, made by the Department of Education & Training (DET) to private camp owners — in a manner which indicated that treasury officials could not have known what they had condoned. This is the finding of Justice Leo van den Heever. In her latest report on the DET youth camp scam, which was first exposed by the *FM*, she severely criticises the lax role played by the Treasury

"The Treasury's conditional approval (of the deposits) was non-inquisitive (*onnuuskierig*) and is evidence of a 'passing-the-buck' attitude," says Van den Heever. The Treasury may also have known that the Auditor General does not necessarily come across things that are wrong within a department, she says.

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Van den Heever's criticism is part of a lengthy report on youth camps. She finds essentially that several senior DET officials — among them the former deputy director general, the late Jaap Strydom, and his son, Pretoria publisher Thinus Strydom — are *prima facie* guilty of various criminal offences ranging from bribery to fraud, theft and misrepresentation

The commission also found that two "outside agents" — Paul Brosnihan, a friend of Strydom snr, and SABC employee Renier Swart, a brother of DET official Gert Swart — both earned high commissions for organising youth camps and are also *prima facie* guilty of some of these offences

SABC Manpower director Daan Esterhuyse told the *FM* this week that Swart is still employed by the Nguni and Sotho radio services. "At this stage, no steps are considered against him," said Esterhuyse.

A top DET official, Philip Engelbrecht, who has since retired, wrote to the Treasury on April 18 1989 to "obtain permission for expenditures" which related to various aspects of sport, youth and cultural activities and that "the permission be granted *ex post facto* from April 1 1987." The *FM* first exposed the youth camp scam on June 10 1988.

The Treasury approved this request on condition that the request did not arise from an audit query. What the DET had actually requested here was authorisation of a blank cheque, says Judge Van den Heever

Engelbrecht's claim in his letter to the Treasury that "all purchases, rental, services .. occur as a matter of course (*uiteraard*) according to Treasury prescriptions and departmental procedures and policy" cannot be described as anything other than a lie, says Van den Heever. The explanations by DET officials to the commission raise more questions than answers, she says

Her report finds that the DET's financial section never questioned a single payment made to Brosnihan's Broederstroom Training Centre. The Auditor General has also not come across any of the irregularities, says Judge van den Heever. "Broederstroom Training Centre committed fraud regularly by claiming for more people attending a course .. or for more days than they were present at the site and also for courses which never took place"

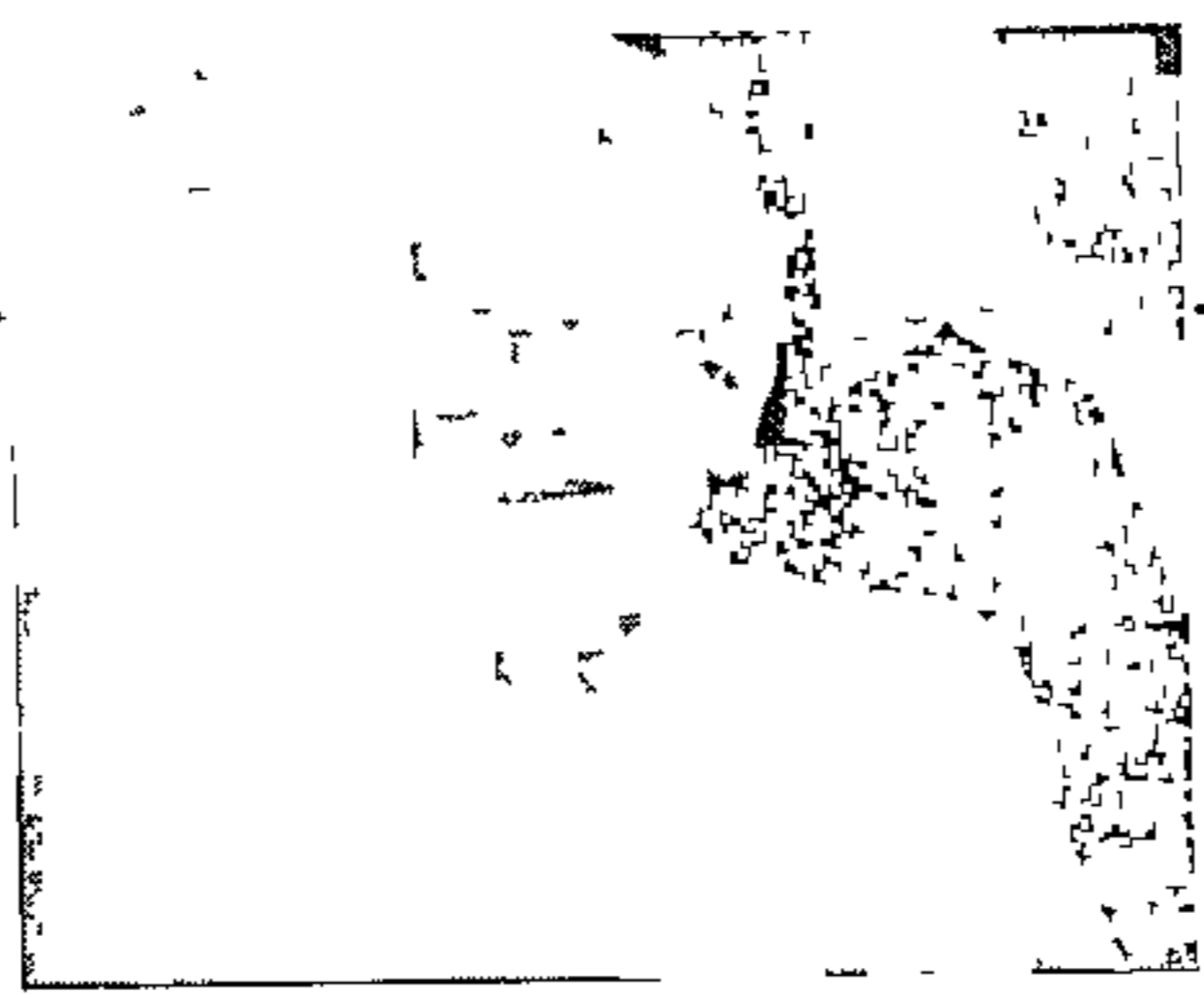
Huge amounts were paid on the strength of payment advices — on uncertified invoices, or invoices with inadequate information, or certified by a person who also authorised the payment. The commission says one voucher was possibly issued after a false claim on an uncertified invoice and this "strengthens only the sorrowful picture of

signatures — any signatures — which opened the cash drawer like a magic wand”

The financial section blindly issued vouchers without examining the documentation which requested payment. In one case R7 214,69 was paid on the strength of a payment advice which was actually meant to be a cancellation of payment.

Documentation handed to the commission shows that it took the DET more than a year to obtain Tender Board condonation for the DET's unauthorised camp payments involving more than R5m — yet it continued making payments throughout that year.

Says Judge Van den Heever “In the period before Dr (Bernhard) Louw was imported from outside (to be director general), financial control was for all practical pur-



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poses non-existent. Documentation was so vague, payment advices were so easily signed and honoured that it would take a team of detectives and accountants to determine on what the money was spent and whether it really was spent or merely handed out.”

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EDUCATION

System must first gain credibility

Reports by Val Pienaar

For black education to become effective it needs to earn credibility within the community. "The system must be held accountable to the community for the adults it produces," says education consultant Gillian Maskell.

And African National Congress education department head John Samuel adds: "In the short term we need to redress the imbalances between black and white education. We need to reallocate financial resources equitably — and more urgently we need to use our resources more efficiently."

"Not only is the bureaucracy controlling the system inefficient — the system itself has a vast casualty rate, because the quality of black education is so poor."

Poor education standards are due largely to the fact that many black teachers are inadequately qualified.

According to the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), about 4 percent of black teachers have only a Std 6 level of education, 38 percent have passed Std 7 or 8, 56 percent have matriculated or have qualified for a diploma, and only 4 percent are university graduates.

This is at least partly the fault of the Department of Education and Training which has a history of introducing new diplomas — which it then invalidates a few years later," says Mel Holland, information officer with the NECC.

In the longer term, Mr Samuel says, educators must take into account the relationship between education and economic growth.

"Schools cannot be turned into factories — but the structure of the system needs to reflect the demands of a

developing economy"

The formal school system needs more exit points. At present, only matric is awarded certification — yet not all pupils are suited to an academic education.

Exit points earlier in the system would equip people with needed skills before diverting them into appropriate directions — whether apprenticeships, on-the-job training or continued academic education.

"Education needs to be context-sensitive," adds education consultant Elizabeth Burroughs. "The same skills do not suit pupils in Soweto and those in the northern Transvaal."

While catering more specifically for the needs of non-academic pupils, the system needs to develop leadership potential where it exists.

"We need to move away from authoritarian, militaristic education models towards a democratic approach," says Ms Holland.

Already an increasing number of black and white schools are allowing student representation on their governing bodies.

Also of crucial importance is the need to restructure the curriculum, to enable the system to develop people who are equipped for later life.

"Purely academic subjects have an important place — but it must be in the context of an education that allows practical skills training. Specialisation is a fact of life in any technologically developing economy, and aptitude tests can indicate quite early on where a child should be placed for his education," she says.

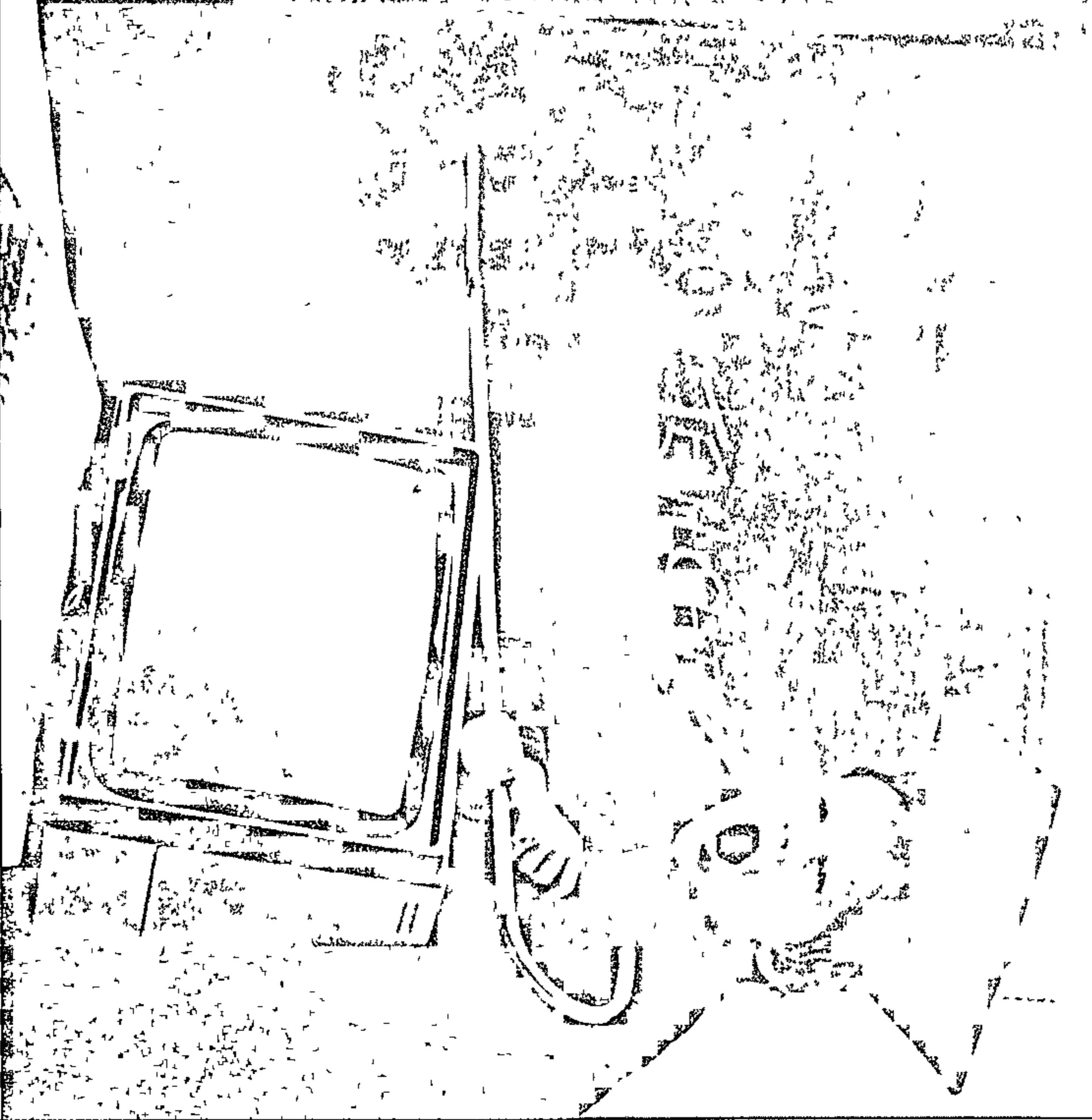
Book offers fresh approaches

Today more than ever before, adults and schoolchildren are seeking fresh approaches to learning, which will enable them to absorb all the information necessary to survive in a complex environment.

A new book by Shani Grove, product manager at Anglo American's central training unit in Vereeniging, offers insights into techniques of stress management, self-motivation, developing memory and study skills


"Today we may experience more in a single week than our great-grandparents experienced in a lifetime. Never before has life been so complex or so filled with tension and anxiety," she says.

In "Thank You Brain" she aims to create in the reader an attitude of mind conducive to controlled, logical thought, using methods that are both easy and fun.



Poor education standards in South Africa are often due to the fact that teachers are inadequately qualified

Education in a new South Africa



A Star survey

Learning is an ongoing process

Education does not end at the door from the classroom, but continues with every challenge a child encounters in daily life.

And, according to Steve Livingstone, field director with the Natal Environmental Adventure Trust, the problems children encounter in a wilderness adventure situation can stand them in good stead in other aspects of life.

"We put children from varying backgrounds in competing teams and place them in challenging situations," he says.

Mr Livingstone heads Fernwood Adventure Centre, in the Drakensburg, which takes children in school and holiday groups. There, they encounter challenges in the form of obstacle courses, rock climbing, kayaking and abseiling — and whether actively having to work together to overcome a problem, or simply motivating each other to succeed, they learn to co-operate.

The centre also focuses on developing leadership skills.

"We teach the children the fundamentals of mountain navigation — then take them out on a two or three-day hike during which they have to set their own pace, decide when to rest, plan their routes and so on. The leaders are there purely as facilitators, to guide them when what they are attempting to do is impossible or dangerous," he says.

Mr Livingstone says there are discernable differences in problem-solving skills in children from different educational backgrounds.

"Best, at solving problems and working co-operatively, are children from schools which hold a holistic view of education.

"White government schools — especially at the lower end of the social scale — tend to produce children who stop short at every obstacle. They take a long time even to recognise that they have a problem to solve, tending rather to wait for someone else to bail them out, and don't work well together.

"Children from black government schools also have poor problem-solving abilities, but they communicate well and are quick to form effective teams," he says.

But, he says, courses such as these do far more than highlight the deficiencies in a child's education. "In a wilderness adventure situation, the child comes to know himself and to trust others better. And after a course, teachers report a tremendous improvement in self-esteem, motivation and leadership skills among even the least promising pupils," he adds.



Matric pupils dismiss last-minute exam

WHILE some matric pupils have welcomed efforts of the DET and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) to assist them in last-minute preparation for the final examinations, most have dismissed the moves as futile.

This was the reaction of Soweto pupils who spoke to the Saturday Star this week.

Following the successful call to postpone the end-of-year exams which were initially scheduled to begin on October 20, the NECC initiated an intensive learning campaign at the beginning of this month.

NECC information officer Mel Holland said the objective was to provide all pupils with the ability "to crack the exam code".

The DET has also been assisting pupils prepare for exams Johannesburg DET acting director Lawrence Moletsane said the department's subject advisers were working through study aid guides which had been supplied to schools, and also previous exam question papers.

But many pupils canvassed by the Saturday Star felt that these efforts would not be enough.

Dipuo Mabena (18) said teacher and textbook shortages would contribute to a high failure rate. "The teachers' chalks down, the class boycotts which pupils embarked on to demand refund of their school fees, labour strikes and the manna which followed Mandela's release from jail are other factors".

She said the DET's decision to

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postpone the exams for a week in order to give pupils more time to study was not good enough. "If we've failed to reach the required standard in 11 months, how can we be expected to do so in a week? There is no hope of passing the exams. But as a formality, we will go to try our luck".

Busi Kheswa (19) said there

had been "too much instability" at schools this year and doubted that she could achieve her dream of obtaining a university exemption to study medicine. She blamed the many pupil stayaways and class boycotts for the lack of pupils' motivation.

She said there were 33 pupils enrolled in her class, but she could not remember when last more than 20 attended a lesson. Gideon Nkedi (23), who was

repeating matric, complained that an extra week was insufficient time to prepare pupils adequately. He predicted that many pupils would fail, although he excluded himself, "because I am prepared".

Patricia Lebatl (18) was one of a number of pupils who appreciated the DET and NECC's efforts.

"Although not all the students have the ability to catch up that fast, students should welcome

any move to help them pass".

Patricia was not worried about doing badly because she said she was prepared. She has been involved in study groups throughout the year.

She said the month-long teachers' strike earlier this year should not be used as an excuse.

When the DET was approached for comment on the poor rate of pupil attendance at schools, Mr Moletsane said that

reports the DET had received from schools showed that attendance was "relatively good".

On whether he could predict how many pupils would pass at the end of the year, he said it was difficult to assess the pupils' work-rate during preparation time.

A senior DET official, who asked not to be named, accused the NECC of "public posturing" when it requested that exams be postponed. He said the NECC did not have a way of ensuring that pupils would utilise the available time given to them.

assistance as futile

Matric exams to be *Star 29/9/90* *256* *256* 'carefully monitored'

THE Department of Education and Training has taken steps to ensure the "integrity" of the matriculation examinations this year

Criticised in the past for poor security in compiling, distributing and marking matric papers, the DET has this year decided to take "all possible security measures".

Announcing the measures in Pretoria yesterday, acting director-general of Education and Training Dirk Scholtz said question papers would be set by qualified examiners.

Moderators were being picked for distribution to examination centres.

A security firm would take the papers to their destination.

Exam scripts would be collected daily from schools and all possible precautions would be taken to ensure they were delivered safely to the department

for marking, said Mr Scholtz

He said if they could not reach certain schools "unhindered" exams would be written at alternative centres.

He said each examination centre would be evaluated to establish whether conditions allowed for examinations to be written in "controllable circumstances"

Marking of papers would take place at marking centres in the vicinity of Pretoria "under circumstances which will facilitate control"

Scripts would be marked at the marking centres only, and no examiner would be allowed to take scripts home

Mr Scholtz said some papers would be marked by scanners. This new method entailed the use of special pencils with which pupils marked the answer. The method could only be employed in some subjects — Sapa.

Crisis looms in N Tvl DET

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A CRISIS is looming in the Northern Transvaal region of the Department of Education and Training (DET) with about 2 000 teachers still waiting for their July salaries.

The region had unpleasant visitors last week when teachers, parents and students held lunch-hour pickets in Pretoria for three days in a row to highlight the crisis in the region which includes the withholding of teachers' salaries and lack of textbooks.

The salaries were withheld after teachers participated in the National Education Union of SA's defiance campaign of ignoring the DET calendar and refused to report for duty during the June/July holidays.

The department said that teachers who did not report to work would be regarded as being on unpaid leave. It also informed the teachers that their salaries would have to be adjusted and would therefore be paid late.

Three weeks ago, a DET spokesperson told PUPILS FORUM that the department's administrative staff was working overtime to adjust the salaries. However, by the beginning of this week, teachers in Mamelodi, Soshanguve, kwaNdebele and other areas had still not been paid their July salaries.

DET regional deputy director CW Steyn said a computer breakdown had caused delays, but some salaries had already been paid out. He could not say when the remaining salaries would be paid.

Reports indicate that most teachers have pledged not to accept the adjusted salaries. This could mark the beginning of a major confrontation, which could result in the loss of the entire academic year.

The same region has also been unable to provide students with textbooks and this has prompted anger from not only the students, but parents as well.

The lunch-hour pickets failed to bring about any changes and a committee comprising members of the Pretoria Teachers' Union and the Pretoria Education Coordinating Committee was formed to look into other strategies. A meeting with education and development aid minister Stoffel van der Merwe is on the cards.

There is a feeling that the regional DET leadership has blocked the salaries and the textbooks supplies as a deliberate move to suppress progressive organisations in the area.

Steyn said he could not say when the textbooks supplies would be available, because the delay had been caused by the publishers. He refused to comment on the outcome of the delay of the supplies, but admitted that the matric results, in particular, would be a "disaster".

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DET to tighten security for exams

By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training has announced steps to improve security in the writing and marking of this year's matric exams

In the past, the department, which administers schools for black pupils, has been criticised for lax security, particularly during the marking process.

Acting director-general Dirk Scholtz said on Friday that Pretoria's Skilpad Hall would not be used this year. Instead, smaller venues around the city where security could be managed more easily would be used.

Question papers would be set

by qualified examiners and moderators, and were now being packed for distribution to examination centres. A security firm would take the papers to their destinations.

Scripts would be collected daily from schools and all possible precautions taken to ensure they were delivered safely to the department for marking.

Mr Scholtz said the DET, with the aid of the Human Sciences Research Council, was experimenting this year with the use of scanners to mark some papers.

Study aids for matrics had cost the DET R1,4 million. They had been sent to all schools except a few which could not be reached because of township violence.

Ikageng principals hounded

By DAN DHLAMINI

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PROTESTING teachers
chased out principals at
eight Ikageng schools this
week following a DET cir-
cular announcing that
some teachers had been
put on probation

South African Demo-
cratic Teachers' Union
spokesman Elias Luthuli
said the eight principals
were seen by the union
"as an extension of the
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DET Diamond Fields
region spokesman J
Chambers told *City Press*
his department was inves-
tigating the incident

'DET must keep its ²⁵⁶ promises'

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FROM BULELWA PAYI

GRAHAMSTOWN. — Education organisations in Grahamstown are considering legal action against the Department of Education and Training for failing to keep its promise at the beginning of the year of giving schools R825 000 this year.

The National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) and community groups have approached the Legal Resources Centre to investigate the possibility of taking the DET to court.

Although no case has been formulated at this stage, a lawyer from the centre said a legal basis on which the NECC could take DET to court existed.

Meanwhile, residents of Walmer township in Port Elizabeth met the Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Piet Marais, this week in their 70-year-long battle for a high school.

Students tried to march through the white residential area to a nearby Methodist church where the meeting with Marais took place, but were stopped by police. There were no incidents.

After meeting the Walmer Residents Upgrading and Coordinating Steering Committee, Marais said discussions on the issue of a high school for the area had been "frank".

He said that, when he returned to Pretoria, he would assemble his senior officials "to see what we can do". — PEN

Now 'Intensive
Learning' to
help catch up

By Brian Sokutu

In an effort to prepare students for this year's examinations the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) has launched a countrywide "Intensive Learning Campaign."

"We decided on the campaign because 60 percent of tuition time has been lost through violence on the Reef and Natal townships," NECC Southern Transvaal co-ordinator Amon Msane told a press conference.

Mr Msane said packs of 1989 examination papers and model answers were being distributed at all, including rural, schools.

"The Department of Education and Training promised to issue study guides to assist the students, but groups of two to eight have to share them in some cases," he said.

The project is funded by local businessmen and foreign organisations.

Academic Year down the drain

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FROM next week, students under the Department of Education and Training (DET) will sit for their final exams.

PUPILS FORUM spoke to some of those involved in the education process to assess the academic year and expectations of the end of year exam results.

The director of the University Preparation Program, Fanyana Mazibuko, said the academic year had "gone down the drain" and blamed "the whole system" for this.

By the "whole system", he was referring to the political situation in the country, the

DET, students and teachers

With recent revelations of corruption in the DET, he said, the heated relationship between the department, teachers and students was not surprising.

"If that kind of mood prevails at the higher level, one can not expect any good in the schools," he said.

However, impatience in the schools only complicated the situation.

The demands made by the students and the teachers, and the actions that had resulted from the DET's failure to meet those demands, had made the situation more difficult, he said.

Mazibuko said he felt more should be done in future to avert such a situation. The community and the leadership should support the teachers and the students by giving direction.

"We should be able to tell the children that the actual process of learning is part of the struggle.

"If the negotiations with the government succeed, it will mean that more skilled people will be needed, and this is the time in which these skills should be acquired," he said.

The process of guiding the children could be done through people's structures, such as youth organisations and street commit-

tees, he said.

Congress of SA Students (Cosas) Southern Transvaal treasurer Papi Ndlovu argues that, while endorsing the back to school campaign, the DET was aware of the fact that more resources were needed in schools. "However, it did nothing about this, even after we drew its attention to the problems."

Asked if students took into account that their mass actions could result in some losses, the student leader said: "We believe that there is no struggle without casualties. Our loss is part and parcel of our sacrifices to achieve our goal."

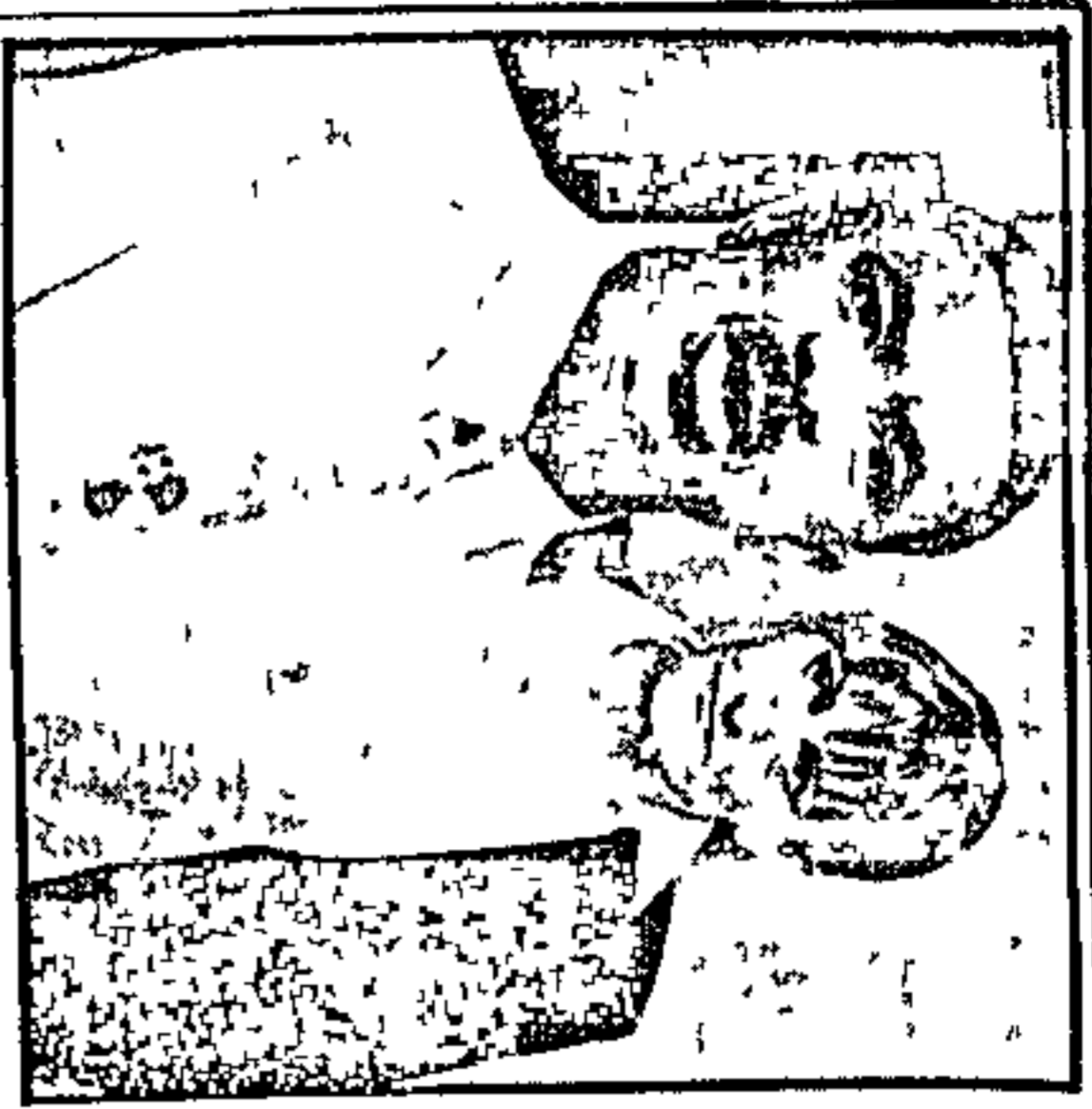
Ndlovu said he had doubts about this year's results and called on the DET and the community to start preparing for next year.

"The DET should reveal its plan for the next year to the community so that inputs can be made to avoid another disaster.

"If the DET and the government feel that they may not be able to cope with the situation, they should say this in time so that the community can decide what to do," he said.

He said that Cosas would hold a national conference in December to draw up its programme of action for the next year.

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Andile principal Mr Shepherd of Mdialane, above, new president of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union, with Ms Dene Smuts, MP for Groota Schuur. Pictures LEON MULLER Weekend Argus. A pile of broken chairs, right, at Andile Primary School, New Crossroads.

CLASSROOMS SHOCK PARENTS



ANGRY pupils and parents from the Andile Primary School in New Crossroads built a large pile of broken chairs in the playground to highlight the "appalling" conditions at many Department of Education and Training schools. Members of the school's parents' committee demanded a meeting with the Minister responsible for DET schools, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe.

Pointing to chairs that consisted of nothing but a metal framework, Mrs Nombele Luthele said, "I don't believe that white children have to sit on chairs like these."

Another mother, Mrs Virginia Genu, said, "The minister must know that we want our school to be like other schools. No one can use such chairs. Our children say they don't want to come to school because they don't want to sit on these chairs all day."

More than 1 200 children are registered at the school this year, although the official capacity is 960.

R100 a month, but matric the key to everything

A LANGA brother and sister, orphaned five years ago and struggling to survive on a joint income of R100 a month, are determined to pass matric.

Busiswa Kewana is 20 and her brother Felix is 19. She is in Standard 9 at ID Mkhase High School in Gugulethu and he is in matric at Mahuzo High School in Khayelisha.

They share a small house with their older brother Shepherd, a casual labourer, and a cousin.

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The Kewanas' mother — they never knew their father — died in Cotesberg in 1985. At the time the younger children were living with an aunt in the Transkei. Relations with her deteriorated after their mother's death and they came to Cape Town to stay with their grandmother. This was not ideal either and the two moved to Langa to

stay with their cousin Felix, who spends R20 a week on fares to Khayelisha, gets R700 a year from the Catholic Education Aid Programme, while Busiswa, whose fares are R16 a week, gets R500.

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Reports: VIVIEN HORLER, Weekend Argus Reporter.



A teacher at Mkhanyiseli Lower Primary school in Nyanga uses lollipop sticks for a counting lesson.

DET SCHOOLS ARE 'IN APPALLING CONDITION'

Principal Mr Shepherd Mdialane, first president of the new South African Democratic Teachers' Union, said his standard three classes had 59 pupils.

"The teachers are very angry because they are not supposed to have more than 40 pupils in a class."

Mrs Luthele said she was worried about the "serious" overcrowding. "We need more teachers. At white schools the ratio of teachers to pupils is more like 1:16 or 1:17."

Overcrowded

The school is overcrowded because the school committee decided at the beginning of this year not to turn away pupils if accommodation could not be found for them elsewhere.

"We have the community of Brown's Farm across the road, with about 30 000 people," said Mr Mdialane. "There is not a single school there, so those children are coming here. And next year even more will want to come. We're going to have a problem."

Already the school was short of 415 chairs, 50 desks as well as stationery and textbooks.

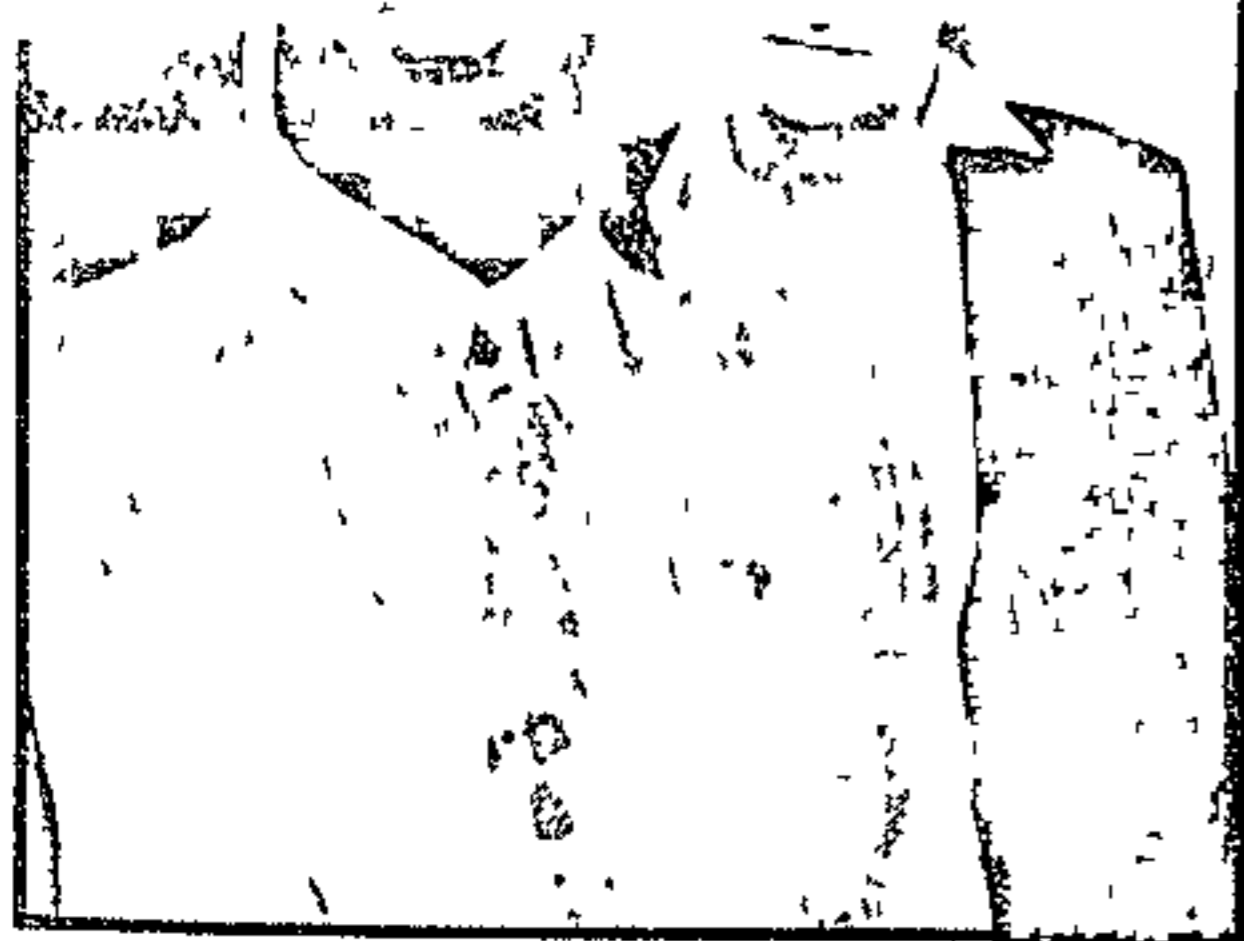
At nearby Mkhanyiseli Lower Primary school in Nyanga, 477 pupils are taught by 10 teachers. All three Sub A classes have between 56 and 58 pupils. Three classrooms, built in 1950, were unusable all winter because their roofs leaked. The principal, Mrs Sylvia Mhane, allows her office to have the multiple functions of staff room and garden shed, with spades and forks piled in a corner.

Many of the classrooms have broken windows, and most of the wooden floor tiles in the Sub A classrooms are missing, leaving bare concrete. The school has no electricity. Children sit three to a desk.

A spokesman for the parents' committee, Mr Sngizwe Swa, said they had approached the DET to upgrade the school, but they had not received a response.

Pupils, right, at Stormont Madubela Primary peer out of the broken windows of their community school. The

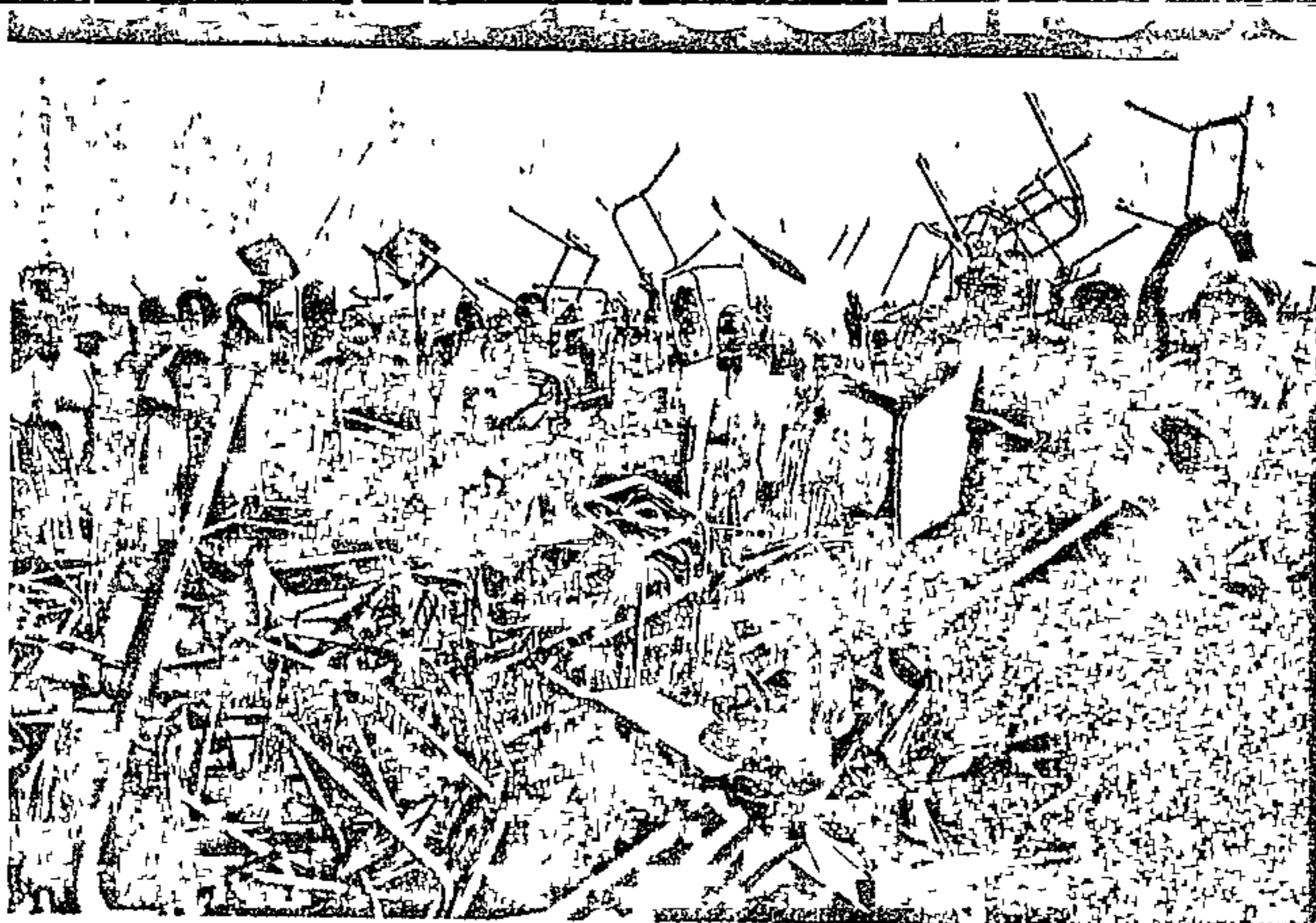




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Pupils, right, at Stormont Madubela primary peer out of the broken windows of their community school. The classroom doubles as a community jail at weekends.



Below: Inside one of the converted container classrooms at Stormont Madubela.



Reports: VIVIEN HORLER, Weeker



A teacher at Mkhanyiseli Lower Primary school sticks for a counting

SCHOOL — BUT IT MAY BE DOOMED

THE cluster of steel containers on a patch of sand at the KTC squatter camp doesn't look like much, but to more than 300 children in the area it is school — and they may lose it.

Principal Mr Wellington Nophotho guesses there are about 4 000 children in shacks in the area, but his is the only school

Stormont Madubela Primary is a community school which receives no State funding. It is officially registered as a private school, which means the Department of Education and Training does not even pay the teachers

For the past nine months a committee has found independent funding to cover the salaries of the 10 teachers, two of whom are qualified while the rest have matric, but this source is set to dry up at the end of the year

Stormont Madubela is one of five community schools started by squatter communities in KTC and Nyanga. More than 2 000 pupils attend the schools daily, taught by 32 teachers. Without these schools there would be no provision for the education of the children

The five schools have applied to the Department of Education and Training for full registration. This is likely to be granted although it is not known when



Last year a scandal broke over matric examination marking in Pretoria. Pupils had access to marking centres and could even handle scripts.

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DET vows to end marking racket

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE DET has vowed to seal loopholes involving the marking of matric examination papers, following last year's scandal when pupils could walk into marking centres and handle scripts.

DET director-general Dr Barnard Louw this week announced measures which would ensure no irregularities occurred.

Last year markers also took hundreds of unmarked scripts home, while some of the pupils who had sat for the examination were employed by DET to distribute the scripts.

DET's chief liaison officer Connie Rademeyer said markers would be forbidden to take papers home, unauthorised people would not be allowed to enter marking centres and strict security measures would be enforced.

Provision would be made for markers to be accommodated in hostels at marking centres to allow them to mark late at night.

Only qualified teachers and lecturers with teaching experience would be appointed.

Additional members of staff would also be employed to ensure that all questions had been marked; that marks were recorded, transferred correctly and mark sheets completed correctly.

Last year's expose found some markers underqualified, overworked and working under great pressure. Some teachers were found to have taken 250 scripts home and marked all of them overnight.

Poor pay - R3,65 a script - was also considered another reason why markers tried to mark as many papers as possible.

Measures would also be taken to ensure the integrity of the examinations, Rademeyer said.

Question papers would be delivered to schools daily to prevent theft and precautions would be taken to see that scripts were delivered to the department safely.

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Cops bar march to DET

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CHANTING Diamond Field region teachers were this week barred by police from marching to the DET offices in Potchefstroom.

Teachers said they had to scuttle in all directions as police - with dogs - fired teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets at them.

Police denied that dogs or teargas was used, but confirmed birdshot and rubber bullets were fired at "illegal marchers who stoned police vehicles".

There were no injuries and no arrests were made.


National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) regional president Simon Sebolai said a delegation eventually managed to escape the Ikageng police roadblock and presented a

memorandum to DET regional director Gunther Merbold.

Their demands include a single service contract for all teachers, a living wage, job security for qualified teachers on "temporary" status, and the reinstatement of Bethal teacher TJ Mothupi.

Neusa expressed concern at letters informing individual teachers their services would be terminated at the end of the year because they had not made themselves available for evaluation by the DET.

It was also concerned about letters from the regional office stating that pupils who had paid exam fees but who had not registered formally with the DET would not be able to write exams.

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1991 exam concessions announced

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Black matric students who write supplementary examinations next year will not have to re-write subjects already passed, it was announced yesterday

Previously, matrics had to rewrite the entire examination, instead of only the subjects they failed.

The concession by the Department of Education and Training (DET) is the result of negotiations with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC), which announced the outcome yesterday.

Black matric students who achieve a 20 percent aggregate in the examinations, starting on Monday, will have two further chances next year at passing.

Supplementary examinations are to be held in February, and the students will also be allowed to enter as private candidates in a further session of supplementary examinations in May.

Marks achieved over the three sessions will be consolidated for final results

NECC general secretary, Ihron Rensburg, said that the concession applied only to school-leavers' and those with a senior certificates.

Those students hoping for a matriculation university exemption would still have to rewrite all subjects.

He said the DET had agreed that where there were special circumstances, it would consider NECC representations on behalf of students who failed to achieve the 20 percent aggregate

Black pupils urged to reject matric boycott

JOHANNESBURG — The National Education Co-ordinating Committee yesterday called on pupils to sit for their matriculation examinations scheduled for Monday

The NECC was reacting to reports that in Bloemfontein students have resolved not to write because of lost time

With only a few days to go, the countdown is about to begin in earnest for South Africa's most emotion-charged matriculation examinations for black candidates

It emerged even more clearly at yesterday's press conference convened by the NECC that the 1990 exams face a number of difficulties, largely arising

from a year of student class boycotts, strikes by teachers and sagging morale resulting from the violence in Natal and parts of the Transvaal

Soon after the NECC announced concessions following negotiations with the Department of Education and Training, it was learned that students in Bloemfontein had resolved not to sit for exams because of insufficient time to make up for lost study

Urging students to write exams, the NECC said yesterday the situation in Bloemfontein was being addressed in earnest by its regional structures

It said the possibility of disruptions during exams were slim and dismissed any question of deploying security forces in or near exam centres

The matric exams, the NECC said, were the most crucial part of efforts to normalise the situation at black schools

Among the concessions, the DET agreed that a 20% marks aggregate would under the circumstances qualify a candidate to rewrite subjects failed. This concession refers only to candidates who fall under the Senior Certificate and school-leaving categories

Also, students in the Senior Certificate category can now consolidate their marks from the 1990 exam with next year's March supplementary exams

On December 7 to 9 the NECC will hold its annual conference specifically aimed at intensifying the back-to-school campaign — Sapa

Afrikaans schools slow to use open vote

By DAVE MARRS
AFRIKAANS medium schools in the Cape are lagging far behind their English-speaking counterparts in applying to vote on the open schools issue

Figures released by the Cape Education Department (CED) show that only three of 720 Afrikaans schools under the control of the department have indicated their desire to test parents' support for a non-racial enrolment policy

Of the total of 104 schools which have applied to vote so far (less than 15% overall), 79 are English medium, three Afrikaans and 22 teach in both languages

Fifty-five out of 97 CED schools in the Cape School Board area have applied to vote on Model B of the three models proposed by the government, including two of the three Afrikaans-medium schools

A spokesman for the CED said there had been no applications in the region for schools to adopt either Model A or Model C, which would result in private or state-aided status and decreased state funding

Shock results predicted for black matric

DURBAN — Black matric results this year are expected to be the worst ever, with gloomy predictions that barely 10% of the 249 000 candidates starting their exams on Monday will pass — compared to the 40% who passed last year

Observers believe the "imminent disaster" is unavoidable and point out that the problem is going to be compounded next year when those who fail this year's exams are going to be back in their already over-crowded classrooms

National Education Co-ordinating Committee information officer Mr Mel Holland said about 30% of the candidates registered were "second time-s" who had failed last year

She estimated that by this time next year there could be an extra 100 000 candidates redoing their matric, in addition to those writing for the first time

This was because many pupils feel they are not ready to write this year and plan to repeat the entire course

In 1989, 40% of the Department of Education and Training (DET) matric pupils in the urban areas passed while 38% passed in the independent homelands including KwaZulu

Prospects for matrics have not im-

proved in spite of a massive "back to school" campaign supported by the ANC

The DET pointed out it had made substantial allowances for students

One concession is that students who obtain a minimum of a 20% aggregate in the upcoming exams qualify to rewrite them in March 1991. Marks from the November exams and March re-writes can also be consolidated, thus giving them a "good chance" of getting a certificate

Ms Holland said that exam results could be particularly bad in Natal and KwaZulu

"The intensification of violence there and on the Reef has led to schools closing. It is bad enough in rural Natal where there are no formal structures to start with, but where schools have closed down they are having to learn sitting on the grass or in private homes

"There is also a resource shortage. The DET underestimated the number of pupils who would be at school and when many returned in response to our campaign there were not enough books."

However, the NECC issued a hopeful message of support to pupils

"The successful conclusion of this academic year still remains a priority. All students and teachers must ensure that they create a spirit of learning in our schools."



FIRST EXAM — Cape Town High matric pupil Camilla Marsicano gets down to the higher grade Xhosa paper on the first day of the Senior Certificate exams yesterday. Picture: ANNE LAING

Beginning of the end for matrics

Staff Reporter
SOME black and white pupils at government schools wrote their first matric examinations on Tuesday

White Senior Certificate exam candidates kicked off with higher grade Latin and various African language papers, including Xhosa higher and standard grades (HG and SG)

Comments from Cape Town High pupils who wrote the higher grade Xhosa paper ranged from "not very nice" to "are they trying to slaughter us on the first day?"

Matric pupils wrote the following exams yesterday

• Department of Education and Training Short-hand theory

• Senior Certificate (House of Assembly) Music HG and SG, shorthand speed attempts, African languages

• Senior Certificate (House of Representatives) Biology HG and SG

Matric pupils may phone the Cape Times at 488 4712 between 2pm and 5pm to comment on their papers

Teachers have been prohibited by top departmental officials from giving their comments on exam papers to the press

DET cannot check school gangs

By SONTI
MASEKO

THE Department of Education and its officials could not investigate reports of gangsterism and drug-peddling involving Soweto pupils because its officials were banned from entering schools, a DET spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Hennie de Wet was reacting to a *Sowetan* report about parents who have been escorting their children home to protect them from a gang's reign of terror sweeping through Soweto schools.

He said inspectors and other senior officials were barred and most schools did not report to the regional offices.

"These problems do not come through our channels and we only read about them in the newspapers," he said.

Drugs

The department released a statement that drug abuse at schools and the disruption of the educational activities could not be reconciled with sound education and tuition.

"It is therefore encouraging to learn that the parents are taking a hand in the protection of their children from these evils, even at the cost of personal sacrifice in the form of leave taken for this purpose.

"This action endorses the views of the department that communities should take responsibility for the well-being of their children and the safeguarding of education."

Crisis

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee took a different view and said the

situation at the schools was brought about by the complete breakdown of relations between teachers, parents and students, which was worsened by the continuing crisis in education.

— NECC spokesman, Ms Mel Holland said gangsterism and drug abuse at schools was a way in which students were expressing their frustration with the system.

She said during the period 1985-86, one out of every five detainees was a student. This action by the State broke down structures like the Congress of South African Students which could provide leadership and control for the students.

More democratisation of structures like the teachers-parents-student associations and a sense of vision of their future were possible solutions to the problems, she said.

DET exams get off to good start

Education Reporter and Sapa

Department of Education and Training (DET) matric examinations started well yesterday with only two apparent incidents of disruption and intimidation.

A DET spokesman said he did not have details of these cases which occurred in the Free State. There was high attendance throughout the country.

Exams started a week after schedule following negotiations between the DET and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) to give pupils more preparation time needed after sporadic disruption of classes and teachers' boycotts throughout the year.

Concessions

About 249 000 fulltime candidates are expected to sit for exams at 1 725 centres in the country.

Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe has given additional concessions to students allowing those who obtain an average of 20 percent to qualify for supplementary exams during March or May/June next year. Students, however, will not be allowed to sit for both sets of these examinations.

Candidates who do not pass this year, but who score a total of 420 marks, may also repeat the entire examination with the aim of gaining matric exemption

DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said a security firm had been employed as a precaution against breaches of security during transporting and handling of question papers.

The firm will transport papers to the education departments of the TBVC countries, self-governing national states and DET regional offices.

"Special training has been given to investigators in an endeavour to prevent irregularities at examination centres," Dr Louw said.

Results are expected to be available early in January 1991.

NECC information officer Mel Holland said it was quite possible that there were disruptions in the Free State, which was the area hardest hit by the education crisis this year.

Pupils in some Free State areas had refused to sit for exams and proposed to write next year. However, the NECC had instructed its local structures to negotiate with students to write this year, Mr Holland said.

The DET's Johannesburg regional director, R R Motau, said attendance of students writing examinations in his region ranged from 95 to 99 percent of registered students.

DET pupils, who yesterday wrote Sotho, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Tsonga and Swazi 1 for first and third-language speakers, today write the second papers in these subjects and Afrikaans 1 for first and third-language speakers.

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OFS schools mar good exam turnout

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

No black matric examinations were written at five schools in the Free State yesterday because of intimidation, the Department of Education and Training said.

At another school, intimidators had been driven away by teachers and examinations had continued.

A DET spokesman said all six schools were in the Bloemfontein area. There had been a high turnout in other areas.

● Teachers said yester-

day's matric papers were fair. A Soweto teacher said the Afrikaans paper written by DET candidates was "promising".

Transvaal Education Department (TED) examinations also proceeded smoothly. Frank Delbianco, headmaster of Roosevelt High School, said teachers and matrics felt the woodwork paper was fair.

Ingrid Potgieter, a teacher at Settlers Agricultural High School, said the agricultural science paper was rather long. Typing pupils were pleased with their paper.

DET gets tough over exams

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THE Department of Education and Training has introduced measures that may be taken should a candidate be suspected of having had an unfair advantage in an examination.

These are that:

* A candidate may be prohibited from entering the examination room or from further writing the exam;

* The department may refuse to recognise the results obtained by the candidate;

* Any person in the exam who tries to bribe or succeeds in bribing someone else or accepts bribes as a reward for any act to obtain an unfair advantage shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine or to imprisonment;

* If any person attempts to impersonate a candidate in order to write the exam on his/her behalf, then both the impersonator and the candidate shall be liable to a fine or to imprisonment.

Pupils asked to return books

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THE Department of Education and Training has appealed to all pupils to return textbooks to their schools, before the end of this month so as not to inconvenience pupils next year.

Mr Hennie de Wet, DET's public relations officers in Pretoria, said yesterday that should pupils heed this call, it would tremendously help to avoid future storms about shortages of books - such as the one that erupted this year.

The cost

De Wet said it would cost the department more than R5-million if all the 500 000 pupils in Standard 10 failed to return one book each. This, he said, was a conservative figure, as most books cost more than R10 each.

"If no books are returned to schools, the amount needed to replace them becomes astronomical. No, education depart-

By NKOPANE
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ment can afford to disburse such amounts of money unnecessarily. They simply do not have the funds.

"If every pupil in every school faithfully returns the books issued to him or her, the department has to buy new books only to accommodate the annual increase in numbers

"Shortages would not have to be made up, as was the case this year. The money saved in that way could be used to improve the quality of education. It is quite possible that many books that should be in use at the schools are lying idle in the homes of former pupils who have long since left school," he said.

Losses

In June this year, the DET (Johannesburg region) said for the past five years more than 5 500 books (800 books a school on average) had been lost, destroyed, or not returned every year.

A spokesman said in the past five years more than 300 000 textbooks had been supplied on regular order. Together with existing stock there should have been a total of about 500 000 books (seven textbooks a pupil) at that stage.

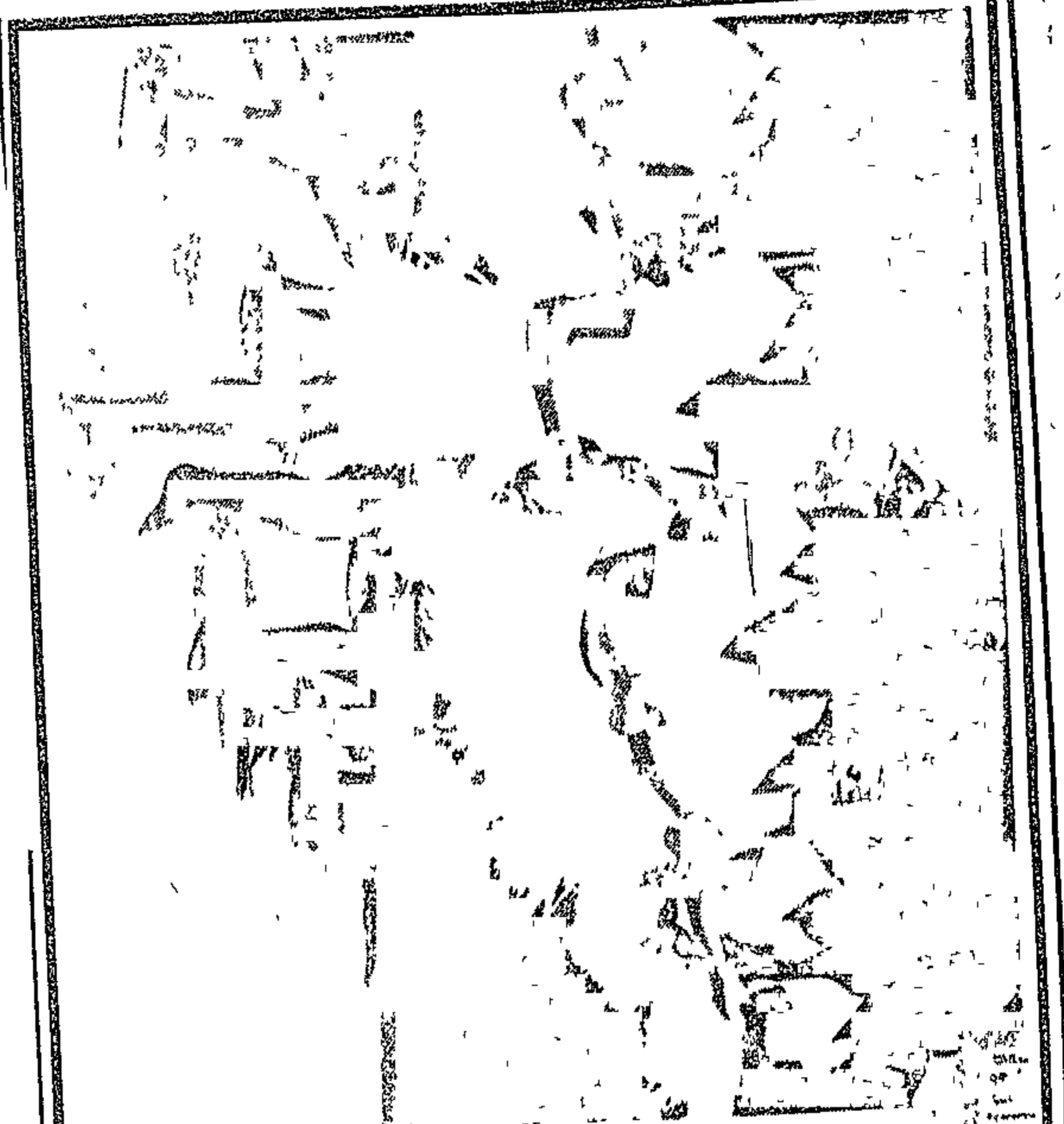
Education in rural areas to get **high** priority

By NIKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Department of Education and Training is giving a high priority to education in rural areas, Mr Sam De Beer, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing, said at the weekend.

He was speaking at the official opening of Fortuna Valley School near Balfour. The farm school has three teachers and 98 pupils. Next year it will have 120 teachers, whose salaries will be paid by the Government. De Beer said the ex-

Young girls performing a traditional dance during the official opening of Fortuna Valley Farm School. Pics by VELL NHIAPO



tent and importance of the programme of farm schools could be emphasised by DET statistics.

At the end of 1989, there were 5 672 farm schools under the control of the DET. In addition, education was provided to 467 869 pupils by 12 334 teachers.

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With regard to the department's concern with farm schools, De Beer listed - among other things - the following examples:

* The bridging period classes would be extended to rural areas as from January 1991;

* Teachers' centres were now also established in rural areas;

* The building of teachers' dwellings was now subsidised;

* Inspector's circuits had been reduced to enable inspectors to visit farm schools on a more regular basis; and

* A private consultant was offering management training courses to all

farm school principals. This course enabled them to manage their schools more effectively.

"The Fortuna School has, since the beginning of any school was its the extensive education programme to provide education for farm school pupils," he said.

De Beer said the heart of a any school was its teachers, who held in their hands the future of pupils. For this reason, to be a successful teachers did not depend only on the imparting of the knowledge of the subject they taught.

DET suspends unionists

By LULAMA LUTI

TEACHERS in Bohlokong near Bethlehem have threatened not to mark internal examination scripts until two of their colleagues, who were suspended last month, were reinstated

MP Jacobs and ZM

Leeu, members of the National Education Union of South Africa, were suspended by the DET - allegedly for their union activities

Jacobs and Leeu were reportedly mandated by Neusa to write a letter to Motshepuwa Primary School principal

SA Nkosi, demanding a refund of money deducted from two teachers' salaries. Jacobs and Leeu were later suspended

A Neusa spokesman this week confirmed that teachers in the area had decided they would not mark exam scripts until the two were reinstated.

Meanwhile, several meetings between parents and DET officials have failed to resolve the pending conflict.

At another meeting on Tuesday, principals of all schools in the area decided to stage a "sit-in" at the DET area offices to protest the reinstatement of Jacob and Leeu.

The DET could not be reached for comment

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DET spends R337,5-m ²⁵⁶

THE Department of Education and Training has spent R337,5 million on building schools and classrooms in the northern Transvaal this year.

Liaison officer for the region Mr Thomas Kekana said yesterday those projects had been undertaken in Naboomspruit, Soshanguve and Carletonville, while construction on new schools in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville start next year. ^{21/11/90}

Minister seeks ruling against teachers' union

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THE SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) has until next Tuesday to show cause why it should not be interdicted against disobeying Department of Education and Training (DET) instructions.

The interdict application was brought by Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe on Tuesday this week against the Sadtu Witbank branch and 428 school principals and teachers of the department in the Witbank area.

In a statement yesterday, the DET said the application was in response to "evidence that Witbank's branch of Sadtu had issued written instructions to schools in the area to the effect that the internal examinations be conducted contrary to the management and arrangements of the department".

In terms of the application, Sadtu and its branch committee in the Witbank inspection circuit of the DET have to show cause why they should not be restrained from instructing or encouraging teachers to ignore or to act contrary to departmental instructions, or to hinder or in any way prevent inspectors or other officers of the DET from

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entering school premises to perform their duties and functions. (256)

However, an agreement on "certain terms of the application" was reached by the respondents before the application was heard and the DET said the court had ordered the agreement be made available to all teachers in the Witbank area who had to give reasons on or before Tuesday next week why it should not be confirmed.

Principals are to comply with all departmental instructions in relation to the moderation and submission of schedules of the results of the internal examinations of the DET.

The school principals are also to give all instructions to teachers at their respective schools to ensure that these instructions are complied with.

It was also part of the agreement that the members of the Witbank branch committee of Sadtu and principals and teachers would not issue any reports to the pupils in respect of the internal examinations until the moderation of the results by the DET has been completed.

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ing an explanation for the discrepancy, they were informed that the DET intended taking over the schools "at the earliest convenience".

DET officials said for this "takeover" to be orderly it had to coincide with the financial year, and the department would therefore resume control on April 1 1991

Commenting on the decision, officials of the Clermont Education Co-ordination Committee said they wanted the takeover to be effective from the beginning of the 1991 school year.

Virginia Gcabashe said it was "educationally unsound" to make the transfer during the course of the school term. She said the decision by the DET to take the schools back from Ulundi was a "resounding victory" for the local community (256)

"During the time that our schools were under kwaZulu, they were, and continue to be, in the worst state of disrepair

"Our primary demand is that the DET should make good the discrepancies in the provision of education occasioned by kwaZulu's administration of our schools "

However, the victory of Gcabashe and her organisation could be short-lived

In a move which could affect black schools throughout the country, the government has published notice of its intention to amend the law so that the takeover promised by the DET might never go ahead.

The proposed amendment to the Education and Training Act allows Pretoria to enter into agreements with independent or self-governing states about the provision of education.

In terms of this agreement, these states may provide education at schools in any part of the country if asked to do so by Pretoria.

The Bill would regularise the existing situation in Clermont and kwaDabeka and would mean that kwaZulu could continue to run the schools there

But it also has far wider implications. It means that other self-governing territories presently administering education without lawful authority may continue to do so because the Bill operates retrospectively.

It also opens the way for the DET to ask kwaZulu, Venda, Qwa-Qwa or any other such state to come into a township currently outside its own geographic borders and take over the running of schools which are presently the responsibility of the DET

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Victory may not last long for kwaZulu school pupils

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The DET has agreed to take over from Ulundi schools in Clermont near Durban. But a proposed amendment to education laws may allow homeland governments to influence the schooling of South African children

CARMEL RICKARD reports

TENS of thousands of school pupils will find themselves under the jurisdiction of Pretoria rather than Ulundi from April next year, thanks to the efforts of the local community and Durban's Legal Resources Centre

For the last 18 years the children in Clermont and kwaDabeka outside Durban have been attending schools which fall under the Department of Education and Culture of kwaZulu

However, members of the community have begun to question why they should not fall under the (South African) Department of Education and Training (DET)

Clermont is not part of kwaZulu, and there appear to be no legal grounds for Ulundi to run the schools there

Some parents, complaining that their children were receiving inferior education and had less spent on them than they would under the DET, asked the LRC to act for them.

They wanted to challenge the right of Pretoria to hand over administration of the Clermont schools to Ulundi when the township was outside the geographic borders of kwaZulu

LRC lawyers wrote several letters to the two education departments and, instead of receiv-

DET suspends teacher

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THE Department of Education and Training has suspended the chairman of the Saulsville-Atteridgeville Teachers' Union, Mr Leonard Dau, who allegedly prevented DET officials from entering the premises of the school where he teaches.

Dau, a teacher at Thohoyandou Primary School, faces charges of misconduct for allegedly preventing departmental officials from executing their duties when they visited his school, a spokesman for the DET said yesterday.

In a statement released yesterday,

By MONK NKOMO

SATU called on the DET to unconditionally reinstate Dau and another teacher, Mr TA Makitla, who was allegedly unfairly dismissed from his post. A spokesman for the DET said Makitla agreed to be temporarily employed at Gatang Secondary School in Mamelodi from January to June this year because that post belonged to another teacher who reported back to school in June. He rejected allegations that Makitla was dismissed.

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Get to work or else . . . says DET official

By LULAMA LUTI

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THE Department of Education and Training (DET) has warned teachers in Bohlakong near Bethlehem to return to work or "face appropriate action".

This week DET assistant director for Bethlehem Caesar Venter said teachers were given a November 27 deadline to submit marks for all subjects and promotion schedules.

"The final day for the promotions by myself and principals is November 28 and thereafter I will be away on holiday," he said.

The teachers' decision follows the suspension of two colleagues allegedly for involvement in the National Education Union of South Africa.

Venter confirmed the suspension of MP Jacobs and ZM Leeu, but declined to give reasons.

In another development the DET has issued notices to 104 teachers informing them of salary deductions because they were absent from school on July 10.

City Press was this week shown the notice, which said an amount of R94 would be deducted from salaries in January.

Venter also confirmed this.

Confusion over merging results

New Nation (Pupils Forum)

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WHILE the country is awaiting poor exam results because of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) shortcomings, 25 students at the BP-Sowetan school could lose the year due to exam registration irregularities.

The school, initiated last year by BP and "The Sowetan", was meant to help students who fail matric to rewrite the following year as full-time candidates. This year it had 858 students, according to the headmaster.

While the school enjoys respect for providing good tuition, the future of 25 of its students are in jeopardy.

One student told PUPILS FORUM she had registered to write six subjects: Swazi, English, Afrikaans, Business Economics, Economics and Accounting.

The 22-year-old Veronica Ngema said she registered in March but only received her timetable in September, which did not allow her to write Swazi.

Her headmaster told her not to worry about this as she had passed the subject the previous year and had the right to ask the DET to merge this with her 1990 results.

PUPILS FORUM ran a story a few months ago about a finishing school student who was in a similar situation. The DET had refused to merge his results, arguing that he had written in two different types of sittings - first as a full-time candidate and then as a private candidate.

Ngema will be writing as a full-time can-

didate for the second time. However, it is unlikely that her results will be merged because, in terms of existing regulations, full-time candidates' results obtained in different sittings may not be merged.

Her headmaster, Jenny Smith, claimed the school had been afforded "special status" and all its pupils would write the November exam as the supplementary one they were supposed to have written in March.

She said their results would therefore be merged since the exam was being written to upgrade the previous results.

This could not be verified with the DET.

Smith said she only received the timetables in August and was given 24 hours to verify any mistakes and send them back to the DET. However, she was unable to reach all the students as they did not attend full-time.

Some students at the school are said to be without timetables and others are reported to have been registered twice for the same subject.

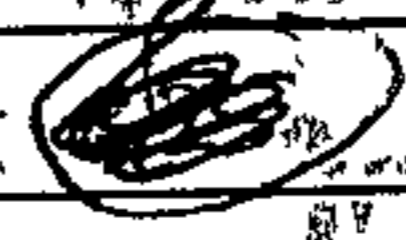
A DET official, Hannes Schoeman, said he could not say whether the results could be merged.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee is making representations to the DET to try and help the students.

The organisation's Southern Transvaal region has also been receiving complaints from students in DET schools who have still not received their timetables.

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Stoffel moves to stop issue of reports

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

The Minister of Education and Training Dr. Stoffel van der Merwe has obtained an urgent interim Supreme Court ruling to stop 428 Witbank principals and teachers issuing thousands of unauthorised school reports this week.

In papers before the court, the Witbank branch of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) and 428 Department of Education and Training (DET) principals and teachers were accused of "isolating" the DET.

Dr van der Merwe said the Witbank branch of the Sadtu had issued written instructions to schools to the effect that the internal examinations were to be conducted contrary to DET instructions. The Sadtu had issued its own timetable and said that pupils should not attend school on certain days.

DET officials and inspectors had been refused entry to the DET's Witbank schools and principals were not complying with DET instructions on the moderation of results.

In an affidavit, DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said

the respondents were creating a situation in which, contrary to public interest, pupils would be issued with reports purporting to be official department documents.

These reports would say the pupil had passed an examination conducted according to the uniform standards and requirements of the Education Act.

He said that during the year the union had issued a circular which made it clear it was organising a campaign to isolate the DET from its schools, principals and teachers.

Before the application was heard an agreement was reached between the Minister and the respondents that it would be in the best interests of the pupils that certain terms of the application should be subject to an immediate agreement.

In terms of the agreement principals were to comply with all department instructions on the moderation of results.

Principals were to instruct their teachers to comply with the order. Principals were also to attend a DET meeting to moderate end-of-year results.

The order was granted by Mr Justice Swart. The respondents have been given until tomorrow to give reason why the agreement should not be made final.

Witbank teachers *star 28/11/90* bow to DET terms

Pretoria Correspondent

Witbank schoolteachers, taken to court by the Minister of Education and Training for not complying with instructions, have now agreed to comply with DET directives

Last week the application in the Pretoria Supreme Court by the Minister against the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) and the principals and teachers at 18 black schools was postponed to yesterday

It was to obtain an interdict stopping Sadtu and the others from writing exams on their own dates, thus shortening the school year.

At the time, Sadtu and the principals agreed to comply with lawful DET instructions. It appeared that teachers had also submitted to the agreement

Mr Justice le Roux ordered that copies of the order now directing them to comply be distributed to all the teachers.

Sowetan 30/11/90

The Johannesburg region of the DET has announced that it will have spent more than R21-million on construction and repair of school buildings in Soweto and Alexandra by the end of March next year. Work has already started to renovate and put additional classrooms at Lobone Secondary School in Mofolo Central, Soweto.

function was

held at the school this week to inform parents, teachers and pupils about the R4-million project that is to take three years to

finish. Standing on the site where operations began recently are Mr D Lombard, a building inspector, Mr T M Douglas, a school

inspector, Mr J H Erni, an architect, Mr Jacob Nkosi, the school principal, and Mr A J Lamprecht, a building inspector.

Marketing employee Jean Broskie with warehouse in Empire Road, Johannesburg. Picture: Stephen Davimes.

treated in London and Johannesburg. He was in Durban recently. — Own Correspondent

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DET revises school calendar

By Karen Stander

Black schools in the Department of Education and Training's regions will use separate school calendars next year, bringing their term dates more into line with the calendars used by white, coloured and Indian schools in the areas.

DET director-general Dr Bernard Louw said the calendar had been amended to bring about greater uniformity with the school calendars of other departments.

The amended dates would not apply to schools for special education and technical colleges.

The new calendar is:

● Cape region: first term January 21 to March 28, second term April 8 to

June 21, third term July 15 to September 20, fourth term September 30 to November 29.

● Free State region first term January 16 to March 28, second term April 15 to June 28, third term July 15 to September 20, fourth term October 1 to November 29.

● Natal region first term January 16 to March 22, second term April 3 to June 28, third term July 22 to September 27, fourth term October 7 to November 29.

● Diamond Fields, Highveld, Johannesburg, Northern Transvaal and Orange Vaal regions: first term January 9 to March 28, second term April 15 to July 5, third term July 29 to September 20, fourth term October 1 to November 29.

Matric: now wait for results begins

School is finally out for thousands of matric pupils who write the final paper of their examinations today — but now the nailbiting wait for results begins.

Transvaal Education Department candidates and Indian pupils under the Department of Education and Culture: House of Delegates were writing their last paper today.

Exams at coloured schools ended last Friday, black schools under the Department of Education and Training finished on Tuesday and schools which write the Joint Matriculation Board examination wrote their last paper on Wednesday.

The first results — of candidates from the TED, coloured and Indian schools — are expected during the week before Christmas. JMB results are expected soon after Christmas, and DET candidates will have to wait until early January. — Education Reporter

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Number of settlers in SA rising again

By Helen Grange

South Africa has drawn more immigrants this year than any other year since 1984 — an unmistakable vote of confidence in the future of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs said yesterday.

Up to the end of September this year, 10 987 immigrants made South Africa their home and 3 642 people emigrated, leaving a net gain of 7 345, according to Central Statistical Services.

In 1985, one of the most unstable periods in South Africa's political history, only 6 486 people came to the country. In the next two years, there were losses of 6 717 and 3 221. But the years 1988 and 1989 once again showed gains of 2 633 and 6 359.

DET builds squatter schools

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The Department of Education and Training is planning to build schools in the Soshanguve squatter camp north of Pretoria. *New Nation* 30/11-6/12/90
A spokesperson for the DET this week confirmed that plans for the building of the schools were advanced.

The squatter camp was started this year after thousands fled their homes in Winterveld to escape Bophuthatswana government harassment.

New schools in the area will provide education for thousands of children who have been denied the opportunity in the homeland.

In addition to the harassment from Bophuthatswana authorities, children have been unable to attend school because of the stringent admission requirements in the homeland.

PUPILS FORUM has learnt, that for a child to be accepted at a government school in Bophuthatswana, parents have to produce a birth certificate to prove that the child is of Tswana origin. The child's parents also have to be homeland citizens before admission is granted.

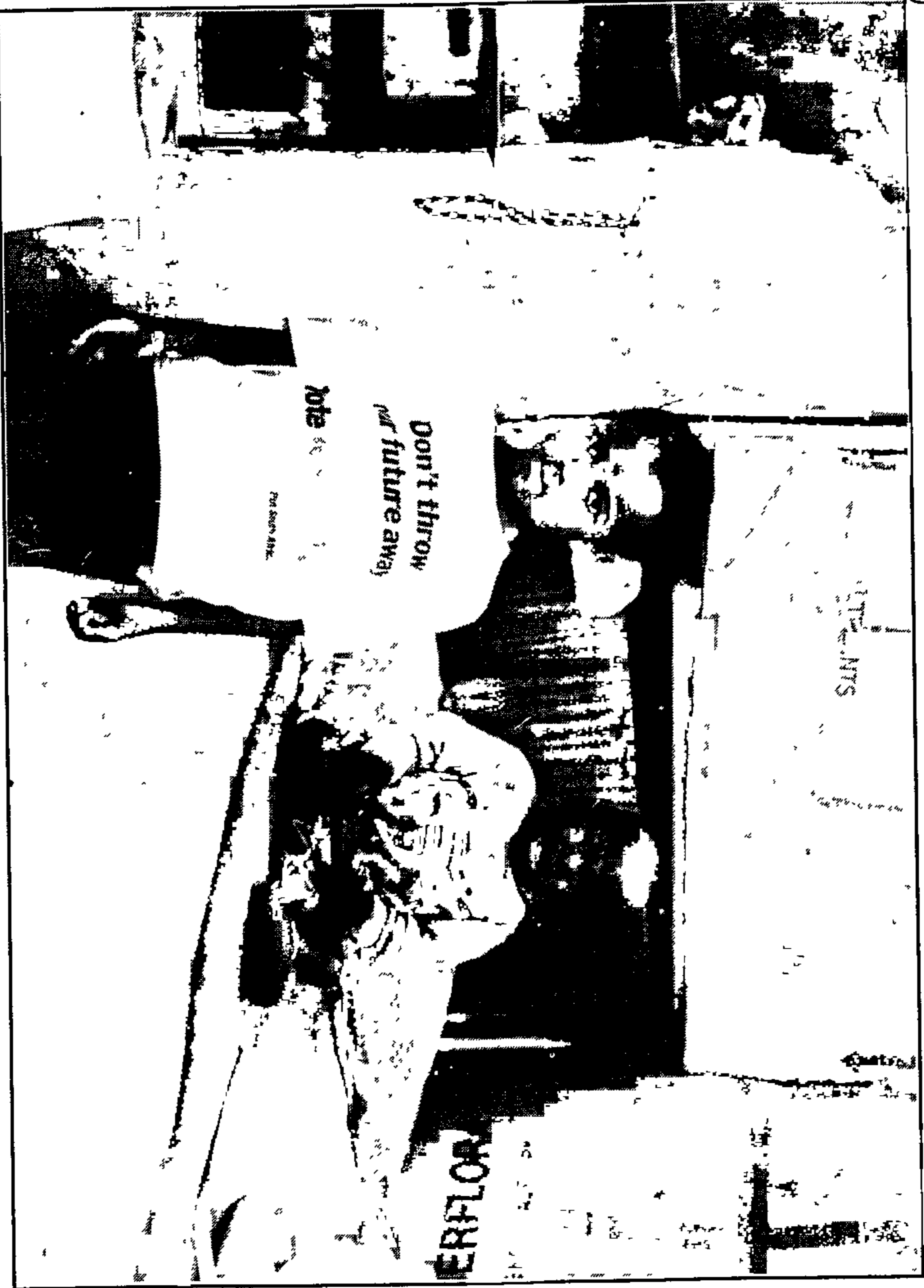
Prospective pupils also have to produce an immunisation certificate and a receipt from the community or tribal authority confirming that their parents have paid rent.

This has made it difficult for thousands of parents to send their children to government schools. Many have resorted to private schools at great cost.

However, unlike the private schools in other areas, those in Bop are described by many people as "health hazards".

Most of these corrugated iron schools have sand floors and no doors. This makes schooling in winter very difficult.

The furniture consists of a few broken benches and desks and there are no toilet facilities or running water.



THE DET has voted not throw away the future of these children by undertaking to build schools in the Soshanguve squatter camp where thousands do not attend school.

Education officials deny fiddling books

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Four senior officials, who served on a committee which recommended books to be prescribed for black schools, earned hundreds of thousands of rands in royalties after anthologies of poetry they compiled were prescribed.

Three of the officials have since left the Department of Education and Training. The fourth, senior deputy education specialist Peter Southey, whose book "Poetry Quest" (published by Hodder and Stoughton, cover price R7,50) has been prescribed for Std 8 next year, is now chairman of the committee.

Contacted by The Star, Mr Southey agreed that "some people might view this as corruption".

"But any investigation of corruption should be based on whether an inferior product is being chosen over a superior product"

Recused

Mr Southey said it was true that those on the committee were "aware of the opportunities" presented "and that a lot of money can be made".

"Some people might feel that my colleagues would support my book because they know me. But anyone appointed as a subject advisor should be able to compile this kind of book, or otherwise they should never have been appointed."

Mr Southey said he had recused himself from the discussion when his book had been under consideration.

However, DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer denied that there was "anything strange" about prescribing books written or edited by officials "with

the right expertise and experience"

"This happens in all education departments," he said.

"One must be sure that an objective procedure is used in the selection and a system which rules out favouritism. The DET has such a system"

The former officials are Benny Buys, deputy director of adult education until his retirement in October last year; Robin Gilfillan, who was a head office subject advisor for English; and Herman Kotze, national subject advisor for English and who resigned earlier this year.

"Sestet" by Herman Kotze and Patricia Terry, published by Fountain Press (cover price R7,50) has been prescribed for Std 7 next year. "African Sky Blue" by Benny Buys and R Gilfillan, published by Longman (cover price R8,40), was first prescribed for Std 6 in 1987 and is to be used again next year.

Publishers said the royalty paid to editors for anthologies was 12 percent of the cover price.

Mr Buys said he had also recused himself when the committee had discussed his book.

"I have clean conscience, I was never involved in anything like that. This is just mud-slinging."

He said an estimate that he and Mr Gilfillan had jointly earned R500 000 from "African Sky Blue" was "preposterous".

"It was definitely not that much. I didn't earn a fifth of that," he said

Mr Buys said the subject committee could only make a recommendation on prescribed books and the final decision was made by the Director-General.

Mr Rademeyer said 134 373 copies of "Poetry Quest" and 179 851 copies of "Sestet" had been ordered for schools in the

DET regions for 1991 "African Sky Blue" had been used since 1987 and 22 492 additional copies had been ordered for 1990 and 28 492 for next year.

He said the numbers ordered by the "self-governing" territories of QwaQwa, Lebowa, Gazankulu, KwaZulu, KaNgwane and KwaNdebele were not available, but confirmed that representatives from these education departments served on DET book selection committees

The number of pupils enrolled in schools in these areas in 1989 was 241 000 in Std 6, 193 000 in Std 7 and 170 000 in Std 8.

Mr Rademeyer said two committees were involved in the selection of prescribed books. The process differed slightly from the selection of textbooks

A publisher submitted six copies of a book or manuscript to be evaluated.

Submitted

One copy was sent to each of three members of a selection committee, who each wrote a report after examining the work. These committee members were required to sign a declaration that they had not written or ghost-written the books evaluated.

A copy of the book, together with the reports, was then submitted to a 14-person subject committee, which would make the final recommendation before the book was placed on a list of prescribed books.

Mr Southey and the three former DET officials had served on this subject committee, but not on the selection committee.

Mr Rademeyer said in the case of textbooks, committee members handled anonymous manuscripts

Mr Gilfillan and Mr Kotze could not be contacted by The Star for comment.

DET sacks thousands

of teachers

STimes 2/12/90
THOUSANDS of black teachers in the Transvaal and the Free State lost their jobs this week, setting the scene for what the SA Democratic Teachers' Union forecasts as a "chaotic and violence-ridden 1991"

But according to the Department of Education and Training, it's the teachers' own fault.

The union claims that

By MARION DUNCAN

"not less than" 4 000 primary and secondary school teachers have refused to be evaluated by the DET's circuit inspectors, as set out in their conditions of service

They allege that the inspectors victimise teachers, particularly those known as activists in the "education struggle"

Warning

The Director of Liaison Services for the DET, Corrie Rademeyer, said:

"We warned about this situation earlier in the year when it became clear that inspectors were being prevented from gaining access to schools

"We said that teachers on probation (those hired this year and late-last year who have not yet been evaluated) could lose their jobs if they persisted with these actions"

The regional offices of the DET in the Transvaal and the Free State sent out letters in October asking probationary teachers to "apply in writing to be evaluated".

Deadline

The letters warned "Refusal to be evaluated may lead to people themselves being responsible for the termination of their own services"

Final reminders were mailed in mid-November stating that "if no reply is received from you on or before 30 November 1990 it will be assumed that it is your intention to act in conflict with the Departmental instruction and your services will be terminated."

Said SADTU assistant general secretary Thembelani Thulas Nxesi: "We met Minister Louis Pienaar on November 23 and had discussions with him about temporary teachers and those on probation"

"We agreed to set up a joint working committee on the issues, so you can imagine how surprised we were when these letters started arriving"

"SADTU agrees that evaluation of teachers is necessary, but we see nothing wrong with this being carried out by the school principals"

Teachers' union meets the DET

Open 2/12/90

By SANDILE MEMELA

A ROW is brewing between the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) and the Department of Education and Training (DET) after threats to teachers on probation who refuse to be evaluated by inspectors and principals.

This comes after the historic meeting this week between a Sadtu delegation and National Education Minister AL Pienaar in Pretoria, where a joint working committee was established

Also agreed on was a structure for collective bargaining by teachers and new criteria for teacher representation

in negotiations with the DET.

In a joint statement, Pienaar undertook to treat urgently the permanent appointment of teachers employed as temporary personnel.

But Sadtu assistant general secretary Thembelani Nxesi said some Sadtu members with temporary posts who refused to be evaluated were still being victimised.

He said several temporary teachers had received letters threatening them with loss of their jobs.

"Threatening teachers with expulsion is not likely to resolve the crisis," said Nxesi.

He promised his organisation would do

everything to protect the interests of its members.

He has demanded the DET prove its commitment to resolving the education crisis by withdrawing its threats to teachers

"We are committed to the resolution of the education problem, but will use everything in our power to defend our members and fight for justice in education," said Nxesi

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibiyi, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

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Teachers to submit to DET

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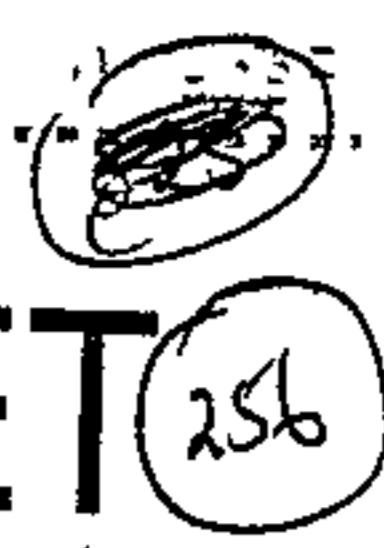
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Educationists to visit DET marking centres

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By NKOPANE
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THE Department of Education and Training is to invite educational groups and the media to visit the marking centres.

Dr Bernard Louw, the DET's director-general, yesterday said this decision had been taken because the community had shown keen interest in the 1990 Standard 10 examinations.

Several requests for visits to observe the process of marking and the procedures for ensuring the validity of the results had been made

"The visits will be arranged in such a way that the 7 000 examiners and markers will not be disturbed or disrupted in their enormous task of marking the expected 2.6 million answer scripts

Consent

"Provided the examiners concerned give their consent, suitably qualified and experienced members of the visiting groups will be allowed to look at some answer scripts in their field of expertise. Their professional standing will have to be the same as those of the examiners



BERNARD LOUW

"The visitors will also observe the process of moderating, in which random samples of scripts are taken for scrutiny by the examiners. The purpose of the inspection of random samples is to ensure that the set standards of marking are uniformly applied," he said.

Louw also said in a separate process, the Joint Matriculation Board also takes its own random samples to satisfy itself that its standards have been met and that certificates issued are of the same standard as those of

all other education departments.

"I regard the keen interest in the examinations and the marking process as a most positive development. It is therefore with pleasure that I accede to the request for groups to observe the process of marking.

Fair

"However, in its desire to be open and accessible, the department has to honour its obligation towards candidates for confidentiality and fair treatment of each script. It also has an obligation towards the examiners and markers who are professionals in their own right," he said.

* Matric results may be released in early January next year, a DET spokesman said yesterday. They could not give a specific date at this stage.

He said: "Although we would like like to release the results soon, it must be understood that we are faced with a magnitude of scripts. Our task compared with that of other education departments speaks for itself. However, we shall try to do everything in our power that the results are out as soon as possible."

DET closes school hostel after 'disruptive action'

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THE Department of Education and Training has closed indefinitely hostels at the Central Secondary School in Soshanguve due to disruptive actions and damage to the buildings.

This was disclosed by Mr Job Schoeman, DET's Regional Chief Director announced on Monday

Schoeman said the estimated cost of repairs to vandalised buildings was R1,4-million - the same cost as a new primary school.

The hostel was closed yesterday

In a statement released on Monday, Schoeman said the school's management council had also been informed that a continuation of the unruly behaviour of students and some teachers may result in the closure of the school.

By MONK NKOMO

"The disruptive and negative actions of certain groups in Soshanguve during the year have caused a complete breakdown in order and discipline at the school.

Intimidation

"This has resulted in attacks on and intimidation of pupils, teachers and hostel staff, as well as widespread vandalism," Schoeman said.

He added that the DET could not afford to use valuable resources to repair damage caused by "wanton, senseless vandalism while other communities are in dire need of additional facilities."

Schoeman 5/12/90

Record R79,5m spent on school buildings

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By NKOPANE
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THE Highveld region of the Department of Education and Training will have spent a record amount of R79,5 million for the building and repair of schools by the end of the current financial year in March 1991.

Mr JH Booysen, the region's chief director, said this amount is part of the R93,9 million tied up in building projects at present.

He said it includes expenditure incurred in the erection of new school buildings for the five areas of the Highveld, building of additional classrooms to existing schools, and or additions of administration blocks and special centres.

Projects

The biggest projects covered by this amount include the East Rand College of Education in KwaThema, which was built in three phases and has now reached completion at the cost of R17 million.

The Tlamoha Technical College, also in KwaThema, has been completed at the cost of R7,9 million. The other is the Mpondozankomo Technical College in KwaGuqa in Witbank. It has been erected at the cost of R5,7 million.

Booyesen said other projects under the annual building programme in an area are:

Area

In the Alberton area office, eight new schools are included, five of which have been built and the remaining three to be completed soon.

Those completed are Eketsang, Ntombizodwa, Siyabule, all secondary schools in Katlehong and Songoba Primary School, also in Katlehong. Nqubela Primary School in Tokoza, is also about to reach completion.

Finally for this area is Khayelihle Primary School, a recently completed school in Vosloorus. It was built at a cost of R1,6 million.

Total expenditure for the Alberton area is estimated at R10,2 million, with an amount of

R10 million tied up in projects that will be completed in the 1991/92 financial year.

The Ratanda Secondary School near Heidelberg, received upgrading of buildings to the cost of R410 655.

A new school has been completed for Tsakane township, costing R4 million. It is Tholulwazi Secondary School.

Cost

In the Springs area, Bazani Primary School in Botleng, near Delmas, is nearing completion with the cost of R2,1 million attached to it.

The Kempton Park area, which includes the residential areas of Tembisa and Daveyton have had three new schools under the current building programme.

These are Nqayisivele Secondary and Umtholo Primary School in Tembisa. They were erected at the cost of R5 million.

In Daveyton, George Mbilase Primary School has been completed at the cost of R1,4 million. A R3,1 million project is underway to upgrade HB Nyathi Secondary School.

In the Middleburg area, four new schools and a technical college are under the current building programme. They are Elukhanyisweni Secondary School in KwaGuqa in Witbank (R3,7 million), Jandrell Secondary School in Sakhile near Standerton with 42 classrooms (R4,9 million).

Classrooms

In Embalenhle, near Secunda, R1,7 million has been used for additional classrooms at Embalenhle Primary School this year.

In the White River area, a sum of R3,6 million has been used for additional classrooms as well as upgrading of Mashishing Secondary and Marambane Primary schools respectively.

Booyesen said apart from the normal annual building programme, from May this year up to now, repairs and maintenance have been going on and sums amounting to R2 million for primary schools have been used and R980 920 for secondary schools.

In addition, he said that when the R44,1 million from the State President's Fund becomes available, 20 more schools will receive additional classrooms, administration blocks, toilets and general upgrading.

These schools are at Alberton (7), Middelberg (6), Kempton Park (3), Springs (3) and White River (1).

Exam markers caught removing matric scripts

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Own Correspondent

At least eight matric examination markers were found with scripts outside the Technikon Northern Transvaal marking centre in So-shanguve, Pretoria, investigations by The Star's sister newspaper, the Sowetan, revealed this week.

The investigations also revealed that some markers drink alcohol before and in-between the evening marking sessions.

These incidents are taking place despite the Department of Education and Training's guarantees that last year's irregularities would not recur.

A DET spokesman in Pre-

toria, Corrie Rademeyer, confirmed yesterday that three incidents of markers attempting to remove scripts from the marking halls had to come to the department's notice.

He said in one case, a woman marker had voluntarily resigned after being caught. She had, however, been reinstated and transferred to another marking section.

Mr Rademeyer said wine and malt was sold in the technikon's cafeteria by a private firm of caterers between 5 pm and 8 pm. He said the firm had obtained a special licence to sell wine and malt.

"The department has no objection to the legal and orderly sale of wine and malt to markers during their leisure time

after a full day's work. The markers are mature and professional people," he said.

After interviewing a number of markers, Sowetan reporters attended a markers' report-back meeting. The chairman of the meeting said a black woman had been expelled after security guards had found her with examination scripts outside the marking centre.

Later, guards found a white woman in the English department with exam scripts. She was not expelled.

The report-back followed a mass meeting on Monday at which markers drew up a list of grievances.

The ad hoc committee discussed these with the DET on Tuesday.

Shebeens at DET centres slammed

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THE Government should immediately scrap the Department of Education and Training and set up a single education structure for all racial groups, a spokesman for the Ateridgeville branch of the ANC said at the weekend.

Mr. Ronnie Mamoepa, executive member of the branch and publicity secretary of the UDF in the Southern Transvaal, condemned the DET for justifying the setting up of bars or "shebeens" at the examination centre.

Scripts

"This shows that the authorities do not care about the future of our children whose scripts are marked by people who drink while on duty.

"We also condemn markers who take scripts away from the examination centre to share them among family members to earn more money.

"The DET must set up an investigation into the claims exposed by the *Sowetan* last week. We will be watching them closely to see what they are going to do."

Meanwhile, the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, is to visit two marking centres in Pretoria this afternoon.

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DET may review black school system

Staff Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) was willing to review the system of black school management councils and introduce a structure with community involvement, a department spokesman in Pretoria, Mr Corrie Rademeyer, said yesterday.

He was responding to claims that the introduction of accountable parent-teacher-student associations (PTSAs) in the place of management councils had been a major factor in Luhlaza School, Khayelitsha, scoring a 75% matric pass rate

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The national average was only 36% while neighbouring schools in Guguletu reported pass rates as low as 14%. An analysis of nine other schools in Cape Town's townships whose matric results were available yesterday revealed that the average pass rate was only about 25%.

Mr Rademeyer warned against "advocating single factor solutions" to the crisis in black education and said that the 1989 matric pass rate at Luhlaza — before the introduction of the PTSA system — was also far higher than at neighbouring schools

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He said there had been no response to an open invitation by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, to "any association or individual who has an interest in education" to submit ideas for a "structure for community participation in the provision of education".

"I am planning to negotiate with groups in the black community with regard to their proposals and I am willing to introduce a new structure if consensus can be reached," Dr Van der Merwe said in the invitation four months ago.

Massive task looms after black matric debacle

By HANS-PETER BAKKER, Education Reporter

BLACK education has virtually collapsed and resurrecting it is going to be one of the toughest challenges facing the country.

It will be expensive too

EDUCATION

economists have predicted that achieving equal spending on each pupil, black and white, would consume as much as half the national budget.

Over the past five years, the number of matriculants has more than doubled, yet the pass rate has remained disturbingly low

In 1986 there were 96 170 black matriculants, of whom 51 355 passed, last year 81 746 of the 233 411 candidates passed

Over the same period, the government's budget for black education has also more than doubled, from R917-million in 1986 to about R2,5 billion last year. The national education budget, about one-fifth of the total Budget, increased from R5,1 billion in 1986 to R13,35 billion last year

But that seems to have made no impression

DISRUPTIONS

The causes of the present crisis range from the racial supremacist policies of the Verwoerdian era to the more subtle but equally separate policies of later governments, and from vastly inadequate spending on black education to a decade and a half of upheavals and disruptions in schools, starting with the 1976 student uprising

The country has just too few schools and too few teachers for its burgeoning black population. This shortage is aggravated by the big difference in money allocated in the 1988/89 financial year R3 082 was spent on each white child compared with R764,73 on each black student. Pupil-teacher ratios are about 40:1 for black schools and about 16:1 in white education.

Virtually all white people in the country are literate (99 percent) compared with only

50 percent of the black population

The standard of teachers is also frighteningly low with (in 1987) as many as 87 percent of black teachers having only a three-year teacher's certificate, a qualification for which matric is not necessary. Only two percent of white teachers are similarly underqualified

A recent study by the Free State University Research Institute for Education Planning (Riep) predicts that black high school enrolment will increase by as much as 80 percent during the next decade.

TRAINED TEACHERS

Each year about 147 high schools will have to be built and an extra 3 800 teachers trained to cope with the inflow, Riep found.

But economists have predicted that to achieve parity in spending would consume as much as half the government's Budget. Mr Ben van Rensburg, chief economist of the Chamber of Business, calculated that it would cost about R30-billion rand to achieve immediate parity

The real crux of the growing education crisis is, what associate Professor Ian Scott of the University of Cape Town's Academic Support Programme describes as the "crisis of legitimacy".

With more than 14 years — from the 1976 Soweto uprisings to last year's spate of teachers strikes — of politically inspired disruptions, many teachers and pupils have forgotten what the normal process of learning is all about

Truancy is rife and many teachers care little about discipline in what is seen as a discredited education system.

As early as 1983, a committee appointed by the government to look into the system recommended the establishment of a single ministry to determine general policy for education in South Africa.

But, despite repeated calls from opposition groups, the country still has four separate ministries of education for the four racial groups, with the black Department of Education and Training head-

ed by its own Cabinet Minister, the Minister of Education and Development Aid

The department operates in seven semi-autonomous regions Natal, Northern Transvaal, the Highveld, the Orange Free State, Cape Province, Johannesburg, and Orange Vaal.

Funding comes from the State Revenue Fund and the DET budget is decided upon by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, the Minister of Finance and the Cabinet.

The more open political climate and the partial opening of some white schools has done little to address the problem of "legitimacy"

WASTED YEARS

Political organisations across the spectrum today understand the cumulative effect of the wasted years and many who, in the past, encouraged stayaways and boycotts with the slogan "no education before liberation" are now urging pupils to return to school

For Professor Scott the only redeeming factor in the midst of the tragedy of the 65 percent matric failure rate in 1990 is that South African education has reached its nadir and that the legitimacy of the education system will now be addressed.

The failure of black education would have a long-term, cumulative effect which would be felt for years to come, he said

Professor Scott supports the community's involvement in the education of its children "It makes a tremendous difference if the community feels it has a real stake in its education"

The Democratic Party's Mr Roger Burrows appealed to the government to make "a concerted bid" to provide every pupil with educational requirements like text books and stationery. And, he said, the private sector had a vital role to play and must physically supply the massive demand

Every parent and every community "must" ensure that pupils attend school from

the first school day and every effort must be made to break the cycle of disturbance, intimidation and closing of schools

Teachers must stop chalk-downs and move "rapidly to full professional responsibility" Teachers' organisations and subject departments can play a major role in the full development of teachers through in-service courses during school vacations

SINGLE MINISTRY

He also called for the creation of a single Ministry of Education with regional, non-racial education departments and the elimination of racially separate funding

The African National Congress-aligned National Education Co-ordinating Committee has also joined the chorus of "back to school" and recognises as the "fundamental" issue the creation of a single education department

But calls of "back to school" are futile unless the infra-structure is there to receive the returning children

More immediately, the already over-taxed system must deal with the large number of failed matrics who will need much support in the form of textbooks and tutoring and the many who will want to return to repeat the year.

An estimated 150 000 pupils are expected to sit for supplementary exams in March or in May/June. These include about 133 500 who failed but achieved an average of at least 20 percent. The rest are those who achieved an average of less than 20 percent.

Mr Corrie Rademeyer, spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, said the department had "for some time" been preparing for the supplementary exams and that it had "plans" for dealing with the new academic year

The directors-general of the various regions were supervising the planning because the educational needs of the regions differed vastly, he said.

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One man reshapes

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Natal schools

GLOOM surrounds the future of the country's black education system, which has for the past 15 years lurched from one crisis to the next — resulting in this year's devastating 65 percent matric failure rate.

But in Natal there is a glimmer of hope.

Natal's Department of Education and Training is headed by leading light Dr Edward Philip Ndaba, the DET's chief regional director, and what happens in that province could be a model for the rest of the country

"Natal's matriculation pass rate was the second highest in the country and the province produced 50 percent of the top students in the country," said Natal DET deputy-director, S Shamase.

Efforts

He claimed Natal's latest matric results — a modest achievement within the chaotic black education system — were the result of recent efforts made by Dr Ndaba and his department.

Appointed regional boss in February last year, Dr Ndaba is now the highest-ranking black official within the Government's education system.

However, his hard-earned credibility with educationists ensures he cannot be labelled a "stooge".

On taking the reins Dr Ndaba (60) — who heads about 1 200 Natal schools and is responsible for the schooling of more than 240 000

Black DET boss may hold key to SA crisis

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pupils — said: "It's like buying a house. You take the house as it is, then you make improvements. I know that I can do much to make it (the house) habitable."

Already, in his short term of office, Dr Ndaba has, according to his deputy, improved channels of communication to end the education deadlock between the Government, political organisations, parents, teachers and pupils

Ultimately, Dr Ndaba believes: "There can be no equality of education in a segregated system"

And he is working towards a unified educational system which he sees as inevitable

However, in a recent interview he was quick to emphasise the problems of forced integration overnight. One could not place disadvantaged pupils in top schools with advanced pupils and expect them to perform.

He added that the geographical location of schools was also likely to hinder total integration

"Equality in education means equality of opportunity. You start by teaching a child well, so that in time he will feel at home in any school environment

"Integration of schooling should begin at the very earliest stage possible," said Dr Ndaba

Facilities are Dr Ndaba's first priority.

"We are building all the time but funds could be much better used if only we could take over spare facilities from the white education system," he said

He added that he had already investigated this idea and had found that throughout Natal there were only three white schools which were vacant.

Discipline

A firm believer in discipline, Dr Ndaba said: "Without discipline, you can't have education.

"Parents must also discipline their children, for today's violent children are the leaders of tomorrow.

"Discipline is certainly a function of the school but it must begin at home."

Politically Dr Ndaba recognises that the black community is engaged in an anti-apartheid struggle but argues that education must continue despite this.

"In a post-apartheid society we will need schools, colleges and pupils who can play a meaningful role.

"To destroy this is suicidal. My plea is that schools should be allowed to operate," he added.

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NO STOUGE: Natal's DET chief director, Dr Edward Ndaba, could make his department a model for the country.
Picture: Phil Mumford, Tribute Magazine

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Deadline for DET supps application

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PRETORIA — The Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday announced that the closing date for applications for matric supplementary examinations for black pupils is January 18 this year.

Pupils who achieved an average of 20% in their year-end results would be allowed to write in March and May this year, while those who achieved less than a 20% average would be allowed to write in May/June this year, according to a statement released in Pretoria by DET director-general Dr Bernard Louw.

Senior Certificate candidates seeking a matric exemption are entitled to rewrite the examination.

The entrance fee for the supplementary examination, which would be written from March 4 onwards, is R27 — half the normal entrance fee.

The fee for the examinations in May/June would remain at R54 and these would be from May 21 to June 6, said Dr Louw — Sapa

DET will spend R51-m on books

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THE Department of Education and Training will spend more than R51 million on textbooks and prescribed books during the current financial year.

The DET's director-general, Dr Bernard Louw, said the increase in the expenditure was necessary because provision had to be made for the expected increase in the number of pupils this year.

He said other reasons

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

for the increase were that several prescribed books had to be changed, lost and worn books had to be replaced and study guides had to be supplied to Standard 10 pupils.

"The DET has done everything in its power to ensure the timeous delivery of sufficient books at schools. More than 90 percent of the textbooks ordered for this year were delivered at the

schools before the end of 1990," he said.

Louw said the supply of textbooks at each school was only being supplemented.

"Normally textbooks are expected to last for four years. Worn books are replaced on condition that they are processed in the prescribed way."

"It is essential that pupils and parents accept responsibility for the books that are issued at the beginning of the year," he said.

Louw also said the

concession enabling certain candidates to sit for supplementary examinations during March or May/June this year had resulted in a situation where such candidates would need last year's textbooks to prepare for the exams.

"I appeal to the candidates to return the books to the schools without delay.

"Failure to do this may lead to shortages of books at schools, to the detriment of other pupils."

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Numsa accuses CCB of arson attack

VERA VON LIERES

THE National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) blames the SADF's Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) for a fire which destroyed the union's Johannesburg branch office in the early hours of yesterday morning.

In a statement released yesterday, Numsa said it firmly believed the CCB and "its allied organisations" were still operating

The union said the fire at its office was characteristic of a CCB attack.

A security police member and the Johannesburg Fire Department agreed that arson was the cause, the statement said

However, the SADF has maintained previously that the CCB has been disbanded.

The union's crisis committee co-ordinator Alfred Woodington said

yesterday the incident was similar to attacks against the union's East London office two years ago and its Benoni office in May 1989

Police were still investigating those incidents.

Addressing a Press conference in the gutted office yesterday, Woodington said the fire had destroyed members' employee records, correspondence and documents concerning industrial disputes and the union's forthcoming national congress.

He said it seemed that the arsonists had searched the office first and broken into the filing cabinet containing these records.

They had then set fire to the room at about 2am.

Numsa's Johannesburg branch office is the union's largest, serving about 30 000 members.

Witswatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday police were investigating "an arson case"

Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso condemned the incident.

He said it would increase "worker anger" in the industrial relations arena at a time when national negotiations were taking place

Woodington said the union estimated the damage at more than R250 000.

He said the local office would concentrate on replacing lost records

It would take at least four months before communications between the office and its members were restored.

DET spends more than R51m on books

POLLY JONES

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) had spent more than R51m on textbooks during this financial year — R28m more than originally budgeted for, DET director-general Bernhard Louw said yesterday. *B10m 15/1/91*

He said the sum included an emergency allocation of R8m made by Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe in July last year.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee has said the shortage of books was a major factor contributing to the low black matric pass rate in 1990.

Yesterday Louw said more than 90% of textbooks ordered for this school year were delivered to schools before the end of 1990 and the rest would be delivered within two weeks after schools reopened.

The additional R28m had originally been earmarked for capital spending

He said it was essential to accommodate a rise in pupil numbers, changes in prescribed books and book replacements.

It is believed most of the books will be supplied for use by pupils this year

The DET has not yet finalised estimates of the expected growth in pupil numbers.

New Wits course to train junior managers

THEO RAWANA

THE Wits Business School (WBS), best known for producing senior business managers, has put together a new training programme for junior managers and supervisors. *B10m 15/1/91*

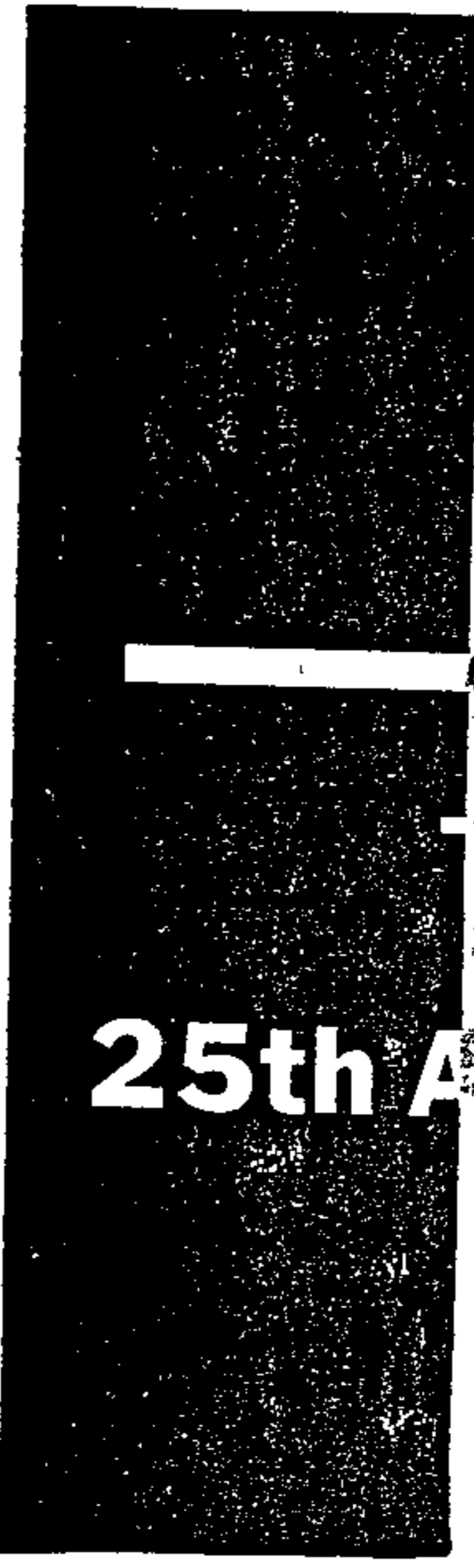
WBS senior consultant Mel Brooks yesterday said the four-month programme, known as the Certificate Programme in Principles of Business and Management for Supervisors and Junior Managers, would begin in March.

"Middle and senior management personnel are taken mostly from outside the company, and the man who could fill the gap between the top and the shop-floor is always found wanting in management skills," Brooks said.

The course includes improving written communication skills, office administration, providing an understanding of how financial information is collected and used and providing an insight into how financial resources should be managed

Brooks emphasised that typical participants would be people already in supervisory or junior management positions.

The course will be run for four five-day sessions over four months.



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'Unruly schools will be closed'

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DET threat to close rowdy schools

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Private non-racial schools claim high matric pass

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Matric pass rates superior to those achieved by hundreds of black schools have been disclosed by many private non-racial schools

Promat Colleges, which operate five matriculation schools throughout the country, said yesterday its pass rate was 84 percent, in sharp contrast to Department of Training and Education (DET) schools which recorded 36 percent.

The DET results were officially described last week as the worst in the history of black education.

Consistent

The Southern African Association of Independent Schools (Saais) said its member schools recorded more than 85 percent in both DET and Joint Matriculation Board examinations.

In a statement, Promat Colleges said it had consistently recorded good results over the past nine years, and that the

1990 pass rate had been five percent better than that recorded in the previous year

About 900 pupils sat for the DET examination at the five colleges Mamelodi recorded an 88 percent pass, Lowveld 87, Kempton Park and Durban 82, and Springs 81

Mr Larry Robertson, Promat's executive director, said the results proved that if teachers did a professional job and pupils studied hard, "success must follow"

Mr Robertson added "The results prove that blacks can do as well as whites at school, especially considering that our students did Standards 9 and 10 in one year and received tuition in a foreign language (English) The future looks bright if students attend school and study and teachers teach."

Two pupils received two As each while eight at the Durban college were among the top 100 matrics in Natal

Saais said the association was "extremely concerned at the low pass rate in DET

schools" and added that member schools such as St Luke's College, Woodmead School, Mmabatho High School (Bophuthatswana), Sacred Heart College, St Barnabas College, St Edna's College and St Mark's College all achieved over 85 percent pass rates.

Dismal

Saais says there were dismal performances from some schools which had been registered by the DET.

"Parents must become aware that such registration does not carry any guarantees of good schooling, and be extremely cautious about enrolling their children in schools which charge fees but do not even offer the same opportunity to pass matric as DET schools in Soweto," Saais said

"Passing matric has nothing to do with the colour of the candidate and everything to do with a combination of the quality of teaching the candidate receives and the amount of work the candidate does him or herself"

'Insufficient'

DET textbooks

(256) POLLY JONES (8)

THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) yesterday said the Department of Education and Training's (DET) R51m allocation for school textbooks was insufficient for black schools

An NECC spokesman said the DET worked on rough enrolment estimates which were always wrong

The R51m is being spent during the current financial year and most of it is expected to go towards schoolbooks for the 1991 school year *610m*

17/1/91
"The NECC foresees a crisis in physical resources such as happened last year when only 5 000 textbooks were supplied for a total of 10 000 students in Soweto," the spokesman said, adding that no contingency plans had been made to supplement the number of textbooks delivered to schools

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R51-m to be spent on ²⁵⁶ new books

PRETORIA. — The Department of Education and Training will spend more than R51-million on textbooks and prescribed books this year.

A DET spokesman said the increase was in response to the expected increase in the number of pupils in 1991, the replacing of lost and worn books, the changing of several prescribed books and the supply of study guides to Standard 10 pupils.

"The additional amount of R2,8-million was originally intended for capital expenditure," the spokesman said.

ASSURANCE

Although the delivery of textbooks to schools had not been completed yet due to the late reprinting of certain books and the inaccessibility of some schools, the DET gave the assurance that the books would be delivered within two weeks after the reopening of the schools in the various regions.

But the department made an appeal to pupils to take responsibility for their books and to return them at the end of each year to avoid shortages. — Sapa.

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Schools' transfer surprise 256

MARITZBURG. — The announcement that 10 schools in the Edendale area were to be transferred from KwaZulu control to the Department of Education and Training came as a surprise to some of the schools concerned.

'Migrants cause of crowded schools'

CAPE TOWN
30/11/91



Staff Reporter

BLACK schools in the Western Cape were overcrowded because of the rapid influx of migrants to the area, the director-general of the Department of Education and Training (DET), Dr Bernhard Louw, said yesterday.

Although the DET planned for a huge intake of pupils this year, the "magnitude of the migration to the Peninsula" over the holiday period resulted in more pupils seeking places at schools, said Dr Louw.

As a result of the overcrowding, 45 new posts have been created at schools in the Western Cape.

Furthermore, when funds become available, three new schools will be built in squatter areas in the region, during the 1991-92 financial year, Dr Louw said.

Last week, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) slammed the DET for not

budgeting for emergencies like overcrowding at urban schools, shortages of teachers, facilities and equipment.

Dr Louw said it was difficult to get an actual indication of the number of pupils waiting to start school as many pupils went to several schools to register.

But principals, circuit inspectors and area officials were assessing the situation.

"It is anticipated that by early next week the registration process will be complete. Stationery and books may be in short supply at certain schools," he said.

Shortages of books and stationery would be tackled once all pupils had been registered.

"Successful negotiation with certain of the communities concerned has also allowed the DET to use platooning as a means of relieving the pressure on the available school facilities," said Dr Louw.

Black primary schools also straining at seams

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By EDWARD MOLOINYANE
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Staff Reporters

THE Department of Education and Training faces a tough challenge as thousands of children heed the call to return to school

Severely strained resources are being put under further pressure by the many failed matriculants seeking readmission

The problems in black education start in primary schools where conditions are often appalling

Primary school principals said most publicity was given to problems in high schools and this created the impression that all was well at their schools while there was just as much overcrowding and lack of desks, chairs and stationery

Sit on floor

Some New Crossroads primary pupils sit on the floor for lessons because there are no chairs and desks

Principals said the situation was chaotic and hundreds of pupils would not be accommodated unless the DET took "drastic" steps

Nomlinganiselo Primary in New Crossroads, which operated for the whole of 1989 without chalk, has not had enough chairs and desks since it was built in 1981.

Principal Mr Solomon Makosana has sent three letters in the past two years to the DET asking for desks and other facilities, but the response has always been the same: "A survey is being conducted to determine the needs of all schools and all issues raised will be attended to in due course"

He said desks supplied by the DET when the school started "broke in no time" while the walls were also last painted in the same year.

"Since 1982 we have been depending on handouts for desks and chairs from white schools we approached. The irony is that those desks, though old, have sustained us all these years because they are of better quality"

He added that scores of new children for Sub A had been turned away "all these years" because of lack of facilities and teachers.

"The teacher-pupil ratio here has always been 63 to 1 and we need another six teachers if we are to cope. The DET says



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FLOOR LESSONS: Standard 3 pupils kneel to write because there are no desks or chairs at the Nomlinganiselo primary school in New Crossroads.

there are no posts but we have had 12 applications from newly qualified teachers from Good Hope College, Khayelitsha, this year alone"

Some pupils at the school use drums for chairs while the available broken desks are of different shapes and sizes

But DET Regional Chief Director Mr Bill Staude has denied some of the principal's allegations.

He said in a statement "According to area office records, on January 25 1991 the enrolment was 1 133 with a waiting list of 100. There are 27 teachers on the staff and this would give a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:46 with the pupils on the waiting list included. Without the latter the teacher/pupil ratio would be 1:42. The 1990 ratio was 1:44"

Mr Staude said the claim that the teacher/pupil ratio had been 1:63 was "therefore not understood"

"Recent stock-taking at the

school indicated that there were 454 plastic chairs and 205 damaged but repairable chairs. There were 224 desks and therefore the claim that the school has been without desks since it was built in 1981 is not understood."

Mr Staude added that funds for renovation were "severely limited."

"The state of the walls is as claimed but according to the area office's priority list had been scheduled for attention during the 1992/93 fiscal year subject to available funds.

"Responses from the area office indicated that the constraints of the budget made it very difficult to attend to the school's needs"

This year the DET will spend R250-million on new schools and additions to existing schools in the various regions, translating into about 2 500 classrooms. About 1 500 new teaching posts have been created

● Dr Bernhard Louw, director-general of the DET, said there had been a "rapid and unpredictable inflow" of migrants to the Peninsula

This had resulted in the unexpected arrival of numbers of pupils who had not in the past attended schools in the area.

He said the regional director had allocated 45 of the newly created teaching posts in the Cape to schools in the Cape Town area.

The department also planned to build three additional schools in "squatter areas" during the 1991/92 financial year "if funds are available".

Negotiations with some of the communities allowed the department to use platooning (the shift system) to relieve pressure.

By early next week the registration process would be completed, he said.

Dr. Louw said shortages of stationery and books would be "tackled as soon as the final figures become available".

R337-m goes to build schools

Sowetan 3/1/91

By MONK NKOMO

THE Government has allocated R337,5 million to the Department of Education and Training for building schools in an effort to alleviate overcrowding, a DET spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Jeff Makwakwa, DET liaison officer in Pretoria, said R24 million of the total would be used to build nine secondary and primary schools and to upgrade two high schools in the northern Transvaal.

Construction on two primary and one secondary schools in Soshanguve was expected to start next week, Makwakwa said.

Investigations by *Sowetan* have revealed that there is an acute shortage of schools in Soshanguve due to the mushrooming of squatter camps since large numbers of non-Tswanas fled Bophuthatswana last year.

About 1 600 pupils in the township are presently attending lessons under a tree at a school dubbed "Morula Tree".

Makwakwa said two primary and a secondary school would be built in that vicinity beginning next week.

Sowetan has also established that there is a serious problem of overcrowding at several schools in the northern

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Up to 70 pupils are enrolled in one classroom, twice the number stipulated by DET regulations. "We do expect a serious problem of overcrowding. That is why we

have already started building new schools in some areas to alleviate this problem," Makwakwa said.

He added that R24 million would also be used to build two secondary schools in Atteridgeville and

Mamelodi, a primary and a secondary school in Khutsong, Carletonville; a three-storey secondary school in Naboomspruit, and additions of four classrooms to Vulingqongo and Tiyelelam secondary schools in Soshanguve.

SAIRN COI

DET SCANDATE FIM 1/2/91

THE FIRST ARRESTS ²⁵⁶

The first arrests have been made as a result of the Department of Education & Training (DET) scandal, first uncovered by the *FM* in 1988. Thus Strydom, son of former DET Deputy Director-General Jaap Strydom, and a former high-ranking DET official have both been charged with bribery in the Pre-

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torial regional court

The arrests were made after a lengthy investigation by Maj Cas Walker of the SAP's commercial branch. The alleged amount exceeds R30 000 as well as several vehicles.

Pretoria publisher Strydom (32) was released on R1 000 bail and Abraham Olivier (37) on R2 500. Strydom and his father had sued the *FM*, its Editor Nigel Bruce and political editor Eddie Botha for R400 000 for defamation.

The first reports on corruption and other irregularities appeared in the *FM* in June

1988

State President P W Botha then appointed Cape Supreme Court Judge Leo van den Heever to head a commission of inquiry into the irregularities. The judge delivered two scathing reports on her findings and recommended that the activities of various DET officials be referred to the attorney-general. During the course of the



Strydom jr

hearings, Thus Strydom dropped his defamation suit and agreed to pay the *FM*'s legal costs. Shortly before Judge Van den Heever delivered her second report Jaap Strydom died.

The case against Strydom and Olivier has been postponed until April 9. More arrests are expected.

It is also expected that Judge Van den Heever's third report, which deals with the purchase of library and schoolbooks by the DET — on which the *FM* also reported — will soon be handed to President F W de Klerk. ■

By ELIAS MALULEKE

DEPARTMENT of Education

Dr Bernhard Louw has conceded that rebuilding confidence in the South African education system will not be easy due to its Verwoerdian roots.

He said former premier Dr Hendrik Verwoerd's mass education plan floundered despite huge financial backing from white voters because blacks saw it as inferior and made a political issue out of it instead of appreciating the mass education he was introducing.

Although he did not want to defend policies leading to the creation of Bantu education by Verwoerd, the aim of statements by the former leader was to get whites to finance education for all black people instead of a select few. Louw said rejection and politicising

It won't be easy, says the DET

led to the 1976 education upheavals and since then, black education had been on a downward trend.

"Prior to 1976 there was a matric pass rate of more than 80 percent — although there were fewer pupils then — a figure which has almost been turned around by the 36 percent achieved last year."

He said apart from plans to upgrade teachers through training and stepping up DET administration resources to make 1991 a year of true learning, more money will be pumped into black schools and book shortages will be a thing of the past.

The DET would consult with parents, students and all other people directly involved with schools. "Other stumbling blocks threaten-

ing the running of schools, which includes the DET's sacking of teachers on probation and demands for their reinstatement, are being looked into.

"We are busy negotiating with teacher bodies in a bid to resolve this issue without disrupting schools."

Louw said calls by the ANC, the PAC, the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) and others for students to make this a year of learning were bearing fruit.

"We thank all organisations for their bids to get education back on track, particularly the NECC, and we are sure that if the same atmosphere could reach people on the ground, we will have a wonderful future."

Since schools reopened this year, indications are that some students are

still not keen on learning.

"Attempts have been made at some schools by 'pass-one-pass-all' elements among the students to disrupt classes, but indications are that parents, political and education organisations plus many students have shown interest in stopping classroom disruptions."

The DET was, on a daily basis, monitoring attempts by forces to disrupt schooling and disciplinary actions were being taken.

The pass-one-pass-all tactic was partly responsible for last year's failures because pupils who promoted themselves were not really prepared for matric.

Teachers were powerless to do anything about students who promoted

themselves in the past. Students who had promoted and disciplinary action would be taken.

"On top of the programme of action for this year is the restoration of discipline in schools by means of training teachers to cope with classroom situations and to involve students in serious study."

In the past, teachers were unable to exercise authority in classrooms, but with the new teacher training methods, there would be a balance of authority.

Due to sanctions, social activities of families have been disrupted by lack of income and jobs. "This social disruption spills into classrooms, affecting teaching and learning."

Louw said the DET was against the use of police to guard schools because students became agitated when the SAP entered school premises.

Anarchy rules the blackboard jungle

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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PROSPECTS of 1991 being "the year of learning" were dealt a deadly blow this week when pupils at 31 Mamelodi schools drove out their principals and assumed control of the schools.

Now parents, educators and the DET have expressed alarm that black education will lapse into a state of anarchy, particularly in the Pretoria area.

The DET last week closed the So-shanguve Central Secondary School following alleged disruption of classes and vandalism of school property.

Parents are blaming the department for the chaos, saying problems had been caused by overcrowding and lack of discipline.

Students have claimed there are not enough teachers and demanded that students who failed last year be promoted.

Meanwhile, the DET has slammed pupils for their "irresponsible" behaviour.

DET regional chief director Job Schoeman said such behaviour was not acceptable and that the department had to safeguard the interests of the community.

At several schools, pupils had taken over enrolment and had admitted pupils with forged documents," he said.

Thousands of rands damage had been caused through vandalism, he added.

Some pupils interviewed by *City Press* said they had lost confidence in the DET, and were waiting to see the outcome of talks between the government and the ANC's Nelson Mandela in Cape Town next week.

The ANC has promised to broach the subject of the education crisis during the talks.

Education Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said interim measures to solve the black education crisis involving community participation were being looked into, and admitted a memorandum submitted by the ANC would be discussed at the meeting.

Van der Merwe said the ANC had

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Bleak outlook

for education

as pupils at

31 schools

seize control

been negotiating with the government for a new education system, but this was not on the agenda as it was a very sensitive issue that needed careful negotiation.

Social worker Linah Mahlatsi accused the DET of being shortsighted as it had not taken adequate precautions to alleviate overcrowding after the high matric failure rate last year.

But she also criticised pupils. "It is also wrong for students to resort to negative tactics because it is self-defeating," she said.

School teacher Constance Letswalo said instead of community and political organisations paying lip service at mass meetings, they should go into schools and talk to pupils.

"Overcrowding is a serious problem and the DET has a lot to put right in our schools, but what are we going to achieve by disrupting education?" she asked.

DET public relations officer JG Makwakwa has appealed to parents and community organisations to cooperate with the department and restore schools to a state of normality.

Bearing in mind last year's poor matriculation results, the new developments boded ill for thousands of pupils and the community as a whole, Makwakwa said.

"Effective teaching and learning can only take place in an atmosphere of order, stability and discipline."

teaching in the open veld ... pupils and teachers desperately need proper classrooms.

Bare veld 'school' waits for buildings

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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FOR more than 1 200 Soshanguve children, the crisis in education is very real.

They have a school site, but have no classrooms, toilets, or equipment – just the shade of a giant morula tree.

The primary "school" was opened this year by the DET in Block GG of the Pretoria township, to cater for about 100 000 residents living near the Bophuthatswana border.

When pupils arrived for their first day at school, they were faced with a patch of open veld – but no sign of a school building.

The DET has hired seven teachers, with Sello Manyathela unofficially acting as principal to run the "school".

But their task is not easy.

Each day pupils and teachers assemble under the morula tree, hoping it will not rain.

If it does, the children and teachers scatter and go home.

Pupils and teachers bring their own drink-

ing water and have to squat in the bush as the DET has not even provided toilets.

"We pray when we leave in the morning that nature's call comes when we get back home because there is no toilet," said one teacher.

Manyathela says the DET had promised the school some shelter and makeshift toilets early this year, but so far nothing has been done.

"We do not have any materials to use for teaching.

"Pupils have no books and we have no blackboards – let alone desks," he said.

The pupils have been divided into seven classes, from Sub Std A to Std 2.

Manyathela said blackboards and other materials were vital as verbal education methods did not work on their own.

"So now we are teaching them how to pray and are keeping them busy singing," Manyathela said.

DET established the no-name "school"

after parents complained there was no school in the area and that they had to send their children to distant schools in Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Winterveld.

Another "school" in Block FF with 500 pupils and three teachers has the same problem – no school buildings.

DET Northern Transvaal spokesman, JG Makwakwa, said the department would soon be providing shelters for the schools.

"We are waiting for tents from the SADF and as soon as we have the deliveries, the schools will be equipped with the necessary resources."

Makwakwa said plans were also afoot to build permanent structures, but the DET was being held back by problems with contractors.

"Normal procedures are now being followed in considering tenders to avoid further corruption scandals in the department and this policy is slowing things down."

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THE Department of Education and Training has threatened to close down four more schools in Soshanguve, Pretoria, it was alleged at a public meeting yesterday.

Soshanguve Education Co-ordinating Committee official Mr Bonke Mkhonto made this allegation during a meeting at Central State Secondary School, which was closed last week by the DET. However, parents,

Det threat to schools

teachers and students subsequently re-opened the school in defiance of the order.

Yesterday, Northern Transvaal chief director Mr Job Schoeman failed to turn up at the meeting. Mkhonto read out a letter of apology from Schoeman, which also set certain conditions, all of

which were rejected by parents at the meeting. Schoeman's conditions included:

* The school's admission quota be reduced from 3 126 to 1 600 pupils;

* Students applying for admission would have to be accompanied by their parents,

* Students who were admitted would undertake in writing to abide by the rules of the school and submit themselves to the authority and discipline of the staff at all times;

* Every staff member would undertake in writing to abide by the prescribed legislation, regulations and instructions ap-

plicable to, or issued by, the DET;

* Parents were expected to accept joint responsibility for discipline at the school and for the care and maintenance of facilities, stores and equipment; and

* A proper management body would be elected according to prescribed procedures, and

parents' meetings would be held at least once a month to monitor progress, teacher performance and student behaviour at the school.

It was resolved at the meeting that the SECC would deal directly with the Minister's office and would ignore the letter from Schoeman.

It was unanimously resolved that the holding of classes, in defiance of closure, would continue — Sapa

Teacher sit-in at DET office

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By BRONWYN DAVIDS

PLACARD-WAVING teachers and the principal of the Dr Nelson Mandela Secondary School in Old Crossroads yesterday occupied the offices of the Department of Education and Training in protest against shortages at their school

They also handed over a list of grievances and the principal, Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana, said he and all 34 teachers would sleep in the DET offices in the Foretrust Building on the Foreshore until their demands were met

Mr Mkhontwana said it was time the DET did something positive to relieve the school's problems, instead of "making empty promises"

The teachers sat on the floor in the corridor, bearing placards saying, "More teachers", "More laboratory equipment", "More desks" They were eventually allowed to hand over a list of about 15 grievances to DET official Mr Anton Gunther who promised to

send a fax to the regional head of the DET, Mr Bill Staude in Port Elizabeth

Mr Staude was not available for comment yesterday, but DET spokesman in Pretoria Mr Corrie Rademeyer once again cited the influx of people to urban areas as the main cause of shortages at black schools

Salaries

Mr Mkhontwana said there were 35 teachers to 1 800 pupils at the school and at least 16 new teachers and two heads of department were needed

There was also a lack of 800 textbooks, 400 double desks, 800 chairs, laboratory equipment, home economics equipment, typewriters, sporting equipment and audio-visual units

They demanded that outstanding salaries be paid to certain teachers, that all temporary teachers be placed on permanent staff and that non-teaching staff like caretakers, a secretary and security staff be appointed

ANC-PAC clash on appointment of school principal

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By EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

A PAC supporter appointed by the Department of Education and Training to head a crisis-hit Khayelitsha primary school has been rejected by the ANC-aligned Western Cape Civic Association

Ebulumkweni Primary in Town Two, Village Three, built by the South African Housing Trust has held no classes since schools reopened a month ago because of a row between the DET and the civic association over its administration, including the appointment of teachers

The DET has confirmed the civic association's rejection of the principal it appointed, 54-year-old Mr Menziwa Tsholoba who served three years on Robben Island for PAC activities in the 1960s

'No-nonsense man'

Mr Tsholoba, who was described by a DET official as "one of my best principals and a no-nonsense man", believes the civic association has a "political axe to grind"

Although it is supposed to be politically neutral, the association is known to have strong ANC leanings

Now teaching at Masiyile Secondary in Khayelitsha, Mr Tsholoba said he was approached by members of the civic association when he was registering pupils at the start of the school term and told his appointment was "null and void"

"They did not furnish any reasons and I know their ranting and raving about my appointment is simply because of my uncompromising PAC principles. I know they want the type of person they will easily manipulate and because I'm made of tougher material they know it will not work with me"

He said it was not the first time he had clashed with civic associations "especially since February 2 1990 when suddenly everybody became an activist"

In May he was forced to resign from a school in Hermanus, where he had been principal since 1986, after the newly-established civic association accused him of recruiting pupils for the PAC.

"There I was accused of dividing the community because they claimed everybody was ANC. This was a lie as the Hermanus community had been dormant politically all these years."

"A good teacher, regardless of how political he is, never brings politics into the classroom. I am interested in teaching every African child regardless of whether he is PAC, Inkatha or Azapo"

Chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association Mr Michael Mapongwana declined to comment, saying he did not "have a mandate as the issue has many implications".

A DET spokesman said Mr Tsholoba would remain at Masiyile and be paid a principal's salary until an alternative school was found for him

Meanwhile Ebulumkweni Primary is still in disarray with more than 1 000 pupils having been registered for a school meant to accommodate only 240

'Amicably resolved'

Classes have also not started in spite of civic association assurances last week that the row had been "amicably resolved"

A DET spokesman said only six teaching posts were available at the school and added that it was "up to the civic association to sort things out"

"There is nothing we can do at this stage as we cannot go there and put up a fight," the spokesman said

DET agreement ends city teachers' sleep-in

A SLEEP-IN by the staff of an Old Crossroads high school at the Department of Education and Training's city offices on Tuesday was abandoned after the DET agreed to attend to teachers' grievances.

The 35 teachers who occupied the department's Foretrust Building on Tuesday afternoon called off their protest at 7pm, Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana, principal of the Dr Nelson Mandela Senior Secondary School, said yesterday.

Mr Mkhontwana, who joined his staff in their sit-in, said meetings had been scheduled for 10 45am yesterday and today with DET area manager Mr A E Ndamase and regional chief director Mr Bill Staude.

Members of the school's Parents/Teachers/Students Association would also be present, said Mr Mkhontwana.

Teachers had listed a total of 15 grievances, ranging from a shortage of teachers to the non-payment of salaries — Sapa

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Soweto kids head for city

Staff Reporters

DESPERATE Transvaal parents of black pupils are paying R2 500 a year to a Cape Town businessman who has brought them to the Peninsula with the promise of a sound education and boarding.

The first 89 of 150 children, mostly from Soweto, arrived in Cape Town by train last week and have been enrolled at Glendale High School in Mitchells Plain.

Parents in the Transvaal contacted by the Cape Times said Mr Van Wyk had promised them their children would be accommodated in vacant houses owned by Ico Homes in Strandfontein.

But the children were found by the Cape Times this week in comfortable quarters at the SA Transport Services hostel in Phillipi. They said they were "happy" there and were being looked after by Mr Van Wyk.

Mr Van Wyk said the Strandfontein homes were not yet ready but would be soon and that the hostel was a temporary measure.

He indicated that he was "negotiating

to purchase 39 houses for the sum of R4 million."

Ico homes director Mr Alfons Meyerdricks confirmed yesterday that the company was negotiating with Mr Van Wyk, saying that "we have checked out Mr Van Wyk's source of finance and it appears sound".

Yesterday the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) confirmed it was financing the children's education.

Some teachers at Glendale, who did not want to be named, said the school was approached two weeks ago to enrol 40 pupils.

"Mr Van Wyk then arrived with 89 pu-

pils. We have checked out some of the homes in Strandfontein and they are deserted without any furniture in them," said one teacher.

Glendale principal Mr H M McClaren said "it was an extremely sensitive issue" and he was meeting with the school committee to discuss the problem.

DEC spokesman Mr Thinus Dempsey said last night the DEC had place for the children at the schools but if their accommodation was found to be unsuitable the DEC would have to conduct an investigation.

Mr Van Wyk, who heads a company called Methods Study International, which aims to place black children at

schools and promotes a new study programme, said Mitchells Plain had an excess of educational facilities and Strandfontein an excess of housing.

He said he was receiving opposition from some teachers and feared a "political backlash" from the community.

"We won't make a profit this year, we are writing it off as a tax loss," said Mr Van Wyk, who claimed that embassies and several church and other organisations had agreed to sponsor his venture.

Mrs Audrey Motau, of Soweto, whose 14-year-old daughter Lerato is in Std 6 at Glendale, told the Cape Times that she was paying R1 500 next week and another R1 500 in June for board and lodging.

Schools
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Education officials ²⁵⁶ charged with bribery

CAPE TOWN — Two Department of Education (DET) officials, A J Olivier and M J Strydom, were charged with bribery after the first three reports of the Van der Heever Commission of Inquiry, Education Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday.

Replying to a question from Gen Bob Rogers (DP, Walmer), Van der Merwe said another official, D H Méring, had been charged with misconduct in connection with alleged irregularities with the purchase of the interactive video infor-

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mation system (IVIS), but was found not guilty.

He said reports of the commission had been referred to the attorneys-general of the Transvaal and Natal, with a view to the possible initiation of criminal proceedings against various persons.

Van der Merwe said internal disciplinary action would be considered by the Department once the investigations had been completed.

Drinking, smoking, gambling at Pretoria schools

Schools of scandal

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By MONK NKOMO

THINGS are not what they used to be at Pretoria's black high schools.

Pupils openly abuse alcohol, smoke cigarettes and gamble inside the school premises. Lack of proper control and discipline is rife at almost all the high schools in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Soshanguve.

Despite the disastrous matric results in black education last year, there are disturbing reports that there is still no effective education taking place at almost all the high schools in Pretoria's black townships.

The crisis has been worsened by the expulsion of 35 principals in Mamelodi by pupils on February 5. The culprits are alleged to be members of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas). The Mamelodi branch of the PAC, which has been organising meetings to resolve the problem, yesterday revealed that some of the people involved in the chasing away of principals were not pupils. It said they therefore did not qualify for Cosas membership.

Threatened

The 35 principals have been threatened and told not to return to their posts until certain demands were met by the Department of Education and Training.

The demands include the erection of extra classrooms, the provision of textbooks and the reinstatement of teachers.

A group of pupils at the Flavius Mareka High School in Atteridgeville damaged the school's furniture and windows on January 8 after the principal had refused to meet their "pass one, pass all" demand.

The Central Secondary School in Soshanguve



was closed down by the DET on February 4, following widespread vandalism. Damage caused to buildings, furniture and equipment was estimated at R1,4 million.

The school was officially re-opened last Friday after negotiations between DET officials and parents.

Disruption of classes and lack of control and discipline has led to accusations and counter-accusations between DET on the one hand and the teachers' unions, education committees, parents and political organisations, on the other.

A Mamelodi political activist, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, blamed certain teachers for the disruption of classes.

"We have established that teachers who had personal differences with their principals use pupils to get rid of these principals," he said.

"There is no law and order at almost all the high schools in Mamelodi. I have been told

teachers are afraid to act against them," the activist said.

DET's regional chief director, Mr Job Schoeman, confirmed there was lack of discipline at Pretoria's high schools. He said no effective education had taken place since the school term started.

The South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadu), blamed the DET for the situation and accused Schoeman of being "insensitive" towards the needs of black students.

The union cited the lack of schools, textbooks, furniture and shortage of teachers as reasons for the abnormality at schools.

The Mamelodi Education Forum, which comprises representatives of the ANC, PAC, Azapo, Sadu, PASO and Cosas, said in a statement released yesterday that they were trying to normalise schooling in Mamelodi.

Conference

Recent meetings, they added, had revealed that "tension between principals pupils and teachers is rife."

A conference is scheduled to be held on March 16 to draft a code of conduct and to address the improvement of relations at schools.

Despite 1991 being declared the year of effective teaching and learning, most pupils arrive at schools and leave the premises as they please, a DET spokesman said.

Mr Ezrom Mabuza, a parent from Atteridgeville, blamed "the evils of apartheid which brought about structures such as the DET."

"We also understand our children's grievances. We support their demands for a better education but we condemn the dismissal of our principals by children.

"Schools must be respected and discipline

maintained. Our children must go to school while their grievances are being attended to. What kind of society are we going to have in a new South Africa if they do not go to school?" Mabuza said.

Mr Sipho Maseko, publicity secretary of the Azanian Students Congress, condemned the unruly behaviour of pupils as well as the "pass one, pass all" concept.

"The lack of discipline and disregard for authority should be uprooted in its totality. It is the work of those who have always believed in creating a crisis simply to fly their ideological flag," Maseko said.

Apartheid

The Mamelodi Education Forum yesterday called on all teachers, parents, students and inspectors to help in resolving what they described as "chronic problems in education."

"We shift all the blame on DET because the pupils' grievances are not new. DET has failed to co-ordinate black education. It must close shop and give way for a single non-racial, non-sexist education department," the MEF said.

It was unfortunate, the MEF added, that the crisis in education, which had been created by the apartheid regime, threatened the unity of the oppressed.

The regional secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo), Mr Dibetso Taukobong, said dedicated teachers were in unenviable positions because of aggression from their pupils.

"It is not only the DET that must be blamed for the disruption of classes at our schools. Pupils must also be condemned for chasing away principals and choosing who should teach them. Certain pupils and teachers have been programmed to be disruptive. They must first be de-programmed before normality can prevail at school," Taukobong said.

The Central Secondary School in Soshanguve

By S'BU MNGADI

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) wants permission to punish innocent pupils along with the guilty if cheating is discovered in examinations.

This emerged in the wake of the DET's pending appeal against a Natal Supreme Court ruling that innocent pupils may not be punished.

Outlining the basis of the appeal, the DET told the court this week it would argue that another court could come to the conclusion that 1982 regulations allowed the director-general of the department to take steps "even against innocent candidates".

The Natal judgment, which barred the department for the first time from acting against innocent candidates, concerned former Durban matric pupil Pinky Ndlovu.

During a biology exam in Durban in 1989, two candidates were apprehended in possession of "worked-out answers".

Det says punish innocent scholars

However, the DET arbitrarily cancelled the biology results of the entire class.

Through Durban's Legal Resources Centre, Ndlovu challenged this decision in the Supreme Court and last month the court ruled against the DET.

The judge said Parliament could not have intended that innocents be punished in such cases and said officials could only withhold results of

candidates against whom there was clear evidence of cheating.

The judgment was greeted with relief by thousands of people who have been victims of similar arbitrary actions by the DET since 1982 when the regulations were passed.

The decision by the DET to appeal has ruined Ndlovu's chances of enrolling at the Mangosuthu Technikon in Durban to study medical technology this year.

Unless a special exception is made, the Natal judgment will be put on ice and students will not get their certificates until the appeal has been finalised.

A lawyer said it could be next year before the issue is settled. Only then, depending on the outcome, will the results be released.

Child-rape charge

A 19-YEAR-OLD former pupil of Phelang school for mentally handicapped children in Springs reappeared in the local regional court this week on charges of raping a 10-year-old KwaThema girl early this year.

The magistrate ordered the accused to be sent for 30 days psychiatric observation at Weskoppies Hospital in Pretoria, postponing the case until March 22.

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NECC plans protests to 'knock sense into DET'

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THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) yesterday called for a campaign of demonstrations at Department of Education and Training (DET) offices to protest "appalling conditions" in township schools.

NECC PWV secretary Amon Msane told a Press conference overcrowding in township schools was rife, with an average pupil-teacher ratio of 70 to 1. Many classes had no stationery and no textbooks for pupils.

The demonstrations would include sit-ins by NECC members and parents and would not disrupt teaching, Msane said.

He accused the DET of procrastinating, saying that it "always makes promises but has done nothing" to remedy the situation.

A DET spokesman said overcrowding was caused by thousands of blacks entering schools as part of the NECC's re-education programme, which advocates literacy and training among people of all ages.

The spokesman said more than 40 000 people aged between 21 and 35 had enrolled in schools this year, causing severe

overcrowding, and that hundreds of adults were attending primary schools.

"This problem can't be solved overnight," he said, adding that the shortage of textbooks had been exacerbated by people who steal books from schools.

However, Msane said the NECC needed to "hammer some sense" into the DET, adding that white schools experienced no problems with supplies, while several black schools which he did not specify had neither books nor stationery.

The campaign of sit-ins and demonstrations at DET offices would be co-ordinated later this month, Msane said. It would not involve pupils or teachers.

He also appealed for the deadline for paying matric exam fees to be further postponed from April 5, because "we cannot expect people to prepare for exams without any textbooks".

The DET spokesman said he did not know of any township schools without supplies, but would look into the matter.

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By Charles Schulz



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The Department of Education and Training, which is responsible for black education, says it will not extend the closing date for entries for the November 1991 matric exams beyond today's deadline

A statement from the department in Pretoria yesterday said it had received requests to extend the closing date for registration for the end-of-year exams

"One of the reasons advanced in support of the request is that parents who receive their salaries at the end of the month do not have cash available (for the registration fee) at present"

But the DET's resources were "already stretched to the limit and certain processes had to be completed".

"The closing date for registration for the November 1991 Std 10 ex-

aminations cannot be postponed."

However, the statement said principals who "experience problems in the registration and collection of the registration fees may approach their regional chief directors for a special arrangement ."

The latest date that fees could be received in the regions was April 2, it added — Sapa

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Education chief sees hot seat as golden chance

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The hallmark of a civil servant, a South African flag, flutters on the desk of the regional chief director of the Department of Education and Training (DET)

However, this particular civil servant, Dr Edward Ndaba, is treading new ground.

He describes himself as "first a concerned parent and second an official" and "a people's servant".

He has earned the respect of opposition organisations, and that alone has been a major factor in heralding new hope for education.

Dr Ndaba stepped from a 15-year academic career, culminating in a professorship in educational psychology, and joined the DET as deputy director in Natal five years ago, becoming the highest ranking black official in the civil service

Early last year, he was appointed chief regional director of the DET

He concedes that he occupies a hot seat, "but I grew into it. It was a golden opportunity to put academic principles into practice"

Resentment

Dr Ndaba's first year in the seat began in turbulence. Teacher demonstrations in March were a taste of things to come, he said.

He was faced early with a massive welling of anger and resentment among teachers and pupils.

Dealing with that mood, he said, was his greatest challenge.

To break down the "them and us" barriers, Dr Ndaba established communication systems to liaise with organisations, teachers and pupils

"People discovered they could really talk to



Treading new ground . . . Edward Ndaba occupies the hot seat of Department of Education and Training chief regional director, Natal.

me and that I shared their concerns

"The problems are still there, but people are learning to face them in the correct perspective."

A second task was to establish good relations with the KwaZulu education authorities

"We had been operating in separate camps in the same areas. Relations between the DET and KwaZulu officials are now cordial," he said

His theme for 1991 is to see a "moratorium" in education.

"By that I mean that schools must be delinked from political activism," he says.

"School boycotts are targeted against the self Education is a developmental process and once there are gaps in educa-

tion, there are problems."

He would like to see "genuine community involvement" in schools

"The communities themselves must see what is happening in their schools, whether effective learning is taking place."

Dr Ndaba said the greatest problem facing his department was financial constraints for staffing and building schools.

"In DET schools, we are trying to meet the needs of staffing, books and stationery."

Dr Ndaba is proud of the performance of Natal pupils in the disastrous matric results last year.

"Modestly equipped schools produced excellent results In 1989 only

one candidate in the whole DET attained an A aggregate. In 1990, three attained A's and all were in Natal

"And of the six schools which achieved 100 per cent pass rates, three were in Natal.

"The most crucial aspect in a school is the climate for learning I really do hope that the intensive learning messages of organisations like the NECC (National Education Co-ordinating Committee) and Cosas (Congress of South African Students) filter down into schools."

Dr Ndaba envisages an ideal balance in education

"On the one hand, teachers should have a passion for teaching, and on the other, pupils should have a joy for learning. But that does not mean one must fold one's arms in the face of injustice."

One of his goals is the promotion of "mental liberation"

Others are the identification and elimination of racial discrimination and a clean administration.

Support

Referring to organisations like the Congress of South African Students and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, Dr Ndaba said "They speak my language. Their messages must be carried to their logical conclusions in the classrooms They have implied the need for a code of conduct at different levels for teachers, pupils and communities I like that"

Of central importance to success in education were teachers, he said "They are doing a gigantic, sometimes thankless, task They need all the support they can get from officials and communities"



UNPAID TEACHERS ... Mr L Ramokolo (left), Ms T Nomathamsanga, Ms N Qushaka, Ms S Tsotso, principal Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana, who is paid, Ms P Nabe, Mr M Makaya, Ms P Ngogo, Mr F Maseko and Ms T Sibaca.



CHAIR SHORTAGE ... Mr Ian Morrison of the British consulate chats to a pupil who brings her own chair to school from home every day. Many pupils sit on the floor in the modern classrooms.



BOOK SPACE ... principal Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana with US consular official Mr Charles Baquet (centre) and British consular official Mr Ian Morrison in the Mandela High School library.

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NO DET approval for city schools' 11 new teachers

By PETER DENNEHY

ELEVEN new teachers have been engaged by the school committee of Dr Nelson R Mandela High in Crossroads, without the permission of the Department of Education and Training.

Mr Pro Jack, publicity secretary for the Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA), said at a press conference yesterday that the number of pupils had risen 78% from 1 054 last year to 1 878, yet the number of officially sanctioned teachers had remained at 35.

The school — which had a plaque in its foyer saying "The doors of learning and culture should be opened to all" — did not wish to turn away pupils.

"We had to comply with the demand of the community, backed

by our national leaders — (for) the 'back to school' campaign," Mr Jack said.

At the end of last year, the school had had 14 spare classrooms and four laboratories, none of which were equipped, he said.

The PTSA had believed the school needed 16 extra teachers. Eleven had been "hired" and had been teaching for more than three weeks.

According to the principal, Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana, the parents had said they would try to pay the teachers until the department agreed to, but only R10 had been contributed. A fund-raising committee had been set up.

Income from school fees had been R20 500 last year, but the teachers' salaries averaged about

R1 000 a month each.

Many pupils at the school, formerly known as Sebenza Secondary, stand all day at laboratory tables which they use as desks. Others, in empty classrooms, sit on the floors. A number of pupils bring chairs from home and make do without desks.

Mr Jack said the science teachers did not have even a test tube between them. They taught solely from books. The library had a few dozen books.

There was no reply from the department yesterday to faxed questions, but the school committee gave the press a copy of a memorandum in which a circuit inspector had said "I regret to advise that the department has no grants against which these teachers can be appointed."



STANDING ALL DAY ... Laboratory benches are used as desks. This laboratory does not have stools so the pupils stand in the front row are Ivy Liwani (left), Elizabeth Ninzi, Gertrude Zenzie and Pearl Mhlontno.

Townships saved from switch-off

WILSON ZWANE

TWO Pretoria townships had averted electrical power cuts by paying more than R2m, Pretoria City Council spokesman Ina Olivier said yesterday.

Olivier said electricity would have been switched off in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville yesterday had their town councils not paid their current and outstanding electricity accounts.

"The town councils of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi, which owed the Pretoria City Council R1 437 274 and R1 098 583 respectively, paid their accounts in full on Friday," Olivier said.

Atteridgeville town clerk Ernie Jacobson said although his council had managed to avert power cuts, only 28% of residents had actually paid their electricity accounts.

While his council was repairing damaged meters and power supply networks, residents should pay the R50 a month interim rate agreed to by himself and the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) in January.

"After damaged meters and power supply networks have been repaired, residents are expected to pay according to consumption," he said.

Stoffel set to meet Alex hunger strikers

PICTURES ROBERT BOTHA

EDUCATION and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe could meet Alexandra pupils — some of whom are on hunger strike — this week to discuss grievances against the Department of Education and Training, a spokesman for his office said yesterday.

"I cannot confirm the venue and time at this stage but we are hopeful that the meeting between the minister and the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) will take place in Johannesburg on Friday," spokesman Caro Hoon said.

The meeting was part of Van der Merwe's "open-door-policy" of meeting everyone with a "genuine concern about education".

Hoon said Van der Merwe had agreed to meet the Alexandra Cosas branch after the pupils' body phoned his office yesterday.

News of the meeting came as pupils announced plans for a protest march on Thursday, Sapa reports.

The march would be a "physical expression" of the pupils' anger over

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alleged moves by the authorities to evict the youths and end the sit-in.

Cosas, whose executive committee members are on a six-day hunger strike at Alexandra town council offices, reiterated its vow that it would not suspend its protest action until it met Van der Merwe.

Alexandra Education Crisis Committee co-ordinator Mike Maile said pupils had given the authorities until March 19 to begin implementing their demands for improvements to schools.

In a memorandum submitted to Alexandra school inspector Gordon Kadungure last month, Cosas called on the DET to make resources available as soon as possible if it wanted to avert a high year-end failure rate.

It noted a serious shortage of teachers and textbooks and "gross overcrowding in classes".

In another development, eight principals from local schools yesterday joined the sit-in by 18 youths at the Alexandra town council offices

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Unpaid teachers mob DET office

Staff Reporter

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MORE THAN 50 Khayelitsha teachers occupied the foyer of the Department of Education and Training's Cape Town office yesterday to demand the payment of outstanding salaries.

Teachers at the Maysiyilie Senior Secondary School said they had not received payment for the past two

months and demanded payment from the DET's regional officials.

The school's entire complement of 52 teachers turned up at the Foretrust Building to protest at the non-payment.

Education and Development Aid Deputy Minister Mr Piet Marais said: "The problem was caused by administrative errors."

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SMALL CHANGE

A curious development in black education in Natal is underway. It's been announced that 26 schools around Maritzburg and Pinetown will, from the beginning of the next term, be transferred from the KwaZulu Department of Education & Culture (DEC) to the direct control of the Department of Education & Training (DET).

The break with KwaZulu follows sustained pressure from local communities, including teachers and parents, and more schools are expected to follow, says Tshinywaho Phidane, National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) chairman for the Midlands region.

There seem to be two underlying reasons, financial and political. DET regional chief director Edward Ndaba explains that while schools on SA Development Trust land are usually administered by the DET, for his-

torical reasons some schools in these areas were placed under the control of KwaZulu's DEC "for administrative purposes" when the homeland was created.

Problems arose, says Ndaba, because of KwaZulu's limited resources. Following an arrangement between DET Minister Stoffel van der Merwe and DEC Minister Lionel Mtshali, the schools will now fall under the direct control of Pretoria.

Mtshali disputes this version by saying funding played no part in the decision to transfer the schools. "The NECC put the DET under political pressure to take the schools away from us." He would not comment further.

The NECC's Phidane says funding was only part of the problem of what he calls KwaZulu's "illegal control" of the schools. "Usually schools on Development Trust land are built and maintained by the Department of Development Aid and handed over to the DET for administration."

But he says while KwaZulu paid teachers'

salaries and supplied stationery, no funds could be had from either the DEC or Pretoria for maintenance, equipment or the building of new schools.

"Thousands of pupils in the Maritzburg area alone do not have a place in school, yet we could not get funds from anybody to expand existing schools or build new ones. One school in Edendale is still short of 300 desks."

Yet, he says, schools in certain parts of KwaZulu did not seem to have the same difficulties in getting funds.

Another problem was having schools in areas, such as Edendale, Clermont and Kwa-Dabeka near Pinetown, which do not fall directly under the homeland but under DEC control.

"With different curricula at DET and DEC schools, there were difficulties with pupils who had to change schools."

He says pressure will continue from schools in the same position to break away from KwaZulu. ■

Schools buckle under influx from rural areas

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THE abolition of influx control has resulted in a major and unpredictable movement of pupils from rural areas and the homelands, placing great stress on resources to plan and provide secondary education, says the Department of Education and Training.

In its annual report for last year, released this week, the department said it had experienced a growth of 80 905 high school pupils in 1989/90, compared with an average annual growth of 18 276 pupils since 1970. It claims a pupil teacher ratio of 34,5:1 in 474 public secondary schools, a figure which

The DET's annual report, released this week, found a massive growth in numbers of high school pupils.

PORTIA MAURICE reports

does not appear to correspond to the reality of overcrowded classrooms and a severe shortage of school buildings.

According to the report, the DET built seven new secondary schools last year — comprising 291 tuition rooms — and 56 additional rooms were erected at existing schools. Nineteen new secondary schools are planned and building operations are in progress on 37 sites.

Of its R2,5-million budget for the 1990/91 financial year, the largest figure of R1 053 273 has been allocated to pre-primary and primary education.

Acknowledging that it had been subjected to "acerbic criticism" for delays in the payment of teachers' salaries during 1990, the DET attributed the problem to the use of an "outdated and user-unfriendly computer system", and promised an improvement in the situation in the next two years with the transition to a more flexible system.

Hitting hard at the South African Democratic Teachers' Union for using "militant and disruptive methods" against it, the DET claimed more than 200 educators were "prevented from continuing with their work at one stage or another" and that at least 240 teachers, principals and inspectors had suffered damage to their property.

The department claims considerable success in upgrading the training of teachers — the percentage without a matric qualification having dropped from 68,78 in 1984 to 27,80 in 1990 — although its attempts will have to answer to ever greater demands in the future. To this end, it has appointed a Working Group of specialists to recommend ways in which the DET's 14 colleges of education can be improved.

Schools are not yet managed as they should be, says the report, citing the following reasons:

- Shortages in satisfactory classroom accommodation and appropriately qualified teaching staff with the necessary dedication and enthusiasm;

- Staff who obtain promotion before they have gained adequate management skills and experience;

- The failure of pupils, at the end of the school year, to hand in textbooks, which cannot always be replaced by the department in time;

- Insufficient subject advisors to provide teachers with guidance, and

- Inspection circuits which are too large and burdensome (circuit inspectors, it says, are each responsible for an average of 37,9 schools).

"The department is aware that there are parents, teachers and pupils who cast doubt on its right to exist . . . but its officials are prepared to continue their work within structures which may yet be created in the future," reads the report.

DET gives out R2-m textbooks

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

THE Department of Education and Training has sent textbooks valued at more than R2 million to eight of its regions throughout the country, a DET spokesman said yesterday.

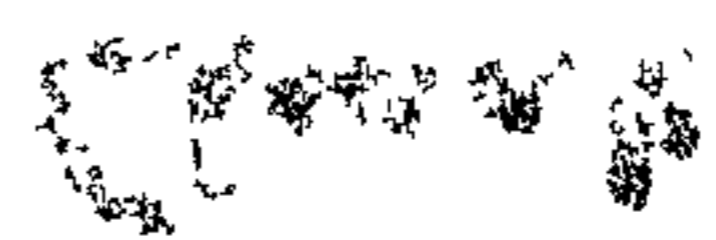
He said the department had placed orders to the value of R2 746 072 with publishers, who are dispatching the books directly to the schools

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Shortage

He attributed the shortage of Standard 10 books at many schools to the "exceptionally high rate of failure in the final examinations at the end of last year".

"Matric candidates who failed last year were permitted to keep books and study guides as a temporary measure to enable them to prepare for the supplementary examinations," he said.

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Renewed calls for learning as kids go back to school

By LULAMA LUTI (256)

THOUSANDS of Transvaal children are due to return to school tomorrow amid renewed calls for them to ensure that effective learning takes place. *UPres 14/4/91*

Last term learning was at a low ebb in schools under the Department of Education and Training.

The call for normality in schools has been reiterated by students' organisations, who further appealed to teachers to help pupils make up for lost time.

Said Azanian Students' Convention publicity secretary Siphon Maseko: "Azasco desires the re-opening of schools to be devoid of the circus which characterised them last quarter. The schools should serve the purpose they were intended for - effective learning.

"We also call on teachers to assist students in this regard by pursuing their professional duties with seriousness, and on teachers' unions to stop misdirecting students."

Congress of South African Students' president Thami Rubusana said Cosas urged students to go to school and called for a "process of intensive learning" to take place.

"But we should note that in areas where there was not effective learning at schools there were problems of overcrowding and lack of adequate facilities.

"However the campaign for these facilities does not mean learning should come to a standstill."

Speaking on behalf of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, the PAC's secretary for education Joel Gwabeni said: "Noting that today's education crisis is tomorrow's labour crisis, we call on students to go back to school and learn.

"We further call on Cosas to stop slogans like 'pass one pass all' and address fundamental issues like the lack of stationery and the shortage of teachers and classrooms."

Meanwhile, in a major step towards resolving the education crisis in Mamelodi, which reached alarming proportions last term, the 48 principals expelled from schools de-

cidated they would go back to their respective posts tomorrow.

The move has been welcomed by the DET, which said the decision was taken at a meeting earlier this week between the principals and members of the schools' management councils.

DET Northern Transvaal spokesman Geoffrey Makwakwa said while the department welcomed community involvement in education, it could not allow individuals or groups to usurp the authority of principals or to prescribe to them.

"I wish to make it clear that the principals will return to their schools and perform their duties only on the conditions laid down by the DET."



Siphon Maseko ... we don't want the circus we had last time.

Pupil boycott at Pretoria schools

(256) TANIA LEVY

MOST schools in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, remained empty yesterday as the townships thousands of pupils refused to return to classrooms for the start of the second term. BIDA 15/4/91

A DET spokesman said only one Atteridgeville school reported an 80% attendance while the rest were deserted. These included seven high schools and a number of primary schools.

There was also a complete class boycott at Mamelodi's 12 high schools, although the township's 48 principals returned to their schools for the first time since being chased away from their posts by pupils about a month ago.

The DET spokesman said Mamelodi pupils were expected to return to class today.

The department would keep a close watch on Atteridgeville and the schools would be closed completely if the situation deteriorated.

The DET believed the SA Democratic Teachers' Union was behind the class boycotts and last term's expulsion of teachers, the spokesman said.

Demands listed in a Congress of SA Students (Cosas) pamphlet distributed in Atteridgeville were the same as those made by Sadtu.

These included the provision of additional textbooks, reinstatement of suspended teachers and a solution to the problem of overcrowding at the schools.

Sadtu spokesmen were unavailable for comment.

Squatters our top priority, says DET

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PROVISION of education in squatter areas is among the top priorities of the Department of Education and Training this year, according to a report tabled in Parliament.

The department says it plans to formulate an education policy which will suit the learning needs of people in these communities

Protest marches

"The department cannot depend on the traditional model for provision of education in the areas. It is unrealistic to expect that pupils who sometimes live in very poor conditions should fit into the conventional general-formative education programme

"There is a national consensus that circumstances in black schools have to be normalised. Where order does not exist, (it) must be created.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

"A climate of learning and studying must be established in schools. The squandering of resources and time must be ended. The whole community must be involved in this," the report says.

It describes 1990 as "a year of extremes" in which DET and its officials and teachers experienced tension, failure and frustration.

Through a determined effort to rectify shortcomings, the department managed to make breakthroughs, to change attitudes and to provide a credible service.

The report attributes last year's bad performance and the breakdown of order in schools to "deliberately organised" activities which "seriously disrupted education"

It cited protest marches and sit-ins as activities which contributed to this breakdown.

DET calls for change of attitude

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

Last year black education was hamstrung by disruptions and protest actions which made calls for the normalisation of education even more urgent, the Department of Education and Training says in its 1990 annual report, released this week.

Not only did disruptions and protests retard the learning process in schools, but DET employees were personally adversely affected by these actions.

At least 240 teachers, principals and inspectors suffered loss when their property was damaged during protests.

The DET also reported that more than 200 educators were prevented from continuing with their work at schools. This followed the protracted teachers' "chalk-down" strike which advocated a defiance campaign against DET authorities, inspectors of schools and principals.

The striking teachers had resolved not to submit their daily record books to principals and banned inspectors and other officials from visiting schools.

"It is tragic that the level of lawlessness in many secondary schools assumed disturbing proportions last year, and if a radical change of attitude is not forthcoming, this bodes ill for the future," the report said.

The 200-page report called

for the establishment of a climate of studying and learning in schools.

"The squandering of resources and time which has characterised black schools over the past few years must be ended and the whole community must be involved in this."

The DET said it found it encouraging to note that support for these ideas was being expressed in many quarters.

Regarding the supply of textbooks and stationery to schools, the DET said a new system was being designed in which more pupils, parents and teachers would be trusted to accept responsibility for the use and care of school books.

Although accepting the responsibility to provide each pupil with the necessary books and stationery, the DET said this was made almost impossible because many students did not return books lent to them at the end of the year.

The loss in books since 1988 had resulted in great shortages last year and R8 million had to be spent to replenish the stock.

The report said the DET was currently engaged in moves to decentralise its activities and give more power to its regional authorities as part of the process to improve the department's overall management.

The report, signed last month by DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw, said much had been done to free the regions of unnecessary control from Pretoria.

DET 'closes' college with no warning

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ABOUT 600 students at the Daveyton College of Education have been left stranded after the college was "closed" without notice last week.

The closure has come as a surprise to students and the Daveyton community because "there has been no incident at the college that threatened life or property to warrant its closure."

However, students have vowed to continue going to school because neither they nor the college council, parents and the SRC were informed about the decision.

A Department of Education and Training representative denied that the college had been closed.

Problems

He said classes had been suspended following a recommendation by the college council.

"There are certain problems which the department is experiencing at the college and we are trying to sort them out."

"Letters are being written to students to inform them of the suspension. The council has recommended that classes be suspended until Friday," he said.

Students claim the closure could have been sparked off by a list of grievances they handed to

By NKOPANE
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the college's management last month

In a memorandum, students demanded that the rector, Mr Desmond Watt, be expelled. They were dissatisfied with his attitude towards the SRC and students

They did not receive any response.

The DET spokesman confirmed that the students had demanded that Watt be expelled.

He said it appeared they were unhappy be-

cause Watt was strict with college regulations.

The matter was being investigated

Other grievances against Watt are:

- * He refuses the SRC to use vehicles, saying they can only be driven by white lecturers

- * He refuses students and lecturers to visit bereaved families of colleagues during school hours.

- * He once refused to take a student injured at an inter-house sports meeting to a doctor.

DET- "abolition of influx control causes overcrowding"

Annual Report shocks teachers

New Nation (Learning Nation) 19/4-25/4/91.

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The Department of Education and Training's (DET) last year's annual report has taken several educationists by surprise since it appeared to lack objectivity in many areas.

According to the report, the overcrowding at schools is blamed to the abolition of influx control. The department argues that with the abolition of this law, people moved from rural to urban areas, thus contributing to the scarcity of resources in the cities.

With this argument accepted, the report would be expected to mention an abundance of resources in the rural areas. On the contrary, the reality is that schools in the metropolitan areas are relatively well-off if compared to those in the country, including farm schools and those under the control of the homelands.

The department claims a teacher-pupil ratio of 1 to 34,5 in 474 public schools, a figure which appears not to correspond with the reality of overcrowded classrooms and shortage of schools throughout the areas under the jurisdiction of the DET.

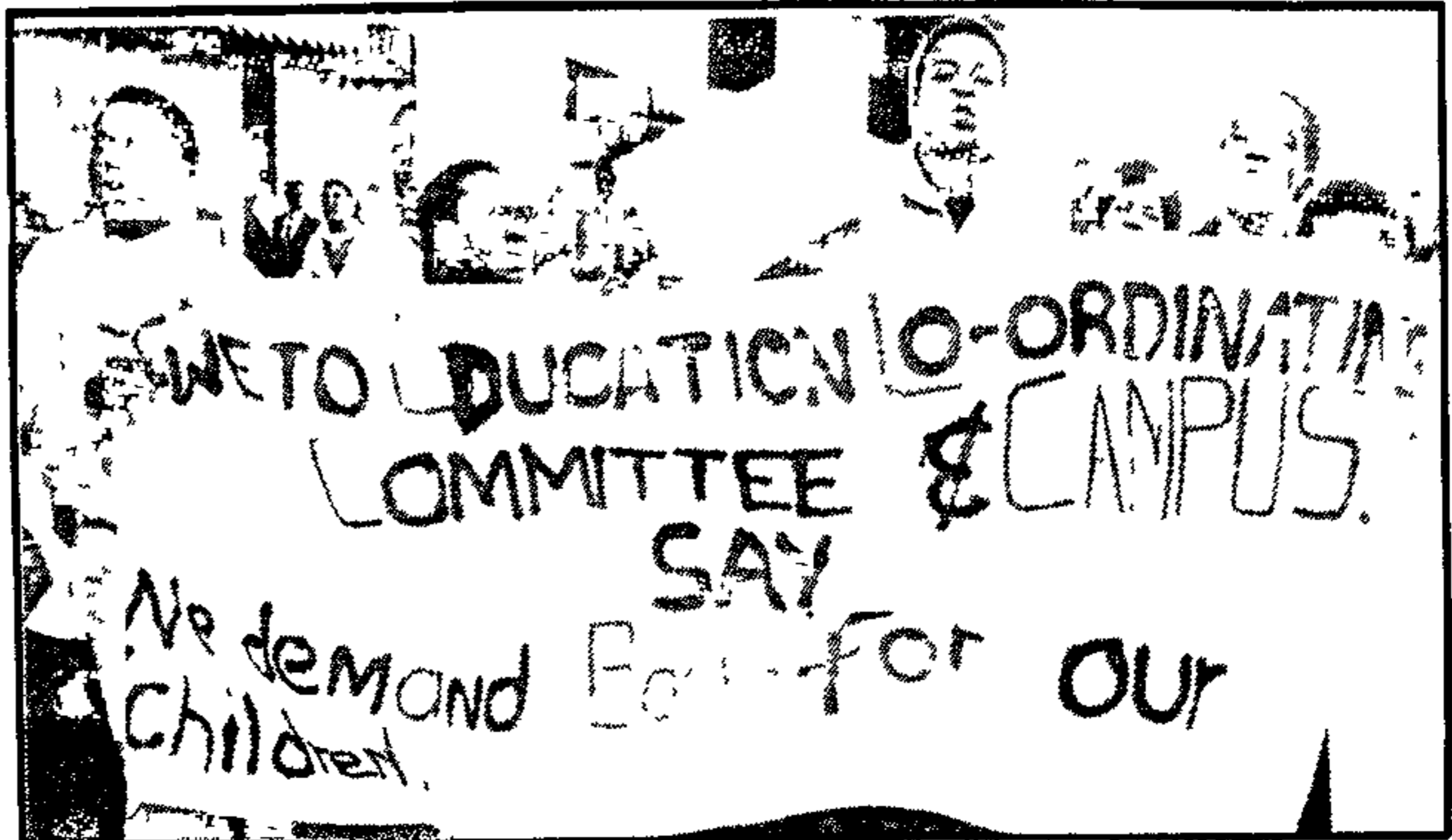
Blamed

The report says that because of the poor standard 10 results in 1989, the minister ordered a thorough investigation into the causes. The findings blamed the principals in some schools who "manage their schools poorly, without taking lead professionally".

While the report does not cite the shortage of textbooks and stationery as one of the primary causes for the poor results, it blames the lack of "competent management of textbooks and stationery" to poor school management which, it says, is evidenced by inability to carry out normal management functions effectively.

The department acknowledges that a significant number of pupils wrote standard 10 examinations despite being unprepared to do so. The report mentioned that there are pupils who do not stand a chance of being successfully educated in certain standards and are overcrowding classrooms.

However, the document does not explain how those pupils happened to be in those standards. It simply expresses concern that "such pupils" presumably play a significant



A march on DET's Johannesburg regional offices, last year, demanding textbooks and stationery for school children - DET's report blames the shortage of these resources to "lack of competent management" in schools.

part in the disruption of their colleague's learning opportunities.

"The great demand for education places standards under pressure," said the report.

"However, this is the one area in which, in the interests of all, no compromises are possible."

The report categorically states that standards may not "in any area whatsoever" be lowered. It, however, does not suggest what

needs to be done or what it will do to preserve high standards and meet the great demand for education.

Nowhere in the mammoth document can one read about the youth camps scandals and a commission which enquired about them.

A thorough reading of the document clearly suggest that the DET is itself in crisis and unable to give proper account on the crisis in education.

Mamelodi schools in turmoil

Schools in some areas of the trouble-torn Northern Transvaal region failed to re-open for the second term this week.

According to DET spokesperson Geoffrey Makwakwa, 48 Mamelodi principals were chased away from their schools by pupils this week. The principals, all from secondary schools, have not been operating in their schools for the past three months.

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They were allegedly chased away by members of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) after the department failed to meet their demand to provide stationery, textbooks, hiring more teachers and building more

schools.

In Atteridgeville, the spokesperson said, a pamphlet was distributed last weekend urging students not to report to school on the opening day.

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Attendance was poor in Soshanguve township, north of Pretoria.

The official did not say whether the undertaking made by his department to close down Mamelodi schools would be carried out.

The threat was made shortly before the end of the first term and it was to be carried out at the beginning of this term if the headmasters were not allowed to resume their duties.

DET to spend R28m on new teaching posts

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DEPARTMENT of Education and Training (DET) director-general Bernhard Louw yesterday announced that an extra R28m had been allocated for the creation of new teaching posts

This was in addition to a special R53m grant that the DET obtained for the urgent creation of 1 500 new posts at the beginning of the year

However, Louw said, the new posts would not eliminate the shortage of teachers throughout the country. There would still be backlogs in each of the DET's eight regions

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TANIA LEVY

The additional posts would help relieve pressure in some areas, but would not be enough to keep pace with the rapid growth in pupil numbers, he said.

A DET spokesman said the department could not give exact figures for the backlogs until it knew precisely how many new posts would be created with the R28m.

The department still had to finalise how many posts there would be in each of the eight regions. Details

would be given later, he said.

About R3m of the R28m would be used to create posts at technical colleges

Money spent on new posts includes salaries and the state's contributions to pension and medical aid schemes

Participation in the home-owners' allowance scheme is included for those eligible

The DET spends about 90% of its R3bn a year budget on salaries. At present it employs about 60 000 teaching and educational support staff

JOHANNESBURG. — An urgent meeting on the education crisis in the East Rand township of Katlehong, where 42 school principals are reported to have been expelled in the past month, is to be convened by Azapo's youth wing, the Azanian Students Convention, on Sunday.

Delegates from the Congress of SA Students, the SA National Students' Congress, the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, the SA Democratic Teachers' Union and the Black Educationists' Convention had been invited, said Mr Sopho Maseko, ASC publicity secretary.

He said the Department of Education and Training had not been invited as it was "a bureaucratic organisation whose interests are antagonistic to the demo-

42 school principals expelled. Meeting on crisis

cratic forces".

The SA Democratic Teachers' Union yesterday denied reports that 42 principals had been expelled.

SADTU's Johannesburg branch secretary, Mr Thabiso Matea, said the principals themselves had decided they would not return to their schools.

They resolved to continue negotiating with the Department of Education and Training on "burning issues".

The Alberton area offi-

cer of the DET, Mr Daan Theron, said meetings between principals and the directorate concerning "internal business affairs" were in progress.

Commenting on the DET's suspension of principals, Mr Theron said: "They did not want to teach — we had no choice but to suspend them. It is not necessary to give a reason."

The DET's 1990 annual report, released recently, said more than 200 educators were prevented from working at black schools for differing periods last year because of protests and disruptions — and the property of at least 240 teachers, principals and inspectors had been damaged.

"Through patient dialogue and negotiation, most of these educators were able to fill their posts again by the end of the year." — Sapa

Katlehong schools hit by principals' expulsion

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EFFECTIVE teaching in Katlehong could not be guaranteed after 42 principals were expelled from their schools this week, the Department of Education and Training (DET) said yesterday.

DET spokesman JH Booysen said although teachers and pupils were at their respective schools in the East Rand township, effective learning could not be guaranteed "in the absence of principals".

He added that of the 42 principals who were allegedly expelled by members of the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) on Monday, only one had returned.

Sadtu spokesman Thabiso Matea demed reports that his organisation had been instrumental in expelling the principals.

Matea said the principals themselves had decided not to return to their schools as they were negotiating with the DET.

He said the present crisis could be traced back to March 18, when 16 teachers at the Monde Lower Primary School in Katlehong were suspended by the DET for

alleged insubordination.

The issue was discussed at a meeting between Katlehong principals and Sadtu on the same day. But a large delegation of teachers due to meet the DET directorate in the Alberton area office were charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace after the police were called.

DET official for the Alberton area Daan Theron said meetings between the principals and the DET concerning "internal business affairs" were in progress.

Meanwhile, DET northern Transvaal spokesman Geoffrey Makwakwa warned that a concerted effort by parents and the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) was needed to prevent a total breakdown of education in Mamelodi.

National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) official Amon Msani told a media briefing yesterday that his organisation needed the DET's co-operation to resolve the education crisis.

DET blamed for disruption

THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee said yesterday it was the Government's lack of response which had led to stayaways and disruptions at schools. *Sowetan 24/4/91.*

High enrolments at schools this year had resulted in inadequate resources being pushed to the limit, the organisation said.

"Most pupils have not yet received textbooks. Teachers often teach a class of more than 100 pupils and in many areas there has been no effective learning since the beginning of the year," the NECC said.

"We believe the Government has now a historical obligation to begin to take steps that would turn back this grave educational injustice." (256)

At a consultative conference last month the NECC recommended mass action to force the Department of Education and Training to deliver books and stationery. This was to be discussed by local NECC branches.

The NECC will hold an annual general meeting from Friday to Sunday and has invited all its locals and sectors. - *Sapa.*



Principals directed: Get the house in order

In Kaitleng, writes 41

principals were ousted from their schools this week, **PORTIA MAURICE** found the community divided over how to deal with flawed education

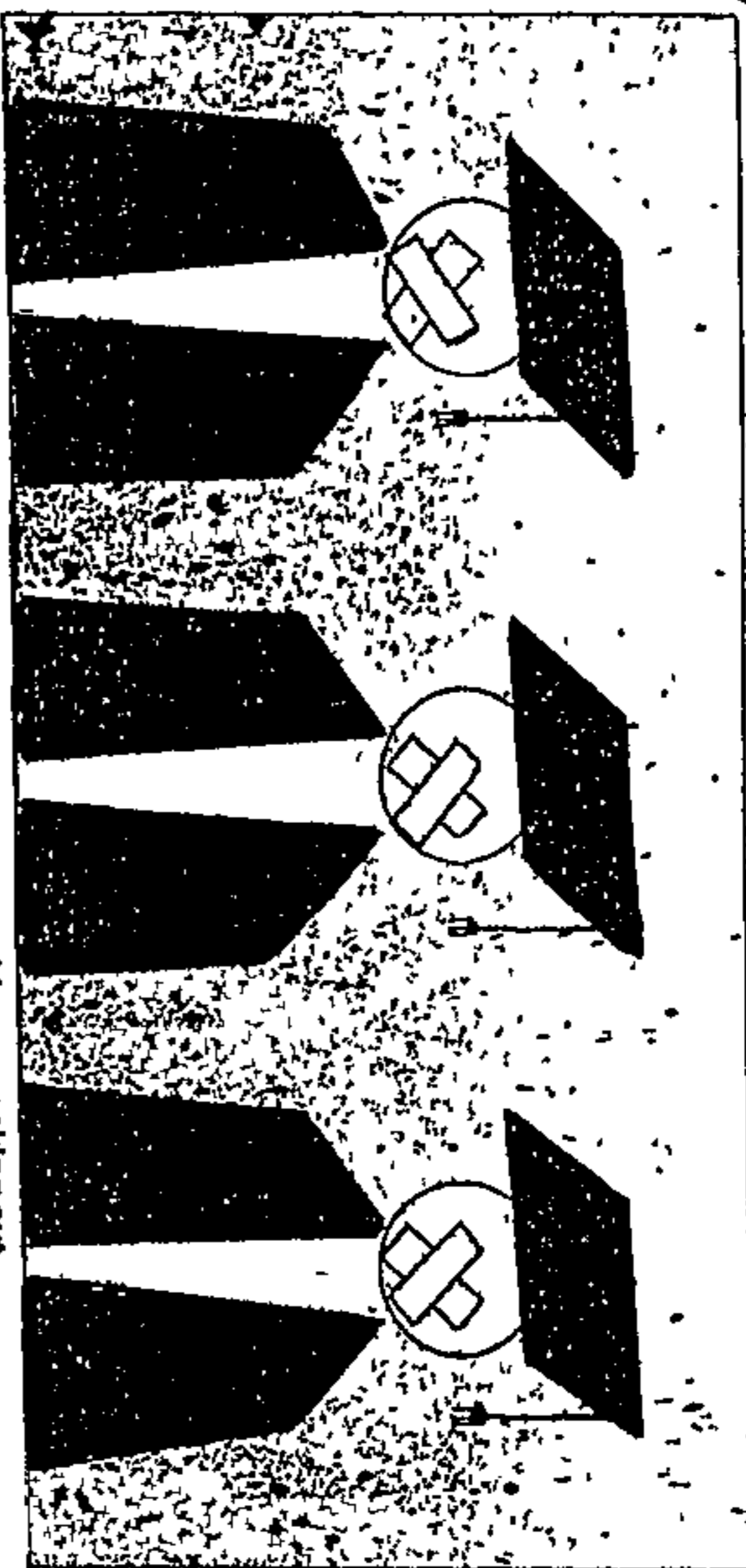
A CURTAIN of silence is drawn in Alberton's small Department of Education and Training Offices. Thirteen odd principals sit huddled up in one of its rooms, engaged in animated and sometimes angry discussion about the South African Democratic Teachers' Union, the African National Congress and "unlawful" pupils. But the public does not have the right to listen in.

At the beginning of this week, 41 principals in Kaitleng on the East Rand were ousted from their schools and instructed to report to the DET offices to secure the demands of their communities. Yet all attempts by this reporter to penetrate the bureaucratic web, speak to the school heads and travel through them to this bizarre situation were met with hostility from local departmental officials.

"What I can do for you is offer you a cup of tea, and that's all," an obviously vexed Dean Theron, assistant DET director of the Alberton area, told me in no uncertain terms before I had even explained my business in his office. "You are not allowed to speak to the principals. They are not allowed to make press statements."

A simple question to the black circuit inspector who had escorted me in and out of his superior's office: "Can you tell me how many schools there are in Kaitleng?" was met with "No, no, you see, if you ask me questions like that, you will get me into trouble."

One cannot help but wonder what there is to hide. In Kaitleng itself, young girls in mini-gymnastics roam the streets casual-



Gagged ... Kaitleng's expelled principals are being prevented from speaking out

by, although it is muddy. A teacher interviewed by *The Weekly Mail* is insistent, though, that schooling in the area is "super-normal", although the principals "are messed".

He says the staff at Alatang High School where he is based is working very hard for a full school day, but that learning will not be normalised until the DET meets the community's demands for more teachers and textbooks.

Frustrated by educational problems on the ground to which there seem no end, a host of organisations — the local civic association, Sadu, the ANC, the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) — called parents, students and educators to a meeting at the Kaitleng High School on Sunday. It was there — contrary to press reports that they were chased by students — that principals were "requested" to present demands to the DET office in Alberton, and not return until these had been met.

"They are the leaders of the schools — they must get the house in order," said the teacher.

Besides facilities required for schooling, the expulsion of the principals results from disciplinary action taken against teachers. Of a group of about 140 teachers arrested after protesting at the Alberton DET office last month, 16 were suspended from the Monde Primary School in Kaitleng and a further two, members of the Kaitleng Community School, were suspended.

The DET says the teachers repeatedly failed to be punctual, left the school campus without the approval of the principal, held meetings during lunch-time, disrupted approved examinations, and refused to obey the directives of the DET. Sadu spokesman Thulus Nxesi says however that the teachers were all union members and had been isolated as "trouble-makers" because they had

been raising allegations of mismanagement at Monde Primary since 1989. From the outside, Monde certainly appears a disciplined school. And clearly, community sentiment in Kaitleng is divided over strategies to deal with flawed education.

"The teachers should not demand what they want from the parents and principal — they must go to their employer, the department," said the vice-chairman of the interim school committee, who did not want to be named "for security reasons".

He believes the suspended teachers got what they deserved. "We want our kids to learn, under any circumstances. We stand firm on this point," he said. At other schools in Kaitleng, it seems, the situation varies. Students loiter in the playground, some are in the classroom, and in other cases teachers relax beneath the trees. That discipline has broken down, there can be no doubt. The education crisis this week

seemed less a problem of getting students to school, and more one of getting them to see the point of learning at all.

Even Cosas, which has come under fire for the behaviour of its members in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, echoes this. "Students are demoralised," says Aaron Mwelela, the organisation's general secretary. "They may be going to school, but they begin to roam the streets very early in the day."

Suggesting that organisations with an educational interest find out why this is the case, Mwelela said Cosas shared the common concern that no "proper schooling" was taking place. The crisis in Mamelodi mirrors that in Kaitleng, although there the 48 principals were expelled last term by students themselves. Three principals are still not back, and this week the DET said the township faced a "total breakdown in discipline" and that Cosas members had forcibly confiscated school fund records.

Pupils had advanced "vague, unsubstantiated" allegations concerning misuse of funds and seized administrative records, despite the fact that they had been audited, said DET Northern Transvaal regional chief director Job Schoeman. This made investigation of complaints impossible.

Despite allegations that Cosas members were being "ungovernable" — reminiscent of the 1985-86 era of school politics — and apparently contradicting calls by its sister "adult" organisations for students to return to school, Mwelela is adamant that Cosas is able to control its members. "Our locals all have the right to take progressive action appropriate to the situation in the township," said Mwelela, although he could not comment on the specifics of the Mamelodi problem and said it would be resolved as soon as possible.

"There are no differences between ourselves and the ANC, but Cosas is an independent and autonomous organisation," he said. "If the ANC makes a resolution, we will evaluate and consider it, but we will take our own decisions."

The DET was not available to comment on the crisis, but announced this week that it would, in the current financial year, be providing an extra R28-million for the creation of teaching posts. This is in addition to the R53-million budgeted for the crisis of 1 500 posts created at the beginning of the year.

"The additional posts will help in relieving pressure in certain areas, but the backlog experienced due to the rapid growth in pupil numbers will, however, not be eliminated. There will still be a shortage of teaching posts," said DET director general Dr Bernhard Louw.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Quota system scrapped - but restrictions remain

THE abolition of the "quota" system will not mean university education is more accessible to black students, the National Union of South African Students said this week.

The organisation was responding to the announcement in parliament by Minister of National Education Louis Pienaar that section 25 of the Universities Act — which was meant to control the percentage admission of black students — would be scrapped.

Describing the move as "tinkering with apartheid", Nussas said the quota system was never formally implemented because of protests against it. The organisation called for the scrap-

UCT honours Sachs

AFRICAN National Congress constitutional specialist Albie Sachs, an alumnus of the University of Cape Town, has been appointed an honorary professor in the university's Department of Public Law.

The university announced this week his appointment would be for five

Sadtu spreads its wings

THE South African Democratic Teachers' Union launched its Western Cape region at the University of the Western Cape last weekend.

Approximately 200 teachers listened to the keynote address by Sadu president Shepherd Madlana, who spoke extensively about the victimisation teachers faced countrywide.

Focus on colleges

THE Education Foundation, a non-profit, non-aligned trust established in April last year, is to host a workshop

years, retrospective from January 1 Sachs' primary focus will be on research in the area of constitutional law

Slow start for ILC

THE Inclusive Learning Campaign of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee is taking root very slowly.

National campaign co-ordinator Sirho Bloes said tuition had begun in the Northern Cape, Natal, parts of Pretoria and the Western Cape, but in other areas there was "nothing going on". He said the ILC "had not really been able to reach students", but the NECC was working on the problem

Where to in blackboard battle?

By LEN KALANE and LULAMA LUTI

THE curtain has once again fallen on black education as pupils take control of schools, resulting in anarchy and chaos.

The country is again bracing itself for what could be another disastrous year in education.

Two weeks after schools reopened for the second term, uncertainty and chaos is rife at most schools in the PWV area.

More principals are being chased out of schools by their own pupils and disruptions, sit-ins and stayaways are continuing.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has described the scenario as "hopeless" and predicts a high failure rate at the end of the year.

The DET blames the pupils for the crisis.

DET chief spokesman in Pretoria, Corrie Rademeyer, said: "We have good attendances at most schools. But that is only superficial. One is not always sure that meaningful education is taking place. Students come and go at will."

Meanwhile, top educationists are blaming parents for the crisis.

"Charity begins at home and chil-

as each side blames the other

Children should first be disciplined by their parents to learn to be obedient," said Prof E'skia Mphahlele, director of the Council for Black Education and Research.

He told *City Press* the so-called crisis was an intensive form of what had been going on in black education for years.

However, Mphahlele feels the government cannot continually be blamed for the situation, and said black children had more to lose by not getting educated.

"It's wrong to keep on saying apartheid is responsible. I think a major fault lies with us. When Bantu Education was invented we as teachers should have prepared ourselves to give children more than what the syllabus was offering," he said.

Mphahlele suggested that the answer lay with teachers' organisations mobilising themselves into a pressure group that would meet and talk to pupils as human beings.

Head of the prestigious Pace Commercial College and former Wits University mathematician, Prof Thamsanqa Khambule, said he blamed parents and teachers for the breakdown in education.

"When children feel insecure they want to take control of their destiny and pandemonium takes place.

"While parents feel they can no longer control their children, teachers have befriended these children to the extent that they feel they are their equals."

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas), however, blames the authorities.

Cosas has warned that unless the demands of pupils were addressed, radical action would be taken to "defend the process of intensive teaching and learning."

The warning came in a statement issued by Cosas, which also urged pupils in East Rand townships to return to school.

The organisation's Kattlehong branch said teachers had been provoked and were therefore unable to teach normally.

Provocation included the suspension of 16 teachers from various schools, charges being laid against a further 140 for an alleged sit-in, and court action against four members of the South African Democratic Teachers Union.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee has also blamed authorities for the education crisis.

Mass enrolment at schools this year has resulted in limited resources being pushed to the limit, said the NECC.

"Most pupils have not yet received textbooks, teachers often teach a class of over 100 pupils and in many areas there has been no effective learning since the beginning of the year," the NECC said.

The Azaman Students Convention (Azasco) blames the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu)

for the mayhem at schools, and Azasco's general secretary Raselepe Nthleledi said they were extremely concerned at the complicity of Sadtu in the education crisis.

Azasco said bodies such as Sadtu must realise that their tactic of using pupils to fight teachers was detrimental to the black community.

Nthleledi said they had information that Sadtu was behind the chasing-away of the Kattlehong principals from their schools.

However, Sadtu has denied reports that the union had expelled 42 principals from six schools in Kattlehong. Sadtu's Johannesburg branch secretary Thabiso Matea said the principals themselves had decided they would not return to their schools.

On Monday another two principals were suspended by the DET. This brings the number of those suspended to 18.

Alberton area officer of the DET, Daan Theron, said meetings between the principals and the department, concerning "internal business affairs," were in progress.

Theron said, "They did not want to teach - we had no choice but to suspend them."



Professor Thamsanqa Kha

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Six West Cape headmasters forced to quit

By BARRY STREEK

SIX Western Cape principals have been forced to leave their schools because of conflict and tensions, according to the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe

And the principals of three colleges of education had been withdrawn "because their personal safety was in question and because their continued presence could permanently impede the activities of the institutions".

Dr Van der Merwe said in reply to questions, tabled by Mr Jan van Eck, DP Claremont, and Mr Andrew Gerber, CP Brits, that the school principals — five white and one black — were currently employed elsewhere by his department

All had left the schools because of tension or conflict between themselves and the parent, teacher or student bodies at the schools.

Since February 2 last year the principals

of the colleges of education at Phatsimang in Kimberley, Kagisanong in Bloemfontein and Mphohadi in Kroonstad had been withdrawn permanently

There were specific reasons for withdrawing them, but it boiled down to the issues of personal safety and their presence impeding the activities of the institutions

Dr Van der Merwe added that he did not propose to reinstate any of them

Pupils set DET ultimatum

Education Reporter

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) is facing a May 20 ultimatum to supply textbooks to township high schools or be seen to be "declaring war on the students in particular and the community in general"

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) set the deadline yesterday and announced a mass march from District Six to the DET offices in Parliament Street this morning

A Cosas spokesman said the DET was deliberately not supplying books to cause another mass failure of black matrics so that it could blame pupil

and teacher organisations that promoted mass action

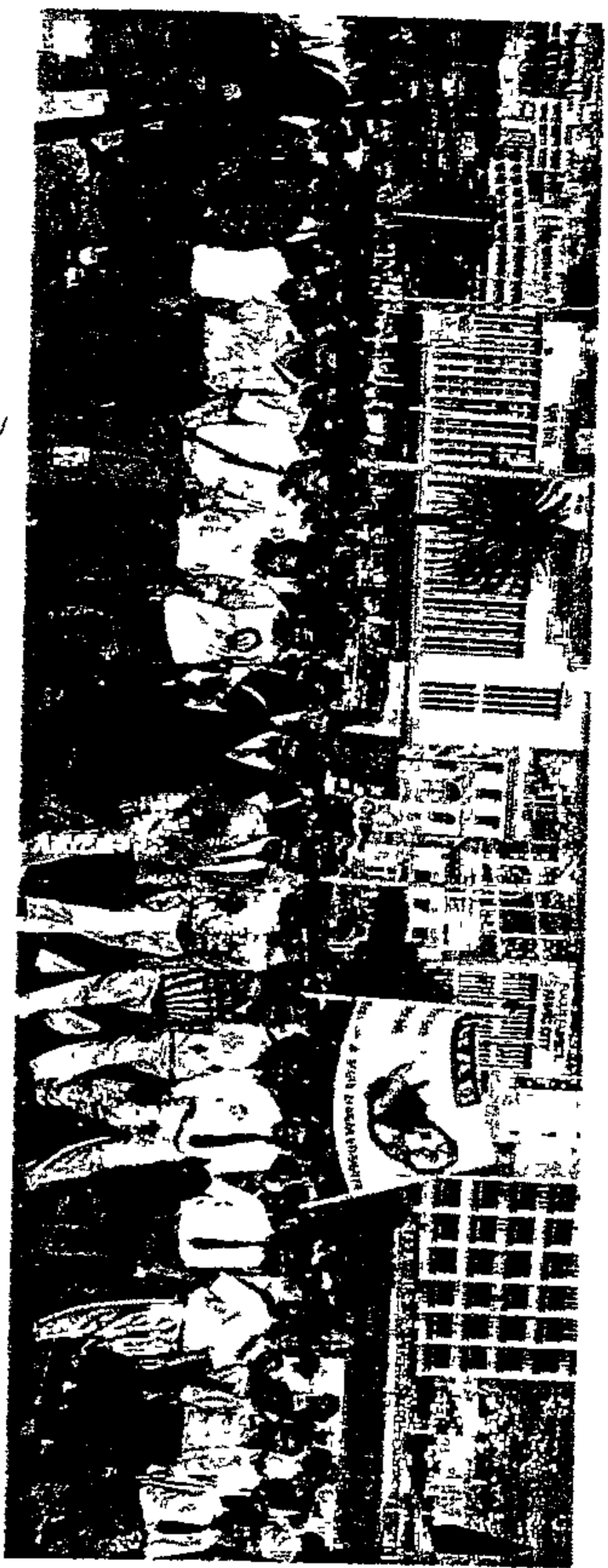
Pupils had responded to the back-to-school campaign only to find that there were too few schools, not enough books or teachers and inadequate facilities

Pupils were expected to write exams in two weeks' time, yet there were no textbooks

The DET could not be reached for comment by the time of going to press

● The principal of Luhlaza Secondary School in Khayelitsha, Mr C W Louw, said the DET provided about 80% of the required textbooks after staff members presented a petition to the department two weeks ago

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Vandalism mars protest

Education Reporter

A MOTORIST was treated for shock at Woodstock Hospital yesterday after being struck by a stone shot from a catapult as thousands of township pupils headed for Cape Town station following a protest march on the Foreshore

The pupils — members of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) who had marched from District

Six to the Department of Education and Training's (DET) regional offices — demanded new and improved schools, more qualified teachers, textbooks and laboratory equipment

Two cars parked near the DET offices had their tyres slashed and police said a pupil was arrested at the station for allegedly stealing from a market stall

After the march, a Cosas office-bearer, Mr Siphso Kussie, and a

delegation of pupils were allowed into the building to present the list of demands

The pupils demanded a meeting with the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, before May 15 to ensure that the more pressing issues were resolved before the June exams

Mr Kussie said pupils were "prepared to take any form of mass action" if the DET did not respond by May 20.



MARCH ... Leaders of the Congress of SA Students, the SA Democratic Teachers' Union and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee lead several thousand pupils who marched yesterday to present an ultimatum to the Department of Education and Training.

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Soweto pupils

Pupils bar 100 school heads

Political Staff

MORE THAN 100 headmasters have been forced to leave their schools this year because of conflict which has threatened their personal safety

Replying to a question in Parliament yesterday from DP MP Mr Roger Burrows, Education and Training Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said headmasters at 95 black schools, mainly in the Transvaal, had been refused entry to their schools by pupils

Last week, Dr Van der Merwe said that six principals of Western Cape schools had been forced to leave under similar circumstances.

Cuban on the banks of the Orange R.

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DET to look at measures to protect children

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) in the Johannesburg region is looking into measures to guarantee the safety of children both inside and outside school, sources close to the department revealed this week.

The move comes as schooling in Soweto came to a virtual standstill due to an escalation of violence in the past two weeks. *New Nation (Learning Nation)*

DET spokesperson, Solomon Mushokwe, confirmed that his department was investigating ways to ensure the protection of children, but declined to elaborate.

DET Sources told PUPILS FORUM that the police were likely to be drawn into the task of safeguarding schools.

The Soweto SA Police liaison officer, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, said police had not received any requests to protect schools. He declined to say whether they would be able to do so once the request had been made.

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Guarantee

Meanwhile, the Congress of South Africa Students (Cosas) has called on the state's security apparatus to guarantee the safety of students, but the organisation said the protection of students should not interfere with their freedom and education.

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The government was also challenged to "speedily" act against the perpetrators of violence "which is interfering with our education by harassing students".

The Kroonstad Three Million Gang was also accused of targeting students for harassment.

In the meantime, fears of a repetition of last year's bad matric results are mounting since no proper learning has taken place in many schools since the beginning of the year.

DET loses control of some township schools

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Star 6/6/91
By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

The current climate of political in-fighting, violence, intimidation and lawlessness has had a serious effect on education, says the Department of Education and Training.

DET regional director for northern Transvaal schools Job Schoeman told a media conference at his Pretoria office yesterday that the state of education in Mamelodi, Atteridgeville and Soshanguve was cause for grave concern.

Mr Schoeman admitted that his department had lost control of certain schools in the Pretoria area.

He said very little effective education was taking place and that there was an almost complete breakdown in discipline among pupils and teachers.

He cited as causes the abuse of liquor and drugs, assaults, intimidation, and total disregard for authority and rules.

He also blamed the defiance

campaign by the Pretoria Teachers Union (PTU) — part of the South African Democratic Teachers Union — for, among other things, causing the high failure rate in last year's matriculation exams.

Mr Schoeman said the department had met some of the PTU's demands and was busy working on the others.

He said Soshanguve was short of 267 teachers, Mamelodi was short of 15 secondary school teachers, but had a surplus of two primary school teachers, and Atteridgeville had a surplus of 56 primary school and 45 secondary school teachers.

He attributed the shortage of teachers and classrooms in Soshanguve on the back-to-school campaign and an influx of squatters and pupils from Bophuthatswana.

Mr Schoeman said enrolment at Soshanguve secondary schools was up by more than 6 000 pupils (44 percent) and had a teacher-pupil ratio of one to 63 at primary schools and one to 51 at secondary schools.

Regarding the shortage of books, he said sufficient pre-

scribed books, textbooks and, in addition, study aids for Std 10 pupils had been delivered at all schools in the three townships, but an estimated 32 percent of these had not been returned at the end of last year.

"Numerous cases have been reported where pupils have sold their books and stationery to pupils in neighbouring states."

"Some of the books were lost during gambling outside the school premises while others were left on the pavement or at drinking places."

He said additional matric textbooks were being delivered to schools in need.

The department had spent R15 780 000 on repairing and renovating schools in the three townships and was busy with the erection of more classrooms and schools.

Furniture belonging to Atteridgeville and Soshanguve schools was now to be found in many private homes, shebeens and other places.

He appealed to parents to involve themselves and ensure that their children's education was no longer disrupted.

Scrap DET — Van Eck

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THE Department of Education and Training should be abolished immediately because it had failed dismally in its task of providing black students with a proper education, the Democratic Party MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said yesterday.

The department's failings would ensure that the call by Western Cape community leaders on pupils to return to school would fail, he said during the debate on the Education and Training Vote.

Mr Van Eck said that although pupils and even some teachers had resorted to controversial and non-educational methods in highlighting the chaos in black schools, fingers should be pointed at the department which had dismally failed to provide black schools with minimum facilities.

Mass action to pressure DET

Sowetan 14/6/91

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By PHANGISILE
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THE National Education Crisis Committee has called for three days of mass action starting tomorrow to pressurise the Department of Education and Training into meeting its demands.

It has given June 16 as its deadline or it will take mass action.

The NECC has also called for the resignation of Minister of Education



VAN DER MERWE

and Training Dr Stoffel van der Merwe if the deadline was not met

Its Southern Transvaal regional general secretary, Mr Amon Msane, said pupils from all over the PWV area were expected to march on the DET's headquarters

"It is past the half-year mark and our pupils still do not have textbooks and stationery and their schools are not repaired," said Msane

He said the action would not interfere with the June examinations.

"Pupils are restricted

to participating on Saturday and Sunday. Monday's march will only be for parents and those interested in education."

Meanwhile, the situation has returned to normal at a Ratanda school after 60 teachers were "requested by the Cosas branch to stage a sit-in at the DET offices in Heidelberg as part of the mass action campaign".

The NECC branch in the area has resolved to intensify the go-back-to-school campaign.

Budget plan for schools will go ahead

New Nation (Learn in Nation) 256 19/7 - 25/7/91

Despite the Department of Education and Training's (DET) denial that it was allocating budgets to individual schools, Soweto principals insisted this week that the plan was in fact being introduced.

The introduction of the new system was also confirmed by the Northern Transvaal regional director of the DET, Job Schoeman. However, Schoeman said the project was still being investigated by a committee and that the earliest possible date for implementation was at the start of the next financial year in April 1992. Soweto principals disclosed that a major meeting to discuss the "trial project" in greater

detail will take place on August 11 at Fariyani Primary School in Soweto.

They said this meeting would also be attended by the chairpersons of management councils from the schools where these structures had not yet been dismantled.

Responding to the DET denial that no money had been allocated to individual schools, a headmaster said it was true that no money would be allocated to the schools

Requisitions

But, he said, the money would be in the hands of the regional office of the department and headmasters would make requisitions for equipment and supplies. These amounts would not be allowed to exceed the allocated sum for each school.

The difference between this and the present system is that currently principals do not have a specified limit.

Under the new system the headmasters will, for example, limit their textbooks orders even if they are inadequate, if this exceeds their budget.

Under the present system they may order any number of textbooks required

Capacity

The same will apply to repairs of school buildings. Headmasters will only order repairs if the cost does not exceed their budget. Teachers' salary increases as well as the employment of new teachers will also be dealt with in this way. One of the most criticised aspects of the

new system is that schools will be forced to take a limited number of students in accordance with their budget allocation.

Many pupils could be laid off and schools could be forced to limit their enrolment.

Schoeman said the system was being investigated and that "it would allow principals and parents to run the school according to their local priorities".

He said the parents would be involved through the management councils and the Parents-Teachers-Students Associations (PTSA's).

Community structures in Soweto have expressed concern about the introduction of the new system and have planned a series of meetings to discuss action to be taken to prevent the introduction of the project.

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By CHARIS PERKINS

THE education of ANC exile children — many of them war orphans — will be subsidised by the Department of Education and Training

The ANC will be in charge of a school to be established for between 400 and 700 children from the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania.

Postponed

Plans to airlift over 400 children to South Africa on August 15 were postponed after the Pretoria school earmarked for their return, Hillview, was destroyed in a bomb blast last week

As yet, no alternative arrangements have been made

The new ANC school — wherever it will be — is a temporary measure and many of the children face the prospect of attending black schools

Leading

"We will have to figure out what is available once the children are in South Africa," said ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus.

Meanwhile, the school will fall under the category of state-aided institutions

"We will pay the teachers' salaries, but we have no objection to the ANC taking a leading role in the running of the school," said Education and Training Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe

De Beer faces daunting task

By SEKOLA SELLO

THE new Minister of Education and Training Dr Samuel de Beer is not likely to be fazed by his promotion to one of the country's hottest Cabinet portfolios.

He has seen it all before. He was thrown into the lion's den seven years ago when he was appointed Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid

His appointment then, soon after his 40th birthday, could not have come at a worse time. The country was in flames and education was verging on collapse

On the Reef, in the Eastern Cape, some parts of the Orange Free State, in Durban and Maritzburg and the Western Cape, township schools had become "no go areas". Pupils were in daily clashes with the security forces

De Beer's ministry used a number of strategies to force pupils to return to classes, including threatening to close the affected schools.

As the situation deteriorated, the then State President, PW Botha, in



DE BEER...seen the worst of it before

1986 announced a special proclamation empowering the Department of Education and Training (DET) to expel pupils who failed to comply with DET regulations.

In terms of the proclamation published in a special Government Gazette, the DET director general or an authorised official could, without giving reasons, refuse to enrol or admit a pupil

Despite these hardline measures, De Beer earned a reputation among his

adversaries in the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), (now the National Education Co-ordinating Committee) that at least he listened to grievances

He also acceded to the establishment of Student Representative Councils at schools - one of the pupils' main demands

It was also during De Beer's tenure in office that a one-man commission of inquiry into unrest in black schools was established

The commission, under Professor Tjaart van der Walt, uncovered important factors which contributed to problems in black schools

These included socio-economic conditions worsened by recession; a serious lack of communication; and lack of a clear political future

Since then, not much has been done to remedy the situation.

In fact, De Beer will probably return to the DET to find the situation has worsened.

De Beer says he will make public his policy statement on how he intends tackling his new job when he takes office on

September 1.

But the NECC's Ithron Rensburg has already warned he is "faced with a daunting task".

At present De Beer is Own Affairs Minister of the Budget and Welfare, Housing and Works

■ Outgoing Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, says he is leaving the department with mixed feelings as much still has to be done, reports Sapa

Van der Merwe said in an interview on Friday he was optimistic the groundwork had been laid for a much better future for black education.

In the past 22 months, the whole climate had changed from confrontation to that of co-operation and unity.

However, Van der Merwe said it was necessary for him to leave to help lay the groundwork for negotiations. The National Party had a valid message to carry to all South Africans during and after the negotiations process.

His new title is NP chief publicist and full-time negotiations facilitator

Get out!
pupils
tell DET
staff

CP Correspondent

IRATE pupils blocked DET officials from carrying out inspections in the Free State and Northern Cape this week.

A DET spokesman in Bloemfontein said the chief inspector and four circuit inspectors visited Sehunyelo High School and were greeted by a group of angry students waving placards.

He said the pupils threatened the inspectors and told them to leave.

The five officials left and there were no further incidents.

The spokesman said four subject inspectors were also obstructed from carrying out their duties at Lereku High School.

Earlier this week, effective teaching was suspended at all high schools in Botshabelo after pupils kept out DET inspectors and other officials.

Attendances improve at DET schools

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ATTENDANCES at schools under the Department of Education and Training were far higher this year than in 1990, the Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday.

He said at a Press conference in Pretoria that this did not mean everything was fine in black education

"There is still a long way to go to normalise the situation in our black schools but at least there is some improvement"

He hoped this would translate itself into pupils making better progress in the end-of-year exams.

"Of course, one cannot in a few weeks or in one year fully compensate for the disruptions in the past

"It will take some years to overcome the

negative effects of the disruptions we have had," Van der Merwe said

In a document containing position papers on textbooks, stationery, teachers and new facilities in the DET, which was released yesterday, the department said a total of R69 700 000 had been budgeted for 1992 for textbooks for DET schools.

Intimidation

In 1991, R61 100 000 was budgeted and a total of 8 200 000 books were bought.

The curriculum required that each secondary school pupil should have a set of about 16 textbooks.

However, the document said intimidation and a lack of co-operation made it impossible for many teachers to collect

books at the end of each year

On the subject of teachers, the document said the DET employed about 61 700 teachers

The department said there was a lack of professionalism in teachers as shown by a refusal to adhere to work programmes, a lack of preparation and punctuality, the refusal to admit circuit inspectors and subject advisers to school premises, a disregard for school property and disruption of schooling

New facilities built by the DET included building projects to the value of R133 million in the 1990/91 financial year. This provided classrooms for another 22 840 primary school and 16 975 secondary school pupils - Sapa

Dismissal row halts teaching

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THE Department of Education and Training in the Free State and northern Cape region has suspended effective teaching in Botshabelo following a dispute between it and the South African Democratic Teachers Union over the dismissal of nine teachers.

The nine teachers, all citizens of Lesotho, were not reappointed at the beginning of the academic year in terms of Section 19 (1)(E) of the Education and Training Act which stipulates that a teacher may not be considered for a permanent appointment unless he is a South African citizen or a citizen of Transkei, Ciskei, Venda or Bophuthatswana

SOWETAN Correspondent

In a circular signed by the regional chief director, Dr TJ Terblanche and sent to all principals and staff, parents, ministers of religion, Pan Africanist Congress, African National Congress, Congress of South African Students, the civic association and Sadtu, the chief director said the decision to suspend all education services to Botshabelo school was because of

* Sadtu suspension of inspectors visits to Botshabelo schools unless certain demands as stated in their memorandum handed to the region office this year were met; and

*Cosas' action through its Bopana branch on July

26 where inspectors were intimidated and prevented from performing their duties at the school, Cosas aligned themselves with the union's decision to suspend all inspectors visiting Botshabelo schools.

In an attempt to normalise education in Botshabelo, the regional officials met respectively with Botshabelo principals, ministers of religion, PAC, civics and Cosas, but these attempts have not been successful.

The Department was concerned about the collapse of education in Botshabelo and this became apparent when officials visited schools and found that; teachers arrive late at schools, and in many instance leave before the end of the school day.

Teachers, pupils told to leave school

FIVE teachers have been fired and 15 matric pupils suspended indefinitely by a white Warmbaths farmschool owner after they allegedly objected to the teaching of mathematics in Afrikaans.

Liaison Officer for the Department of Education and Training Mr Geoff Makwakwa confirmed the dismissal of the five teachers at the Metse-Tshehla Secondary School in Vaalwater, Warmbaths, last Thursday

Makwakwa said they were barred from entering the premises of the farm school by the owner, Dr P Farrent.

Makwakwa said the farm school, subsidised by the DET, was owned by Farrent.

"The DET has no jurisdiction over the school and the owner has the right to act as he did. We will, however, investigate the matter," Makwakwa said.

He said that the dismissed teachers were employees of the DET and efforts were being made to transfer them to other schools. The five have already been replaced at the farm school.

The DET spokesman also confirmed the indefinite suspension of 15 Standard 10 pupils at the same school by a white principal, Mr MD Buys. These students were allegedly responsible for the disruption of half-yearly examinations, Makwakwa said.

By MONK NKOMO

A source close to the teachers, however, said the incident was sparked off by pupils who objected to the teaching of mathematics by a white teacher in Afrikaans

The pupils were dismissed and the five teachers barred from entering the premises following allegations that they instigated strike action, a source told *Sowetan*.

The five teachers are: Mrs TK Komane, Mrs MJ Mokgothu, Mrs MG Makinta, Mr TJ Mothapo and Mr MR Phoshoko

Makwakwa said the pupils were due to appear before a DET disciplinary committee. Their parents would be invited.

"The DET is doing its utmost to negotiate their reinstatement," said Makwakwa.

He said they had received information from the assistant director in Warmbaths, Mr TF Friis, that trouble started at the school on June 25 this year when matric students refused to sit for examinations

The 15 men led pupils to disrupt the examination programme by intimidating and forcing pupils out of classes

"The school management addressed pupils on two occasions seeking a solution through negotiation before they were suspended," said Makwakwa.

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DET Act prohibits membership to any trade union

Teachers battle for recognition

New Nation (Learning/N) 16/8-22/8/91

Nation-wide demonstrations by teachers last week to demand recognition of the SA Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) has once again highlighted racial divisions in the country's education system.

At the centre of the battle for recognition is Sadtu's demand that it be recognised by the central education policy-making body in the country, namely the Department of National Education (DNE), rather than separate ethnic and racially based departments, of which there are 18 in South Africa.

But the DNE seems reluctant to recognise the union and referred an application for recognition, submitted to it by Sadtu, to the Department of Education and Training (DET) for a response.

Sadtu has expressed strong objection to the implied racism in the DNE's move. But the DET nevertheless went ahead and drafted a recognition agreement. This has been rejected by Sadtu mainly because it was based on the DET Act, which governs only African education. The Act also prohibits teachers from belonging to any trade union.

As far as Sadtu is concerned, there is great reluctance on the part of the authorities to extend recognition to the union. But the DET disagrees and says Sadtu has failed to respond to their draft recognition agreement given to the union for comment.

This is not true, Sadtu's assistant secretary-general, Thulas Nxesi, contends, saying it had been made clear to the DET that the draft agreement was unacceptable.



More than 5 000 teachers and other protestors marched in Johannesburg last week as part of Sadtu's National Day of Action. The teachers demand that Sadtu be recognised by the government.

Although Nxesi seemed to suggest that the department was informed of this suggestion, the department's spokesperson Corne Rade-meyer said the teachers had not communicated this response to the DET.

Among other things that Sadtu rejects from the DET Act is its "silence on collective bargaining".

Nxesi said, in the first place, his organisation would not want to be recognised by individual departments, but by the DNE.

Sadtu, however, remains flexible and will consider recognition by separate departments if the rules currently governing these departments were replaced by interim measures acceptable to the union.

Nxesi said the union had suggested that interim measures be discussed to replace the provisions of the DET Act.

Nxesi is not optimistic that an early resolution of the problem will be found. Sadtu and the authorities remain deadlocked on whether teachers should organise themselves into a trade union or into a professional association.

He also pointed to the DET undermining the union on the one hand while negotiating with on the other.

He claimed that the department had, for example, called on dismissed teachers in Potchefstroom to submit individual requests for re-employment and urged them to disregard the union.

Meanwhile, a federation of teacher associations will be launched next month and according to unconfirmed reports, it has already had a meeting with FW de Klerk to discuss among other issues, the education crisis.

The new federation, the National Professional Teachers Organisation of South Africa (Naptosa) is made of teacher bodies from various race groups.

The bodies include Sadtu's main rival, the Transvaal United African Teachers Association (Tuata) and the whites-only, Teachers Federal Council (TFC).

Recognition of the federation at this stage seems a formality given the fact that all the organisations that came together to form Naptosa are in fact already recognised by their respective departments of education.

Naptosa plans to function as a federation until such time that the country has a single education department.

This view is rejected by Sadtu, which argues that it amounts to the perpetuation of the present racially-based education system.

Mandela-FW meet on black education crisis

New Nation (Learning/N) 16/8-22/8/91

The long-awaited meeting between ANC president Nelson Mandela and National Party leader FW de Klerk to receive the report of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on education will take place next Monday.

The meeting has failed to take place on more than three occasions. This was apparently due to the heavy schedules of the leaders.

It is understood that the report contains far-reaching recommendations to redress the country's short term education needs.

However, it is more than likely that the report is already outdated because many events have taken place in the education arena since the formation of the group early this year.

For example, education and training minister Stoffel van der Merwe, who is part of the group, will be out of office next week, shortly after the meeting.

Although government sources point out that significant progress has been made by the JWG, extra-parliamentary members of the team say discussions have been characterised by a series of disagreements.

One such disagreement is the issue of redistribution of education resources in order to help alleviate the crisis in black education.

It is not clear what the government delegation's response was on this, but the authorities have in the past few weeks been wrestling with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) over the occupation of unutilised and under-utilised white schools.

This seems to suggest that the government is still not ready to redistribute resources, observers said.

It is expected that next week's meeting will lead to the appointment of various committees to work on the recommendations contained in the report.

One of the proposals said to have been made by the government delegation is the convening of an education forum, which will be representative of all the country's education structures, ranging from interest groups to the 18 education departments.

This forum will be charged with the task of discussing the education crisis in its entirety.

Sources said while the extra-parliamentary delegation did not reject this suggestion, it had indicated that some short term needs could be addressed immediately in order to rescue education from its current state. This forum could be convened in early December.

Plea over pupils

By ISAAC MOLEDI

TEACHERS should strive to be non-aligned politically and act as role models to thousands of pupils who needed help during the presently prevailing education crisis

This was said by Department of Education and Training regional director Mr Richard Motau at the weekend during a graduation ceremony at Kathorus College of Education in Katlehong on the East Rand.

A total of 110 student teachers were awarded junior and senior primary teachers diplomas

Motau said if teachers publicly aligned themselves with any one party they would become estranged to some of their duties

"These are some of the challenges you are going to face head-on when you get out there to serve"

He said children created their lives by imitating what their parents did and said and teachers, as role models, were to support them in building them

Parents and teachers expect disastrous exam results again

DET campaign has failed

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AS examination time approaches parents' and educationists' fears mount.

They expect another year of disastrous results, as they claim that the Department of Education and Training intensive learning campaign has failed.

Despite the fact that "effective learning and teaching" was the operative phrase in all education and community meetings when schools opened in January, educationists

admit the intensive learning campaign has not been as successful as they had hoped.

At the beginning of the year educationists, community and political leaders - still reeling from the worst-ever matric results the year before - drew up programmes of action and besieged government offices in a desperate attempt to avoid another catastrophe.

The DET came under increasing pressure to supply enough books, employ more teachers and repair existing schools to accommodate them as pupils flocked to schools in response to a back-to-school campaign.

Although pupils heeded the call in their thousands, serious learning in many PWV schools was hampered by protest actions and defiance campaigns against authorities. Valuable teaching time was lost.

VAN DEN HEEVER



away from the final exams pupils, teachers, education officials and parents say there has been no effective learning in many schools and are rushing to find quick-fix solutions to avoid a repetition of last year's disaster.

"There are many reasons why the intensive learning campaign has not been as successful as we had hoped," experienced teacher and Sadu general secretary Mr Randall van den Heever said.

These include the lack of material, drab and uninspiring surroundings and the question of the legitimacy of the education department.

"Victimisation of teachers has been the major and most unnecessary factor that hampered effective teaching," he said.

"A teacher is a main character in the school and, when you remove him in front of the class, there will be chaos, breakdown in discipline and if

the reasons for dismissal and suspension are in doubt, there will be boycotts and sympathy protests."

Since the beginning of the year the DET has "removed" more than 200 teachers from classrooms, either through suspensions or dismissals.

In areas like Katlehong and Potchefstroom these actions brought all schools to a standstill as colleagues and pupils engaged in sympathy protests.

Demands

On the other hand pupils have also taken it upon themselves to dismiss teachers and principals from their schools under the guise of sending them to the DET to enforce their demands.

Mamelodi schools expelled principals and instructed them not to return until the DET had responded "positively" to their demands for im-

proved learning conditions.

Schools in the Johannesburg region, which includes Soweto, Alexandra, Tembisa and the West Rand, appeared normal, but students had not really got down to serious learning.

According to the DET the Johannesburg region lost 21 percent of its schooling days, while the Highveld region lost 19 percent in the first term.

In 1989 everyone knew there was a crisis looming from the reign of terror by "jackrollers".

In 1990 chalkdown, protests, sit-ins and marches, together with boycotts, made everyone aware there was no effective learning, but this year subtle and less obvious factors have hampered classroom activities, despite protests over textbook shortages teachers and classrooms.

When 140 Katlehong teachers were arrested after occupying the circuit

office while 18 others were suspended, 5 600 pupils were without teachers.

These incidents brought all schools but one in Katlehong to a standstill for two weeks while the department and teachers fussed over the problem.

Undisciplined behaviour, absenteeism, loitering and truancy still plague schools in the Johannesburg area.

Pupils avenged their schoolmates. Some had been murdered or assaulted in shebeens in incidents that had nothing to do with schooling, but the pupils used this to stay away from school and this became a daily occurrence in Soweto.

Vandalism, too, was seen in Soweto and Katlehong.

But parents have also been blamed for "the lack of interest in their children's education".

Mr Lawrence Ngandela, the general secretary of the Pan Afri-



By PHANGISILE MTHSHALI

canist Students Congress and a supporter of the intensive learning campaign, said parents should engage in protest actions to better the education of their children rather than allow children to miss classes on the pretext of fighting for nonracial education.

"The pupils' place is in the classroom to get whatever education they can," he said.

He lashed out at parents, saying it was their duty to investigate the causes of class disruptions.

"When they see children loitering outside school premises during lesson time they should visit the school and challenge the people or organisations who are encouraging pupils not to attend classes," argued Ngandela.

DET forced to re-mark scripts

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The Department of Education and Training (DET) has been thrown into a legal battle over last year's mathematics examinations for the teacher training final exams.

Following a story published in the NEW NATION about the outcry over the mathematics paper and the irregularities in their marking in June, the East Rand College of Education (ERCE) challenged the department to release the scripts for scrutiny.

The DET refused to release the scripts and the students opted for legal recourse. The Legal Resources Centre (LRC) was approached to act on the students' behalf.

However, the department refused to budge to the students' demand, but agreed to allow the students to apply for a re-mark.

In terms of the agreement, the department undertook to extend until this week, the closing date for applications to have the scripts re-marked.

The LRC in Johannesburg confirmed that it was representing about 50 students from the ERCE and that further requests for representation had been made by students from Natal colleges.

An LRC spokesperson said although the mathematics exam-paper was certified faulty, the students wanted a re-mark before they could tackle other irregularities.

Students and lecturers have speculated that the bad results obtained

DET's blunder led to teacher failures

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has been accused of a "blunder" in marking last year's Primary Teachers Diploma (PTD) mathematics examination paper which led to a high failure rate. This claim has been made by a spokesman for the ERCE. He said the exam was "a relatively minor one" and that the department had made concessions on some questions and had indicated that students should not be blamed and penalised. Other commentators questioning the accuracy of marks in the "re-marking" of scripts by the DET. NEW NATION has learnt that the department admits marks in a "re-marking" process.

last year could be a consequence of a quota system believed to be applied by the department.

The department has denied that it was applying a quota system, but failed to explain reasons for the massive failure rate.

The DET has also failed to respond to suggestions that last year's mathematics paper was faulty and that the few concessions which were made were not enough to solve the problem.

Students have threatened unspecified action against the department should re-marking of scripts give them different results.



By MARTIN WELZ

THE Department of Education and Training is asking help from outside consultants to salvage the black education system which, it admits, has all but collapsed.

A frank departmental self-analysis, which accompanies requests for tenders, concedes that the massive influx of school-going children has made the system virtually unmanageable

The department wants proposals for a new management programme for its teachers so that they can cope with the dramatic changes the department accepts are imminent

Devastation

It is prepared to spend up to R15-million on the programme in the next three years

Several teams of experts in private enterprise are known to have submitted proposals in recent weeks in response to an advertisement in the state tender bulletin

The picture of the devastation that decades of apartheid — and the black

Call for outside help to save black education

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community's angry reaction to it — have wreaked on black schools emerges from the document in stark bureaucratic language

● A large proportion of the black community regards the department as an extension of the apartheid system,

● The department has become unacceptable and its authority has been undermined,

● In the community, deliberate efforts have been made to sow mistrust among teachers, pupils and their parents,

● Intimidation has resulted in stayaways, boycotts, "chalk-downs" and the destruction of property;

● Owing to inadequate planning, the influx of people to urban areas as well as the population explo-

sion, the demand for the provision of education has increased to such an extent that it has become all but unmanageable,

● There are problems with the effective provision of resources, staff management and administration, communication, in-service training, staff and transportation

The department also complains about "unrealistic demands and expectations of pupils, teachers, parents and communities"

"Many aspire to the scholastic achievements of other races. Failure to reach these heights is construed as 'proof' of the 'inferior education' offered by this department"

The document goes on to more detailed problems

The department needs help in ensuring that "line

managers" and school principals are able to "negotiate with radical elements, to identify common objectives and to reach consensus"

The department also has to plan for 200 new schools and 3 800 new teachers each year to cope with the influx of pupils.

The document describes the chaotic state of management within black schools themselves, which has culminated in a general breakdown in communication, both within the department and with the community, insensitivity to community needs and "ignorance and indifference" over conflict management at school level

Other problem areas range from pupils, parents and communities who fail to maintain discipline or give adequate support, to the lack of typewriters, telephones and copying equipment

Support

The decision to call in outside consultants was prompted by appeals for help from various teachers' organisations, the Director General of the Department, Dr. Bernhard Louw, told the Sunday Times

"We are open to any proposal which will ensure our teachers get the training and support systems they need to be able to participate fully in the new education system we expect is about to come into being," Dr Louw said

"Once we have evaluated the proposals we have received, there will be wide-ranging consultations with all interested parties before a programme is decided upon," he said.

DEBT: We're in a mess

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Headmaster is bunking school

By ERIC NAKI

THE Principal of Alexandra's Realgile High School, his deputy and the heads of departments have been in hiding for a week

They claim they have been suspended by the teachers and the Student Representative Council.

The principal, Edwin Machuba, his deputy, Nicholas More and two department heads, HH Sono and MA Mangaba, report to the ward inspector's office every morning before going back to their hideout in the nearby Alexandra Adult Education Centre.

Machuba says they stay there during the day so as to be "on school duty" - and it is much safer

Teachers and parents accuse Machuba and his group of being incompetent teachers and administrators. Machuba was also accused of not having submitted a financial report since 1984, and of being "soft" when dealing with his friends on the staff

The dispute came to a head last week when the teachers sent Machuba, More and the department heads to the DET offices in Booyens with a memorandum demanding more teachers for the school. They were told not to return until they had secured more teachers

The teachers said they had not suspended anyone from duty and the four had agreed to take their demands to the DET.

There are about 32 teachers at the school and each classroom accommodates between 75 and 110 pupils. The teachers argue that the DET agreed to give the school 15 extra teachers, but later changed its mind and sent eight.

The teachers again criticised the way the school was administered, saying Machuba gave his friends preference for jobs, even if they are not properly qualified

They say he replaced a qualified school clerk with a cleaner who is related to a friend of his. A teacher, also a close friend of his, is said to have been on study leave since 1984

Machuba has denied all the allegations, saying they are only rumours, and all decisions were made by the DET

The SRC refused to comment, saying it had no mandate to make a statement

Katangure and other DET officials were not available for comment and another general meeting has been called to decide the fate of Machuba and his group

'Spies' vow to fight ANC

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Lekota told *Vrye Weekblad* the ANC had solid proof that all had worked for the SAP or the SADF. He said the ANC would not make known their names to the press as "their blood would be on our hands" if they were murdered

Two of the agents say in a statement - which Lekota said was made voluntarily to the ANC - that they killed Victoria Mxenge, a prominent UDF leader in Natal, at her home in Durban

One agent said he was

the person who split her skull with an axe, while the second admitted that he shot her

The two men said they acted under orders of the security police in Durban

Gqabi, chief representative of the ANC in Harare, was shot dead in front of his house in July 1981. Make, a member of the National Executive Committee of the ANC, and MK leader Paul Dikelele, were shot dead outside Mbabane, Swaziland, in July 1987.

This week

A former prisoner whose code-name is "Porko" (Portuguese for pig) was robbed at gunpoint in a Johannesburg street by a group of men who accused him of being an "enemy agent".

Another alleged agent was assaulted by a group of men in a city street.

De Sousa and several other former prisoners received threatening phone calls, De Sousa after giving a TV interview in which he said he was tortured by the ANC.

People's education will solve the crisis

By **BOGIE MABOGOANE**, publisher of
Journal of Educational Progress.

THE admission by the Department of Education and Training (DET) that there is a big crisis in black education, which it cannot resolve on its own, is welcomed because that should now make the DET objective when it considers suggestions which could help resolve the crisis.

The number one cause of the crisis is that the DET lacks credibility and legitimacy. Its own director-general, Dr Bernard Louw, gave DET's "Verwoerdian roots" as the reason (City Press 91-2-3).

Leading education fundi Prof James Moulder states, "It is this lack of legitimacy rather than lack of equality that sustains our education crisis" (*Optima* Vol 37, No 3).

The first step therefore is to give black education credibility and the only way of doing so is to get rid of the DET and to have one department of education. The results will improve and there is more than enough historical evidence to prove this.

Veteran educator, EA Tlakula used to say "Set the standard high and both teacher and pupils will rise to the occasion."

Thus, when he introduced Matric at his school, now called Tlakula High, he chose Joint Matriculation Board (JMB), and the results were good, compared to nowadays with the "lower" DET Matric.

The government keeps on telling us about a new educational dispensation after liberation. This is totally unacceptable.

One department of education is the number one step for credibility but of

course the next step will be to restructure our education to develop the God-given talent of every child.

This will satisfy nature's equilibrium of available talents, and we shall have students pursuing careers to give us fair shares in the natural science and technology fields, the humanities and the economic sciences.

The only educational system that can produce results is people's education which was mooted in this country in 1883 by John Ntengo Jabavu. Prof Keodireleng Matthews, Godfrey Pitje, Mangaliso Sobukwe are latter-day advocates of this dynamic educational model.

There is research which proves that people's education is the best education system, especially in enhancing the learning of mathematics and the natural sciences.

In simple terms, people's education is an education system whose curriculum in all fields also includes real-life aspects and the involvement of pupils in the real-life, practical application of what they are taught in class under the leadership of the senior partners in education. These partners are the teacher, the parents, the practitioner in all fields of human endeavour, and the policymaker, at local, regional and national levels.

In other words, people's education is a grassroots five-sided partnership of teachers, pupils, parents, practitioners and policymakers.

The sooner we start talking and acting on people's education, the faster we shall be on the road to solving our major problems in education, for people's education is the only system that can produce fully-educated people in all fields to serve the country and humanity in the best possible way.

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Investigation into missing scripts

By MONK NKOMO

STUDENTS at the East Rand College of Education who failed digital electronics examinations last year have engaged a lawyer to investigate the mysterious disappearance of their scripts

Twenty five students, whose marks ranged between 13 and 34 percent, paid R37,50 each to have their scripts remarked early this year.

The Department of Education and Training later said the examination scripts of the students concerned had been lost

In a letter dated June 3 this year to the students' attorney Mr P Moloto, DET's deputy director in the examination section,

Mr M Nel blamed "factors beyond the control of the department and the respective moderators responsible for the remarking".

Nel then agreed to refund the R37,50 each student paid for the remarking. He also agreed to allot symbols D to some students

But he informed Moloto that the marks of seven students would not be changed.

Spokesman for the students Mr Solly Hlongwane yesterday said his colleagues were angry about the mysterious dis-

appearance of these scripts and said students suspected that they were never marked.

"We believe that we have been deliberately failed," said Hlongwane.

Moloto yesterday declined to comment about the matter but confirmed that he was scheduled to meet Nel in Pretoria to resolve the issue.

Hlongwane said they had briefed Moloto to demand that all students be allotted pass marks on digital electronics.

DET liaison officer Mr Hannes Schoeman yesterday said he did not know about the matter. He promised to investigate.

Campaign disrupts schooling

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THE Department of Education and Training yesterday cited the defiance campaign by members of the SA Democratic Teachers Union as the cause for the disruption of lessons at some schools

The DET's northern Transvaal regional chief director, Mr Job Schoeman, said this after pupils at Tyvelane Secondary School in Soshanguve, northwest of Pretoria, stoned the administration block and chased away their teachers

Schoeman said the reason advanced for the actions was that teachers failed to prepare for lessons and conduct classes for which they were responsible.

This occurrence supports previous statements from this office that the defiance campaign waged by members of the Sadu will inevitably result in shocking examination results at the end of the year," Schoeman said.

He said Sadu's actions, coupled with open

support for disruptive behaviour by the Congress of SA Students, and the abuse of pupils for political ends had resulted in a breakdown in discipline and a total absence of a learning culture in many schools

Schoeman singled out schools in Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Soshanguve as having no effective learning through pupils' preventing inspectors and subject advisors from executing their duties and the intimidation of "dedicated"

teachers and principals.

"Schools are disrupted regularly due to boycotts, marches, vandalism, stone-throwing incidents, gang warfare and political meetings.

"The fact that pupils themselves are now revolting against ill-disciplined teachers is encouraging, albeit too late to ensure even reasonably good examination results this year," Schoeman said - *Sapa*

De Beer - fighting for our children

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MAGISTER Building is like any other building, if not among the ugliest, in Schoeman Street, Pretoria.

And if it was not for the five words in brass on the wall it could be easily missed

It is probably the building that most black pupils and education bodies would like to storm and take over tomorrow

The words The Department of Education and Training, (the T has fallen off) adorn the modest-looking entrance

I noticed all this on my way to see the new Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, on the ninth floor

On arrival I needed no reminder that I was in an important part of DET headquarters

Two policemen bustled about in the corridor while a third sat straight-faced behind glass next to a nicely furnished reception area, giving the place a "lived in" feeling

Warm feeling

Cautiously I followed through a steel door, past a number of neat offices. With every step I took, the warm feeling that had engulfed me was dampened by the fact that there were no black faces staring back at me from these offices which were white, racially speaking

The door at the corner office opened and there stood the new Minister of Education and Training

The black-suited, fatherly figure wearing a floral tie, who greeted me with a broad smile, was not what I expected

Focus

"I have always wanted to be the head of DET," he confessed, his ambition recently having been realised

"I feel, with God's permission, I will succeed in setting things right. I am not here to play politics but I am here to fight for better education for all our children"

July 29, the day he was told he would be the new DET chief, will always be remembered by De Beer

"When word arrived in my office that the President would like to see me I was drenched in sweat," he said reading from his little black book

Appointment

"The appointment was for 2.50pm and I could not even have my lunch. You know, humanly speaking, he has my future in his hands

"When I arrived everybody seemed uneasy. I got a bad vibe. Maybe that was a natural defence"

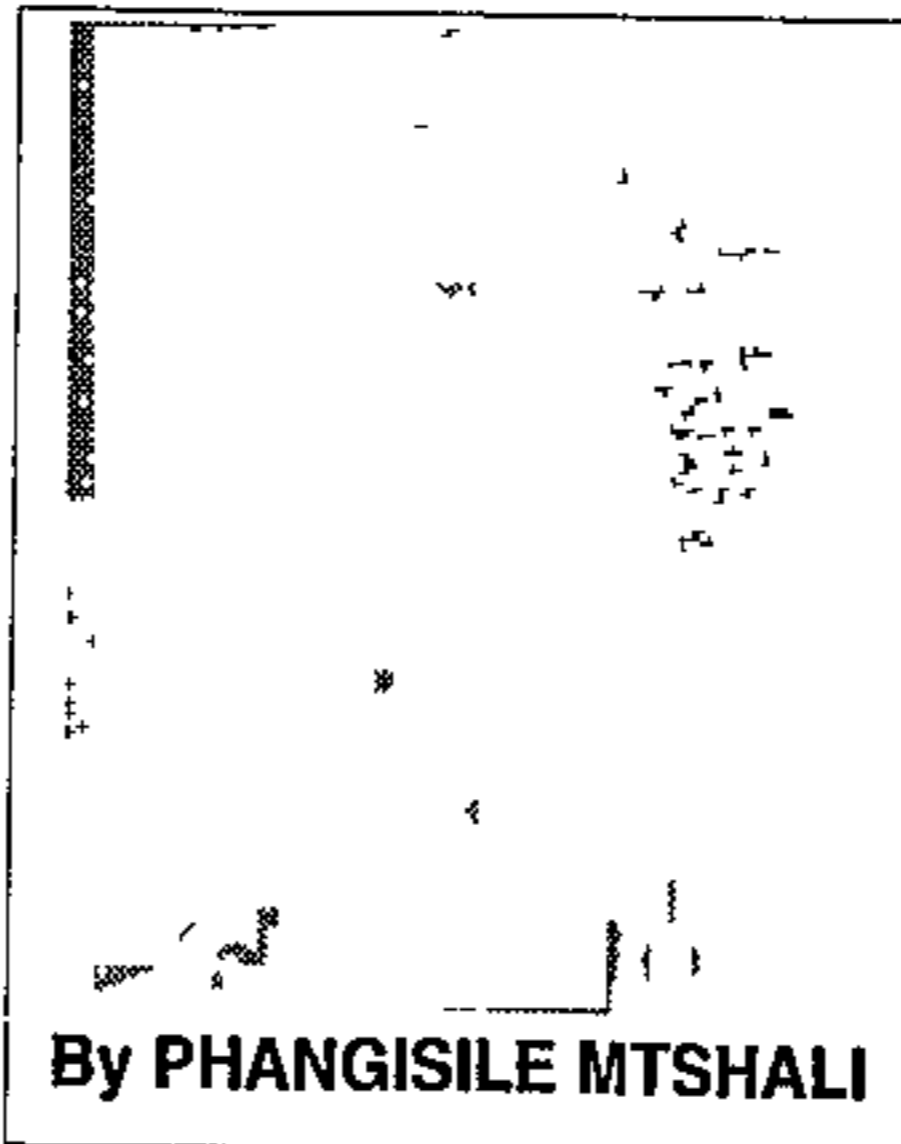
Then the "most wonderful moment" arrived for De Beer

"The President said 'I would like to invite you to be a member of my Cabinet and to do an important job for me - handle black education'

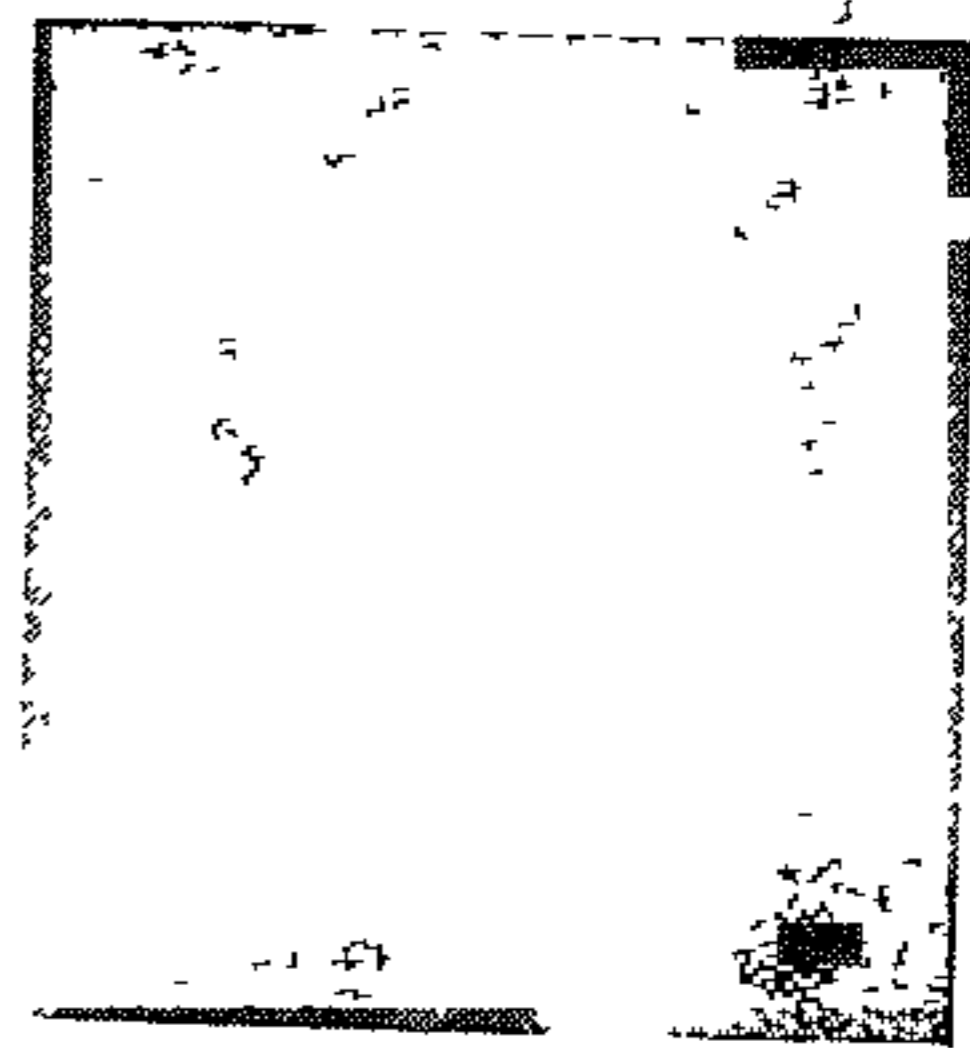
"I realise this is an enormous challenge but I am happy to be back," he said

De Beer served as a deputy minister in the DET for five years when the crisis in black education gained momentum in the wake of black rebellion

At that time the DET reacted in



By PHANGISILE MTSHALI



SAM DE BEER

a high-handed manner. They suspended classes and closed down schools. De Beer thought it was proper then but today he vows not to react in any way that will retard the education of "our" children

Frankly, De Beer does not look at all like a politician. He has a chubby, fatherly face, is easy with an open manner and a sense of humour which gives the impression he would have been much happier behind the pulpit, for he is an ordained dominee in the NG Kerk

But hear him talk about the abuse of education by both black and white politicians and you see the cold resolve in his eyes

Determination

His determination to stem internal corruption as well as the hijacking of education for personal political gain is unmistakable

"There is no longer any place for petty politics in education," he warned

"We have a duty and a responsibility to work together to ensure that our children receive education of the highest possible standard. The time has come for all of us to join hands in this respect, even if

we disagree on other issues"

De Beer said the education issue was an urgent one and had to be dealt with "without neglecting or disrupting formative education"

"Consultation on education cannot stop while politicians argue how many angels can stand on the point of a needle," he said

For the black community, De Beer does not only promise to do his best - he also pledges an open door policy

"Every person who has a positive input towards education is welcome. The time has come for us to work together as a nation and to accept joint responsibility for our own development and upliftment

"We will continue to play our role with zeal and enthusiasm, but we need the co-operation of everyone in this beautiful country

"Gone are the days of apportioning blame and taking 'pot shots' at the Government"

When I left the Minister after one-and-a-half hours I was satisfied that he is a nice guy. However, he still has to prove he can do better than his predecessors as he is probably the last white Minister charged with education for blacks

19 white schools for DET

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AT LEAST 19 redundant schools, previously reserved for whites, are to be transferred to the Department of Education and Training

This was announced in a joint statement yesterday by the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, and of Housing and Works, General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, the Indian House of Delegates acting Minister of Education and Training, Dr JN Reddy, and the "coloured" House of Representatives Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Tommy Abrahams.

The statement said 29 unused schools would be transferred within 30 days to the various education departments.

The announcement follows a decision by the Government earlier this year that all schools no longer required by the white education department should continue to be used for education as far as was possible

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White schools given to DET

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On July 25 the Minister's Council, House of Assembly, confirmed that such school properties could be transferred to other education departments at no cost

The statement said a list of unused schools was forwarded to the various education departments, who indicated the properties they were interested in

At a meeting yesterday the Minister's Council in the House of Assembly endorsed the initial transfer of unused schools following discussions on September 30 between the Ministers

The statement said further investigations and negotiations over the allocation of other unused schools were underway and that final allocations could be made known by the end of this month

Schools which are to be transferred to the Department of Education and Training are Laerskool Tobie

Winterbach, Balfour, Laerskool Bloedrivier, Groblersdal, Laerskool Perdekop and Hostel, Perdekop, Laerskool Beestekraal, Brits, Laerskool Geluk, Brits, Laerskool Piensaarsrivier, Piensaarsrivier, Laerskool Lehau, Warmbaths, Laerskool Rietfontein, Rustenburg, Laerskool Venterstad, Burgersdorp, Laerskool Kommadagga, Somerset East, Willem Pretorius Primere Skool, Bloemfontein, Mayville High, Durban, Music School, Maritzburg, Keate Street Primary, Ladysmith, Laerskool Bulwer, Bulwer, Highflats Primary, Ixopo, MacLeantown Primary School, MacLeantown, and Laerskool Goedehoop, Germiston Sapa

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Schooling standstill feared

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By Mkeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

A senior official of the Department of Education and Training (DET) said black education was almost at a standstill, and he fears the year-end results may be worse than last year.

The assistant director of the DET northern Transvaal region, Joe Sekese, was guest speaker at the Pretoria Media Club bursary awards function in Pretoria on Saturday.

Bursaries totalling R4 000 were awarded to 11 needy primary and secondary school pupils.

Mr Sekese said the crisis in black education was deepening by the day, in spite of the many proposals made by various leaders and organisations.

He told the audience of pupils, teachers and parents: "As we meet today, black edu-

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cation is almost at a standstill. Pupils, teachers and even parents have lost hope."

He urged pupils to go back to school and make sure that effective teaching and learning took place.

"Time has come for the youth to go back to school and change their slogans to 'education first'."

He appealed to parents and politicians to persuade the youth to give education top priority and assist pupils to make a success of their studies.

"Every expertise should be harnessed for this purpose. All professionals and politicians of different persuasions should cooperate and compromise for the sake of education."

"Otherwise we are going to sit with a serious problem of frustrated young adults even after liberation has been achieved."

He also warned that failure

to equip youths with education might result in the creation of a lost generation — a generation comprising uneducated young people "who are, however, highly politicised and prone to violence".

He warned, too, that the reconstruction, the further development of a new South Africa and a peaceful political future "all depend to a large scale on a well-educated population".

Mr Sekese warned that a new negotiated political settlement would be a long and bumpy one, and the black education system would be conflict-ridden so long as a political settlement was not reached.

He charged that education should not stop, in spite of the raging political storms and the on-and-off negotiations.

Efforts to find a new education system were afoot, but that would not be achieved overnight.

The NECC New Nation (Learning Nation) makes 11/10 - 17/10/91 proposals to De Beer

THE National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) has challenged the Department of Education and Training (DET) to introduce more strict criteria for the appointment of chief and deputy chief examiners.

The NECC said in a statement that the absence of such criteria suggested that "latent nepotism" was being practised in the appointment of examinations personnel.

The organisation, which monitored last year's matric examinations, has uncovered that family members of examination markers were being employed in capacities relating to the marking process.

The NECC warned that this should only be allowed in cases where such individuals were separately employed by the department.

A meeting with education and training minister Sam de Beer has been requested by the NECC to discuss these issues.

De Beer will be requested to allow the NECC to gain access to the Soshanguve marking centre, where irregularities and the smuggling of exam papers were found last year.

The NECC report acknowledged that security during the 1990 marking was greatly improved compared to the previous years.

However, the organisation observed that security measures were introduced only after the arrival of examiners.

"This could have resulted in situations where scripts could have been removed by a senior examiner without observation," said the statement.

The NECC will therefore propose to De Beer that full security be established in the marking centres from the moment scripts arrive and that senior examiners be monitored in the same way as their juniors.

The NECC also proposed that the department's racist practices regarding the accommodation of markers be dealt with.

Black markers, the statement said, were accommodated at Soshanguve, supposedly in campus hostels, while white markers were accommodated at hotels in Pretoria.

The NECC felt that all markers should be accommodated and fed in Soshanguve.

Long-term problems were identified during the monitoring and proposals will be made to De Beer to open his doors for discussions on the amendment of certain provisions.

DET tightens exam security

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GETTING a Department of Education and Training exam paper ahead of time will be close to impossible because the Department has engaged the services of a security company.

This step has been taken to ensure the best possible security regarding the transport and handling of examination papers

The day before a paper is written, it will be delivered to the 1 900 examination centres.

And security in the exam centres? According to the department, invigilators have been specially trained to prevent irregularities from occurring in the examination rooms.

More than 293 000 fulltime Standard 10 candidates from all over South Africa will be sitting for the DET examinations

The exams start on October 28 with African languages and conclude on November 22 with geography and prac-

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tical agriculture.

Each candidate will sit for six subjects out of a choice of 59 which include 117 separate papers

The papers have been bought from the Department of Education and Culture, Administration House of Assembly and the Joint Matriculation Board

After the completion of examinations, scripts will be transported to the departmental head office in Pretoria. On arrival they will be checked and taken to marking centres

On December 1 about 10 000 examiners and sub-examiners will pick up their red pens and start marking - a task they hope to finish by mid-December.

Results are expected to be available early next year

Test samples of the scripts and marks will, as in the case with all departments of education, be moderated by the Joint Matriculation Board

De Beer: DET to be phased out

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) was being phased out as government moved towards a new nonracial education system, Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer said at a news briefing in Johannesburg yesterday.

De Beer has said before that government envisages a single education system, and indicated yesterday that it was in the process of devising a proposed structure. The minister has also said the new system will be thrashed out during the constitutional negotiating process.

At yesterday's briefing, De Beer said an extra R510m allocated by government in the past 18 months would halve the classroom backlog in black schools.

By the end of next year there would be a

TANIA LEVY

shortage of about 4 596 classrooms.

De Beer said the extra R510m would help build 5 395 new classrooms by the end of next year. Contracts worth R230m would provide 1 565 new classrooms this year, while a further 3 830 would be completed next year.

The extra funds provided by government, which included R71m from the sale of strategic stockpiles, had boosted the R124m of the DET's ordinary budget usually allocated for capital work like school building.

De Beer said the 24 unused white schools recently transferred to the DET would accommodate only 3 000 pupils.

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Extra R510-m allocated to meet dept's growing needs

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

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analysis 4 596 classrooms would still be needed next year, in spite of the rapid increase of pupils in DET schools.

The Government had in the past 18 months allocated R510 million, in addition to the Department of Education and Training's ordinary budget, for capital expenditure to enable the DET to meet its growing needs.

Speaking at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Minister Sam de Beer said this money would be used to build 5 395 additional classrooms to ease the chronic shortage at township schools.

The department would build 1 565 classrooms this year, and the additional funds provided would ensure the completion of a further 3 830 classrooms by the end of next year.

These additional classrooms would provide for only about 55 percent of the number of classrooms needed in 1992.

According to a departmental

The department's analysis of the statistics at the beginning of last year indicated that the shortage of classrooms calculated at 4 733 in 1988 would increase to 9 991 next year.

Many pupils were attending schools already in existence but without their own buildings. These schools functioned in the afternoons by using the facilities of other existing schools.

Mr de Beer said 24 unused white schools that had been transferred to the DET would provide accommodation for less than 3 000 pupils because most of these schools were in rural areas and not big enough to address the backlog.

Mr de Beer said it was Government policy to ensure that unused white schools were not lost to education.

New education system on the cards

By PHANGSILE MTHALI and Sapa

THE Department of Education and Training is soon to reach the end of the road.

Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer yesterday confirmed that the Government was working towards phasing out the department. He said an announcement about discussions on a new education system for South Africa could be made before the end of the year.

De Beer said it was time the community and school management councils took full responsibility for running and maintaining discipline at schools

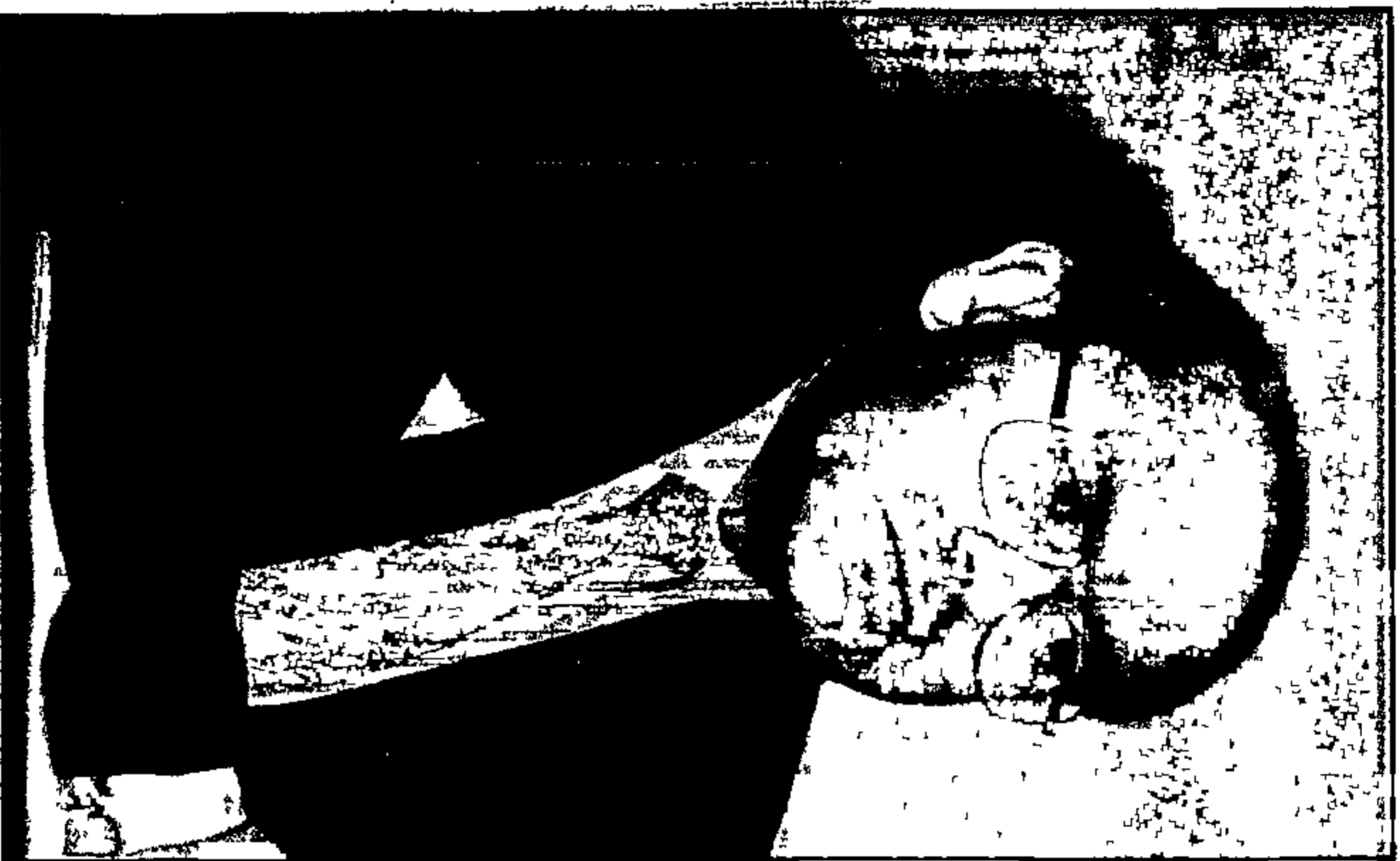
Discussion forum

In an interview after a Press conference in Johannesburg, De Beer said: "It is our serious intent that as soon as possible we must bring about a discussion forum where all parties with a vested interest in education should be present, and where we can sit down and start talking of a new education system to address the needs of all our people."

"This can come about fairly soon

"We hope that it would even be possible to make an announcement this year about this education discussion group getting together."

De Beer ruled out implementing a new education system before a new constitution was in place.



Sam de Beer... "We need a new system".

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He said final recommendations would have to be made by a multiparty conference. He said, however, that talks on education could begin before a multiparty summit.

"That process could start tomorrow if it was practically possible," he said.

The Education Working Group, made up mainly of educationists, earlier this year discussed setting up an education forum.

Asked specifically about continuing research into new syllabi for South African schools, De Beer revealed that the Department of National Education, which is responsible for this, could soon be making a new syllabi will be a very important aspect when we talk of a new education dispensation," he said.

He acknowledged that classroom shortage at the DET's 2000 schools would not be completely eliminated despite the allocation of R510 million in the past 18 months.

"The money will be used to build 5 395 classrooms, while the shortage of classrooms at the end of 1992 should be limited to about 4 596," he said.

De Beer attributed the continuous classroom shortage to the projected 36 percent increase of pupils attending public schools between 1988 and 1991 and to the limited funds for "capital works" in the yearly budget.

"The DET's greatest challenge is to provide new schools in a society where there is rapid urbanisation," De Beer said.

"To alleviate the problem, the DET has established 148 plateau schools, which operate in the afternoon using the facilities of existing schools."

He said the 24 formerly white schools given to the DET would not do much difference as many of them were in rural areas.

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True confessions

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The estate of the late Jaap Strydom, who was a deputy director-general of the Department of Education & Training (DET), has been frozen at the request of the State Attorney's office. Earlier, a commission of inquiry under Justice Leo van den Heever of the Appeal Court had found that Strydom was *prima facie* guilty of bribery. Strydom's estate is believed to be worth close on R1m.

The Van den Heever Commission was appointed after the *FM* (in the issues of June 10, 17 and July 22 1988) revealed irregularities in DET. They concerned black youth camps that had been run by DET; subsequent contracts with certain outsiders who obtained large commissions, and the multi-million rand printing contracts which Strydom's son, Thinus, a Pretoria publisher, had concluded with officials in his father's section of the department.

This week, Thinus Strydom was found guilty on three counts of bribery and one count of fraud in the Pretoria regional court. Strydom pleaded guilty to all charges.

In an affidavit read to the court by Strydom's advocate, Sedwin Toweel, Strydom admitted he had bribed DET official Braam Olivier between April and May 1987 with two amounts totalling R26 067. Olivier bought two Kombis with the money.

Strydom, who is now in real estate, also admitted he had bribed DET official LT Kekana in 1987, by giving him R4 440 and paying Kekana's Venda Sun hotel account of R226. Strydom also pleaded guilty to paying various amounts to a Natal official, Eben Coetzee, totalling R21 070, over a period of six months. All three officials had ordered some of his products, said Strydom. Olivier, Kekana and Coetzee are all due to appear in court later.

Coetzee had also compiled manuscripts for two books that Strydom published. It was



Thinus and Jaap Strydom

agreed between Strydom, Coetzee and two other authors that they would each get a 25% cut on the net profit of the sale of the books, said Strydom.

Strydom admitted guilt on a fourth charge of fraud involving R108 077. He had handed three false invoices to DET assistant director Leon Schonken in March 1987 for payment. The invoices, which had been typed on his instructions at DET head office, falsely indicated that certain courses for black children had been held at "The Ninja", a black youth camp. In fact, the courses did not take place.

Strydom also admitted that "based on these false representations, DET — to their potential disadvantage (*nadeel*) — had been moved to issue three cheques to the amount of R108 077,76 to the Ninja Game Farm, which had (in effect) been paid into my account."

But Strydom denied that he had intended to damage (*benadeel*) DET. He stated he had supplied DET with vast quantities of his products in March 1987 and that Schonken had asked him to use the Ninja invoices instead, out of fear of the auditors. As the money had been owed to him by DET, said Strydom, he had agreed to do so.

Advocate Retha Meintjes, of the Transvaal Attorney-General's office, told the magistrate that for the purpose of sentencing Strydom, the State will prove that he indeed intended to harm DET. After Strydom was found guilty on the four counts, Meintjes cross-examined him.

She pointed to the eight companies and close corporations Strydom had owned — all of which had done business with DET. "An outsider would not have known that all the products — eight different names — had come from you?" asked Meintjes.

Responding, Strydom told the court that he had signed the back of the three DET cheques made out to Ninja Game Farm and paid them into his own account. He had mentioned it to Ninja owner Bernie Len the next day. Len had made no comment.

Meintjes then referred to Strydom's evidence before the Van den Heever Commission, where he was asked about the three cheques. Strydom replied that he had been advised by his lawyer not to explain it fully, as it may have incriminated him before the commission at the time. "I did not want to draw the commission's attention to this. I was purposely vague."

Meintjes then produced an affidavit Strydom had signed on January 4 1990, which contradicted his evidence this week. In the

statement, Strydom stated that the three Ninja cheques he had paid into his own account had been for money owed to him by Ninja Game Farm for pamphlets, sports equipment and other expenses incurred during the time he had been working as a public relations officer for the farm. "I had at that time already been compromised before the commission and wrongly decided to stick to this explanation (*weergawe*)."

Meintjes: "Do you realise that you could be accountable for the R108 077 on the basis of that explanation?"

Strydom: "Yes, but the explanation that I am giving to you today contains the true facts."

After Meintjes concluded her cross-examination of Strydom, DET official Leon Schonken was called to the witness stand. Schonken denied Strydom's earlier evidence that the three Ninja invoices were used because Schonken had been afraid the auditor would query payments to Strydom. He said Strydom had told him that "Len" of Ninja Game Farm had owed him money and that this (paying it into his own account) was the way to recover it. Strydom had also told him that the courses at Ninja did take place, said Schonken.

The trial was due to continue as the *FM* went to press. Strydom was expected to be sentenced later this week.

Eddie Botha

New era for education as DET phase

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The Department of Education and Training is in the process of being phased out and an announcement about discussions on a new education system for South Africa will be made before the end of the year, newly appointed Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer said in Johannesburg yesterday.

"It is quite clear that the Government is committed to devising a new education system," Mr de Beer said in an interview after a press conference on new classrooms for DET schools.

"We are in the process of phasing out the (DET)," he said. "It is our serious intent that as soon as possible we must bring about a discussion forum where all parties with a vested interest in education should be present, and where we can sit down and start talking of a new education system to address the needs of all our people."

"This can come about fairly soon," the Minister predicted. "We hope it would even be possible to make an announcement this year about this education discussion group getting together."

"As far as I'm concerned I would certainly like to see it happen as soon as possible."

Mr de Beer ruled out implementing a new education system before a new South African constitution was in place.

"This (education) discussion group will be able to make recommendations, but final re-

commendations will have to be made by a multiparty conference," he said.

Education talks could begin, though, before a multiparty summit.

The Education Working Group, made up mainly of educationists and which met with President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela earlier this year, had discussed setting up an education forum, Mr de Beer said.

Other groups, including the self-governing territories, had also backed the idea.

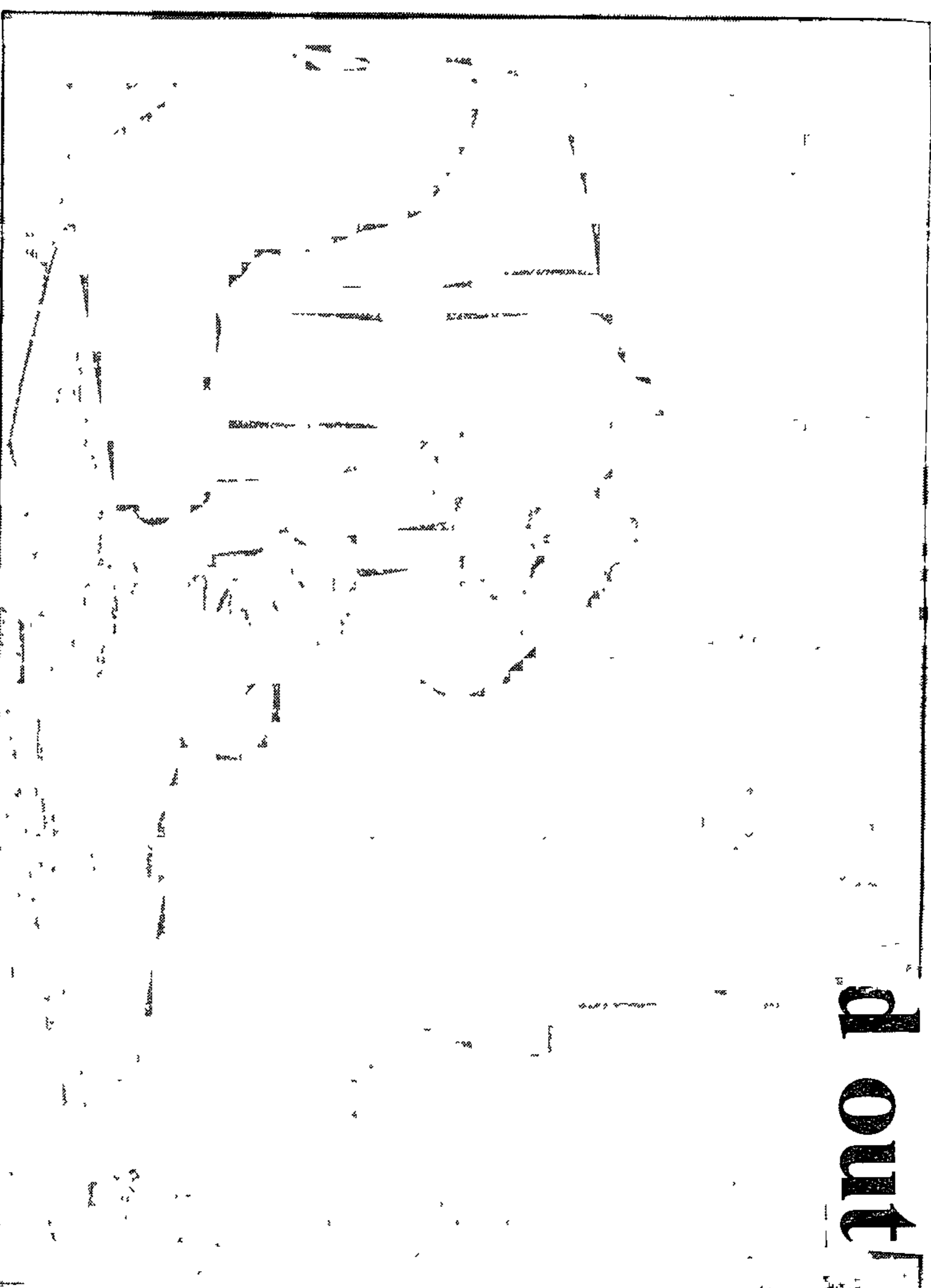
The Council of Education and Training, which advises Mr de Beer, had expressed the need for such a forum, he added.

"So, not only the ANC and the Government, but a fairly representative group of people, have already expressed their wish that a discussion group should come together," Mr de Beer said.

"These discussions will eventually run parallel to the multiparty conference on the constitutional future of South Africa," Mr de Beer explained.

Asked specifically about continuing research into new syllabi for schools, the Minister revealed that the Department of National Education, which is responsible for this, could soon be making an announcement.

"New syllabi will be a very important aspect when we talk of a new education dispensation. I know that the Department of National Education has been involved in studies in this regard, and I think they may be making an announcement quite soon on its findings." — Sapa



That time of year . . . Stephen Louw, a Std 10 pupil at Parktown Boys High, is one of thousands of candidates writing this year's TED matric examinations which started yesterday. Picture, Jacobo Rykloff

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Widening the net (256)

Pretoria businessman Thinus Strydom will soon testify against Department of Education & Training senior officials.

This follows the sentencing of Strydom to four years and four months in prison, or a fine of R24 000, and a further five-and-a-

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half years in prison, suspended for five years. He was convicted on three charges of bribery and one of fraud.

Strydom, son of the late Jaap Strydom, who had been deputy director-general in DET, was convicted by Pretoria magistrate Theo van Eck for his part in DET irregularities which were uncovered by the *FM* in June 1988.

Strydom owned various publishing companies which landed printing contracts valued at R2,5m with DET. He admitted

that he had bribed DET officials Braam Olivier, L Kekakana and Eben Coetzee. Strydom also admitted to fraud involving three cheques amounting to R108 000.

In his judgment, Van Eck said it was not clear whether Strydom had in fact delivered certain printed works, which he claimed he had done, to the department. It was impossible for the court to decide whether DET had in fact suffered damages of R108 000. "The State could not prove the contrary," said Van Eck.

In pleading mitigating circumstances for Strydom, advocate Cedwin Toweel said the charges against his client were serious but Strydom had been friends with some DET officials and had lent money to them out of kindness.

It is expected that Strydom, who now owns various real estate agencies, will be an important State witness in criminal cases against department officials. Some officials have already been charged and more arrests are expected soon. ■

Blacks will have a say in spending DET budget

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EDUCATION and Training Minister Sam de Beer, in a dramatic departure from practice, plans to give black South Africans a say in the spending of the department's next budget.

He also hopes to establish an educational accord, similar to the peace accord, which would bind all parties to certain principles and responsibilities.

In the first step, businessmen, community leaders and government officials meet this week to draw up proposals for overcoming the problems plaguing education in Soweto.

Input

Mr De Beer said in an interview this week that his budgetary guidelines would be finalised at the end of this month.

The government then planned to take what he called a "delivery package" — dealing with issues such as the number of schools to be built and teachers to be employed — to all interested educational bodies for their input.

"This is the first time that we are trying to estab-

By MIKE ROBERTSON and CHARLENE SMITH

lish a delivery process and I think the more inputs we can get from our education boards, the different management structures and others who have a vested interest in education, the better," Mr De Beer said.

The move is in keeping with pledges by President FW de Klerk and Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen to allow people not represented in Parliament an opportunity to have a say in legislative and administrative actions of the State.

Mr De Beer said he would like to submit the "delivery package" to an education working group, on which all interested parties were represented.

The aim of the education working group would be to define crucial issues which needed to be addressed to overcome shortcomings in the present dispensation.

Mr De Beer said he hoped an education accord would come out of the process of consulting interested parties. The DET could, for instance, bind itself to the negotiated delivery package but in return would be looking for com-

mitments from parents, teachers and pupils.

"When we realise that we are in partnership then we have come a long way."

Mr de Beer said increasing community involvement in the running of schools was a priority.

A first important step towards building broader participation in education will take place this week.

Businessmen, government officials and the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee meet to discuss the formation of a joint committee to seek practical ways to eliminate obstacles hampering black education.

Logjam

Their suggestions are expected to be fed into Mr De Beer's hoped for educational working group.

This week a steering committee of businessmen and educationists got together to discuss strategies to beat the textbook logjam and to find ways of transforming technical education — presently on a downslide — in Soweto.

Thousands of black students, including matrics,

are still without textbooks — despite the DET having spent R62-million on textbooks and assurances by school principals that they had received the books. Matric examinations began two weeks ago.

At present the only technical teachers training diploma offered in Soweto is being phased out at Molapo Teachers' Training College and will not be offered as a course next year.

Last year there were 200 students in the four technical teachers' training colleges nationwide, 49 at Molapo. The DET says the demand for these teachers has been declining since 1989 and many find it difficult to get jobs.

The DET is negotiating with the Soweto Council, staff and community to review Molapo's usage, and to possibly turn it into a technical college.

Reluctant

Given the skilled worker shortage, the private sector has decided to become involved in seeking ways to transform and improve technical training and ensure facilities are not in danger of closing.

Business and the SECC are reluctant to discuss proposals before meeting with Dr Bernhard Louw, director-general of the DET on Wednesday.

Seven major companies — Southern Life, Barlow Rand, Glass SA, the Urban Foundation, Malbak, Ove Arup and the JCI — are involved in the sub-committee working on alternatives with the Government and the SECC.

In the broader private sector initiative, 16 major companies are involved.

One of the initiatives that could be put forward to the Government, and one that is now under discussion at a local level with regard to George Tabor and Molapo colleges, is that the community assumes control of the colleges with the private sector and the Government.

Need to end crisis mounts

The Department of Education and Training's (DET) proposal to get blacks involved in the running of education has caused confusion.

The proposal met with mixed reactions from leaders of various organisations. The spokesperson for the DET, Johan du Plessis, denied that the department has drawn any proposals or made any announcement to this effect.

Crisis

Du Plessis said the Education and Training Minister, Sam de Beer, only invited interested persons to discuss ways of solving the education crisis.

He said several organisations and other interested parties had meetings with De Beer to discuss ways to address the crisis and it was at these forums that the idea of involving blacks was developed.

Commenting on the possibility of such proposals being made by the department, some organisations said these could only work if there was "a fundamental restructuring of the education system as a whole." Others said it would be right to address the education crisis on an interim basis.

But it is clear that this could only work if it included blacks at all decision making levels. *New Nation*

Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) spokesperson, David Maepa, said his organisation had a meeting on November 1 with De Beer to discuss ways of dealing with the education crisis in Soweto. *Learning Nation*

Maepa said the delegation that met De Beer made it clear that the only way to deal with the crisis was to involve all interested parties in the decision-making structures.

In terms of the SECC's proposals, Maepa said, the SECC should meet with the regional management and define "interested parties" 15/11 - 21/11/91.

The next step would be to work out an election procedure for a body that, together with DET regional officials, would form a regional management structure with powers to address all sorts of problems and take part in planning.

The proposals also challenged the DET's national leadership to honour the establishment of such a regional structure. This, he added, would imply that the department's central planners would take into account the submissions of the regional body constituted in the above manner.

Asked whether this would not suggest the establishment of some form of an interim education management body, Maepa said it was possible. "If achieved it would be a positive step and a build up to an interim government," said Maepa.

He argued that "the work of the politicians would be made easier as far as education is concerned."

"Education is in ruins. We cannot wait for political solutions to be found before moving forward," he said.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) was distrustful of the DET's proposals and likened them to the Joint Working Group (JWG), which failed to deliver according to the organisation's information officer, Mel Holland.

However, Holland said if the department was ready to enter into negotiations towards the establishment of a "bona fide" structure which would ensure a "meaningful" involvement of parents, the proposals could lead towards a solution of the education crisis.

DP election defeat fuels party tension

CAPE TOWN — Tensions re-emerged in the DP on the eve of its national congress today after MP for Houghton Tony Leon blamed the party's chief whip, David Dalling, for a shock by-election defeat in Johannesburg.

The latest conflict developed despite a public plea yesterday to DP MPs by the party's leader, Zach de Beer, to end their "regrettable and debilitating" quarrelling about their political friends.

The DP's heavy defeat in the Houghton/Killarney municipal ward is a serious setback for the party and the ruling DP-NP alliance in Johannesburg.

Independent candidate Sam Moss, at one time leader of the PRP in the council, beat the DP's Geoff Klass by 1 227 votes to 547 in a 32% poll.

Leon and Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson blamed the defeat on Dalling.

De Beer implicitly distanced himself from Leon's statements by saying Moss fought a shrewd campaign by steering clear of national issues and concentrating on municipal issues.

Even in affluent areas, there was confusion and fear among white voters and in Johannesburg the DP was regarded as part

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of the ruling establishment. De Beer said Dalling refused to comment apart from dismissing Leon as "merely a junior MP".

The open tension between the two wings of the party was highlighted by the two MPs involved in the latest conflict.

The DP had deliberately placed itself in a position equidistant from the ANC and the NP in order to best influence both sides, De Beer said.

Convergence was still a DP strategy and the party could claim at least a measure of the credit for the convergence that had occurred in SA since February 1990, he said.

THEO RAWANA reports Moss said yesterday the DP lost the Houghton/Killarney municipal seat because the residents were fed up with the Johannesburg management committee's autocratic and dictatorial form of government.

He said ratepayers were unhappy with the management committee's expenditure on overseas trips, which had so far amounted to R800 000. Moss said that in his fight against crime he would, together with MP Tony Leon, press government to open a police station in Houghton.

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DET, committee 'agree on education group'

DAVE LOURENS

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Soweto Education Crisis Committee (SECC) have agreed to establish a working group to bring about a standing joint committee on black education before schools open for the 1992 academic year, SECC chairman David Maepa announced yesterday.

"One would hesitate to call it a breakthrough. An agreement has been reached in principle, but we are sceptical of the government's willingness to carry it through to its logical conclusion," Maepa said.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between the SECC, DET director-general Bernhard Louw and members of the Consultative Business Movement.

Maepa said the announcement was against Louw's wishes, but that the SECC "takes orders only from our constituency and reserves the right to speak to anyone, any time and to give... our own analysis."

DET liaison officer Corrie Rademeyer said the DET could not comment before Louw had reported to Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer.

Maepa said the SECC had sought an unqualified undertaking from the DET that it would accept the recommendations of the Standing Joint Committee. The DET wanted the committee to function as a purely advisory body, but the SECC felt this would curtail its effectiveness and the government would continue to "call the tune" as before.

"We need a body which has legitimacy among the community to restore order. Legitimacy cannot go hand in hand with a toothless advisory committee."

The working group's tasks will be to formulate an election procedure, convene a meeting of relevant parties and determine their representation.

fraud Other DET officials also face prosecution

At present a team comprising advocate Retha Meintjes of the AG's office, Colonel Cas Walker of the commercial branch and senior DET official Wynand Coetzee is investigating the DET's multimillion-rand contracts with African Oxygen Ltd In her third report, in May 1990, Justice Van den Heever suggested that the African Oxygen contracts should be investigated

The *FM* has learnt that the investigating team has confiscated the First National Bank statements (account number 200 5391539) of retired DET official Andrew Swart The team has also in its possession two African Oxygen cheques not reflected in his FNB account Before retirement Swart administered the African Oxygen contracts on behalf of the DET

The DET was granted permission in 1985 to use African Oxygen's *Performance and Educational Services* management courses Three contracts had earlier been granted In



Niehaus received a copy of the report

April last year the DET again requested the Commission for Administration to support a fourth contract with African Oxygen to develop and supply a control system for inspectors and a "new compact management development programme" for public schools The total costs of the contract have provisionally been estimated at R9,7m over three years

However, in May last year, a Commission for Administration official, Christo Blom, severely criticised the DET's involvement with African Oxygen "After six years' involvement neither the department nor the consultant (African Oxygen) can provide written evidence of the savings which (supposedly) flowed from this training," Blom wrote

Blom also questioned whether the training offered by African Oxygen was in line with the new educational systems being investigated by government In the light of these circumstances it might be risky for the commission to lend its support to the department, suggested Blom

He added "We have the impression that this department (DET) does not play open

cards with us regarding the African Oxygen training project We should rather recommend that Tender Board prescriptions be strictly adhered to"

Blom said it was clear that the department's long involvement with training consultants "does not paint a pretty picture" There had been overspending on more than one occasion, the commission's prescriptions had not (always) been followed and agreements had been concluded with African Oxygen without the necessary contracts, he added "Currently the consultant (African Oxygen) is supplying services to the department without a formal contract," reported Blom

On July 9 1990 the Commission for Administration wrote to DET DG Bernard Louw to say that it could not formally state a view in the matter In November Transvaal AG Don Brunette wrote to the commission saying that the DET's contract with African Oxygen was under investigation as instructed by Judge Van den Heever

Brunette requested that, as the Commission's Institute for Training had attended all meetings between the DET and African Oxygen and monitored the proceedings, all documents and correspondence relating to this matter should be handed over to his office The *FM* understands that about half the documentation requested by the investigating team had earlier been removed from DET files

Meanwhile, Louw had instituted his own investigation into his department's involvement with African Oxygen On January 22 1991 he sent a copy of this report to advocate Nollie Niehaus of the Cape Attorney-General's office (who led the evidence during the Van den Heever Commission) Louw said that he had instructed DET Deputy DG Roelf du Preez to conduct the investigation Du Preez had previously been with the Commission for Administration

In his report Du Preez rejected most of Blom's findings However, he acknowledged that overspending had taken place Du Preez wrote that authorisation for the African Oxygen contracts had been given for expenditure of R38,6m but that, according to records, only R29,4m had been spent Though there had been overspending over the years it still fell within the global authorisation, said Du Preez

Referring to the services which Blom said African Oxygen had supplied over two months to the DET without a formal contract between them, Du Preez said that African Oxygen had offered this as a "donation" Du Preez questioned Blom's findings, saying that "there is something weird going on" He said that there had been many occasions when problems could have been discussed at a higher level if the department's integrity had been questioned "Nothing, however, happened but on May 28 1990 (the date of Blom's report) everything exploded"

It is understood that the Tender Board is awaiting the DET's recommendation on a new contract for which one of the contenders

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Deposits in the air (256)

The **SAP commercial** branch has at the request of the Transvaal Attorney-General confiscated bank accounts and deposit slips of a former senior official of the Department of Education & Training (DET) This is a result of the third report of the Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry into irregularities at the DET

The commission, chaired by Appeal Court Judge Leo van den Heever, was constituted after the *FM* in 1988 reported certain irregularities in the DET Since then Pretoria businessman Thinus Strydom, son of DET former Deputy Director-General Jaap Strydom, has been found guilty and sentenced on three counts of bribery and one of

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is Human Performance Systems (formerly African Oxygen Ltd)

At the end of last year Louw had appointed former African Oxygen MD Gerald Buitendach, now MD of Human Performance Systems, as his personal management consultant

Buitendach's appointment for six months at R70 000 followed a request by Louw to DET's Procurement Administration for the services of expert assistance (*deskundige bystand*) DET finds itself in a position where it has become the target of various groups who wish to establish a power base in education, Louw wrote

"The company, HPS, has contractually supplied training programmes to the department during the past years," he wrote "The department is of the opinion that there can hardly be a more efficient and better qualified person selected than Mr Buitendach to assist and advise the head of department "

Louw wrote that it was not in the interest of the State to advertise the position That would strengthen the position of "activists, pressure groups and other undesirable elements "

Louw requested that a contract should initially be concluded with Buitendach for six months, when it could again be evaluated He further requested that normal tender procedures should not be followed in this case

Fddie Botha

DET to probe education in Soweto

THE Department of Education and Training and the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee have agreed to investigate what role a joint standing committee should play in restructuring black education in Soweto, SECC chairman David Maepa said yesterday.

Maepa told a Press conference in Johannesburg agreement was reached at a meeting earlier this week between an SECC delegation, Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer and DET Director-General Dr Bernhard Louw. *Sowetan 15/11/91*

He said he was making the announcement against the wishes of Louw, although the SECC reserved the right to make statements and was doing so to counter inaccurate statements by the DET.

Maepa said that while the DET wanted the joint standing committee to remain an advisory body, the SECC wanted it to play a central role in reconstructing black education in Soweto.

He said the standing committee's working group would be responsible for defining which interested parties would be represented, formulating an election procedure and convening a meeting of interested parties.

He said the Consultative Business Movement, representing 80 major South African companies, had taken part in the meeting and would play a role in the joint standing committee.

"I would hesitate to call it a breakthrough but the principle has been reached," Maepa said.

He added that he remained sceptical about the Government's commitment to taking the process through to its logical conclusion.

However, the SECC was not interested in taking over the DET. - Sapa.

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More glitches

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The Independent Development Trust's proposed US\$100m Eurobond issue is becoming far more complicated than chairman Jan Steyn could have imagined

Not only is the ANC refusing to endorse it, the trampling on some influential bureaucratic toes and a questioning of the need to raise capital abroad could further sour the initiative

The issue was announced in September, with the backing of all major players, including the ANC — which subsequently withdrew its support

The IDT and ANC are still negotiating the issue, says IDT spokesman Jolyon Nuttall and both have agreed not to comment further at this stage

The IDT says most of the money will go into building schools for blacks, to be owned by communities and leased back to the Department of Education & Training (DET). The rents will be used for interest payments

Using DET funds to lease the schools is apparently not an obstacle to ANC support. Nuttall says that, in any case, the lease arrangements are likely to be under the umbrella of a single education department in the near future, as indicated by DET education Minister Sam de Beer

The problem lies with the DET. The arrangement undermines an important aspect of DG Bernard Louw's control of DET's budget

Louw says "The DET will have to foot the bill for running costs. Therefore, agreements will have to be reached on a number of issues, such as which communities' needs should take priority, as well as the number of new schools whose running costs can be accommodated in the budget"

On why it is necessary to raise a foreign loan, Steyn says there is not sufficient capital in SA to create the flexibility needed by development initiatives

Finance DG Gerhard Croeser says it is important for the IDT to be exposed to the foreign capital market. The IDT and the Development Bank of SA are the only two new borrowers his department is allowing to raise foreign capital

"Some people are not particularly happy about the IDT entering the market as an unproven entity, but it is important in the transitional process and needs exposure"

While there is sufficient local capital to meet SA's current limited demand, there are insufficient savings to fund growth. SA will in future need not only foreign loans but foreign investment as well, he says ■

FNB to sue over STAR 4/12/91. ⁽²⁵⁶⁾ remarks on rates

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

First National Bank has launched a defamation suit against a Pretoria businessman following his remarks to the media about the rates charged by banks — and in the interim has acquired a court order by consent preventing him from making any further statements about FNB to the media

Jaap Spelt, of Westpro Business Consultants, has claimed on several occasions to the media that FNB and/or other banks in general are acting illegally regarding the manner in which they deal with their customers

He has claimed they are overcharging customers and thus contravening the Usury Act and that they charge interest rates in excess of legally permissible rates

Mr Spelt yesterday said he could prove his allegations against FNB in court, adding he had

not defamed the bank

The court hearing is scheduled for February 25 next year

He said he and his company had consented to not making further statements to the media and that FNB was also bound to refrain from commenting on him and Westpro.

Last week FNB's lawyers sent a letter to Mr Spelt threatening legal action if what it called defamatory statements were not stopped by noon on Saturday Mr Spelt refused to give the bank this undertaking.

FNB senior general manager Jimmy McKenzie said the bank did not deliberately charge interest rates which contravened the Usury Act

There was a computer which constantly monitored the rates clients paid and if these exceeded the usury rate, it would be picked up

The interest rates on overdrafts were determined by the local bank managers according to the risk involved.

Students still mark matric exam papers

By Phil Molefe ⁽²⁵⁶⁾

STAR 4/12/91
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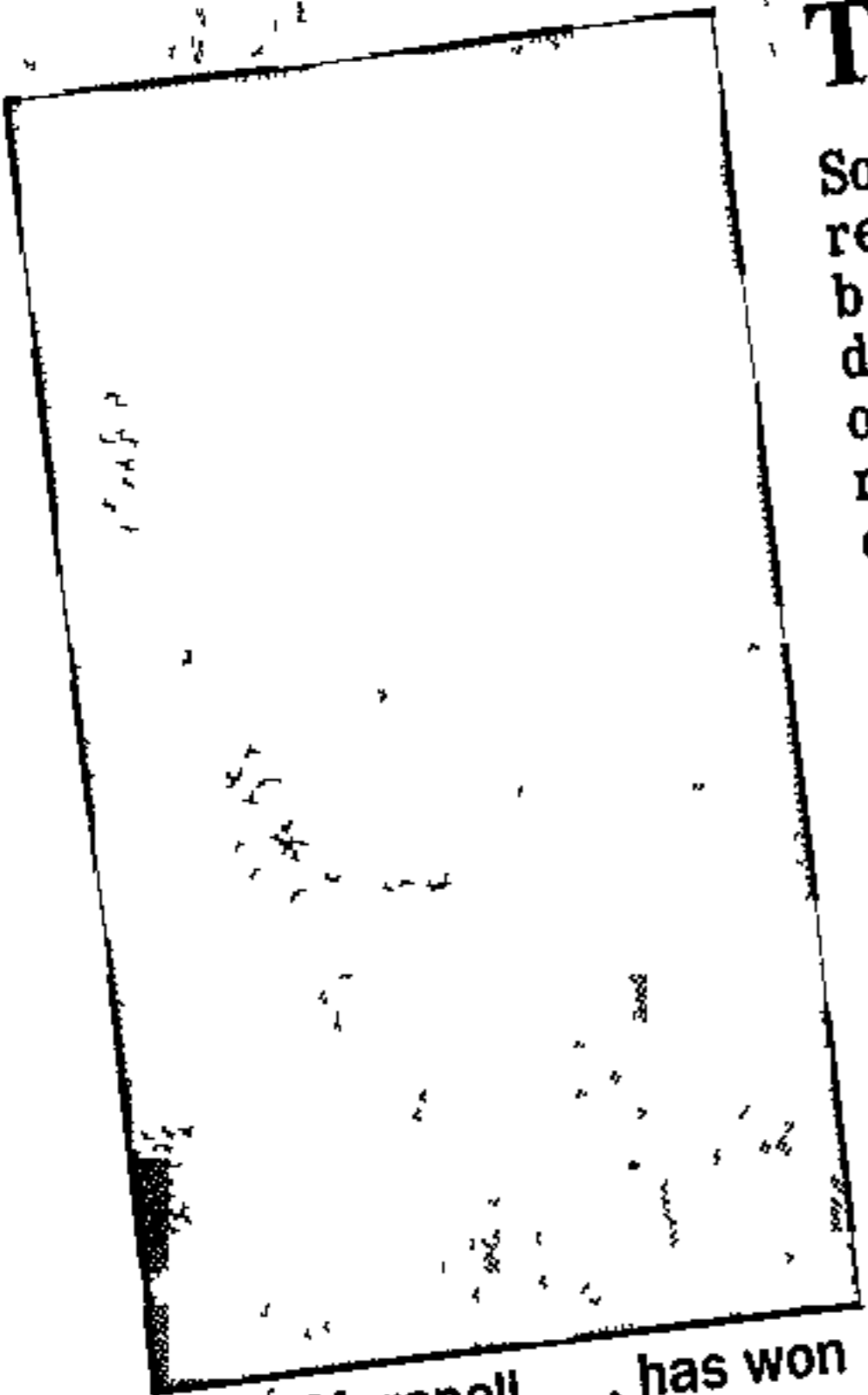
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Top DET post for Soweto rector



Mike Morapeli . . has won numerous awards on his way to the top.

Soweto College of Education rector Mike Morapeli has been promoted to chief director of the Department of Education and Training, responsible for the planning of the provision of education.

He is the first black official to hold the rank of chief director in the department's head office, according to Minister of Education and Training Sam de Beer.

Other black educationists who hold top posts in the department are Dr Edward Ndaba and Richard Motau, who are regional chief directors in Natal and Johannesburg respectively.

Mr Morapeli was born at Bothaville in the Free State,

and obtained a BA degree — majoring in South Sotho and anthropology — at Unisa as well as B Ed and M Ed degrees at Wits.

He was appointed rector of the Soweto college in 1982.

He has received the North-cliff Rotary Merit Award for his work in the field of adult education, the Claude Harris Leon Foundation Award for community service and the Orlando High School Top Achievers Award.

Dr Morapeli has co-authored several South Sotho language books, and has translated five books on mathematics and two general science books into South Sotho for use in primary schools.

Senior DET post goes to black rector

SOWETO College of Education rector Mr Mike Morapeli has been promoted to chief director in the Department of Education and Training

His portfolio is to plan for the provision of education.

Morapeli will be the first black official to hold the rank of chief director at the department's head office, according to Mr Sam de Beer, Minister of Education and Training, who announced the promotion this week

Other black educationists who hold top posts in the department are Dr Edward Ndaba and Mr Richard Motau, who have been regional chief directors for some time in Natal and Johannesburg respectively, De Beer said

Morapeli was born in Bothaville in the Free State and obtained a BA degree - majoring in South Sotho and anthropology at the University of Southern Africa and achieved B Ed and M Ed degrees at the University of the Witwatersrand.

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Keep politics out of school — Morapeli

By LULAMA LUTI

8/12/91

ALTHOUGH politicians have a role in the evolution of a new education system in South Africa, they should not meddle in the classrooms, says newly appointed chief director of the DET, Michael Marake Morapeli.

"Once the direction education must take has been decided, educationists must be allowed to take over," he said.

He warned against using children as political pawns. "It is not

proper to have children deciding their own future."

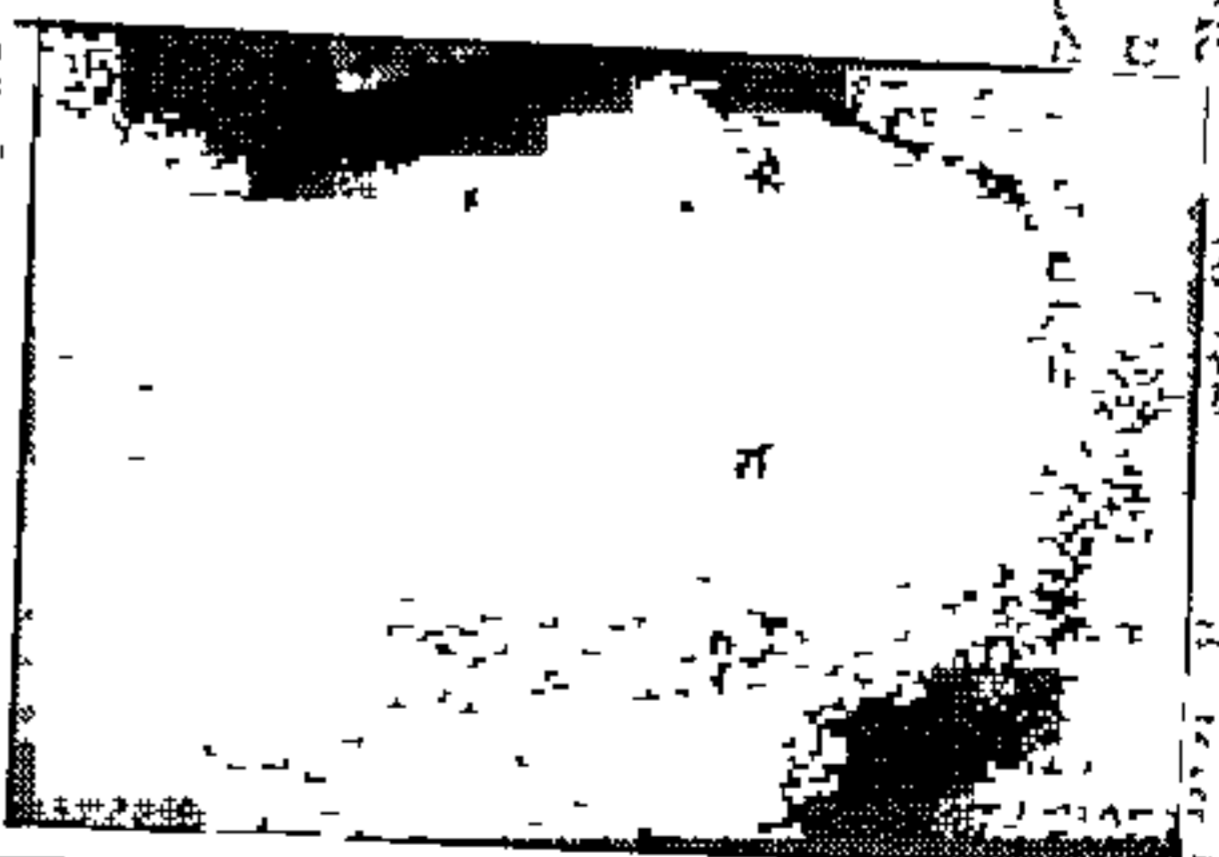
Morapeli, who holds a Master of Education degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, is the first black to hold the rank of chief director in the department. Born in the Free State in 1933, he is married with four sons.

"I would like to see the learning culture restored in schools, and to see our young people prepared thoroughly for the 21st century," he said. "That preparation can

only come through education."

Morapeli, who has been a teacher for 36 years, will relinquish his rectorship of the Soweto College of Education — a position he has held since 1982.

Speaking about the breakdown of learning, especially in schools under the DET, Morapeli lashed out at teachers who took part in chalk-downs, and said such action compounded problems, rather than solved them.



Michael Morapeli

The bill is R7-m for vandalised schools

By LULAMA LUTI

CP 13/12/91

DAMAGE estimated at R7-million has been caused to schools in the Johannesburg and Northern Transvaal regions, it was disclosed this week

Pupils may be forced to go

back to vandalised premises as repair work is likely to continue into the new year

According to DET statements released by the two regions, damage totalling R3,5-million and R3,4-million had been done to schools in the Pretoria area of the

Northern Transvaal region and those in the Johannesburg region respectively

No comment could be obtained from the Highveld region as officials were said to be on leave

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ADDITIONAL funding from the Government's sale of strategic oil reserves has boosted the Department of Education and Training's capital works programme by more than R45 million.

A statement released by the DET said good progress had been made in the completion of new school buildings, major renovations and the rebuilding of existing schools

In Soweto and Alexandra alone, three new primary schools, at a cost of nearly R5 million, were completed in December.

A further three schools in the two townships are to be completed in the New Year at a cost of about R6 million.

The balance of the funds would be used for the schools and school facilities building programmes scheduled to be completed by September next year, said the DET - Sapa

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THE Department of Education and Training has lost R40 million during the past two years because pupils did not return text books.

The regional chief director of education and training in the Northern Transvaal, Mr Job Schoeman, said R40 million would have been enough to build 1 500 new classrooms and the creation of 1 200 new teaching posts.

The figures were released after allegations that there were too few textbooks

Pupils face

Matric results delay causes confusion

Classes

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Chaos



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Members of the Naledi Extension 2 Civic Association took over registering pupils at a new school in the area yesterday after the DET imposed restrictions. Parents were told the DET wanted only Tswana, South Sotho and Pedi-speaking children, not those who are Zulu or Xhosa-speaking.

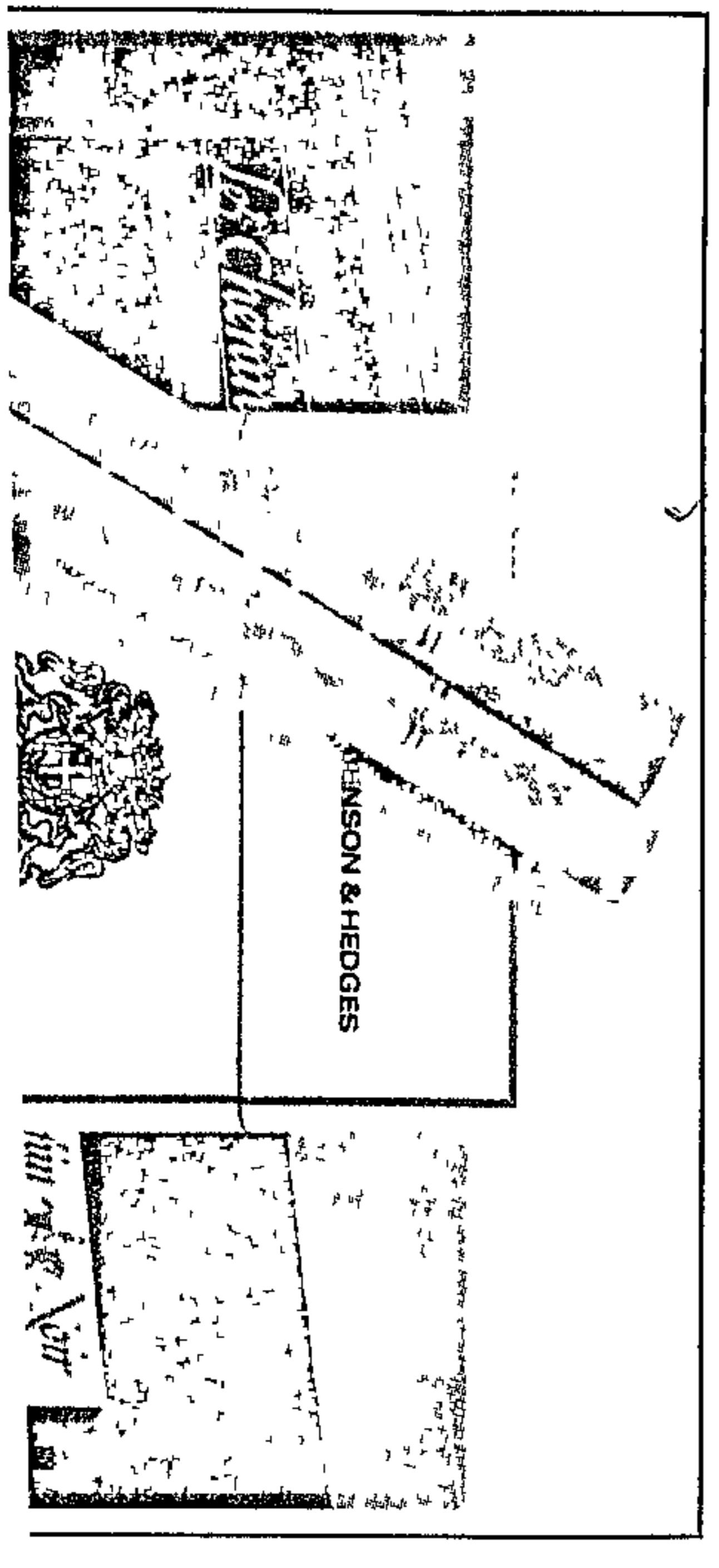
CONFUSION will greet thousands of pupils who are expected to flock to Department of Education and Training schools today to start the 1992 academic year.

The confusion arises from the delayed matric results and the chronic accommodation problems at black schools. Educationists also say little has been done to alleviate the chronic problems associated with DET schools in preparation for the new year. Many pupils at schools in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal and Northern Transvaal regions went to their schools to ascertain their matric symbols only to be told by their principals

By PHANGISILE MTSALL, NKOPANE MAKOBANE, MOKGADI PELA and KENOSI MODISANE

that they had not yet received them. The DET announced earlier that results of 12 777 candidates were still outstanding. The department said outstanding results were mainly those of pupils who had written their examinations at the wrong centres. These pupils had also sat for exams for which they had not registered, according to the DET.

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Bad start to year

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Principals interviewed by *Sowetan* said they had been to regional offices, but were told results would be available late yesterday. A DET spokesman, Mr Edgar Possell, yesterday said they had sent results to regional offices on Monday. He did not know what arrangements regional offices made once they received the results. The Azanian Student Movement and the South African Democratic Teachers Union have called for a "code of conduct" for pupils and teachers in an attempt to normalise black schooling. Azasm's general secretary, Miss Falisa Racheidi, said reasons building up to the bad 1991 matric results could be solved through the Student's Consultative Conference due to be held by major student's organisations early this year. Meanwhile Sadu yesterday unveiled its programme "to normalise black schooling and to reinstitute the culture of learning". Sadu's assistant general secretary, Mr Thulas Ngesi, said his organisation would meet pupil bodies. "Sadu believes the establishment of a culture of discipline would go a long way to improving results," he said. Other educationists and community leaders said although they expected conditions and problems at DET schools would remain had and unresolved, it was essential that a culture of learning was restored. The Azanian People's Organisation leader, Dr Gomolemo Mokoac, urged children to go back to school to learn. Mokoac also called on student organisations to "congregate as a matter of urgency" in a consultative conference to discuss their grievances. The principal of Face College, Mr TW Kambule, said learning had deteriorated. "The matriculation results are a true reflection of what is going on in the townships. Teachers have neglected children, joining in marches. The crux of the matter is to make the children learn, and have less excuses for poor performance."

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Parties in school row to meet

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PARTIES involved in a row over the admission of pupils at a new school in Naledi Extension 2, Soweto, are to meet next week in an effort to resolve the issue

Mr Siphso Maseko, a local civic association member, said yesterday that some members of his executive yesterday met three officials of the Department of Education and Training

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The meeting follows a decision on Tuesday by the civic association to register pupils at a new school in the area after the DET imposed restrictions

Parents who came to register their children were told that the school only catered for Sotho, Pedi and Tswana-speaking pupils and not those who spoke Xhosa, Zulu and other languages

This angered the parents, who demanded that all pupils in the area should be admitted. The parents maintained that they were not consulted when the decision was made

"We do not understand how the DET could come up with such an outdated policy because Naledi Extension is a new area and accommodates people of all ethnic groups," Maseko said

A spokesman for the DET Johannesburg region said they were aware of problems at the school and the area manager was attending to them

EDUCATION (256) (256)
The Department of Education and Training has lost about R40-million in the past two years on textbooks not returned by pupils, according to DET
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The money would have been enough to finance 1 500 new classrooms and 1 200 teaching posts, he said.

■ THE Department of Education has begun restructuring its regional offices. DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said the department aimed to strengthen top management levels, but it was not intended that black faces replace white ones.

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Parents want principal axed

Soweto 21/1/92

A GROUP of Soweto parents yesterday staged a placard demonstration in front of the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training in Braamfontein demanding the removal of a school principal.

A delegation at the same time was meeting DET officials. There was no immediate comment from DET officials and the parents' delegation attending the meeting.

Demonstrators said they were demanding that the principal of a school in Meadowlands be removed. They accused the principal of mismanaging school affairs.

They also demanded that the DET supply the school with adequate facilities.

Another group of parents is reported to have marched on the home of the principal in Meadowlands yesterday morning to seek a meeting with her. She was not available.

Yesterday's demonstration followed a protest meeting in Soweto on Sunday at which the parents took a decision to "remove" the principal from the school - Sapa.

Big challenge for DET chief

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

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Soweto
THE Department of Education and Training's new chief director feels that his appointment opens new vistas for blacks in government service.

Mr Michael Marake Morapeli (59), former rector of the Soweto College of Education, assumed his new duties last month, making him the first black person to hold such a position. He works from the DET's head office in Pretoria.

Morapeli says his new position entails planning for the provision of education.

His responsibilities include creating and providing for facilities such as management at schools and subject adviser services. In addition, he holds regular meetings with chief directors and monitors progress at regional offices.

Morapeli, who has been teaching since 1955, denies that his new position is a bonus for his loyal service.

"I do not see it as tokenism. I have earned it on merit and my track-record speaks volumes for itself. Instead I see this promotion as the right process to get more and more black people in the higher echelons of our education," he says.

"Although it is still too early to say much, I regard my new job as a challenge because it is different from what I did over the years. My experience as a teacher will certainly stand me in good stead," he says.

The position of chief director marks yet another first in Morapeli's illustrious teaching career.

Turning to his other achievement, he says the positions have always carried with them much responsibility and accountability. They have placed him under tremendous pressure, but he is, however, proud to look back at his successes.

Morapeli's other firsts include being an inspector in charge of Adult Education in South Africa (1978 to 1981), circuit inspector in a white area under the DET (July 1981 to December 1981), and first black rector of a college of education (Soweto) under the DET (from January 1982).

Problems

Prior to that year black rectors at colleges of education were only found in the "homelands".

"Without being boastful, I can say I opened the way for many other black educationists. There are now several of my colleagues who are rectors and circuit inspectors," Morapeli says.

He believes he can make a meaningful input at this level and discounts the belief of people who may think he is just a drop in the ocean among a bureaucracy of white educationists.

Morapeli admits all is not well in black education and says the problems began with the introduction of "Bantu Education".

He says the abhorrence of the edu-



MICHAEL MARAKE MORAPELI

New appointment opens vistas for blacks in education

cation system culminated in the eruptions of 1976 and, in the process of searching for a new deal in education, parents completely lost control over their children.

"From that time onwards, while there were lot of positive things gained, the learning culture went down the drain. Pupils lost respect for authority. Parents became onlookers instead of active partners in education.

"The problems were further compounded by the shortages of books, unqualified teachers and many other issues.

"Unfortunately, with the evolving political scenario, desirable and necessary as it was, this led to slogans such as 'freedom now and education later' and 'pass one, pass all'.

"Today we are reaping the almost complete collapse of the culture of learning. We have bad matric results, lack of discipline, chalk-downs and gangsterism in schools.

"I have always deplored teachers' strikes. This is not to say I am unsympathetic to teacher problems. But I believe that children should not be sacrificed," he says.

What is needed is serious community and State action to resolve the impasse, Morapeli says, and people should take a close look at what they mean when they talk about a culture of learning.

The culture of learning goes far deeper than just the provision of

books, classrooms and teachers. It includes parent involvement, attitudes of teachers and pupils and acts which make optimal education possible.

Morapeli also maintains that the time has arrived for education to be left to educationists and people should agree to depoliticise education.

He firmly believes that the Government is sincere in its endeavour to improve the education of the black child. He says he is a staunch believer in one education system and believes this will come about soon.

However, he says the improvement of education should not be left to the State alone. Pupils should be motivated to realise that their responsibility is to learn and make use of the opportunity that is available.

Role model

"Success in education is like any other endeavour. It is not received, but achieved. To prepare for meaningful adult life, pupils must acquire knowledge and skills. I think I can be used as a role model and I know what I mean when I say success in life starts at school.

"Youngsters must realise I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I had to work hard for all the things I have achieved," he says.

Morapeli is a member of many professional organisations, mainly in the education field. He is co-author of several Sesotho books. He has translated five mathematics and two general science books into Sesotho for primary school children.

He is a member of many community and cultural bodies, which include, the Sotho writers association, known as Lesiba, the Educational Opportunities Council, Hillbrow Hospital Board, and the Sesotho Academy.

He has travelled extensively abroad to attend study and educational conferences, visiting Britain, Germany, United States and Israel, among other countries.

Morapeli is married and has four

'Youngsters must realise I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I had to work hard for all the things I have achieved'

**Ex-DET chief (250)
pleads not guilty**

A former deputy director-general of the Department of Education and Training, Abraham Olivier, yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court to two charges of bribery and one charge of fraud. Mr Olivier is appearing on charges linked to his receiving a vehicle valued at about R15 000 and accepting R16 067 from Marthinus Strydom in April 1987 for services rendered in his capacity as a DET official

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High hopes for schooling after smooth start

South 23/11-29/11/92

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By Anthony Ndllovu

MOST Department of Education and Training (DET) schools in Cape Town this week reported a smooth start to the first term of 1992.

And hopes are high that this year's matric results would improve over 1991's dismal performance.

At the Nelson Mandela Secondary School in Crossroads, 1 600 new students registered, according to principal Mr Zalisile Mkhontwana. Yet no additional teachers will be employed.

He said the school could cope with its present resources even though he was still waiting for more equipment from the DET.

At the Matthew Goniwe Secondary School at Site B, Khayelitsha, hundreds of pupils flocked to register for the new term.

At Langa Secondary School, 1 100 pupils were registered on Tuesday and the school needed at least two more teachers, principal Mr Joel Magwaca said.

At Luhlaza Secondary School in Khayelitsha, which had an 82,3 per cent pass rate last year, about 1 400 pupils were turned away because of a shortage of space.

About 1 500 pupils were admitted at the Oscar Mpetha Secondary School in Nyanga.

At the Good Hope College of Education, 224 new students were accepted, said rector Mr E Scholtz.

He said he was troubled by the fact that students who had completed their studies in 1990 and last year were struggling to find jobs in the DET schools.

Meanwhile, plans to improve black education are underway as the National Education Co-ordinating

Committee (NECC) launched three projects this year.

NECC spokesperson Mr Fred Barron said the Intensive Learning Project aimed to assist students with study guides and establishing study centres for extra tuition.

The Education Governance Project aims to establish controlling structures at educational institutions, and the People's Education Project will focus on the development of educational material and curricula for a new South Africa.

The South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) has called for the immediate dismantling of the DET and all "own affairs" departments and the establishment of a single education department following last year's appalling matric results.

Sadtu spokesperson Mr Randall van der Heever said education standards would not improve under an ethnic department like the DET.

"Educational provision will only be improved by fundamental political change and improving teachers' proficiency and their commitment to excellence," said Van der Heever.

He said all education organisations and parent committees should be involved in the restructuring of education.

He said there had been a management crisis in education, with principals and inspectors losing control over schools.

DET spokesperson Mr AE Ndamase said although there were few posts available towards the end of last year, it was still too early to say how many teachers would be employed in 1992.

"The Department will do its best to make this year a successful year of study," Ndamase said.

DET closes Third PWV school over disruptions

Soweto
24/1/92
By PHANGISILE MTSHALI
AND ALINAH DUBE

THE Department of Education and Training indefinitely closed a Soweto primary school yesterday, the third this year

Yesterday DET Johannesburg Region announced the indefinite closure of Morutathuto Primary School in Meadowlands, Soweto, because of disruptions

"There was no learning taking place because of power struggles. One group of parents wanted the principal to be expelled while the other wanted her to remain in charge," region liaison officer Mr Solomon Moshokoa said

The closure of Morutathuto came less than 24 hours after the Highveld region "suspended activities" at KwaDukathole High School in Katlehong

On Monday Tyilani High School in Soshanguve was closed by the Northern Transvaal region

However, teachers and parents of the affected school expressed disappointment at the unilateral decision to close schools

KwaDukathole teachers and pupils and the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee said they would disobey the order

SECC chairman Mr David Maepa said he received a letter saying the DET wanted "to restore order and discipline and reinstate the principal"

No two ways about it, the DET has to go!

CIPRES 19/1/92

The Department of Education and Training will continue spending billions of rands in taxpayer's money while black matric results deteriorate, argues **LARRY ROBERTSON**, executive director of Project Matriculation (Promat), a joint venture with Wits University's Education Department.

The nine-year-old Promat - with campuses in Mamelodi, KaNgwane, Durban, Springs and Kempton Park - has achieved a black matric pass rate of around 90 percent since its founding. Plans are afoot to open another campus in Soweto's Funda Centre, funded by the German government.

THE DET should be scrapped - even before South Africa gets a new constitution. It is an apartheid institution with virtually no credibility among pupils, teachers and the community at large.

Although credit must be given to the well-meaning intentions of the new Minister, Sam de Beer, and some teachers and officials, the department as a whole is beyond repair.

It cannot be reformed and cosmetic changes cannot alter its soul, embedded in separatism and inferior education.

It harbours a fifth column, a relic of the Verwoerdian philosophy, whose members refuse to move with the times, who are fearful of losing their privileged positions and the equality the new dispensation aims to bring.

The simple question remains: Why is there such a huge discrepancy between the DET results (39 percent pass rate) and those of a non-government institution like Promat (Over 84 percent pass rate)?

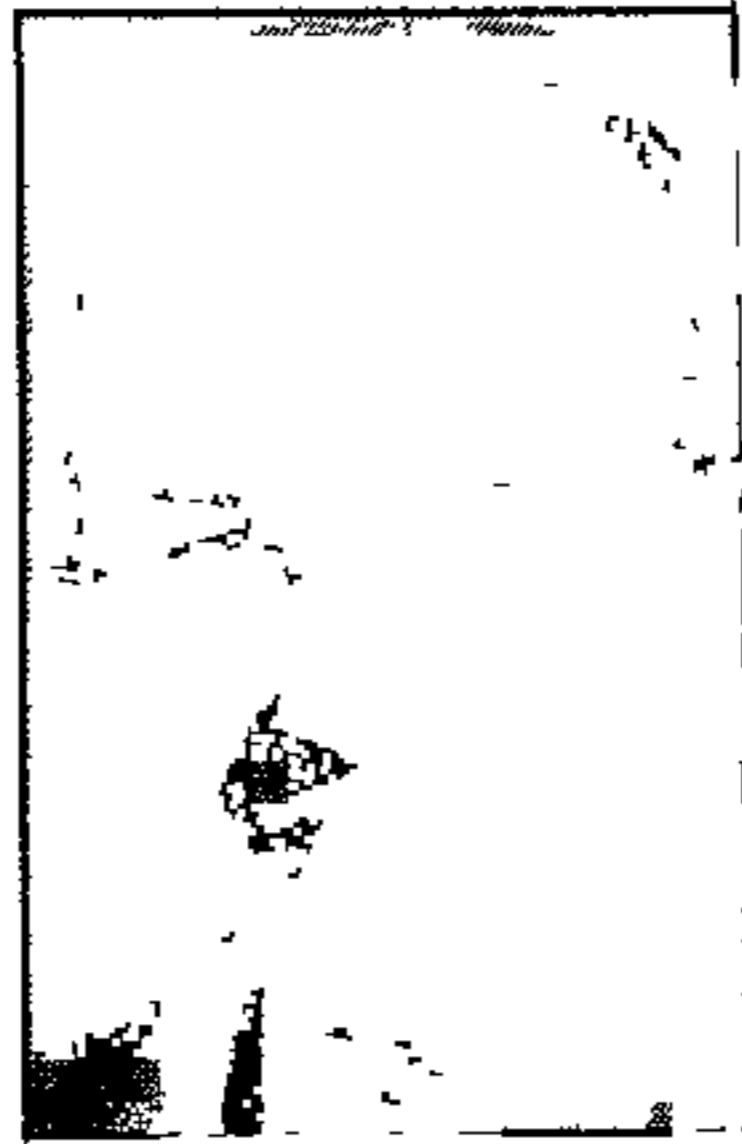
And remember, DET students do Stds 9 and 10 in two years and Promat students do it in only one year, writing the same examinations.

Billions of rands in taxpayers' money are made available to them while non-government institutions have to spend an incredible amount of valuable time to raise funds for teachers' salaries, building and equipment.

We are subjected to the same social and political pressures in the black community as the DET - the difference is that our students study and our teachers teach.

A single education department - aimed at equalising facilities, benefits and opportunities for all - should be established as a matter of urgency.

A mere change of name will not be good enough. Such a department must be acceptable to the community at large and they must participate in the planning.



SAM DE BEER... good intentions not enough.

It must be new from the lowest to the highest rank, imbued with a new spirit and total commitment to equal education.

Such a department will draw the best brains in the country, including from liberal educational institutions which now avoid the DET.

Each year that the DET continues to exist brings a greater catastrophe, every year compounds the disasters of previous years.

At the same time political, church and community leaders and teachers' unions have to accept responsibility to get the youth back to school.

Poor results damage society in much the same way as violence does. Every 12 months hundreds of thousands of young people are put on the streets, unskilled, virtually unemployable, and with little hope for a better future.

Until a new department is established, with the widest possible agreement, the DET will continue to pour billions of taxpayers' money down a bottomless pit.

Minister of Law and Order

'DET can't guarantee safety of white teachers'

STAR 30/1/92

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The safety of white teachers at Katlehong schools could no longer be guaranteed following yesterday's serious assault on a white teacher, DET official JH Booysen told The Star.

Six men yesterday stormed into a classroom at the Kathorus College of Education in Katlehong on the East Rand, hit head of department Schalk Dippenaar (53) over the head, poured petrol over him and set him alight.

He suffered more than 40 percent burns to his head and body. He is in a stable condition in the intensive care unit of the Garden City Clinic.

A police spokesman said three State vehicles parked on the premises were also damaged in the attack. The attackers were not from the college.

Sources said white teachers, who had been withdrawn from schools following attacks last week, may not re-

turn to work after the latest attack.

Department of Education and Training (DET) Highveld regional director of education, Hannes Booysen, said it would appear as if the attack on the white teachers in Katlehong was gaining momentum and their safety could no longer be guaranteed.

He said black lecturers at Kathorus refused to resume their classes yesterday in protest against the attack.

Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer last night expressed dismay at the attack and expressed his sympathy with the victim and his family.

He warned that the misuse of education for political purposes would disrupt teaching and dash the hopes of many who had high hopes for the 1992 school year.

He said the department was doing everything in its power to ensure teachers' safety and minimise the risk to their persons.

He appealed to the community, parents and pupils

to help in this task.

Police said those responsible for the attack on Mr Dippenaar may be linked to attacks on white teachers at black schools in Katlehong on Friday.

The attacks — for which the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) have been blamed — began at the Kwa-Dukathole School where three white women teachers and the school principal received minor injuries from a gang.

They then moved to the Fumana High School where Afrikaans teacher Isabella Geary was grabbed by the hair, punched in the face and wounded in the hand with a knife before she managed to escape.

Another teacher was also attacked before the gang went on to assault teachers and break windows at Sijabulile High School.

Although the schools have not closed, white teachers are staying away until the

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situation calms down, according to a secretary at Fumana High School.

A meeting is to be held this week to decide what steps can be taken to protect the teachers.

Paso yesterday blamed the attacks on the DET saying it did not condone attacks on teachers, but it was diffi-

cult to condemn its members' actions.

Thousands of African teachers were unemployed and the DET had been implicated in the employment of security service agents.

"These developments had crystallised the attitude of students to a point of mistrust where white teachers have been given priority above African teachers."

DET goes multiracial

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DRAFT legislation that would allow all races to be admitted to Department of Education and Training schools was tabled in Parliament yesterday (256)

The admissions clause was inserted in the Education and Training Amendment Bill by the Joint Committee on Education and Manpower

It proposes to empower the Minister of Education and Training to authorise the admission of pupils other than blacks to DET schools - Sapa

DET orders pullout of white teachers

KATHRYN STRACHAN

ALL 69 white teachers at Katlehong and Thokoza townships on the East Rand would be withdrawn today following a spate of attacks on them, the DET said yesterday. *B Louw 7/2/92*

DET director-general Bernhard Louw said the Kathorus College of Education, where a lecturer was set alight last week, had been closed until February 14.

The Kathorus lecturers, 24 whites and nine blacks, were investigating the circumstances under which classes could resume, Louw said.

He said the community had to play a part in creating an atmosphere of security.

Congress of SA Students (Cosas) regional chairman David Serekwane criticised the DET's decision saying there was already a

dire shortage of teachers.

At a Cosas meeting on Wednesday, 3 000 pupils vowed to protect teachers and not allow outsiders into schools.

The PAC-aligned, Pan-Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) has blamed attacks on teachers and disruptions of students' meetings on a dissident group called the Revolutionary Watchdogs. *(256)*

Serekwane yesterday said his organisation intended to speak to the group, but this would be effective only if Paso joined the move. Paso chairman Lawrence Ngandela said yesterday Paso was not prepared to speak to the dissidents.

South 13/2-19/2/92
DET promises school

FOLLOWING a protest by parents from Nomsa Mapongwana Primary School in Khayelitsha, the Department of Education and Training has agreed to provide a new school building and more teachers. (97)

The school currently has 1 700 pupils in 10 classrooms, with a staff of 14. (225) (256)

Last week, DET regional director Mr JHP Brand visited the school after more than 100 parents protested at his office.

The DET has undertaken to transfer six new teachers to Nomsa Mapongwana to enable a staff of 20 to work on a platoon system. Work on a new school with 25 classrooms is expected to start in the new financial year.

Farmer threatens to shut school

New Nation (Learning Nation) (4/2-2012/92)
A FARMER near Lanseria Airport is set to jeopardise the future of hundreds of children by refusing to let them attend the school on his property.

Swartkop Valley School, according to parents, was built by the previous owner who died. The farm was then sold to a BA Billet.

Billet is reported to have demanded that the school be bought by the Department of Education and Training (DET) or anybody else, failing which he would stop children from attending

He has carried out his threat. He has reportedly barred children from attending the school on several occasions since last year.

Last Friday he reportedly chased the children away and only re-admitted them after he was given an undertaking by an unnamed Pre-

toria DET official that the school would be bought. ~~256~~ (256)

However, parents claim that either the DET or the principal of the school are dragging their feet in addressing the issue.

The expulsion of children was reported to have started earlier last year and the principal, known only as Bogatsu, had constantly refused to make the issue public. He argued that the department would fire him if it was known that he had taken the issue to the people or institutions other than the department.

Neither the department nor the farmer were available for comment, but PUPILS' FORUM-learned that Billet had undertaken to expel the kids again should the department fail to settle the matter urgently

DET appointment 256

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The Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday announced the appointment of Dr Willem van Zyl, a former president of the Regional Court of Natal, as the first staff commissioner of the DET. Dr van Zyl will independently conduct external investigations of grievances brought to his notice by educators from schools, technical colleges and centres, teachers' training colleges or recognised teachers' associations.

DET re-opens two colleges

Sowetan 18/3/92

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**By PHANGISILE
MTSHALI**

THE Department of Education and Training re-opened two of its four colleges of education yesterday which have been closed since the beginning of the year

Classes resumed at the East Rand College in KwaThema, Springs, and

Mphohadi College near Kroonstad. The Transvaal College in Soshanguve, remained closed while the department tried to find suitable alternative premises for Kathorus College which used to be in Katlehong

The East Rand College was closed this year after students renewed their

grievances against the rector who was subsequently seconded to head office last year.

The Transvaal College was officially closed after classes were disrupted by student boycotts in spite of negotiations

"Disruption of classes at any educational institution are distressing because they

delay the learning processes of the students and they interrupt the continuity of lectures," Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer said on Monday

"Formal closure of a college is viewed in a very serious light as it contradicts the values of education"



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**Millions allotted
for new schools**

The Department of Education and Training, highveld region, has set aside R78,7 million for building projects during the 1992/93 financial year.

A further R6,2 million will be spent on repairs of school buildings. STAR 30/3/92

At least eight new schools were completed last year at a cost of R29,4 million

Another nine new schools are in the process of being erected at a cost of R21,4 million.

The money will come out of the State President's fund.

Six schools are in the planning stage and will be built at a cost of R14 million this year. The money will also come from the president's fund.

Another four schools are in the planning stage and will be built at a cost of R13 million — East Rand Bureau.

R4bn plan to upgrade black education

BID 11/4/92

(256) BILLY PADDOCK

CAPE TOWN — Department of Education and Training (DET) Minister Sam de Beer yesterday unveiled details of a R4,6bn short-term bridging programme to eliminate backlogs in black education while negotiations continued on a single non-racial schooling system.

He also denounced the "ridiculous situation of retrenching highly qualified white teachers while we have a shortage of trained teachers in black education".

The solution to this problem was not easy, he said, extending an invitation to all those white teachers who had been retrenched to make themselves available to his department.

De Beer told a news briefing his budget had increased by 35,3% from the amount allocated last year, raising the per capita spending on black pupils to R1 200 a year.

He said his department had consulted various organisations on the programme. De Beer said as a result of the discussions, changes had been made to the programme.

De Beer announced that a further 2 520 classrooms would be completed this year, including 15 schools in squatter areas. A further 2 766 classrooms would be ready next year, leaving the department with a backlog of about 5 000 classrooms. Government was giving textbooks and stationery worth R80m to schools this year.

He said 3 299 new teaching posts had been created this year and the department was aiming to improve the 1991 pupil-to-teacher ratio of 41.1 at primary and 35.1 at secondary schools.

He also announced the appointment of staff commissioner W G M van Zyl, who would investigate complaints from aggrieved educators independently.

Teachers and pupils urged to work harder

STAR 1/4/92

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Minister in charge of black education, Sam de Beer, pressed yesterday for greater involvement by communities, parents and pupils in protecting educational resources.

He said an increasing responsibility rested with them to protect and preserve buildings, equipment, teachers and other resources.

Unveiling a package of how the Department of Education and Training's R4.6 billion would be spent in the financial year starting today, he told a news conference it was unfortunately the case that the present investment in black education was not productive.

All South Africans had an interest in improved utilisation of resources, and in pupils and teachers who worked diligently and maintained constructive order and discipline at schools.

"Much is made of the right to

education, but it is a right which carries certain duties and requires a sense of responsibility," he said. "Education must be earned through hard work on the part of both teachers and pupils together with the whole-hearted participation of the community."

Mr de Beer said the new budget was a net increase of 19.2 percent over that spent in the previous financial year.

"While expenditure in other areas has been cut back, the Government has remained true to its conviction that education is a major investment in the future," he said.

The 19.2 percent increase would probably rise further during the year because of additional spending on capital projects and improvement of educators' conditions of service.

Mr de Beer said the building of a further 2 520 classrooms at 60 new and 74 existing public schools would be completed this year. Construction of 2 766 more classrooms at 83 new and 13 existing schools would start. They would be

ready next year.

He said 3 299 new teaching posts had been created this year, aimed at reducing the pupil-teacher ratios of 41:1 at primary and 35:1 at secondary schools last year.

Textbooks and stationery valued at R80 million had been given to schools for this year. More would be given to schools with unexpectedly high enrolments.

Everything possible would be done to replace books if pupils did not return them. But this would have to be done at the expense of other essential resources.

At farm schools, money had been set aside for 580 more classrooms. The teacher-pupil ratio of 1:38 should be alleviated by the addition of 330 more teaching posts.

Mr de Beer said a staff commissioner, Dr WGM van Zyl, had been appointed on February 17. This meant that aggrieved educators could now have their complaints independently investigated outside the department.

Sadtu slams DET

Sowetan 21/4/92
THE South African Democratic Teachers Union yesterday accused the Department of Education and Training for causing confusion at Tladi Technical High School.

Sadtu official Mr Mxolisi Nkosi said DET was reacting to DET's "unilateral decision" to remove acting principal Mr Abner Saule without consultation with the community of Tladi.

Nkosi was speaking after a poorly attended meeting called to establish a monitoring group for the school.

The meeting resolved that all interested parties should meet on April 12 to discuss the formation of the school's management committee.

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Scrubbing the face of Bantu Education

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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THE DET'S plan to establish a single non-racial department by 1993 was dismissed by the South African Democratic Teachers Union as a "last-ditch attempt by the authorities to cover the ugly face of Bantu Education"

This was after DET Minister Sam de Beer this week announced his department had set aside a whopping R4,6-billion for the upgrading of black education this year.

Sadtu spokesman Oupa Mpetha said this was another ploy by the government "to try and wash the dirty face of inferior education".

He said the education authorities should have consulted the relevant black community organisations before announcing the new plan.

"DET continues to impose its will upon the disenfranchised millions," Mpetha said

De Beer said his department had increased its budget from R3,4-billion to R4,6-billion, a 35 percent increase during the 1992/1993 financial year. This would upgrade among other things the administrative services, training, adult education, technical colleges and farm schools.

An independent staff commissioner would be appointed to attend to all DET teacher grievances.

De Beer said the DET was training a sufficient number of teachers to meet his department's requirements.

In an effort to reduce the pupil/teacher ratio to 41:1, DET would create 3 299 new teaching posts in black schools.

**Teachers plan
mass action**

KATHRYN STRACHAN 256

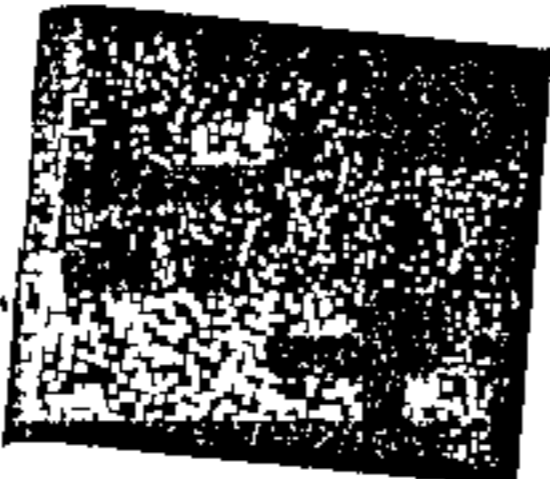
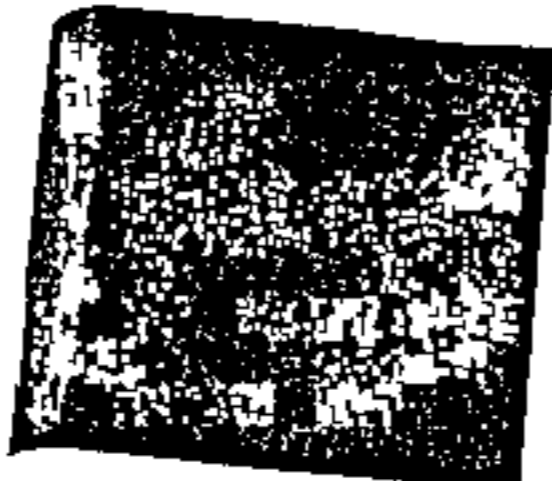
TEACHERS employed by the own affairs educational departments are planning two days of mass action after a deadlock in talks with the departments about the recognition of the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu), which represents about 38 000 teachers

Speaking at a news conference yesterday Sadtu general secretary Randall van den Heever said the stalemate was because the DET refused to accept Sadtu's principal demand — that teachers had the right to strike. He said teachers regarded the DET's definition of boycotts and protest actions as being unlawful actions as "an impingement on our democratic principles"

A focus of the mass action, which was expected to take place next month, would be to demonstrate against maladministration in the DET. Van den Heever said teachers in the western Cape had not been paid since December

Biday 9/4/92
Sadtu was seeking recognition with the own affairs departments in order to solve the problem of teachers being victimised for union links

Sadtu would also "agitate" for a single educational department.



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Cosas protests at DET deadline

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

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START 15/4/92

The Congress of South African Students yesterday called on the Department of Education and Training to postpone the deadline for the payment of black matric examination fees and to explain to parents and education structures why candidates had to pay for exams

Cosas national president Moses Maseko said at a press conference in Johannesburg his organisation would embark on

nationwide mass action if the DET did not concede to the demand to postpone the closing date

He said protest action would include marches, sit-ins and "other tactics to force the department to meet our demands"

"We want free and compulsory education," Mr Maseko said

The DET announced last week that registration would close on May 4 and candidates had to pay R66 to sit for the national school leaving certificate, and those sitting for the university ex-

emption certificate would have to pay R77.

Mr Maseko said the Cosas national executive would meet next week to discuss the possibilities of requesting a meeting with Minister of Education and Training Sam de Beer

DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said the May 4 closing date was much later than in previous years and this was the latest date the department could possibly decide on because it was a huge task to process the entries

New Nation
Sports
(Learning Nation)
funding
attacked
14 - 23/4/92

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) has been accused of gross underfunding of sports facilities at black schools countrywide.

National and Olympic Sports Congress (Nosc) Transvaal region spokesperson, Pule Sealanyane, told NEW NATION this week that the DET deliberately ensured that black pupils lost interest in sport by selectively channelling sports funding to whites schools

"We are looking to the unified sports bodies to improve sports facilities at black schools. But, the DET has to look into this matter seriously," he said

Millions of rands were spent on sports facilities for white schools, but students in the townships had to put up with grossly inadequate or non-existent facilities, he said.



Sports facilities in most black townships are woefully inadequate as these Soweto kids, playing football on a vacant lot using paraffin tins for goalposts, know only too well. A DET spokesperson told NEW NATION that the department did not have sufficient funds to carry out improvements to sports facilities at all black schools. White schools, on the other hand, have among the best sports facilities in the country.



(b) Transvaal—No

Orange Free State—No
Due to the ongoing unrest and intimidation in these local authority areas, elections could not be held

(3) No

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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B514E

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The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

(1) No concessions are being paid to commercial concerns as only secondary industry qualify for concessions under the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) (a) and (b) Fall away

(2) I will refer to the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) when Parliament debates the Budget Vote on Regional and Land Affairs. For the member's information R779 547 000 was paid in total in respect of the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) for the 1990/91 financial year and it is expected that R637 441 000 will be paid for the 1991/92 financial year in respect of secondary industry.

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DET rejects Azasm claim

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday rejected a claim by the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) that the teacher-pupil ratio in PWV black schools was one to 60. *Blom 22/4/92*

Responding to an Azasm survey, DET spokesman Geoffrey Makwakwa said the national average ratio last year was one to 36 at secondary schools, and by employing 3 299 new teachers this year they had hoped to bring the figure down to one to 35. The PWV ratio was close to the national average, he said. The national DET figure for primary schools was one to 41.

National president of the Azapo-aligned Azasm, Andile Mngxitama, said the survey was conducted by consulting pupils at 25 schools in the PWV area. The survey also found that many pupils did not have access to textbooks and that school buildings were in disrepair.

Azasm viewed the situation as a continuation of the "Verwoerdian dream" to deny black people education.

Makwakwa admitted there was a backlog in black education, but said the department was making an attempt to rectify the situation. In addition to employing new teachers this year, the department had sent additional books and were building 2 520 classrooms.

However, he said, the department had limited funds and it was also the responsibility of the community to repair vandalised school buildings.

DET details system's flaws

CAPE TOWN — A culture allowing pupils to be promoted too easily had developed in Department of Education and Training schools, the DET said in its annual report tabled in Parliament yesterday.

An analysis of the 1991 Standard 10 results led to the conclusion that there were still too many candidates who were totally unprepared for the exams

Requests for the reintroduction of public examinations at the Standard Six and Eight levels had been received from "important quarters".

In 1991, 39,8% of the 284 680 DET candidates for senior certificate exams passed — 87,2% of the successful candidates attained less than 50%.

The report said that while on the surface it ap-

peared that some order had returned to black schools in 1991, this was to a large extent a false impression

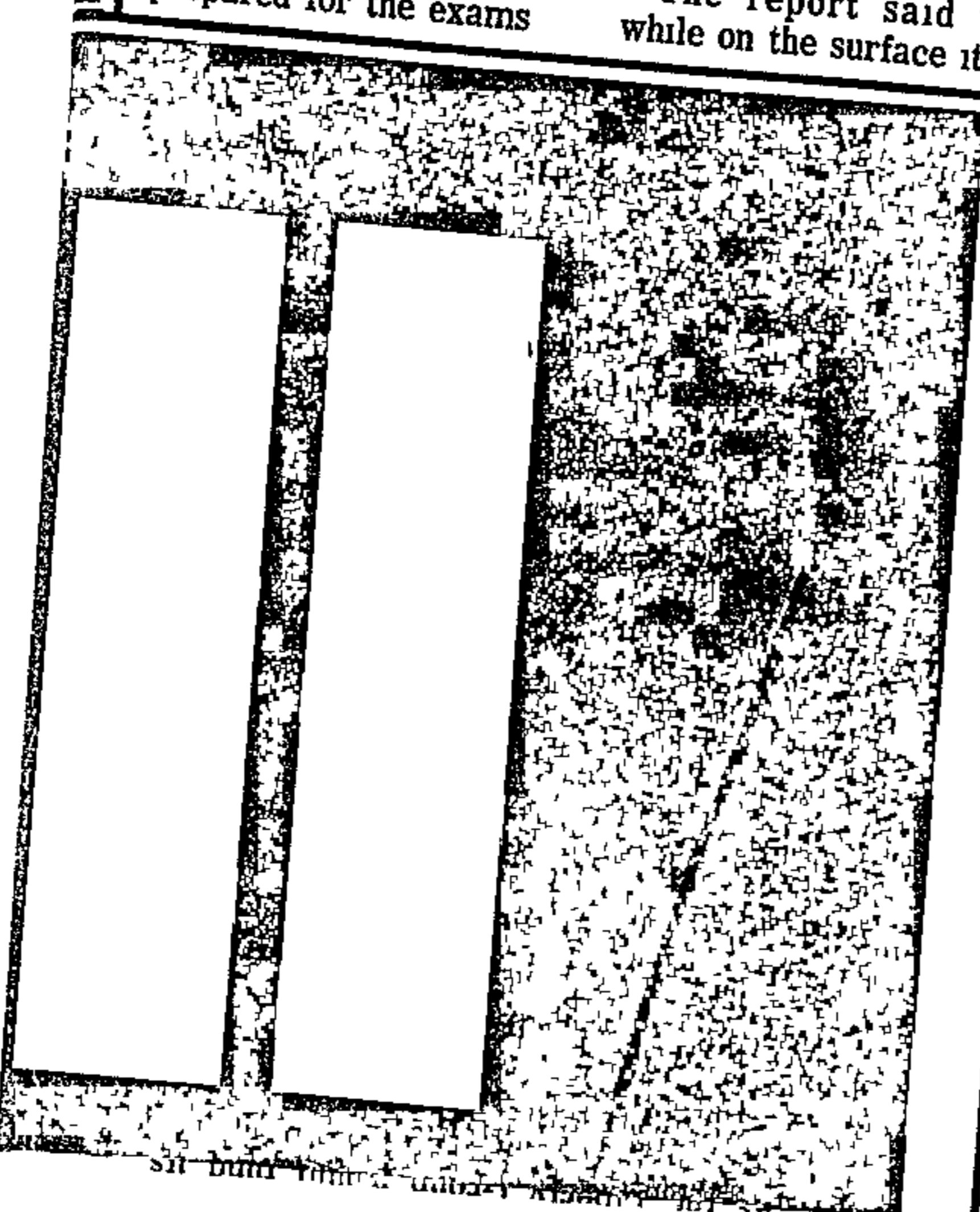
It was clear that the system of values that presupposed order, discipline and the acceptance of authority had been widely destroyed

"A new system of values permitting licentiousness had obviously taken hold. It is obvious that there is no sign of a positive culture of learning in many school communities"

Although the DET's resources were insufficient, they were still impressive.

"However the power struggle being waged in many communities around the schools, together with a lack of respect for all forms of authority and discipline, the lack of a sense of duty, dedication and responsibility, defeat the best efforts for meaningful education."

"It is important to realise that a new system of education will change very little in the present circumstances in the schools. It will not significantly increase the resources available for education, neither will it be able to alter the nature of education or the standards required" — Sapa



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DET challenged on corruption

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The Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) has challenged the Department of Education and Training (DET) to explain its position regarding allegations of corruption in several schools in the township.

SECC spokesperson, David Maepa, told PUPILS FORUM that a meeting with the department's director-general, Dr Barnard Louw, was requested for this week. The SECC wants to discuss the issue of corruption as well as other irregularities at Soweto schools.

Maepa pointed out that there were three instances where principals were challenged by Parent-Teacher-Student Associations (PTSA) at their schools to explain certain expenditures or produce financial statements, but they refused and the department's Johannesburg regional office apparently supported these headmasters.

The schools implicated are Morutathuto Primary in Meadowlands, where parents are locked in a dispute with the headmaster over the school's financial statement, Ithuteng Lower Primary in Tladi, where the PTSA has uncovered that a salary had been paid to a non-existing employee, and Emathafeni Lower Primary where parents suspected that a signature of a late member of the school's management council is being used to withdraw money from the school's bank account.

In the case of Emathafeni, the DET went to the extent of obtaining a court order to restrain certain parents from interfering with the running of the school.

"People who have a legitimate right to question things in the schools are harassed instead of being given an opportunity to debate the issues," said Maepa.

He said another issue that would be discussed with the director-general was the new system of enrolment for matric examinations.

He said matric students had the option of enrolling for a university entrance or a school leaving certificate. If they enrolled for the former, they were required to pay R71 and for the latter, R66.



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The SECC, Maepa said, was also worried about the fact that education and training minister, Sam de Beer has announced, a few weeks ago, that enough textbook supplies had been dispatched to the schools. But, he said, several Soweto schools were still without textbooks.

"We will ask the director-general to investigate where the supplies are, because they have not reached the schools," said Maepa.

Maepa also said they would ask Louw to intervene and halt the harassment of teachers in Soweto. He said several teachers in the township were being threatened with retrenchment or transfer under the pretext that there was an oversupply of teachers in the township.

He said the SECC's own study had established that about 1 000 more teachers were needed in the entire township.

EDUCATION

DET autocratic, say students

THE Department of Education and Training was this week accused of "whipping into line" student teachers at its colleges — treating adults like children

— At a press conference in Johannesburg the southern Transvaal region of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee said the department was indiscriminately closing colleges of education and holding students to ransom with this threat

Referring to three institutions which mirror a broader crisis, the NECC said student teachers were "afraid to disagree with anything" because the DET would "high-handedly" close their place of learning

"There is hardly any spirit at these institutions ... Colleges are such unpleasant places to be that students just want to get in and out of them as soon as possible," said one lecturer.

"The top echelons of many of these institutions are still dominated by white Afrikaners and this is bound to cause friction," she said.

The NECC has requested a meeting with the DET today to discuss the following cases:

The spirit of student teachers at colleges has been suppressed by a high-handed and insensitive Department of Education and Training.

reports PORTIA MAURICE

● Students at the Soweto College of Education suspended classes on Wednesday in solidarity with 10 of their peers who have been excluded.

According to Students Representative Council public relations officer Theresa Matlala, the 10 had failed more than five first-year courses last year and, as a result, were barred by departmental rules

They were conditionally readmitted after a two-week class boycott earlier this year and studied for the first term But Department of Education and Training director-general Bernhard Louw has now instructed that they leave the campus

"We cannot sit in classes while our fellow students have to sit outside," said Matlala

● The situation remains tense at the East Rand College of Education in Mamelona near Springs where students resumed classes last month after demanding that their rector resign.

NECC East Rand convenor Vusumuzi Kuselo said students had accused rector Dr DH Gericke of maladministration and "insensitivity", but that he had returned to office this term. The college was closed for just over a month from February 14.

As a condition of return, students had to sign an undertaking pledging "unconditional acceptance" of Gericke and all staff members and relinquishing their right to any jurisdiction over staff appointments, utilisation or retrenchments

Those who signed also committed themselves to immediate payment of fees and to abide by all arrangements to recover lost lecture time.

"Students have no jurisdiction with regard to internal structures, policies and procedures regarding the management of the college," the undertaking read.

● The Kathorus College of Education — scene of attacks on white

lecturers earlier this year — continues to function in a church building in Alberton. DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said it had been moved from nearby Kaitleng township to ensure the safety of staff, and that the erection of new buildings would begin this year. Before the attacks, Kathorus was sharing facilities with a technical college

Responding to queries, the lecturer at the press conference said student attacks had been provoked by the DET's intransigence.

"There is no violence, only pure academic frustration The Dippenaar case (Kathorus lecturer Schalk Dippenaar died recently after being set alight by students) will recur if the DET refuses to address problems at its training colleges," she warned.

The DET does not acknowledge responsibility for the crisis. Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer last month referred to the disruptions as "distressing" because they interrupted the continuity of lectures and said colleges were only closed once all other avenues to resolve conflict had been explored

Teaming up for literacy

Weekly Mail Reporter
A CENTRE providing literacy training and resources under one roof is to be opened in the western Cape later this year.

The Literacy-Adult Basic Education Regional Training and Research Centre is likely to be opened in September by the Western Cape Literacy Co-operation — whose 11 member organisations include the National Language Project, Use Speak and Write in English, Masfundise and the Maryland Adult Education Centre.

The move is an attempt to rationalise resources and enhance development in literacy by "knitting together" existing projects. With the centre assuming more research and training functions, it is hoped non-governmental organisations will be freed to do more teaching. With accredited training, the corps of literacy teachers should expand.

"If we each have to pour hours into everything, as we do now, it makes it much more difficult to reach the learners," said researcher Margie Keegan, who has done the feasibility study. "Hopefully this is the first of many regional centres needed to support a national network for promoting literacy in a bottom-up way."



DET blames its pupils

Cesaire 27/4/92

By PHANGSILE MTSALLI

THE Department of Education and Training has done it again - this time in Parliament.

In its 1991 Annual Report tabled in Parliament last week the department's director-general, Dr J Louw, blamed everybody but his department, for the decay in his schools and for the poor performance of DET pupils.

On the dismal performance of its matriculants, the DET blamed everything on "too many candidates choosing a university entrance package and too many candidates attempting subjects on the higher grade and failing".

Under an unlikely sub-heading of "organised education" DET lashes out at "so-called teachers' unions" that mushroomed nationwide.

The teachers' union delivered grievances and their militancy climaxed with the "chalk down" that led to violence within the teaching corps.

The strike was more or less terminated by the end of the second term of 1990. However, its effects are still being felt.

For the first time South African teachers had betrayed and disobeyed the unwritten rule of the profession, that the interests of their pupils should be promoted at all times.

Once this taboo had been broken other ramparts also fell. They also forfeited the moral base for disciplining

and reprimanding pupils."

The report continued: "Many complaints were received from school principals and inspectors in Soweto of teachers expelling and terrorising principals."

"In most cases where charges of misconduct were investigated, it was found that it was extremely difficult to prove insubordination, tardiness, shameful or improper conduct and the disregarding of lawful orders and instructions."

Then there was the alleged wrongdoing of teachers under "organised education".

The report went on to trace the decay of education in black schools from 1989.

It also gave DET's analysis of why black people dismissed it as illegitimate and inferior.

Dissatisfaction

"The current dissatisfaction with the system within which education for black people is being provided is not solely the result of the condition of the schools or the quality of the education being presented," the report said.

"A considerable proportion can be traced back to the racially based system of provision of education that came into being in terms of the 1953 Act."

"The educational system that has come into being since 1953 currently

DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY.



contains many visible inequalities. The most important reason for this is probably the fact that the system which provides education for black people has so far been unable to handle the large numbers of pupils.

"In fact, it is a moot point whether any education system would have been able to."

DET also made a jibe at the back-to-school campaign attributing it to the

NECC

"The effort to return unsuccessful Standard 10 pupils to schools became a political issue when it gave rise to the gathering and taking to school of people of over 30 years old," the report said.

Desired results

"Drop-outs, mothers with children and persons who had definitely not yet

reached the Standard 10 level, were 'placed' in overcrowded schools by leaders."

The report accepted that up to now the system had been unable to produce the desired results - and blamed it all on the militancy, politicisation of pupils and antipathy of communities. It professed its attempts to prepare a more relevant secondary school curriculum that was career directed.

Teacher faces DET legal action

A TEACHER who refuses to teach in the classroom allocated to her, claiming it is inadequate, is facing legal action.

The Department of Education and Training's Johannesburg regional chief director, Mr Richard Motau, yesterday said the Lekang teacher refused to co-operate with departmental investigations into her complaints, and instead referred the matter to the South African Democratic Teachers' Union.

According to Motau, the headmaster of the Lekang school allocated to the teacher a classroom which had been used satisfactorily in the past.

She however refused to teach her pupils for more than eight months because



RICHARD MOTAU

she believed the classroom was not adequate

The headmaster referred the matter to the school's management council but the teacher refused to "take account of the MC on the grounds that Sadtu does not recognise these legally constituted councils".

The matter was then re-

ferred to the circuit inspector but the teacher refused to co-operate with the inspector.

The DET legal section then asked the teacher to give her side of the issue

"She refused to respond or justify her actions and still insisted on the union representing her to account for her behaviour."

Motau said the matter has now been referred to court.

"Members of Sadtu have taken it upon themselves to defy orders at their places of work and make it very difficult for orderly schooling or learning to go on. They continue to blame disruption on the DET," Motau said.

A spokesman for Sadtu was not available - SA Press Association

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Government 'stalling'

AFTER six months the government was stalling in tabling the final Van der Heever Commission report into allegations of corruption in the Department of Education and Training, said Mr Schalk Pienaar (CP, Poggietersrus) in the DET debate in parliament. — Sapa.

Report on DET probe to be released soon

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THE Auditor-General was investigating certain institutions implicated in the final Van der Heever Commission report on black education

This was announced in Parliament yesterday by the Minister of Education and Training Minister, Mr Sam de Beer said yesterday

The investigation would be finalised by June 30 after which the Government would consider releasing the report, De Beer said during his closing

remarks in the DET Budget vote debate

He said the CP MP for Potgietersrus, Mr Schalk Pienaar, had tried to create the impression that the Government was withholding the final report for political reasons

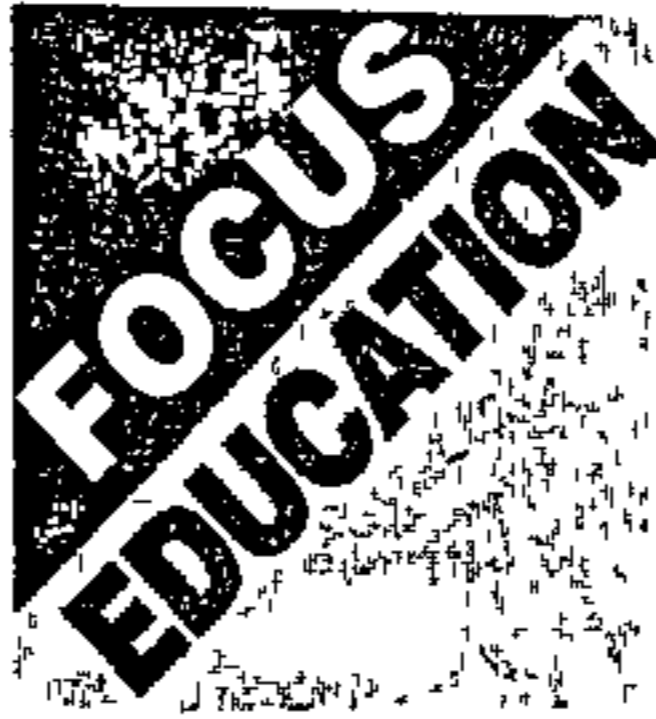
It was a pity that Pienaar had also wanted to abuse the death of a white teacher in Katilehong, Mr Schalk Dippenaar, by claiming the DET did not care enough for its staff - *Sapa*

DET language plans 'reckless'

Sweet am 615792
THE Government plans to change policy on the medium of instruction in black schools were irresponsible and should be stopped, a national education research group has said

The amended policy, expected to be gazetted this month, allows the Minister to determine the language to be used for instruction at Department of Education and Training schools after consultation with parents.

The call to halt the change comes from the Language Policy Research



Group of the National Education Policy Investigation
Nepi falls under the National Education Coordinating Committee

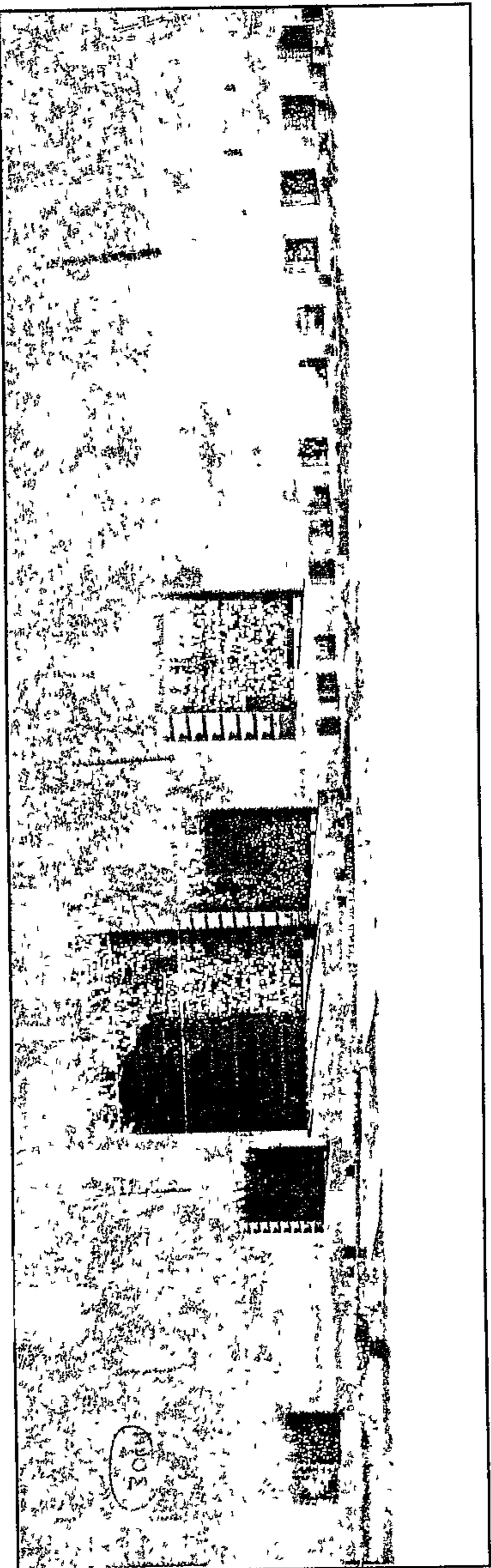
In March, Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer said draft

amendments allowing an African language, Afrikaans or English to be the medium of instruction from Grade 1 were being framed

A final decision is to be made in November and, if approved, the policy comes into effect in January.

Only teacher organisations recognised by the DET had been consulted while organisations like the NECC and the South African Democratic Teachers' Union had been excluded

TOILET TOWN: A FAMOUS LANDMARK OF NATIONALIST MISRULE



DOTTED across South Africa's landscape are thousands of unwanted and unused portable toilets valued at R15-million, paid for by the Department of Development Aid. These sanitary sentinels were photographed in a barren stretch of the Transvaal, near Letsele, by **COBUS BODENSTEIN**

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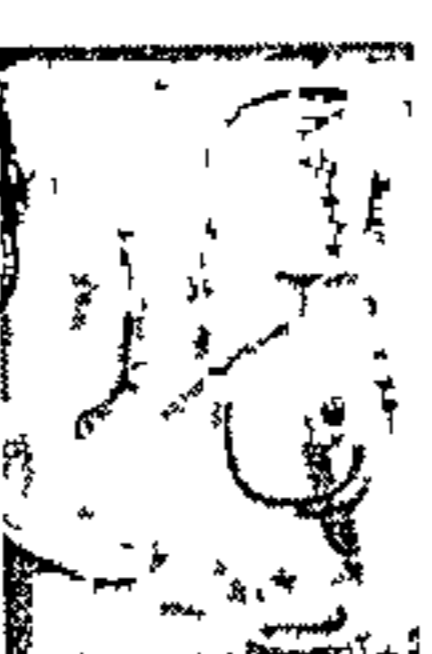
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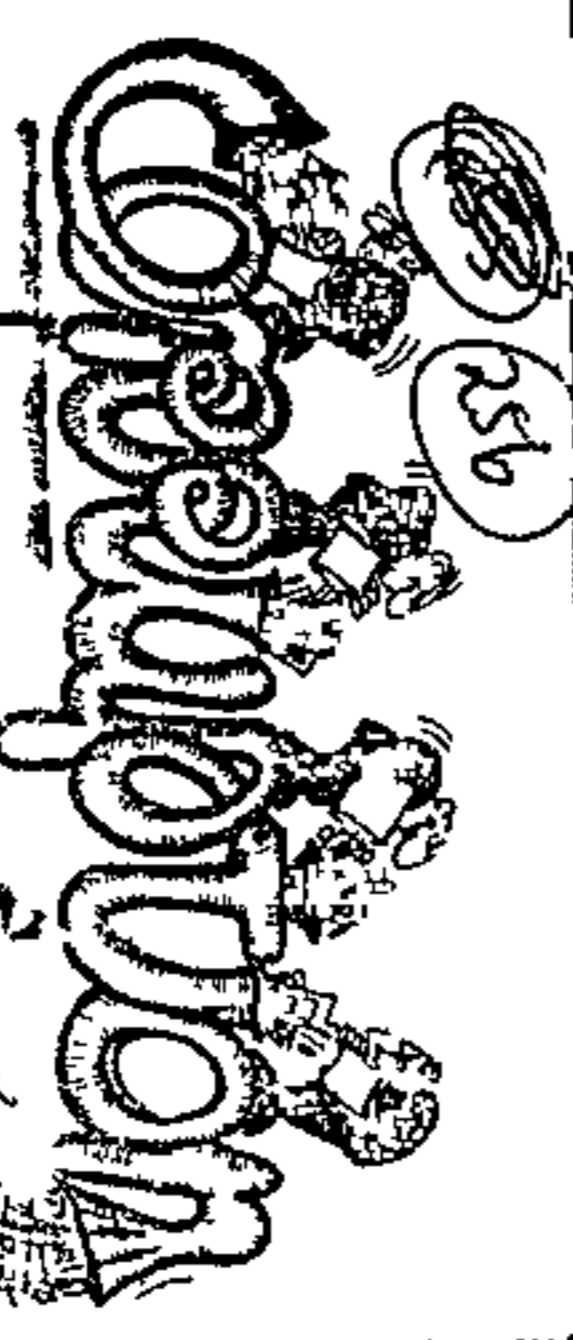
Sunday Times Reporters

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Rugby trials score a giant zero

By **EDWARD GRIFFITHS**, Sports Editor

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Debate

By then, Dr De Beer said, senior civil servants were already worried by adverse reports from the Auditor-General on Dr Viljoen's second empire, the Department of Development Aid

Corruption in that department, running possibly into "billions of rands", continued until the appointment of a second commission of inquiry under Mr Justice Pickard in 1990

The evidence that Dr Viljoen knew at an early date of corruption in both his departments is expected to add force to demands by opposition MPs for his resignation — and that of the government — during a special snap debate on the issue tomorrow

Late yesterday Dr Viljoen broke his silence on the report

Orders

He said that since he had joined the Department of Development Aid, the director-general had brought certain irregularities to his attention on various occasions

"Time and time again, I made sure that matters were investigated either by the department internally or by the Auditor-General or Advocate-General.

"I also made sure that where the evidence justified it, the necessary legal and/or disciplinary steps were taken against those involved I myself in certain instances gave orders that certain officials be suspended pending the investigations

"Throughout, I had the impression that the investigations and actions against

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But the man who succeeded Dr Viljoen as minister in 1989, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, said this week he believed the measures introduced by Dr Viljoen had proved "ineffectual" because of the vastness of the department.

In the DET, said Dr Van der Merwe, a new director-general was appointed to make many structural and procedural changes with a view to eliminating the potential for corruption

"One can minimise but never eliminate corruption," Dr Van der Merwe said.

Damning

"In the Department of Development Aid a new director-general was appointed and the same process was instituted, but it was not as effective. It was a huge department with a large variety of activities, so it was difficult for the top management to keep track of all the minute details"

In the five years from 1984 to 1989, the two departments under Dr Viljoen cost South Africans billions of rand as state officials lined their pockets and squandered taxpayers' money

In one of three reports into Education and Training, Miss Justice Van den Heever said in 1989 that financial control was so inadequate that the department could do as it pleased

"It is difficult to believe that so many irregularities could take place in one department... without the knowledge of the deputy DGs, the DG, the Treasury, the Auditor-General," the judge commented

In his report on the Department of Development Aid, released this week, Mr Justice Pickard discloses that knowledge of the corruption extended to "at least" the top management of the department

His most damning finding is that when a departmental investigation conducted in 1984 uncovered

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gross irregularities, it was dismissed by the then head of the department, Mr Gillies van de Wall, as a witch-hunt

The Pickard report also found that there was reluctance in Development Aid to bring offenders to book. "It could turn out that too many senior officials are involved," the judge said

Even police investigations progressed badly because people involved were in a position to make evidence disappear and intimidate lesser officials

"All the malpractices and misdeeds being investigated are a consequence of the weak management systems characteristic of the department," he said

Despite the overwhelming evidence of corruption in his departments, however, Dr Viljoen continued to defend his staff in public.

In May 1988, for example, four years after becoming aware of corruption in Education and

Training and a year after the chairman of the Commission for Administration had reported corruption in Education and Training to President Botha, Dr Viljoen told Parliament:

"I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to the director-general and his top management for the example they set in the department and for the leadership they provide whereby their own dedication has filtered through to officials at the lowest and most modest level"

The last two directors-general of now disbanded Development Aid, meanwhile, could not be contacted for comment. Mr Van de Wall, who presided over the department during the period in which much of the corruption occurred, left for Egypt on holiday the day before the report was tabled

Mr Leon van Gass, the last director-general of the department, retired on March 31 this year

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Top-level meeting on corruption

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The SECC delegation was headed by David Maepa and the DET delegation by director-general, Dr Barnard Louw. The schools are Morutathutho, Madwaleni and Ithuteng. Clashes between parents and principals around suspicions of the mismanagement of school funds have resulted in the "suspension" by parents of the principals of Madwaleni and Morutathutho schools.

Maepa said Louw asked the SECC to write him a letter detailing the allegations and he would do what he could to address the matter. Maepa said the letter would be drawn up with the help of the SECC's legal advisers and be sent to Louw this week. "We made it clear to the department that whatever mechanisms they employ to address the matter will only be acceptable if there is an independent auditor to scrutinise the financial records in those schools," he said.

Maepa said the SECC had agreed to recommend to the parents of the schools where the headmasters had been "suspended", to re-admit them. The question of the increase in exam fees from R54 to R61 for school leaving candidates, and to R71 for university entrance candidates, was also raised at the meeting, Maepa said. "We did not pursue the debate on this mat-

ter because we have learnt that Cosas (Congress of South African Students) had had a meeting with the department and that the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) had a scheduled meeting with the department to discuss the same issue. "We decided to wait for a report-back from both Cosas and the NECC and, if need be, we will raise the matter with the director in a meeting planned for May 25," he said. Almost all DET regions have finalised exam registrations and have paid the new amount, with the exception of Soweto. A decision about the fee to be paid needs to be taken soon or the processing of exam entries will be delayed. Maepa commented on the irregularities uncovered in the development aid department which used to be run together with the DET.

He said the recent findings of the Pickard Commission corroborated the findings of the Van den Heever Commission relating to the DET last year. "We would therefore suggest that investigations on the irregularities in the DET be taken to the school level. "We are not happy with the fact that some implicated officials have been moved from the regional offices to the headquarters," said Maepa. This was the case with former Johannesburg regional director Piet Struwig, who was linked to the irregularities and was transferred to department's Pretoria head office. "We will have a test case in the three schools, where we want an independent auditor to scrutinise the books. If in fact irregularities are found, then we will push for the checking of all financial books in all schools," Maepa added.

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Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee spokesperson David Maepa (right) seen at an earlier meeting with Piet Struwig, former Johannesburg regional director of the Department of Education and Training. Struwig, whose name was linked to irregularities, has since been transferred to the DET's head office in Pretoria

Cosas unwilling to meet DET again

THE Congress of South African Students (Cosas) is unwilling to have further meetings with the Department of Education and Training (DET) to discuss the education crisis

Speaking to PUPILS' FORUM after Cosas officials met with the DET on Tuesday last week, David Serekwane, chairperson of Cosas in the southern Transvaal, said

"As long as this department exists, the education crisis will remain unresolved. We have done our best to have discussions with them to normalise the situation, but to date, no progress has been made"

He said the department had tried to pressure Cosas into making unrealistic con-

cessions at the meeting. Cosas' national council meets in Durban for three days this weekend to decide what action to take on the education crisis

PUPILS' FORUM, in the meantime, has learned that last Tuesday's meeting between the Cosas delegation and DET officials ended in a "verbal war"

This happened after education and training minister Sam De Beer left the meeting

It is alleged that DET director-general Dr Bernard Louw tried his best to force Cosas representatives into accepting unrealistic proposals

Louw is said to have displayed newspaper reports where Cosas released state-

ments attacking the DET.

During the meeting, De Beer was asked to look into scrapping the recent increases in exam registration fees

But, De Beer instead proposed to raise funds for those who could not afford the registration fees (256) (52)

He told the Cosas delegation that both teachers and parents' representative bodies (which he did not name) were consulted before the increases in registration fees were announced

Serekwane said Cosas would not encourage students to pay the registration fees. Instead it would continue with its campaign to force the DET to abolish the "unnecessary charges".

DET warns on mass action

STAR 2015/92
The Department of Education and Training will consider several disciplinary options if members of the SA Democratic Teachers Union go ahead with the two-day nationwide mass action planned to start tomorrow, DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said in Cape Town yesterday (256)

DET scandal: 2 suspended

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A CASH scandal involving thousands of rands in the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training has been uncovered.

By PHANGISILE MTHALI

The DET's Johannesburg director, Mr Giep van den Berg, confirmed that two women clerks from Naledi and Meadowlands in Soweto have been suspended in connection with an investigation involving more than R280 000.

The region's administration into the drawing of salary cheques amounting to R250 000 for 11 non-existent employees.

"Our internal investigation has revealed that there were cheques for 11 unknown people in teaching and clerical positions which were being drawn monthly," said Van den Berg.

"This has been going on for more than a year. They were appointments that did not exist and for people who were no longer working for the department.

"Documents of people who have left the service were not forwarded to the relevant authorities for cancellation."

Van den Berg said it was possible that there were more people involved in the scam, although it was

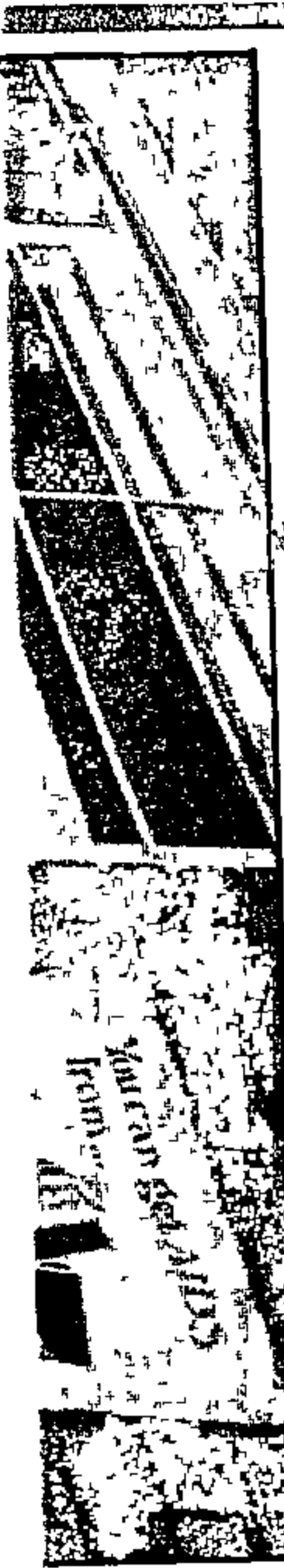
difficult to say whether the two clerks, who came from different area offices, were working together.

He said the scam had led to the 11 posts becoming vacant and not being filled, as the department was not aware of the vacancies.

In another DET case, the principal of Alexandra Technical College has been suspended after it was found that R30 000 was missing from the department's funds. This case has also been handed to the police, according to Van den Berg.

Meanwhile, another high-ranking official in the region's personnel department is being investigated following the disappearance of an overtime cheque for one of the department's employees.

ALL ON HIS OWN



Van den Berg from



DET to probe Jo'burg frauds

JOHANNESBURG —
The Department of Education and Training has confirmed a number of irregularities in its Johannesburg regional office, saying 16 dockets have been handed over to the police (256)

This follows a report in a Johannesburg daily newspaper that said the DET was conducting three separate fraud investigations involving more than R280,000 —
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Jo'burg DET probed (256)

THE Department of Education and Training has confirmed "irregularities" in its Johannesburg regional office, saying 16 dockets have been handed over to the police *Bloum 11/6/92*

This follows a Press report that the Johannesburg region was conducting three separate fraud investigations involving more than R280 000

ONE TEACHER, 100 matric pupils. This is what teachers at the Ikamvaleu Finishing School (IFS) in Langa face each working day.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) employs nine teachers for the 920 IFS students who are Standard 10 repeaters. They share classrooms with Langa Comprehensive High School pupils.

IFS principal Mr Ben Thengimfene says the DET established the IFS in February to curb the influx of repeaters at the local high schools. The DET initiated the idea and took it to the community for discussion.

Thengimfene says the students are divided into groups to fit into a classroom and have to attend classes in shifts.

"If, for example, there are five small groups, a teacher stays in class until all students are taught."

Thengimfene says the students pay R20 a year for school fees. The money is used to buy stationery and pay the telephone bill.

According to an IFS statement, the school has repeatedly requested the DET to provide textbooks for the students "but it has supplied the school with Standard 6, 8 and 9 textbooks."

The statement accused the DET of not fulfilling its promise to employ more teachers.

"The DET promised to avail more funds in April this year to employ more teachers, but up to now nothing has materialised."

Thengimfene says the staff are underpaid by the DET. "I earn R1 700 a month despite my 30 years

'This is no way to finish school' education

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experience as a principal and my academic qualifications, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees."

The IFS statement says the DET is not prepared to build classrooms for the school nor provide an alternative venue.

"The school shares the resources of Langa Comprehensive on a platoon basis, hence the classes are held from 3pm to 6.45 pm," the statement says.

"We reject the platoon system as a solution to the problems in education because it has contributed to the present crisis in black education."

Thengimfene, who is the chairperson of the Western Cape region

Ben Thengimfene

of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC), says the NECC supported the step taken by the IFS "to highlight its plight".

He says the DET is "not working for the advancement of black education but for its suppression".

The Student Representative Council (SRC) says it is dissatisfied about the non-payment of teachers' salaries.

The SRC demands the employment of more teachers "to alleviate the work overload of the nine teach-

The department denies that it promotes platooning. "We regard it as a temporary solution when schools are full and there are still students who should be accommodated."

"Platooning is only a stop-gap solution until a permanent building can be provided."

The department says the Standard 6 books were delivered because "in April 1991 the school planning catered for Standard 6 and 7 and requisitions were placed accordingly."

When it was decided in 1992 that the school rather operate as a finishing school, a new requisition for matric textbooks was placed.

"This requisition included some Standard 9 textbooks, since subjects like Physical Science and Mathematics require Standard 9 and 10 books."

The DET denies the teachers are underpaid. "The teachers are all being paid their full salaries, commensurate with their proven qualification and experience."

A senior lecturer in the School of Education at UCL, Dr Mzobu Mboya, accused the DET of "not paying any attention to the destruction of black education."

Mboya encouraged the formation of Teacher, Parent and Student Associations to look into matters such as the building of schools and employment of staff.

By Sabata Ngcal

Battle not over for '76 graduate

C/press 14/6/92
By THEMBA KHUMALO

HIS cosy headmaster's office in downtown Jozeys is a far cry from a cold cell on Robben Island - but the struggle goes on.

That's Seth Mazibuko for you. Seth is throwing his all into providing education for the children - many of them children of the exiles

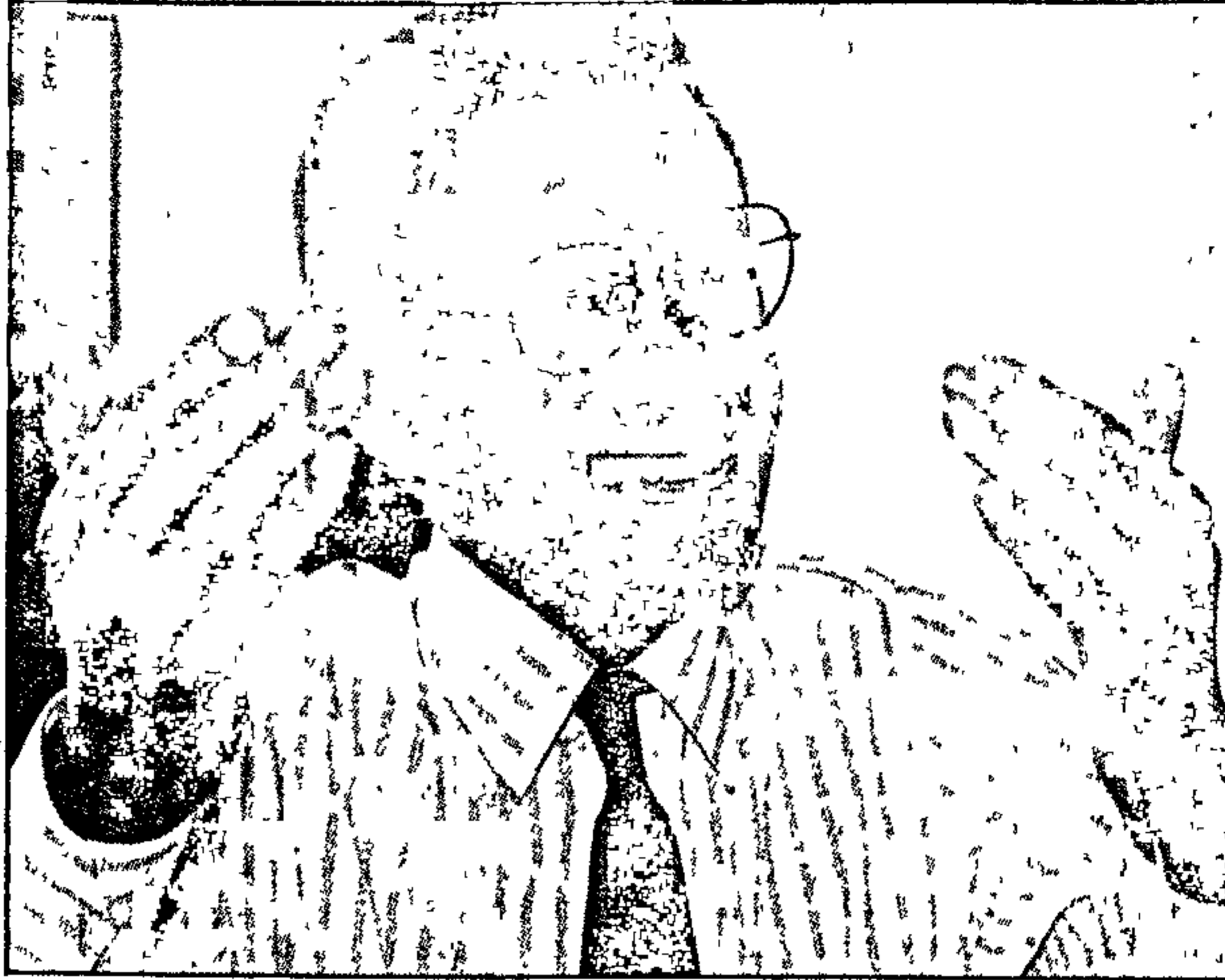
Mazibuko, 36, is the principal of First National College of SA, which has been battling for nearly a year to register with the Transvaal Education College (TED).

Mazibuko, a graduate of the bloody 1976 school uprising, was also jailed for two years for sedition.

He says that the institution has attempted to register the school with Department of Education and Training (DET), but with no luck.

With him Mazibuko carries the hopes of 355 pupils, half of whom are returned exiles who were studying as far afield as Czechoslovakia and Tanzania before they came back.

"Teaching them Bantu Education turns the clock back to the period before they left ... They want



STRUGGLE GOES ON ... For Seth Mazibuko ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

the best out of their education," he says.

Mazibuko's burning ambition to get the best for his students was shot down in March when TED Minister Piet Marais wrote to tell him that the racial character of the college made it virtually impossible for it to be registered with the TED.

A heated meeting attended by college staff and parents in March,

overwhelmingly rejected registration with DET, whose system of education they described as inferior.

Chairman of the college's board of directors Professor Louise Tager has been mandated to take up the issue with TED authorities.

Mazibuko says there are several community organisations who are angry

and are itching to enter the battle to fight "this blatant racism", but for the moment the college prefers to keep them out of the picture until such time that they (college staff) feel they can go no further.

TED executive director Dr Ken Paine said his department could not register an institution like First National College without DET approval.

(b) (i) and (ii) The nature and cost of each of the projects developed in this town, is as follows

PROJECTS

Main Post Office	1 654 000
Supreme Court	3 355 000
Independence Stadium	5 069 000
Secondary school	1 831 000
Primary school 1	439 000
Primary school 2	579 000
Show grounds	2 087 000
Upgrading houses Sustershoek	401 000
Radio KwanaNdebele terrain identification	12 000
Provision of water and sewerage	1 322 000
Water reservoir	704 000
Main water supply	2 071 000
Structure plan	198 000
Services master plan	185 000
Planning central business area	40 000
Main access road	1 130 000
Water reticulation	498 000
28/11 KV Sub station	1 359 000
Electrical reticulation	1 664 000
Roads and drainage	3 252 000
130 Residences	7 532 000
Computer centre	1 925 000
Legislative assembly and government offices	13 354 000
Philadelphia nurses home	1 856 000
Siyabuswa community health centre	531 000
Tweefontein community health centre	357 000
Viaklaagte community health centre	521 000

prison on Robben Island as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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THE MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(a) and (b)

Since 20 August 1991 no maximum security prison is in operation on Robben Island. Only minimum and medium security prisoners are now being accommodated on the island.

The number of prisoners on 9 June 1992 was 490

Distribution of food in terms of feeding scheme

316 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

(1) What is the name and/or rank of the senior official of her Department who is responsible for the distribution of food in terms of the Government's feeding scheme,

(2) whether additional staff have been employed by her Department to assist in the distribution of food, if not, why not, if so, how many,

(3) what steps have been taken by her Department to date to ensure that food distributed to organizations reaches those persons and regions requiring food,

(4) whether any food supplies distributed to areas in South Africa have not reached their destinations, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the names of these areas?

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

(1) No food is being distributed by the Department of National Health and Population Development (NHPD) in terms of the Nutrition Development Programme (NDP). Dr CF Slabber, Director-General of NHPD, who is the accounting officer for the Department gives final approval for funds to be paid out to non-governmental organizations that apply for funding from the NDP.

(2) no, the NDP initially attempted to administer the scheme without employing additional staff. The Commission for Administration has now however been approached for a recommendation to employ temporary staff, or staff on contract, additional to the approved establishment.

(3) it must be emphasised that no food is issued to organisations. Organisations have to apply for funds via the regional offices of NHPD, where they are rendering services. The regional committees process the application and make recommendations concerning funding. These committees are furthermore responsible for monitoring the implementation of programmes and for ensuring that food reaches the target group(s).

(4) yes, the only report which the Department has received is in respect of one self-governing territory, where food allegedly did not reach the target group,

(a) the relevant authorities have been requested to furnish particulars with a view to a thorough investigation and

(b) Lebowa

Damage to school buildings/equipment: total amount

318 Dr F H PAUW asked the Minister of Education and Training

In respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, what was the total amount of the damage to (a) school buildings and equipment at schools under the control of his Department and (b) building work and material at schools that were still under construction?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(a) 1987 — R11 030 538
1988 — R20 052 299
1989 — R 3 454 586
1990 — R12 239 053
1991 — R 9 649 588

(b) The information is not available. The Department makes use of private contractors for the erection of buildings and is contractually indemnified against damage or loss during building contracts. Contractors are usually insured against damage or loss. No record of damage suffered by contractors is therefore kept by the Department.

Transfer of schools

319 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Public Works

(1) Whether the Department of Education and Culture in the Administration House of Assembly has transferred any schools to his Department since 1 January 1991, if so, what schools,

(2) whether his Department has decided to which Departments or other institutions these schools are to be made available, if not, (a) why not and (b) when are decisions in this regard expected to be taken, if so, to what Departments or institutions?

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THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) Yes
(2) Yes

Primary School Drakensberg (Nelspruit)
SA Defence Force
Primary School Noortgedacht (Lichtenberg)
SA Defence Force
Primary School Roolberg (Warmbaths)
SA Police
Primary School Die Bron (Worcester)
Dept of Correctional Services

(2) (a) and (b) fall away

Financial/development aid to self-governing territories

320 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

(a) What (i) financial and (ii) development aid was granted by the South African Government to each of the self-governing territories in the

Fraud: DET official fined

PRETORIA — A senior Department of Education and Training officer, who stole from and defrauded the department of over R42 000, was fined an equal sum yesterday

Mr Chris Schutte, 55, a chief education officer at the DET, appeared in the Magistrate's Court. He was fined R42 660 (or six years and three months imprisonment) after pleading guilty to and being convicted on two counts of fraud and 10 of theft.

He was sentenced to a further four years' imprisonment, sus-

pending for 15 years on condition he was not found guilty of a crime where dishonesty was an element, and on condition that he pay back the R42 660 — R544 to the department's Schools' Sport Board and the rest to the DET itself.

Mr W A J van Zyl, who was on the bench, said Schutte had been a school principal for 10 years before accepting a post as deputy director at the DET.

The case had been pending since 1988 and had severely affected him and his family. His

job at the DET was also in the balance. (256) CT 18/6/92

The court found that Schutte, who had been in charge of a bank account in the name of the Schools' Sport Board, had unlawfully withdrawn R23 413. He had paid back R22 869, but R544 was still owing.

Schutte had also stolen R289 by putting in a false subsistence and travel claim.

He had defrauded the DET by claiming R41 832 for sport courses in black schools which were never held — Sapa



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Kriel slams mass action campaign

8/10 Day 18/6/92
POLICE were investigating a link between the ANC alliance's mass action campaign and the "mindless" murder of at least 34 people in townships on the Reef since Monday, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said in Cape Town yesterday.

Sapa reports that he said at government's weekly Codesa briefing it was indisputable that mass action created a climate for such crimes.

The ANC said no stayaway action had been planned for yesterday or for the rest of the week

The campaign was set to begin in earnest on July 1, according to an internal Cosatu document.

The document said the campaign was to be characterised by occupation of government buildings, Parliament and the courts, factory shutdowns, marches, "strategic" occupations of city centres and unspecified actions in the homelands. It said all local grievances such as rents, the effects of the drought and retrenchments must be linked to the campaign, which included a general strike.

Kriel termed the campaign a "futile exercise in blackmail" and said it had cost the SAP and SADF hundreds of thousands of rands to police the action on Tuesday, Soweto Day.

WILSON ZWANE reports that a team of senior policemen has been appointed to probe this week's killing of nine people in the Soweto suburb of Jabulani.

Five people died on Tuesday night when unidentified gunmen emerged from the Jabulani flats and randomly shot at pedestrians and motorists. Four other bodies were later found in the flats.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said the team — to be led by Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit chief Col Neville Toms — was appointed by regional commissioner Maj-Gen Kobus Malan.

In the latest incident of violence, a traffic policeman was killed and his service pistol stolen outside Johannesburg's Denver Hostel yesterday morning.

Police yesterday reported that a man and a woman were shot dead and five men were injured when three gunmen opened fire near a hostel in Wadeville on the East Rand on Monday night.

Police said in their daily unrest report three people — including a policeman — were killed in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng on Tuesday. In Alexandra north of Johannesburg a man was hacked to death while another died in a hail of bullets in Vosloorus, on the East Rand.

In Soweto, two bodies with hack and burn wounds were found at Dube Hostel while another with stab wounds was found at Orlando.

The Human Rights Commission said at least 63 people had died in the PWV area in the last seven days.

DET official fined for theft and fraud

8/10 Day 18/6/92
PRETORIA — Theft and fraud committed over a number of years by a senior Department of Education and Training official will cost him more than R80 000.

Chris Schutte, 55, still employed by the DET as a chief education officer, was fined R42 660 (or six years and three months in jail) by

a Pretoria magistrate after pleading guilty and being convicted on two counts of fraud and 10 of theft.

He was also sentenced to a further four years' imprisonment, suspended for 15 years on condition he was not found guilty of a crime where dishonesty was an element, and that he pay back a further R42 660.

Magistrate W A J van Zyl said Schutte's sentence should serve as a warning to officials in similar positions of trust who stole money from the public.

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Schutte had "contaminated" not only his own standing in the community but also that of DET, Van Zyl said — Sapa.

Top DET official fined for fraud

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STAR 18/6/92

A Department of Education and Training official has been sentenced to fines totalling R33 500 for theft and fraud involving about R65 000.

Christiaan Schutte (55), of Pretoria North, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of theft and two charges of fraud during his appearance before Pretoria Regional Court magistrate W A J van Zyl earlier this week.

Before passing sentence yesterday, Mr van Zyl said it was sad that someone of Schutte's calibre and talents with many years of good service should give in to temptation.

Mr van Zyl said Schutte was in a position of trust which he abused

At this stage it is not clear whether Schutte, a deputy director at the DET at the time of the crimes in 1987, will retain his current position as educationist, a post equal to director.

Schutte worked with the School Sports Council (SSC) in an advisory capacity and collected funds from sponsors for school championships.

He said a second SSC bank account was opened as it had been difficult to get payments approved and because sponsors did not want to be linked with the department.

Mr van Zyl sentenced Schutte to a total fine of R12 000 on the nine counts of theft involving the SSC plus 18 months' jail suspended for four

years on condition that he repays R544 still owed to the SSC.

On a charge of theft involving the DET, Schutte was fined R500 and must repay a sum of R290.

On one charge of fraud he was fined R11 000 and 18 months' jail suspended for four years on condition that he repays the DET R22 800.

Mr van Zyl said although Schutte gained no personal benefit from a second fraud charge, he was responsible for the DET suffering a loss and was responsible for repaying the loss.

Schutte was fined R10 000 plus 18 months' jail suspended for four years on condition that he repays the DET R19 000. — Pretoria Correspondent

DET official is fined

Sowetan 18/6/92
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■ A CASH scandal involving thousands of rands has been discovered in the Johannesburg region of the Department of Education and Training. It was revealed last week that the department was conducting three separate fraud investigations involving more than R280 000. (256)

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■ DAMAGE to Department of Education and Training school buildings and equipment last year totalled R9.65-million, Minister of Education and Training Sam de Beer said in written reply to a question in parliament on Wednesday. He did not give the causes of the damage. w/maz 26/6-27/72

By S'BU MNGADI

THE DET has refused to grant examination centre status to five satellite schools run by a Durban-based matric-improvement project whose average pass rate is 85 per cent.

This week, angry members of the Matric Student Movement and Improvement Project (Masmove), staged a brief sit-in at the DET's Durban offices.

Discussions between the department and Masmove on the issue, dating back to August 1989, have been fruitless, according to project director Jabulani Mabaso. Although Masmove has been

DET admin error costs Masmove

in existence since 1988, it was only last year that the DET recognised the project's Durban branch as an independent school and granted it examination centre status.

In a letter dated May 28 1991, DET director-general Dr JBZ Louw stated registration was not possible as the DET did not know the exact localities of the schools. Masmove then submitted application forms to the DET to register its satellites in Maritzburg, Port Shepstone, Empangeni, Newcastle and Soweto.

The DET later informed the project that the forms had been misplaced.

"Because it was too late to re-submit the application forms and the closing date for registration of examination centres was drawing nearer, Masmove asked the DET to grant its satellite schools interim examination centre status," said Mabaso.

Louw advised Mabaso to register about 500 students from as far afield as Soweto, Newcastle, Ladysmith, Empangeni and Nelspruit at the Durban branch or at

existing centres for private candidates in the areas where they live.

Masmove says it will cost the non-profit organisation about R30 000 in accommodation and transport when the 500 students sit for their final examination in Durban.

Mabaso also claimed the DET had failed to pay Masmove for last year's examination invigilators.

In a memo to Pretoria this week, Masmove accused the department of having a bad attitude

towards the project.

Masmove's demands include the payment of last year's inspectors, registration of its branches and recognition by DET officials.

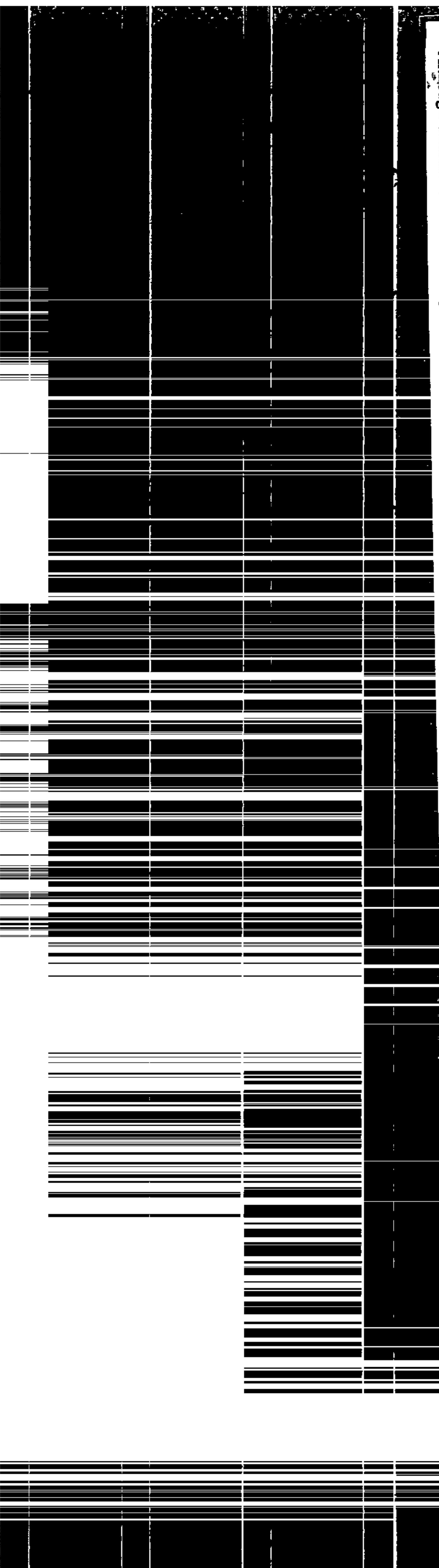
Project officials have threatened that should the DET fail to respond satisfactorily to the demands, students and parents would consider taking action against the department.

Conceived by eight friends, including then 18-year-old Mabaso, at a Durban municipal library in 1988, the project runs 12 centres catering to 700 students

countrywide. The project boasts an 85 per cent pass rate over the past four years, in startling contrast to the national average of 36 per cent for black students.

What makes Masmove unique is that where the official education system is authoritarian and teacher-centred, Masmove is learner-centred. Masmove insists that pupils take full responsibility for their own education and its learning process calls for enormous pupil self-motivation and discipline.

All the teachers are volunteers and the pupils have a major voice in teacher evaluation.



Non-racial education: Govt pledge



SAM DE BEER

SI Times [Cape Metro] 6/9/92

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WEATHER



WATCH

THE Weather Bureau's forecast for today

Cape Peninsula and Boland: Partly cloudy and cool but clearing. Wind moderate south-westerly becoming light and variable.

Western Cape Coastal Belt: Partly cloudy and cool but clearing. Wind moderate south-westerly becoming southerly.

Overberg and Coastal Belt to Mossel Bay: Partly cloudy and cold with isolated light showers but clearing. Wind light and variable.

Namaqualand and the South-West Cape Interior: Cloudy and cold with isolated showers in the south but clearing.

A NEW non-racial education system could be in place within the next 18 to 24 months, Education and Training Minister Mr Sam De Beer said this week.

Addressing a meeting of the Conference of Ministers of Education, Mr De Beer said it was crucial for all education departments to work towards a common goal, especially because of rapid political changes and progress in education.

The Conference of Ministers was held to discuss matters of mutual concern to all education departments in the self-governing territories and South Africa.

The structure of the new education system would have to be negotiated with other groups, Mr De Beer said.

Such a system would automatically do away with the present discrepancies in funding and ensure that the same financing formula would apply to pupils of all races, a ministry spokesman said.

By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

He said education authorities had for the past two years been working towards the creation of a single system, but the state could not make changes unilaterally. Education was an integral part of constitutional development and a new system had to be negotiated by all parties involved.

Gradual

Progress already made towards achieving a single education system included parity of conditions of service for teachers and the narrowing of the gap in per capita spending in black and white education.

Mr De Beer told the meeting his department was planning the gradual centralisation of the matric examination, a move aimed at improving the efficiency of administering the exams.

The possibility of publishing the names of successful Std 10 black candidates would also be investigated. Mr De Beer also told dele-

gates to the conference that he believed the "deal" struck by the DET and the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) had averted a strike which would have had a devastating effect on education of black children. If teachers had persisted with a chalk-down at a time when pupils were preparing for end-of-year examinations.

Earlier this week the DET granted official recognition to Sadtu, which resulted in the calling off of a strike by more than 6 000 teachers in Soweto.

Part of the "deal" was that four teachers who were either dismissed or suspended by the DET were to be reinstated.

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DET implements agreement

THE Department of Education and Training has begun to implement the agreement reached earlier this month with the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) (256)

On Wednesday Soweto teachers received a circular from the department announcing the reinstatement of teachers whose expulsion and suspension led to the recent two-day "chalks-down" strike

Besides the DET's recognition of Sadtu, the agreement includes a two-month moratorium on pending cases concerning misconduct and the restructuring of certain academic activities.

DET furious over five 'absent' principals

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE ink has barely dried on a recognition agreement between the DET and the SA Democratic Teachers' Union and the two are lashing out at each other again.

At the heart of the war of words are five out-of-work Mamelodi primary school principals.

They spend their days twiddling their thumbs at the DET's Mamelodi Teachers Centre in Mamelodi East.

Vastly differing reasons are being hurled around to explain the absence of the top men.

The DET says the five were "sacked" by Sadtu for taking disciplinary action against absent teachers.

Sadtu says the five "walked" out on their own accord.

Now some of the principals say they are living in fear of their lives following death threats to them and their families.

They also claim that they were frogmarched from their schools by members of Sadtu and the pupils' organisation, Cosas, after being accused of "spying" for the DET.

The DET strongly denies this, saying the principals were filing bona fide "reports".

Sadtu claims the principals walked out in a rage after teachers "demonstrated" against their "dictatorial behaviour".

The principals are from Ndima, Gamelodi, LM Msizani, Moretele and Dr Monare in Mamelodi West.

They left the schools earlier this month.

Claims have been made that some teachers and pupils at the schools are now a law unto themselves and that school inspectors have been prevented from doing their duties.

Some parents said they feared that there was lit-

tle or no learning taking place at the schools.

It has also been alleged that teachers at schools in other parts of Pretoria have been adopting a "domineering" attitude towards beleaguered principals.

It is said that some teachers openly defy instructions and tell principals "where to get off".

Principals were spending their days holed up in their offices.

DET spokesman Thomas Kekana said the absence of the five was affecting the running of the schools.

He said the principals were targeted after making reports to the DET about teachers who failed to report for work during the ANC's mass-action campaign last month.

He said the five officials were chased from their schools - despite the fact that they had acted on departmental instructions.

"They forwarded the names of the teachers who did not attend their classes and who failed to report for duty between August 3 to 7, and on May 21 to 22 this year," said Kekana.

Sadtu general secretary TJ Ngoma accused the DET of "union bashing", saying the department had intimidated Sadtu members despite the signing of the recognition agreement with Sadtu earlier this month.

Ngoma accused the DET of:

- Promoting principals who had "misappropriated funds"; and

- Going against the spirit of the recognition pact by considering charges of misconduct against Sadtu members following the debacle over the principals.

Teachers and pupils at the schools said the principals were not indispensable and that the schools were carrying on happily regardless.

Innocent pupils no longer have to pay for the cheats

By CARMEL RICKARD

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A LANDMARK judgment by the country's highest court will give valuable new protection to innocent candidates dragged into year-end exam cheating scandals

Each year some pupils are caught cribbing in the all-important final exams. Up to now the Department of Education and Training has reacted harshly. Officials cancel the results of all pupils writing at the venue where the cheating takes place, including the results of those pupils not suspected of involvement in the cheating.

Now the Appellate Division says this has to stop. The DET may only cancel results of a pupil if the department can show he or she was involved in breaking the rules. A pupil suspected of cheating must also be given a hearing before the results can be cancelled.

The judgment follows difficulties experienced by Durban pupil Pinky Ndlovu, who wrote matric in 1989. During the biology exam, two pupils in a nearby classroom were caught allegedly cheating. The DET cancelled the biology results of everyone who

wrote at the venue. No one, including Ndlovu, was given a chance to make representations about why their results should not be cancelled.

Her case was taken up by Durban's Legal Resources Centre, and the Natal Supreme Court ruled in her favour. However, DET took the matter on appeal. The AD has now given a firm thumbs down to the DET practice of punishing all pupils when one or two are caught cheating.

The AD says no pupil's results may be cancelled before the director general of the DET shows that he or she was guilty of breaking the regulations. This means the days of mass cancellations of exam results are over. The DET must also give a hearing to suspected pupils about their alleged cheating before overturning their exam results.

Commenting on the outcome of the case, Durban's LRC said that DET officials will now have to be more careful before they cancel exam results. DET officials will no longer be able to take arbitrary action. It will also mean that DET must improve security at exam time to prevent cheating.

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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

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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.

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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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

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.

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 Chris 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.

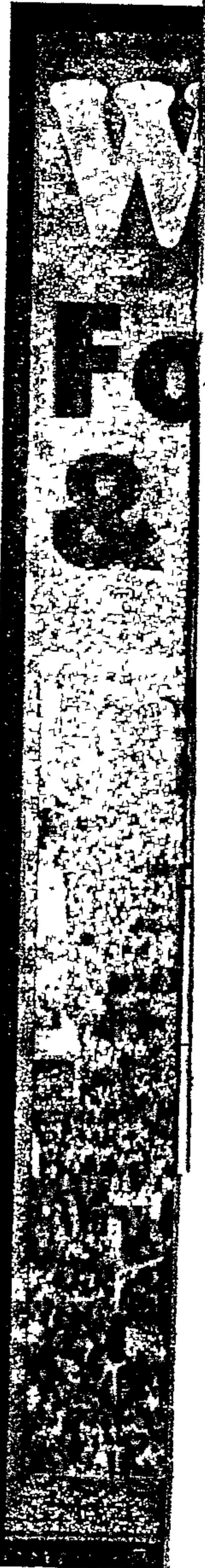
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Cast conference

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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POWER:**
Principals
occupy a
corridor in
the offices of
the
Department
of Education
and Training
on the
Foreshore

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Black principals' sit-in continues

HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS 756
Staff Reporter

ABOUT 60 black school principals are occupying the offices of the Department of Education and Training on the Foreshore to protest against shortages of funds and resources in black education.

The principals, members of the Western Cape Black Principals' Forum, began their sit-in yesterday morning.

They said they would leave if they could meet the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, earlier than November 1, the date he had set for a meeting with the chairman of the forum and principal of Luzauko primary school in Guguletu, Mr George Mvambi.

Since the forum was formed in August principals had been campaigning for clerks, night watchmen, labourers and "decent" recreational and cultural facilities at black schools in the Peninsula, said Mr Mvambi.

They demanded control over finances and restructuring measures, leave to improve management skills and an end to the "platoon" system of shared classrooms, he said.

Western Cape DET director Dr Johan Brand and deputy director of administration Mr Louis Smit have vowed to stay with the protesters until they leave.

Dr Brand, asked by the forum to leave his office because he was "indifferent and insensitive to black aspirations", said. "I don't really take that too seriously. I would say I am as much in touch with black aspirations as I possibly could be."

"They are against me, probably in the first place, because I am white. They've objected to the appointment of white people from the start."

"I have been in black education longer than many of these people. They just want to appoint anybody as principal."

"To them, I represent 'the system' which they don't recognise. It is part of our problem that the DET has very low legitimacy in the eyes of its members," said Dr Brand, a former professional adviser in the Kwazulu Department of Education.

"We all know the expenditure on a white and coloured child is much more than on a black child. But it's a historical imbalance, which you cannot get rid of overnight," he said.

Mr Bill Staude, DET chief director in the Western Cape, said in a faxed message to Dr Brand yesterday he was prepared to meet dissatisfied principals tomorrow.

Let our **inspectors**
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NORTHERN Transvaal
DET director Jaap
Schoeman has appealed
to parents in Soshanguye
to stop teachers from bar-
ring inspectors from
schools.

The appeal was made
in a pamphlet distributed
in the township

Schoeman pleaded
with parents to allow in-
spectors access to schools
to moderate matric oral
marks. DET officials
have been hounded out of
schools by teachers.

Pupils needed the oral
marks for their overall re-
sults, Schoeman said, and
denying them the chance
to undergo the orals
would lead to massive
failure.

He also pleaded with
parents to help stop van-
dalism. At Central High
School pupils were re-
cently found burning
desks and chairs to warm
themselves, he said.

Damage at schools this
year alone had cost the
department R2,3-million,
he said.

Principals leave DET offices after sit-in

By YVETTE VAN BREDA
MORE than 50 principals from schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and Training in the Western Cape left the department's offices about 11am yesterday, ending a 24-hour sit-in.

Western Cape DET director, Dr Johan Brand, had stayed with them all night. The principals, all members of the Western Cape Black Principals' Forum, said their sit-in followed the DET's failure to address their grievances in September.

The forum has been campaigning for blacks schools to be given clerks, night watchmen, labourers, and "decent" recreational and cultural facilities.

The principals called for Dr Brand's resignation.

Police HQ exam centre

Crime Reporter

THE police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) is to make its new headquarters available as an examination centre for trainee teachers at the Good Hope College of Education at the end of the year.

It was reported earlier that more than 900 trainees had no place to sit for their exams because the Eluxoweni Primary School they had been using was re-occupied by pupils.

The Western Cape head of the ISU, Brigadier Frik Kellerman, said he had made available the old Cape Corps base at Faure — soon to become the Regional ISU headquarters.

Dr Brand said: "To them I represent the system which they don't recognise. It's part of our problem that the DET has no legitimacy in the eyes of its members."

The principals wanted a meeting with the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, earlier than November 1.

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School heads walk out on DET leaders

JOHN VILJOEN
Education Reporter

MORE than 100 black school principals walked out of a meeting with top Department of Education and Training officials, accusing Director-General Dr Bernhard Louw of arrogance.

The principals walked out of the meeting with Dr Louw at the Civic Centre, Goodwood, yesterday after arguing with officials over an agenda.

They said the DET was not dealing with their grievances.

Principals were sent circulars "cordially inviting" them to the meeting, but there was no mention of what was to be discussed.

The walk-out took place about 30 minutes into the meeting. Before Dr Louw began speaking, members of the media were asked to leave.

The walk-out was sparked by Dr Louw's "arrogance", said Mr Solomon Makosana, a spokesman for the Western Cape Principals' Forum.

"He told us if we did not want to stay we could leave," Mr Makosana said.

DET spokesman Mr Corrie Rademeyer said Dr Louw had intended addressing principals and answering questions.

The disruption of the meeting was orchestrated and previously arranged "in the spirit of a defiance campaign", Mr Rademeyer said.

Last month Western Cape principals barred DET inspectors from their schools over the department's failure to resolve certain grievances.

Among the principals' demands are an end to the platoon system, where two schools share the same premises, and that acting-principals be appointed permanently.

Principals said yesterday that DET officials were still not welcome at their schools.

The meeting was to have been the 10th and last in a series of meetings held with principals countrywide, Mr Rademeyer said.

The following matters would have been discussed:

- The construction of school buildings
 - Labour relations and the recognition of teachers' associations.
 - The handling of grievances by the DET's staff commissioner.
 - Financing education
 - Possible future changes to the education system
 - The position of certain teachers who belong to the Temporary Employees' Pension Fund who wished to transfer to the Government Service Pension Fund.
- "It is regrettable that the meeting was disrupted, as other discussions of a similar nature have taken place in a spirit of goodwill and been particularly fruitful," Mr Rademeyer said.



TEA TIME . . . Two of the more than 50 DET principals, who yesterday occupied the offices of the DET director Dr J M Brand, making sandwiches last night. They had called for the resignation of Dr Brand as they had "no confidence" in him, a spokesman said. They have vowed not to leave his Foreshore offices until they have received a response

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DET man in court

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A FORMER regional director of the Department of Education and Training appeared in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday charged with theft and fraud. Mr Petrus van Rheede Struwig, a former chief regional director in Johannesburg, appeared with Mr Gert Swart yesterday. *Dukan 23/10/92*

It is alleged Struwig and Swart stole R62 000 from the DET regional office in Springs between April 1986 and November 1988 and that they raised funds without the department's consent.

They are also accused of having intentionally deceived a Mr Greyling by pretending that R14 000 he owed the DET would have been paid with a cheque made out to Nigel Ford. The cheque was to be handed over to Struwig and Swart.

Row may delay matric results

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE early announcement of matric results for black pupils may be delayed following a threat by Johannesburg teachers to boycott the marking of examination papers unless the Department of Education and Training addressed their grievances.

The teachers, known as the Markers Adhoc Committee (Madhoc), want DET regional director Richard Motau to explain why his department chose to decentralise marking centres without consulting teachers

Inconvenience

Among others, Madhoc said decentralisation would inconvenience teachers as they would not be provided with accommodation at the marking centres

While Johannesburg matriculants' papers would be marked at the Rand Afrikaanse University, markers would not be housed at the university and would be shuttled between Soweto and RAU.

Motau said the DET's decentralisation policy was in line with the department's attempt to hasten the announcement of results.

However, Madhoc members rejected the new system because they felt they were being used like "white mice in a laboratory experiment".

Madhoc said the DET's transport arrangements were unrealistic. The teachers would be picked up at Funda Centre in Soweto at 6.45 am and brought back after 9 pm when there were no taxis to take them home.

The teachers accused the DET office in Johannesburg of not following the guidelines agreed upon by Madhoc and education authorities in Pretoria last year.

The standard of marking would be compromised by the appointment of teachers who were favoured by the DET because of the department's attitude towards the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu)

The teachers further alleged that some of those

Teachers want DET to scrap marking plan

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appointed for marking were primary school teachers who were not familiar with matric subjects.

Madhoc demanded that teachers be allowed to monitor the processing of marks because there were widespread fears that the department's office in Johannesburg might avenge this year's teachers' strike by manipulating the results so that parents blamed a high failure rate on the strike.

The committee further demanded that decentralisation be scrapped immediately in favour of centralised marking in Pretoria.

Recriminations

DET public relations officer in Johannesburg, Sol Moshokoa, said two meetings held between Madhoc and the DET on Monday and Thursday could not agree on essential issues and it was characterised by recriminations.

Despite attempts by DET area managers to explain the appointment of the disputed markers, Madhoc maintained that the appointments smacked of nepotism and corruption, Moshokoa said.

However, the department would call for another meeting to facilitate the speedy marking of exam papers, he said

Results

Following the report of the De Meyer Commission, which found corruption in Lebowa, and the Parsons Commission's finding that KwaNdebele police were incompetent, today the Van den Heever Report finds the Department of Education and Training "in a shocking state".

DET a mess, incompetent, says report

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Department of Education and Training (DET) has been found to be in a shocking state by the Van den Heever Commission.

Although commissioned to investigate alleged corruption and irregularities within the DET, the commission found many other areas of incompetence in the department.

The main findings and recommendations in the commission's fourth and final report

Language was often presented as the greatest stumbling block to effective education by the DET which considered African languages as not possessing the necessary vocabulary. This led to mother-tongue education not being sustained.

The commission recommended that where "white" languages were introduced, it be done at an early stage and not left to under-qualified black teachers for whom it was also a second language.

The commission also commented on the inadequate use of English in departmental documents.

It also found the DET's internal organisation to be weak, probably as a result of a lack of suitable staff. It said the DET incorrectly utilised its staff, adding "good teachers are not necessarily good financiers or administrators".

The commission said there was "an acute shortage of the right kind of manpower in the department".

People with little training were plunged into situations where they were entrusted with powers and responsibilities far beyond their abilities.

People in charge of the DET

were, almost without exception, Afrikaans-speaking, but communication with black people was in English. The results were frequently "a mess".

Many officials' command of English was not up to standard, and even more black people used lamentable English.

There was little doubt that Qualitas Publishers had been favoured in an irregular fashion and that it had supplied inferior products.

The unsolicited and free services to the DET by means of its computer gave Qualitas a share in the administration of the department. The matter has been referred to the State Attorney, but no further action is expected.

The causes of most earlier malpractices would have disappeared had external work like writing textbooks been forbidden. If it is to be allowed, it should be subject to strict conditions, the report said.

It recommended thorough and more regular auditing through which vouchers, and not merely figures, would be checked.

Any internal departmental investigation into suspected irregularities involving senior officials was a futile exercise which could even be harmful. Subordinates had been found to regard their superiors' example as acceptable and it was "all too easy" to make investigators feel threatened and make evidence disappear, the report said.

As it had no teeth itself, the commission recommended "a commission, or otherwise an Ombudsman or an Advocate-General ought to be provided with teeth by Act of Parliament".

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DET action irregular

PRETORIA — Tender procedures for the acquisition of millions of rands worth of books for black schools had been a mess, and there was no doubt the Department of Education and Training had irregularly favoured publishing firm Qualitas, the Van den Heever commission of inquiry reported yesterday. (256)

The matter had been referred to the state attorney, it said

The commission's fourth report on the DET contained information about "horrendous" calculation errors and the destruction of documentation.

It also said commissions of inquiry should be given more power. — Sapa.

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Minister's killing was celebrated

There were celebrations, braais and dancing in the streets of KwaNdebele when the territory's bombastic Minister of the Interior, Mr Piet Ntuli, was killed by a car bomb in 1986, a former KwaNdebele secretary of justice told the Parsons Commission.

Mr Ntuli was also a leading figure in the Imbokotho vigilante movement.

The former secretary of justice, Mr Q J Buys, also said:

● He received repeated reports that members of the territory's cabinet, including Mr Ntuli, were assaulting members of the public.

● The loud-mouthed Mr Ntuli could almost "blast" a person out of his office and

would "shout down" cabinet meetings so that they dissolved in confusion.

● KwaNdebele's Commissioner of Police, Brigadier H C Lerm, told him that he should be "loyal to the government" when he inquired why police were not investigating charges that included kidnapping and murder.

● He himself was summarily sacked one morning and told to get out of the territory without being allowed to collect his personal possessions, after he had repeatedly

refused a cabinet request to close down the offices of a certain tribal authority.

Mr Buys said Mr Ntuli took it on himself to approve or reject all trading licences, completely disregarding the law.

Another witness, former KwaNdebele commissioner-general Mr J H T Mills, told the commission that Mr Ntuli had granted licences to favour restaurants, general dealers and liquor licences.

Mr Buys said Chief Minister Simon Skosana eventually became little more than a "Mr Ntuli's pawn".

Immediately after Mr Ntuli's assassination the unrest in the territory subsided markedly, said Mr Buys — Sapa

'86 riots traced

PRETORIA — The questions of independence and the incorporation of Moutse into KwaNdebele were some of the most important causes of the riots in the territory, the Parsons Commission found.

South Africa's Minister of Constitutional Development at the time, Mr Chris Heunis, had stated in June 1986 that the KwaNdebele nation had not been consulted beforehand about independence, and that it had been the KwaNdebele government's responsibility to decide the matter.

The outbreak of large-scale unrest on May 14, 1986, which continued until the death of Mr Piet Ntuli on July 29, 1986, as well as unrest later that year and the following, was one of the main reasons why independence had had no chance of success.



'OUTRAGED' ... Johan Scheepers.

Govt denies Lebowa land moye

PRETORIA — Deputy Minister of Land Affairs Mr Johan Scheepers yesterday questioned the National Land Committee's claim that 380 000 ha of South African Development Trust land has been transferred to the Lebowa government.

He said in a statement this was a "deliberate misrepresentation" and queried the committee's motives.

Mr Scheepers said the facts repeatedly stated by the government through the media were:

- The land would remain part of South Africa and did not form part of the Lebowa self-governing territory.
- Joint administration would en-

sure "clean administration and political co-responsibility", and

● South African law would apply.

He said joint administration implied accountability to the taxpayer, obviated maladministration and ensured effective management.

"Joint administration will serve as the mechanism to prevent ineffective management and give citizens a full opportunity to participate in the effective administration of the country, especially on a regional level."

Mr Scheepers said the National Land Committee's demand for his resignation was "outrageous" — Sapa

DET 'mess' revealed

PRETORIA — Tender procedures for acquiring millions of rands worth of text and library books had been a mess, and there was no doubt the Department of Education and Training (for blacks) had irregularly favoured a publishing firm, Qualitas.

This was said in the fourth report of the Van den Heever Commission released yesterday — in the wake of two other reports released this week detailing a massive waste of money in two homelands.

The commission said the mat-

ter had been referred to the state attorney.

The report noted "horrendous" calculation errors in the black education department, the destruction of documentation, the copying of information from other publishers into Qualitas' computers, and false statements by the DET's chief librarian.

Qualitas Publishers managing director Mr Francois du Toit and the DET's late chief director of planning, Mr Jaap Strydom, had been intimate friends, the report said.

Lebowa makes cabinet changes

LEBOWA KGO MO — Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike yesterday announced cabinet changes effective from Sunday, following this week's De Meyer Commission report on maladministration here.

The Ministry of Finance, Commerce and Industries is to be split, with a Ministry of Finance headed by new Finance Minister Mr L. Mothiba, who replaces Mr N. Papo. Mr Papo will be the Commerce and Industry Minister.

Mr L. Mamabolo, the former Deputy Minister of Water Affairs, was appointed Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Pensions in place of Mr B. Ramunpu, who has left the cabinet.

Three deputy ministerial changes were also announced.

The new Deputy Minister of Water Affairs is Mr M. Ledwaba, currently Deputy Minister of Mines and Strategic Planning.

This post will be filled by Mr M. Mogale, former Deputy Minister of Education. Mr L. Mpya replaces Mr Mogale. Referring to the maladministration scandal, Mr Ramodike said he did not owe anybody an apology for the state of his administration. He said certain officials were facing prosecution while others would be dismissed or

NEWS The command of English by DET officials is a barrier in the education of black pupils

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By Josias Charle

A COMMISSION of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Department of Education and Training (DET) has found that a publishing company was favoured in a contract to supply books to schools

The Van den Heever Commission report released by the DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw yesterday

Although commissioned to investigate alleged corruption in the DET, the commission found many other areas of incompetence in the department

Inquiry slams DET

Commission finds publisher was favoured in an irregular fashion in the purchase of library books which were of inferior quality:

outside persons or firms are now either dead or have resigned from or left the service of the department or retired

"But on the plus side for the DET the commission found that since these events had taken place, efforts had been made to improve the system of purchasing and selecting books and that these should succeed in preventing the errors of the past."

Other findings by the Van den Heever Commission are that people in charge of the DET were, almost without exception, Afrikaans-speaking, but communication with black people was conducted in English

The results were frequently "a mess" The command of English of many of the officials was not up to standard and even more black people used lamentable English

It also found the DET's internal organisation to be weak and that staff members were frequently wrongly placed Language often presented the greatest stumbling block to effective education by the DET, particularly with black pupils

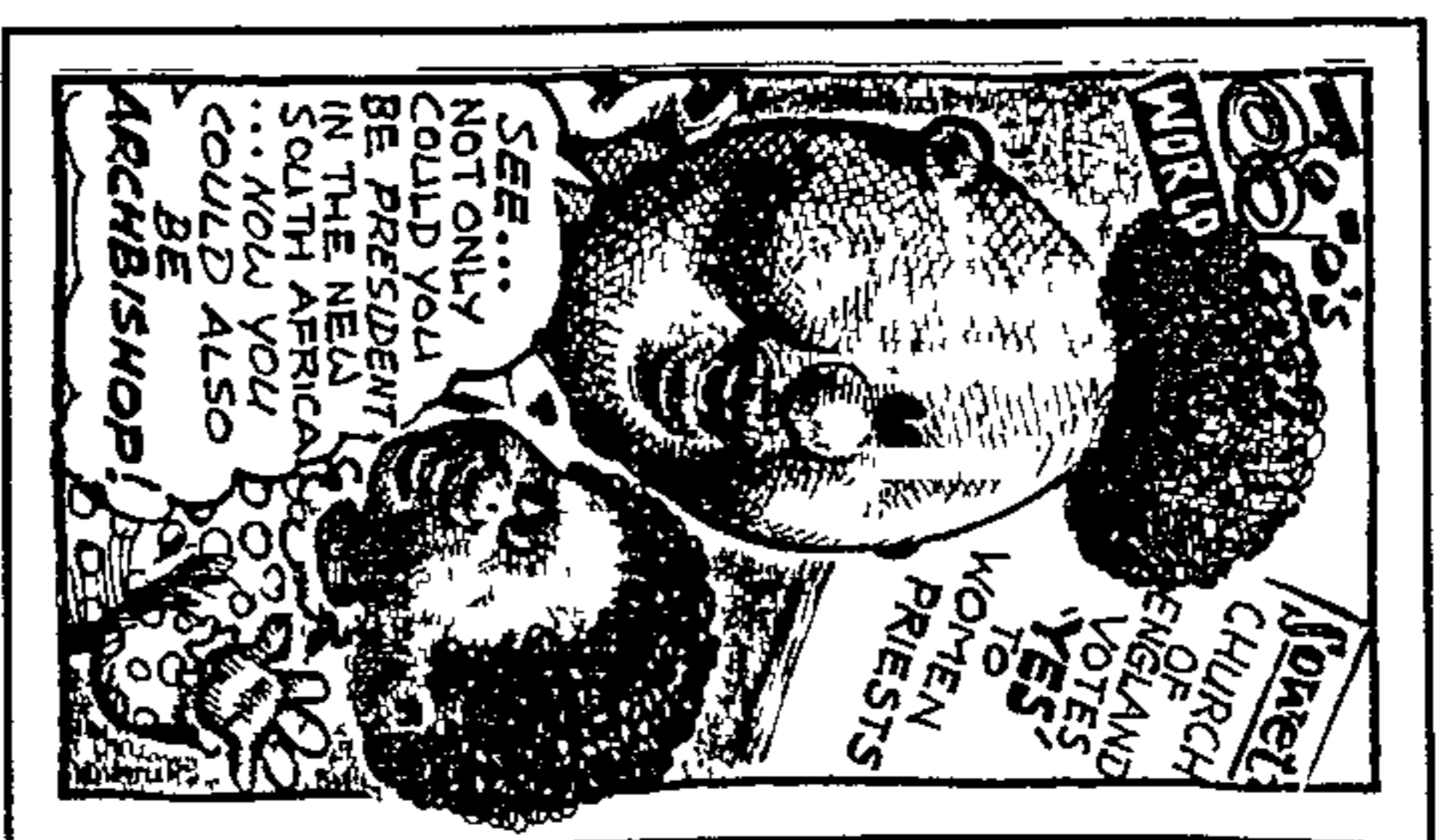
The commission recommended that the DET should institute thorough and more regular auditing through which vouchers, and not merely figures, would be checked

Meanwhile a Sowetan correspondent reports that the DET has acknowledged there were "apparent" irregularities in

its ranks but said investigations by the Attorney-General could not find enough evidence to prosecute

Louw said the commission had found that in 1984 Qualtas Publishers had been awarded preferential treatment in tenders for the purchase of books and that inferior products had been provided

He pointed out, however, that the department had succeeded in replacing the Qualtas books "at no additional cost". He explained that the Attorney-General had concluded that no criminality was involved in the matter and that there were insufficient grounds to prosecute



Messy hands

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■ GLOOMY PICTURE Most DET officials are,
almost without exception, Afrikaans speaking:

THE Department of Education and Training is corrupt, weak and incompetent, the Van der Heever Commission of Inquiry said in its report yesterday.

The commission found that a

publishing company favoured by the department was awarded a R1.4 million contract to supply books - which were of an inferior quality.

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Internal probes of top officials 'futile'

PRETORIA — An internal investigation is futile and even harmful when there is a possibility of irregularities involving senior state department officials, a report has found.

In its fourth and final report on Department of Education and Training (DET) irregularities, the Van den Heever commission of inquiry says it is all too easy to make people conducting an internal investigation feel threatened, or to deceive them.

The commission's report deals with the purchase of books from Qualitas publishers eight years ago. It found that there had been a dire need for the right kind of manpower throughout the department in the period between 1985 and 1989.

According to the report, people with little training were entrusted with responsibilities far beyond their abilities.

The commission found that because of the numbers it dealt with and the money involved, the department was a popular client and could easily tempt suppliers to lead officials into temptation.

It was desirable to institute thorough and more regular auditing to check vouchers, not merely figures.

There was little doubt that Qualitas Publishers had been irregularly favoured and had supplied inferior products. Those who had favoured other firms were either dead or had resigned.

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The report said many officials' command of English was below standard.

Personnel, as indicated in previous reports, was "badly-utilised". Good teachers did not necessarily make good financiers and administrators, said the report.

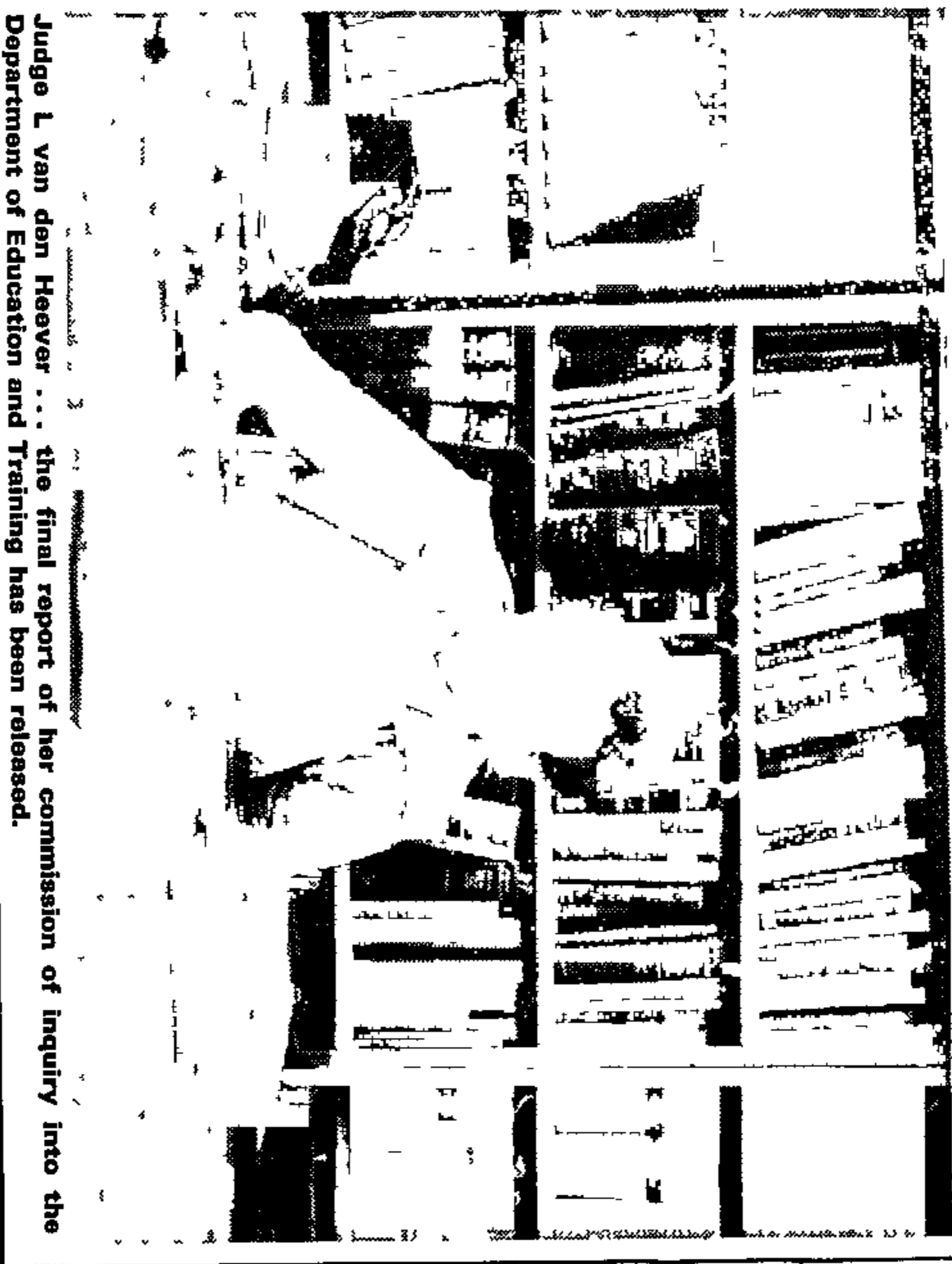
The commission found that accepting favours and presents from outsiders led to evil. The unsolicited and free service to the department by Qualitas Computers gave Qualitas a share in the administration of the department.

The "Qualitas matter" was in the hands of the state attorney, the commission said. Efforts had been made to improve the system so that past mistakes in selection and purchasing of books and the writing of textbooks could be avoided.

The department had replaced the so-called Qualitas books at no additional cost. No financial loss was suffered by the state, DET director-general Bernhard Louw said yesterday.

Government appreciated the frankness of the report and was satisfied the department would now be able to continue its task free of suspicion, he said.

The commission was satisfied with the new procedures for selecting and purchasing books and, after previous commission reports, measures for internal auditing had been introduced at head office and regional offices of the department.



Judge L. van den Heever ... the final report of her commission of inquiry into the Department of Education and Training has been released.

Racists insult DET markers

CP Correspondent

A GROUP of white men broke windows, urinated on the bedding of black teachers and shouted insulting racist remarks this week at the University of the Orange Free State where the teachers were marking examination papers

Two DET teachers,

William Maile and David Lenong, said they heard a noise when they and other teachers were working in the university hall.

When they went to their room, they saw white men preparing a braai on the stoep of the building. The whites called them "kaffirs" and smashed a window.

Maile said the gang then took his bedding outside and urinated on it.

Dr TJ Terblanche, regional chief director of DET in the Free State, said the teachers initially refused to proceed with the marking of the papers. However, the situation is back to normal.

Police are investigating.

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DET to help in squatter school plan

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THE Western Cape
United Squatter Asso-
ciation and the Depart-
ment of Education and
Training have reached
consensus on the ap-
pointment of teachers in
squatter areas, the DET
said yesterday

Teachers in squatter
areas will enjoy the
same conditions as pub-
lic school teachers

The department al-
ready subsidises teach-
ers' salaries and oper-
ational expenses at
private squatter schools

● Over five million
DET matric exam papers
— estimated to weigh
over 330 tons — are be-
ing moved to various
centres to be marked —
Sapa

has 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 Dikeni 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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Wondering why

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The Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry has recommended further investigation of contracts between the Department of Education & Training (DET) and a former Afrox subsidiary, AOL Performance & Educational Services. This despite an earlier assurance by former DET Minister Stoffel van der Merwe that an internal investigation by Director-General Bernhard Louw found no irregularities.

Because of the commission's experience with other internal investigations, says Appeal Court Judge Leo van den Heever, Van der Merwe's statement did not reassure the commission. Van den Heever has over the past four years investigated irregularities in the DET. Her comments on the contracts between the DET and AOL sparked strong criticism from Afrox this week.

Van den Heever was appointed by former President P W Botha in 1988 to investigate the DET, after the *FM* first revealed irregularities. These concerned black youth camps, printing contracts awarded to Tinus Strydom, son of a former DET deputy director-general, the late Jaap Strydom (*Current Affairs* June 10, 17 and 24 1988), and possible favouritism to a Pretoria publisher by the department's school library service (*Current Affairs* October 20 1989 and September 28 1990).

Bank accounts

The DET was granted permission in 1985 to use AOL Performance & Educational Services management courses. As a result of the Van den Heever investigation, a legal team from the Pretoria Attorney-General's office confiscated certain bank accounts and deposits of a former senior DET official who administered the AOL contracts on behalf of the DET (*Current Affairs* November 15 1991).

Louw's internal investigation found that the contract between the DET and AOL had been concluded without the necessary authorisation from the Tender Board. The board in 1987 gave *ex post facto* approval to the multimillion-rand contract.

Afrox this week reacted sharply to the Van den Heever report. The Afrox spokesman said that Van den Heever admitted that the evidence before the commission was untested. Afrox was also never invited to give evidence, says a spokesman for the company. He adds that it was AOL Performance & Educational Services which concluded the DET deals.

Van den Heever said that to limit costs the commission heard no evidence. Advocate Nollie Niehaus, from the Cape Attorney-

Heever says. It is our opinion that the relationship between AOL and the department should be investigated by an impartial outside body with an investigating team." She adds that what concerns her, from evidence presented, is that

- AOL had 24 accounts with First National Bank ("One wonders why"), and
- AOL over a period of five years had received R38m from the DET

Van den Heever says that despite this "massive expenditure" the DET has not yet reached the stage where its departmental officials could benefit from the training offered by AOL.

Van den Heever says Louw's investigation shows that an evaluation of AOL's pro-



Judge Van den Heever suspicion about payments

grammes was done by the same person who initially recommended it. "It is highly unlikely that this person will now, R38m later, admit that 'my initial recommendation was wrong,'" says Van den Heever.

Also, the investigation was, according to the commission's evidence, not based on all the documents and invoices, says Van den Heever. According to the commission investigator, senior DET official Wynand Coetzee, there was evidence that R2m more had been paid by the department to AOL than the amount mentioned in Louw's report.

Van den Heever says that Coetzee had told her commission in January of an incident which could be construed as efforts to smother any outside interference. Documents which Coetzee requested from the

DET were unpopular within the DET and that there were people who would like get at him (*hom wil bykom*)," says Van den Heever.

The judge says that Coetzee's sleuthing resulted in a strong suspicion that AOL received payments which had nothing to do with its contracts with the DET. "Documents which DET officials presented do not tally with the vouchers."

Not overpaid

The Afrox spokesman says that the evidence before the commission was limited and in some aspects wrong. The judge, adds the spokesman, did not have the opportunity to assess evidence made available by AOL to the commission 18 months ago.

The spokesman says Van den Heever did not make any findings on her own but quoted only other people, such as Coetzee, and that his evidence had not been tested. "To say that Coetzee's sleuthing led to a strong suspicion that Afrox had received payments, which had nothing to do with its DET contracts, is tantamount to accuse Afrox of fraud," says the spokesman. "Afrox is a multinational company — why should it not have 24 bank accounts?" He says that Afrox also disputes the R38m amount Van den Heever mentions, and adds that the company had not been overpaid by R2m.

Afrox also disputes the judge's findings that there had been no independent assessment of training programmes provided. "Several independent organisations have done so," says the spokesman.

Auditor-General Peter Wronsley this week told the *FM* that a team from his office had also audited the contracts. He said that he had made a preliminary report available to the Attorney-General's office. "A full report will form part of my report to parliament next year," says Wronsley. An informed source tells the *FM* that the Auditor-General's report also shows many instances where DET documentation cannot be reconciled.

However the Afrox spokesman says that his company has complete (independent) audited reports from Coopers Theron Du Toit in its possession which deal with the contracts between AOL and the DET and no irregularities were found. "This was made available to the commission which never reported on it."

In his reaction to the report DET head Bernhard Louw says that the Auditor-General's report had been referred to the Attorney-General, who is not contemplating action. Further investigation by the department also found no proof of any irregular conduct by the DET or AOL. "The department accepts full responsibility for any administrative errors which have been committed, and has, in most instances, already taken effective remedial action," says Louw.

Eddie Botha

Though soured by the continuing rancour between the ANC and Inkatha, plans for the resumption of full-scale negotiations in February, according to government, are on track

In recent weeks there has been a series of preparatory discussions between government and various parties, including Inkatha, the PAC and the white Right, as well as between the ANC and certain homelands, notably Bophuthatswana and Ciskei

More important is that the crucial *bosberaad* between government and the ANC is set to take place early next month, according to the ANC's Carl Niehaus, which should facilitate the convening of the vital multi-party conference

Any decisions taken at the *bosberaad* would have to be ratified by an all-party indaba, Niehaus indicated. This is critical to the process, considering the opposition — chiefly from Inkatha's Mangosuthu Buthelezi — to bilateral agreements between government and the ANC being presented as a *fait accompli* to other parties

Buthelezi reiterated his rejection of such deals, in response to the ANC's announcement that, before the year's end, it wants a date set for elections to a constituent assembly-cum-interim government. The ANC appeared to threaten another suspension of talks with government if a date were not forthcoming. But the demand seems to be more of a pressure tactic to get the ball rolling. It may be unwise to set a rigid deadline for interim government elections, which the ANC would like "as soon as is practicable" — meaning by the end of 1993.

Yet how — if Buthelezi is not to be further alienated — can an election date be agreed upon prior to December 31 this year, unless the multilateral conference is held before then?

An ANC spokesman explains that the organisation is "expressing serious concern that if a date is not set we may face further delays, which are counterproductive. There needs to be a target. There can be further discussions (on setting a date) in a multilateral forum."

Much will depend on the attitude and atmosphere at the ANC-government summit due within weeks. If the two teams agree on a date, it would be wise to try to keep this a secret until all parties have been consulted — but leaks on such an important matter appear inevitable.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha said this week that the date should be determined by discussions between all the parties, lest some feel excluded, as was the case with the Record of Understanding signed by government and the ANC in September. "We want a



multi-party conference off the ground as soon as possible," Botha added.

As the ANC sees it, the first phase of interim government would begin soon after the setting of a target date for the start of the second phase, an elected interim government.

Phase one — likely to be introduced "quite early next year" — would be a limited, transitional arrangement under which there would be joint control over areas such as the security forces, the SABC and the Budget. Parties other than the Nats would have significant influence on decision-making in these areas for a short term (about six months). The aim would be to level the playing field for free and fair elections.

It is during this phase that the ANC envisages the beginnings of an integrated security/defence force, based in part on the recommendations made in one of the Codesa working groups, which were never ratified. This, perhaps more than any other factor, will be crucial for the process to succeed.

Record of Understanding

Meanwhile, the ANC's national executive committee was meeting in Durban this week, partly to finalise its interim government policy. There was heavyweight opposition — from information head Pallo Jordan and Natal Midlands chief Harry Gwala — to aspects of proposals put forward by Joe Slovo. These include "sunset" clauses, aimed essentially at making the transition smoother by not alienating the existing public service corps.

Also to be ratified is a proposal aimed at forming an ANC transitional government of national unity, in terms of which any party

with at least 5% of the vote would be represented in such a government.

While the ANC has had constructive meetings with the governments of Ciskei and Bophuthatswana, accord with Buthelezi seemed as elusive as ever. Even if the ANC succeeds in neutralising the first two — who sit in alliance with Buthelezi (and the white Right) in the "concerned citizens" grouping formed after the Record of Understanding — isolating Buthelezi could be shortsighted.

After meeting French Deputy Foreign Minister Georges Keijman this week, ANC president Nelson Mandela said he was willing to grant Buthelezi his wish of a face-to-face meeting — provided Buthelezi accepted certain conditions (which he probably knew would not be acceptable). These were that he should allow the ANC free political activity in KwaZulu, disarm Inkatha members, abide by the ban on traditional weapons in public, and agree to the fencing of hostels.

Mandela said the ANC had done everything in its power to plan for ending the violence but that Buthelezi had failed to attend important multi-party meetings of leaders on the issue.

In response, Buthelezi told the *FM* "I can no longer take seriously anything that the president of the ANC says because he chops and changes at every turn." He said Mandela had reneged on undertakings to meet him that Mandela had given to Kenneth Kaunda and Peace Committee chairman John Hall. "He must have been bluffing the French Deputy Foreign Minister just to gain the false high moral ground on the issue," said Buthelezi.

Neither he nor the KwaZulu Cabinet had ever disallowed any political activity in KwaZulu by the ANC or any other party and Mandela knew that "our members have been killed in their thousands" in KwaZulu. "The problem we face is that of political intolerance and we need to deal jointly with the cult of violence among members of our organisations," said Buthelezi.

The KwaZulu chief again said that he "cannot accept any decisions made behind our backs without being given a chance to debate and understand them." Inkatha would not accept the banning of "Zulu cultural accoutrements in all circumstances" as this could not be implemented. "The residents of hostels have rejected the fencing of their hostels. I respect their democratic right to refuse to be forced to live in the ANC-sponsored concentration camps."

According to Buthelezi, the (proposed) meeting of the Peace Accord signatories (which Mandela favours as the forum for meeting Buthelezi) "cannot be compared with joint rallies addressed by leaders of both

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General's office, led evidence during previous sessions of the commission, he consulted various people and obtained statements from a number of them

In her fourth and last report, Van den

Commission for Administration had first been relayed to the DET before being made available to the commission

"Mr Coetzee also reported that he had been warned that his curiosity would make

Exam results hoarded

By JETHRO SEREISHO

MORE than 20 000 pupils at eight schools in the western Transvaal will not be getting their end-of-year exam results because teachers have decided to withhold them.

Teachers, parents and principals in Carletonville and Fochville are locked in a dispute with the DET.

The row, which threat-

ened to explode into violence, has resulted in the DET inspector for the region, Margaret Sandlana, fleeing the area for Bickersdal on the West Rand.

SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) Carletonville official Molefi Ntohla said all the members of his organisation who took part in the teachers' mass action in

May this year had been served with letters notifying them of deductions in their salaries. (256)

The deductions were, according to the circuit inspector, made on a "no work, no pay" basis.

But Ntohla insists teachers were on duty!

"We only participated in the demonstrations after lunch. It is the principals who have unfairly reported to the authorities that we were absent," he said.

Sadtu received community support this week.

Now they will not release the exam results until they get their salaries in full - and the principals have released the schools' financial statements.

A Sadtu meeting with DET failed to resolve the problem.

Ntohla said Sadtu's meetings with the DET had been no help.

Inspector Sandlana said she knew of the problem.

"I received a report from principals that there are teachers who have submitted their marking schedules and results, and some have not. The deadline for submission is November 30. We will see if they are still withholding them," she said.

Education

■ The DET holds the key to progress in black education in the new year:

PROPER and sufficient schooling infrastructure by the Department of Education and Training will decide the course of black education for 1993.

Exactly how black schooling will be in the coming year will depend largely on what happens when schools re-open.

Already the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) has forecast doom and damnation if the Government does not provide properly for black education. *256*

But it has been the same story since the mid-'80s when frustrated and demotivated pupils moved from one township to the next only to have education doors slammed in their faces. Not enough classrooms.

Militant pupils seized registration posts, set teachers and organisations against each other and parents watched helplessly from the sidelines.

That first day's confusion usually sets the pace for the year.

Next year will be a write-off unless drastic improvements are made.

Beacons of hope are:

Signing of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) recognition agreement by the DET.

The setting up of the private sector's R500 000 Education Trust.

Attempts by student and pupil organisations to work together.

The National Education Conference made up of 14 organisations

The Disheartening:

Threats by the Pan African Student Organisation (Paso) and Congress of South African Students (Cosas) to embark on boycotts

The Government's continued unilateral restructuring of education, not to mention its fragmented education

Continued parental apathy.