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THE death-knell has been sounded for the 126-year-old Cape Town City Council, which is expected to disappear in its present form before the end of the year.

Other casualties are the Bellville City Council, regional services councils, coloured management committees, black local authorities and town councils

All segregated local authorities will be replaced by appointed non-racial councils in terms of an agreement reached at the Local Government Negotiating Forum in Johannesburg yesterday

A draft Bill replacing the Interim Measures and Black Local Authorities Acts will be put to the next meeting of the forum on July 28 and, if approved, tabled in parliament in September

Deputy-Mayor of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan is likely to be the last incumbent of the Chair of Van Riebeeck elected by an all-white council

He will be Cape Town's 62nd first citizen — and probably its shortest serving

Parliament convenes for a special short session to approve legislation dealing with the constitutional process from September 13 to 24

The new mayor, traditionally the former deputy-mayor, is due to be elected in the first week of September, but legislation passed by the parliament during the session could be promulgated by October — when Mr Keegan and the city council will have to stand down

The appointed council would elect its own mayor. This could be Mr Keegan

ANC member Ms Amande Younge, who represents non-statutory groups in the Western Cape on the forum, said the city council could be replaced by an administrative structure headed by a town clerk, or a smaller council

This would be appointed on a 50-50 basis by statutory bodies such as the city council and the Cape Provincial Administration on one hand and, on the other, non-statutory groups including the ANC, the PAC and the South African National Civics Association

An interim metropolitan council would replace the RSC

The only dissenting voice on the 60-member forum was that of Professor Ben van den Bergh of the Transvaal Municipal Association which is dominated by the Conservative Party

At a Press conference delegates said they would strive for voluntary implementation of the system of appointed transitional councils

But the proposed Local Government Transition Act would have some elements to prompt reluctant parties to fall in line

"If we are going into a new South Africa, that is a new South Africa for everybody throughout the country," said the joint chairman, Deputy Minister of Local Government Mr Yakoob Makda

□ Keegan likely to be shortest-serving mayor

# NEW-LOOK city council on way



Mr Clive Keegan

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# Council workers to strike

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PORT ELIZABETH — The South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) has voted for a nationwide strike from August 2 in pursuit of higher pay rises

Nearly 90 percent of members who voted backed a strike by 70 000 workers in 300 local authorities, Samwu's national meeting here was told

Secretary general Mr John Ernstzen said the decision would be reported to the public sector forum of the Congress of South African Trade Unions's (Cosatu) on July 13, when joint action would be discussed with the other public sector unions

"The campaign, insofar as it affects municipal workers, centres around the totally inadequate wage offers from the major municipal employers," said Mrs Ernstzen

"In some instances no offers have been made while in others the offers average around six percent. In addition, the union objects to privatisation, unilateral restructuring and the consequential retrenchments"

Mr Ernstzen said meetings were being planned with Cosatu, political parties, community organisations and other sympathetic unions

Letters would be sent to employers urging them to re-examine Samwu's demands for a minimum wage of R650 a month, with appropriate increases for those in the higher wage scales



Plans for local  
govt 'a guide'

PRETORIA — The government says Wednesday's pronouncements on local government should be regarded only as a guideline and that it has not taken any decision on the future of local authorities.

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Acting Local Government Minister Mr Andre Fourie said yesterday the government had taken note of the resolution by the Local Government Negotiating Forum, which was not a statutory body — Sapa

# New councils to be 'more accountable'

Staff Reporter

DEPUTY mayor Mr Clive Keegan yesterday welcomed the prospect of interim bodies taking over local government, although this will reduce his own term as mayor to only a few weeks.

The Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) agreed this week that all segregated local authorities be replaced by appointed non-racial councils. This will be the end of the Cape Town City Council in its present form, as well as regional services

councils, coloured management committees and black local authorities.

Mr Keegan said yesterday: "I have always known there was a possibility of never making the mayoral chair, but I am not bitter and twisted about it. I am happy to give way to a truly non-racial council."

Town clerk Mr Keith Nicol said the new councils, which would take over in September, were likely to usher in an era of greater accountability in local government. Although their form and procedures had yet to be

decided, they would represent statutory and non-statutory bodies on a 50-50 basis.

Mr Ian Davidson, who represents the Major Cities Association on the LGNF, said, "What the forum has done is get approval in principle for non-racial local government, which is obviously a breakthrough."

The ANC's deputy head of local government, Mr Mathole Motshekga, said yesterday that although the councils would be appointed, not elected, they marked a departure from the existing apartheid structure.

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## 087 service cost Telkom R77-million

PRETORIA — The premium-rate 087 service cost Telkom about R77 million in bad debt and eroded its image to an all-time low, the company's managing director Mr Danie du Toit said in his review in Telkom's first financial report.

"Many man-years of effort were spent by Telkom employees in addressing queries and problems that would not otherwise have arisen."

In his review, chairman Mr Jack Clarke also acknowledged that the service had tarnished Telkom's image.

"It also brought with it fraud on an unprecedented scale and huge write-offs."

During the life of the 087 service, which was finally ended in December last year, Telkom terminated about 1 180 information provider services, most of them so-called "sleaze-lines."

But cowboys don't cry, according to Mr Clarke, and Telkom has done much subsequently to improve its image.

Mr Du Toit said client perceptions were changing for the better and staff morale was improving rapidly — Sapa

# Keegan welcomes local reform proposals, but ...

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## □ Unhappiness over 'appointed' leaders

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

ACTING mayor Mr Clive Keegan has given a reserved welcome to reforms proposed by the Local Government Negotiating Forum

The forum, meeting in Johannesburg, has proposed that city and town councillors should resign, to be replaced by appointed interim administrators

Legislation could be enacted at a special short sitting of parliament in September to give effect to the proposals

Mr Keegan said he was unhappy interim administrators would be appointed and not elected

"I welcome any advance towards a non-racial and democratic system of local government — but clearly appointed administrators will erode the principles of accountability and democratic transparency so important to local government"

There was no reason why interim local authorities could not be elected rather than imposed

Mr Keegan who, if tradition is fol-

lowed, is to be elected mayor in September, said it would be business as usual regarding the day-to-day running of the council

"I have always been keenly aware that I may not become mayor or see out a full term

"And I will be quite happy to yield my position to a legitimate local government body," he said

But he did not see the proposed changes signalling an end to his civic career — nor, necessarily, to his chances of remaining mayor

In the meantime, Cape Town was readying itself for metropolitan talks on the future of local government

A steering committee was drawing up terms of reference for the forum

"What has happened underlines the need to speed up the process of establishing such a forum," said Mr Keegan

Cape Town had also made representations for direct membership of the Local Government Negotiating Forum

At present it is represented indirectly, via the Major Cities Association

# Ikapa's sweet revolution!

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TOWNSHIP residents tasted reform this week when authorities transferred ownership of council houses to thousands of township residents — free of charge

And the millions of rands of outstanding rent payments, accumulated during the boycott of rent and service charges, are likely to be scrapped

The homeowners in Guguletu, New Crossroads, Nyanga and Langa will begin on a "clean slate" once a representative of the local authority is in place

At the moment various bodies, including the South African National Civics Organisation, are trying to set up a structure to replace the Ikapa council

The residents' windfall follows an intense struggle against the unpopular council

The Ikapa Town council, a target of protests waged by progressive organisations since its inception in the early 1980s, conceded defeat in May this year when the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring, asked its officials to resign

Mr Meiring also agreed to the transfer the council houses to residents from July 1 — a sweet turnabout for the residents who, during the days of arch-apartheid, were prohibited from owning property in "white urban areas"

During the final "heave", led by ANC Women's League who occupied the office for nine days, the protesters' efforts were strengthened by the council employees,

■ From July 1 a quiet revolution took place when thousands of residents from four townships under the jurisdiction of the beleaguered Ikapa Town Council acquired ownership of their council houses

**VUYO BAVUMA**  
Weekend Argus Reporter

members of South African Municipal Workers Union, who piled rubbish outside the Ikapa town council gates and councillor Mr Densy Lobi's house

Only two councillors refused to resign their seats, but plans are afoot to elect a representative forum to run the townships

The issue of housing has become a vote canvassing ploy. Three weeks ago, in true electioneering fashion, the ANC and its allies, including Sanco, announced "the people's victory" at a two-hour rally

Next week there will be a meeting between the Cape Provincial Administration, Ikapa town council and a 15-member committee which includes members of Azapo, the PAC and the ANC to formalise the transfer of houses

But in Khayelitsha, where the unpopular Lingeletu West Town

Council was toppled, home ownership is still undecided

In April the 17-member council finally bowed to demands and resigned, getting a golden handshake of R24 000 each

Mr Meiring, at the councillor's farewell, conceded that the council was ruling undemocratically because the population of Khayelitsha had grown substantially ever since the election of the council

Another protest flared up when PAC activists occupied the offices to protest against the unilateral nomination of the new administrator, Mr Okkie Grundling

But the protest fizzled out and talks for a forum are continuing

In Mfuleni, a deadlock was reached after the councillors ignored Mr Meiring's plea to step down to pave the way for a representative forum

They also refused to take part in a referendum to determine the true leaders of the area

In the past four weeks the councillors' offices in the tiny Kuls River township have been occupied by activists calling for the councillors' resignation

Now the campaign of dissent against the "puppet" structures has spread to the normally tranquil Khayamnandi township in Stellenbosch

In spite of the hitches, the tide is turning against the local-authority system — a product of the P W Botha era — and a "people's voice" is around the corner



# Transitional local govt for Cape Town by October?

By NAZEEM HOWA

ALTHOUGH several key issues remain unresolved, Cape Town is set to have a Transitional Metropolitan Authority by the end of October.

In terms of an agreement by the 60-member Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) in Johannesburg this week, all segregated local authorities will be replaced by councils made up on a 50-50 basis by statutory and non-statutory organisations represented at the forum.

It is expected that some of the areas of dispute will be resolved at local negotiating forums. Plans already exist to launch a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

Of particular concern to the LGNF, however, is the need to resolve differences before July 28 '93 so that the proposed draft legislation carries all the major players' support.

Those represented at the national forum include statutory bodies, like local government, provincial administration and central government, as well as non-statutory organisations like the ANC, PAC and SA National Civic Organisation.

While the forum is a non-statutory body without the standing of the Multi-Party Negotiating Council, observers believe decisions will carry substantial clout at the multi-party talks.

Deputy minister of Local Government Mr Yakoob Makda, who is also co-chairman of the LGNF, said this week he was certain the forum's decisions would become reality.

But Acting Local Government Minister Mr Andre Fourie has warned that its pronouncements should be regarded only as guidelines.

The model proposed at the LGNF will see a "super" metropolitan authority running local government affairs in the Western Cape. Although not finalised, this body is likely to be the supreme political decision-making body for areas as far afield as Paarl and Stellenbosch. It is envisaged that this body will employ a "town clerk" and other traditional municipal department heads for

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The question of which areas form part of particular metros has been left for regional negotiations. If no compromise seems likely, a Regional Demarcation Board will make the final decision.

Falling under the Super Metro will be various councils such as Cape Town City Council and the Regional Services Council.

Representatives at the forum have agreed that a demarcation board for each province should consult with a regional monitoring committee and report back to the provincial authority on the demarcation of metropolitan and local government areas.

Still under consideration in the Western Cape is the possible merger of some of the councils with black local authorities such as Lingeletu West. Also under discussion is merging local authorities such as Citrusdal and Franschoek. The non-statutory bodies are demanding that those councils, too, should form part of the restructuring process.

The various councils will be co-ordinated by the Super Metro's "town clerk" and departmental heads.

The forum envisages a three-phased approach to establishing democratically-elected local government structures.

The initial phase — from now until legislation enabling interim structures is passed by Parliament — involves resolving all the points of contention. The second phase will see the appointment of interim councils which will stay in place until a final constitution is approved for South Africa. The final phase will see democratic elections.

# Ikapa workers down tools in bitter pay row

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Staff Reporter

THE Ikapa Town Council, embroiled in a dispute with political organisations calling for the resignation of councillors, is also involved in a bitter wrangle with its employees over pay.

Council workers, mostly members of the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) yesterday downed tools after the council failed to pay the workforce.

According to workers, the dispute centres on the upgrading of the Ikapa council status to grade nine in 1990.

The workers say in line with this upgrading their own status also rose and the council promised to adjust pay scales.

"Last Friday they backpaid some of the workers while most got nothing.

"What galls us is that all the white officials have given

themselves fat cheques," a worker, who did not wish to be named, said yesterday.

He said it was decided that no one would work until the dispute was resolved.

Samwu officials and the CPA were unavailable for comment early today.

Earlier yesterday, scores of members of the Internal Stability Unit were on council premises, apparently to protect white council officials, who later drove away under police guard, workers said.

During a heated workers meeting, which union officials attended, some called for a complete work stoppage, while others countered that the community would suffer for lack of services.

It was suggested refuse removal workers would collect rubbish from the townships and dump it at council property daily.



**REFUSE:** Some of the refuse collected from the township yesterday and dumped on Ikapa Town Council premises by disgruntled workers involved in a backpay dispute with the council.

Picture OBED ZILWA, The Argus

## Deadline on new regions is extended

Political Staff

GREAT interest in its work has forced the Commission for the Delimitation/Demarcation of Regions to extend its deadline for written submissions to Friday

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The decision was taken yesterday by the commission, which has to submit a report to the multiparty Negotiating Council by the end of the month

In its proposals handed in yesterday, the National Regional Development Advisory Council said South Africa's nine development regions should be reduced to seven

These would be

- Northern Transvaal, Lebowa, Venda and Gazankulu,
- Eastern Transvaal and Kangwane,
- The PWV area,
- Natal and Kwazulu,
- The Free State, QwaQwa, Western Transvaal and parts of Bophuthatswana,
- The Eastern Cape, Transkei and Ciskei,
- The Western and Northern Cape, excluding the Vryburg area

## PO minimum wage up

DURBAN — The post office and two labour unions with which it had been in dispute since May signed an agreement yesterday increasing the minimum wage by R100 a month to R1 120 from April 1.

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## 500 Ikapa workers in protest march

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MORE than 500 Ikapa Town Council workers marched to the Cape Provincial Administration's regional offices in Goodwood to demand higher wages

The workers, members of the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu), demanded to see regional CPA director Mr Fanie Naude

A large police contingent watched from a distance as union secretary general Mr John Ernstzen handed over a list of demands yesterday to CPA representative Mr Gerrit Erasmus

The workers then marched to the Cape Showground in Goodwood where Mr Ernstzen addressed them

"We wanted to see Mr Naude but they told us he was in Johannesburg attending the Goldstone Commission," he said

"We will give them until Monday 9am for us to see Mr Naude," Mr Ernstzen said

He rejected a four percent promised increase

# Mfuleni residents sit tight

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By Sabata Ngcai

MFULENI residents are determined to continue occupying town council offices even though the stand-off has dragged on for over six weeks.

However, residents occupying the offices are not wasting time while the feud with councillors continues. They are using the opportunity to "educate the masses" by showing "struggle videos" on a television set.

Residents occupied Mfuleni Town Council offices from May 22 demanding the resignation of all councillors, the scrapping of the Interim Measures Act and an interim metropolitan council.

The Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has repeatedly refused to sack the councillors as it did to Ikapa and Lingelethu West Town Councils because there was "no prima facie evidence of corruption".

The CPA said Lingelethu West and Ikapa were toppled by demonstrations because there were "strong reasons" for the administration to pressurise councillors to resign.

Mfuleni Joint Committee (MJC) spokesperson Oliver Nqubelani said the people were determined to stay in the offices as long as the councillors refused to resign.

"Enthusiasm is still very high," said Nqubelani.  
"There are more people coming in, despite the fact that people have been here for 47 days," he said.

Nqubelani said the offices had become a home with stoves and refrigerators. He said they got food donations from businessmen which were cooked by residents for the occupiers.

Nqubelani said there was no set procedure as to whether people should stay there on shifts.

"People stay there, and those who want to go home during the day do so."

He said there were television sets brought by the people and MJC leaders organised video cassettes "to educate people about the struggle".

Various community and political organisations are also using the offices to hold their meetings and workshops.

The MJC will hold a referendum on Saturday "to show the authorities that their demands come from people and not from the leadership", Nqubelani said.



**OCCUPIERS: Mfuleni residents in the town council offices. They have pledged to remain until councillors resign.**

Photo Yunus Mohamed



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# Cape councils to declare 'boerestaat'?

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By Christelle Terreblanche

"EITHER they are with us and help restructure Cape Town, or they claim ownership of an area and declare a boerestaat in the middle of the Cape Town metropole"

This is the opinion of Mr John Neels, Sanco (South African National Civic Organisation) vice chairperson in the Western Cape, who has a high profile in local government negotiations in the area.

He was reacting to rumblings of resistance from the northern suburbs in the wake of the latest proposals for long-term local government restructuring.

"We will not accept amalgamation with greater Cape Town," says Mr Dave Wilken, town clerk of Goodwood. "Nobody can take away what is ours"

Pinelands mayor Mr Basil Cullen says: "We will lose our identity in a greater Cape Town, since this was the first Garden City in the country."

These councils, along with Kraaifontein and Strand, say they will lend their "co-operation" and assistance to townships and share services with them. But they will only amalgamate with townships if legislation forces them to. They will also resist being incorporated in the metropolitan structure for Cape Town.

Durbanville, Bellville, Stellenbosch and Parow have already indicated that they too would prefer not to be part of a Cape Town Metropole, but that they would be prepared to do their utmost to help build up the underprivileged areas.



JOHN NEELS

However, over the past 10 years none of the white authorities in the region has adhered to an agreement to donate 10 percent of their net earnings to the social upliftment of neighbouring townships.

Neels says that whatever happens, the changes will be negotiated with the local representatives and not decided for them. "If they declare UDI they will have to see for themselves that they cannot survive."

His opinion is echoed by Dr Allan Boesak, ANC Western Cape Chairperson. "If they want to break away to protect their privileges and don't contribute to the building of disenfranchised communities, there will be reaction," Boesak says.

Mr Clive Keegan, Cape Town's deputy mayor, was one of the first to put forward a long-term vision of a metropolitan government. He based this proposal on strong evi-

dence that the larger unit is, in the long run, the only one economically capable of ensuring the restructuring of its sprawling underdeveloped areas.

However, all the representatives of northern suburbs and towns whom SOUTH was able to speak to indicated they would rather unite into a Tygerberg Metropole.

Keegan sticks to his guns saying the Tygerberg area, including many Cape Flats townships, is not economically viable on its own. "It is inextricably linked to Cape Town, economically, spatially and functionally."

The debts and economic needs of townships are so severe that, according to research, no local amalgamation would see the councils' books out of the red.

Tygerberg mayors and town councils are said to have "closed ranks" now and are working out a viability plan of their own. They reject research showing that there is mass duplication of services in greater Cape Town's 65-odd councils and that this amounts to serious mismanagement of resources.

It is uncertain whether the greatest resistance is against the loss of mayoral privileges, or the amount of white taxpayers' money needed to build township infrastructure and service bases.

The interim legislation, currently being drafted after consensus in the Local Government Negotiation Forum, will be tabled in September and put the amalgamation of local councils into law.

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# Cape local govt set for a shake-up

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Proposals to get rid of apartheid local authorities involve the consent of people ranging from the PAC to conservative mayors. But will they all play along, asks **CHIARA CARTER**:

**N**EW PROPOSALS set to change the face of local government from Cape Town to Pofadder, are likely to see a range of diverse organisations, leaders and areas trying to tango in tandem.

An agreement reached by the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) — a body made up of the major statutory and extra-parliamentary players — in Johannesburg last week signals the start of a new era of non-racial local government.

The Cape Provincial Administration's Director of Constitutional Affairs, Dr Donald Graythorne, cautions that the LGNF proposals are guidelines and have a limited lifespan since they are designed for a transitional period.

Nevertheless, the proposals will mean dramatic change in the shape of the very government which most affects people's day-to-day lives.

ANC Western Cape chairperson, Dr Allan Boesak, defines the present phase as one of "moving towards non-racial political local government structures".

The proposals are likely to form the backbone of new legislation come September. Out go the Regional Services Council and all segregated local councils. In comes the Metropolitan Authority — a "super-council" which will co-ordinate and direct local government throughout the Cape Peninsula, possibly stretching as far as Paarl

And in come non-racial local authorities which marry adjacent black and white areas.

The first phase will see the scrapping of segregated authorities and the creation of a non-racial metro council.

The metro council will be appointed by the local negotiating forum and will be made up on a 50/50 basis of representatives from statutory bodies and non-statutory organisations.

The metro will co-ordinate the work of all local authorities within its boundaries and will address the need to improve services and allocate resources more fairly.

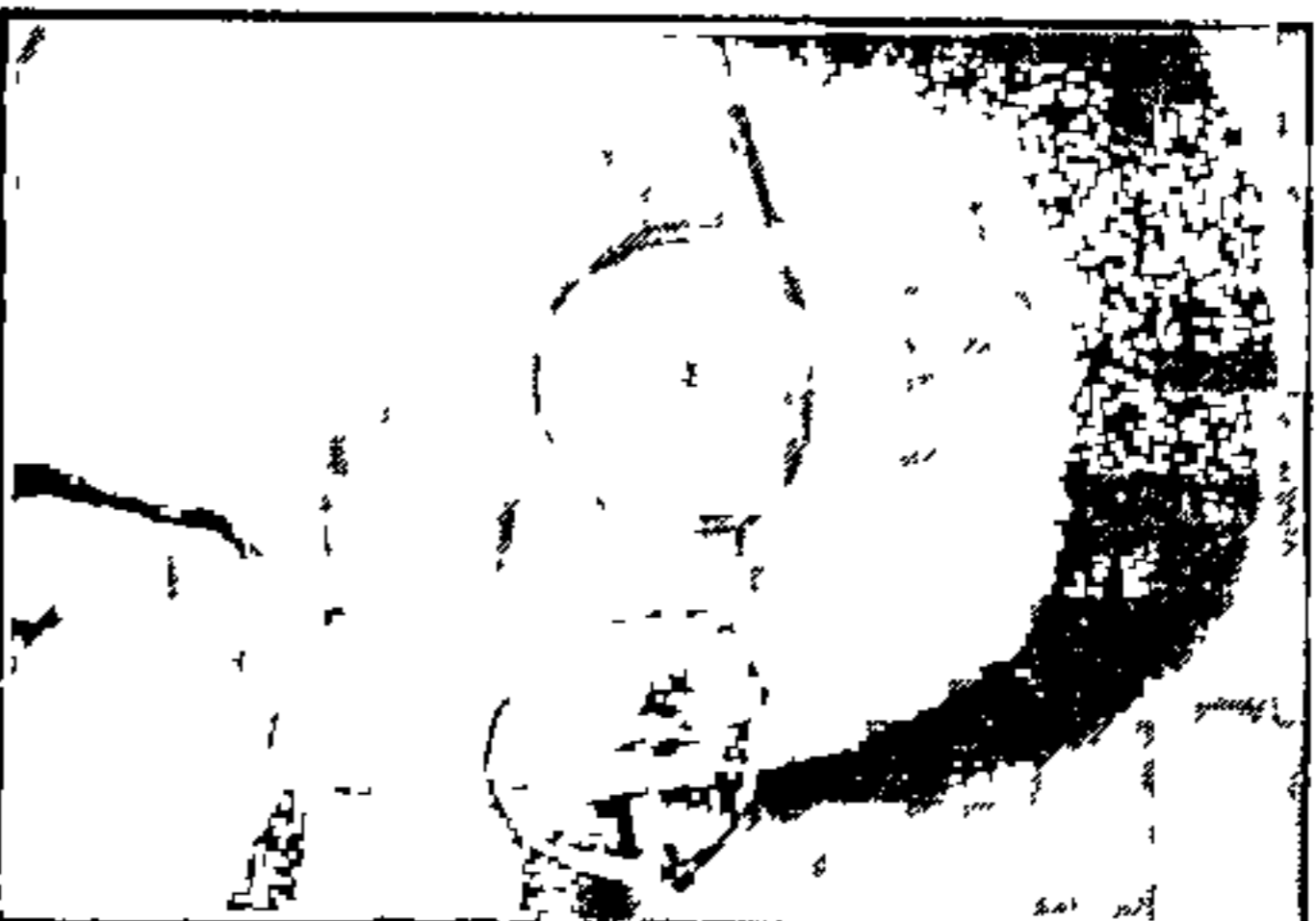
Local councils will have to be non-racial and will either be run solely by administrative staff, or by a council appointed on a 50/50 basis.

Later, local government will enter an interim phase when local and metropolitan councils are elected. This is likely to be six to 12 months after national elections, given the logistical tasks such as compiling a voters' roll.

Within this broad outline a large number of key issues remain unresolved.

● The accountability of those appointed to run the councils is unclear — a point of concern both for mass-based organisations like the PAC and ANC and, at the other end of the spectrum, for conservative councils.

The PAC's spokesperson on local government, Mr Batembu Lugulwana, says his organisation is con-



ALLAN BOESAK

cerned that people on the ground are not left out. Lugulwana said the non-statutory grouping would be holding local meetings to discuss developments with people.

● The size of the metro council is up for debate. A small council would facilitate decision-making but leave little room for local representation.

Who will be the new metro councillors is at this stage pure speculation but there can be little doubt that alongside familiar council figures will be rising lights from the South African National Civic Organisation, the ANC, the PAC and possibly Cosatu and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa).

Whether these organisations have the capacity to fulfil the task and keep their own structures going is another concern.

● Below the metro will fall the non-racial local authorities. How these will be composed, who will run them and what will be left for them to do remains to be decided. The powers of these councils are

*'Alongside familiar council figures will be rising lights from Sanco, the ANC, the PAC, and possibly Cosatu'*

likely to be highly limited — probably to localised affairs like zoning and advising the metro on local needs. Boesak acknowledges that local demands could clash with metro decisions and a difficult balancing act lies ahead.

Even the boundaries of these authorities present something of a headache.

Fish Hoek municipality would have to embrace Ocean View, Penelands could join with Langa but where will Khayelitsha go? Will the Cape Town City Council unite with Ikapa or stay as it is?

Not all local authorities are keen to join the party. Kraaifontein's mayor, Mr De Wet Marais, says his municipality is reluctant to join a super-metro and would prefer to fall within a Tygerberg metro. "It's a question of not combining apples and pears. We run this municipality like a business with the ratepayers as shareholders. We would prefer to keep things that way," Marais said. He said the council would "refuse" to dissolve in order to make way for appointed councils.

"We will never accept this non-democratic appointed council. We will fight it all the way," Marais warned.

If the Conservatives want out, at the other end of the spectrum the PAC is likely to remain in. Mr Lugulwana said while his organisation still had to discuss the new proposals, the PAC had so far been "absolutely united" with the other organisations who make up the non-

statutory side of the table.

Finance is another thorny issue. The government argues that 10 per cent of white budgets should be relocated to black areas. The non-statutory bodies want an audit of resources and needs before a formula is decided. Affluent suburbs will have to adjust to sharing facilities with poorer areas. This will probably translate into parking services to provide basics in townships.

Mr John Mur, chairperson of Cape Town City Council Planning Committee, said rates would go up. "The metro will have the taxing powers of the present RSC and people will have to pay a metropolitan rate."

According to Boesak, the basic essential services are likely to be water, sewerage, electricity, land, drainage and street lighting.

Boesak says that while it is unlikely the city can be financially self-sufficient, it should strive for this. "Government finance should go to priorities like the economy and education as well as the most depressed areas — the rural sector.

"It's in the long-term interests of the metro to aim for financial self-sufficiency," said Boesak.

Also on the cards is an end to the rent and services boycott in the townships. Boesak said while statutory bodies were demanding the scrapping of arrears, a transitional era of local government could see an end to the boycott if services were improved and rents and service charges made affordable.



# 'Cinderella' hurled into turmoil

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Weekend Argus Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH — The Eastern Cape, long considered the Cinderella province, has been thrown into turmoil with proposals for re-drawing the map for a new South Africa.

The fate of the Eastern Cape — whether a separate region or lumped with Border-Kei — has become one of the most emotive issues before the commission on delimitation/demarcation

Many felt that a televised remark by Regional Affairs Minister André Fourie, that the government would not have sleepless nights if the commission decided to unite the Eastern Cape with Border-Kei, reflected the official attitude to an area which is battling for survival

Only the African National Congress, "after proper consultation with members", has come out in support of the idea which big business sees as a scheme to pool the resources of the only industrialised area within the region

"As a business community we take exception to Mr Fourie's

willingness to compromise on the borders of the Eastern Cape," said Brian Wasmuth, director of the Midland Chamber of Industries, who warned that big business would pull out if the Eastern Cape became part of a greater region **ARG 10/07/95**

Pointing to political instability that had plagued Ciskei and Transkei, he said the Eastern Cape was a picture of relative political stability

"By putting together a region consisting of the Eastern Cape, Border, Ciskei and Transkei, divergent and opposing political thinking capable of generating intense conflict, instability and violence will be put into a single melting pot

"This could be the death knell of what otherwise could develop into an economic stronghold"

He said it would be a travesty of justice if the Eastern Cape were to be sacrificed in political interplays and trade-offs. The area would end up a strife-torn economic wasteland

The MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Eddie Trent, who is spearheading the campaign for a

separate region, said it was impossible to carve the country up into regions that were economically viable

The metropolitan areas of Cape Town, Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage and East London/Berlin had developed as national service and administration nodes

Each had potential for economic growth and job creation and it was essential to make government more accessible and functional

Black businessmen also came out in support of a separate region. Richmond Vantyi, chairman of the East Cape African Chamber of Commerce, said the Eastern Cape had shown relative political stability and strong political leadership

He said black businessmen had indicated they favoured a settlement where the Eastern Cape would operate as a region separate from Transkei, Ciskei and the Western Cape

He agreed with Mr Wasmuth that the economic base of the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage metropole would not be enough to assist the development of the vastly under-developed Kei area

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# W Cape region ranked '2nd richest'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE Western Cape region is likely to rank second — after the PWV area — in both the average individual wealth and overall productive output in the new South Africa

Statistics released by the Development Bank of Southern Africa and the Central Sta-

tistical Services show that citizens in a smaller south-western Cape proposed by the National Party would come close to matching the average earning power of workers in the PWV

In 1991, the average annual income per capita in the south-western Cape was about R8 300 compared with PWV

average of about R9 600

Even if the vast north-western Cape region was merged with the south-western Cape (as proposed by the ANC and in the NP's second-choice scenario), the expanded Western Cape region would still rank a comfortable second place

Although an enlarged Western Cape will be almost

double the size of the next biggest region, it will rank only fifth in population numbers with about 3,7 million people

An enlarged Western Cape will be the only region in the country which does not have an African majority. It will comprise 16% Africans, 24% whites, 59% coloureds and 1% Indians

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# Growth plan for City Bowl urgent priority

**CLIVE SAWYER**

*Municipal Reporter*

IN A NEW effort to ensure dynamic development of the City Bowl, the town planning committee has given the nod to a bold growth management plan which envisages a forum being set up of all major stakeholders in Cape Town

With far-reaching changes expected in city management and finance systems, the plan is aimed at establishing a framework to realise opportunities and counter threats

That may sound like planter-speak, but, in real terms, the City Bowl faces some of its biggest challenges since three little Dutch ships dropped anchor in Table Bay 300 years ago

Democracy may bring major new private investment, tourism and "social investment"

## Metropolitan crisis waiting to happen

*Weekend Argus Reporter*

A CITY planner's fact sheet shows the City Bowl to be far from perfect — polluted, with a looming transport crisis, an office market that is "not buoyant" — and, by international standards, undercrowded

■ About 120 000 people commuted into the central city daily

■ A growth management plan for the City Bowl, including the CBD, and drawing on the visions of businesses and residents, is to be devised urgently to save the economic powerhouse of the metropole.

like the redevelopment of District Six, but could mean Cape Town will lose its parliamentary status

The City Bowl is the most valuable capital asset in the south-western part of the country, with huge potential to draw tourism and investment and to create jobs

As the biggest, single source of property tax in the metropolitan area, its continued health will be vital to the future financial base of local government — and the financing of development in poorer parts of the city

A city planner's report said the growth management plan would be interlinked with other

processes to boost the region, including the Western Cape Economic Development Forum, the Metropolitan Development Framework and the regional growth management strategy

Traditionally, planning has focused only the central business district

But, now, the focus has been widened, because of three needs — to link the city with the sea, to link it with the mountain and to bring people back to the city

"There is a dire need to increase residential opportunity throughout the bowl, for a host of reasons including city effi-

It was unlikely that any new freeways would be built into the City Bowl and traffic congestion was expected to worsen

There were 36 000 parking bays in the central city, 18 per cent on-street, 15 percent in surface parking areas and 32 percent in covered parking garages. The rest (35 percent) was privately-owned, non-resi-

dential parking — a big encouragement to use cars rather than public transport

■ Minibus taxis have overtaken buses in the past four years in the number of passengers carried, while the number of first-class commuters using rail has dropped by 40 percent in the past eight years

■ The City Bowl was one part of Cape Town with an ar-

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ciency, transport, tourism, business viability, air quality and to redress forced removals of the past," said the report

Growth management would be a process — where development could take place, who should pay, who should decide, and how the process should be managed

Similar processes overseas have taken years and cost millions

"But growth management of the City Bowl cannot afford to wait for a deep and lengthy participation process — it must give every opportunity for interested people, organisations and authorities to make

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pollution problem. Pollutants, caused mainly by car exhausts, were trapped in the bowl's closed air-circulation system

■ Only 34 000 people lived in the City Bowl, 26 000 less than Bonteheuwel, 18 km away on the Cape Flats

The study said people living in the City Bowl were on average richer, older and better educated (263)

an input". And, this would have to be done within a year, via a series of public meetings and workshops

The rough schedule is that planners will distil input into a "vision" by October, and hold a short, intensive workshop programme in February

A draft strategy will be done in March and, if approved — July has been pencilled in for this, implementation of the strategy will begin immediately

The report said a crucial first question to be answered was whether there was broad support for the principle and method of proceeding

People were asked to give their comments on the future of the City Bowl — and their visions — to the city planner's department by the end of August

Architect Mr Revel Fox welcomed the emphasis on facilitating and encouraging appropriate development, rather than on control

He said "There can have been no time in the history of Cape Town when a clear vision of the City Bowl's future was more vital than now"

The proposed forum of all major stakeholders would provide an opportunity to canvass the views of all who lived and worked in the bowl, said Mr Fox

# Cape Town has come a long way

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THE centre of Cape Town has come a long way since Jan van Riebeeck established the Fort and Company's Gardens in 1652.

Then, the first streets ran parallel to the sea shore which necessitated frequent crossing of the freshwater streams flowing down from Table Mountain. But in 1710 it was decided that the direction of the main streets should be changed to run parallel to the streams and that the town be extended on both sides of the mountain.

The old city is roughly bounded by Buitengracht, Buitenkant and Wale Streets. The main streets such as Adderley, Burg, Long, Loop and Bree streets are unusual in that they are fairly broad for a city founded over three centuries ago.

## Renovated

Many 18th century buildings, still in fine condition, are used in the city centre. These include the Old Supreme Court which is now the Cultural History Museum, the Old Town House on Greenmarket Square, now known as the Michaelis Museum. One of the finest British buildings still in use is the old theatre in Riebeeck Square, better known now as St Stephens Church.

The imposing City Hall, built in sandstone imported from Bath in England, was designed in Italian renaissance style by architects H.A. Reid and F.G. Green. It features a 60.9 metre clock tower which is currently being cleaned and renovated. The tower contains a carillon of 39 bells.

Monuments, statues and public sculptures are a feature of the city. For many years the statue of Jan van Riebeeck in Adderley Street was recognised as being the "Gateway to Africa". Later he was joined by a statue of his wife, Maria de la Quellerie.

Further up — opposite the railway station — is the War Memorial, a grim reminder of the men who fell in the Great War the Second World War and the Korean War. It was moved and reorientated when the street was widened in 1959.



**BIRDS OF A FEATHER**  
Johannesburg entertainer Kevin Feathers explores the St Georges Mall and discovers some exotic buskers

Captain R.F. Scott, who died in March 1912, returning from the South Pole. The original monument unveiled in May 1916 was irreparably damaged by vandals in 1948, but a near replica in bronze was cast later. On the Grand Parade stands a statue of King Edward VII, now more commonly used as a resting place for pigeons and an ideal foothold for people wanting a bird's eye view of the many political rallies that take place on the Parade.

Cape Town's public statues would not be complete without a commemoration of the one of the city's most famous fathers Cecil John Rhodes. A double life-size statue of Rhodes stands in the centre of the Company's Garden and bears the inscription: "Your hunter-land is there" as his uplifted left hand points to the north.

At the top of the Gardens, in line with the SA National Art Gallery, is the Delville Wood Memorial.

# Du Noon 'profits' must be 'probed'

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BY AYESHA ISMAIL

A CALL has been made for an urgent public inquiry into the proposed Du Noon development after it was revealed that land owners whose properties were expropriated by the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) have reaped profits running into hundreds of thousands of rands.

In at least one case, a 12,78 hectare property that forms part of the proposed site has been expropriated for over R900 000 more than the owners paid for it just over two years ago.

The property, known as The Quarry, in the Milnerton municipal area, changed hands for R13 465 on June 25, 1991. It was expropriated for R890 000 earlier this month, a deeds search by Cape Metro has revealed.

Yesterday Democratic Party Member of Parliament Robin Carlisle called for an urgent public inquiry into the expropriation of land as

part of the Du Noon site. The CPA this week declined to comment on how they had arrived at the amounts paid for land in the area, saying that the subject of Du Noon was sub judice.

The resettlement of squatters from the Marconi Beam site — which is adjacent to the Milnerton Race Course — to Du Noon has been put on hold in terms of a Supreme Court order. The matter has been set down for hearing in the Supreme Court in November.

This was made an order of court after ratepayers and farmers, who are opposed to squatters being settled at Du Noon, brought an application against the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Koubs Meiring, and the Milnerton Municipality earlier this month.

Attempts to contact the owners of The Quarry, Ready Mix Materials Pty Ltd, were unsuccessful yesterday.

In terms of the expropriation order Ready Mix are to receive R890 000, plus an additional R41 700, apparently for relocation costs — a profit of R918 235 in just 25 months.

## Expropriated

The expropriation of Ready Mix's property — along with several other properties also expropriated at the same time — took place on July 1.

Transfer of the properties has not taken place yet, but according to informed sources the "agreement between the CPA and the owners on the expropriation amount was binding".

Mr Carlisle said that in light of the profits that would be made "it is clear that the Ready Mix transaction, and indeed all others involved in the Du Noon development, must be publicly investigated as a matter of urgency".

He called on Mr Meiring, to ensure that such an enquiry be "thorough and totally transparent".

"In the light of these latest developments the public needs to know what the total cost was of acquiring land for the Du Noon development," Mr Carlisle said.

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# Mfuleni voters stream to polls

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THOUSANDS of Mfuleni voters streamed to the polls yesterday in an unofficial referendum on whether or not they support their local authority.

Mrs Primrose Sikadi, wife of local ANC chairman Mr George Sikadi, estimated yesterday that the number of eligible voters was between 10 000 and 15 000. Polling opened at 8am, and was expected to go on until about 6pm. In the morning alone it was estimated that 2 000 people cast their ballots.

The referendum is being run by the Independent Mediating Service of South Africa, which was called in to try to solve an impasse between the councillors and a group of people "sitting-in" in municipal offices in protest against their continuing in their posts. Both sides claimed the support of the community.

The referendum is being overseen by the Network of Independent Monitors.

Mr Cameron Dugmore of the ANC Youth League said yesterday that the councillors had not formally bound themselves to accepting the result.

# Thumbs down for Mfuleni councillors in referendum

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□ Poll 'useful exercise' for new voters

**EDWARD MOLOINYANE**  
Staff Reporter

THE anti-council lobby won overwhelmingly in a referendum to determine support for town councillors in the tiny township of Mfuleni at Kuils River

The incident-free poll in the community hall yesterday was described by monitors and observers as free, fair and an eye-opener

Of the 2 302 residents who voted, 2 150 gave the thumbs down to the question "Do you support the present town council?"

Only 136 voted "Ewe" (Yes)

There were 16 spoilt papers

The referendum, conducted by Independent Mediation Services of South Africa (Imsa), follows a long-running row over the councillors, some of whom are refusing to resign in spite of a two-month old residents' campaign to unseat them

Attempts by various parties, including the Cape Provincial Administration, to resolve the issue failed and Mfuleni residents have been holed-up in council offices since May 22

Residents felt if the six councillors did not quit voluntarily a referendum was the only way to test support for them

But the CPA maintains results would not be binding because certain procedures had not been followed. The council-



Picture OBED ZILWA, The Argus

**VOTING:** A Network of Independent Monitors worker shows a voter to a polling booth during the referendum in Mfuleni yesterday

lors declined to take part

In the first poll of its kind for South African blacks, enthusiastic residents queued early to cast votes

Network of Independent Monitors (NIM) officials explained the procedure in detail before voters decided whether to put crosses next to "Hayi, No, Nee" or "Ewe, Yes, Ja"

Many voters who arrived after polling closed at 6.30pm were turned away

The significance of the event was demonstrated by the arrival of ANC MP Mr Jannie Momborg, regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni and PWV chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale, who was attending a rally in Khayelitsha

Mr Yengeni said the referendum had been a useful exercise in voter education

"Our people have never voted and exercises such as these, exposing them to the nitty-gritty of voting, is most welcome," he said

Monitors, most of whom had never handled an election, said they had also learnt much

## **Ikapa strike continues** (263)

A WEEK-LONG strike over salaries at the Ikapa town council offices in Guguletu by council workers continued yesterday

A sit-in at the Mfuleni town council offices near Kuils River also continued yesterday. It was reported Mfuleni residents voted unanimously at the weekend for the sacking of the councillors — Sapa

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# CPA regards referendum in Mfuleni as opinion poll

By PETER DENNEHY

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MFULENI's informal referendum at the weekend — over whether or not residents want their local councillors or not — is regarded as an opinion poll by the CPA

The results were: Those who do not support the present town councillors 2 150, those who do support them 136, and spoilt papers 16. No percentage poll figure is available, as there was no complete voters roll to begin with.

The Independent Mediating Service of SA oversaw the referendum, but did not wish to comment on it yesterday.

CPA spokesman Mr Krige Visser said since the referendum was not a legal one "we regard it as an opinion poll".

"The fact that about one-fifth of the possible voters took part contributes to our inability to act on it," he said.

Estimates concerning the number of eligible voters (men and women over 18 in Mfuleni) vary from 5 000 to 15 000.

# Councillors refuse to quit

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Staff Reporter

AN impasse developed in Mfuleni yesterday when the local town council reaffirmed its refusal to resign despite the continuing occupation of their offices — which could be on the way to setting a record for endurance

The sit-in reached its 53rd day today with the ANC saying it was possibly the longest ever

Legal representative of the council, Mr Barry Oberholzer, said the councillors still believed the future of local government lay in broader national negotiations and not on local agreements

Referring to the weekend referendum held to test the support of the councillors, Mr Oberholzer said it did not represent the whole community of Mfuleni

More than 2 000 residents took part in the referendum, the majority of which voted against the council. The referendum was overseen by the Independent Mediating Service of South Africa

The Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has since dismissed the referendum as not legal, regarding it as an opinion poll

Chairman of the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee, Mr Kent Mkalipi, said residents were having a series of meetings to decide the way forward

Meanwhile, Mr Oberholzer said one councillor, Mr V Felele, has tendered his resignation on the grounds of old age and his wife's ill health

## 80 arrested after council office sit-in

Staff Reporters

ABOUT 80 people were arrested yesterday after occupying the D'Almeida municipal offices in Mossel Bay on Monday. *CI 14/7/93*

Following the all-night sit-in, a meeting was held with mayor Mr Johann Oosterhuizen, who refused to meet the demands of the Mossel Bay Crisis Civic Association (MBCCA), a spokesman said.

The police were called in and people were arrested, he said.

The town clerk's office said comment will only be given later today.

MBCCA media officer Mr Dexter Brinkhuis said the conflict began over demands for the upgrading of council houses, among others.

# Reprieve on late council bills

By PETER DENNEHY

AN "extremely bad" postal delivery service has led the Cape Town City Council to postpone the penalties it charges on late electricity accounts and rates bills by an extra seven days

Assistant city treasurer Mr Ron Grace said the due date of many accounts was two weeks from the date on which the council sent the bill out

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"A lot of people have said this is not enough, so we will no longer implement the charge on the day after the due date. If a bill is due on the 10th, we will only charge interest, from the 18th"

Post Office spokesman Mr Shawn Bell said he could not understand why the council was taking these steps, as it had been told there was no longer a prob-

lem with the mail service

A letter posted in Cape Town to somewhere else in the city should get there the next day

"In May and June, we moved our sorting presses from Plein Street to the 32 000m<sup>2</sup> Cape Mail premises in Goodwood. The move took about a month, resulting in a backlog. There were problems in June, but now things are back to normal."

# Sack the council, demand ratepayers

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## Staff Reporter

MILNERTON town councillors are causing "irreparable harm" to the community through their handling of the Du Noon squatter settlement controversy — and should be relieved of their posts immediately

So say the chairmen of the Milnerton, Table View, Bothasig and Richwood ratepayers' associations

Requesting the "urgent" assistance of Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring, the combined ratepayers' associations have called for the appointment of an experienced official to take over the councillors' functions until a municipal election is called

But a spokesman for the Administrator said the province had no authority to remove elected councillors

In a letter delivered to the Administrator recently, the chairmen alleged councillors were inept, unable to implement agreed regulations, spent large sums with little return, caused devaluation of property, ignored ratepayers and disregarded the environment

Bothasig chairman Mr Robbie Upton said the "squatter situation was the catalyst but not the sole reason for the letter"

The main concern of ratepayers was the fact that the Du Noon issue had driven a wedge through the council. "There's so much infighting that nothing is being done."

Milnerton town clerk Mr Peter Gerber said he preferred not to comment as he was an appointed official, not an elected representative.

But Table View councillor Mr Russell Gie said he supported the democratic right of ratepayers to call for the resignation of councillors.

However, councillors still voted "as they thought correct on any topic and I don't think the Du Noon issue has affected the working of the council".

Spokesman for the Administrator Ms Melame Dedekind said councillors were elected in terms of municipal ordinance and the Administrator did not have the right to remove them

# Zim 'to move on white farms'

HARARE — Large tracts of commercial farmland are set to be seized after official sources said the government had rejected most appeals against the expropriation of 70 mostly white-owned farms covering 190 000ha

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Officials in the Ministry of Agriculture said 49 farmers had lodged formal objections after receiving designation notices indicating the government's in-

tention to seize their farms for resettlement (263)

Of these, 22 were reprieved, while at least 27 farms will be expropriated, the sources said

For the next two years, the owners of these farms and of the other 21 properties whose owners did not object to designation, are barred from selling their property, improving it or removing any of the fixtures

Observers said the disclosure illustrates the government's determination to seize five million hectares of white-owned commercial farms and transfer them to peasant farmers from overcrowded communal areas

The Land Acquisition Act passed in March last year allows the government to nationalise land at the price it sets, and bars owners from suing the government for compensation — Sapa

## Councillors

### quit after sit-in

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TOWN councillors at Qwanagwaba, near Mossel Bay, resigned after several residents of the township held a sit-in at the municipal offices to demand their resignation. (263)

Meanwhile, police said there were only "minor incidents" in Mossel Bay yesterday following three days of violence — in which two people were killed — in reaction to electricity supplies being cut because of an accounts boycott.

● In Klipplaat, the sit-in at the town clerk's office remained unresolved yesterday — Sapa

# W Cape set to have its own

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## Local government talks forum

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

MORE than 50 Western Cape statutory and non-statutory local government bodies will meet on July 28 for final talks on founding a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

If agreed to, the forum will devise proposals for interim local government within the framework of the multiparty process and national guidelines.

The forum's mission will be to create "democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, accountable, developmental and financially viable local government in the Cape metropolitan area."

Western Cape Regional Services Council boundaries will be used as

provisional boundaries for the metropolitan area.

A proposed founding document says the forum should have 60 members, with 30 each from statutory and non-statutory bodies. It will have two chairmen, one from each group.

Representation on a 12-member steering committee will be on the same lines.

Statutory bodies are defined as those which have been part of the local government system, including the provincial administration, regional services council, city and town councils, and parliamentary political parties.

Non-statutory bodies are those which have been excluded from, or refuse to take part in, the system. Proposals for composition and

powers of the forum were made by a 15-member interim committee convened by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA (Idasa).

The forum will decide on:

- The nature of local government bodies to be elected or appointed, whether metropolitan, local or both;
- Representation on these bodies;
- Functions, powers, and duties of these bodies;
- Boundaries for the Cape metropolitan area;
- Sources of revenue, in line with "one city, one tax base" principles.

The fate of black local authorities and management committees

will also be discussed by the forum.

The forum will feed its decisions into the national process.

The steering committee will set up working groups, manage finances, call meetings of the forum, and establish deadlock-breaking mechanisms.

Three working groups are proposed to cover interim boundaries, structure and representation; interim finance and services; and management, administration and training.

Meetings of the forum will be open to the public and Press, but meetings of the steering committee and working groups will be closed.

Proceedings will be in English, with translations into Xhosa and Afrikaans.



# More set to cash in on bigger pensions

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
**Municipal Reporter**

THREE city councillors and a management committee member have asked to join the Municipal Councillor's Pension Fund — with its controversial "buy back" option — and if approved could drain more than R300 000 from council reserves

The councillors are deputy utilities chairman Mr Jack Frost, Mr Tony Powell and Mr Gerry Sullivan. All have been on the council for more than the qualifying eight years

The management committee member is Mrs Patricia Lategan of Athlone and District.

The scheme allows councillors to "buy-back" service to enhance their pensions. They pay 29,25 percent of the cost, and ratepayers 70,75 percent

Years not served cannot be bought back, but years served in which contributions were not made can be

The introduction of the scheme in 1988 led to heated debate in the council

Funds voted at the time for pensions for 15 councillors and 25 management committee members amounted to about R1,6 million.

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said the fund had notified all local authorities to invite eligible councillors and management committee members to join

# Idasa warns of election pitfalls

MICHAEL MORRIS  
Political Correspondent

SOUTH Africa could end up in a "terrifying power vacuum" with a headless bureaucracy and armed forces with no central accountability if next year's elections were not well conducted, and the results broadly accepted.

This warning by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa's (Idasa) comes as political parties prepare for the first democratic elections.

Idasa programme director Mr Paul Graham says in the editorial of the Institute's journal, *Democracy in Action*, that although the elections are "not everything", they could provide South Africa with a kick-start

"Trusted and representative government, the ending of international isolation, the chance for a new start in human rights, policing, civil service, development projects. these are the tonics we all need to deal with the malady of violence and despair"

But, for these things to be achieved, South Africans need to grasp the opportunity.

"If we do not get these elections right, we could find ourselves in a terrifying power vacuum with a headless bureaucracy and armed forces with no central accountability

"Nobody should underestimate the dangerous passage we are going through," he said

# Forum for motor ferry industry

Labour Reporter

A NEGOTIATING forum has been established in the motor ferry industry involving the Transport and General Workers Union and five of the biggest companies in the sector.

A joint statement by the union and the SA Motor Ferry Association said: "A feature of the agreement is that the union and the association will submit their demands to one another by no later than the end of July each year, with negotiations commencing in August for implementation on January 1 every year."

# Wienburg slams pension deal

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg wants colleagues to vote against a proposal to allow three councillors to join the controversial "buy-back" pension scheme.

"I have always been opposed to the principle of buying back service, especially where this will have a negative impact on hard-pressed ratepayers' funds, because the R300 000 will be taken from fast-diminishing reserves.

"I trust councillors will have the common sense and sensitivity to vote against this proposal," Mr Wienburg said.



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# Ratepayers' bodies organise 'umbrella'

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**Municipal Reporter**

LONG-ESTABLISHED ratepayers' associations have begun to organise themselves into a city-wide "umbrella organisation" to take part in greater Cape Town's local government negotiating forum.

The forum is to be the body which will appoint "interim councils" on a 50-50 basis (half from the establishment, half from the non-establishment) for the transitional period, before non-racial elections for local government can be held.

The person who is taking the lead in establishing the new "civics organisation" power block is Ms Felicity Purchase, chairman of the Fish Hoek Residents' Association.

She said yesterday that she and others had realised there would be no place in a 60-member forum for the dozens or perhaps hundreds of fragmented ratepayers' associations throughout the Peninsula.

"The SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) and Cape Areas Housing Action Committee are organised in the right way to have representation on the forum. But they don't represent us," she said.

"We don't want to be sidelined in a forum at which our future will be decided."

A proposed founding document for the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is due to be discussed at a meeting on July 28 in the Civic Centre.

# Council to vet 'buy-backs'

## Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN city council will have to decide next week whether it will allow three of its members to "buy back" years on its pension scheme

If the council agrees to the buy-back, the three — Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Tony Powell — and management committee member Mrs Patricia

Lategan will cost the council about R300 000

None of the three councillors have been members of the pension fund up to now, but all three have now indicated that they would like to join the fund and participate in the buy-back

In terms of the rules of the scheme, the council contributes 70,75% of the buy-back costs,

while the member pays the rest — gradually, over nine years, if he or she wishes.

Councillors may only buy back years they have served, up to a maximum of eight years, and only if they have served at least eight years on the council

● Fewer than half of the present 31 Cape Town city councillors are members of the pension scheme.

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# Council, union still talking

**Municipal Reporter**

ALL-DAY talks between the Cape Town branch of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the council ended without perceptible progress yesterday

Mr Salie Manie, president of Samwu in Cape Town, said that further meetings were planned

He stressed that meetings had been set up in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and many other municipalities besides Cape Town with a view to heading off the municipal strike which has

been announced for August 2

"We will have to find a way to pull together all these positions emerging all over the country," he said

Mr Manie said the increase being offered by the council was unsatisfactory and there was something "immoral" about councillors allocating themselves 29,3% allowance increases at the same time

Executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner could not be reached for comment on behalf of the council last night

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Picture: OBED ZILWA, The Argus

**REFUSE PILES UP:** The pile of rubbish dumped by striking Ikapa Town Council workers on council premises is growing daily. By yesterday it was several metres high

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## Rotting mountain now nearly '3 weeks high'

**EDWARD MOLOINYANE**  
Staff Reporter

A STINKING, rotting mountain of refuse is piling up outside the Ikapa Town Council offices in Guguletu, where a workers' strike and sit-in over back-pay enters its third week today.

The dispute, involving about 700 workers, has paralysed municipal services in Guguletu, Nyanga, Langa and New Crossroads. Disgruntled employees have been collecting refuse from the townships and dumping it on council premises.

The row follows the council's failure to back-pay all workers after Ikapa was upgraded to a Grade 9 municipality. Employees say their status rose with the upgrading and the council undertook to adjust their pay scales.

But only a few workers, including the white staff, were paid last month, sparking the bitter wrangle. The white staff left under police protection and have not been to work since.

Workers have also been sitting in at the council offices and this week at the Provincial Administration's Goodwood offices.

Yesterday workers said Administrator Kobus Meiring had agreed to meet a worker delegation on July 28 after refusing a previous request. This was confirmed today by CPA spokesman Mr Krige Visser, who said Mr Meiring was overseas at present.

A member of the shop steward committee said morale among employees was high but problems were emerging.

"The tanks at the depots are running out of fuel and this will obviously hamper our refuse collection service."

## Civics move in as councillors move out

By SHADLEY NASH: Port Elizabeth  
CIVIC organisations in Eastern Cape towns are operating from premises once occupied by their erstwhile enemies, the black local authorities.

In Humansdorp, the community is poised to go a step further with the African National Congress planning to take over a satellite police station in the township of kwaNonzamo.

With the collapse of 51 black local authorities in the Eastern Cape, civic and community organisations have taken the gap and occupied office space in the buildings once used by black town councillors.

In Port Elizabeth, the local branch of the South African National Civic Organisation has, since early this year, taken charge of office space in a building once used by the Department of Bantu Affairs. It was later taken over by the corruption-riddled Ibhayi City Council. In Humansdorp, the civic organisation and the Black Sash advice office have been using the offices of the black local authority since May last year.

Civic spokesman Phumzile Oliphant said the civic will meet township administrator Willie Pretorius on July 28 to discuss taking over the vacant municipal police station. Pretorius said he wants the civic to sign a formal lease — Pen

# 'Bungle' cost city R63 000

Staff Reporter

THE council has cost rate-payers an extra R63 000 by posting notices of new valuations and 1993 rates bills in separate envelopes

Property owners who have already been notified of the new valuations of their properties have complained that what they really want to know is how much they will have to pay — but this is not shown on the notices

Some have been alarmed to find that their new municipal valuations are several times higher than at present

They say not sending out notifications and bills together amounts to a "bureaucratic bungle" that will cost the council R63 000 — 140 000 at 45 cents — in postage costs, as well as time spent dealing with telephone calls

## Separate postings queried

Council public relations officer Mr Ted Doman explained that council bills formed their own envelopes, into which other papers could not be inserted

It was also a legal requirement that valuation notices be sent out Giving notice of the valuation at the same time as submitting the bill was dubious in law

Other council officials have also said matching notices with bills would be unpractical

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Mr Doman said one council department worked out the valuations and another worked out the actual amounts that owners had to pay — taking into account any applicable rebates

In general, it was possible to work out how much one's annual rates bill would be by multiplying the municipal valuation by 1,172 cents, if one's property was residential, then dividing by 100 to get back to rands

"The new rate (number of cents per rand of municipal valuation) is a fifth of the old, so if your property went up 10 times in value you pay twice as much in rates," Mr Doman said

● Some of the bills may already be in the post, as an unnamed council official told an inquirer on Wednesday that bills were due to be posted that evening. The council has said officially that all bills should be posted by the end of today



CPA 'dragging  
heels' on talks

THE SA Municipal Workers Union yesterday accused the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) of "dragging its heels" by only agreeing to discuss the protest by Ikapa workers occupying the CPA's Goodwood offices on July 28.

● ANC Youth League members yesterday continued to occupy town council offices at Zwilile, Hermanus. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

## Meiring will meet strikers

Staff Reporter ~~25~~

MUNICIPAL services in Guguletu, Langa, New Crossroads and Nyanga remain paralysed as the strike by about 700 workers at the Ikapa Town Council over a wage dispute enters its 14th day today ~~263~~ ~~250~~

Mr Krige said the administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring had agreed to meet workers next Wednesday to try and resolve the crisis

Mr Meiring is presently overseas CT24/1/73

# Council sit-ins spread further

By Sabata Ngcal and  
Lovejoy Kweza

SIT-INS and occupations have rocked the Cape region in recent weeks. There are now three protracted protests of this type in township council offices.

Disgruntled Ikapa Town Council (ITC) employees, in the third week of their sit-in, have vowed to continue until they are addressed by the administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Mering.

The workers began a sit-in on July 5 after they could not get money due to them from the ITC.

The workers are engaged in a bitter wrangle with their employers over money they were supposed to get when the town council was upgraded in 1989 from grade 8 to grade 9. The upgrading entitled workers to increased salaries.

The CPA had not prepared a press statement by the time



**OCCUPATION: Ikapa Town Council employees are occupying the council's offices until their demands are met**

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Photo Yunus Mohamed

**SOUTH** to the press. Apart from occupying offices at the CPA's Goodwood offices, ITC employees are also protesting by collecting refuse from the township and dumping it inside the council premises.

The workers are adamant they will only leave the offices if Mering comes to address them. "If he comes with something

positive we are prepared to listen to him," said shop steward Mr Sidima Godlo.

Meanwhile a sit-in by **Middleni** residents at their Town Council offices has entered its ninth week. The residents still insist they will not leave the offices until all the councillors have resigned.

However, the council's legal representative Mr Barry Oberholzer

said the six councillors would only resign when a new non-racial local authority was in place and elections held for a new councillors **(218)**

Councillors in **Hermannus** are the latest targets of protests with residents of the **Zwehlhe** township occupying the municipal offices demanding the resignation of the councillors.

According to Mr Thozamile

Makalima of the Hermannus ANC branch, residents have been occupying the municipal offices since last Thursday.

They are demanding the immediate resignation of councillors, leveling of the roads, leasehold housing given to people renting houses, and a drainage system on the new township sites.

"We will not leave the premises until our demands are met," Makalima said.

He said **Zwehlhe** residents have been making these demands since February 1990 but the CPA has not responded.

On Monday a **Hermannus** AWP member who went to the municipal offices to pay his rent reported to the police that one of the protesters at the offices had a weapon.

The police investigated but only discovered a wooden AK-47. According to Makalima the police and the AWP member demanded that the protesters vacate the premises but the protesters refused to budge.

"We told them the premises belonged to the community," Makalima said.

"The police have been here several times since the occupation started," he said.

Police spokesperson Captain John Sterrenberg said a municipal vehicle was damaged on Sunday when 200 people gathered in front of the municipal offices. Makalima denied the protesters were responsible.



# Training hospitals in battle for life

SI Times (C/Metro)  
25/1/93

CAPE TOWN'S three training hospitals are engaged in a life-and-death battle to provide an adequate health-care service despite rampant inflation and falling subsidies.

Groote Schuur, Tygerberg and Red Cross Hospitals together claim more than R1,6 billion of the Cape Province's R2,4b annual health budget. Now hospital administrators are urgently researching alternative means of boosting income without reducing services offered.

While hospital budgets have annually increased by a single-digit percentage, these increases have not come close to keeping up with the rate of inflation, which has averaged 15 percent a year. Health services face steep operational costs in that most medicines and equipment have to be imported.

The desperate situation facing hospitals in

By PETA KROST

the Cape came to light this week in the wake of the Cape Provincial Administration's probe into the use of funds in state hospitals in which it was found R75 million had been saved.

The three teaching hospitals were excluded from the CPA investigation because, according to MEC for hospital and health services Mr Pieter Marais, they will be autonomous from April 1994. This effectively means they will have to start generating their own funds to add to state subsidies.

But authorities at these hospitals said they have been cutting costs for up to five years and can barely make ends meet.

Cutting back much further would mean cutting on essential services.

With a policy of never refusing services and up to 90 percent of patients being indigents, they say they can generate little.

While all three hospitals encourage the idea

of spreading the medical services burden to primary and secondary health care units, they argue it shouldn't be at their expense.

They are desperately trying to maintain their services in providing specialist treatment for all and training for prospective and established medical practitioners.

"We have already been told that if we exceed our budget this year, the excess will be taken off next year's quota," said Mr Flip Scriven, deputy director of Tygerberg Hospital.

"Once we are autonomous we will still get a subsidy from the government but we are not sure where how we will get the rest of the money needed to keep giving the same service," he said.

Groote Schuur's senior medical superintendent Dr Robin Pelteret that 72 percent of their budget of almost R392 million goes to staff salaries. Frozen posts have left 13.1 percent of positions vacant, saving R32 m but increasing the load on other staff.

The other hospitals have also decreased staff but Red Cross' senior medical superintendent Dr Rod Marshall says they are not in a position to cut down on staff, which is the biggest money-eater, so they have to look elsewhere for cuts.

The next thing that might have to suffer is our services but what people must understand is that you don't reconstruct hospitals like Groote Schuur — if it's dead, it's dead," said Dr Pelteret.

## Budget

The Director-General of the Department of Health Services and Population, Dr Coen Slabber, said "serious cutbacks will be across the board" and by cutting costs in the health services, the academic hospitals will suffer because they consume 34 percent of the national health budget.

"The situation in Cape Town is a result of irresponsible and bad planning on the part of the government and these hospitals. The available money will have to be pumped into primary health so the academic hospitals will lose," said DP health spokesman Mr Mike Ellis.

# Talks boost moves for new local govt

S Times (Cimetro)

25/1/93

By NAZEEM HOWA

NEGOTIATIONS towards a new local government structure for the Western Cape will take a major step forward on Wednesday when more than 50 Western Cape statutory and non-statutory bodies meet to thrash out a founding document for a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF)

A draft founding document is presently being circulated among all the invitees and heated debate on it is expected at Wednesday's meeting

According to the draft document, the forum's mission will be to create "democratic, non-racial, non-sexist, accountable, developmental and financially viable local government in the Cape

Metropolitan area"

The document makes provision for three working groups to investigate interim boundaries, structure and representation, interim finance and services, and management, administration and training

A compromise proposal provides for the election of two co-chairpersons — one from the statutory groups, the other from the non-statutory groups — as well as a four-person secretariat with two from statutory and two from non-statutory bodies

Several participants are concerned at the clause on decision-making which proposes that the forum endeavour to reach consensus

Where this is not possible it allows the chairpersons, in consultation with the steering committee, to decide if there is sufficient consensus

The launch of a regional negotiating forum is follows a decision by the national Local Government Negotiating Forum to work towards preparing draft legislation for the September parliamentary session

Although the LGNF is not a statutory body, observers believe its recommendations will carry substantial weight at the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum. The proposed legislation should pre-

pare the ground for councils to be replaced by Transitional Metropolitan Authorities made up on a 50-50 basis between statutory and non-statutory bodies. After national elections, the transitional structures would be replaced in elections for new local government structures (263)

The launch of the CMNF is a major step towards resolving several key differences between statutory and non-statutory bodies and will pave the way for further discussions

A key unresolved issue is the make-up of the new Transitional Metropolitan Authorities

Statutory bodies have proposed that all existing councillors, members of Coloured Management Committees (CMC) and Black Local Authorities (BLA) retain their positions during the interim phase. They propose that the non-statutory bodies appoint an equal number of representatives to serve on the councils during this phase

The non-statutory bodies differ. They have proposed that all CMC and BLA members resign their posts as they envisage existing councils appointing 50% of their number to serve during the interim phase, with non-statutory bodies filling the other 50% of the posts

# iKapa sit-in now week old

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Staff Reporter

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TWENTY-THREE iKapa Town Council employees have been occupying the Goodwood office of Mr Faan Naudé, head of the CPA's community services branch, for exactly a week today

Spokesman Mr Nyanisile Somzi said yesterday that their salaries had continued to be paid at "grade eight municipality" rates after their local authority was upgraded to grade nine status on July 1, 1989

More than 1 000 employees were affected by this non-adjustment of salaries or wages, he said

Those sitting in at the office are a mixture of labourers, office workers and security staff organised by the SA Municipal Workers' Union

They have been assured that their grievances will be on the agenda of a meeting concerning the future of local government on Wednesday

There was no comment from the CPA yesterday, but security guards at the offices had been ordered to allow the Cape Times in to speak to the protesters

One of the men sitting-in, who declined to be named, threatened to take "drastic action" if their grievance was not solved. He would not elaborate

On the first night, the protesters had neither food nor blankets, but on the following day the authorities allowed their family members to bring in supplies. The protesters were watching television

The office appeared tidy, considering that it had been occupied for a week

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Meiring  
has talks  
with union

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Staff Reporter

CAPE Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring held a marathon meeting last night with SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) representatives in connection with the three-week-old strike by Ikapa Town Council workers

A spokesman for the CPA, Mr Frikkie Odenaal, said members of the community, including organisations such as the Azapo, the PAC and the ANC, had also attended

A deadlock had been reached over the issue of "discriminatory" increases and backpay

A CPA spokesman said last night it had been decided at yesterday's meeting to form a working group of nine members, consisting of three Ikapa workers, three members of the Ikapa community and three CPA officials

The group would meet today and make recommendations to the Administrator

# New committee to handle Ikapa pay dispute

EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

THE crisis at the Ikapa Town Council, which has been embroiled in a bitter pay dispute with workers for the past month, will be dealt with by a committee formed after a meeting between Administrator Kobus Meiring and striking council workers

CPA spokesman Frikkie Odendaal said the nine-member committee, comprising three members each from the province, the Ikapa Town Council workers and the community, would start working today as a "matter of urgency"

"The committee will investigate and make recommendations to the administrator to solve the dispute between the town council and its workers," he said

The workers say that since Ikapa was upgraded to a grade 9 municipality in 1989, they have been promised salary adjustments in line with the new status.

But when the back-pay was made early this month, only a few were paid and the rest received nothing.



# City forum on local govt soon

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By PETER DENNEHY

CONSENSUS was reached last night that the Cape Metropolitan Local Negotiating Forum — the body which will appoint new councils, possibly from as early as October this year — is to be launched on September 6

However many tensions emerged at a report-back meeting of the local forum's steering committee in the Civic Centre

Mr Louwtjie Rothman of the Cape Province Municipal Association said Gordon's Bay, Strand, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Wellington would not speak in discussions as they did not wish to be part of the Cape Town metropolis

Mr Salie Manie, vice-chairman of the national level negotiating forum on local government, said legislation was being drawn up for promulgation in September to enable local forums to appoint transitional metropolitan councils (TMCs) and then transitional

## Body will appoint councils

local councils (TLCs) to replace existing municipal councils

Half the new councillors on the TLCs and TMCs will be appointed by the "non-statutory" grouping, which includes the ANC, PAC, SACP, SA National Civics Organisation, Cosatu and squatters' associations. The other half will be appointed by the "statutory" group of organisations already serving in local government

Mr Manie predicted at a press conference just before the meeting that all local authority councils "will cease to exist in their current form" from October 1. All the administrations would remain intact, but a period of about

three months would be given in which forums would appoint new councils

If this is not done by the end of the year, the national level local government negotiating forum may make the appointments

The new municipal councils will not necessarily have the boundaries that they do at present, he said, as black local authority and management committee areas are likely to merge with white municipalities

Professor Danie Schumann, president of the United Municipal Executive, said: "We will return to the pre-1972 situation. That was the year in which black areas were cut out of municipalities and placed under the Bantu Administration Boards"

A proposal had been made that local authority elections could be held in October next year, Mr Manie said

He said he hoped both the statutory and non-statutory teams would use democratic means to determine which names they would put forward as councillors

# Emergency service on call

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## Staff Reporter

IN an emergency, whether it be a snake in the garden, floods or a gas cylinder explosion, Capetonians have help on hand

Just dial 400-3333 and a member of the Civil Protection Unit (CPU) will arrange for assistance.

The city's protection system

marshals all available resources within the community to overcome a specific civil emergency or disaster

To raise public awareness of the project representatives of various industries and organisations were taken through the CPU headquarters yesterday

The unit deals with industrial and technological disasters,

wars, civil strife and epidemics

To create public preparedness, the unit has a training section. They plan courses including the training of emergency controllers, emergency casualty and fire teams and on various occasions run exercises, seminars and demonstrations

The CPU operates only in the city

# RSC rejects Du Noon change

**Municipal Reporter**

MILNERTON municipality's request for an amendment to the Guide Plan to facilitate the development of Du Noon was turned down by the Western Cape Regional Services Council yesterday

This rejection will not, however, hold up the development of the new township, the CPA says, as the Less-Formal Townships Act of 1991 specifically exempts such townships from the provisions of guide plans

Milnerton wanted to change its

Table View North structure plan to reflect the presence of the Du Noon township, and it cannot do this unless the structure plan is consistent with the broader, metropole-wide guide plan

There was little discussion of the matter at yesterday's meeting, as chairman Mr Piet Loubser stressed that the RSC need not take sides in the row over the development

All that was before the council was a decision as to whether or not the the proposed development was in conflict with the

guide plan, and whether the plan should be changed, he said

The RSC accepted a report which pointed out that the Du Noon site was designated industrial in terms of the Guide Plan at present. It would eventually be part of a corridor of industrial and commercial development

Rezoning of large portions of land for a single usage created islands of poverty

The planners said they preferred developing smaller pockets of land for low-income housing, so that these could fit in more easily with their surrounds

# All race polling date set for new councils

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter  
SOUTH AFRICA'S first  
non-racial municipal  
elections could be held  
in October next year

Before then, conserva-  
tive councils or areas  
that lag in setting up fo-  
rums for local govern-  
ment could find them-  
selves forced by law to  
do so

This is part of a draft  
timetable in which all  
local authorities will  
cease to exist in their  
present form in October  
this year

Local Government  
Negotiating Forum vice-  
chairman Mr Salie  
Manie said a final draft  
of the Local Govern-  
ment Transition Bill  
was being prepared for  
the short session of par-  
liament in September

The Bill would be  
aimed at the appoint-  
ment of transitional  
councils, and legislation  
that would provide  
guidelines for setting up  
metropolitan forums

Any structures set up  
under the Interim Mea-  
sures Act would be test-  
ed in terms of these  
guidelines, and if it  
failed, councils would be  
advised to comply with  
national procedures

Cities and towns  
would be given about  
two to three months af-  
ter October to set up  
joint administrations

After that, compliance  
would be forced by in-  
tervention from national  
forums would appoint  
new councils, half from  
statutory and half from  
non-statutory groups

Clarifying a point that  
had caused confusion,  
Mr Manie said this  
meant half the council-  
lors in any council  
would lose their seats

"It is not ideal, but it's  
a move towards the in-  
clusion of people previ-  
ously excluded from the  
system"

Boundaries would be  
defined in close liaison  
with the national negoti-  
ations process, Mr  
Manie said

In drawing up bound-  
aries for future councils  
there would be a "clear  
intention" to deracialise  
cities and towns

# Councillors' allowances to be cut from 29.3 to five percent

Mayor, deputy to get 10 percent after DP caucus move approved

**CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter**

CITY councillors today agreed to a Democratic Party caucus move to slash their allowance increase from 29.3 percent to five percent

The mayor, deputy-mayor and executive committee will get 10 percent. The decision, which was won by 21 votes to five, will be made retrospective to July to cancel out increases already paid

Mr Arthur Wienburg, who last month proposed that councillors' increases be four percent and the mayor's 10 percent, accused the DP caucus of changing the increase to five percent "because you can't agree with Wienburg"

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the 29.3 percent increase should be kept.

Mr Wienburg, who is a member of the Democratic Party but not of the caucus, moved the motion at the council's monthly meeting today

The motion was suspended last month after DP caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg invoked a procedural rule adjourning debate on the item for a month

Dr Sonnenberg said before today's meeting that the caucus had had problems getting unity on the decision

"Opinions in the caucus were widely divergent — from taking no increase to going along with the proposed motion"

He said he had asked for debate of Mr Wienburg's motion to be suspended last month because many people had been unable to attend

Dr Sonnenberg said the retrospective decrease in the cut would be worked out according to a formula

What had, been paid would be deducted from the next allowances "so we get the correct amount"

# Allowance

# increase

# cut to 5%

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## Municipal Reporter

THE decision by city councillors to slash their allowance increase from 29.3% to 5% was taken for party-political reasons, councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott charged yesterday.

"I suspect that this has something to do with the belief that the Democratic Party is not going to do so well in the townships," she said, referring to the move which was initiated by the Democratic Party caucus in the council

In terms of the decision, allowances payable to ordinary councillors and management committee members are to be cut back from the hitherto 29% increase over the June amounts, to just 5% from September 1

But the mayor, deputy mayor, chairman, and members of the executive committee as well as chairmen of management committees will get 10% increases

Mrs Stott predicted the present dis-

pensation on councillors' allowances would not last long because "very few" of the expected new councillors would have private incomes or husbands who could support them

"It is short-sighted to ensure that only people with private incomes can offer to serve on this council," she said

Dr John Sonnenberg, leader of the DP caucus, explained "why we appeared to be stalling" last month over the allowances debate, when he had said the initial motion was drawn up poorly

"We had to reconcile differences (within the caucus) between those wanting to take the full increase, to those who wanted to take nothing," he said

"This was the compromise that we came up with I believe it is honourable and acceptable."

One councillor said this month's motion was virtually the same as the one last month "I mean, what is the difference between four and five percent?" he asked

# Council rejects pension request

Municipal Reporter

THREE councillors and a management committee member who applied recently to buy back years served in public office for pension purposes, at a cost to the council of R333,013, had their requests turned down.

Mrs Ruth Orthepp said councillors had already been given two opportunities to join the fund joining now, shortly before the end of the present council's term of

office, "smacks of self-enrichment and opportunism", she charged.

One of the councillors concerned, Mr Gerry Sullivan, explained that he was only applying now because in 1988 he had been advised by council officials against joining the fund.

It had not been anticipated that the present council would last long enough to make it financially worthwhile.

Mrs Eralie Stott said the municipal pension fund had changed its rules, and

decided to give councillors another chance to join it. Legally the council could veto this, but morally it should not, she argued.

Mr Richard Friedlander, who serves on the pension fund board, said he had been criticised for taking up the buy-back option in 1988, and then opposing a rule change which extended it to new councillors earlier this year.

Nineteen voted against and two in favour.

RATES *Fm 30/7/93*  
**Preparing for objections**

**Sandton** and Cape Town expect a flood of objections to recently published municipal valuation rolls on which they have based property assessment rates for the next three years

In Cape Town, the new valuation roll ushers in an 80% average increase in property rates. Some will pay well over 100% (Property April 23). The first payments are due in October (263)

Sandton management committee chairman Peter Gardiner says the average residential rates rise for Sandton cannot be determined but, he admits, 100% increases are likely for townhouses. The new rolls took effect from July 1.

Even though he expects to be bombarded with objections, Cape Town city planner Neville Riley believes most objectors will not have valid grounds to complain. The new roll will be open for public inspection at the civic centre until August 26. Riley says officials from his department will be on hand to help property owners who want to know how the new valuations were worked out or how to object to them. "We are going to be as open as possible so that the whole exercise is transparent."

But the council has already warned rate-payers that dissatisfaction with rates amounts to be paid and inability to afford the amounts do not constitute grounds for objecting to valuations.

Objections must be lodged in writing with the council by August 27. The valuation court will sit from September 23.

There was an indication of public reaction to the new roll earlier this year, when more than 3 000 people inspected the sample valuations on which the full roll was based. In 1979, only about 1 100 people inspected the roll when it was open for scrutiny.

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg says the increased values do not mean a substantial increase in rates revenue. The rate payable on residential property has been decreased from 5,82c to 1,13c including a 35% residential rebate. The rate for commercial and industrial property has been decreased from 7,86c to 1,74c.

He says rates income for the current financial year is budgeted at R465m, compared with R415m last year.

However, the rates burden has been shift-

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ed towards high-value residential areas mainly along the Atlantic coast. Rates payable by many property owners in less affluent areas and by businessmen have either decreased or increased only marginally.

This implies a shift away from cross-subsidisation by commercial and industrial property owners to make up for rebates allowed on residential property.

Apart from concessions for elderly people with incomes of less than R1 100 a month and whose properties are worth less than R160 000, Landsberg says, the council will deal sympathetically with genuine cases of hardship such as unemployment. "We will certainly not turf people out of their homes."

Sandton Town Council provided two examples of the effect of rates increases which showed rates and service charges had risen 24% for a 1 000 m<sup>2</sup> property (new land value R95 000) and 30% on a 2 000 m<sup>2</sup> property (new land value R171 000).

Gardiner says though no average rates increase is available for all 25 000 residential properties, business assessment rates have gone up 47% and might be raised again next year.



Gardiner

The biggest residential rates increases, according to the valuation department, have been on townhouse or sectional title properties because of the demand for this type of land. In many instances, this has resulted in 100% increases. The rebate is only 20% on an improved site. This contrasts with a 55% residential rebate on a single dwelling in Sandton and Johannesburg — the highest on the Reef.

The latest rates increases reflect an average 64% rise in the value of Sandton properties over the past three years (21,33% a year). The rate in the rand has fallen from 2,81c to 2,36c (16%) since the previous year though Sandton boasts that, as a proportion of property value, it charges some of the lowest rates in SA.

Gardiner says that, for the first time, rates this year provide for a R3,2m infrastructural upgrading payment to undeveloped areas on the Witwatersrand. ■



## CITY COUNCIL

# Councillors veto pension 'buy-back'

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CITY councillors have vetoed a move by three colleagues to join the controversial municipal councillors' pension fund "buy-back" scheme.

The move is believed to have followed a Democratic Party caucus decision to oppose the applications, which would have cost ratepayers R333 013 out of council reserves.

Earlier in yesterday's meeting, councillors cut their allowance increases from 29,3 percent to five percent following a DP caucus decision.

The vote to reject applications by Mr Jack Frost, Mr Tony Powell, Mr Gerry Sullivan and Athlone management committee member Mrs Patricia Lategan was 19 to two.

Mr Frost and Mr Powell were not in the chamber during the debate.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said nothing had caused wrath among citizens of Cape Town more than the buy-back of pensions.

It still caused bitterness and

could bring the council into disrepute.

"If we are to keep our heads high, we must say to ratepayers we are sensitive about their feelings, we made a mistake in the past, but now it is enough," he said.

Some councillors — 15 joined the scheme five years ago — had cost ratepayers hundreds of thousands of rands.

Mr Wienburg appealed to them to pay back what they had got.

Mr Dick Friedlander, a member of the pension fund board, said that — in line with Cape Town policy — he had opposed a decision last year to offer the "buy-back" scheme again.

Mr Sullivan said discussion of the matter was "embarrassing".

Mrs Eulalie Stott said it was "quite unacceptable" to have a pension fund which allowed certain benefits, but that the council could vote against using these

# Mayoress 'has to do too much'

Municipal Reporter

**EXPECTATIONS** the Cape Town City Council had of its mayoresses had long been too high, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp said yesterday.

She was arguing in favour of a proposed R50 000 grant-in-aid to the Mayoress' Christmas and Charity Fund.

In previous years, a new mayoress has been expected to raise almost this amount in the couple of months between coming to

office in September and some time before Christmas.

A report before the council yesterday hinted that mayoresses were in revolt. It noted that recent discussions with the mayoress, the deputy mayoress and the immediate past mayoress had indicated that the role they were expected to play "is a matter of serious concern to mayoresses because of the significant burdens it places on them"

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The council did not want to do away with the tradition of Christmas visits, gifts and parties for "the poor, the young, the old, the ill and the disabled" at Christmas.

Mr Peter Muller opposed granting R50 000, as he said making a disbursement from the public purse "is not an adequate way to do this".

Mr Richard Friedlander said the grant would be a supplement to the funds the mayoress raised.

# The case of the shrinking gardens

SOUTH 317-48193

Residents of Pniel, near Franschoek, find their properties have shrunk as the maps of the boundaries are inexplicably withdrawn. The local authorities are less than helpful, reports

**CHRISTELLE TERREBLANCHE:**

**F**or decades now the government has done what it wishes with hereditary tenure in the rural areas and now they suddenly want to force down respect for private property."

This is the view of Mr Peter Harmse, National Party (NP) MP for Suurbraak.

He admitted to SOUTH that his efforts to resolve the Pniel land problems for the NP ended with an NP minister neglecting to help people. "They are going to petition the State President and are thinking of joining the ANC," Harmse says.

Harmse intervened in the Pniel constituency after residents found themselves once again at the losing end of the land reforms in the wake of the government's White Paper on Land Reform.

This makes it compulsory for the current hereditary tenure ownership to be transformed into fully-fledged private property with title deeds.

After that people can sell their properties if they wish, and it is estimated that the value of Pniel's large erven could be high.

What irks a lot of residents is that they have recently found their properties to be much smaller than their "allocation letters" or the original maps show.

This discovery follows years of hush-hush debate in the community about the fact that of the 49 hectares of land sold to the "freed" Pniel community after

abolishing slavery, seven hectares "disappeared".

They have been unsuccessful in discussions with management of the adjacent Rhodes Fruit Farms properties owned by Anglo American — to which they suspect the missing land has been allocated.

But this time they mean business. The latest discovery was made after Mr Leonard Meyer protested against the management council's disregard for his property in going ahead with laying a water pipe across it.

The pipe is supposed to run only 1,5 metres into his property, but according to his letter of ownership, it is five metres inside.

After much letter writing, he forcibly stopped the work. His intervention was too late to prevent his orchard from being ruined completely. (263)

The council took him to court, and Meyer's attorney discovered that the town plan map which formed the basis for allocating land according to hereditary tenure in the seventies, was scrapped in 1988, so no official map of Pniel exists. The scrapped map was inaccurate too.

The surveyor-general's office has agreed to draw a new plan with the view to giving people full title deeds. But the current lack of a plan confirmed the residents' suspicions: their plots have shrunk, possibly irrevocably.

Meyer has 70 square metres less property than his letter says. But he is not the only one

Mr Sidley Davids tells how he lost several metres on two sides



**FRUITS OF WRATH: Mr Leonard Meyer's orchard was dug up to lay a pipe without his consent**

of his property to roads the council built without his consent. He is being forced to relinquish another metre or two to enable neighbours to open a window.

It appears the council gave the neighbours permission to build on a room up to their property fence. Since they cannot open the window in the new room, Davids must remove the fence.

Several similar stories were told to SOUTH, supported by letters and documents.

"The council has been making and breaking as they wish for years, while we have struggled for more than a decade to secure our property rights," says Mr Andrew Meyer, member of the Ratepayers' Association in Pniel.

"If something is not done now to curtail the officials who are dealing with property like this, the rural towns will turn into ghost towns," Harmse adds.

The Ratepayers' Association members also tell of 15 years of questions and letters about their ownership problems to a long line of ministers in the House of Representatives who deal with rural areas and local government.

They named current MP Mr David Curry, now in the Democratic Party, but formerly minister for the Labour Party. Curry would not respond until he has

more information at his disposal.

Other ministers included the Reverend Andrew Julies, Mr Cecil Herandien, and now Mr Gerald Morkel, minister of the budget and of housing.

Pniel residents say they pleaded with Morkel to visit the area and deal with people's problems. This he did in June this year. But Harmse says he refused to listen to all their problems and decided rather to talk to the local management council.

Efforts to reach Morkel for comment were unsuccessful. Residents say they have tried to contact him for weeks since his visit.

Pniel's council used to be elected, but when people discovered favouritism and incompetence were rife, they asked for it to be abolished. In 1991 Curry appointed a new council.

Over the years two committees were asked to investigate the alleged fraud by the council, but argued that this was done through "ignorance" and not "criminality".

The residents dispute this since the council had ten years' experience by then. "This is a sore point with us," says Meyer. "Now they are criminalising us by taking us to court. We want things to be put right. If the State President does not resolve the issue, we will call upon the Ombudsman."

# Council will try to minimise strike

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**SHARON SOROUR**

Labour Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council says it will do "everything possible" to minimise the effects of a possible strike by more than 23 000 Western Cape municipal workers, including 12 000 council workers, which starts on Monday

The national strike by the 70 000-strong SA Municipal Workers Union is expected to seriously affect services, especially the collection of refuse

An attempt to avert the strike was made by the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers Organisation, which obtained a Cape Supreme Court order interdicting and restraining the union from instigating and organising any strike or industrial action which contravened the Labour Relations Act

Union spokesman Roger Ronnie said the union did not oppose the motion because "the law was against municipal unions in any case" as municipal workers did not have the right to strike

Mr Ronnie said the union had "extended the hand of negotiations, but management has run to the courts".

Council executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner appealed to people not to transact any business in the Civic Centre concourse before 10am on Monday

"The council and the union have agreed that union members may gather in the concourse before 10am to be addressed by their leaders, before moving off to other meeting places," Mr Kreiner said in a statement

Mr Ronnie said the strike would disrupt the collection of refuse and other municipal services but "essential" services would be provided as fire brigade workers, ambulance men, health care personnel and certain traffic officers would be exempted from the strike

He said the union would "assess the situation" if the weather turned "nasty", and storms brought down electrical cables and blocked stormwater drains.

The Port Elizabeth municipi-

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pality appeared to be "slightly co-operative" as it had made certain council premises, including toilets, available to strikers

Municipal bus services will be affected in other parts of the country, but not in Cape Town as the workers were not union members.

The union is demanding a minimum monthly wage of R650 for the municipal sector, 20 to 30 percent increases for workers earning above R650, at least 26 days annual leave, pension or provident funds for all workers, paid public holidays on March 21 and June 16 and a 40 hour working week with no loss in pay.

Mr Kreiner said the minimum monthly wage Cape Town municipality paid workers was R1 091 plus benefits which could increase the package "substantially"

He accused the union of "double changing of the goal posts" for withdrawing from a proposal made by the union that the matter be referred to arbitration if the parties were unable to reach agreement

# Chinks in the armour of DP's council caucus

Sunday Times (Cape Metro) 11/8/93

By NAZEEM HOWA

THE first serious chinks in the armour of the newly-formed Democratic Party caucus in the Cape Town city council were revealed this week when differences emerged between members concerning pension buybacks and increased allowances for councillors.

Increasing behind-the-scenes tension became public after a statement by caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg during the debate on councillor's allowances at the council's monthly meeting on Thursday.

Dr Sonnenberg said the reason the caucus had appeared to be stalling at the June council meeting over the 29 per cent increase in councillors allowances was that it had had to reconcile differences among members over the issue

## Amendment

"We had to reconcile differences between those wanting to take the full increase and those wanting to take nothing," he said in debate.

Shortly after the issue was tabled at this week's meeting, caucus chairman Councillor Norman Osbourne moved an amendment to the original motion proposing an increase of five per cent for councillors, while the mayor, deputy mayor and executive committee members will receive a 10 per cent rise.

The amendment was carried by 21 votes to five, and was made retroactive to July 1 to cancel out increases already paid.

Matters worsened for the caucus later in the day when a request by three councillors and a management committee member to buy back years served in public office for pension purposes was tabled.

The implication — if the motion had been carried — would have been that more than R300 000 of the council's reserve funds would have to be used to subsidise the

pensions of Mr Jack Frost, Mr Gerry Sullivan, Mr Tony Powell and Management Committee member Mrs Patricia Lategan (263)

Although there was heated discussion during the caucus session, during the debate itself most members of the caucus chose to remain silent. The only member of the caucus to make a significant contribution was Alderman Richard Friedlander, himself a beneficiary of the buy-back scheme.

But this did not stop one of the applicants, Councillor Sullivan, of accusing caucus members of hypocrisy.

He said he believed the caucus had decided to vote against the motion.

"But I'm having diffi-

culty understanding how caucus members can support that position when they themselves have benefitted from the system of buybacks," he told council.

Councillor Arthur Wienberg, who is a supporter of the DP but not a member of the caucus, warned councillors that nothing had incurred the wrath of ratepayers more than the system of buybacks.

He called on all members of council who have previously benefitted to pay back the money to the council.

The council eventually vetoed the buyback bid by 19 votes to two.

Dr John Sonnenberg, the leader of the DP in council, admitted there were tensions within the caucus but said differences were "part of the democratic process".

# Strike still on despite court ban, says union

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By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

MUNICIPAL services will almost certainly grind to a halt in the Western Cape tomorrow as thousands of council workers down tools in spite of a Supreme Court interdict preventing their strike

The duration of the strike is uncertain as Municipalities and the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) have indicated that talks could continue this week. (152) (252) (1403)

Indications yesterday were that the Cape Town City Council would be hardest hit by the strike action with 11 000 of its workers downing tools

Services such as cleansing, water-works, libraries, cash offices and housing estate offices will be most affected. (354) (263)

Arrangements have been made to maintain emergency services such as ambulances, health care personnel and fire brigade workers, Samwu spokesman Mr Roger Ronnie said yesterday

A union spokesman confirmed yesterday that Samwu would ignore interdicts granted by the Supreme Court to the Cape Province Local Authorities' Employers Organisation and other municipalities around the country

## 'Workers criminalised'

He said Samwu did not oppose the court applications as present labour legislation offered no protection to municipal workers and criticised the action, saying it "effectively criminalised" workers.

Talks between Samwu and the city council broke down with the union demanding a minimum monthly wage of R650 and a 20 to 30 percent increase for those workers earning above R650

It also demanded at least 26 working days annual leave, pension/provident funds for all workers and a 40-hour working week with no loss in pay

Mr Ted Doman, spokesman for the city council said Samwu had rejected the council's final offer of increases ranging from 10 percent for lower paid employees to 5½ percent for better-paid employees

Meanwhile, the SA Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) called on its members to report for work as usual tomorrow

● Political Reporter NORMAN WEST reports that if a planned nationwide strike by motor industry workers, also due to begin tomorrow, goes ahead it could mean disrupted service at some garages. No forecourt attendants to fill and service cars, tea ladies, sweepers or even mechanics will be available

# Focus on boundaries, fundamental rights

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## Sowetan Correspondent

WRANGLING over the draft interim constitution unveiled last week and fundamental rights during the transition is expected to continue when the multiparty Negotiating Council meets at the World Trade Centre today

The meeting - which will again continue without the Inkatha Freedom Party, the KwaZulu government and the Conservative Party - will re-visit the 12-chapter interim constitution and deliberate on fundamental rights during the transition

The three parties have so far suspended their participation in the talks, with the IFP taking the negotiators to court so that some of the NC's decisions taken through "sufficient consensus" could be invalidated

Negotiators have vowed to defend the court action

The long-awaited report of the commission on states, provinces and regions - asked to make recommendations on new regional boundaries for the country - is also to be tabled today

Debate on the interim constitution has so far centred on the document's failure to clearly spell out regional governments' exclusive powers, and a number of parties and organisations said these would have to be agreed upon now

Although the interim constitution spells out at least 20 functional areas - including education, policing and health services - on which regional governments will be entitled to some legislative and executive powers, it leaves the final decision on the extent of these powers to the central government

Debate on fundamental rights during the transition was also bogged down on Friday by traditional leaders who objected to their subordination to a proposed Bill of Rights. The proposed Bill, traditional leaders argued, had "a pro-urban bias" and ignored traditional leaders' submissions to the relevant technical committee

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# Council workers on rampage

STEFAANS BRUMMER  
and SHARON SOROUR  
Staff Reporters

STRIKING municipal workers ran through the streets of Bellville today, turning over refuse bins and uprooting plants.

And in Cape Town scores of police barricaded the Civic Centre to prevent hundreds of workers from entering the building.

In Bellville police kept a low profile as groups of workers toyed and marched, watched mainly by municipal officials and traffic police.

But a group who made their way to the Bellville municipal offices from depots in Bellville South said police had shot at them with rubber bullets. No injuries were reported.

A group of about 100 ran along Voortrekker, Durban and Modderdam roads, uprooting plants and emptying every refuse bin, strewing the contents across pavements and roads.

"This is my handiwork," a

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# Council workers rampage

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woman shouted as she pulled plants from a neat flowerbed.

A march leader defended the action as legitimate. "They feel they put these things into the soil."

At 9.45am police blocked Modderdam Road and warned marchers to disperse.

Some ducked into a side road and made their way to the municipal offices, where a debate over the legitimacy of garbage

dumping ensued.

In Cape Town there was a heavy police presence on the station side of the Civic Centre.

More than 300 striking workers heckled police and jeered at the internal stability unit.

In terms of an agreement with the council the union was to advise its members to meet in the basement of the Good Hope Centre after they allegedly reneged on an agreement to vacate the Civic Centre concourse by 10am yesterday.



# Mfuleni <sup>(263)</sup> dispute settled

THE Supreme Court yesterday praised as "commendable" an agreement between the Mfuleni town council and the local ANC branch to resolve their differences peacefully.

The town council, had earlier obtained an interim interdict against the ANC, its Mfuleni branch, Mr George Skidale, its chairman, and 10 other Mfuleni residents.

In terms of the order granted in October last year they were ordered not to intimidate, harass, or assault town councillors Mr Attwell Mvumvu, Mrs Alyse Ndenéne, Mr Addison Buswana, Mr Othmel Selele, Mrs Violet Mnyimba and Mr Wilfred Tofu.

According to yesterday's order, by agreement between the parties, the interim interdict was discharged.

They agreed to resume negotiations.

Mr Acting-Justice M Seligson commended the parties and their legal representatives for reaching a settlement.

# Strikes in

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## 13 injured

## as police fire shots

By PETER DENNEHY

THIRTEEN people — including three policemen — were injured in the city centre yesterday when the municipal wage strike turned violent.

Police fired teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets after strikers threw objects at them.

The clash took place shortly after a South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) meeting at the Good Hope Centre when a police cordon prevented about 150 strikers from heading for the Civic Centre on the Foreshore.

Some protesters broke away, overturning rubbish bins, while the steps of the Oswald Pirow side of the Good Hope Centre were spattered with blood. Union members were angry after the clash saying police had used excessive force.

Samwu workers were yesterday banned from the Civic Centre after a prolonged sit-in on Monday. Police were called in to ensure they complied with a court order keeping them out.

Mr Salie Manne, chairman of the Cape Town branch of the union, said he had warned the council against calling in the police.

Even if refuse had been thrown around, which he could not confirm, this did not justify shooting people, he said.

Samwu general-secretary Mr John Erentzen last night urged police to keep their distance and their numbers down.

Union members were disciplined and tolerant, he said, "but if police arrive in the numbers that they do it is a recipe for disaster".

Hospital sources said six people had been treated for birdshot wounds.

Police spokesman Captain John Steerrenberg said three policemen had been injured.

In the northern suburbs, strikers ripped out plants at the Bellville civic centre and also threw rubbish in Parow streets according to Cape Province Local Authority Employers' Association secretary Mr Andre Swart.



**IN PAIN** Samwu member Mr Gavin Sebastian of Hanover Park, who was shot in the buttocks, is taken off to get medical assistance by a concerned traffic officer and others

Rubbish was also strewn in the streets of Woodstock by workers on their way to a union meeting.

Meanwhile ambulance services have come to a standstill and are only able to respond to calls on a first-come, first-served basis.

An ambulance spokesman said last night that the St John and Red Cross ambulance services had lunched in to help and many death-on-arrival cases were being taken to the Salt River mortuary by the police.

He said that on Monday ambulances were only able to respond to 99 of 200 calls and

people were phoning to complain about the service "right through the night".

"We can only deal with the serious emergency cases and we are doing our best. Many people, just don't understand us and we've just got to take all the abuse," he said.

While about 60 000 municipal workers nationwide doveed tools yesterday, a settlement was reached in Johannesburg last night and negotiations continued in Cape Town.

Council spokesman Mr Ted Dorman said the council had made a revised wage offer, which needs ratification by Samwu. "The union will report back to the council at 11am today."

"It is hoped that agreement will be reached by today," he said.

About 4 500 workers had been on strike in Cape Town, he added.

Union leaders were due to report to shop-stewards on the new offer last night, and they would in turn report to members at their depots this morning.

Mr Manne said regions had been given a mandate to accept offers from their local councils, provided these did not contravene certain guidelines.

Attempts to privatise services slated

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**SITTING IN . . .** Striking Samwu shop-stewards occupy the foyer of the city council's executive suite. Behind the locked glass doors, obscured, are Mr Leon Markovitz and Mr Louis Kreiner of exco.

Picture ALAN TAYLOR

# Shop stewards' sit-in

By PETER DENNEHY

AS the start of a municipal workers' nationwide wage strike affected 176 municipalities, including every major city, fifty shop-stewards occupied the foyer of the Cape Town City Council's executive suite yesterday afternoon.

The SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) unionists refused

to leave until councillors had addressed them. Meanwhile, on the other side of locked doors, councillors held long discussions on what to do, and decided eventually to leave it to attorneys.

By late last night about 50 shop stewards were in the Exco offices refusing to move and defied a court interdict served and obtained at 10 30 pm last night for

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their eviction. Earlier, about 1 000 workers who were supposed to have left by 10am had occupied the course for most of the day, hoping to be addressed.

The Cape Town City Council said yesterday that 4 500 of its employees, or 28% of the staff

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complement, were not at work. However, Union official Mr Henry Kanemeyer estimated that "close to the whole 11 000 (Samwu members who are Cape Town City Council employees)" were on strike.

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said there would be no movement on wage negotiations until the strike had been settled. The council had earlier made an offer of 10% for the lowest-paid workers, ranging to 5,5% for the better-paid ones.

In Johannesburg, after a disruptive one-day strike by about 25% of Johannesburg city council's workforce — more than 5 000 workers — a wage agreement was signed late yesterday ending the strike in the city. Sapa reports that the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) claims more than 30 000 workers joined its national strike yesterday.

● Cape Town ambulance drivers have come out in support of a national municipal strike, saying they will not remove bodies and will only handle emergency cases, Mr Doman said.

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# Municipal strike talks resumed following Supreme Court interdict

□ Shop stewards sit in on exco with essential services on the line

SHARON SOROUR  
Staff Reporter

TENSE municipal strike talks resumed today after an occupation of the Civic Centre executive suite by union leaders ended about midnight with a Supreme Court interdict granted to the city council.

Exhausted negotiators agreed to meet today in an attempt to break an impasse which led yesterday to more than 1 000 workers packing the Civic Centre concourse and allegations by the council of assault, theft and damage to property.

Executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner said the conduct of certain strikers was "outrageous" and the council could not be expected to tolerate "flagrant criminal activity on public premises".

At stake at today's talks is the resumption of services in several departments, including cleansing, housing and roads.

Tension mounted yesterday after the council accused the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) of reneging on an agreement to end its concourse meeting before 10am.

Council spokesman Ted Doman said workers "drifted off" during the afternoon, but in an unexpected move about 50 shop stewards forced their way into the offices of the executive committee and demanded a meeting.

The council declined and, when the stewards refused to

leave, sought a Supreme Court interdict to evict them.

Hours before the interdict was served, The Argus gained access to the executive suite and spoke to union branch chairman Sahe Manie.

He said "We hoped exco would meet us to resolve the issue, but they refused and we decided to stage a sit-in. We are concerned that they did not think the issue warranted any urgency."

"We are prepared to stay here the whole night. If they want to take action they must do what they feel best. If they evict us it will only polarise the situation further."

The interdict was served at 10 30pm and workers agreed to leave the building.

Mr Kreiner said the union had refused to go to arbitration and was "punishing Cape Town" when wages the council paid were already among the highest in the country.

"This is a national strike, certainly aimed at other municipalities and it is intolerable that under these circumstances the people of Cape Town should be victimised by sympathy strike action," said Mr Kreiner.

The union said more than 59 500 workers in 176 municipalities supported the strike.

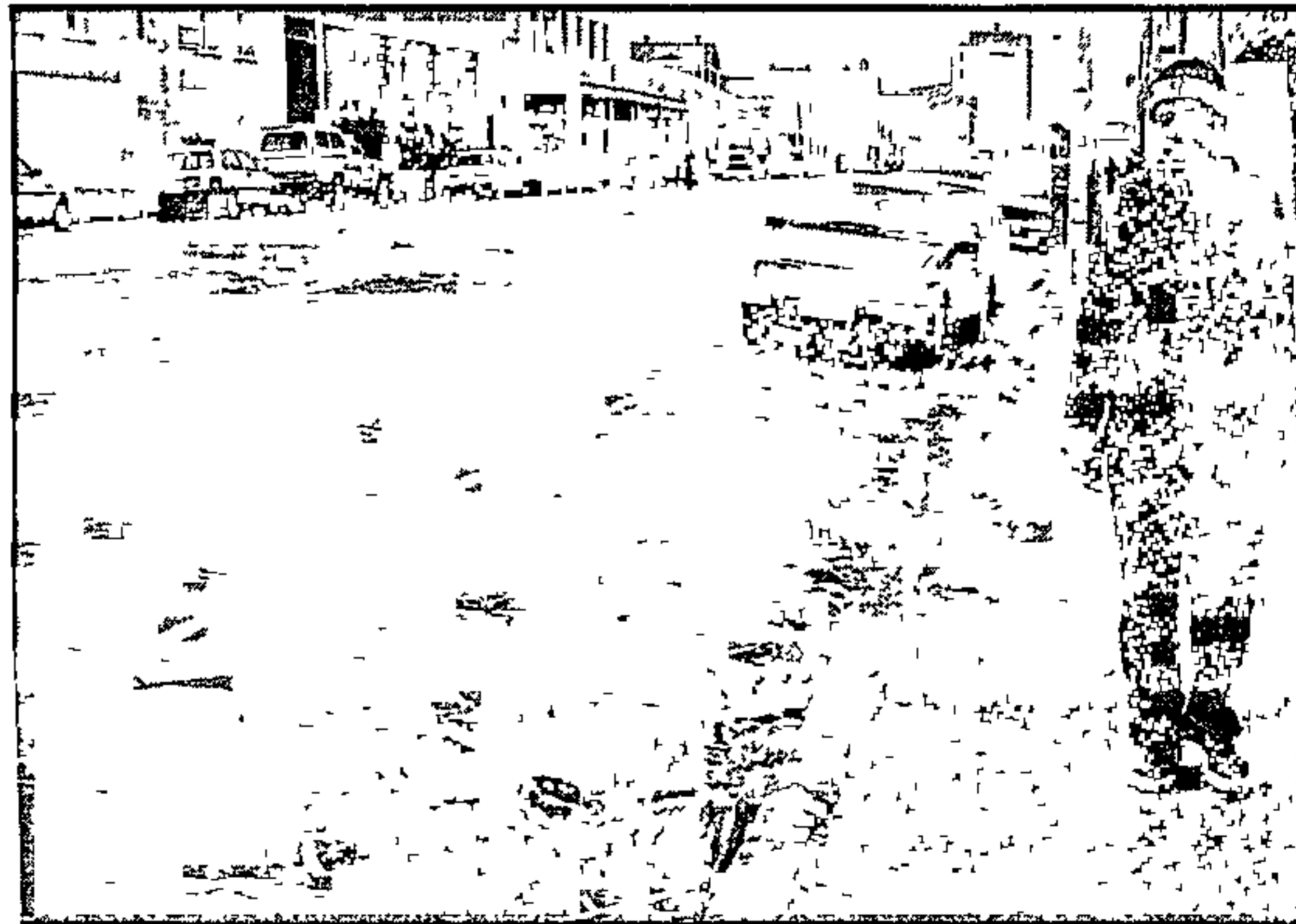
The Johannesburg City Council said last night it had struck a wage deal after six hours of talks.

Unionists confirmed the deal, but stopped short of saying the strike was off.



**CONFRONTATION** Striking municipal workers heckle police outside the Civic Centre where they were prevented from entering the building as talks to resolve the one-day strike resumed today.

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**LOADS OF RUBBISH:** Main Road, Woodstock, is strewn with litter as the strike by municipal workers hits the cleansing department which handles refuse removal.

# There's a golden opportunity to beautify city's 'lost space'

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construction of Duncan Dock, the report said

Mr De Tolly stressed that a planning vision was required — "We haven't had an opportunity like this since the 1930s"

Facilitator David Shandler, appointed by the three bodies to ensure good communication and thorough public participation, said a series of meetings was held with various interest groups last week. "There was considerable interest and support given for this planning process and also for linking it to the Western Cape Economic Development Forum" he said

Consultants were preparing status reports of the area — preliminary analyses of what was physically on site — and there would be full public discussion of these reports

The development and contextual frameworks should be completed by next year, Mr Shandler said

Andre Engelbrecht of Intersite, the property arm of the SA Rail Commuter Corporation which is responsible for commuter transport in metropolitan areas, said they did not consider it appropriate to make any development proposals before this initial planning process was complete

"We are going into this without any preconceived ideas," Mr Engelbrecht said

Asked whether any of the activities in the area would be moved — such as the parcels operation — Dave Weitsz of Transnet said they wanted to see redevelopment and this would mean moving certain operations

**JOHN YELD**  
Environment Reporter

**R**EDEVELOPMENT of the 330-hectare Culemborg-Black River area — now mostly "lost space" — offers Cape Town a strategic opportunity unmatched since the 1930s, says deputy City Planner Peter de Tolly

The land, used mainly for railway services and as goods yards and industrial premises, is under-utilised and largely inaccessible to the public

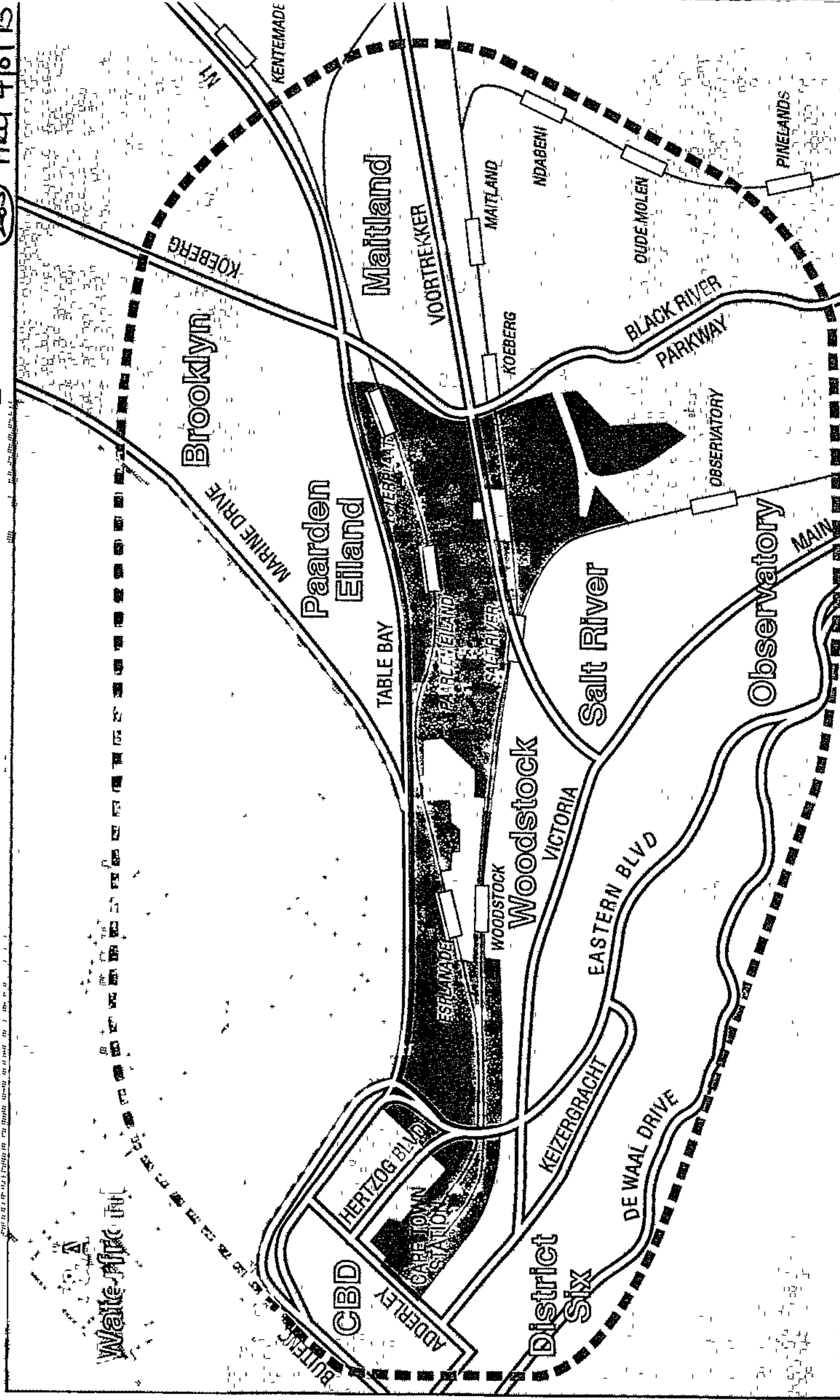
Mr De Tolly was speaking at a news conference yesterday when the joint planning project for redeveloping the area by Transnet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and the Cape Town City Council was explained

Planning is aimed at integrating the area into the city and future uses could include industrial, commercial, residential, recreational, educational and conservation activities

Planning is following a "package of plans" approach whereby a series of progressively more detailed plans are prepared. Work on the two broadest categories — contextual and development frameworks — has started

According to a city planner's report, the size of the Culemborg-Black River area and high potential densities for such a central location allow large-scale redevelopment

In terms of its likely impact on the future city, the development opportunity was comparable to that of the Foreshore reclamation and



**EXCITING POSSIBILITIES:** Intensive planning to redevelop the "lost space" of the 330-hectare Culemborg-Black River area has been initiated by the Cape Town City Council, Transnet and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation. The council is responsible for a "contextual framework" to integrate the area with its surroundings (within the dotted line), while the other two bodies are preparing a "development framework" for their properties, shown here in bold

Map BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

# Take-over claim at Rondebosch civic

Municipal Reporter

A PAMPHLET purporting to be from former Rondebosch Civic Association office-bearers has caused a flurry in the suburb by alleging they were ousted unconstitutionally in a "political manoeuvre that appears to favour the policies of the ANC".

Nobody has yet claimed re-

sponsibility for the bluntly-phrased pamphlet, which was found in several postboxes yesterday

Mr John Lulley, the present chairman, could not be reached for comment but his wife Joan said he knew nothing about the pamphlet until he was shown a copy

The pamphlet states that a

flood of new people joined up just before the June annual general meeting and "voted each other into executive positions"

Yet the constitution said one had to be a member for 30 days before voting

Readers are asked whether they want a squatter camp on Rondebosch Common, or

"shelters for street children and vagrants in Rondebosch"

It continued "Do you want low-cost black housing in your area? Are you happy to see an unconstitutional civic association act in your name to uphold ANC policies?"

Recipient Ms Cheryl Barrett said she had got the "revolting little pamphlet", and

had already written letters to the association about it

She also said the former treasurer was refusing to give up the books to the new treasurer

The pamphlet invites ward 11 residents to a meeting in the Rondebosch Library side room at 8pm on August 10.

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# Services at a standstill in Peninsula townships

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□ Striking council workers meet daily — and talk

**EDWARD MOLONYANE**  
Staff Reporter

SERVICES in Peninsula townships have also ground to a halt because of the municipal workers strike.

Acting Lingeletu West town clerk Wouter Loots said meetings between the striking members of the South African Municipal Workers Union and the council were being held in Khayelitsha.

He said the council was rendering only emergency services as workers had not been working since Monday.

"But they come here and hold meetings in one of the halls daily and their behaviour has been peaceful."

The workers were demanding a 25 percent pay rise, but the Cape Province Local Authorities Organisation, to which most mun-

icipalities were affiliated, was prepared to offer only 5 percent, he said.

"What complicates matters here is that we still have an Industrial Court case pending from last year's deadlocked wage negotiations," he said. The case comes up on August 23.

Cape Provincial Administration spokesman Frikkie Odendaal said negotiations on backpay for Ikapa Town Council workers were continuing.

Ikapa runs Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, which have no municipal services because of a month-long dispute.

The workers say that when Ikapa was upgraded to a grade nine municipality, they were promised salary adjustments in line with its new status.

But when the back payments

were made last month, only a few were paid.

Mr Odendaal said the major problem was that Ikapa did not have the money and neither did the province.

"It's a Catch 22 situation. Ikapa is not getting money from services because they are not rendering them and people cannot be faulted for not paying," Mr Odendaal said.

Crossroads official Tollie Thorpe said today council employees were also on strike.

"They have not been working since Monday but have been exceptionally peaceful. The council is not even aware of the entire demands as we have not been of- ficially approached by the union."

"All we have are pamphlets demanding a 25 percent pay in- crease, but we have been talking to shop stewards," he said.

erment ● Pretoria to remain in PWV

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# Proposed new SA regions welcomed

Own Correspondent

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THE proposed division of South Africa into nine separate regions has been widely welcomed by political role-players on the left and right

Pretoria will remain part of the PWV region, according to the recommendations of the Commission on the Demarcation of States, Provinces or Regions, tabled at the World Trade Centre on Monday

The 15-member commission, appointed by the multiparty Negotiating Council, stressed the importance of "soft" boundaries, allowing for later alteration and a free flow of individuals, traffic, goods, capital and services

The nine proposed regions are the Northern Transvaal, the PWV area, the Eastern Transvaal, KwaZulu-Natal, the Orange Free State, the Northwest, the Northern Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape

Professor Carel Boshoff of the Afrikaner Vryheidstigting welcomed the recognition of the Northern Cape as a separate region, saying this could serve as the basis for negotiations for a future Afrikaner state

The Afrikaner Volksunie, however, expressed disappointment at the inclusion of Pretoria in the PWV area, saying it would mean the demise of the Afrikaans language and lead to ethnic conflict

Transkei negotiator Zam Titus welcomed the proposed regions as a good starting point and close to Transkei's vision

ANC negotiator Mohammed Valli Moosa said last night the ANC was not unhappy with the proposed regions as a launching pad for debate and that ANC regional structures would be encouraged to take it up and talk among themselves

PAC negotiator Benny Alexander said the proposed regions were "undemocratic", adding that the new delimitation had to be tested among the people in some way or left over for an elected Constituent Assembly

There were dissenting opinions from two

members of the commission Urban Foundation expert Ms Ann Bernstein, and Mr Koos Reynecke, a town and regional planner with strong rightwing ties

Ms Bernstein said more time was needed for proper consultation and objected to what she called the "hastily conceived map" presented by the commission, while Mr Reynecke said the map had "closed the doors" on a future Afrikaner "volkstaat"

Among the proposals which failed to make the final map was the greater Pretoria local authorities' submission, which called for Pretoria to be cut out of the PWV area and included in the Eastern Transvaal region

The commission, with two dissensions, recommended that the PWV area including Pretoria, as a "compact, developed and highly integrated urban-industrial complex", should form one region

"While the subregional economies of the PWV may differ in structure, they are complementary and demonstrate a continuum from primary to tertiary sectors," the report said

In her dissenting opinion, published with the report, Ms Bernstein said she was "not yet convinced either way as to the positive or negative ramifications of separating Pretoria from the Witwatersrand"

The commission said it had received three different "volkstaat" submissions but noted that no agreement on the demarcation of a "volkstaat" could be reached between the parties favouring such a proposal

"The commission has, as with other submissions, applied criteria in a balanced way in the evaluation of the various 'volkstaat' proposals," the report said



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# Fewer workers observe municipal strike

THE second day of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) strike was heeded by fewer workers in most areas and marred by violence in Cape Town

Samwu regional organisers from around the country were meeting last night on whether to continue the strike, which had been resolved in some areas

Our Cape Town correspondent reports that police fired rubber bullets and bird-shot during a Samwu demonstration. The union said 10 workers were injured. Police said three policemen were injured in the clash, which arose from protesters stoning cars. Six people were arrested (263)  
Cape Town city council spokesman Dul-

ERICA JANKOWITZ

cie Perks said negotiations between officials and the union were suspended after this incident, but resumed later. Another meeting will be held today

Reduced support for the strike in western Coast and Boland towns was reported, as was a willingness by employers' associations to continue negotiations

Durban was more badly affected by the strike yesterday, with more than 700 workers disrupting bus services and electricity supplies. Council spokesman Mike O'Meara said the city's management committee would meet today to discuss the

union's demands and possible action  
"As far as we're concerned wages have been settled and are being implemented"

In Johannesburg, workers attended a report-back meeting and ratified the wage package agreed to on Monday night. The council said about 3 600 employees did not report for duty (452)

A Samwu spokesman said some employers had responded to strike action. The Municipal Employers' Association, which represented local authorities in Natal, the Free State and Transvaal, had agreed to meet the union today. The conservative-aligned employers' organisation had set up a meeting for next Friday (264)



RIOTING FOLLOWS  
Soweto, 4/8/93  
union meeting

THREE policemen and a striker were injured yesterday when about 300 people, apparently members of the South African Municipal Workers Union, stoned cars at the Good Hope Centre in Cape Town.

After gathering at the Civic Centre, some members of the crowd ran to the Good Hope Centre, overturning rubbish bins as they ran. They threw stones at cars in Oswald Pirow Drive and at the Good Hope Centre.

Police tried to calm the crowd but three policemen were injured and two police vehicles damaged.

Police used only rubber bullets, Captain John Sterrenberg said.

He said according to initial police reports one man injured his arm, a policeman's eye was gashed by a thrown object, a second policeman was hit on an ankle and a third was bruised when he was jostled by the crowd.

Police arrested six men.

The strike by thousands of Samwu members in Johannesburg ended on Monday night after the council and union negotiators reached agreement on wages.

Samwu president Mr Petrus Mashishi flew to Cape Town late yesterday to help negotiators at head office in their talks with the council.

In Cape Town the council and union representatives reopened talks in a bid to break the wage impasse.

In Durban about 1 000 striking municipal workers marched to the City Hall to deliver a memorandum and in Port Elizabeth council officials held talks with Samwu representatives.

In Grahamstown union workers were given an ultimatum to return to work tomorrow or face dismissal and in Uitenhage, Beaufort West and Despatch workers continued their strike.

SHARON SOROUR and HENRI du PLESSIS, Staff Reporters

THE three-day strike by thousands of municipal workers in Cape Town has been suspended.

Settlement was reached this morning between the Cape Town City Council and the Cape Town branch of the SA Municipal Workers' Union.

In a joint statement, chairman of the city's executive committee, Louis Kreiner, and Cape Town chairman of the union Salie Manie, said that "after protracted negotiations, which started in February, an agreement has been reached which satisfies both parties"

Full council services, some of which were disrupted, will resume from today although it may take a day or two to make up backlogs in certain areas, they said

"Adjustments, agreed to by both parties, will not necessitate any additional increase in rates," they said.

The strike will continue in other municipalities.

Earlier Mr Manie said the council put a revised offer to the union yesterday which was "an improvement on their last position"

"I think it will be received positively by workers," Mr Manie said

Shop stewards held report-back meetings at depots to advise workers of the offer today

Hopes of reaching a settlement yesterday were dashed when police fired birdshot and rubber bullets at strikers outside the Good Hope Centre, where they had gathered for a meeting.

Workers apparently pelted the police with objects before the shooting

Several people were injured, including three policemen, and at least six workers were treated at Woodstock Hospital for birdshot wounds.

Police spokesman John Sterenberg said six workers were arrested on charges of public violence. Mr Manie said they were released on bail of R100 each.

He warned that "all hell will break loose" if police interfered with striking workers.

Mr Manie left the meeting with the council executive committee to rush to the Good Hope Centre, saying the union had been "on the point of settling the strike".

He said the council would now have to "take responsibility for what has happened to its workers. We told them if they were going to call in the police they would have it on their own consciences if anyone got hurt or killed. We will put this problem at their door."

Workers said police did not warn them before opening fire "for no reason whatsoever"

Police at the scene told Mr Manie about 200 workers marched along Sir Lowry Road to the centre, stoning cars and intimidating people.

Mr Manie said "That does not give police the right to shoot people ... we feel police have fabricated things to justify what they have done."

A witness said police behaved "brutally" towards strikers

Mr Manie said he told police the incident was "totally unacceptable"

"We will determine exactly what has happened here and not only tell everyone in the country, but in the world," he said.

Police said 60 men forced the driver of a waste removal company vehicle to dump his load of rubbish in the street in Sacks Circle, Bellville South yesterday

The men, armed with iron bars and sticks, stopped the lorry at 8.20am and intimidated the driver, a spokesman said. Two people had been arrested and would face charges of littering and malicious damage to property

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# City strike suspended

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# Pay rises of up to 10% for council staff

Strikers back to work today

SHARON SOROUR  
Labour Reporter

CAPE Town municipal workers, who return to work today after a three-day strike, will get wage increases of between 5.5 per cent and 10 percent under an agreement between the council and the SA Municipal Workers Union.

The strike by thousands of city workers, part of nationwide action by the 70 000-strong union, was suspended yesterday.

The parties said full council services, some of which were disrupted, would resume immediately, "although it may take a day or two to make up backlogs in certain areas".

Adjustments, agreed to by both parties, would not mean any rates increase.

Sarnwu Cape Town chairman Salie Manie said the settlement was not "ideal" but the union had negotiated more money for members, especially for low-paid workers.

Mr Manie said more than half the council's 12 000 employees had supported the strike, even though they did not attend strike meetings.

Under the agreement, the minimum monthly wage will increase to R1 186, workers on the lowest pay scales will get a 10 percent increase (about R100 a month) and workers on the

highest scale will get a 5.5 percent increase (about R600 a month), Mr Manie said.

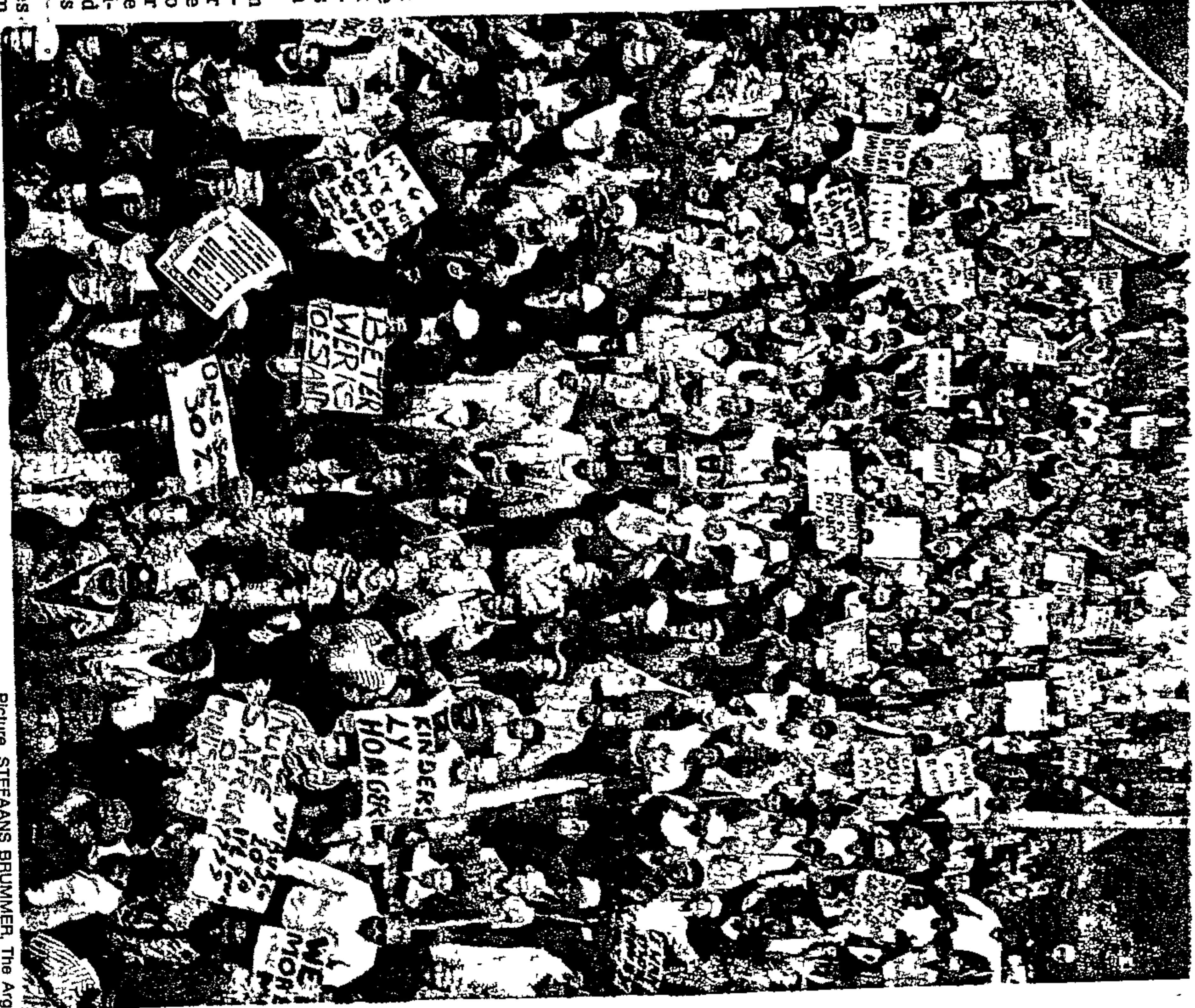
He said the union had suspended all other demands about conditions of service to get the best financial settlement, "so that workers can feel it in their pay packets".

The union proposed that it be allowed to contribute to running the city more efficiently, for example, by agreeing that workers should not be allowed to accumulate more than 185 days' leave.

Mr Manie said the union, which was demanding a minimum monthly wage of R650 nationally, acknowledged that major cities paid more "but we could not accept that they took no responsibility to exert pressure on smaller municipalities to ensure they paid workers a decent wage".

He added: "We were on strike to improve the wage offer of the council especially for low-paid workers, and we were part of a national campaign to see how our collective power could be used to improve the lot of workers in other municipalities, where they are paid starvation wages — some less than R200 a month".

He said local authorities would be restructured from October 1, when smaller ones would be incorporated into larger ones, and these should have taken a stand to work towards raising minimum wages.



**ON THE MARCH:** Striking municipal workers march through Bellville to the Local Authorities Employers' Organisation offices to demand urgent talks with their union and the withdrawal of an ultimatum to return to work or be fired.

Picture STEFANS BRUMMER, The Argus

# 10 000 face the sack after talks collapse

STEFAANS BRÜMMER, Staff Reporter

ABOUT 10 000 municipal workers on strike in the Western Cape could be fired today after a breakdown in negotiations.

When Cape Town municipal workers are back today after the city council and the Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) settled yesterday, a Samwu delegation stormed out of separate negotiations in Bellville with the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers' Organisation, which represents 270 local authorities.

Most Cape councils have given employees an ultimatum Return to work today or be regarded "as having resigned".

Many workers continued striking today, said Cape Province Local Authorities Employers' Organisation legal advisor Etienne Vermaak.

"They turned up, but refused to work and played soccer or cards."

He said high strike figures were reported by northern areas and south Peninsula municipalities, including Fish Hoek and Simon's Town

In the northern areas striking workers congregated at municipal depots and offices today and stood around or toyed

In Goodwood, where nearly all the municipality's 300 wage earners were still on strike, police arrested two for strewing garbage.

Town clerk Dave Wilken confirmed workers had been given the ultimatum, but said "We have our own way of handling it."

Kuils River municipality reported a 90 percent stayaway today, and in Brackenfell, where 95 percent have been on strike

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since Monday, town clerk Phillip Graham said "a lot of people" were not working today

In Bellville striking workers congregated in front of the civic centre, but "not as many as on previous days", said town clerk Kobus Coetzee.

Samwu Western Cape chairman Trevor Serfontein said an estimated 10 000 workers in the Western Cape were still on strike after yesterday's settlement in Cape Town.

The employers' organisation and the union blamed each other for yesterday's talks breakdown.

"We really thought we could resolve matters, but they walked out without even saying goodbye," said Mr Vermaak.

The ultimatum, delivered by letter to striking workers on Monday, was "reasonably final", he said.

Mr Serfontein said the union had reduced its demands to a R500-a-month minimum wage, a 16 percent increase for those earning between R500 and R1 000 and 10 percent for those earning more.

Yesterday's talks followed a march by about 3 000 northern areas municipal employees through the streets of Bellville to the Bloemhof offices of the employers' organisation.

Workers demanded in a memorandum urgent talks and the withdrawal of the ultimatum.

The employers' organisation agreed to talks, but said the ultimatum was final.

Police monitored the march, but kept their distance. Union marshals maintained tight discipline

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**Cape strikers get ultimatum**

MORE than 10 000 striking municipal workers from mostly rural Cape areas face dismissal if they do not return to work today, South African Municipal Workers Union official Ms Merle Brown said yesterday (263)

She confirmed that union members who marched to the Bellville offices of the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers Association yesterday had

demanded that the ultimatums be withdrawn  
"We have between 10 000 and 12 000 members at about 130 municipalities in the Cape Province who have been issued with notices to return to work, failing which they will be dismissed. (250)

Employers' association legal adviser Mr Etienne Vermaak said the employer body was struggling to arrange a meeting with Samwu — Sapa. (152)

# Local municipal strike resolved

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By PETER DENNEHY

THE council workers' strike ended for Cape Town municipality yesterday when one branch of Samwu accepted a revised wage offer, but the strike continues in hundreds of other local authorities around the country

Thousands of council workers in the northern areas received letters from their employers warning them that unless they return to work today, they will be fired

About 3 000 workers from Bellville, Parow, Goodwood, Durbanville, Knuts River, Kraaifontein, Mfuleni, IKapa, Limgelthu West and Crossroads converged on the Bellville offices of the Cape Province Local Authority Employers' Organisation (CPLAEO) yesterday morning, demanding the withdrawal of these letters

The workers are already defying a Supreme Court interdict prohibiting them from striking

The CPLAEO is an association of 270 members, its legal adviser Mr Ehenne Vermaak said. In 147 of these, Samwu claims to have signed up the majority of employees

## But strike grows in other areas

A memorandum was handed over at the Bloemhof Centre, and the two sides began negotiating in the afternoon, but Samwu walked out after 20 minutes, dissatisfied with the employers' revised offer

Meanwhile, in Cape Town, council PRO Mr Ted Doman said agreement was reached with Samwu on a package of annual increases ranging from 10% for the lowest-paid workers to 5.5% for those higher up on the scale

This will cost the council an extra R250 000 a year

In effect, yesterday's adjustment meant

that about 4 000 workers earning about R1 200 a month would have an extra R8 or R10 in their pockets each month

No increase in rates will be required.

Samwu head office said yesterday that despite some settlements the strike was growing, with 61 000 workers from 213 municipalities out on strike

In Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth and Durban, workers were considering revised offers by management, while Pretoria municipality's workers had agreed to return to their stations today.

Police said seven policemen had been injured in the clash with Samwu workers near the Good Hope Centre on Tuesday.

Police used tearsmoke and fired rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of about 150 — including Samwu workers — who dumped refuse at the Bellville South taxi rank.

A group of about 60 men stopped a Waste-Tech truck in Sack's Circle, Bellville South, and ordered the driver to dump his cargo on Tuesday.

Grahamstown residents are being kept on tenterhooks as both the Rhodes University and municipal strikes remain unresolved



**MARCHING FOR MORE...** About 3 000 striking municipal workers from several northern areas municipalities march up Bill Bezuidenhout Drive in Bellville. Picture ANNE LAING

# Denial in R'bosch row

## Municipal Reporter

THE ANC yesterday denied a claim in an anonymous pamphlet that it was using "political manoeuvres" to take control of the Rondebosch Civic Association.

Mr Charles Dingley, ANC Claremont branch chairman and a long-standing member of the Rondebosch Civic Association executive, said only six of the 16 members of the executive were ANC members

"They are all Rondebosch residents who have a perfectly legitimate interest in civic affairs."

Mrs Monica Sutherland, the former treasurer who remains on the executive, denied withholding the association's books, which were "with the auditor" and would be handed over

But she charged that the executive's June elections were unconstitutional as people voted without having been members for 30 days

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## ANC to propose revision of Model C

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THE ANC would propose that the Model C school system be reviewed under an interim government in an effort to utilise the country's educational resources more effectively, the organisation's national head of education, John Samuel, said yesterday. **Biday**

Educational assets had been arbitrarily handed over to a small minority and they would have to be transferred back into the national pool for a more equitable allocation of resources. **68193**

Whether this proposal would be implemented would depend on an interim government, he said.

However, with the great demand on educational funds, the ANC would support parents who were willing to pay for schools with additional facilities. Private and semiprivate schools would be accommodated as long as they stayed within certain guidelines such as nonracialism.

The ANC's main objection to Model C was that it allowed parents to decide admission criteria which could be racial-

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ly applied.

The major questions on how education should be restructured would be decided by the national education and training forum. The forum, which will be launched tomorrow, will comprise stakeholders from across the spectrum.

Reacting to Samuel's statement, National Education Minister Piet Marais said no country could afford to give up the high levels of education that had been attained through parental support.

"The increased demands that the provision of education will make in the future make it imperative that the advantage of more than R500m which has already been ploughed in by parents of state-aided (Model C) schools must not be surrendered. Rather, this system should be extended to provide more parents with the opportunity to have a greater say and to make a greater contribution."

## Probe told investments not made in good faith

CAPE TOWN — Capital & Asset Managers (Cams), a subsidiary in the Masterbond group, breached the Financial Institutions Act in the handling of its clients' funds, the Nel commission heard yesterday.

Pieter Botha, leading evidence for the commission into the affairs of the now defunct Masterbond group, said during proceedings that funds were invested contrary to instructions, no certificates were ever provided as security for the individual investor, and the whereabouts of investor funds were not known.

Botha said this conduct was a breach of the Financial Institutions Act pertaining to the investment of funds.

He said the Act required "due diligence" and "utmost good faith" in the investment of client funds.

Contravention of the Act carried a maximum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment or a R10 000 fine or both, he said.

Giving evidence yesterday Cams former money market manager Rob Bailey admitted that although he had, in a specific situation, expressly demanded that about R6m in 1991 "not be placed in Club Myk-

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onos in Langebaan" he could not say if this instruction was followed.

Botha, drawing on filed information, pointed out to the commission that these funds had in fact "ended up in Club Mykonos Langebaan". Botha then warned Bailey that his behaviour, when investing client funds, contravened the Financial Institutions Act.

The commission heard that funds were pooled and accumulated to invest in short-term debentures, even though clients had instructed that investments be placed in the money market.

Bailey admitted that in certain circumstances investments received by Cams to be passed on to Masterbond for investment in short-term debentures were not placed in a bond but were instead returned to Cams, which then placed the funds at a bank.

In earlier evidence, Botha accused Cams' management of earning "triple commissions" in this manner. This was denied by former Cams MD Michael Wells.

## Cape municipalities begin dismissals

SEVERAL smaller Cape local authorities dismissed striking employees yesterday.

SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman Merle Brown said the union had been unable to ascertain how many members were on strike. A number had been arrested, she said. **Biday**

The employers' offer of an additional 2,5% increase from April was totally unacceptable. It would raise the minimum wage to only R320 a month, she said. **68193**

In Durban the city council management

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committee, in consultation with its recognised unions, told about 1 300 strikers that if they did not return to work by Monday, their contracts would be terminated. The council was not prepared to reopen wage negotiations, a council spokesman said.

Brown said workers had suspended the action in a number of centres. If Samwu was unable to reach agreement in the smaller municipalities, the strike might be "escalated to national level". **263**

# Municipal stayaway 'falters'

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## Municipal Reporter

THE municipal workers' strike in the Cape faltered yesterday, with some workforces returning to their jobs

Union leaders representing those still on strike were engaged in last-ditch negotiations with municipalities

In most areas in other provinces, the strike has already ended

Most northern area municipalities did not seem to have carried out the threats they had made in letters to thousands of their workers that they should return to work yesterday or consider themselves dismissed

However, the Samwu head office in Athlone said it had "initial reports" that workers at more than 20 municipalities had been dismissed, and the total council workforce in Adelaide had been arrested

Mr Etienne Vermaak, a legal representative speaking on behalf of the Cape Province Local Authority Employers' Organisation (CPLAEO), said member bodies would be willing to re-employ "or even reinstate" those workers who had been dismissed — on certain conditions

"The condition is that they must be more realistic in their demands," he said. The union still wanted 16% increases for some workers, 18% for

some others, and a minimum wage of R500 a month

"The minimum wage is not such a problem, but 16% and 18% are not on." He named several municipalities which had "gone under" in the past year and sunk to the status of local areas

Samwu said that it had been prepared to consider suspending the strike on Wednesday, but the CPLAEO had made an improved offer of "only an extra 2,5% from April next year". Their previous offer for those earning over R500 a month had been between 5% and 7,5%, the union said

● One man was arrested for strewing refuse in Voortrekker Road, Goodwood, yesterday, and another for wearing camouflage pants

Workers claimed yesterday that a man got out of his bakkie with a handgun and threatened one of the workers outside Parow municipality

They claimed a policeman on a motorcycle in the vicinity failed to arrest him.

A police spokesman said such incidents should be reported to police

● In Durban striking workers have been given an ultimatum to return to work on Monday or face dismissal

There have been several claims of intimidation and assault of non-strikers wishing to work. A rival union reached a pay deal with the Durban municipality in June

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## Cape cities sack striking workers

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LOCAL authorities throughout the Cape yesterday started dismissing workers who ignored an ultimatum to end a three-day strike (263)

Workers who had not reported for duty by the 7.15am deadline were deemed to have resigned, Cape Province Local Authorities Employers Association legal advisor Mr Etienne Vermaak said yesterday (263)

"At most places workers have reported for work but did not clock in and have been playing soccer or sitting around playing cards," he said

Sixty percent of the 147 municipalities affected by the strike had taken action against strikers, he said.

South African Municipal Workers Union official Mr Merle Brown said dismissals had been widespread in the province — Sapa (263)

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# Cape dismissals a threat to Tvl accord

By Brendan Templeton  
and Paul Bell

Dismissals and threatened dismissals of thousands of municipal workers in the Cape yesterday may jeopardise agreements in Johannesburg and the rest of the Transvaal.

Mass dismissals in at least 20 Cape municipalities were reported when strikers refused to return to work after a breakdown in talks with employers.

Workers in most of the Transvaal, Free State and Natal returned to work yesterday after successful talks with the Munic-

ipal Employers Organisation. The Johannesburg strike was called off following an agreement on Monday. (263)

The SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) warned that its members nationwide were ready to resume striking if Cape local authorities did not reinstate its members. (263)

But Cape employers seem determined to break the strike's back with a hardline policy.

"At most, a few thousand people have effectively dismissed themselves," Sapa reports Cape Province Local Authority Em-

ployers' Association legal advisor Etienne Vermaak as saying.

Confirmed dismissals took place in Grahamstown, Beaufort West, Knysna and George.

The hard-line tactic appears to be meeting with success. Vermaak said workers in several municipalities had agreed to call off their four-day strike and negotiate. (263)

While the union has met with success in negotiating higher wages in wealthier cities, it is struggling to convince smaller, poorer local authorities to increase workers' wages.

Some Cape municipal work-

ers were earning as little as R253 a month, the union said. Samwu is demanding a R650 minimum monthly wage.

In Natal, the Durban City Council warned between 1 500 and 2 300 strikers to resume work on Monday or else face dismissal.

Dirk Nel reports that strikers in Pietersburg were fired yesterday for refusing to return to work. Municipality spokesman Tom van der Hoven said they could re-apply for jobs, but new applicants were also being considered.



By Waghied Misbach

**T**HE BIG cities in the nationwide municipal strike grabbed the headlines this week, but the real struggle is in the poorer rural municipalities

As the strike entered its third day on Wednesday, Cape Town City Council and the Western Cape region of the 70 000-strong South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) reached an agreement to suspend the strike

At the same time that dispute was being resolved, about 1 000 workers from areas stretching to the Eastern and Northern Cape marched on the offices of the Cape Provincial Employers Organisation (CPEO) in Bellville (250) (152)

Workers said the employer body refused to enter negotiations which cover 147 municipalities and 12 000 workers in mostly rural areas (213)

The workers were given notices by the CPEO that they would be dismissed if they did not return to work, said Merle Brown, Samwu national organiser (254)

After the march workers were told by union officials the strike would continue into a fourth day (150)

Workers from these areas claim they are earning well below the salaries offered by the big city councils. In some areas workers earn between R200 and R500 a month.

Goodwood and Stellenbosch workers said labourers earned R281 a fortnight while operators earned R390 a fortnight. They said there are no benefits like medical aid and pension funds.

"Working conditions are bad. They treat us like dogs, like we are

# Rural municipal workers are left out in the cold

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**MESS ACTION:** Cape Town streets were filthy this week during the Municipal Worker' strike

Photo Yunus Mohamed

animals," said one worker.

He said they wanted to work an eight-hour day — currently they work nine and half hours.

Goodwood workers demand a R650 minimum wage, with a 30 percent increase for other workers.

Mr Sahe Manie, chairperson of the Cape Town branch of Samwu and national executive member, said this week the union also wanted to

stop the countrywide restructuring at municipalities.

Manie said the municipalities have started privatising certain services.

He said this was "ill-timed" as moves were already underway to restructure the sector in talks with the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF).

Manie, vice-chairman of the LGNF, says this was taking place

on "apartheid ground rules".

Manie said privatisation resulted in retrenchments and there was often a cutback in services.

He slammed the action of the police on Tuesday when 10 workers were injured after police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets at them outside the Good Hope Centre.

Police said seven of their members were injured.

Worker Clive Abrahams, who was at the scene, said: "They just started shooting while we were walking over the bridge." He denied workers provoked police by throwing stones.

Another worker said they started throwing stones only after the police opened fire on them.

A worker who did not want to be named showed two teeth of a fellow worker. He said a group of policemen had "stamped on his face".

The policemen allegedly dragged the bleeding worker down the steps and "threw" him into a police van.

Manie said he would report the incident to the union's international secretariat.

# Angry union hits out at strike dismissals

By JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT

THE SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) yesterday criticised the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers Organisation's (CPLAEO) decision to attach conditions to the reinstatement of dismissed workers

The CPLAEO, umbrella body for 25 Cape Province local authorities, issued members in several areas with notices outlining conditions on which they could be re-employed, Samwu spokesman Mr Roger Ronnie said.

"Samwu will not just sit back and allow the organisation to dictate conditions of employment," he said

## Dismissed

The CPLAEO dismissed more than 2 000 municipal workers earlier this week after they failed to return to work

The CPLAEO said the municipality was not bound to re-employ dismissed workers or to give any reason for not doing so

It said that re-employment would be considered providing the worker agreed to refrain from participating in further strike action on Samwu's demands

More than 70 000 Samwu members around the country downed tools on Monday in protest against a five percent wage increase offered by councils

Meanwhile City Council workers returned to work on Wednesday after a satisfactory agreement was reached with the union

make "clean break" with the past ● Dependency syndrome must end

# It's 'Viva Amma Polisa' as cops march

HISTORY was made in Port Elizabeth yesterday when black policemen were led on a march to a mass rally by a small band of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres

The rally, organised jointly by the Police and Prisons (Will Rights Union and the African National Congress, was aimed at fostering reconciliation between the police and the community. It was attended by about 10 000 people. Braving SAP threats of departmental censure, about 300 uniformed policemen and prison warders were warmly applauded by thousands of people who lined the route from KwaZakhele township to the Dan Oege Stadium in Zwarte. There were shouts of "Viva Amma Polisa" as the policemen made their way to the stadium

At the rally, addressed by ANC national executive member Mr Tokyo Sexwale and regional ANC officials, members of Popcru took an oath, declaring that they were now the "peoples' police" (263)

"Today we have unchained ourselves and come out of our isolation," Popcru founder and leader Mr Gregory Rockman told the crowd. "The police have come here to repent and declare to you that we are now accountable to you as the peoples' police," he said to tumultuous applause. Rockman said Popcru supported joint control of the security forces but warned that this should be accompanied by affirmative action. After inspecting "the guard", Sexwale applauded the

stance taken by Popcru

"This is a beautiful thing happening here. When I shook your hands I could feel the warmth," Sexwale said. New Brighton police Captain Mike Moshara said the police had to make a "clean break" with a past in which black policemen had persecuted their own people and were themselves driven out by angry communities.

"Without having to justify ourselves, the time has come to change that course, to break the isolation and come in line with democratic structures," he said.

Earlier this week the SAP warned its members, not to take part in any activities which could jeopardise their careers — Pen

# 'Open' meeting makes history

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HISTORY was made yesterday when members of the public and the press were allowed for the first time to attend a "standing committee" meeting of the Cape Town City Council.

The council is divided into five committees — executive, amenities and health, utilities and works, town planning and housing — and these have always been closed to the press.

Last week a change to the Municipal Ordinance, No 20 of 1974, was gazetted, allowing each committee to decide for itself whether the public can attend "in connection with all matters" other than the usual confidential matters of pending court cases, private personnel matters, and some legal and property items.

The first item on the agenda yesterday was the presence of the press, and the housing committee resolved almost im-

mediately that reporters could go in. A press table and some chairs for members of the public had been set up in expectation of the change.

● One decision taken yesterday was that the Schotsche Kloof management committee would seek funds from the Minister of Housing for 13 homes between Wale and Dorp Streets in the Bo-Kaap. If these were not forthcoming, the council would put the land out to tender.



## 2 000 municipal workers lose their jobs

MORE than 2 000 workers had been dismissed, mainly in the Cape, in the course of the week-long strike by municipal workers, SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman Roger Ronnie said yesterday. *8/Day*

However, it also appeared yesterday that the strike had reached a "sensitive stage" The union refused to comment further, except to say a comprehensive statement on plans would be released today. *10/8/93*  
Ronnie said Samwu's decision to

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suspend the strike stood in all areas except the Cape. *(263)*

In Pietersburg more than 700 workers were dismissed last week after the municipality issued an ultimatum. They were fined R50 each for trespassing and were told they had been fired. They were prevented from entering work premises.

In Durban all workers had returned to work by yesterday. *(152)*

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PORT ELIZABETH — Deadlocked wage talks between the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the Port Elizabeth municipality today prompted a reimplementation of last week's suspended strike

Several hundred municipal workers gathered in front of the city hall to protest against the municipality's refusal to accept Samwu's latest demands, which have dropped from 20 percent to 14 percent and finally to 12 percent

But town clerk Paul Botha said the municipality's policy remained one of no negotiation with striking workers.

Mr Botha said wage talks would start again when municipal workers returned to work

The union planned to meet Mr Botha today

# Lingelethu council workers end strike

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LINGELETHU WEST city council workers, on strike for more than a week, reached an agreement with their employers yesterday.

Union sources said about 200 employees had occupied the council offices all day yesterday, but police said the workers had permission to be there while negotiating wage increases.

The council released a statement yesterday saying that members of the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) the SA Association of Municipal Employees and the council had agreed on wage increases ranging from 5% to 22,6%.

Samwu could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile the Cape Province Local Authority Employers' Organisation and trade union leaders met yesterday in a renewed bid to settle differences which sparked a week-long strike and dismissals. —

Staff Reporter, Sapa

# Judicial inquiry will probe iKapa council

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Municipal Reporter

THE State President has appointed a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate allegations of corruption in the iKapa town council

The Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, announced yesterday that the appointments of the three commissioners, two of whom are magistrates and a third a town clerk, would be gazetted soon

The chairman of the commission will be Mr J T P Swart, retired chief regional magistrate of the Boland. The other two members will be retired chief magistrates of Bellville Mr P J le

Roux, and Mr W J Wagenaar, former town clerk of Paarl

Mr Meiring said the commission would investigate any mismanagement which might have occurred at iKapa, with special reference to

- Malpractices or irregularities, including non-compliance with financial or other instructions.

- Any irregular or improper favouring of individuals or others

- Any abuse of authority or position "to attempt influencing decision-making in the local authority"

- Any losses sustained by iKapa as a result of misappropriation of council funds

## Municipal union talks

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Province Local Authority Employers' Organisation and trade union leaders met yesterday in a renewed bid to settle differences which sparked a week-long strike and more than 2 000 dismissals (263)

An SA Municipal Workers' Union delegation headed by general secretary John Ernstzen met an employers' organisation team led by secretary Andre Swart (132)

The union's open letter in a Cape Town newspaper yesterday reiterated its demand for a R650 minimum monthly wage

Many rural municipalities with conservative attitudes were reluctant to meet union spokesmen, the union claimed, adding that workers were far more vulnerable in rural towns than in cities

Employers' organisation legal adviser Etienne Vermaak confirmed yesterday's industrial council meeting to "discuss issues relating to the strike". — Sapa

# W Cape borders 'aren't logical'

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

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CALLS for the Western Cape's borders to remain basically unaltered have been endorsed by the ANC in the region.

The proposed boundaries were illogical and made no economic or political sense, the ANC's regional chairman, Dr Allan Boesak, said

The boundaries should be drawn up in consultation with the communities and drafted by an elected constituent assembly

The ANC's regional general council appealed at the weekend to the technical committee and ANC representatives at the multi-party negotiations

## Objections

Karoo and Namaqualand delegates in particular voiced opposition to the proposed borders. The ANC regional council endorsed their views.

ANC opposition follows similar objections by the constitutional work committee of the Regional Development Advisory Committee for Region A

Dr Boesak said the borders drafted by the delimitation commission would lead to further impoverishment of the Namaqualand and Karoo regions

"There is a suspicion that these boundaries were put forward by the National Party to improve its election chances"

The ANC's assistant secretary in the region, Mr Willie Hofmeyr, said "The people in rural areas are almost being used as sacrificial lambs"

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BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

# Shapoe of the Capoe

The first of a two-part series by TOS WENTZEL of The Argus Political Staff on boundary proposals for the Western Cape region

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**T**HE Western Cape region which has been demarcated as one of the semi-autonomous areas in proposals for a new constitution, is compact, relatively prosperous and homogeneous, and according to one economist it is, from a purely selfish point of view, "nearly too good to be true".

Compared with most of the other proposed regions, it appears to have one of the best prospects for economic development and stability. But whether it should, or could, be viewed in isolation from other regions is another matter.

It is about this issue that controversy has arisen. In the end the opinions of the inhabitants in various regions could be tested in some way. In discussions in the negotiating council there have been demands for this.

Commercial opinion in the Western Cape, and some economic experts, indicate support for the proposed new Western Cape area but regional development bodies and some politicians have misgivings.

There are especially misgivings about the West Coast area and Namqualand, traditionally associated with the Western Cape, being included in a new Northern Cape region.

Among the criteria which had to be taken into account by the commission which was charged with drawing up the regions, were historical boundaries including provincial, magisterial and district boundaries, and infrastructure.

- Administrative considerations including the availability or non-availability of infrastructure and nodal points for services.
- The need or otherwise to rationalise existing structures.
- The necessity of limiting financial and other costs as much as reasonably possible.

The bulk of the Western Cape's population is aged between 15 and 64 with a slight preponderance of males to females (51,1 percent to 48,9 percent).

The percentage growth in urbanisation is 2,5 per cent a year lower than all but three of the other eight regions.

One of the region's biggest assets, however, is that it has by far the country's lowest illiteracy rate — only 6,5 percent of the economically active population compared with 12,5 percent in the PWV area which has the second lowest rate of illiteracy.

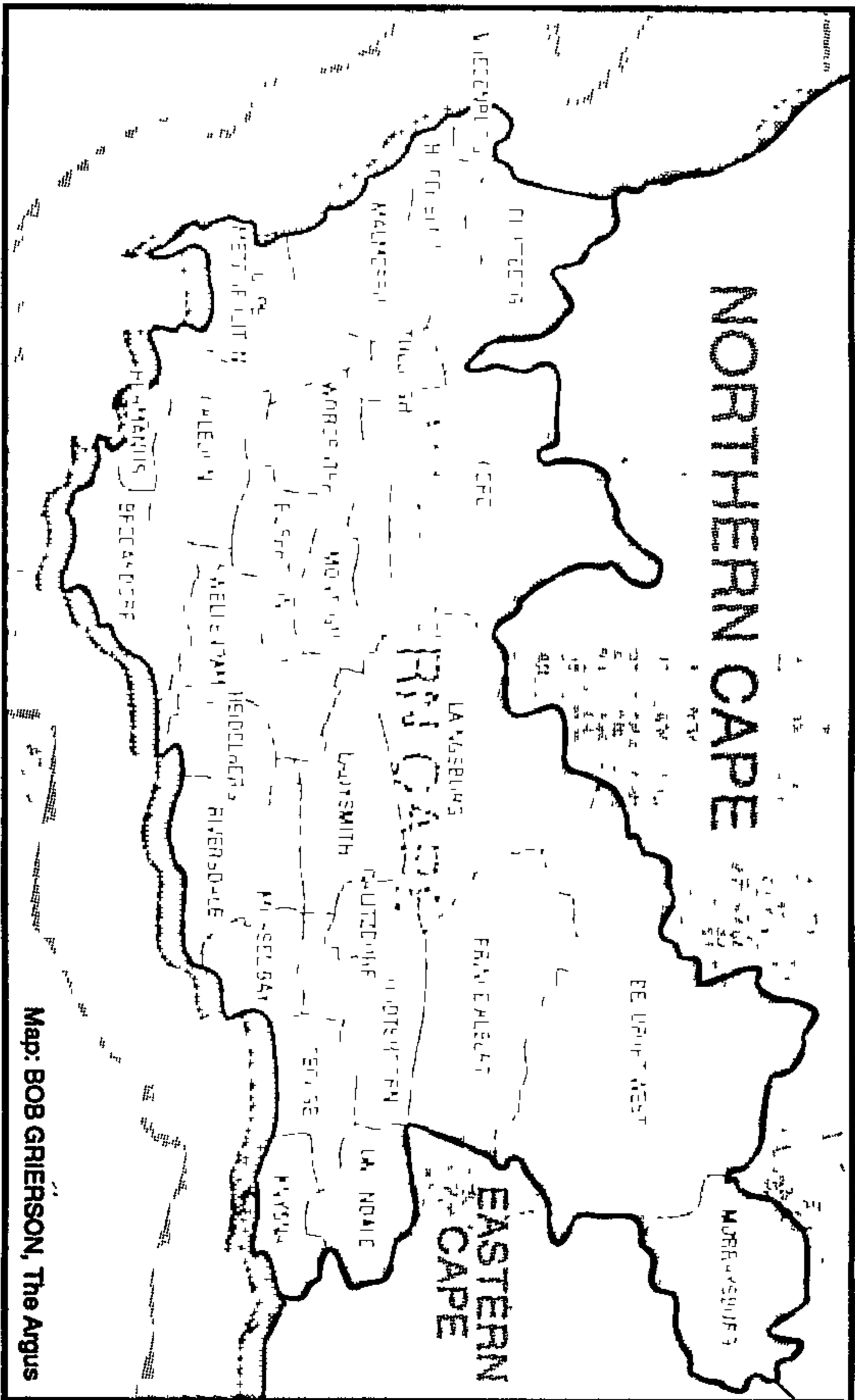
The region also has the country's highest population absorption capacity, and the country's second lowest official unemployment rate (9,6 percent).

At R15-billion the Western Cape has the country's third highest gross geographic product.

Except for the PWV area which has a per capita income of R4 575 the Western Cape leads all other regions with a per capita income of R4 373, but the region lags behind in the average annual growth of its gross product — 1,8 percent to 1,9 in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, 3,3 percent in the Eastern Transvaal and 4,3 in the Northern Transvaal.

The largest component of the region's economy is manufacturing, being responsible for almost a quarter of the gross product and the lowest component is mining which constitutes 0,2 percent of GGP. Agriculture provides 8,5 percent of the GGP, almost half as much as commerce and far lower than the 19,7 percent contributed by services and the 14,2 percent by finance.

The largest employers in the Western Cape are financial institutions which provide 17,9 percent of jobs followed by construction (17,7 percent), manufacturing (15,8 percent) and commerce (14,4 percent). Agriculture employs 12,9 percent of the workforce and ser-



The proposed Western Cape region "nearly too good to be true"

Map: BOB GRIERSON, The Argus



as reasonably possible,

- The need to minimise inconvenience to people,

- The need to minimise the dislocation of services,

- Demographic considerations,

- Economic viability,

- Development potential,

- Cultural and language realities

The demarcation commission says the Western Cape region is economically functional, with the core being the highly industrialised Cape Town metropolitan centre

"It is an economically viable region because of its well-developed and diversified industrial base and its successful commercial agricultural production

"The region as an entity will be able to generate a sufficient income base to meet the needs of its population

"With the national legislative capital and the Cape provincial administration capital, the Western Cape has sufficient institutional and administrative capacity to manage the development of the area and to undertake the necessary planning, policy and administrative functions associated with effective governance

"There are also adequate tertiary and other training institutions to facilitate capacity building in areas where it is currently deficient," according to the commission's report

"The Western Cape is a heterogeneous region comprising primarily Afrikaans, Xhosa and English-speaking people

"It forms a geographically compact region with an urban base"

Even those opposed to the new demarcation agree with the commission's description but they remain unhappy about the exclusion of the North-West Cape and Namaqualand.

In the present development region A these areas form one unit

The development information group of the Development Bank of Southern Africa has worked out many salient points of the proposed new regions.

The proposed Western Cape will have an area of 108 600 square kilometres, only a third as big as the Northern Cape region and smaller than the Free State, the Eastern Cape and the Northern Transvaal

It has a population of 3 392 000 with an urbanisation level of 86,1 percent

The coloured population is the largest at more than 59 percent, followed by the whites at 22,1 percent. The black population is under 18 percent and the Asian population about 0,7 percent

The Western Cape would have the second highest percentage of whites after the PWV region where whites comprise 24,6 percent of the population and it has the lowest percentage of blacks in the country

cent of the workforce and services (other than financial services) 11,9 percent

At 67,2 percent the Western Cape is exceeded only by the PWV area (70,9 percent) in the ratio of economically active workers to those who are potentially economically active

With 1,3 people supported by each economically active person the region is also better positioned than seven of the other eight regions

In the growing debate over the proposed boundaries of the new regions in South Africa, one of those who agrees most strongly with the plan for the Western Cape is Mr Wolfgang Thomas, a specialist in regional economics

He said that that, viewed from inside, the newly-demarcated Western Cape region suggested "we would seem to have much cause for satisfaction"

It was clear that some compromises had had to be found

The exclusion of the vast northern areas and the inclusion of George, Knysna and Oudtshoorn had strengthened the binodal character of the region

This in itself may help to develop the coastal as well as the Breede River-Calitzdorp areas of the Southern Cape which were important economic areas with considerable potential to absorb more black immigrants into the region

Including Saldanha, Ceres, Worcester and Beaufort West also made a lot of sense in terms of the Cape Town-Saldanha metropolitan axis as well as the further economic and settlement expansions in the Boland and the development support for the thinly populated towns along the northern road and rail routes

From a macro-economic perspective the Western Cape had the potential to be South Africa's economically most balanced and even most dynamic growth region. The spread between agriculture, tourism, industry, educational services, retirement settlements and a strong public sector almost guaranteed future rapid development

Mr Thomas said that "in the light of our relatively better resources in this area we may be treated less generously when it comes to central government development subsidies.

"Let us not forget that our goal is regionalism as an instrument of more peaceful and effective political and economic 'rule' in a united South Africa

"In the absence of watertight confederate boundaries and with, hopefully, the prevention of oppressive regional 'beggar-thy-neighbours' nationalism our economy should still be based on the rational interaction of the competitive advantages of each region, sub-region and metropolitan area."

● Tomorrow, part 2: The furious debate over regional boundaries and how the new Cape may take shape.

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# Municipal wage talks

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Municipal Reporter

TALKS between the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers' Organisation were to continue today.

The organisation represents councils which have fired workers for taking part in the general municipal strike.

The union has demanded a R650 monthly minimum wage and increases on a sliding scale for workers already paid more than this

# Cape bodies for metro forum

ROGER FRIEDMAN  
Staff Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of a spectrum of predominantly white ratepayers, residents and civic associations within the Cape metropolitan area have decided to set up an umbrella body to represent them at the Cape Metropolitan Local Government Negotiating Forum.

At a meeting organised by the Fish Hoek Residents' Association and held in the Claremont Civic Centre last night, Gordon Merrington said the Fish Hoek association felt ratepayers required "a more direct and participatory role in the process".

The aims of the umbrella body would be to ensure that a new system of local government achieved maximum possible devolution, to ensure the new constitution allocated adequate forms and powers of taxation specific to local government and to entrench these two aims in the new national constitution.

Despite the argument that ratepayers were already represented at the forum through their local councils, Mr Merrington said

● Many councils did not have direct representation on the forum but were represented by "individuals speaking on behalf of a consortium or group of local authorities".

● A considerable length of time had elapsed since the last local government elections with the result many representatives were "not the best people to pursue the interests of ratepayers in the current constitutional and legislative formulation process".

● Such statutory representation as there was would be reduced "if and when the proposed appointed transitional councils on a 50/50 basis are in place", and

● Ratepayers' associations could help and supplement the work of statutory representatives on the forum

● Contacted at home last night, South African National Civics Organisation secretary John Neels said the ratepayers were already represented by their councils at the forum

He said white ratepayers were entering "a new phase of politics. They've suddenly realised they've never been in power"

"They believe by forming an umbrella body they will become non-statutory or independent of government and will thus be in a position to be co-opted on to the forum

"They have benefited under apartheid and it is ironic for them to come along and say they are independent of government."

# Legislation angers Cape councils

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□ Huge row brews over draft to introduce transitional local authorities

CLIVE SAWYER  
and STEFANS BRUMMER  
Staff Reporters

MOST Cape councils are set to rebel against proposed local government transition legislation aimed at appointed non-racial councils.

Many may back a motion of no-confidence in the Cape Province Municipal Association executive committee, which represents them at the Local Government Negotiating Forum.

The forum resolved in June to draft legislation for the September session of parliament, to create transitional councils appointed on a 50-50 basis by statutory and non-statutory groups

A special general meeting of the 210-member association has been scheduled for August 23 and 24

The association's executive committee this week discussed the third draft of the proposed legislation, though it is understood legislation has already reached the seventh draft

A senior association source said it was likely the proposed legislation would cause a huge row.

Most councils reject the idea of transitional local authorities, preferring to stay in office until the first democratic local government elections, expected in October next year. Transvaal councils represented at

the negotiations by the Conservative Party-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association have vowed opposition.

CPMA president Zanus Timmelman was at a United Municipal Executive meeting in Port Elizabeth and could not be reached for comment

A municipal association spokesman said the conference would inform members of developments at the negotiating forum and gauge feelings about transitional measures, especially the combined councils on a 50-50 basis.

He said the association had become aware of "great resistance" among most of its members — possibly 90 percent — against the proposals.

"On what grounds should a democratically elected member vacate his seat and allow someone who had not been elected to take his place?"

The spokesman said the Tygerberg Mayors' Forum and the Border Mayors' Forum had already decided to oppose the proposals, and that he understood that "Natal has also swung"

But South African National Civics Association (Sanco) spokesman John Neels said: "It doesn't matter how much they shout"

The resistance was at a local level and was "delaying tactics" at most. "Our foot is in the door and we are coming in"

# Cape strike action resumes

MORE than 2 000 municipal workers resumed their strike in Port Elizabeth yesterday as a result of the municipality "displaying no will to address workers' demands"

SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman Roger Ronnie said the suspension of the strike on Monday was subject to management making a "positive move" When this was not forthcoming, workers decided to resume the strike **Today**

He hoped talks would be reopened with the municipality, but by late last night no plans had been made

Ronnie said that in Pietersburg, the 700 dismissed workers had been offered the opportunity of reapplying for their jobs and told they would be given preference if they did so by August 25 However, it appeared management wished to retain the right to re-employ selectively

Ronnie said workers had rejected the offer **12/8/93**

He said the Pietersburg municipal-

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ity would not guarantee that all workers who applied for jobs would be hired, but the employer had indicated they would not be reinstated, but treated as new employees

As a result, Samwu had approached the local chamber of business which it would meet on Monday It was exploring the possibility of putting "community pressure" on the employer to reconsider, he said

He believed no casual labour had been hired, but Samwu had not been informed of how services had been affected **(263) (FEE)**

Meanwhile Samwu is scheduled to meet Cape Province local authorities today to try to resolve the dispute

Ronnie warned that the outcome of all these meetings was crucial to the resolution of the strike as employer intransigence might "very well lead to the resumption of a national strike" in the sector

# Economists and politicians clash on new W Cape region

□ Another chance for communities to argue case on boundaries

The second and final part of a series by TOS WENTZEL of The Argus Political Staff on boundary proposals for the Western Cape.

**E**CONOMISTS and political parties differ sharply on the boundaries of the proposed Western Cape region and because of the furious debate, communities and organisations are to get another chance to argue where the borders should be drawn.

Philip Black of the school of economics at UCT said he supported the idea of separating the Western Cape from a Northern Cape region which included the north-west Cape.

The socio-economic problems of the Northern Cape were different from those of the Western Cape and it made economic sense to have such separate regions. Their needs and infrastructure differed, said Professor Black.

In the case of the Western Cape the need would be more for the development of low-cost housing and urban infrastructure. In the case of the Northern Cape the emphasis would be more on the development of transport and the agricultural sector.

He believed in economic interdependence but a Northern Cape region was linked not only to the Western Cape but to other parts of the country. The aim of the exercise was to create a region-based federal system.

Regions would have to be defined in terms of fiscal functions or powers. Ideally a region would be defined in terms of the average cost of providing regional services, Professor Black said.

There would be a need for redistribution from the central government to the regions in terms of agreed efficiency and equity criteria.

Apart from the obvious economic ones, there were also other important criteria such as historical association, language and ethnic association.

Professor Colin McCarthy, professor of economics at the University of Stellenbosch, opposed the idea of cutting off the north-western Cape and Namaqualand from the Western Cape.

He said the inclusion of these areas in a Western Cape region would not affect the viability of the Western Cape as one unit. It would not significantly affect the make-up of the region.

Referring to arguments that the inclusion of a less prosperous area with the Western Cape would cause an undue drain on its fiscal resources, Professor McCarthy said there would always be regional disparities in all systems of decentralised government.

There would have to be provision for fiscal transfers from the central government to regions to make up for this.

He said there was a good case for a Kimberley area to be included not with the north-west Cape but with the Free State.

Mr Albert Schuitmaker, assistant director of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, said that, from a business point of view, the chamber could live with the new concept. It was a reasonable and viable mixture of historical, cultural, political and economic considerations.

If there were strong feelings in the north-western Cape in favour of being included in the Western Cape instead of in a Northern Cape region, these also should be taken into consideration.

But, he pointed out, there were indications of some groups in the north-western Cape being in favour of inclusion in a new Northern Cape region. The delimitation commission received representations to this effect from the Vredendal area.

The chamber had proposed a much bigger region including the north-western Cape and stretching to the border with Namibia, Mr Schuitmaker said.

Minister of Regional and Land Affairs André Fourie, who led the government side when the negotiating council considered the proposals for regions, said the borders proposed for the Western Cape agreed with the proposals submitted by the government.

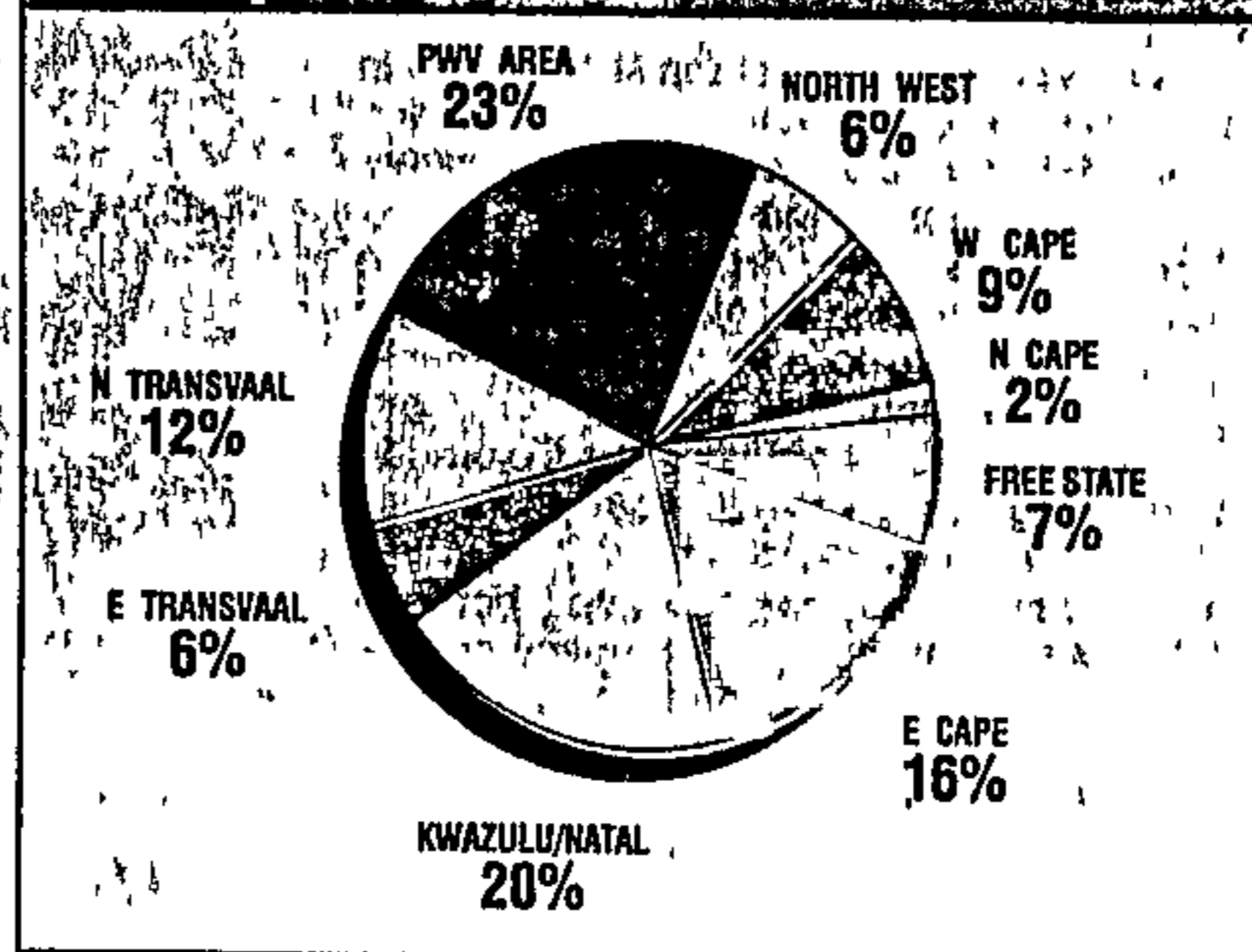
The proposals were not final and would have to be considered further.

Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development Fanus Schoeman, who put the National Party's case at the negotiating council, said the committee's proposal for a Western Cape region largely agreed with those of the party.

Referring to criticism about certain areas having been left out, he pointed out that the proposed borders were not those of independent states as the new South Africa would have a federal system. These were "soft" borders.

They were not absolutely final and people in various regions would be given the opportunity to make further representations.

## Population distribution



There had been no strong natural boundaries to take into consideration in the case of the demarcation of a Western Cape region.

The interests of other regions also had to be considered such as the economic viability of a Northern Cape region without the West Coast area and Namaqualand.

The ANC and the Democratic Party were at one in their opposition to a plan which cut off the north-western Cape and Namaqualand from the Western Cape.

Mr Colin Eglin, MP, one of the chief negotiators of the Democratic Party, said the Western Cape coastal belt and Namaqualand were an integral part of the Western Cape.

While he agreed that the new proposed Western Cape was homogeneous and one of the most prosperous regions in the country, it could not be seen in isolation from other areas. The development of the country as a whole had to be considered.

The interests of the area from Saldanha through Vredenburg, which had always been linked to those of Cape Town and its surroundings, had to be taken into account. These areas should be kept intact as one region. If this was not done, the coastal area and Namaqualand would be left without an administrative and development base.

There were no real links, not even physical ones such as proper roads, linking these areas with the Kimberley area as was proposed in the commission's report.

The commission's report appeared to be an attempt to placate rightwing elements in the Transvaal by creating an area in the Cape Province where there could possibly be a white volkstaat, a "little Israel" for conservative Afrikaners.

The DP could not support a plan which appeared to pander to conservative views in the Transvaal at the expense of development and administrative efficiency in an area which consisted mainly of coloured people.

The DP instead proposed a much larger Western Cape with the Kimberley area having the choice of going in with the Free State.

Mr Thozamile Botha, one of the ANC's chief spokesmen on local government affairs, said that, from a purely parochial point of view, it could be said that the proposed Western Cape region would be strong economically. It was, however, necessary to think of the country as a whole and to have a proper balance of all the regions.

The proposed Northern Cape would be a poor region with fewer than a million people and with no institutional base. It would be necessary to create a new regional centre for it.

It was doubtful whether people in Namaqualand had any socio-economic or ethnic ties with the Kimberley region. The north-western Cape had always had stronger ties with the Western Cape.

The ANC was in favour of a large part of the north-western and Northern Cape up to Upington being included in a Western Cape region with the Kimberley area included in a Western Transvaal region.

## Sit-in ends as council quits

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THE two-month sit-in at Mfuleni town council offices and pressure by the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) led to the councillors resigning en masse on Wednesday, former Mfuleni mayor Mr Atwell Mvumvu said yesterday. The sit-in has now been called off.

He said the CPA had told councillors that it would solve problems if they resigned. They were pressured to leave office because they had not been democratically elected. (263)



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# Municipal settlement ends strike

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By PETER DENNEHY

NEW minimum wages for municipal workers have been agreed on in a settlement that has resolved the strike in almost all of the local authorities still observing a stayaway, as well as disputes that have dragged on for two years.

In terms of the settlement reached late yesterday, the Cape Province Local Authority Employers' Organisation and SA Municipal Workers' Union agreed on three new minimum monthly pay rates of R404, R497 and R550, backdated to July 1 this year.

They also agreed that in two years there would be a single minimum wage rate for the whole Cape Province, based on the R550 level.

This year's minimum adjustments will mean many workers on or above the minimum levels will receive increases of between 17% and 35%, according to the joint statement. Other wages above the minimum have been adjusted by between 7,5% and 13,5%.

Employers who wanted to be exempted from the agreement would have to lodge a motivated application to the Industrial Council.

The parties also agreed to enter into negotiations on a reduction in working hours to a target of 40 hours a week.



# Plan to cut away East Griqualand rejected as ANC 'sop to Holomisa'

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**PRESSURE** from Umtata, a sop to Brigadier Bantu Holomisa — that is the reason why the African National Congress wants to deliver East Griqualand to Transkei.

This is the view of politicians, civic leaders, businessmen and residents on the proposal to cut East Griqualand away from Natal and join it with a new Eastern Cape region, which would also include Transkei and Ciskei.

"It's quite clear the proposal aims to satisfy Holomisa's territorial ambitions. Somebody is pandering to pressure from Umtata," said JFP member, Peter Miller.

The former Natal MEC has every reason to feel sore about the proposal by the commission on the demarcation/delimitation of SPs (states/provinces/regions) to excise East Griqualand from Natal.

For him, any change in the region's status as a part of Natal would mean years of hard work down the drain.

A thoroughbred East Griqualander who still has property and other interests in the region, Mr Miller was largely instrumental in prising it loose from the Cape and having it incorporated into Natal in 1978.

"I will not rest until all plans to take East Griqualand away from Natal are scrapped.

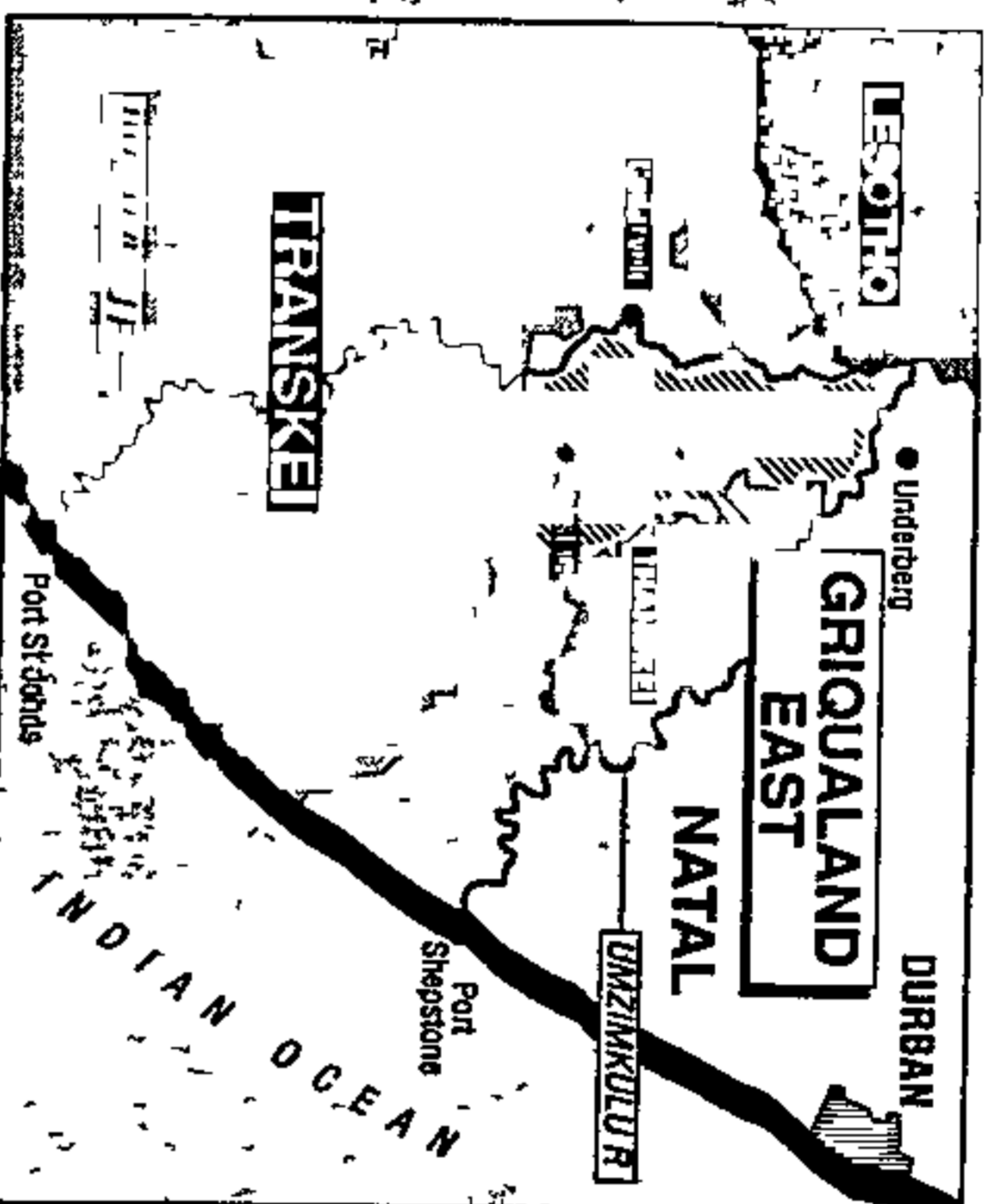
"It's very likely the ANC wants to keep Holomisa happy," said Mr Miller, adding that he had begun mobilising community, development and political bodies to oppose the commission's proposal.

East Griqualand is probably the most disputed piece of land in Southern Africa, with Major General Holomisa, Transkei's military ruler, the latest in a long line to stake a claim on the land between the Umzimkulu and Umzimvubu rivers.

The 120-year long controversy over the area which came to be known as "No Man's Land" appeared to have been finally settled when, on April 1, 1978, East Griqualand was transferred from the Cape to Natal.

However, Anthony Peck, town clerk of the region's biggest town, Kokstad, fears the area could again become "No Man's Land" if it is joined with the Eastern Cape.

"During all the time East Griqualand was part



of the Cape, there was little or no development because it was difficult to administer the region from so far away in Cape Town.

"No sooner was it incorporated into Natal, than the boom began and all the towns experienced considerable growth.

"But I'm afraid everything could again come to a standstill if the area is not allowed to remain with Natal and is administered from East London," he warned.

Clive Ferguson, chairman of the East Griqualand Regional Development Association, is battling to come to terms with the commission's proposal.

His body submitted a lengthy memorandum to the commission and he gave verbal evidence on several occasions.

"Every organisation that appeared before the commission said East Griqualand must remain part of Natal.

"Despite this, it's been recommended that the territory be joined with the Eastern Cape.

"The commission appears to have gone against every one its own criteria which were to have been considered in drawing up regional boundaries, such as economic viability and the need to minimise dislocation of services and inconvenience to people."



**OBJECTING:** Kokstad town clerk Anthony Peck fears the region could again become No Man's Land

He said it was clear there was a plan to satisfy the wish of the ANC for a so-called Xhosa region which would incorporate the Umzimkulu district of the Transkei into the rest of Transkei.

"East Griqualand must not be used as a political football."

He said transitory factors which were currently deemed important in the demarcation of regions such as the political aspirations of political parties, the views of traditional leaders and of the national states, would either cease to exist or would change because of the evolution which continuously takes place in politics.

However, economic laws were of a long-term nature and could not be adjusted artificially.

Libby Sorour, mayor of Matatiele, said economics, more than anything else, should determine East Griqualand's boundaries.

The chairman of the Matatiele ANC zone, Mandla Gato, said the people wanted to remain under Natal.

"We are going to meet with local chiefs and do more consultations about the issue. It is problematic if leaders sit at the World Trade Centre and make decisions without hearing the feelings of the people."

# Local govt forum 'on knife edge'

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By NAZEEM HOWA

## Several councils plan to pull out of initiative

TALKS to bring about a new local government for the Western Cape seem set for breakdown as several municipalities plan to pull out of the initiative

This was confirmed this week by a source within the statutory grouping of the interim committee investigating a Local Government Negotiating Forum for the Cape

He said talks were balanced on a knife-edge, with some of the northern areas municipalities contemplating a walk-out at the next meeting on September 6

He said discussions regarding the future of the forum were taking place between some of the northern areas municipalities. More liberal municipalities, such as Cape Town, were not invited to these "caucus sessions".

One such session was held on Friday night, but those involved remained tight-lipped about the proceedings

### Contentious

Our source says that the major concern among this grouping is the question of interim municipalities being made up of statutory and non-statutory representatives on a 50-50 basis

This point proved contentious at the last meeting of the forum when the statutory delegation was obviously not in agreement about how to proceed on the question

It was at this point that the marked differences in approach between the City Council and some of the northern areas municipalities first became visible

One city council delegate, in fact, questioned his exclusion from caucus sessions involving several of the other municipalities

Although Cape Metro

this week polled several municipalities about their future within the forum, most were guarded in their responses.

A spokeswoman for the Bellville Municipality confirmed Friday's meeting

She could provide no further information.

A spokeswoman for the Brackenfell municipality noted our questions, contacted the mayor, then said she was not able to provide any information

Brackenfell was represented at Friday's meeting.

Mr Louwtjie Rothman, deputy chairman of the Regional Services Council, confirmed that some of the northern municipalities felt "certain technicalities" needed to be sorted out

When asked to clarify which "technicalities" he meant, he said the founding document was quite lengthy.

He referred all further inquiries to interim committee chairman David Schmidt, who is also regional director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa

When asked why Cape Town was excluded from

a caucus called by northern municipalities, Mr Rothman said it was not a case of exclusion.

"The caucus only involved certain municipalities outside the city of Cape Town."

Goodwood Town Clerk Mr Dave Wilken, however, said his municipality was committed to the process as long as strong autonomous local authorities emerged at the end.

"We are as committed as all other participants," Mr Wilken said.

A spokeswoman for Parow said the municipality was a firm participant in the interim committee

"There is not a shred of truth in the rumour of our walking out," she said.

## WEATHER



## WATCH

THE Weather Bureau's forecast for today.

**Cape Peninsula and Boland** Fine and mild but partly cloudy along the coast at first. Wind moderate southerly to south-easterly North-easterly later

**Cape coastal belt** Fine and mild but somewhat warmer tomorrow. Wind: moderate south-easterly becoming fresh in the north.

**Overberg and coastal belt to Mossel Bay.** Partly cloudy and cold with showers becoming fine and somewhat warmer later. Wind: moderate south-westerly to southerly becoming easterly to north easterly, freshening in the afternoon

**Mossel Bay to Cape St Francis.** Cloudy and cold with light rain clearing and becoming warmer. Wind easterly to north-easterly freshening later.

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# Exco seeks vote for all in new local govt deal

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**By NAZEEM HOWA**

THE Cape Town City Council Executive Committee has proposed that a property-based vote be scrapped in any new local government dispensation

This is one of several

proposals contained in a draft position paper to be considered by a special meeting of the city council on Tuesday

If the proposals are accepted, they will determine the council's position at the Local

Government Negotiating Forum

Instead of a property-based franchise, Exco has proposed a universal adult franchise based on permanent residence within the area of jurisdiction

Only residents over the age of 18 will get the vote

Exco has also proposed that regional boundaries be fixed at national level and that metropolitan boundaries be drawn by a commission appointed by the regional authority

It is also firmly behind the proposal by non-statutory bodies that emphasis be given to building organisational capacity among communities.

Other significant proposals are that

- A two-tier model, consisting of a metropolitan authority and primary local authority, be adopted for the Cape Metropolitan area,

- The metropolitan authority be regarded as an integral part of local government,

- Special-purpose bodies manage such functions as transport and housing;

- The metropolitan authority be the principal taxing authority,

- The Regional Services Council be solved.

# Crisis talks for metro forum

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

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FEARS about the future of metropolitan local government talks have prompted an emergency meeting of the steering committee of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiation Forum

As the crisis in local government deepens, there is concern that statutory groups may backtrack on a Local Government Negotiating Forum agreement on June 30 to press ahead with interim joint councils

The metropolitan steering committee meeting, to be held on Thursday, follows rejection by nine Tygerberg town councils of proposed interim local authorities

A seventh draft of the Local Government Transition Bill will be put to the national forum tomorrow

The forum has set up nine task groups to examine specific areas of local government in a bid to resolve issues as quickly and thoroughly as possible

The Bill was to have been tabled at the short parliamentary session in September, but finalisation has been delayed by debate over several issues

Among these is the 50-50 split formula for joint councils

Rejected by the Natal and Transvaal municipal associations, the formula will be on the agenda at a special general congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association next week

It has not been decided whether the 50-50 split means adding an equal number of non-statutory representatives to existing councils or the resignation of half the councillors and their replacement by non-statutory representatives

A Department of Local Government spokesman said the government opposed "simply dismissing" councillors

City councillor Neil Ross, who represents Cape Town on the Major Cities Association and has been directly involved with the national local government forum, said Cape Town accepted the principle of the 50-50 split

While no formula had been finalised, Mr Ross said management committee members could not be accepted as councillors

"Maybe their chairmen could be included"



Picture ROY WIGLEY, The Argus

**CLEARING-UP:** The stinking mound of garbage that has been piled outside the Ikapa Town Council offices is gradually being cleared

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## Garbage being cleared as Ikapa council talks begin

**EDWARD MOLOINYANE**  
Staff Reporter

WORKMEN have begun clearing the stinking mountain of garbage on Ikapa Town Council premises — dumped there by disgruntled workers in a pay dispute with the council

Workers said the move was a sequel to Administrator Kobus Meiring's willingness to meet their union to address the month-long impasse

They said negotiations be-

tween the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the Cape Provincial Administration were continuing

"In light of his willingness to meet and talk to us about the issue, it was felt the refuse should be removed to pave the way for the return of management of the council and the general normalisation of the situation," said council worker Themba Sondundu

The CPA supplied the coun-

cil's garbage trucks with fuel, which ran out during the strike, bringing refuse removal services in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu to a standstill

"The dumping of garbage here was in any event just a symbol to highlight our plight," said Mr Sondundu

Council premises were a hive of activity yesterday as trucks drove in and out carrying garbage

The dispute between Ikapa and its employees followed

the council's failure to back-pay workers last month after the council was upgraded

Workers said their status rose in line with the upgrading and called for adjustment of pay scales.

The bitter wrangle led to the strike, which crippled municipal services in the townships.

After talks between the CPA and Samwu, a bilateral nine-member committee is looking into the issue

## Iversen chosen as works chairman

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter <sup>(263)</sup> ARG 11/8/93

MOWBRAY councillor Ian Iversen is set to replace Kenny Penkin as utilities and works chairman.

A Democratic Party caucus meeting decided that Mr Iversen, a member of the committee for nine years and a candidate for the chairmanship last year, should take over from September.

The city council will meet behind closed doors on August 26 to elect a new mayor, deputy mayor and executive committee.

Deputy mayor Clive Keegan is expected to be elected mayor, while the DP caucus — which has the majority in the council — has given its members a free vote to choose either Chris Joubert or Patricia Sulcas Kreiner as deputy mayor.

Membership of the rest of the executive committee is expected to re-

main unchanged after next week's behind-closed-doors voting.

Mr Iversen, an estate agent, was elected to the council in 1984.

Mr Penkin has served only a year as utilities chairman.

Unusually, only an hour has been set aside for the election, known in council parlance as "caucus"

Mr Iversen referred inquiries to DP caucus chairman Norman Osburn

Mr Osburn said the decision to pick Mr Iversen had been unanimous. He confirmed Mr Penkin was present at the caucus meeting.

● The election will be followed by the monthly council meeting, which has been moved from Tuesday to Thursday because of a special Cape Province Municipal Association congress called to discuss the local government crisis.

## Municipal strike largely over

ERICA JANKOWITZ

THE national municipal strike has effectively ended and only two areas — Pietersburg and Port Elizabeth — were still being disrupted by industrial action yesterday.

The SA Municipal Workers' Union described the strike as successful. All dismissed Cape local authority workers would be reinstated immediately, union spokesman Roger Ronnie said. *Biday*

An additional success was that the union had "broken through the 5% wage ceiling imposed by government". *17/8/93*

He said the most important concession made by the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers' Organisation had been an agreement in principle to a R550 a month minimum wage from July 1995. This would be implemented immediately in some towns. *(152) (263) (157)*

The union had also made gains in terms of an agreement to establish a centralised provident fund, reduced working hours, maternity leave and housing allowances.

It was understood that Port Elizabeth workers would return today after an agreement reached with the council.

In Pietersburg a meeting between the municipal employers' organisation, the union and municipal representatives had been suggested, but no date had been set, Ronnie said.



# Zonnebloem chairman 'warned' about expulsion

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

ZONNEBLOEM Ratepayers Association chairman Dave Buckingham claims moves are afoot to expel him from the District Six Steering Committee

Mr. Buckingham said he had been warned he would be expelled if he continued leaking information about the planning process to the Press

A motion to expel him was to be debated at a committee meeting tomorrow, he said

The committee represents several parties, including the provincial administration, city council, community organisations and extra-parliamentary groups like the African National Congress

In the past two years, Mr Buckingham has been linked to reports about plans for multi-storey, low-cost housing in the area, and claims future residents would have to earn R1 500 a month or less

He accused steering committee

chairman Clive Keegan of double standards

"He can't be a prime mover in opening meetings and then, when it comes to his meetings, they're not open" — a reference to Mr Keegan's role in opening council standing committee meetings to public and Press

Mr Keegan said no discussion about Mr Buckingham's membership was scheduled for tomorrow's meeting

"However, as chairman of the committee, I have been asked to follow up official complaints about Mr Buckingham's behaviour at meetings by representatives of the Cape Town City Council, the private sector, SA National Civics Organisation, residents of District Six, and representatives of past representatives of District Six

"Mr Buckingham's constant failure to understand the most elementary procedures has caused grave confusion in the community at a time when delicate negotiations involving community-based organisations and the state are in progress"

# City plans to scrap property-based vote

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□ Tenants, students and squatters to have a say

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

EVERY adult living in Cape Town, including tenants, students and squatters, should have the right to vote for the city council, it was decided during a preliminary debate on constitutional proposals

Councillors yesterday rejected a property-based vote in favour of a universal franchise for permanent residents over 18

Though the franchise would be based on permanent residence, also eligible to vote would be

- Tenants, family members and lodgers
- Temporary residents such as university students
- People living in informal settlements

The apparently contradictory policy was the result of

councillors accepting some amendments by Arthur Wienburg, while turning others down

Councillors protested that the policy they had adopted was inconsistent

Acting council chairman Gordon Oliver, who took over when mayor Frank van der Velde had to leave for a civic reception, ruled the clause as adopted had to stand

The proposals, by a committee chaired by deputy-mayor Clive Keegan, are a preliminary position open to negotiation at the forthcoming metropolitan forum on local government

There was keen debate on the fate of the property vote

Feedback from mainly white ratepayers' associations and the Chamber of Commerce — reported in "green" confidential documents — was strongly against scrapping the property-based franchise

Mr Wienburg said the proposals were a "hijack of democracy and of ratepayers' views"

"What surprises me is the arrogance of the committee that rode roughshod over the opinions expressed by people who bothered to respond to the proposals"

He objected to the proposed metropolitan authority being the principal taxing authority, saying fiscal power should be devolved to primary local authorities

Mr Wienburg rejected recall elections as impractical, and said wealthy political parties could use them to tie down opponents

Mr Neil Ross said the committee had produced a document it believed correct in principle.

"Understandably this is not the view of many white ratepayers"

# Councils advised to support 50-50 deal

Municipal Reporter

WHITE municipal councils could be abolished entirely after the national election in April next year, councilor Mr Neil Ross warned the Cape Town City Council yesterday.

In a report back to the council from the Major Cities' Association yesterday, Mr Ross said appointed adminis-

trators could replace councils for the 18 months before countrywide local government elections could be held. He said that Mr Thozamile Botha, the ANC's director of local government, could be the next Minister of Local Government and then, instead of transitional councils appointed on a 50-50 basis as agreed at local government negotiations, "we could

get nothing". In an agreement now being abandoned, 50% of members of transitional councils would have been appointed by the non-statutory grouping of the ANC, Sanco, Cosatu, the SACP and others, and the other 50% would have been appointed by the existing statutory group of present councilors, their organisations, and the

state. Mr Ross said white municipalities were unwise to go back on this. "We abandon the 50-50 at our peril," he said. "We could get nothing. The non-statutory side have been gracious enough to agree to 50-50, but now they are getting anxious and resentful about lack of clarity on where the statutory bodies stand."

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# 'Squatters to get vote' call

By PETER DENNEHY

EVERY permanent resident older than 18, including squatters and lodgers, should have the municipal vote, the Cape Town City Council decided yesterday

This is a major departure from the province's property-based franchise where only those who own or lease property and their spouses may vote for local councillors. Other adults may not vote.

However, the council voted 15-12 in favour of retaining the voting rights of "fictitious persons" such as companies, provided that these have only one vote for each office they own or lease within the municipality.

Also yesterday, the council agreed that a metropolitan council should be greater Cape Town's main local taxing authority "with responsibility to pool and redistribute finances"

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# Councillor takes city planning department to task

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□ "Tardiness, misinformation" sparks letter

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

MUIZENBERG city councillor Abe Katz wants an official inquiry into the running of the city planner's department

In a letter to town clerk Keith Nicol, Mr Katz said there was a "deplorable state of affairs" in the department.

The call comes after an "inordinate" delay in starting work on the second stage of redevelopment of the Muizenberg beachfront

Mr Katz said work was to start in July, but he had been told by city planner Neville Riley it would start on December 17 at the earliest

"Not only does Mr Riley not appear to be in charge of the situation, but in an attempt to explain this inordinate delay, he and other members of his department, met (city councillor) Joye Gibbs and myself and blatantly misinformed us about certain bureaucratic procedures he claimed were among prime causes of the delay"

Tardiness in handling project identification and project approval reports were to blame for three months' delay, "and not the system which Mr Riley likes to blame"

Mr Katz told The Argus there was nothing personal in his call for the inquiry "We have had a good relationship for years"

Mr Katz was angered by planners' handling of Muizenberg - "it has been littered with broken promises and aborted schemes"

Mr Riley said he did not consider there was "a deplorable state of affairs" in his department

"In fact, I am extremely proud of the amount of work produced by my staff in an extremely difficult political climate

"That a councillor does not get development done in the way he wishes should not be a reason to castigate the whole department"

He said no promise was given by his department that the second stage of the Muizenberg redevelopment would start in July and be ready by summer

Mr Katz had been told work would start in the financial year starting in July

Mr Riley denied Mr Katz's claim

that he and Mrs Gibbs had been "blatantly misinformed" by city planning staff at a meeting about the beachfront

"Any misinformation may be attributed to lack of comprehension of the processes involved"

Mr Riley said the council, like any large organisation and particularly because of its public responsibility, had certain procedures for authorising new capital projects. These were intended to ensure there was no abortive spending on design work or construction before a project was approved by the council

He said the workload of the city planner's project management services branch included at least 10 projects worth millions of rands in poorer parts of the city

"Muizenberg is not given priority over the city's poorer areas"

It was unfortunate Mr Katz did not understand the process for the correct planning and execution of projects

"The prescribed bureaucratic process is far more frustrating to my staff and I than to the ward councillors in particular and the public in general," Mr Riley said

# Council in favour of 'business' votes

Municipal Reporter

A MAJORITY of councillors showed this week that they were unwilling to take away businesses' rights to vote in local government elections

The 18 440 "business" voters on the present municipal voters' role account for 14.5% of the 127 105 voter total.

The Cape has a property-based local franchise, in which owning or leasing property entitles one to the vote.

Although no comment was forthcoming from the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) yesterday, it is understood that it will press for the abolition of the business vote

Mr Albert Schuitmaker, assistant director of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday the fact that at least half of all rate income came from commercial and industrial properties should be considered

# Ratepayers hit out on municipal vote issue

□ No to squatter franchise

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NO representation without taxation!

This is the theme of responses from ratepayers' associations to Cape Town City Council's preliminary proposals for metropolitan restructuring

The responses, previously on "green" confidential paper, were released by the council yesterday

Most focused on the proposed abolition of the property-based vote and the extension of the municipal franchise to squatters and temporary residents such as students

In a council debate on the proposals this week, constitutional affairs committee chairman Clive Keegan said the responses reflected the voices of white South Africans concerned about the future

Mr Keegan said "intellectually and theoretically" there were arguments for keeping a property-based vote, but it was out of place in a country where most people had been excluded deliberately from owning property

Mr Clive Keegan

Mr Keegan, who addressed 27 meetings of ratepayers' associations and business groups while colleagues spoke at other meetings, said it was remarkable how few responses there had been to the constitutional proposals

Among the responses

● The Bergvliet-Meadowridge Ratepayers Association slammed the council for giving too little time to organisations to respond

"We reject giving the municipal franchise to lodgers and squatters

"Relatively superficial research will show most Western franchise systems require residence

"Because residence must be lawful to qualify, the voter must in some way or another make a financial contribution to municipal income"

The association rejected the idea of weak primary local authorities under a strong metropolitan government "elected by lodgers and squatters"

"We suspect there are elements within the council who hold an agenda for the African National Congress and have managed to hijack the constitutional process in Cape Town to achieve ANC objectives"

● The Muizenberg Business Association said primary local authorities should be strong, not weak

"Already the remoteness and bureaucracy of the present city council is apparent

"The local authority should be the prime taxing authority, with a contribution to a central body whose function could include social, housing and other upliftment programmes"

Voting qualifications should be unchanged, with the proviso that voters should have paid municipal accounts, including site and service charges

Electing councillors on a ward basis was democratic

"The suggestion that half the councillors be elected by proportional representation smacks of loading councils with persons responsible to no individual ward and little likelihood being subject to a recall election

What surprises us is that this position paper is not subject to a referendum now, prior to any further debate"

● Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers Association (Newlands, Bishop's Court, Claremont, Kenilworth and Wynberg) said votes should be given to "registered owners of identifiable properties and their spouses, including owners of property on which service charges are payable"

The association said this would include all property owners, from upmarket areas to informal settlements. Occupiers also could get votes if they had lived in the area for an agreed period.

Businesses, who paid most of the rates, should have votes, they said

Many members of the association opposed proportional representation

● Fish Hoek Residents' Association said the idea of the metropolitan authority being the primary taxing authority was a recipe for endless conflict

People occupying land illegally and anyone who did not pay rates for six months, should not be allowed to vote

"Standards of engineering services will have to receive close investigation

"Keeping to standards, costs and processes simply will not facilitate housing the massive hordes of squatters scattered over the Cape Flats

"Appropriate standards and perhaps, even more importantly, more appropriate and quicker processes are needed urgently"

There should be a "real" devolution of power to local levels "rather than the more general illusory practice of deconcentration of central government control"

● Muizenberg and Lakeside Ratepayers Association said some of the proposals were "far from democratic"

The association said regional services council land should be handed over to the municipalities it bordered

The association called for a referendum on constitutional issues

● Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association (Plumstead, Southfield, Ottery, Steurhof and parts of Diep River and Wetton) agreed with a two-tier system of metropolitan government, but said primary local authorities should not be dependent on handouts from the metro council

The number of councils should be reduced by amalgamation to an "appropriate number"

The association questioned how a councillor elected by proportional representation could be subject to recall elections

It agreed the voting age should be 18 and that permanent residence be a qualification, but opposed allowing only South Africans the vote

"Why should a non-South African property-owning citizen be disenfranchised at local authority and metropolitan authority level?"

"They have a real stake in society and are property-based"

● United Christian Action, an umbrella body of conservative religious bodies, proposed a qualified franchise for all ratepayers

"It is very dangerous to empower those who contribute no taxes to the municipality, such as squatters, to decide how to spend the hard-earned money of ratepayers"

**Votes:**

# City goes it alone <sup>(263)</sup>

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council's decision to drop the province's property-based municipal franchise has taken the city ahead of the rest of the country

Although Johannesburg, Durban and Bloemfontein councils have not had property-based franchises — where voting rights are restricted to those who own or lease property and their spouses — they have white municipal voters' rolls

The Cape Town City Council voted this week 15-12 in favour of broadening the franchise to every permanent resident older than 18

Other city councils were reluctant to comment yesterday on Cape Town's decision, preferring to leave it to the Local Government Negotiating Forum



# Rates rebellion grows in city

By EUNICE RIDER and  
PETER DENNEHY

**HUNDREDS** of Atlantic seaboard residents last night joined the growing rebellion against rates increases, vowing to withhold their payments

Vociferous protests against newly imposed rates have also come from other suburbs around the Peninsula

Last night hundreds of residents from Camps Bay, Bantley Bay, Sea Point and Green Point said at a meeting that they were being "penalised" as a wealthy area and were paying inflated rates to subsidise less affluent areas

They said they would pay their rates, but would withhold the increased amounts "until a better solution is found"

The angry residents said the belief that their area was wealthy was a misconception, as many residents of all age groups — but especially the elderly — were struggling to keep the houses they had lived in all their lives because of the "ludicrous" property revaluation and rates increases

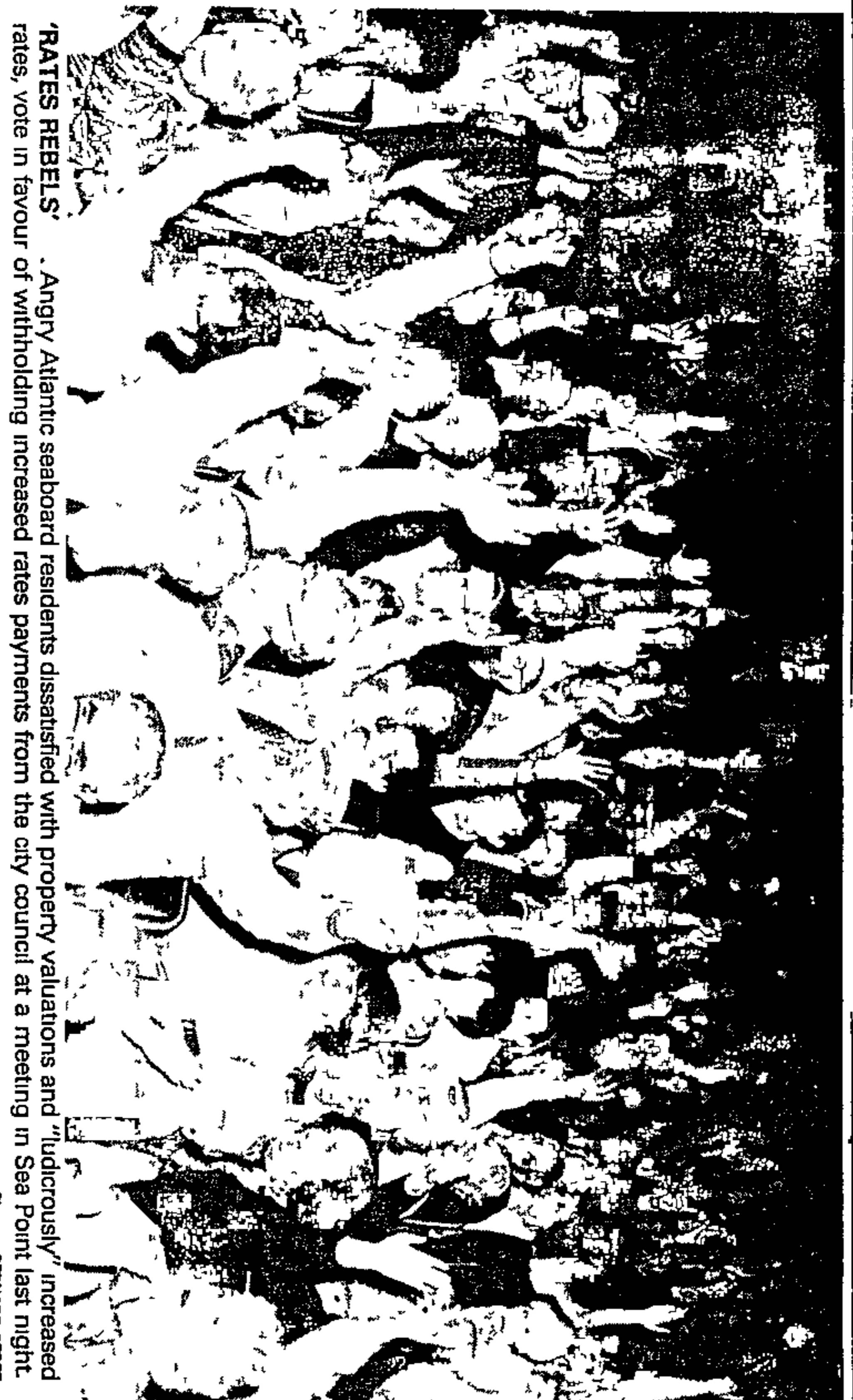
Ratepayers have reported massive percentage increases Newlands residents said this week that one owner in that suburb had to pay 272% more Several new rates bills in Newlands are around R500 a month

In Bantley Bay there are properties liable for over R1 000 a month Even on the other side of the Peninsula, where ratepayers had expected their rates to rise very little, increases of 53% (to R146 a month) and 144% (to R306 a month) have been reported

The civic organisations of Thornton, Surrey Estate, Rylands, Gatesville, Heideveld, Hatton Estate, Welcome Estate, Bellmore, Portavue, Primrose Park, Greenhaven and neighbouring areas this week called on the council to place a moratorium on the new rates and said they would consider boycotting "rates and taxes" if this were not done

In an attempt to avoid a similar row in the future, a new valuations ordinance has been suggested

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**'RATES REBELS'** Angry Atlantic seaboard residents dissatisfied with property valuations and "ludicrously" increased rates, vote in favour of withholding increased rates payments from the city council at a meeting in Sea Point last night

Picture: BERNARD PEREZ

**By Sabata Ngcai**

MFULENI town councillors, who resigned last week after a protracted eight-week sit-in by residents at the council offices, could receive a golden handshake amounting to as much as R24 000 or a monthly allowance until the end of their term in October next year.

Former Mfuleni mayor, Mr Atwell Mvumu, said this week he had no qualms about receiving the financial package for doing no work.

But the prospect of a package for the ousted councillors is flatly denied by the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA). CPA spokesperson Mr Frikkie

# Golden handshakes for Mfuleni councillors?

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Odenaal said since the councillors had resigned voluntarily, the CPA "might consider a package" if their names were cleared in the current investigation into irregularities at the town council.

CPA had appointed auditors to investigate irregularities at the town council. Odenaal said the investigation was prompted by persistent claims

that councillors might be involved in corruption following the conviction of the council's town clerk recently.

Earlier this year councillors at the Lingsdethu West Town Council, who were "persuaded" to resign, received a settlement package of R24 000. **(2163)** The Mfuleni councillors last week bowed to persistent commu-

nity demands for their resignation on allegations of inefficiency and corruption.

The councillors were persuaded by the CPA to resign, when a community sit-in began in May, in return for a package deal. However, they refused the offer and insisted they were not prepared to resign. "The offer expired because they

refused to accept it," said Odenaal. Mvumu conceded the councillors had resigned because of "mounting pressure from residents" and denied any package agreement between CPA and the councillors.

"We have only agreed with CPA that we would get our monthly allowances until the end of the term of office next year," he said.

He refused to say what the monthly allowances were. "There is no monthly allowance for the councillors." He said the CPA "Can consider a package for them only if their names are cleared in the investigation."

# Future local councils must have proper taxing powers, committee told

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

FUTURE local councils will be severely handicapped unless they have proper taxing powers, the city council constitutional committee was told.

University of Cape Town senior lecturer in public administration Robert Cameron said council proposals to make a future metropolitan council the main taxing authorities would force primary local authorities to go "cap in hand" to it.

In most metropolitan authorities, constituent local authorities gave only part of their corporate revenue to the metro council.

In Toronto, Canada — a respected model of metropolitan government — this contribution was 40 percent of rates income.

Dr Cameron said democracy should not be sacrificed for the sake of the "one city, one tax base" concept.

It would be better for a metropolitan council to have specific sources of revenue, such as from levies, while primary local authorities would keep their rating systems.

Proposals to set up special purpose bodies to run certain services should be carefully examined, he said.

They should be accountable and democratic.

Similar bodies in the United States had been "disastrous".

"For example, elected local authorities and special purpose bodies, because of a lack of co-ordination, often ended up working at cross purposes."

Dr Cameron said the council preliminary position paper put too little emphasis on linking the community and its

elected representative.

He said there were objections to proportional representation.

Implementation could be complicated and the system could mean voters having to choose between candidates from the same party.

This could confuse voters, he said.

Dr Cameron said specific grounds should be set down for recall elections.

These could include incompetence, gross misconduct, and councillors switching from one party to another.

Boundaries of Cape Town City Council should be scaled down because its present size was "excessive".

A Chamber of Commerce delegation said it was opposed to the abolition of the business vote.

It urged that if special purpose bodies were set up, they should be privatised.

It rejected a council proposal that the

metropolitan authority be the main taxing authority, with responsibility to pool and redistribute finance.

The chamber said the metro authority should have taxing powers to raise funds for infrastructural development and socio-economic upliftment, but primary local authorities should keep their existing taxing powers.

The metropolitan authority should levy a regional tax. ~~(213)~~ ~~(213)~~

Central government should contribute to metropolitan finances according to a formula set by a public or judicial process.

"Primary local authorities should pay for services they obtain from the metropolitan council, and any subsidisation of these services by the metropolitan council should be quantified and publicised."

The chamber opposed electing councillors for primary local authorities by

proportional representation.

While it supported the principle of electing metropolitan councillors by proportional representation, it said nominating representatives from primary local authorities would be more effective.

"As a matter of principle we believe the number of elected members should exceed the number of nominated members."

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"We do not agree with the proposal that voting rights of fictitious persons be abolished."

"As important contributors to the coffers of local and metropolitan councils, businesses and other juristic persons that pay for services, should have the vote."

Dormant companies that did not use or pay for council services should not have the vote, the chamber said.

# Rival plan for local govt forum

By NAZEEM HOWA

MUNICIPALITIES in northern areas have come up with a rival document for the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum that is to develop a new local government dispensation

Tabled as a document from the Tygerberg Discussion Group, it proposes amendments to clauses in the original paper with which northern municipalities are unhappy

A key proposal in the new document is for autonomous primary local bodies that will function "on the same level" as a metropolitan authority

The northern municipalities have also proposed that all parties should be bound by agreements reached by the forum, "save where a local option is permitted by legislation"

Their document recommends that decisions at the forum be reached by consensus — which would require a 75 percent majority. If consensus is not reached, it suggests that the decision should be passed to a technical or sub-committee for a compromise to be formulated

A key difference is that the new document proposes that delegations should not be divided according to statutory and non-statutory bodies. It proposes that the forum invite all organisations that have a direct interest in local government in the area.

Several participants believe that the submission of the rival document has been a positive move

Both documents are to be tabled at forum meetings.

# Councils turn down power sharing plan

□ Plea made for 'local options'

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

**CONSERVATIVE** Cape councils are pleading for "local options" rather than the interim councils proposed by the Local Government Negotiating Forum

Speaker after speaker at a special congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association rejected the proposed sharing of representation between statutory and non-statutory groups

The municipal association executive proposed the association reject the scrapping of present councils in favour of a "simplistic" system of appointed councils.

The executive said councils should be allowed to choose local options for interim local government structures

Demarcation boards should be set up to decide on boundaries, they said. Decisions on boundaries of metropolitan areas were needed urgently

Other suggested objectives were that no existing councillors should be unseated, that non-payment for services be addressed and that the establishment of ward councils be investigated

Councillors' privileges and

benefits should be maintained during the interim period and extended to new appointed councillors

Debate on the proposals was to continue today.

Isolated support for the appointed-council scheme came from the Cape Town City Council

Neil Ross accused Local Government Minister Tertius Delpport of bad faith because he was trying to retreat from decisions of the Local Government Negotiating Forum.

"To suggest that forums be elected on an ethnic basis is a bird that is not going to fly."

Mr Ross said there would be a new Minister of Local Government after the April elections and existing councils could get a lot less than 50 per cent representation on new bodies.

Tygerberg Forum spokesman Koos Sadie criticised the municipal association's management for lack of communication

He thanked newspapers for keeping him abreast of talks on local government.

Kuruman mayor Ampie Coetzee proposed the congress reject the reforms proposed by the Local Government Negotiating Forum.

## Race-based elections 'an option'

Municipal Reporter

ONE way to set up transitional councils will be for each race group to elect its own representatives, says Minister of Local Government, Tertius Delpport

The idea of race-based voting was rejected by the Cape Province Municipal Association executive committee

It was presented to the committee in a bid to resolve controversy about the way forward for local government

A similar set of proposals and alternatives was put to a recent United Municipal Executive meeting in Port Elizabeth.

Dr Delpport proposed the creation of a "government of local unity" to promote reconstruction and reconciliation for an initial five-year period during which the councils would address problems like non-payment for services

A "fall-back" position envisaged new councils' representation as half in proportion to the size of "population group" and half in proportion to the contribution to the finances of a city

An elected electoral college would nominate members according to their constituencies for five years

A third option, if no other schemes worked, was for provincial administrators to appoint councils

A proposed "package" was that the national transitional constitution should include a statute on local government

# 'Racism': Charge laid

POLICE have confirmed that a charge of *crimen injuria* has been laid against a resident who allegedly made racist remarks to coloured ratepayers at a Franschhoek meeting last week.

The incident nearly led to a fistfight between white and coloured ratepayers and Mr Frank Arendse, the country's first coloured mayor in a formerly all-white town council, left the chairing of the meeting to his deputy, Mr Arthur MacWilliam-Smith.

Mr MacWilliam-Smith said yesterday the background was that coloured

ratepayers had not received notice of a meeting about squatters, while white ratepayers had

"The mayor was discussing problems with some of the (coloured) ratepayers when a white ratepayer walked past and made racist remarks."

Mr Arendse said "white and coloured" people on the voters' roll had been told of the meeting, but a newspaper article saying it was for ratepayers only might have been misinterpreted (263) CT 24/8/93

# Allow 'local options' — CPMA

By PETER DENNEHY

1 IN a subtle retreat from its approval of 50-  
50 transitional councils, the Cape Pro-  
- vince Municipal Association (CPMA)  
1 executive tabled a motion at a special  
7 congress in Parow yesterday stressing the  
5 need for "local options"

3 In June, the executive agreed, along  
1 with other organisations at the national-  
1 level Local Government Negotiating Fo-  
1 rum, that for the transition period, 50% of  
1 municipal councillors could be appointed

by the SA National Civics Organisation  
and its allies, and the other 50% by exist-  
ing statutory bodies

In the face of massive opposition yester-  
day to the dismissal of existing council-  
lors, CPMA president Mr Sanus Immelman  
explained that the 50-50 proposal had not  
been considered "simplistically", but to-  
gether with a whole package of proposals

Yesterday's proposal does not specifi-  
cally exclude the 50-50 option, but is a  
compromise suggestion, formulated after

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the executive's action committee received  
a presentation last week from Local  
Government Minister Dr Tertius Delport

According to an action committee  
source, Dr Delport suggested that council-  
lors should not be dismissed, and that  
variations on the 50-50 formula must be  
possible. He also wanted to make  
allowance for "snap elections" where pos-  
sible, to be conducted on the basis that  
each population group votes for its own  
representative

# Guidelines sought for city's future

□ Workshops will brainstorm ideas

**JOHN YELD**  
Environment Reporter

A SERIES of workshops is being held over the next few days as part of an urgent drive to produce effective guidelines for managing future development of Cape Town metropolitan area

Attended by prominent planners, academics, and business, labour and community leaders, they have been organised by the Urban Development Commission, one of the units of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum

The forum has become the key "think-tank" for the region.

Project leader Ken Sturgeon said they aimed to produce an interim metropolitan development framework within three months which would attempt to guide major development decisions to be taken during the next 18 months, as these could shape the metropolitan area for the next three decades

The project team aims to produce a draft report for

comment by the end of September and a revised version by the end of October which will go to the forum and the broader public for approval

Recommended projects and action programmes could start as early as next year, Mr Sturgeon said

"None of the four major futures scenarios for South Africa produced thus far — such as Clem Sunter's "High Road, Low Road" scenario — addresses where and how development should happen within our urban areas

"Such planning is critical if urban development is to be effective, equitable, appropriate and sustainable

"We're looking to produce an action plan that will get ahead of the problems, instead of just trying to solve existing problems, and that will boost confidence that something is going to happen

"It's hoped this exercise will be widely endorsed and will provide the necessary confidence that people and investors are seeking"

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# White municipalities declared 'untenable'

By PETER DENNEHY

MUNICIPALITIES elected by whites only were untenable and legitimate local governments representing entire communities had to be ushered in, the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) agreed yesterday

But the CPMA rejected a Local Government Negotiating Forum proposal that 50% of transitional councillors be appointed by statutory groups and 50% by non-statutory groups

Instead, the 600 delegates at yesterday's special congress, representing all the Cape's white municipalities, resolved to pursue "local options" to "accommodate" the "diversity in the make-up of communities in the Cape"

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The CPMA was mandated to ask the government to promulgate the Local Government Transition Act and to establish demarcation boards to draw new local authority boundaries

Arrangements under the old Interim Measures Act — such as partially non-racial councils — should be recognised not undone, congress said

The congress said existing councillors and management committee members should not be unseated and new councillors should enjoy existing benefits and privileges

It called for a combined system of ward and proportional representation and said property-based franchises should be deracialised but retained

# Councillor says 'secede' clamour emotional

THE clamour by ratepayers to secede from the city council was yesterday blamed on "emotion" by councillor Mr Chris Joubert

Mr Joubert said he supported a "local option", but fell short of condoning unilateral secession from the council

At a Camps Bay ratepayers' meeting on Sunday, called to protest against rampant rates increases, angry residents threatened to break from the council and go it alone

Confident of voter faith, Mr Joubert said people were "not making sense at the emotional meeting"

He said emotions had run high because "rates have gone through the ceiling"

"I'm behind the people 100%", he said, "but I wouldn't support UDI, not a rebellion, not something illegal"

He believed the majority of ratepayers in the municipality retained their confidence in the council

Mr Joubert said his faith lay in a negotiated settlement which would attain the same goal as UDI calls — compact, efficient local boroughs

He envisaged the integration of wards 1, 2, and 3 to create a self-contained borough stretching from Bakoven to Mouille Point

In correspondence to the Cape Times he said the shock rates increase was the fault of past councils which had not increased rates incrementally

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# Council may face boycott

Staff Reporters

AN overwhelming majority of ratepayers and civic associations contacted in a Cape Times "Rates Revolt Poll" yesterday said their members wished to boycott rates charged on the new property valuations

Of the 38 property owners' bodies from across the Peninsula interviewed in the poll, representatives of 35 said their members were "extremely unhappy"

Members of 24 were considering boycotting or had resolved to boycott the new rates

Belgravia Estate Civic Association members were "extremely upset" and planned to boycott new rates, said chairman Mr Ivan Williams

Bonteheuwel Residents' Association members were "furious". "Some of our members have joined Ratepayers in Revolt and will definitely be boycotting," said secretary Mr J Miranda

Camps Bay and District Civic

## Residents' groups rally for action

Association members were "grossly unhappy" and had resolved to pay only old rates plus 10%

The Camps Bay Action Group said it would meet the council's exco today to demand they reconsider the new rates.

The group called for a moratorium on the increases.

Clifton-on-Sea and District Bungalow Owners' Association members were "in a state of shock".

"Not everybody living in Clifton is wealthy — there are a substantial number of people of very modest means living here," said chairman Mr Geoff Hirschmann

Gleemoor Cape Flats Civic Association members were "vehemently opposed" to the new rates and had threatened to boycott unless property was revalued on a fairer basis, said secretary Mr Louis Roelf

Heathfield and District Residents' Association members said they wanted to boycott and had sent a memo to the council requesting an extension to the August 27 objections closure date, said chairman Mr Dave Parker.

Helpmekaar Ratepayers' Association members were "extremely angry" and wanted to boycott as "most people here are unemployed and can't afford the new rates", said president Mr Thomas McLaughlin

Kensington/Factreton Residents' Association members had "definitely resolved to boycott", said chairman Mr David Stone

Lansdowne Civic Association members were "bitterly angry" as "some of our rates have gone up by more than 500%", said chairman Mr Ivan Abrahams

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# Exco to ask Meiring for help in rates row

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□ 'Review valuation system' urged as outcry grows

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE city council executive committee is to meet Administrator Kobus Meiring to ask for a probe into the valuation system — and a way to give hard-hit property-owners rates relief.

But, city legal adviser Barrie Botha has warned that, in the meantime, the law leaves no room for non-payment, or for the moratorium that protesters are demanding on new rates.

Yesterday, the Camps Bay Action Group and Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' Associations met the executive committee, Mayor Frank van der Velde and top city officials to discuss the new valuations.

Camps Bay resident Carl Meyer said the action group gave the council three days to respond to its decision not to pay increased rates, to reject the city council's constitutional proposals and to demand the resignation of councillors.

Action group member Martin Feinstein said the council had refused to acknowledge affordability as an issue when many middle-class people in Camps Bay could not afford to pay the new rates.

He said the council had underestimated ratepayers' bitterness about the issue.

Mr Feinstein said many saw the council as a bloated bureaucracy, with failings including inept handling of the minibus taxi industry and the "white elephant" Good Hope Centre.

"I do not see why we have to pay more when we are getting less."

This included less say in the running of the city because the council wanted to give all adults the vote, instead of just property owners.

Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' chairman Mike Stavropolous said his association did not support the decision not to pay increased rates. "We will not encourage civil disobedience."

He asked for a six-month moratorium, a 50 percent rates rebate for pensioners, separate charges for rates and sewerage, and referendum on the Atlantic seaboard becoming a separate municipality.

Exco chairman Louis Kremer said anyone who thought their valuation was too high could appeal to an independent valuation court, due to sit next month.

He said there was a 35 percent rebate on residential properties.

Mr Botha said the method of valuation and of collecting rates was laid down by law and the council had no choice about obeying the law.

Mr Kremer said if people could prove their valuations were excessive, appeal was possible.

"If it is unaffordable, that is something we can do nothing about."

Ratepayers association executive member Annette Reinecke said the contribution from the Atlantic seaboard wards to the city coffers had risen from R34,6 million to R55,2 million.

Mr Van der Velde said the council was bound by law to do revaluations.

He said he had been a proponent "for years" of a flat rating system of valuations based on site only, but said people in high-

ly valued areas would have been worse off if this system had been used.

He said the council could ask the administrator to give rebates to certain classes of people, and said changing the means test to include more people should be investigated.

Exco deputy chairman Leon Markovitz said calls for separate municipalities could be seen by many people as an attempt to protect white privilege.

Mr Stavropolous said Green Point, Sea Point and Newlands — which had asked to become independent municipalities — were "Democratic Party strongholds and there was no question of racial discrimination."

John Sonnenberg said central and provincial government had cut subsidies unilaterally and independent municipalities would be faced with huge rates increases "which will blow them out of the water."

He said he was proud that Cape Town, unlike other councils, did a lot for poorer inhabitants. "You could call it redistribution of wealth."

Mr Van der Velde told the group their call for a moratorium would have to be subsidised by other ratepayers. The revaluation had meant a redistribution of the load among ratepayers, and many who had been paying too much were now paying less.

● Former executive committee chairman Dick Friedländer will ask the city council today to extend rates rebates on residential properties to flats.

At present, only houses and sectional-title flats get a 35 percent rebate. Rented flats are regarded as being businesses.



Clive Keegan

Patricia Kreiner

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# Keegan new city mayor (263)

## Municipal Reporter

CLIVE Keegan has been elected mayor of Cape Town with Patricia Sulcas Kreiner as his deputy.

Wynberg councillor Mr Keegan has been on the council for 14 years, the past two as deputy mayor.

Mrs Sulcas Kreiner, who represents the central business district and has been on the council for 16 years, was defeated in the Sea Point council election.

Ian Iversen was elected utilities and works chairman to succeed Kenny Penkin.

The rest of exco is Louis Kreiner (chairman), Leon Markovitz (deputy chairman and amenities and health chairman), John Muir (town planning) and Neil Ross (housing).

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Consensus

## 'encouraging'

A MEETING to discuss amendments to the local negotiating forum's founding document reached "an encouraging" degree of consensus yesterday, according to Mr Louwtjie Rothman, vice-president of the Cape Province Municipal Association.

Mr Rothman said the objective of the meeting between Cape Town's northern and southern areas, the RSC and the city council had largely been achieved, but declined to elaborate.

Mr Neil Ross of the city council said certain differences between the parties had been left to task groups yesterday to sort out (263)

# Rates hike to 'redistribute wealth'

Staff Reporter

PROTESTING ratepayers have been told bluntly that property rates had been increased to help the council "redistribute wealth."

Representatives of the Camps Bay Action Group, the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' Association and the Traders' Association attended a special meeting of the city council's

executive committee yesterday

Justifying the increases, councillor Dr John Sonnenberg said, "The question is what this city has done for its citizens which no other city in this country does, you can call it what you like, but if you want to be blatant, it's the redistribution of wealth. There are people being provided for here who have got nothing."

Camps Bay spokesman Mr Carl Meyer said no account had been taken of homeowners' ability to pay

Armed with a petition of 1 000 signatures, Mr Meyer said his group had resolved to pay rates at last year's level plus 10%, rejected the city council's paper on a future local authority, lacked confidence in the council and demanded that it resign

The Green and Sea Point Ratepayers demanded a moratorium of at least six months on payment of new rates and a 50% rebate for pensioners. They also want to hold a referendum on secession.

Exco official Mr Leon Markovitz said separate municipalities would be seen as protectionist, not caring for the broader community

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## 'Progress on Ikapa strike'

Staff Reporter

IKAPA town council workers are returning to work after progress in talks between the council and the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu), a provincial administration spokeswoman said yesterday. (26/8/93)

The 1200 workers began striking in early July over a wage dispute with the council following Ikapa's upgrading to a grade 9 municipality. Workers had demanded that pay scales be adjusted upwards as their status had risen. (26/8/93)

However the spokeswoman said "the talks have reached a sensitive stage and are not over yet" CT 26/8/93



# Forum breaks deadlock on release of public land

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Urban development commission members agree to compromise

**BRUCE CAMERON**  
Business Staff

INITIAL agreement has been reached in the Western Cape Economic Forum to break a deadlock on the release of public land

Extra parliamentary groups have been arguing for a moratorium until decisions can be made by democratically elected bodies

But, members of the forum's urban development commission representing many of the bodies involved in the dispute have agreed to a compromise in terms of the agreement,

which has yet to be ratified at a plenary session of the forum next week, land will be released where it is urgently required, such as for affordable housing for the disadvantaged

But, the commission stipulates that there should be widespread consultation, particularly with itself, first.

Public land is defined land owned by the central and provincial government, local and regional government and state-owned companies

The commission sees the release of public land as one of the main weapons available to correct "many aspects of the

current inefficient and inequitable structure and functioning in the Cape Metropolitan Area".

In reaching agreement, commission members have spelt out a guideline for the future release of public land to protect rights and to control development for the whole region to meet priorities and environmental needs.

The guideline calls for an inventory of all public land and a development plan for the entire region which will highlight the priorities.

The commission recommended a tiered approach to

developing or selling public land

The first step should be to test any proposal against a broad development plan for the metropolitan region, gradually filtering the scheme down to the local authority with greater detail added at every step, down to approval of final building plans.

As part of the compromise the commission recommends that any immediate plans to develop publicly owned land should first be vetted by the commission and approved by affected communities.

# City may face new rates increases

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

RATEPAYERS could face more rates increases in just two years when the provincial administration is scheduled to do property revaluations.

City council executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner today asked the council for an urgent probe into ways to help hard-hit ratepayers.

The council would ask for laws to be changed to allow rates relief, he said.

Moving a motion of exigency, he said exco should investigate devices such as phasing in increases and levying separate user charges for services.

He said the city was not benefitting from the valuation increases because they shifted the rates burden according to changed property values.

Some ratepayers had been "getting away with murder" because their rates were up to 1 000 percent too low.

He said the council could not have delayed the valuations because the increases would have been worse.

Communication with ratepayers was "sadly lacking" and many were unaware of concessions such as the 35 percent rebate.

John Sonnenberg said the council did not want forced removals because people could not afford their new rates.

He said big business should help "the small man".

Dr Sonnenberg said many ratepayers had asked what they got for their money. Money was spent where most needed, and the burden on ratepayers was worsened by central and provincial subsidy cuts.

Arthur Wienburg said he fully supported Mr Kreiner's call for an investigation, but opposed spending on a public relations exercise "to make excuses to ratepayers".

Public relations would not help people pay their rates, he said.

There was an urgent need to cut spending to essentials.

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## Folly splits city council

TOWN planning chairman Mr John Muir argued against his entire committee yesterday in favour of preserving an architectural folly.

He won half the votes of council, but mayor Mr Frank van der Velde used his casting vote to allow its demolition.

The folly in question is a hexagonal rondavel with church windows in Cornwall Place, Wynberg.

The owners of the adjoining buildings wanted to demolish it to expand their premises.

Mr Muir said this was the only folly he knew of in urban Cape Town.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Taxpayers revolt**

**White Capetonians** have been given a glimpse of what a future metropolitan government for their region may look like — and many don't like it. A proposal that the vote should be extended to all residents, including squatters and lodgers, irrespective of property ownership or tenancy as is now the case, appears to be particularly unpalatable.

The franchise proposal is a key aspect of a series of recommendations adopted by Cape Town City Council last week as part of a position paper on local government reform for the Cape Peninsula.

The formulation of the paper followed what is believed to be the most comprehensive investigation into local government reform ever undertaken by a local authority. Chairman of the committee that drafted the report and deputy mayor Clive Keegan says the proposals put Cape Town "light years ahead" of other local authorities. "The political credibility of the city council hangs by this document."

But some ratepayers' associations see it as a major threat. A group from the Bergvliet-Meadowridge area accuse "elements within the council" of hijacking the constitutional process in an effort to implement ANC policy. It is opposed to votes for squatters and

lodgers

Objections to a wider franchise have also come from the Muizenberg Business Association, which represents ratepayers in the upmarket suburbs of Bishop's Court, Newlands, Kenilworth, Claremont and Wynberg, and from United Christian Action which represents conservative religious groups.

Arthur Wienburg, a councillor who opposed key recommendations in the report during last week's council session, says feedback from ratepayers' meetings indicates a rejection of the committee's main recommendations. He believes the franchise based on the payment of property tax should be retained in line with the principle of "no representation without taxation".

**Hiding to nothing**

Committee member Neil Ross accepts that the document is not necessarily in line with the views of many white ratepayers, but argues that it is "correct in terms of principle." He warns that people who try to use finance as a benchmark for the franchise in a future SA "are on a hiding to nothing."

Included in the committee's 28 recommendations are proposals for

A two-tier local government structure comprising a metropolitan authority, with an area of jurisdiction stretching in a radius of 50 km from Cape Town, and primary local authorities to take care of local needs

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- Votes for all residents over 18, and
  - Representation at both metropolitan and local council level based on a combination of proportionality and a ward system

The metropolitan council would be the principal taxing authority, though local councils would have taxing capacity to finance services and facilities that they may want to provide in addition to the basic services provided on a metropole-wide basis.

The committee also proposes the scrapping of Cape Town's system of votes for owners of nonresidential property (who now pay 51% of property taxes in the city), but the proposal was turned down by the full council.

Keegan says the response of ratepayers reflects the concerns of whites about the future. In essence the report is about the introduction of political equality and the redistribution of economic resources.

"Unless we address the political and economic problems the whole region will explode and destroy the factors that make the western Cape such an attractive area in which to invest."

The row over proposals for local government reform comes at the same time as a growing revolt by Cape Town's ratepayers over substantial hikes in property rates. At a number of meetings in the past two weeks residents have been urged to withhold payment of the increases. ■

# Exco move to soften rates blow

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By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN City Council voted unanimously yesterday to have its executive committee "examine all options" to alleviate the impact of rates.

However, exco chairman Mr Louis Kreiner rejected suggestions from Mr Arthur Wienburg that more cash offices and libraries be closed and that the council stop giving "grants in aid" — which amount to 2% of rates income — to needy institutions

Mr Kreiner said there were many options, some already legal and others that would require making representations to the Administrator for changes to the ordinance.

Cutting contributions to charities was no solution, he said

One option was for the phasing in of the rates increase. Another was to separate charges for services

The council agreed to investigate the rate-reducing effect of separating charges for refuse removal and sewage treatment from the overall rates charge.

Referring to the case of a retired Clifton resident whose rates had been increased from R230 a month to R2 400 a month, Dr John Sonnenberg said "We don't want financial forced removals."

He said there was an element of redistribution of wealth in the present rating system.

People with high-value properties paid more than the cost of their services in rates, and the extra money was spent in the municipality's areas of greatest need.

Mrs Eulalie Stott pleaded for a change to the cut-off point beyond which pensioners do not qualify for a rates rebate. Anyone with a house valued at over R160 000 does not qualify

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## DP caucus criticised <sup>(253)</sup>

Municipal Reporter

NON-CAUCUS members Mr Arthur Wienburg and Mr Peter Muller lambasted the council's Democratic Party caucus for its veto of a resolution calling for a report on practical steps to be taken towards privatisation of council tasks <sup>CT27/8/93</sup>

Mr Muller charged that the council was backing away from privatisation not because it was good for the council to do so, "but because it is good for their (caucus members') image vis-a-vis the new government, local regional or national"

# City businesses pay <sup>(253)</sup> more than in Jo'burg <sup>CT27/8/93</sup>

RATES on businesses in Cape Town are still substantially higher than those on businesses in Johannesburg or Durban — in spite of the recent drop of up to 69% in local rates on commercial properties

A Cape Times survey yesterday found that a business which owned land in the central business district valued at R1 million, with a R10m building on the site, would pay rates of about R192 000 a year in Cape Town, R123 000 in Durban and R51 000 in Johannesburg

The chairman of the SA Property Owners' Association, Mr Anton Musgrave, said yesterday Cape Town's property owners in the CBD had been subsidising the residential areas, particularly the affluent suburbs.

Chamber of Commerce assistant director Mr Albert Schuitmaker said the high rates had detracted from businesses positioning themselves in Cape Town. The chamber had made several submissions to the council on this matter

Meanwhile Cape Town residents who say they will refuse to pay the increases in residential rates, could lose their houses

Council spokesman Mr Ted Doman said yesterday the council would first take the normal legal proceedings against residents

"But ultimately the council can sell the house in execution. The rates owed will be deducted from the sum received and the remainder paid to the former owner," Mr Doman said



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# 'Corrective' plan gets Bellville council's nod

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By ANDRE KOOPMAN

BELLVILLE city council has approved a corrective action plan aimed at removing discrimination and creating opportunities for all employees.

The document appears in effect to be an affirmative action programme but the Mayor of Bellville, Mr Awie Kempen, said yesterday he did not like the term "because it implies that something wrong has been done in the past and now you are trying to make it right".

He said the basic principle of the plan was to give "all employees equal opportunities and assistance to enable them to achieve their maximum potential".

The city council said in a statement the aim of the programme would be to create equal opportunities, and after this merit would apply

The council had accepted a strategy and procedures for implementing the programme which would address corrective action in an integrated manner — "where relevant and possible within the local management responsibility".

Mr Kempen said the plan that had been approved would have a strong merit component and would be geared towards "enabling" those people with the "necessary skills" to "meet the challenges on a level playing field".

However, it would still be necessary for employees to prove that they could "deliver the goods", he added.

## Time phase

The corrective action plan will include the following.

- Commitment to staff development and training as a strategic aim of the municipality
- Creating a climate and attitude conducive to the achievement of results within a given time phase.

The proposed strategy for the plan includes:

- Specific attention to employment, promotion and development matters.
- Training people to run the programme.

## Plan to help hospitals

TYGERBERG HOSPITAL has launched the Can Plan project to raise R5-million to help boost flagging morale following stringent budget curbs on spending at academic hospitals.

The new academic health complex structure will help hospitals generate their own funds, improve services, research and management, said Professor Andreas van Wyk, Rector of the University of Stellenbosch at a Tygerberg Hospital Can Plan function this week.

Professor Frans Taljaard, chairman of the Teaching Hospital Board, said the hospital was struggling but was not "in the red".

Previously the government had been responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of hospitals

Mr Michael O'Bryan, of the ANC's Health Department, objected to the unilateral restructuring of hospitals, saying the academic health complexes would be split away from the rest of the national health system.

● Meanwhile the N1 City Hospital in Goodwood has acquired a sophisticated R1,5-million Excimer laser, which has revolutionised eye surgery

## Away in Japan



**JUNIOR STAR:** Pamela van Schalkwyk, a 14-year-old Stellenberg High schoolgirl, is representing South Africa in the NTT World Junior tennis final in Japan which started on Wednesday. She is the only Western Province player in the six-member squad. Sixteen countries are competing in the event which is the under-14 age group equivalent of the Davis Cup (men) and Federation Cup (women).

Picture: HERMAN R GIBBS

will focus on  
aerial training  
for the school-

**GRIEVING FRIENDS** . Ms Anna Wang, a close friend of Miss Amy Biehl, weeps at  
the spot where Amy was stabbed to death and where mourners laid flowers  
yesterday.

Picture BENNY GOOL



**NEW TEAM** . Mr. Clive Keegan and Mrs  
Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner. Picture. BERNARD PEREZ

## Deputy mayor has doubts over future

Municipal Reporter **27/8/93**

MRS Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner, who was elected deputy mayor of the Cape Town City Council yesterday, is unlikely to be mayor after Mr Clive Keegan's two-year term in office expires.

Mr Keegan was elected mayor yesterday.

Mrs Sulcas-Kreiner said last night that she was not confident of becoming mayor because of the changes taking place in local government. "There is an outside chance of my becoming mayor. I would like to have the approval of the wider community."

Until recently, she thought she might have a very brief stint in office even as deputy mayor, but now it seems that the establishment of a transitional council will be held over until next year.

Her deputy mayoress is Mrs Diana Berrill. (263)



# The 'fright of the whites' — and their suspicions

**M**ANY whites question the commitment of the African National Congress to democracy and believe the new oppressors will be black, according to political analyst Daniel Silke of the University of Cape Town's Institute for the Study of Public Policy

He says this is one of the reasons many young, middle-class people have joined the "third wave of emigration" from the country, similar to that of post-Sharpeville and state-of-emergency years

Mr Silke said findings of the Motsuenyane Commission into ANC human-rights abuses confirmed the argument of those emigrating, who viewed current freedoms as a South African version of a "Prague Spring"

"Senior ANC office-bearers like their outspoken youth leader Peter Mokaba have prompted fear and anxiety by asking the radical and impatient township youth to 'kill the farmer', 'take the struggle to the

■ The country's major political players will have to address the fears of the white middle-class should they wish to stem the departure of highly talented and educated people, reports **DALE KNEEN**.

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white areas' and 'save your bullets for De Klerk'

"This message is well received in the sprawling shanty-towns outside Johannesburg but leaves an ugly taste in the mouths of whites who fear racial retribution from an increasingly militant black majority"

Mr Silke said suggestions of wealth and property taxes and a potential decline in educational standards further upset the "jittery" would-be emigrants

Many whites also feared economic decline in South Africa — a kickback to the apartheid years that portrayed blacks as

inferior with little ability to run or manage a modern industrialised state

"Civil war talk on the part of the right wing also frightens whites. They are suspicious that many within the military and police are AWB supporters and have the potential to seize power should the ANC win the coming election"

Mr Silke said South Africa had been plagued by increasing violence for three years and many whites feared for the safety of their children

"Their fears are exacerbated by nightly television news-casts and newspaper head-

lines detailing the most heinous murders and massacres, usually as a result of the interneine ANC-Inkatha conflict"

Mr Silke said all young South Africans needed to develop a mind-set that would look for opportunities amid the uncertainty

"Markets are expanding and international contact is growing. The underprivileged sector of the community is hungry for knowledge and success and if harnessed successfully can sustain a dynamic and exciting period ahead

"Adaptation to political change is important. The new system has to be understood in terms of priorities. No more impressive facilities for white areas. Money will go to upliftment and the provision of basic services"

While there would be high levels of violence, the country had the best chance it had ever had to succeed

# Rates crisis: Residents to oust city councillors

DI CAELERS

Weekend Argus Reporter

AN independent local authority for "greater Claremont" and a no-confidence vote and subsequent removal of the Cape Town city councillors is what irate Newlands residents have planned in response to "unacceptable" rates hikes

On Wednesday next week, a meeting at the Claremont Civic Centre is expected to draw hundreds of homeowners from Newlands, Claremont, Kenilworth, Wynberg and Rondebosch where the relevant decisions are expected to be made

Residents' spokesman Ms Jackie Keeton told Weekend Argus the purpose of the meeting was primarily to compose

a letter to the Administrator calling for an independent municipality for "greater Claremont" ARG 28/8/95

"We also intend calling an extraordinary annual general meeting for Cape Town at the City Hall where a motion of no confidence in the councillors will be proposed. If we get that, the councillors will be forced to resign"

The residents wanted to send "a loud and clear" message too to the city council warning them "they can no longer use the underprivileged as an excuse for hiking our rates"

"The government must tax the broad community of South Africa and set up a welfare kitty to upgrade the poor. It is not the task of any city to do that," Ms Keeton said

# JOBS

# The town that saved itself

SI TIVUO (Buss)

29/8/93

While much of South Africa is racked by stagnation and violence, Stutterheim is peaceful and booming. By KEVIN DAVIE

THREE years ago Stutterheim, a Border town about an hour's drive from East London, was dying.

Black communities in the area had been scheduled since the 1960s to be resettled in Ciskei, there had been virtually no development of roads, housing and schools for almost three decades. The result was frustration and anger. A consumer boycott in 1989 and 1990 closed 18 businesses and threatened to kill all development.

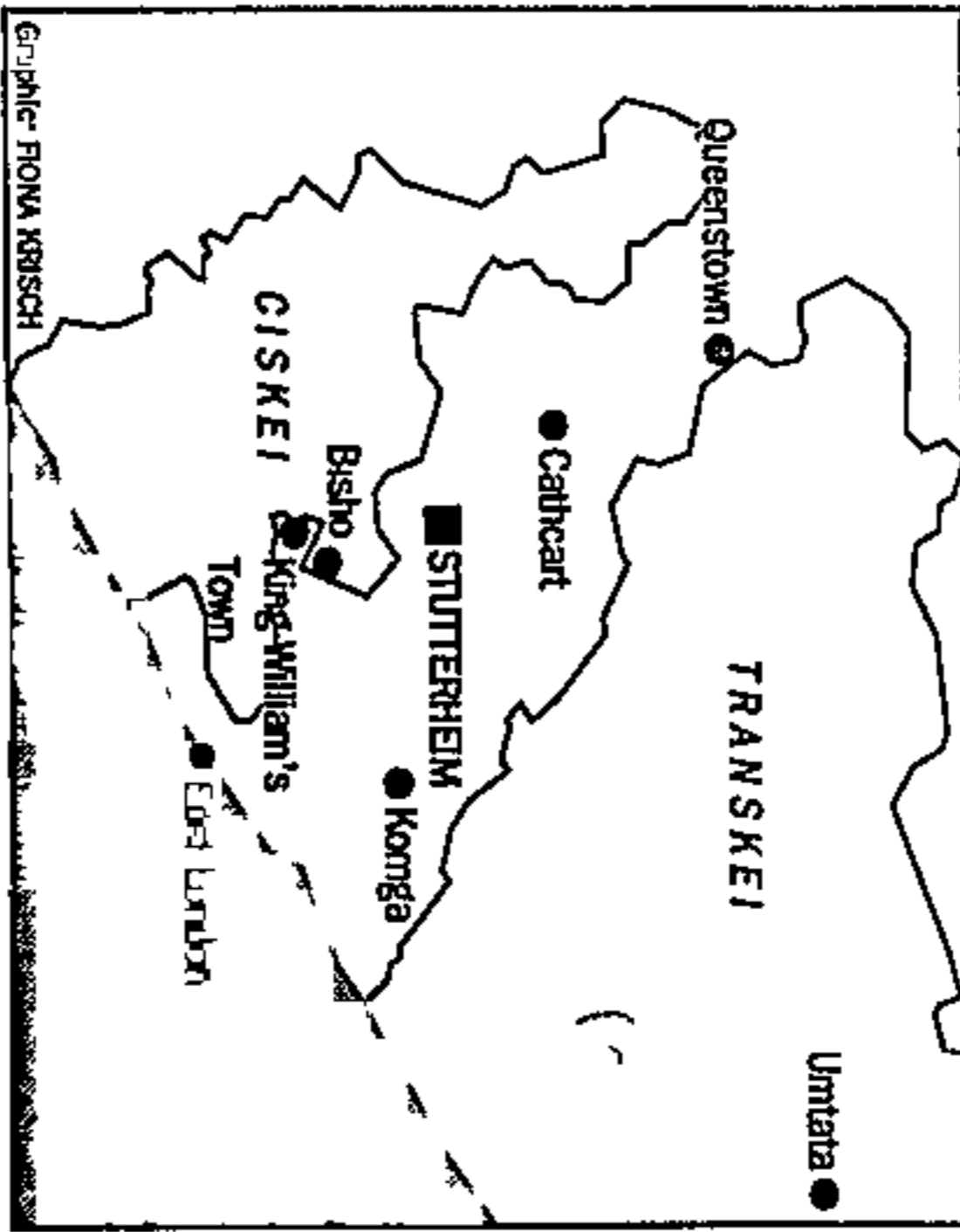
But out of the boycott, blacks and whites started talking and informal committees emerged to work out strategies to combat the underdevelopment which had come to threaten everyone. Some months later a newspaper called the committee of town councilors and civic association leaders the Stutterheim Forum. By then development priorities had been identified and money raised, chiefly from the Independent Development Trust and the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Today Stutterheim is booming, achieving 15.5% growth last year. Locals have been trained as builders, plumbers, plasterers and electricians, 900 serviced sites are being developed, a R2.2-million school is being built.

A business advisory service has been set up as have a range of businesses including clothing, brick making, toilet construction, trading and shoe making (Stutterheimers walk around in locally made shoes).



PEACE MAKERS ... Forum chairman Chris Magwangqana and colleague Nico Ferreira



Pictures: DAILY DISPATCH

A tannery is being established with the help of the Leather Institute at Rhodes University in Grahamstown and one of the communities has established a grain mill.

Nicky Callaghan heads the Business Information Centre, helping potential and existing businesses with information about where to obtain finance, how to upgrade skills and how to run a more effective business.

"We've had lots of inquiries from people starting or expanding their businesses," says Miss Callaghan. "We're looking at bigger projects which will benefit materials in the area."

Small-scale agriculture, including maize and stock farming, is being encouraged, as is vegetable growing. Regular market days will be held to encourage trade. Previously unoccupied industrial premises now house 15 small

businesses employing 150 people. People who left Stutterheim for the urban areas are returning and newcomers are arriving to start businesses. Stutterheim is also exporting skills, some of the builders it trained have set up in the Port Elizabeth area.

Communities have been helped to establish seven "amakhasyas" — day-care centres — which serve 260 children. Some of these, run from private homes, will move to new creches.

Department of Health funding is being used to improve the nutrition of children. Teachers are being trained and their accommodation upgraded.

Adult literacy training has been helped by the use of Brand Knevy, which teaches people to read by using familiar brand names. A careers college, which will train potential entrepreneurs in how to establish their own businesses, is

envisaged. A credit union, or "people's bank", which makes loans to the poor has been established.

Twenty-two projects in all are underway, says Forum chairman Chris Magwangqana, who has returned from a year's study of local government and development on a bursary at the University of Birmingham.

"This is development with a human face. It shows that the people of Stutterheim are not separated."

About 55 000 people are represented in the Forum — from the town of 3 500, four black townships, a coloured township and three informal settlements in the rural areas.

Nico Ferreira, a small-business consultant and deputy mayor, says the initiative has helped to empower individuals. "People now believe in

has wisely used this money while other areas still refuse aid for political reasons. Grant finance can be expected to be even more readily accessible in the heady days when the new SA really gets under way. But it won't be around forever and will need to be grabbed smartly while available.

Stutterheim has shown that this money can bring major empowerment benefits to a region. Although it could have employed outside companies to do the work, it has used the opportunity to provide jobs and skills.

It faces a real challenge, though — one Forum members acknowledge — when the development grants dry up. For the longer term it can perhaps take a lead out of China's book and scour the East London and Port Elizabeth areas for products which village enterprises can supply cheaply to formal business.

Village power has underpinned China's economic miracle. Established businesses can also learn by securing areas like Stutterheim to see if some of their needs can be more cheaply supplied by labour-intensive village production.

Going on its recent track record, Stutterheim will rise to this challenge. Situated at the centre of the Frontier Wars region, it has shown the rest of the country what can be achieved.

Stutterheim is both a model and an inspiration, providing simple, people-based solutions to complex problems. Mr Ferreira says Stutterheim's problems were characteristic of what was wrong with SA. Now, he says, what has happened there can also happen in the rest of SA.

But what is Stutterheim's real secret? How had it managed to turn confrontation into opportunity? Mr Ferreira's answer: "Well, we live here."

# Van der Velde a working mayor

## □ Cape Town's first citizen — 'I refuse to be a political eunuch' — bows out

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE time of the ceremonial mayor is over, says outgoing mayor Frank van der Velde.

Mr Van der Velde, whose two-year term of office will end when he hands his mayoral chain to Clive Keegan tomorrow, has been one of Cape Town's most controversial and outspoken mayors.

In an interview on taking office in 1991, he said he was not a political eunuch. And the dynamic first citizen has proved the truth of these words.

He has been amid the throng as taxi drivers blocked central Cape Town and played a key role in the formation of the Western Cape Peace Committee.

His publicised clashes include exchanges with President De Klerk, Administrator Kobus Mearns and Western Cape Regional Services Council

chairman Piethe Loubser.

irate letters trailed in his wake when he set sail for Rio aboard a yacht.

But nothing has been done without a purpose, everything with the sake of the city of which he is mayor at the core.

"One of the themes I set for my term was 'unity is strength', South Africa's motto which has not been realised.

"I achieved a great deal of bridge-building, efforts to resolve problems with taxis led to the formation of the regional peace committee which dove-tailed with the National Peace Accord.

"The Olympic initiative brought people together," said Mr Van der Velde.

The electrical engineer vowed at his installation his term would see great progress towards the electrification of the Western Cape.

"Awareness about electrification has been

achieved, and a local electrification forum was set up.

"And now, the programme has started. If you go to Crossroads, you see poles and wires being strung above shacks."

About 70 000 houses have been earmarked for electrification in the next five years in the Eskom supply area, 13 500 by the end of the year.

In the Cape Town supply area, the target is 9 800 houses by the end of the year.

Budget energy controllers are being installed in townships and are available to consumers in established areas. Mr Van der Velde had one installed in his Plumstead house last week.

But, his mayoral office is ending with relations between the city council and ratepayers at a low.

"This is attributable mainly to the economic situation — just about every ratepayer, or one of his relatives, has been retrenched.

"And, there is a lot of apprehension about political change, especially because of the amount of violence.

What within his power would he change about the past two years?"

"There should be better communication with the ratepayer, particularly in terms of services and the difficulties of managing a city in the 1990s."

His frustrations include the failure to eradicate political violence and the lack of a solution to the Cape Town municipal housing crisis, each linked to the other.

The state's failure to assist with housing "the single most important leg of development this city needs" was the root of his clash with President De Klerk.

His high-profile clashes reportedly led to clashes with the executive committee, the political bosses of the city council.

How does he see the role of mayor?

"I believe the American and European model of the executive mayor is the better. The time of the titular mayor is over."

He qualifies this with support for the concept of the ceremonial mayor. "The neutral status of the office enables its occupant to be a catalyst, to 'lean on' authorities and cut through red tape.

And the criticism about overseas trips?"

"The city needs to be marketed aggressively overseas and I am not happy about Satour's efforts."

In his term of office, he visited Nice, Marseilles, Paris, Munich, Amsterdam, London, Rio de Janeiro and the major cities of Taiwan.

"In every city, I was able to do three things — investigate tourism potential, investigate business and commercial potential, and to make political contacts where these had been broken down."

When Mr Van der Velde steps down tomorrow, it will be to join the utilities and works committee as an ordinary member.

He smiles when asked if he is looking forward to being able to take part in debate. In the past two years there have been several issues in which he would have "dearly loved to be able to make a contribution."

Leaving the mayoral office will allow him to pay more attention to his business.

"The mayor suffers greatly because of absence from business."



**MAYOR FOR PEACE:** Adiel Davids of New World Creations in Lavender Hill, a project for unemployed residents, and Mayor Frank van der Velde wearing peace sweaters. Mr Van der Velde was given a sweater in recognition of his efforts to bring peace to the Western Cape.

"The public perception that, because you get driven around in a Mercedes and wear black tie, you are a wealthy man is quite wrong," he said. The first phase out of office will be to consolidate and consider his civic and political future. "I have made good contacts while in office, and will keep myself available for active participation in the negotiating process."

He also hopes to play a role resolving problems in the rumbus taxi industry.

## Chain round her neck has opened doors for Trish

**GORRY BOWES TAYLOR**

TRISH van der Velde was lucky — she arrived in the Mayor's parlour with a job on which she could continue to focus — her work for Aids Training and the Aids Training, Information and Counselling Centre.

To her satisfaction and to the lasting benefit of the Aids organisations.

"I made it my special focus to develop an Aids community-based care project.

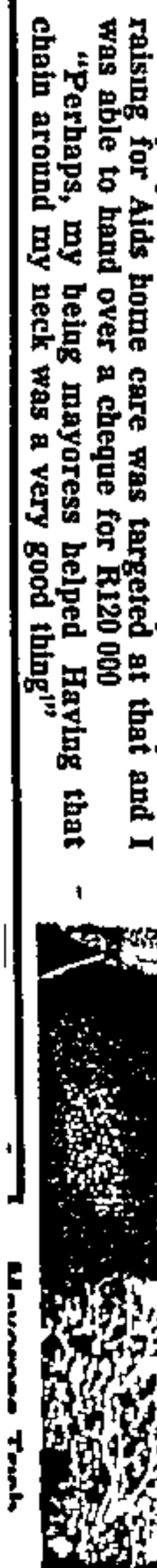
"That has actually been launched, in a much bigger way than I dreamt it ever could be. By marrying my professional life and public profile, I could access resources and tap into networks.

"I was the person in the right place at the right time and, I had loads and loads of help, people from all walks of life, from formal and informal health care agencies.

"Now, the Red Cross Society will co-ordinate all community-based care for those with Aids. This was a decision that we worked on for over eight months.

"The project was launched in February. All my fundraising for Aids home care was targeted at that and I was able to hand over a cheque for R120 000.

"Perhaps, my being mayors helped. Having that chain around my neck was a very good thing!"



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# New mayor's prayer call

## Municipal Reporter

INCOMING mayor Mr Clive Keegan has invited all Capetonians to join him at St Mary's Cathedral in Roeland Street at 1pm on Thursday "to join hands in prayers for peace"

He said yesterday that this would be one of his first acts as mayor. He believes that Cape Town should be in the vanguard

of the national peace campaign. The interdenominational service will be led by Catholic Archbishop Lawrence Henry.

The IFP in a statement yesterday expressed their full support for the service.

- The Western Cape Peace Committee has asked all South Africans to observe a minute of silence at noon on Thursday.

Factory sirens are due to be sounded during this minute. Pedestrians are asked to stop walking. Drivers are asked to switch on their lights or pull over and stop their cars.

- On Sunday a peace celebration is being organised on the Grand Parade from noon until 3pm.

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# Expensive local govt deal

THE government is trying to make a deal with non-statutory groupings in terms of which it is offering to give in to demands for 50-50 appointed councils during the run-up to local elections, in return for approval of a government-favoured local government dispensation for five years after elections

If the ANC and allies agree to the deal, they will pay dearly for the privilege of appointing half of all local councillors for the perhaps 18-month interim period from early next year

They will have to agree that certain principles — concerning how local government will be run for five years after a local election — will be entrenched in the national constitution

According to Mr Andrew Boraine, a negotiator at the national-level talks on local government, one of these principles is that certain wards will get extra representation on the basis of "their contribution to the rates base"

Primary local authorities would have to remain responsible for planning standards and zoning regulations

The government also wants to break the power of local council executive committees, and instead place more power in the hands of other committees

The reason for this, apparently, is that the government fears that political forces unfriendly to



## CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

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it will take power in the executive committees

It is difficult to predict whether the ANC and other groups will make the deal with the government. In my view, it would be far better if they do not. The worst part of the deal is that the government wants to water down local-level

universal franchise by loading the wards. If the deal is not made, all that is likely to happen is that promulgation of the Local Government Transition Bill will have to wait at least another five months, until after the April 27 election

In the meanwhile, we will continue to have white municipalities and financially non-viable black local authorities (BLAs) with mounting debts. More and more BLAs are collapsing, and problems with the provision of basic services to the townships are looming

As Mr Thozamile Botha, ANC director of local government, noted at a UWC seminar last week, that is not just the government's problem, but all of ours

Even if the Local Government Transition Act goes through in November as scheduled, it is likely to take months before 50-50 councils, half appointed by councillors now in office and the other half by the non-statutory group, are established. The vexed question of boundaries for primary local authorities will first have to be sorted out. It's going to be a long transition

# Limit proposed on Cape Town sprawl

CITY planners have proposed a boundary around Cape Town's present built-up area, outside which no new sub-divisions of land for development should be allowed.

The suggestion of a 10-year boundary has been made in a council submission towards the formation of a Metropolitan Development Framework (MDF), which will replace the present land zoning Guide Plans.

Deputy city planner Mr Peter de Tolly said yesterday that work on an MDF had been going on within the city council and Regional Services

Council planning departments for some time.

The Western Cape Economic Development Forum had now set a deadline of November this year for the formulation of at least an interim version of the Metropolitan Development Framework.

Speaking at the 30th world congress of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, Mr De Tolly said a 10-year prohibition of development beyond a certain boundary was not unreasonable, as "there is enough land for urban development for the next 15 years without encroaching on areas of even moderate conservation value."

Delivering the opening address to delegates, who included 40 overseas speakers, Dr Colin Cameron, director general of environment affairs, said that policy guidelines for all aspects of land use should be developed at a central national level in the new South Africa.

• Mr John Neels, vice-chairman of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum, said almost 1 000 ha on which 35 000 serviced sites could be provided have been identified in the south-eastern areas of Cape Town. — Staff Reporter, Property Editor

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# 'Boost for black traders' call

By MAGGIE ROWLEY  
Property Editor

GREATER opportunities for black traders are needed in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront project to make it more "vibrant" and representative of Cape Town, says Mr John Neels, vice-chairman of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum

He said the Waterfront was just

one area of Cape Town which would have to be looked at as part of the Urban Development Commission's Metropolitan Development Framework aimed at integrating the city and ridding it of its apartheid past

One way to do this, he said, was to link neighbouring suburbs, such as Pinelands, Thornton, Athlone and Langa, by redefining municipal boundaries and by

road links. (263) CT 1/9/93

Mr Neels said a property clause in a Bill of Rights would be subject to compensation for those injured by apartheid. Financing this could include taxation of those who had benefited in the extreme, he said

Restoration and level of compensation by the state would have to be decided by an open legal process in a Claims Court.



# Keegan's reign 'will be short'

Political Staff

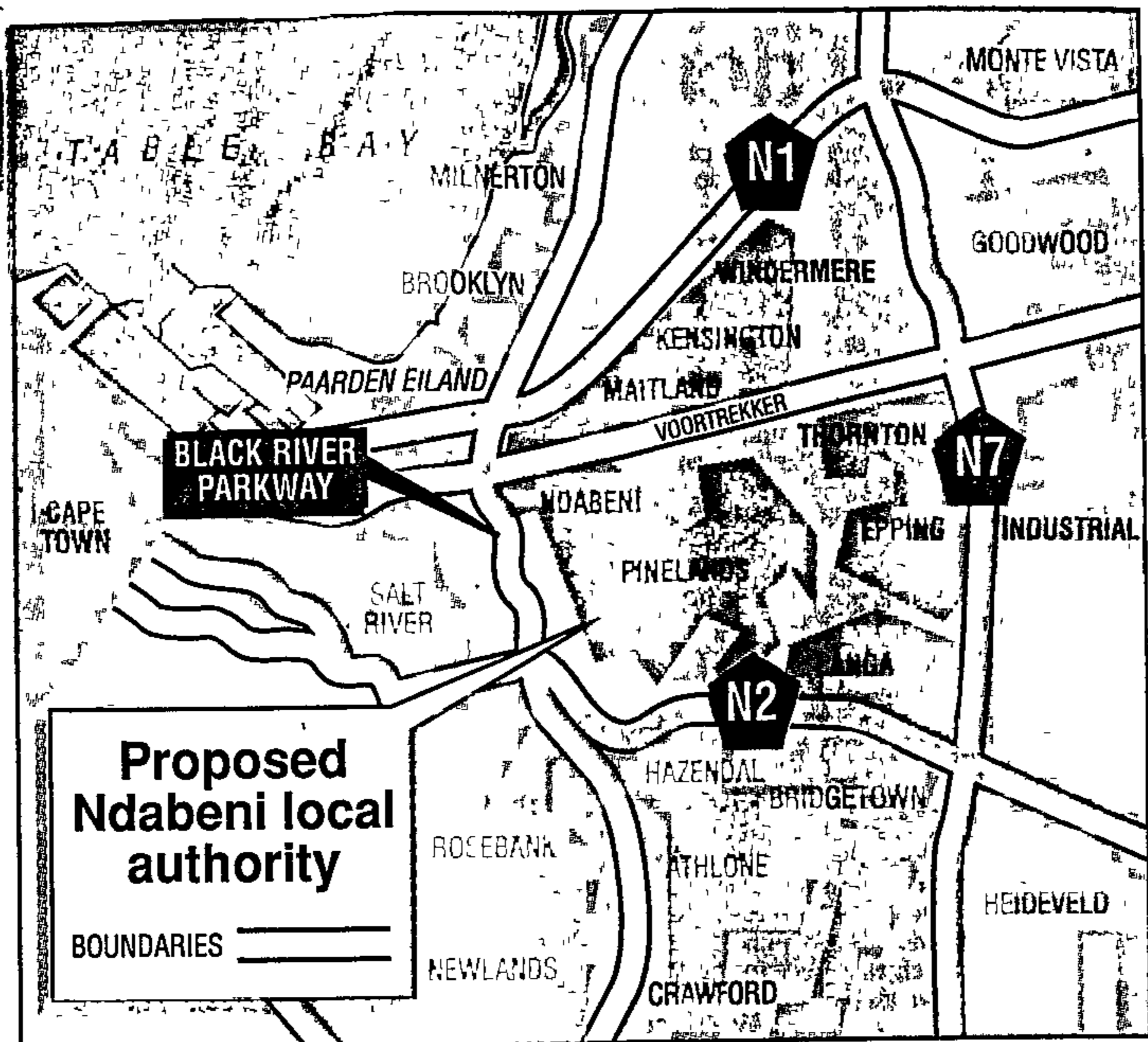
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MR Clive Keegan would be a good mayor but his period of office was limited as talks were underway to have representative local government installed, Dr Allan Boesak said yesterday. CT 1/9/93

"I have no doubt that Mr Keegan will be a good mayor but all of us realise that his period of office will be temporary"

He wished Mr Keegan "well" in office. Mr Keegan is to be installed as mayor Cape Town today.

Dr Boesak hoped as soon as the negotiations on a local level were concluded, an interim municipal structure, representing all, would be established



Map BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

**PINELANDS PROPOSAL:** The Ndabeni Local Authority planned by Pinelands Town Council will include Kensington, Factreton, Thornton, Wingfield, Ndabeni, Pinelands, Epping and Langa.

# Pinelands wants to 'go it alone' — as Ndabeni Local Authority

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

AN NDABENI Local Authority, including Pinelands, Langa, Epping and Wingfield has been proposed by Pinelands Town Council

The council wants a demarcation board to finalise boundaries

It proposes the municipality be bounded by Settlers Way-N2, Black River Parkway, the N1 and Vanguard Drive

Included will be Maitland Garden Village, Maitland, Kensington, Factreton, Thornton, Wingfield, Ndabeni, Epping and Langa

The new local authority would be "democratic, non-racial, financially viable and politically defensible", said the draft document

Including Ndabeni and Epping industrial areas would boost the rates base of the new municipality

People over 18 would have the vote, but owners and occu-

piers of properties liable for rates and service charges could get an extra vote

Metropolitan government envisaged by the council would include a number of primary local councils and a metropolitan council, each with clearly defined responsibilities.

Pinelands proposed electing primary local councils on a ward basis.

Representation on the metropolitan council would be half by wards and half by proportional representation

Pinelands wanted tax powers to be kept by primary local councils

Each would set its own property rates and give a fixed percentage to the metropolitan authority, to be spent on social reconstruction

The council supported extensive training and "capacity-building" programmes to aid affirmative action, but was opposed to a quota system for employment or promotion.

A spokesman said the draft proposals, presented to residents last month, were adopted with small technical changes by the council on Monday night

The position paper could be changed depending on the outcome of talks with other bodies and progress towards metropolitan restructuring

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**NEW MAYOR:** A peace ribbon on his new mayoral robes, Clive Keegan commits himself to being a peace broker at his City Hall installation today.

Picture HANNES THIART, The Argus

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THERE were more touches of colour at today's mayoral installation than merely the massed banks of flowers on the City Hall stage.

Mayor Clive Keegan sported a new gown, a replacement for the red, gold, and blue robe which had served mayors for several years and was showing the first signs of becoming threadbare.

There was colour too in the oratory of Mr Keegan while the content

## Keegan takes over

reflected the harsh brutality of a city and country racked by violence, its style recalled an elegant tradition of high-flown civic speeches

Gathered in the city hall were members of parliament, the diplomatic corps, church leaders and

heads of ratepayers' associations. Seated among the dignitaries was Ratepayers in Revolt spokesman Frank Helm ARG 11/9/93

And speaking of helms, it was the end of two years at the wheel for Frank van der Velde, who was given a portrait of himself — and as custom dictates, he handed it back to the city

The portrait, by Larry Scully, has its own humorous note a yacht (bound for Rio?) is depicted in a portrait-within-a-portrait in the background

● See pages 9 and 10. (263)

# Guidelines may curb developers

By ARI JACOBSON

FUTURE buyers or developers of publicly-owned land could be compelled to refer their plans to the Western Cape Economic Development Forum, if guidelines adopted at a meeting of the forum yesterday become law

The guidelines are intended to "facilitate sustainable and appropriate development in a timeous manner" as well as to fulfil "broadly agreed development and environment needs", according to papers discussed at the plenary session of the forum in the Cape Town Civic Centre yesterday

The guidelines on public land will be read in conjunction with a document on "strategic" land in the Cape Metropolitan Area

Discussing the guidelines, ANC spokesman Mr Basil Davidson said the ANC did not want to place a "freeze" on land development in the Cape

but wanted to find "a vehicle to facilitate the sale and development of public land"

Keynote speaker Mr Jayendra Naidoo, Cosatu national negotiations co-ordinator, said economic decision-making would need to be conducted at a central, rather than regional level.

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# ANC wants full consultation on city's future

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**BRUCE CAMERON,**  
**Business Staff**

The African National Congress development policy for Cape Town is based on full consultation with all parties, Cape land affairs spokesman John Neels said today

Mr Neels said his point in referring to a report in The Argus on the Nyanga station development was that, as had happened there, consultation procedures had to be followed in the development of public land

The development, which involved a supermarket, shops and a section for hawkers, was fully supported by the ANC

"Nyanga station is significant and the development is supported by the local civics, other community groups and the ANC."

Mr Neels emphasised that the ANC wanted development for Cape Town but it "must be based on a proper process of consultation to meet the needs of all the people"

"We are serious about rebuilding the city and getting away from the legacy of apartheid."

The seriousness with which the ANC regarded development should be seen in the active participation of the organisation in the Western Cape Economic Development Forum

Mr Neels said other developments like the Waterfront also had to reflect the city, and not be centred on attracting international tourism alone

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**PAST AND  
PRESENT:**  
Outgoing mayoress  
Trish van der  
Velde, right, with  
the new mayoress  
Marilyn Keegan

# Mayor takes PAC ARG 1/9/93 to task over slogans (253)

□ Leadership must answer to criticism

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
**Municipal Reporter**

MAYOR Clive Keegan has demanded the Cape leadership of the Pan Africanist Congress reveal whether it supports or condemns instigators of slaughter.

At his mayoral installation in the City Hall today he labelled as "entirely contemptible" slogans — including "Every settler deserves a bullet" — chanted outside the courts where men appeared in connection with the St James massacre and Amy Biehl's murder

Other slogans were "Kill a cop a day", "One settler, one bullet" and "Apla, Apla"

Mr Keegan said if the PAC leadership claimed the slogans were traditional and misunderstood, he would reply it was not telling the truth to the people of Cape Town

"If they claim that what is said is not what is meant, I shall reply they are no longer credible political leaders, but conscienceless hypocrites whose commitment to negotiation and national reconstruction can no longer be believed"

Mr Keegan said Cape Town, once the proud champion of political tolerance and communal harmony, had in the past few weeks lost its innocence

Calling for people to attend tomorrow's special lunchtime peace service at St Mary's Cathedral, he said the challenge now was to find a shared value system and a shared vision of the future, to rekindle optimism and self-respect

"Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous

"There is no hope for peace as long as political leaders preach peace from one corner of their mouths, while baying for blood and revenge from the other"

Mr Keegan said it was the duty of civic leadership to be on the side of the poor, the dispossessed and neglected

"For as long as I am mayor of this city, they are my kinsmen," he said

Cape Town was "uniquely placed" to be a place of reconciliation and atonement

He proposed Robben Island be the seat of an "Albert Luthuli Institute for the study of democracy and peace in Africa, where scholars, statesmen and international agencies can meet and confer about the survival and renaissance of a continent which they are destined to lead".

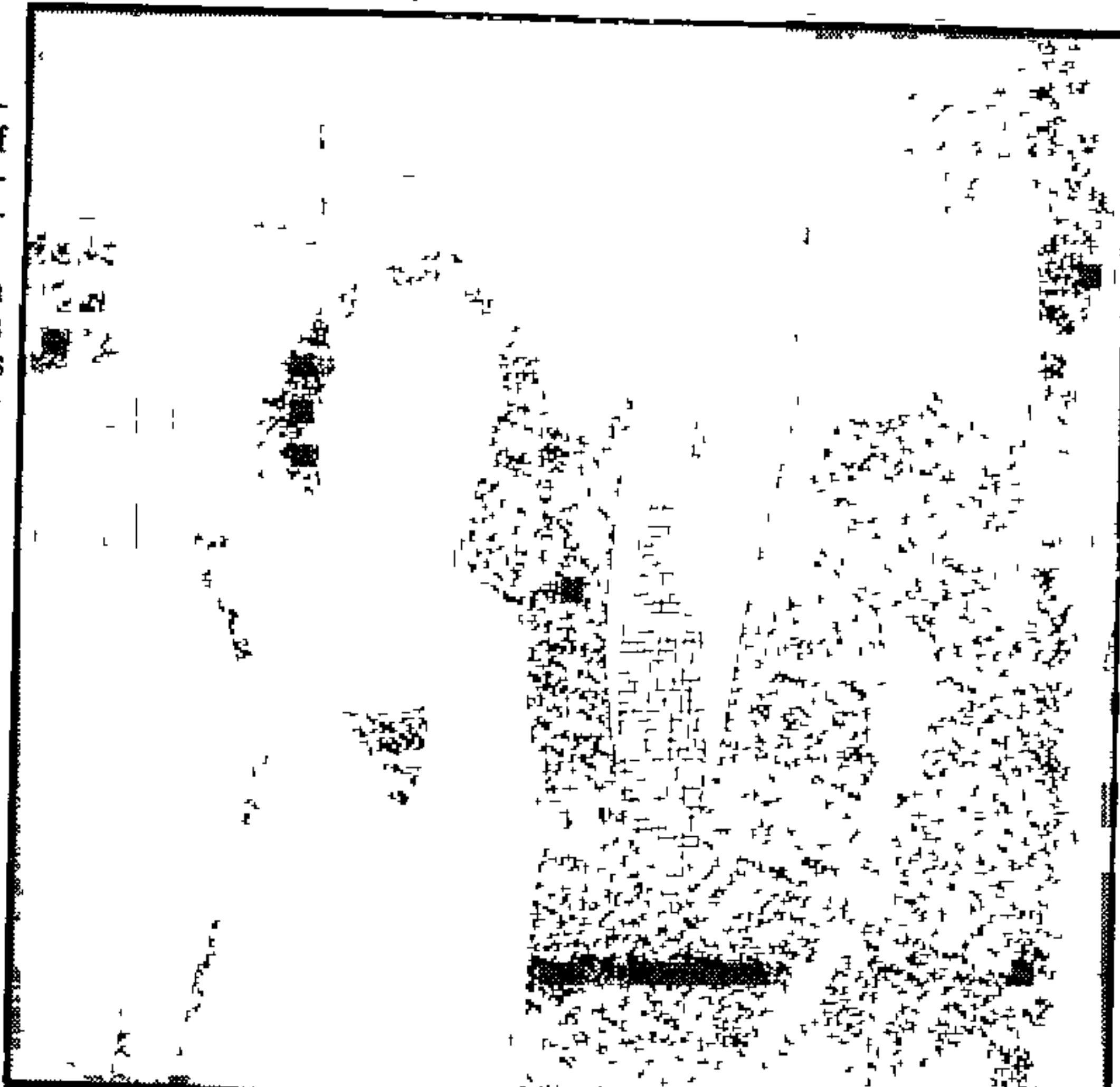
Mr Keegan said he would promote this project during his term

Local government restructuring talks were bogged down in a quagmire of self-interest and confusion "Unless the log-jam is broken, and broken soon, all hope and confidence will be abandoned and the angry impatience of the townships will let loose the dogs of war".

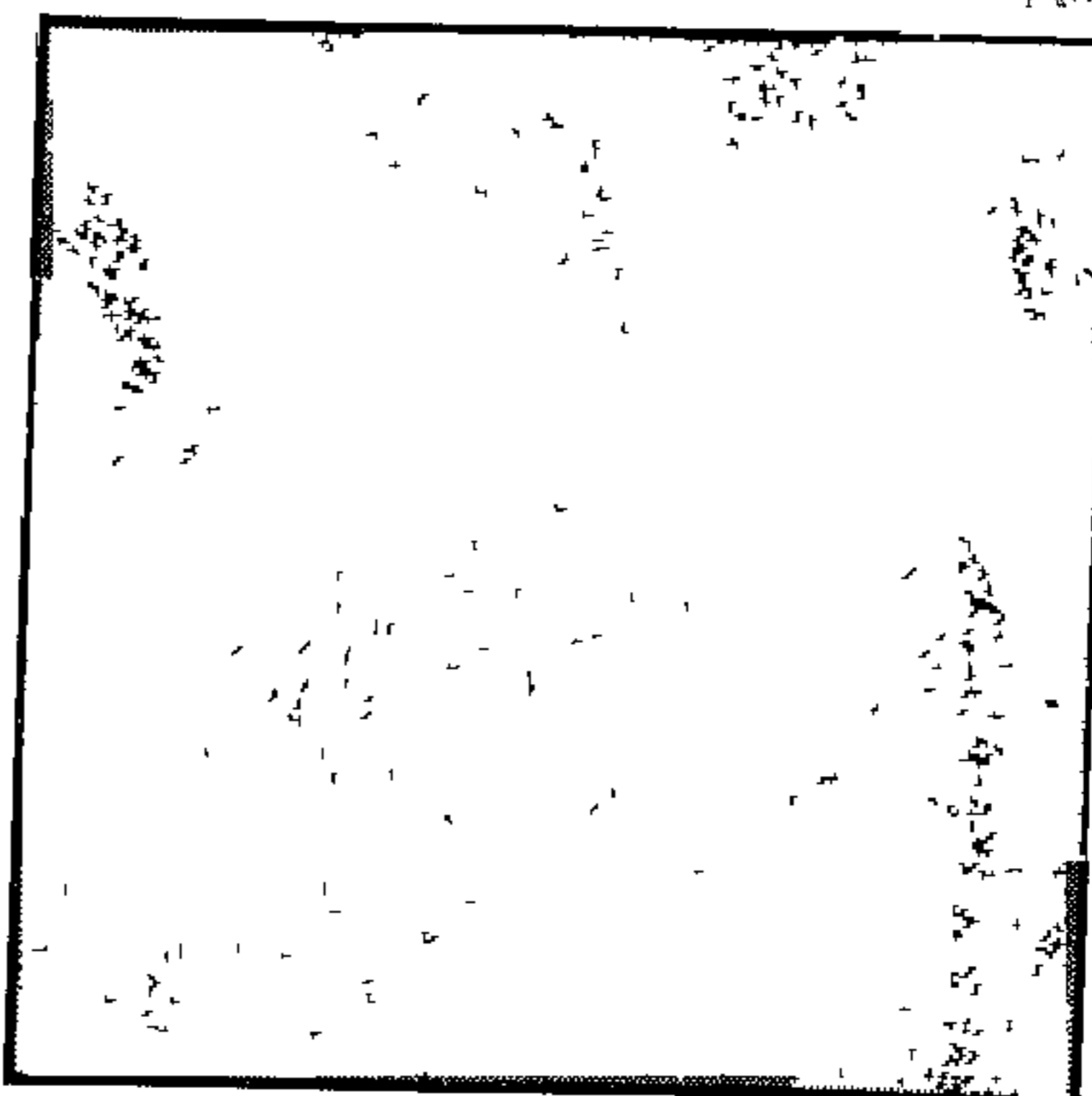
Speaking before Mr Keegan, outgoing mayor Frank van der Velde said housing and electrification were the keys to economic progress

He called for co-operation between the private sector, the community and the State to address the backlog of 150 000 houses needed in the region.

The lack of an incorruptible system of housing allocation in the townships, which had led to the rise of warlords, was a major source of violence, Mr Van der Velde said



**ART CONNECTION:** National Gallery director Marilyn Martin and well-known Cape Town artist Louis Jansé van Vuuren outside the City Hall before the installation of the new mayor.



**GUESTS:** The Judge President of the Cape, Mr Justice Gerald Friedman and Mrs Yvonne Friedman at the City Hall installation of new mayor Clive Keegan.

"These criminals are bleeding the poorest of our people dry and are not delivering the goods

"There is little wonder vast areas of serviced land have not been occupied because those desperately in need of it are petrified to take possession"

He had faith in Cape Town and in its ability to stage the 2004 Olympics

"It is the people of Cape Town who have kept my optimism for the future strong — my belief this city will lead our country into the new and real South Africa we have all dreamt of for so long"

● In an interview in The Argus today, Mr Keegan said uncertainty about the future of local government meant he could serve a lot longer than was earlier speculated — and he did not rule out being mayor of Cape Town's first democratic council

● See page 15.



**MAYORAL LINE-UP:** Past Cape Town mayors who attended the installation of the new mayor were, from left, Dick Friedlander, Louis Kreiner, Leon Markowitz and Gordon Oliver.

By MAGGIE ROWLEY  
Property Editor

# 'Agreement' on containing urban sprawl

URBAN sprawl would need to be contained in the Cape Town metropolitan area to lower infrastructure and maintenance costs — as well as transport costs for residents.

This was one of a number of spatial aspects on which agreement has been reached in principle by participants at workshops being organised by the Metropolitan Development Framework (MDF) team, which is to prepare an interim MDF to put before the

Western Cape Economic Development Forum (WECDF) by October 22.

The MDF is a project of the WECDF's Urban Development Commission and is dealing with the spatial aspects of the interim framework, aimed at guiding future development in the region and restructuring the city into an efficient metropolis.

A series of seven workshops

was held last month with a report back to participants being presented to the MDF team at a workshop yesterday.

While the need for fine tuning of certain proposals and the wider implications regarding financing and other aspects were pointed out, participants agreed in principle that densification of the metropolitan area would have to be undertaken to prevent

uncontrolled urban sprawl and the consequent impact this would have on infrastructural, transport and other costs.

Participants also agreed in principle on the need to foster mixed-used developments and facilitate development of activity corridors with greater intensity of activities close to transportation facilities.

The third area of agreement in principle was the need for the preservation and development of a public open space system.

The workshops to date have formed just the first step in drawing up a development framework for the region.

The interim Metropolitan Development Framework proposals will be presented to the WECDF next month for consideration by

its other commissions looking at other aspects of future development in the Western Cape including job creation and financing of projects.

From there it will go to WECDF participating organisations and bodies and will be filtered down to grassroots community organisations through this means and via an extensive roadshow being planned by the MDF team.

Feedback from these avenues will provide direction for strategic planning and development projects.





## Planning by consensus

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A set of key principles to guide economic development of the Cape metropolitan area is due to be adopted at a plenary session of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum this week. The document is regarded as the most important to have emerged from the forum. It is the result of a consensus reached in talks between representatives of a wide range of organisations over the past two years. (263)

Adoption of the principles is the first step towards the drafting of a metropolitan development framework which will form a blueprint for the development of the region well into the next century. A significant aspect of the principles is that they are considered broad enough to withstand the changes expected in the framework of local government.

They are not binding on local or regional authorities but forum leaders hope they will be used to "inform key planning and development decisions." Most of the 69 local authorities in the western Cape are represented on the forum. It is the first of its kind and is funded by local authorities and the Cape Provincial Administration. The forum was established in December in an effort to direct the region's growth potential. It brought together a cross section of political, community, business, labour and local government leaders to discuss development strategies. Its function is to agree on strategies to increase employment and improve the quality of life.

### Unused land

It operates through six special commissions: short-term job creation, education and training, economic growth and restructuring, urban development, rural and agricultural strategy, and development strategy.

They are part of the forum's three-tier structure which includes a plenary body, where the highest decisions are made, and a steering committee. The commissions are responsible for addressing substantive issues related to regional economic growth. Decision-making is based on consensus.

The economic development principles presented to the plenary session this week are based on equality of opportunity, social justice, sustainable development, and openness and accountability. Also being considered at the plenary session is a document setting out guidelines for the release for purposes of development of unused or under-used public land.

In its report, the forum's urban development commission says land in these categories offers important opportunities to redress imbalances in access to Cape Town's infrastructure and could improve people's quality of life.

In a related development at the weekend the DP's Cape regional congress adopted a policy paper for the economic development of the western Cape based on the region's

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"unique features"

The DP believes the Cape should be promoted as the leading services centre for the subcontinent and SA's primary tourist destination. It advocates that structures such as an export processing zone and a free port should be used to attract investors. (263) ■

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# Way may open for Camps Bay

By PETER DENNEHY  
THERE is a real chance that Camps Bay will be able to break away from the Cape Town municipality because new local authority boundaries could soon be drawn up

This emerged at a meeting this week of Camps Bay ratepayers. The ratepayers are upset with Cape Town because of rate hikes of as much as 400%.

Local government MEC Mr Pieter Schoeman told a delegation of Camps Bay ratepayers that the valuations ordinance prescribed that a revaluation had to take place once a decade.

Mr Schoeman also said there was a strong possibility that a delimitations board would be established, with the consent of the Kempton Park negotiators, to redraw the boundaries of primary local authorities within metropolitan areas in the next year or 18 months.

It was therefore up to ratepayers' associations and other interested parties to make their

## Borders are to be redrawn

own proposals to that board. The ANC's director of local government, Mr Thozamile Botha, warned yesterday that Camps Bay would not be able to opt out of the metropolitan area, even if it did break away from municipal Cape Town.

The first boundary that had to be established was that of the metropole, he said. The ANC's proposal was that a delimitation board would do this on various criteria, "including economic functionality".

"You can't start with the boundaries of the little local authorities," he said.

To accommodate those who feared being dominated by a

large local authority like Cape Town, the ANC could propose that big units be broken down into more than one borough. These matters would be debated at local negotiating forums.

While both the metropolitan council and the primary local authority would have taxing powers, the ANC envisaged that most of the taxing power would rest with the metropole, he said.

Even if Camps Bay was in a separate borough, the metropole would levy rates on it to fund city-wide transport, planning, water, electricity and waste removal.

Mr Botha said one of the ANC's concerns was that Cape Town should not be left as "a skeleton" by breakaways or by a flight of businesses to areas of lower rates.

He said that Cape Town municipality had taken on much of the burden of providing services to poor areas. This inequality would have to be addressed to Cape Town's advantage in the redrawing of boundaries.

# Local talks hope to solve hitch

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By NAZEEM HOWA

THE off-on Western Cape local government negotiations appear to be back on track following broad agreement on the founding principles (263)

However, several major hurdles need to be overcome before the September 20 launch of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum

Key among the stumbling blocks is the question of the issues with which the forum should deal. The Tygerberg municipalities insist that it should discuss only the metropolitan level of local government

Non-statutory bodies, on the other hand, firmly believe that primary and metropolitan structures should be covered by the discussion

The northern municipalities have rejected a proposal from the Local Government Negotiating Forum that statutory and non-statutory bodies be represented 50-50 in the new structures

## Unresolved issues

Other unresolved issues are representation at the forum and the definition of "consensus"

Observers believe these issues will be resolved easily when the interim committee meets on September 8. However, they think a compromise is unlikely on the question of the forum's brief

It is understood that a compromise proposal will see the terms of reference removed from the agenda. Instead, it will be proposed that the question be tabled after the forum's launch

# Probe holds up transfers

MAGGIE ROWLEY  
Property Editor

THE transfers of about 200 houses to tenants in Mfuleni, Kuils River, have been delayed following the recent resignation of town councillors and the police probe of financial transactions of the council.

Ms Penny Horwood, communications officer Western Cape community services of the CPA, confirmed police had seized all documents about three months ago as part of their investigations.

Former Mfuleni town clerk Wilfred Murray pleaded guilty in the Parow Regional court last month to 49 charges of theft involving R226 505.

The case has been postponed until September 24 for sentencing.

Ms Horwood said the two-month sit-in at the Mfuleni council by residents, which culminated in the resignation of the town council on August 11, was also contributing to the delays in transfers.

Colonel Andre du Toit, police station commander at Kuils River, said that, acting on requests by the community to investigate allegations of corruption, the police had appointed two full-time auditors.

They were doing a complete investi-

gative audit of all financial transactions of the council dating back to 1990 to determine if there had been any misappropriation of funds, theft or fraud.

The audit had started three weeks ago but it was impossible to say when it would be completed.

He stressed, however, that the newly appointed interim administrator of Mfuleni, Mr Friedel Conradie, had been told he could have free access to all documents.

Mr Conradie confirmed this but said he was "still trying to find his feet" and had insufficient staff.

"But if attorneys are struggling to get clearance certificates they are welcome to contact me and I will try and get the relevant information from the auditors," he said.

The transfers are related to the government scheme of transferring its housing rental stock to tenants. In cases where the market value of the house is less than R7 500 the transfers are free of charge.

Conveyancing attorney Mr Eric le Grange said four transfers he was dealing with had been held up since June 5 as he had been unable to get clearance certificates from the council.

"People are jumping up and down," he said.

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# Prominent citizens 'set' to join ANC

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## Political Staff

DEFECTIONS by white city councillors to the ANC are gaining momentum

At least six Johannesburg city councillors are expected to announce their plans to join the organisation early next week

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed that several Johannesburg councillors would soon announce their membership of the ANC

This comes hot on the heels of yesterday's decision by six councillors in Randburg and Sandton to join the ANC

In Cape Town too there are rumours that prominent Cape Town citizens plan to join the ANC in line with defections by councillors to the north.

But the mayor of Cape Town, Clive Keegan, and the leader of the DP caucus in the Cape Town City Council, John Sonnenberg, said although they had heard rumours of defections, they were unaware of any DP city councillors who planned to leave the party.

Mr Keegan said he had re-

signed from the DP caucus because he was now mayor. He remained a member of the party and did not intend joining the ANC

Dr Sonnenberg said a number of councillors had spoken to him after the rumours had started but he had had no formal or informal communication on anyone intending to join the ANC

Louis Kreiner, the chairman of the council's executive committee, said that as far as he knew there was no city councillor who at present intended joining the ANC

The ANC's leader in the Western Cape, Allan Boesak, said he had had no indications as to names and could not confirm or deny any of the rumours

He had, however, had indications that some prominent Capetonians were considering joining the ANC

"It does not surprise me at all. If they did that they would be warmly welcomed in the ANC"

● See page 11

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**AMANDLA:** Mayoress and ANC member Marilyn Keegan, top, raises a clenched fist next to a smiling Nelson Mandela. **ABOVE:** Looking for something? Marshals search South African Rugby Football Union general manager Arrie Oberholzer before allowing him into the Peninsula Technikon for a meeting with Mr. Mandela



## Way cleared for local forum

**Municipal Reporter**

THE way has been cleared to form a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum on the future of local government.

This was confirmed by Idasa facilitator Mr David Schmidt yesterday.

"The official launch of the forum is scheduled for the 20th of this month," he said (263)

A successful meeting of the interim committee had been held on Wednesday, and a new draft of the founding document was now being drawn up. CT 10/9/93

Mr Schmidt said the forum would look at establishing a transitional metropolitan council.

# Forum for better health services

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

(263) A MULTI-ORGANISATION Cape Metropolitan Health Care Forum had been established to promote improved health services in greater Cape Town

The objectives of the forum were to identify health issues of the total population and to formulate, by consensus, appropriate plans

An important function of the forum was

the free flow of health information

Chairman of the forum, Dr John Frankish, said many people in the Cape metropolitan area had inadequate access to good health services

However, the health authorities were under financial pressure to reduce or restrict the expansion of health services

"The establishment of the forum is an important step in attempting to resolve these conflicting demands," he said

Organisations and institutions involved in the forum included the public health service authorities, non-government health organisations, political structures, academic and research bodies, the private sector, health sector unions, and community organisations

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He said the public health authorities had undertaken not to restructure the present health services until agreement was reached with those affected



# Pay dispute resolved

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MEMBERS of the SA Association of Municipal Employees working for the Cape Town City Council have received an eight percent pay increase, effective from July 1 this year

The award was made by arbitrator Mr Godfrey Shev yesterday and applies only to SAAME members

Most council members belong to the SA Municip-

pal Workers' Union, which chose not to go to arbitration. After a recent strike, their members were given an increase package ranging from 5,5% to 9,1% . . .

City council director of human resources Mr David Beretti explained yesterday that while the SAAME award seemed generous, there were certain "give-backs to the council" included in the agreement, also ap-

plying only to SAAME members. These give-backs involve accumulated leave, sick leave and leave agreements

The concessions would result in future savings for the council, Mr Beretti said. The wage and salary awards on the one hand and these concessions to the council on the other "sort of balance each other", Mr Beretti said

# Councils rapped over audits

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By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

THE accounts of most local authorities in the Cape have been strongly criticised by the auditor-general, Mr Henri Kluever

Audit opinions on the accounts of 23 local authorities, including Tulbagh, Laingsburg and Porterville, were withheld for one financial year

In the case of 10 of these local authorities, including Heidelberg, audit opinions were withheld for two years, he said in his report on the accounts of the Cape Provincial Administration for the 1991/2 financial year

The report was tabled in Parliament yesterday

The auditor-general also said audit opinions could not be ex-

pressed on the accounts of 12 black local authorities, including five for two financial years

Unauthorised expenditure totalling R15,2 million had been reported, including R3,1 million in roads and traffic administration, R1,4 million in miscellaneous services and R10,8 million in community services, Mr Kluever said

# 'Disturbing errors' in council's 91/92 finance statements

□ City treasurer to answer queries today

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

DEFICIENCIES in a "broad spectrum" of city council activities have been exposed in an auditor-general's report for the 1991 and 1992 financial years

The report highlighted managerial shortcomings in some departments and queried some financial statements

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg will respond to the queries at an executive committee meeting today

● On June 30, 1992, there were unreconciled differences totalling R3,5 million in housing service books regarding the amount outstanding on government loans and the balances according to government statements. Details to explain other sums were lacking

● Statistics of letting units kept by the housing finance branch differed from those kept by housing estate offices

Regular reconciliations to ensure records of sales of houses were accurate and reliable, were not done

Costs of previous housing sales could not be calculated because there were arithmetical errors in supporting documents and records were insufficient

Accurate figures of the number of houses and flats built in schemes other than Mitchell's Plain were not available.

It was not possible to reconcile some of the loans advanced to applicable schemes.

Council management said "all matters relating to the housing service" were being attended to by council staff, helped by a consultant

● Analysis of the "age" of debts was not possible

On June 30, 1992, arrears for rates, electricity, water and "miscellaneous" totalled R156 million, compared to R127 million in June the previous year

"The dramatic increase in outstanding amounts is viewed with concern. Collection of overdue accounts is subject to inefficiencies as the various departments attend to collection individually instead of a simultaneous effort of all overdue amounts in respect of a debtor," the report said

Corrective steps were being investigated by council management

● Several weaknesses were found in the internal checking and control in various council departments

At the abattoir, there was inadequate internal checking and control of the authorisation of credit notes, separation of duties and reconciliation of debtor accounts

In the traffic department, proof of return of completed traffic fine tickets was kept in a register by traffic officers, but not by the official getting the completed tickets

If tickets were lost, the register could be signed but the ticket not returned

Cheques for R4,9 million were issued for eight motor chassis cabs before they were delivered — an "irregular" action, the report said

The auditor-general did "performance audits" of the parks and forests department, concentrating on general arrangements, vegetation control, workshops and income from playing fields

The report found there was unnecessary duplication in the parks and forests and civic amenities branches

In the parks and forests branch "annual estimates and monthly financial reports were not in a format which made them understandable for users outside the city treasurer's department"

The capital budgeting process "did not promote either council policy or efficient operation"

In the vegetation control operation, lines of communication between upper and middle management were unsatisfactory.

There were delays in implementing revised tariffs for sports fields, and costs of complex administrative procedures were high

Examples of "deficient management arrangements" included litter after a sports event being cleaned up by civic amenities staff if it was on the stadium and by parks and forests staff if it was on the fields

Income from sports fields was negligible compared to their administrative and maintenance costs

The system tended to keep inefficiencies going

"The 1991/92 annual financial statements contained a disturbing number of errors and there appears to be a lack of co-ordination and monitoring of various figures and their correct disclosure," the report said

# Negotiating forum to set up democratic local government

□ Mission to improve quality of life in Cape metropolitan area

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

STATUTORY and non-statutory groups will have 30 representatives each when the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is launched on September 20

The Good Hope Alliance, a group of more than 40 ratepayers' and civic organisations from several municipalities, did not get recognition as a full member

Like the provincial administration and Atlantis Forum, it will be a participating observer with speaking rights

The forum will work to set up "democratic, people-centred, non-racial, non-sexist, accountable, developmental and financially-viable local government in the Cape metropolitan area"

Its mission includes improving the standard and quality of life of residents

It will draft proposals for interim arrangements for local government within the framework of the multiparty process and national guidelines — making provision for primary local authorities and a metropolitan authority, with powers to carry out their functions

One of its first tasks will be to set up a credentials committee to decide on membership applications

Cape Town City Council will nominate eight of 30 statutory representatives

Others will come from Brackenfell, Bellville, Durbanville, Fish Hoek, Kraaifontein, Kuils River, Goodwood, Milner-ton, Parow, Pinelands and Simon's Town

Registered political parties will be entitled to representation on the statutory side of the table



**LOCAL HERO:** Funds to train people for local government will be raised by auctioning "collectables" at a gala banquet. Among them will be this portrait of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Banquet organiser Mariette Greyling, left, and banquet committee chairman Sam Montsi accept the painting from artist Tyrone Appollis

The Western Cape Regional Services Council, Cape Peninsula branch of the Association of Management Committees and association of local councils will each get a delegate

Non-statutory bodies to be represented will be the Azanian People's Organisation, African National Congress, Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, Congress of SA Trade Unions National Council of

Trade Unions, Pan Africanist Congress, SA Communist Party, SA National Civic Organisation and the Western Cape United Squatters Association

Several meetings of the steering committee, municipalities and various alliances have been held to resolve problems with the founding document.

The document will be a guideline for running the forum

There will be working groups on interim boundaries and structures, finance and services, management, administration and training

A deadlock-breaking mechanism will be used where consensus cannot be reached

A member of the steering committee, Hilda Ndude, said the forum would attempt a collective approach to issues

# Council committed to metro forum

By PETER DENNEHY

DESPITE voluble resistance from a minority of councillors, the Cape Town City Council committed itself yesterday to participating in the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, due to be launched later this month.

The council yesterday appointed eight councillors and eight alternates to represent it on the forum, all of whom are members of the Democratic Party caucus.

The council will get eight of the statutory side's 30 votes, Bellville will have two, and several other municipalities, such as Pinelands, Parow, Fish Hoek, Brackenfell and Durbanville will have one each, based on the number of people in each municipality.

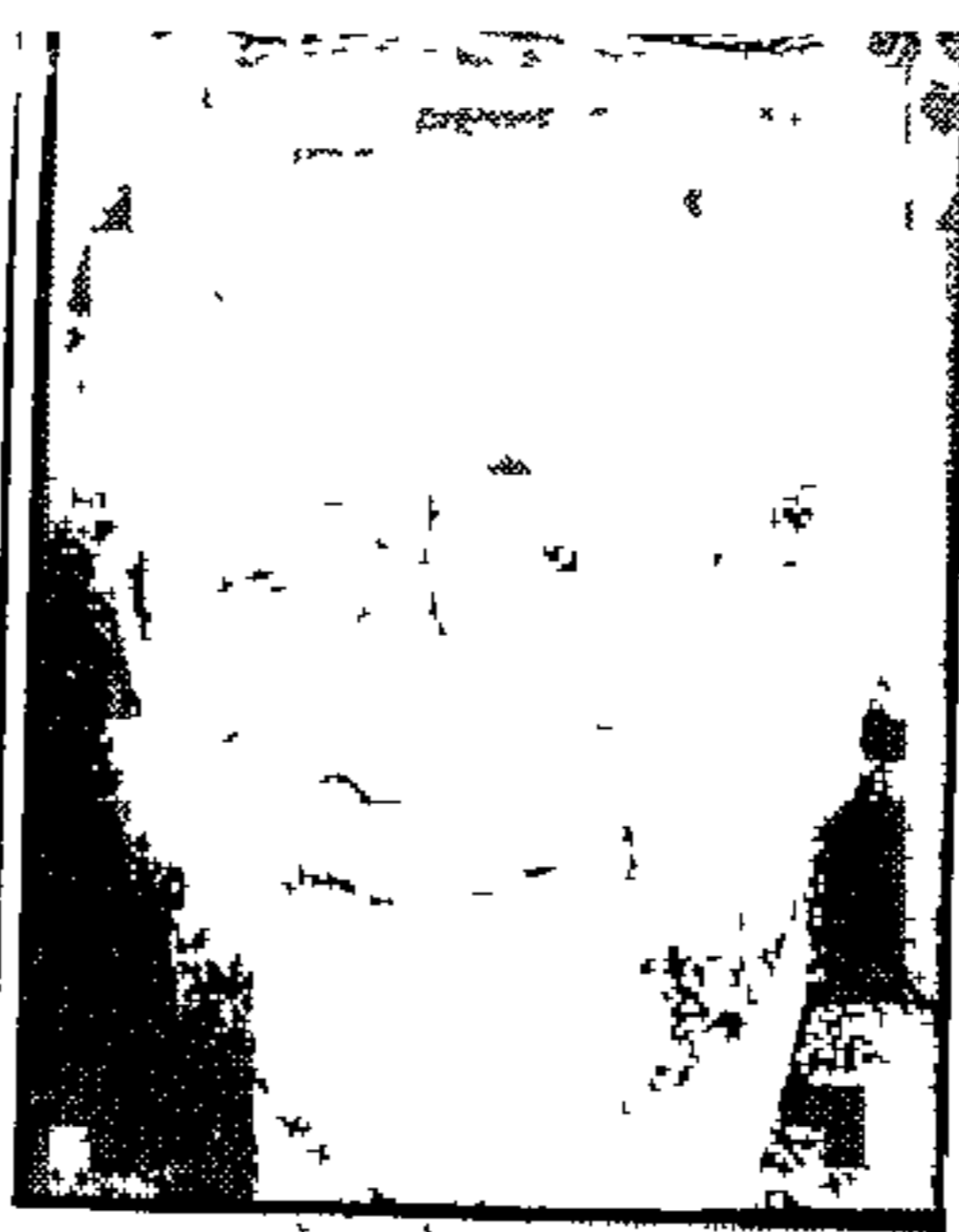
Mr Arthur Wienburg said he accepted the desire for a negotiating forum, but he opposed participation on the basis of the forum's proposed Funding Document.

Not enough information was given on how much the forum would cost, he protested. He called on his fellow councillors to make an undertaking that participants would have to pay their fair share of the costs.

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Mr Nell Ross responded that to pull out of the forum now would be grossly irresponsible.

Dr John Sonnenberg pointed out that the founding document was the result of at least 14 meetings with delegates, ranging from the CP to the SACP, and that many of the guidelines in it were exactly the same as those used in Kempton Park.



Mr. Leon Markovitz

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**Non-caucus  
member may  
fill exco post**

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

THE Democratic Party caucus has not ruled out asking a non-caucus member to step into deputy executive committee chairman Leon Markovitz's post when he resigns at the end of the month.

Mr Markovitz's deputy as amenities chairman, John Sonnenberg, could also be asked to "hold the fort", said caucus chairman Norman Osburn.

But Dr Sonnenberg said today he was not available to be a full-time member of exco.

The vacancy could mean the return of Kenny Penkin, a member of exco until he was succeeded this month as utilities chairman by Ian Iversen.

Mr Penkin said he had been approached by several councillors

Mr Markovitz, councillor for the central business district and a former mayor, announced his resignation for a "personal reason" yesterday

"There is a time to come and a time to go and I have decided to let someone else take over," said Mr Markovitz.

He will stay on as a councillor and as a member of the Democratic Party caucus.

Mr Osburn said it would be "logical" to choose somebody from within the caucus to succeed Mr Markovitz, but a non-caucus member could not be ruled out.

He said it would be difficult to find a successor because many councillors had business commitments mitigating against accepting a full-time post on exco.

Former mayor Frank van der Velde, now a member of the utilities and works committee, was also mentioned as a possible successor to Mr Markovitz.

But Mr Van der Velde is understood to be still considering his options and working hard at his electrical engineering business.

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## DP 'defections' to ANC didn't happen

THE widely expected defection of Democratic Party city councillors to the ANC this week flopped — to the surprise of both the DP and the ANC.

Ever since the ANC announced that "prominent" Cape Town people would join the ANC at a rally held on Monday, speculation mounted about which councillors would make the move.

The names included former mayors, Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Gordon Oliver, mayor Mr Clive Keegan, Mrs Eulalie Stott, and Mr Neil Ross

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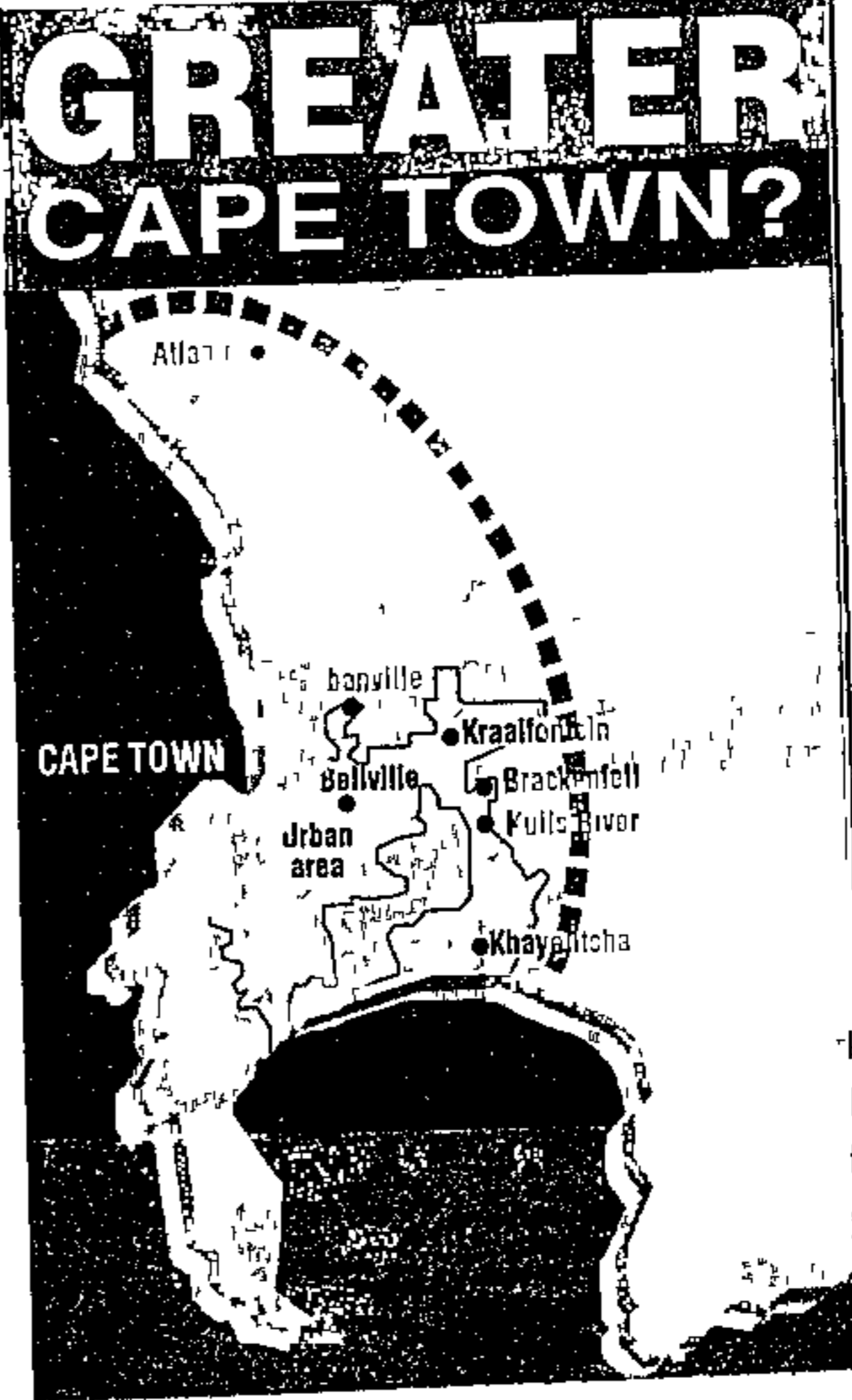
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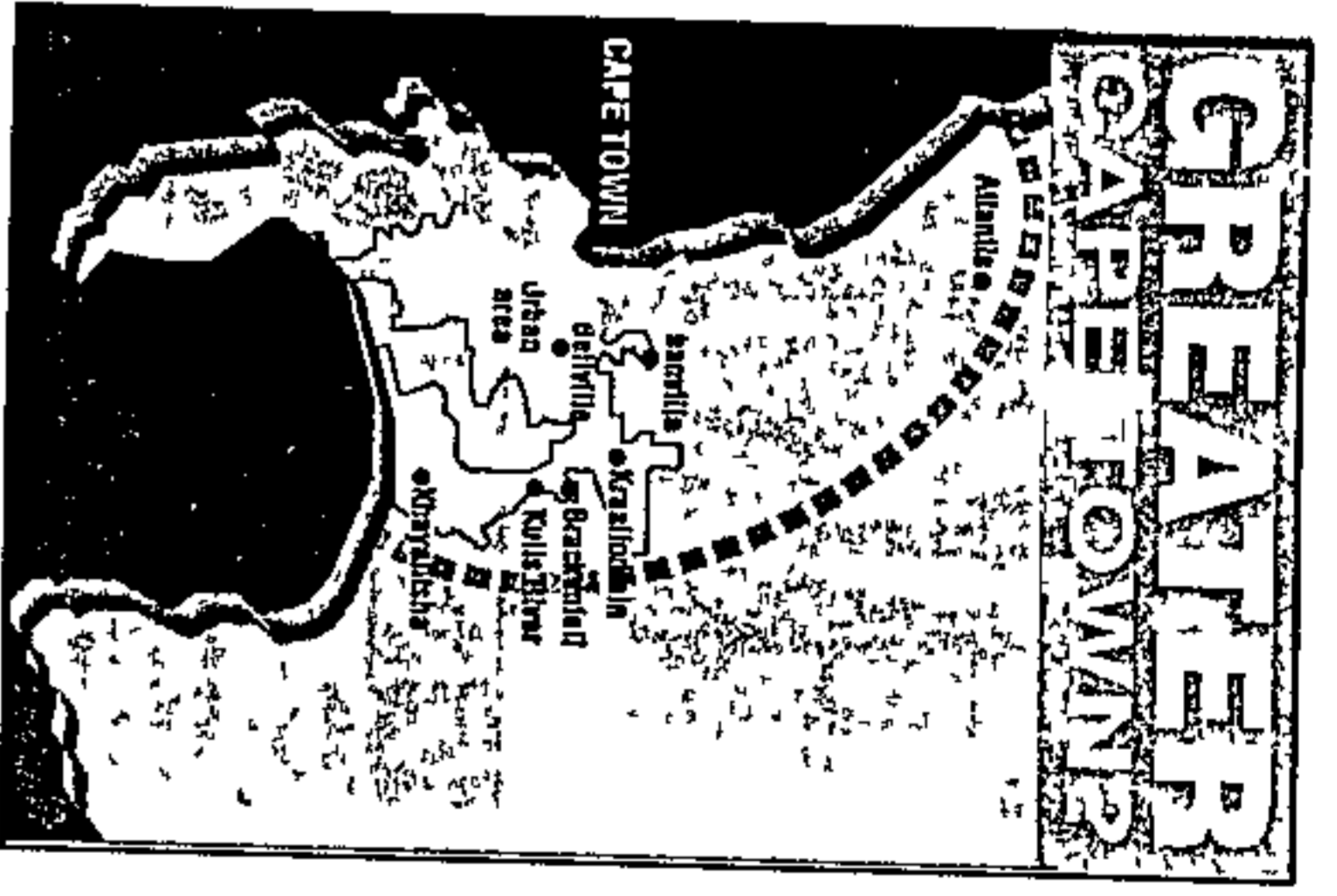
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# Keegan takes a tough line

Staff Reporters

**MAYOR** Mr Clive Keegan and taxi drivers crossed swords over violent fuel hike protests yesterday.

Mr Keegan said he was willing to act as a mediator between drivers and the government — but “only when the disruption of the city has stopped”.

He also said the full force of the law would be used against drivers if the blockade of the city continued.

Earlier yesterday taxi drivers said Mr Keegan should stop making threats against them and should “rather be more accommodating” to their plight.

Mr Keegan said the behaviour of the drivers was “alienating them from the very communities who normally support them.

“We understand their anger but their destructive methods and vandalising of privately-owned property must come to a stop,” he said.

• The Conservative Party’s spokesman on public works and transport, Mr Joseph Chiolo, said a “liberal” city like Cape Town had got its just desserts.

“For cities like Cape Town, which over the years stood for a naïve, liberal direction in politics, the reward for what they achieved must serve as an extremely sobering experience,” Mr Chiolo said.

He called on the government to crack down hard on the minibus “chaos” in Cape Town.

He asked the government to reject a proposed subsidy system for minibus taxis as this would only lead to greater chaos and bloodshed.

# Cape Town masterplan

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On the issue of boundaries, Mr Schoeman said the first step towards setting up a two-tier system would be to start with the demarcation of boundaries. This would include the boundaries of the metropole as well as the boundaries of the primary local authorities.

Mr Meiring then outlined his vision of a future Cape Town metropole with boundaries embracing Khayelitsha, Kuils River, Brackenfell, Kraaifontein, Bellville, Durbanville, and the rest of a region stretching as far as Atlantis.

He did not envisage Hottentots Holland/Stellenbosch/Paarl and Malmesbury region as part of a Greater Cape Town, but suggested these areas continue to form part of a separate system of local government.

The six to eight primary local authorities would all be equal in status and function. One possibility being discussed was the idea of one primary local authority for the southern Peninsula, to include, for example, Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Scarborough, Kommetjie, Noordhoek, Hout Bay and Muizenberg.

Under the concept of a metropolitan council there was also another option — of putting all the existing local authorities under a metropolitan council — a plan which would be "almost as chaotic as that of the 'mega city'," Mr Meiring said.

Within the area he envisaged for a Cape Town metropole there were at present 12 traditional municipalities, nearly 50 coloured and Indian management committees, and a number of black local authorities. To put all these bodies — nearly 70 local authorities — into a metropolitan council would be "absolutely chaotic".

Mr Meiring emphasised that the CPA was looking at the issue of local government in an apolitical manner, based on the need to provide good, reliable and affordable service.

On the issue of municipal voting qualifications, Mr Meiring said the Cape Province had always regarded the property-based voting qualification as part of the municipal franchise.

"We feel very strongly about the retention of this system," he said.

On squatters and urbanisation, he said "One of our biggest tasks is to manage this urbanisation in such a way that it is fair to all people. My standpoint has always been that in a new South Africa we must be prepared to share wealth and opportunities among all the citizens while retaining norms and standards."

In the process of "equalising" there were two basic options.

■ To uplift all the "have-nots" to the standard of the "haves" in every sense — in housing, education, and so on — an objective for which the South African economy was simply not strong enough, and

■ The easier way of pulling down the "haves" to the standard of the "have-nots" — something that had happened in many of the former colonies of Africa when the First World segment of those populations disappeared after independence.

"I say the practical solution is for these two segments — the haves and the have-nots — to find each other somewhere in between. It must be done in a manner that would not scare away the haves. Losing them would be something we cannot afford," Mr Meiring said.

# Embattled council heads for new row

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**CAPE TOWN'S city council is set to reject an offer to lease out its Maitland abattoir despite running up losses of more than R100 000 a month.**

This controversial decision, expected to be taken at an executive committee meeting this month, comes as the council faces severe criticism over its management of the city.

Battle lines have already been drawn between ratepayers and council over the huge rates hikes.

It is also facing a crisis of confidence over its management of problems in the Western Cape ambulance service, which have reached crisis proportions.

And, according to informed sources, there has been increasing conflict within the Democratic Party caucus over the inept handling by council of several of these issues.

Many council insiders believe the decision to hold on to the abattoir would lead to

**By NAZEEM HOWA**

heated debate as the facility ran up losses of R1,34-million in the past financial year. These shortfalls have been financed from the abattoir reserve fund. Several top councillors and officials have long been in favour of selling the loss-making facility. A major reason for their bid to rid council of the abattoir is the present level of loss.

In addition, a consultant appointed by council in 1990 has recommended alterations to the abattoir costing about R31-million. The abattoir's reserve fund presently totals about R17-million. Any other alterations would have to be funded by the council.

According to one informed source, the future of council workers at the abattoir is a major factor for council's reluctance to accept the offer.

The council's remuneration package is way above that paid in the private sector and it is understood that the lease offer ex-

cluded continuing those benefits.

Adding to the financial woes at the Maitland abattoir is the deregulation that took place in the Western Cape in early 1993, making it possible for abattoirs in neighbouring areas to market their products in this region.

Previously all meat distributed in this region had to be slaughtered at Maitland.

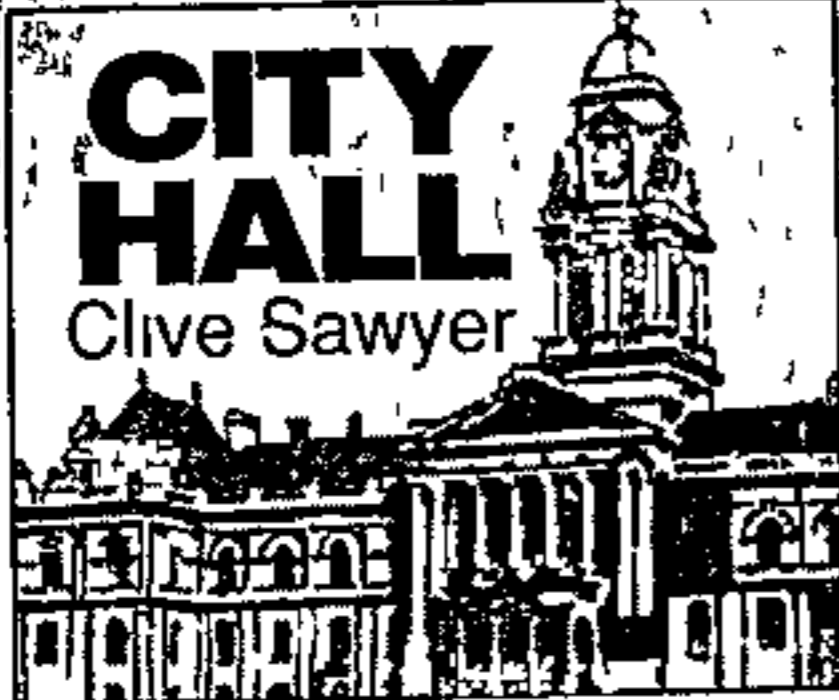
Slaughtering costs at neighbouring abattoirs are about 15 percent less than at Maitland.

Two offers to take over the abattoir were received by council some months ago. One of the offers has already lapsed.

According to deputy city administrator Mr A W van der Merwe the remaining proposal would soon be discussed by the council's executive committee.

"The position of council staff at the abattoir could change attitudes substantially," he said this week.

• Twelve years ago Exco turned down a R5-million offer to sell the abattoir.



# It will be a week for cool heads

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**A** WATERSHED week lies ahead for Cape local government

Tonight delegates will meet at Athlone Civic Centre to found the Cape Metropolitan Negotiation Forum

The forum faces many challenges. While its first official task will be to set up a committee to decide on membership applications, its first real challenge will be to establish its credibility

It is heartening to see, in contrast to the national Local Government Negotiating Forum, that political parties will be included in those around the table

The national forum has been criticised as little more than an arena for cosy deals between the government and the SA National Civic Organisation

But while membership of the Cape forum will be much wider than its national counterparts, in my view it will not be wide enough

The steering committee of the forum has decided it should stick to the two-sided table, divided along statutory and non-statutory lines

The rationale for this is that it follows national precedent and helps to redress the numerical disadvantage of the non-statutory side

Bodies on either side of the table will be free to associate with whomever they wish. For instance, it is not unlikely Cape Town City Council might form working alliances on some issues with progressive organisations on the other side of the table

A credibility problem for the forum will be that while it has set the Western Cape Regional Services Council boundaries as the area whose future it will discuss, councils from the Helderberg and the Boland have refused to join talks, saying they are not part of the Cape metropole

Worse than that, the interim committee has relegated the Good Hope Alliance to being a "participating observer" rather than a full voting member

The alliance is an umbrella of more than 40 ratepayers and residents associations from all over the metropole, including Cape Town municipality, Tygerberg, southern Peninsula, and Milnerton

Its formation and demand that its voice be heard is symptomatic of how many ratepayers feel their councillors no longer speak for them

It is inescapable that — at least — some delegates at the forum have credibility problems of their own

Cape Town City Council has adopted a draft constitutional position which many ratepayers claim is at variance with their own

It may be said, and I believe it to be true, the city council has a duty to represent all its citizens, not just those who were allowed to vote in the last municipal election

But having accepted that, it is important all voices be heard, including those of relatively conservative ratepayers' bodies

There will be some organisations around the table who have not had open elections, and some who are well past any mandate given in 1988

As uncomfortable as it may be, the time has come to do more for "inclusivity" than merely pay lip-service, for the sake of precious democracy

Is the forum only about democracy?

A long-time activist said to me last week "The people want water"

The forum will be prey to all the political trickery that has hampered the national process. It takes no crystal ball to see the possibility of a scrap about the two-thirds majority for "sufficient consensus"

That plea for basic services underlines what the real work of the forum will be about service delivery. That is what ordinary people on both sides of the line want, and without it the forum will degenerate into a sterile talk-shop

A key to credibility will be delegates communicating the whys and wherefores of the forum to their constituencies, be they town or township

Cape Town City Council perhaps faces this challenge greatest of all

Its handling of the valuations crisis, with ratepayers' expectations soaring and plunging about rates relief, has sparked a crisis of confidence of unprecedented turbulence

Faith that its political leadership will be any better than its financial leadership is at an all-time low

There are indications that this lack of faith extends within the walls of the Civic Centre

All this will no doubt echo in the City Hall on Wednesday night at the special meeting of all Cape Town citizens

The meeting may degenerate merely into exchanges of cauldrons full of boiling emotion and emotion is hot. A councillor told me last week he had got his first death threat in 20 years

It is a week for cool heads for creative suggestions on ways out of the crisis

At the same time, it is time for the council to find some way to bridge the abyss between itself and its former electorate

The very least it can do is to start tonight by not hogging claims to being representative, and by lending its weight to broadening representation on the metropolitan forum

# Keegan will face call for resignation

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By WILLEM STEENKAMP

**MAYOR** Mr Clive Keegan said yesterday he would "see, what happens" when he faces calls for his resignation at a special meeting in the city hall for the citizens of Cape Town on Wednesday night

Ratepayers say they will demand his resignation and that of the council's executive committee (exco), as a result of the recent rates increase.

Ratepayers have also objected to exco's election of eight councillors to represent Cape Town at the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, to be launched tonight, on the grounds that they have no mandate from the citizens

A spokesman for the Southern Suburbs Rates Action Group, Mr David Erleigh, said last night his group, with the support of the Camps Bay Action Group, would make the call for Mr Keegan and exco to resign at the meeting

A large group of Cape Flats-based civic associations will decide tonight whether to attend the meeting

Mr Saleem Mowzer, chairman of the Thornhill Residents' Association — which includes some 15 civics — said it was felt the mayor had called his meeting mainly in response to an outcry from the Atlantic and southern suburbs

Mr Keegan has denied this, saying it was called in response to objections from a variety of areas

# Metropolitan negotiating forum set up

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CF 21/9/93

By PETER DENNEHY

THE long-awaited Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum was launched in Athlone last night where for the first time "non-statutory bodies" met delegates from existing local authorities and political parties to discuss restructuring local government

Thirty delegates from "non-statutory" groupings and 12 from existing local authorities and political parties were present

The ANC's Ms Hilda Ndude said that the launch marked the beginning of a process of restructuring local government into a non-racial financially viable system

The founding document was accepted without alteration, although the ANC and the National Party wanted to change the clauses relating to decision-making

It was decided to leave the differences for later discussion

The other potential problem, which was also overcome for the purposes of the launch, was the status of groups such as the Good Hope Alliance, which represents 56 ratepayers' associations.

A steering committee, consisting of six from the non-statutory grouping and six from existing bodies, with co-chairpersons Mr Willie van Schoor of Bellville and Ms Hilda Ndude of the ANC, will deal with the admission of the alliance

# Separate charges (263) 'unfair' (24)

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

SEPARATE sewerage and refuse removal charges will be beyond the means of the poor, says a report by the city treasurer and engineer.

The executive committee was told today that separate charges could be justified on "economic, technical, academic and equitable grounds".

But the impact on the poor and uncertainty about tariffs in a future metropolitan government cast doubt on whether the council should go ahead with an expensive probe into separate charges, exco was told.

The report said refuse collection and sewerage in less affluent areas were subsidised by rates income from wealthier parts of the municipality.

It might be unfair for one part of the community to subsidise another, but the economic impact on those who could least afford the charges had to be considered.

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg and city engineer Arthur Clayton said Cape Town was one of three South African cities that included sewerage and refuse charges in rates bills.

Most councils in the Cape Town metropolitan area levied separate charges.

● Electricity arrears owed to Cape Town City Council totalled R44,5 million in July, said Mr Landsberg. Some R16,9 million was owed by Langa and Guguletu residents.

Arrears had risen by 29 per cent in the past year. About 8 500 supplies were disconnected in July and August.



# 20 groups kick off negotiating forum in Athlone

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum has finally got off the ground — but one of the first tasks of its steering committee will be to debate amendments to its founding document.

Delegates from more than 20 city and town councils, political parties and civic bodies agreed at an Athlone Civic Centre meeting last night to the founding

The founding is the result of more than a year's work, starting with a series of city futures seminars hosted by Idasa

David Schmidt, chairman of the steering committee which convened last night's meeting, and it was "the most representative meeting of people in the

Cape with a direct interest in local government"

Some organisations were not present, while others were dissatisfied with their status at the talks

The Kraaifontein council did not come because the forum launch coincided with their monthly meeting

The Conservative Party said it had not decided on whether to take part in the forum

The Inkatha Freedom Party, grouped among the statutory bodies because it is a registered political party, wanted to be on the other side of the table

No-one arrived from the National Council of Trade Unions

The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) and the Parow council decided not to sign the founding document

The Good Hope Alliance, an umbrella of more than 50 ratepayers' and residents' associations from throughout the Peninsula, wanted full delegate status, having been accorded "honorary" participating observer status

The meeting opened with African National Congress delegate Hilda Ndude proposing several amendments to the founding document, including a change of name for the forum

The National Party proposed other amendments

At the suggestion of Cape Town delegate John Muir, amendments were referred to the steering committee

Cahac general secretary Joe Marks said representation on the forum was not broad enough

He questioned the mandate of local authorities and said they should have non-racial referendums on the future of local government

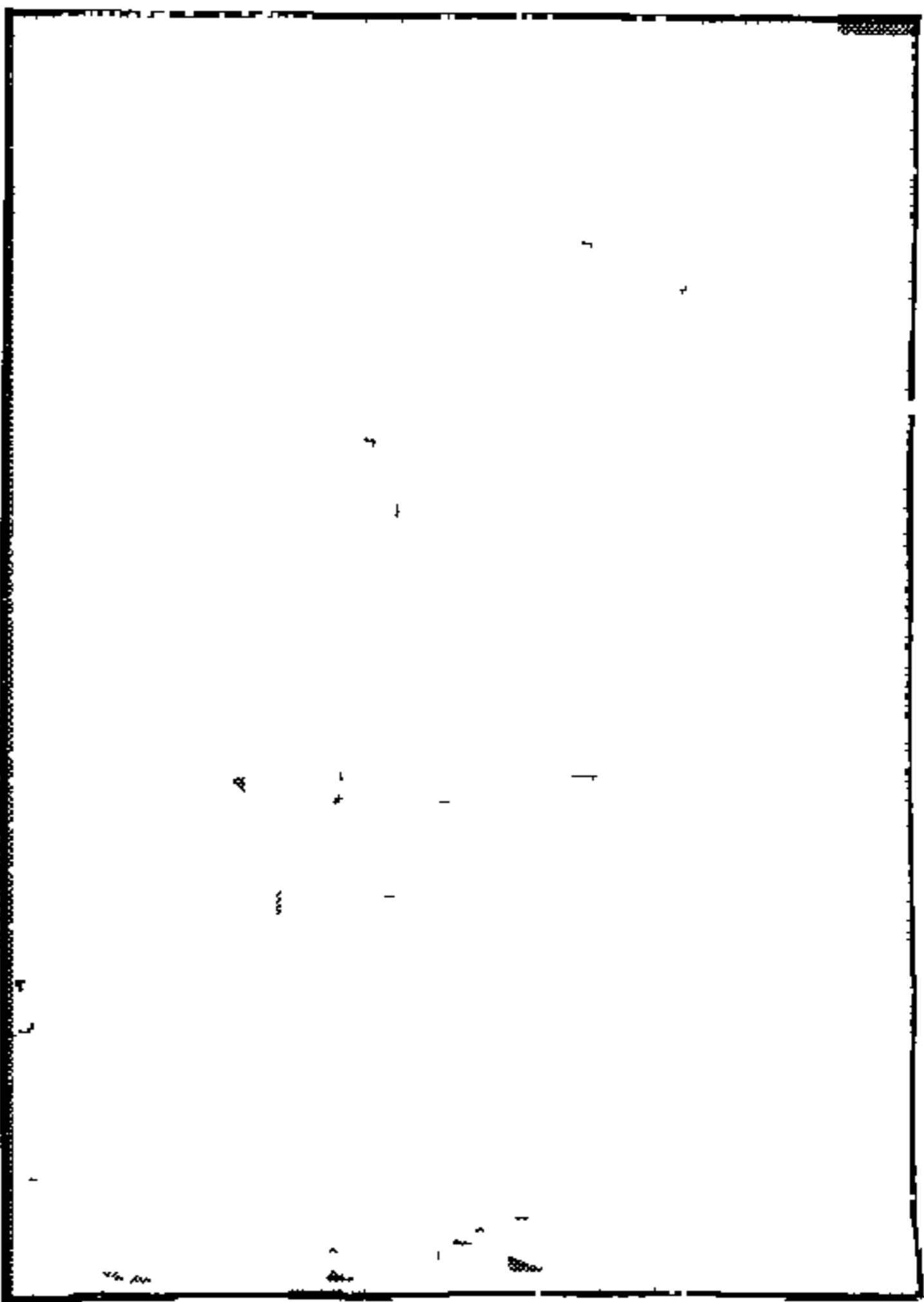
Good Hope Alliance chairman Gordon Merrington said the mandate of local authorities had expired

Calls to get on with founding the forum came from the statutory and non-statutory sides of the table

Simon's Town delegate Nikki Holderness said it was crucial for the forum to get to the "real issues"

Democratic Party delegate Jasper Walsh said the founding document was the result of many hours' work

While the document was not perfect, it was important to get on with the work of the forum, Mr Walsh said



**STATUTORY:** Cape Town city councillors made up the biggest delegation on the establishment side of the table at the metropolitan forum

# 'Oppressor' parties forum rejected

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Municipal Reporter

THE New Unity Movement and Federation of Cape Civic Associations have rejected the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

The movement said the forum was undemocratic and did not represent the citizens of Cape Town.

The forum was "a deal between statutory and non-statutory bodies"

Representatives of non-statutory bodies were accountable to their supporters, not the people of Cape Town.

"Among the statutory bodies are oppressor parties such as the Conservative, Democratic, Inkatha, Labour and National parties, elected solely by one section of the population

"Also represented are municipalities which on countless occasions have been totally rejected by the people"

Non-statutory groups include the African National Congress, Azanian People's Organisation, Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, Congress of SA Trade Unions, Pan Africanist Congress, SA National Civic Organisation, and Western Cape United Squatters' Association

# Citizens make their voices heard

AS disenchantment with city and town councillors has grown, a new civic activism has spread in the suburbs

The crisis in local government and impending interim local authorities — encouraged in some municipalities by civic furor — have brought an urgent realisation to many ordinary people it is now or never to make their voices heard

This week the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum was founded. It represents statutory and non-statutory organisations

Voting rights were given to city and town councils, registered political parties, and civic and political organisations including the SA National Civic Organisation, Pan Africanist Congress, and African National Congress

On the sidelines, as a "participating observer" was the Good Hope Alliance

Founded last month, the alliance was brought together by Fish Hoek Ratepayers' Association chairman, Gordon Merrington

The primary goal of the alliance is to facilitate effective apolitical representation of the collective body of ratepayers and residents, through recognised association, on any negotiating forum

Countering arguments that ratepayers were adequately represented by councils, the alliance said some councils were not represented on the Forum

Ratepayers had little or no opportunity to be informed about

## BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS

### The GOOD HOPE ALLIANCE

**THE formation of the Good Hope Alliance is a sign of the rise of civic activism as ordinary ratepayers demand that their voice be heard on issues of municipal finance and constitution-making. Municipal Reporter CLIVE SAWYER examines the alliance.**

## □ New talents sought for negotiations

It seemed unlikely councillors appointed to interim councils would represent the interests of ratepayers. Ratepayers should have direct representation on interim councils

Proposals by the national Local Government Negotiating Forum for interim councils with equal representation from statutory and non-statutory groups were rejected by the alliance. The proposals were described as being neither democratic nor an effective way of getting to non-racial local government

"Ordinary residents are being treated as mere pawns in the game and are being given absolutely no say in this process more particularly they are being given no opportunity to express their views or even to be fully informed about the details of the envisaged transitional process"

The alliance feared that powerful local government could be a casualty of a trade-off in the constitutional process

"The present system whereby local government is very much subjugated by provincial govern-

and income bases, particularly in any two-level metropolitan system,

● Recognition of the alliance as a body whose prior approval is essential to the success of local government in its area,

● Nomination of candidates for election to any future metropolitan authority,

● Taking whatever action is needed to ensure effective taxation powers are supported by an adequate tax base which must be secured by demarcation of local authority boundaries so that each local authority includes a sufficient body of taxpayers willing and able to pay taxes,

● An effective referendum system to ensure effective participation by the people in the local government reform process

Membership of the alliance is open to ratepayers, civic, residents' or tenants' associations with the aim of promoting local government interests, a provable list of members in

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Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, Camps Bay Action Committee, Camps Bay and District Civic Association, Castle Rock Residents' Association, Constantia Property Owners' Association, Diep River and District Civic Association, Edgemead Ratepayers' Association, Fish Hoek Residents' Association, Glencarrn Civic Association, Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Hazendal Civic Association, Heathfield and District Residents' Association, Kalk Bay, St James and Clovelly Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Kenwyn Ratepayers' Association, Kommetjie Ratepayers' Association, Lower Gardens Civic Association, Marina da Gama Association, Milnerton Ratepayers, Monte Vista Ratepayers, Muizenberg Business Association, Muizenberg and Lakeside Ratepayers' Association, National Council of Women, Nooitgedacht Ratepayers, Noordhoek and District Residents, Parow Ratepayers, Plumstead Ratepayers, Plumstead Civic Association, Ratepayers in Revolt, Red Hill Landowners' Association, Rondebosch Civic Association, Rondebosch East Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Rosebank, Mowbray and Observatory Civic Association, Scarborough Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Seawind Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association, Sheldon Park Residents' Association, Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Smitswinkel Bay Residents' Association, Sunnydale Ratepayers' Association, Sybrand Park Civic Association, Table View Ratepayers, Upper Table Valley Ratepayers, Valhalla Park Ratepayers, and Ward 4 Ratepayers' Association

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# Cape Town's metro forum launch put off

Municipal Reporter

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THE launch of Cape Town's own metropolitan local government negotiating forum has been postponed from September 6 to September 20. Facilitator Mr David Schmidt of Idasa, who serves on the interim committee trying to set up the forum, said yesterday that agreement had not yet been reached on the founding document. Delegates from the northern municipalities wish to propose amendments to the suggested draft. The non-statutory grouping has indicated it has no substantial problems.

It is hoped to settle all outstanding matters at an interim committee meeting on Wednesday.

# Exco head Kreiner 'must resign'

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## Councillor Wienburg to propose motion

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

DISSIDENT city councillor Arthur Wienburg is to propose a motion of no confidence in executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner at next week's council meeting

The motion to be debated in open council, proposes that the council request Mr Kreiner to resign over his handling of municipal affairs.

Legally — even if the motion is approved — Mr Kreiner will not be forced to resign

Mr Wienburg said Mr Kreiner had been in office for a year and had not stuck to undertakings made at a public meeting in the City Hall a year ago today

These undertakings were to be firm with trade unions, promote better communication with ratepayers — and that last year's public meeting would not be the last

Last night's City Hall meeting was called by Mayor Clive Keegan

Mr Wienburg said Mr Kreiner had acknowledged last year "how much heat the chair generates" and that he would not get a second chance

"The question is simple have things in the city council improved or deteriorated in the past year? The overwhelming majority of citizens of Cape Town will say things have gone from bad to worse" said Mr Wienburg

Asked why he wanted the chairman of Exco to resign rather than the whole committee, Mr Wienburg said it was customary for the heads of legislative bodies to accept political accountability

"Prime Ministers and leaders of the opposition resign without everyone else going at the same time"

Mr Wienburg said Mr Kreiner had failed to show leadership of exco

He said the motion was not motivated by a personal dislike of Mr Kreiner

"While it is common cause he and I do not see eye to eye, can anyone refute the facts I have mentioned?"

Mr Kreiner said "I am chairman of the executive committee and I do not take decisions on my own — the whole rates issue decision was by the full city council and not Louis Kreiner"

He said Mr Wienburg's motion was "personal"

"It is well known he and I do not speak to each other. It is just pique."

Mr Kreiner said he had addressed every issue he named at last year's meeting

"I have been firm with trade unions. I have motivated staff by giving them awards for exceptional services and the committee on Tuesday unanimously voted its confidence in me"

The motion was just public relations for Arthur Wienburg

Mr Kreiner said Mr Wienburg had a history of being "anti" the chairmen of the executive committee

In their turn, Dick Friedlander, John Muir and Bill Peters had been on the receiving end of Mr Wienburg's criticism

"I have never in my years on the council heard from (Mr Wienburg) any positive suggestion to the benefit of the council"

"As far as ratepayers are concerned, he has burdened staff with questions which have cost tens of thousands of rands"

Mr Kreiner said staff had complained they could not do their jobs because of Mr Wienburg's questions and "demotivating" criticism

# Defiant Kreiner's answer to ratepayers

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter (124)

DEFIANT executive committee chairman Louis Kremer has rejected a motion passed at the stormy City Hall meeting calling on exco to resign

He dismissed arguments by angry ratepayers that exco should take responsibility for the valuations row, and for an alleged failure to properly inform council of the implications of the new roll

Mr Kremer told The Argus today accepting the new roll had been a decision of the full council

It was not clear what ratepayers had wanted when they called for exco to resign

"Do they want us to resign as the executive committee and remain as councillors, or do they want us to resign as councillors?"

"If they want us to quit as exco, we already have one vacancy with Leon Markovitz's resignation and we would have to find four more people able to take on a full-time job

"If they want us to resign as councillors, that would mean five more vacancies on a council already three short

"Putting the blame for all ills at the door of exco is wrong — the whole council is accountable," said Mr Kremer.

He also rejected motions calling for referendums on the constitutional future of metropolitan and local government in Cape Town

The timing was wrong because of imminent change, and referendums would cost too much

Ratepayers should make their voices heard at the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum

"A referendum is simply not practical."

Mr Kremer said any result of the motion calling for a provisional 10.5 percent across-the-board increase to valuations would depend on the outcome of a Democratic Party court action to overturn the new valuation roll.

He said issues raised at last night's meeting would be discussed at an exco meeting on October 7.

Mr Kremer said last night's meeting was "tamer" than he had expected.

Response had been poor considering the advance publicity "There were 500 people there — there are 130 000 ratepayers in Cape Town"

● See pages 4 and 12

# Noordhoek seeks rates system

Municipal Reporter

WHILE thousands of rate-payers in Cape Town want property-based rates to be replaced by a "pay only for services" system, Noordhoek residents who are already in that supposedly fortunate situation now want a rates system.

For years after the Cape Divisional Council was abolished in

1987 and the Regional Services Council was formed, Noordhoek was not represented on any council, and its residents no longer had to pay rates.

Like parts of Philippi and Schaapkraal near Ottery, its local authority status was "rural", and eventually it was represented on a rural council — the only type of local authority

which may not levy rates

The RSC provides certain services like refuse or sewage removal, and those who enjoy the benefit of these must pay for each service.

Mr John Cannan, chairman of the Noordhoek and District Civic Association, explained that there were disadvantages to the rural status. One of these was

that Noordhoek had no real say over the budget for its area

"Also, we don't think we can remain a rural area for much longer. We will be part of a Southern Peninsula Local Authority, and we would like to negotiate our own way in there, rather than leave that to the RSC or anybody else."

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# Keegan lashes exco chairman

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN mayor Clive Keegan has lashed out at executive committee chairman Louis Kremer for his defiant attitude to the City Hall motion of no confidence in exco.

The criticism comes days before Mr Kremer will face a motion of no confidence in his chairmanship at the monthly council meeting.

Mr Kremer yesterday dismissed arguments by angry ratepayers that exco should take responsibility for the valuations row and for an alleged failure to inform the council fully about the implications of the new roll. ARG 24/9/73

He also rejected motions calling for referendums on the constitutional future of metropolitan and local government in Cape Town.

Mr Keegan said he had promised that sentiments expressed at the City Hall meeting would be carefully and seriously considered by the council.

"I find it disturbing Mr Kremer should, without consulting me or the executive committee, so vehemently dismiss resolutions taken at that meeting," he said.

"Regardless of the representation or attendance at the City Hall meeting, it provided further evidence of deep-seated ratepayers' dissatisfaction around a number of civic issues, and so deserves a more considered and conciliatory response than that offered by the chairman of exco."

Mr Kremer should discuss and consult about the matters raised on Wednesday night before summarily dismissing them, Mr Keegan said.



# Launch paves way for non-racial city

SOUTH

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By Christelle Terreblanche

A SMOOTH launch on Monday night of the Cape Local Government Negotiating Forum means the realisation of a non-racial, restructured metropole is now only a matter of hard work.

What seemed to be the impossible a few months ago — bringing statutory and non-statutory representative groups together in one forum to give form and vision to a city disjointed and torn apart by 40 years of apartheid — was hailed as a "victory" by newly elected co-chairperson, Ms Hilda Ndude of the ANC.

"To the Western Cape the launch is an indication that everybody has realised the reality, that we have to change, that the old order is no longer viable and that we must work for a better future," Ndude told SOUTH. "The meeting showed clearly that there is commitment and some enthusiasm on all sides present at the launch."

Mr Willie van Schoor of the Belville City Council was elected as the other co-chairperson.

"This is the most representative group of people representing the interests of the Cape Town ever," said Mr David Schmidt of Idasa who co-ordinated the process from a series of seminars last year until the launch this week.

All but two of the groups represented at the launch meeting at the Athlone Civic Centre signed the proposed founding document.

The Parow council reserved its position, while the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) indicated it is still discussing the founding document because it only joined the process in July.

The newly elected steering committee was given the task of ensuring that the forum is as representative as possible, and looking at the inclusion of several groups which indicated they would like to join. Among those who want to par-



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ticipate were observer delegations from the Good Hope Alliance (a ratepayers body), the Private Sector Co-ordination Committee and the Atlantis Forum. The Cape Provincial Administration declined full membership because of its second tier government status.

The steering committee will also decide on the suggested amendments to the founding document made by several parties at the meeting.

Among these is an application from the Inkatha Freedom Party to sit on the non-statutory side. A suggestion that the steering committee be enlarged from 12 to 14 members will also be considered.

# Rebel groups may join city forum

SOUTH

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By Christelle Terreblanche

SEVERAL non-statutory local groups might decide to join the newly launched Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum directly, despite resistance to the metropolitan plan from their statutory counterparts.

Erstwhile Labour Party MP, Mr Peter Mopp, now an ANC delegate on the Strand Forum representing the area's non-statutory groups, says they are interested in becoming part of the metropole.

Strand, like Stellenbosch, Paarl, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay, count amongst the targeted areas for the metropole. They were not present when the forum was launched on Monday.

Their councils have indicated they are not willing to be gobbled up by a larger metropole because their resources and identity might be sacrificed in the process. The delineation of the metropole will be one of the forum's first tasks. The Strand Forum had observer

status at the launch and will discuss their representation this week.

Mopp indicated they might either opt for direct representation or through one of the non-statutory groups already part of the negotiations, like the ANC.

"Whatever the Strand town council decides, we will have to go ahead and plan for our future," he said.

Among those not in agreement with the new forum are also two non-statutory groups — the New Unity Movement (NUM) and the Federation of Cape Civic Associations (FCCA).

They said in a joint statement that they regard the forum as illegitimate because it is not elected.

"Among the statutory bodies are oppressor parties elected solely by one section of the population," their statement read.

"The NUM and FCCA are engaged in a struggle for a truly democratic, non-racial system of government."

Mayor Keegan rounds on Exco chief for 'vehemently dismissing' ratepayer anger

# 'Kreiner must go' call

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

**FURIOUS** ratepayers have demanded Louis Kreiner must go! This follows his rejection of motions passed unanimously this week at a City Hall meeting calling for referendums on independent suburban councils and for Exco to resign

And, in a dramatic breach of precedent, mayor Clive Keegan — angered by Exco chairman Kreiner's dismissal of ratepayers' wishes — told him publicly to step into line

Stormy reaction to Mr Kreiner's comments has blown up a few days before his performance as chairman will be debated when dissident councillor Arthur Wienburg at Tuesday's council meeting tables a motion of no-confidence in the Exco chief

The same day, the council will elect a successor to Leon Markovitz, outgoing deputy chairman, who resigned this month, citing a "personal" reason and declining to elaborate

A senior council source this week said there were "deep tensions" in Exco

A defiant Mr Kreiner said he alone could not take responsibility for the controversial new valuations roll, a decision — like others — taken by the full council

He dismissed the meeting as "tame", estimating there had been 500 people present out of 140 000 ratepayers

Mr Keegan said he had promised that sentiments expressed at the City Hall meeting would be carefully and seriously considered by the council

"I find it disturbing Mr Kreiner should, without consulting me or the executive committee so vehemently dismiss resolutions taken at that meeting

"Regardless of the representivity or attendance at the City Hall meeting, it provided further evidence of deep-seated ratepayers' dissatisfaction around a number of civic is-

■ Tensions continue to rise over the rates issue — both among ratepayers and within the City Council's Exco

sues, and thus deserves a more considered and conciliatory response than that offered by the chairman of Exco

Mr Keegan said Mr Kreiner should engage in further consultation and discussion about the matters raised on Wednesday night before summarily dismissing them

The public clash follows reports earlier this year that Mr Keegan then deputy mayor, had been at loggerheads with Exco about the increasingly politicised role of the mayoral office

Southern suburbs rates action group chairman David Erleigh said Mr Kreiner's "deplorable" comments about Wednesday's meeting were rejected by his group "with the contempt they deserve"

Mr Kreiner, as chairman of Exco, was directly responsible for the rates fiasco

Mr Erleigh called for Mr Kreiner's resignation from Exco and as a city councillor because

■ "He has failed to do anything other than reluctantly react to outside pressure from outraged ratepayers.

■ "His rejection of our request for the rates crisis and our motions to be handled promptly and effectively by Exco, and his dismissal of the unanimous decisions of the meeting out of hand."

The group also called on the Democratic Party caucus to expel Mr Kreiner because of his rejection to ratepayers' demands

"We thank Mayor Clive Keegan for supporting us in criticising the conduct of Mr Kreiner," said Mr Erleigh

Mr Wienburg said it was sad Mr Kreiner could not see the concern of ratepayers

"The fact that he, as captain of the good ship Cape Town has run it on the rocks, and that he disregards public opinion and does not have the sensitivity to accept responsibility for this, means he owes it to ratepayers to resign"



Pictures JIM McLAGAN Weekend Arg.

□ **MOPPING UP** Firemen, traffic officers and police mop up the damage after the bus had passed



□ **IN FINE FETTER** Tracey Creer and Hilda McIoughlin relax after their ordeal. Miss Creer drove her car onto a pavement but Dr McIoughlin's car was wrecked



□ **WRITE-OFF** Dr Hilda McIoughlin's year-old car took brunt of the accident, being hit three times. She walked away with a bruised arm and a few scratches.

# Unpaid bills: Power to Ikapa cut

Staff Reporter

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THE electricity supply to Ikapa Town Council offices was cut off for two days this week when the council could not pay unpaid bills amounting to R800 000

The council had not paid its electricity bill for five months, Ikapa town clerk Mr Deon Adriaanse said yesterday

"Like any black local authority, we face financial problems. Our income from the

community, in the form of rates and taxes, has dwindled away to nothing, and we are relying entirely on the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) for financial support," he said

"Because many Ikapa residents don't own property, no property tax base exists, nor is there any industry to generate income. We are the victims of apartheid." Ikapa council owes the city council "a

couple of million" for health services, sewage disposal and water bills, Mr Adriaanse added

He added that the council's office staff had expressed concern about job security

However, the CPA has guaranteed full payment of the arrears, and arrangements have been made with the city council to foot the R800 000 bill

# Don't fence us in, plead people from new Northern Cape region,

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# Exco 'shaking the money tree in cloud-cuckooland'

Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE Town City Council worked from back to front, from budget to income, instead of the other way round, according to Dereck Sparks of the department of civil engineering at the University of Cape Town.

Professor Sparks recently released his proposals for a market-related valuation system for the city

"In this way the city council can shake the money tree as hard as it likes. This is a lovely cloud-cuckooland from which to operate," he said

The back-to-front budgeting was disclosed by a slide shown to the audience at this week's meeting of rate-payers which demanded the resignation of the council's executive committee (exco) chairman Louis Kreiner and his committee.

"According to anticipated budgets for the next few years in Louis Kreiner's budget speech for Cape Town, civic amenities are to jump from R19,4 million for the present year to R40,2 million next year, and street works will jump from R41,8 million this year to R72,9 million next year

"It seems that in Cape Town, each

department is asked to think of a number for its future budget

"All those wishful numbers are added together to give the income required, and this total is in turn divided by the total valuation of all properties after rebates to get the rate in cents per rand of valuation which will be used to work out the rates

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"Thus the rate will change every year, even if the valuation hardly changes

"In addition, each department has added about 20 percent because they must not under-estimate, and when the time comes they can over-spend 10 percent and still get applause because they've saved the taxpayers 10 percent.

"So this budget policy is inflationary as well as back to front."

Exco had set its own course into "a weird world in which it believes it is supreme because it has always walked a similar route", Professor Sparks went on

"Whatever it does, exco can always pretend it is not accountable and therefore not responsible for any acts or omissions, but can threaten rate-payers with all sorts of penalties."

# Knives out for exco's Kreiner

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## Municipal Reporter

THE knives are out for Cape Town City Council executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner for his handling of the rates controversy.

He said yesterday that a motion of no confidence in him had been placed on the agenda of Tuesday's council meeting by Mr Arthur Wienburg.

And Mr David Erleigh, chairman of the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers, has called on the DP to expel Mr Kreiner from the caucus and suspend his DP membership.

Mr Kreiner said yesterday that he had not been "trying to be defiant" of ratepayers when he had expressed his personal opinion that his remaining committee members were not likely to resign.

He had done this soon after a motion calling on them all to resign was passed unanimously at a meeting which the mayor, Mr Clive Keegan, called in the City Hall on Wednesday night.

Mr Keegan said yesterday he found it disturbing that Mr Kreiner "so vehemently" dismissed resolutions taken at the meeting of about 500 ratepayers in the City Hall.

Mr Kreiner said he did not wish to be drawn into a confrontation with the mayor through newspapers.

"If he was unhappy about what I said, he should have discussed it with me personally, before talking about it to a newspaper."

Mr Keegan declined to comment any further on the matter yesterday.

## Bus: Council 'not harsh'

### Municipal Reporter

COUNCILLOR Ian Iversen, chairman of the utilities and works committee, took issue yesterday with Teleletters callers who criticised the council for dealing "unduly harshly" with the bus drivers' blockade of the central city, compared to its dealings with the taxi drivers last week.

Tuesday's bus drivers' blockade was a reaction to violence directed against bus drivers during the taxi strike. One driver had been killed.

Mr Iversen said at the taxi blockade 68 people had been arrested and many taxis removed from Strand-Street. The next day four more drivers were arrested.

ONE of the greatest challenges facing SA cities in the decade ahead is how to accommodate rapid urbanisation and thousands of homeless people while at the same time ridding the cities of the legacies of their colonial and apartheid pasts

A major attempt to address these inter-related problems in the greater Cape Town metropolitan area is being tackled by the interim Metropolitan Development Framework team under the auspices of the Urban Development Commission (UDC) of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum (WCEDF)

This dates back to June 1991 when the need for a Metropolitan Development Framework (MDF) was confirmed at the Caledon Conference at which representatives of civic and squatter organisations, trade unions and service organisations met with planners involved in a range of planning studies in the Cape metropolitan area

It was agreed there that the Western Cape RSC, with the assistance of the Cape Town City Council, should prepare an MDF with full public participation

Since then the WCEDF has been established and earlier this year there was a widely-supported decision to make the MDF a project of the forum's UDC

It was decided that an interim MDF was necessary as many critical development decisions were being taken daily which could hamper the ability to meet needs in the future

The UDC therefore commissioned a task team to prepare an interim MDF by October 22 which is intended to inform key planning and development decisions in the Cape metropolitan area over the next 18 months in a way that keeps future options open

It will provide the spatial or geographical context for the many programmes and projects coming out of the WCEDF and hopefully also the National Housing Forum

It is also intended that the interim MDF inform the current local government restructuring debate and to guide the budgeting decisions of metropolitan and local government structures

# Coping with urbanisation in the new SA



## Property Perspectives

By MAGGIE ROWLEY

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It will also be concerned with making policy recommendations and project proposals

A series of seven workshops were held last month by the interim MDF team with participants from a broad spectrum of interest groups with a report back meeting being held last week

Consensus on a number of issues has been achieved by participants including the need for urban sprawl to be contained

Participants also agreed in principle to foster mixed-used developments and activity corridors with greater intensity of activities close to transportation facilities

### Open space

The third area of agreement in principle was the need for the preservation and development of a public open space system

The workshops to date have formed just the first step in drawing up a development framework for the region

The interim MDF proposals will be presented to the WCEDF next month for consideration by its other commissions looking at other aspects of future development in the Western Cape, including job creation and financing of projects

From there it will go to WCEDF participating organisations and will be filtered down to community organisations

Ways of communicating the concepts to encourage feedback from grassroots organisations, which can then be fed into the process, are presently being compiled

# Council must stop pandering



## CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

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SOME ratepayers seem less concerned with whether their money is wasted than they are with how it is wasted

Judging from the mood at the City Hall meeting last Wednesday, any madcap Thatcherite scheme to stall the operation of, or overthrow, the property-based rates system will attract great support from angry ratepayers, regardless of its cost or likelihood of succeeding

It's about time somebody from the Cape Town City Council stood up and defended the principle of a property-based rate

It's all very well to recognise that there are large numbers of very angry ratepayers out there, and to try to take the hard edges off a system which does have failings

But surely there is a limit to how far one bends to accommodate loud and persistent protests, if the beliefs driving them differ from one's own?

If there is such a limit, the council has surely transgressed it. Last week we had the amazing spectacle of a local authority indicating that it may be willing to pay part of the costs of, in effect, taking itself to court, in an attempt to overturn a political decision it itself has made

Nominally, the Cape Provincial Administration will probably be the respondent in whatever case is brought to court. It is the CPA which bears ultimate responsibility for the implementation of the rates system

Yet the practicalities of implementing the system have by and large been devolved to the council

Thus we will have a situation in which the council bosses may approach their staff to ask them whether they can't think of any irregularities they themselves may have committed

Should they be able to produce evidence suggesting they have done a sloppy job, councillors will have to congratulate their officials while wearing one hat, and berate them while wearing another

Could valuers be asked to give evidence against themselves? Perhaps they should ask for indemnity against any comeback from a boss who likes to have the job done properly. Or expect promotion for a meticulously documented sloppy job

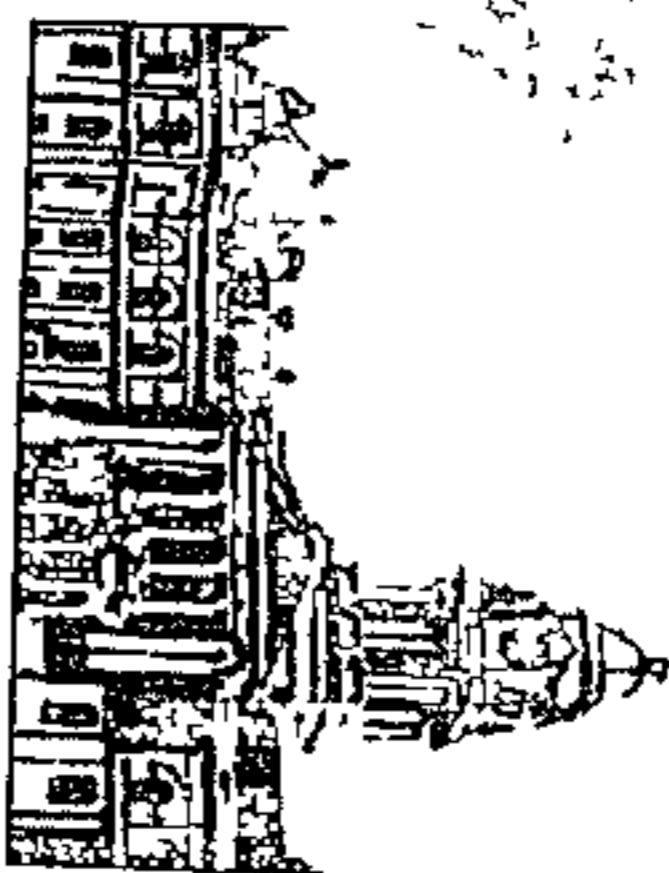
While the property-based rates system does have drawbacks, there is much to be said against its alternatives. One alternative is the poll tax — a levy on every adult person which does not vary with either their income or property wealth

As Mr Louis Kremer said, a proposed poll tax played a large role in unseating former British prime minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher

Another alternative would be to bill every user of municipal services with the precise cost of providing them. A swim in a council-owned pool would cost R10, taking out a library book would cost R5, and apportioning the costs of tarring roads would be an administrative nightmare



# Christie's 'Cabinet' to Resign



□ Party leader calls on city council 'cabinet' to resign



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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

RIFTS in the city council deepened today as executive committee member Ian Iversen threatened to resign from the Democratic Party because of the regional leadership's call on exco to resign.

Exco chairman Louis Kreiner and exco member John Muir declined to comment on the call from acting regional leader Joe Marks.

Neil Ross is to resign and stand for re-election at the end of October.

Outgoing deputy exco chairman Leon Markovitz left the DP caucus yesterday.

A snap exco meeting was to be held before today's council meeting to discuss a response to the call, and a replacement for Mr Markovitz.

Mr Iversen said today he found it strange the DP regional leadership had not consulted the city council caucus before issuing a statement.

"We had to find out about it in the Press," he said.

"They (the leadership) did not have the courtesy to inform us or consult us."

"I now question whether I will vote for the DP or give it funds. I am reconsidering my membership."

The city council DP caucus was being treated by the parliamentary caucus as if were a political opponent.

He warned that the DP plan to overturn the valuation roll would mean the rates of about 25 000 people in Mitchell's Plain would go up and the party's canvassing in the giant suburb would be wasted.

"People in Newlands and Camps Bay are not going to vote for the DP anyway."

Mr Iversen said city councillors were being made out to be "useless dregs of society."

"We are not smelling of roses but for one section of the DP to attack another via a newspaper is unacceptable," he said.

It is understood Mr Kreiner might issue a statement after the exco meeting today.

It is thought unlikely he will offer to resign.

DP calls

on exco

to resign

TOS WENTZEL  
Political Staff

IN a bid to resolve the rates impasse, the Democratic Party wants all the city council's executive committee members to resign.

Joe Marks, the party's deputy leader in the Western Cape, said the committee members would then be in a position to seek a new mandate from the council.

There was concern among the people of Cape Town about the way in which the rates issue had been handled. The party was not apportioning blame but it was also necessary to take notice of opinion on the ground.

"We are going ahead with a Supreme Court application to have the rates increases set aside. We hope to take it from there

"We have asked exco to follow the example of Neil Ross and to seek a fresh mandate from the council."

Mr Ross announced his resignation from exco yesterday, with effect from the end of October, to seek a mandate from the councillors

# 'EXCO MUST GO'

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## DP's shock call for members' resignation



**SURVIVOR** . Seven-year-old Mari Bouwer listens attentively as her father Mr Wimpie Bouwer cradles his 10-day-old daughter Carla and tells how he was attacked by a "monster" Great White shark and survived

Picture: CLIVE SMITH

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

### THE Democratic Party yesterday urged all members of the DP-controlled Cape Town City Council executive committee to resign.

The shock move came just hours after the DP caucus in the council decided to back exco chief Mr Louis Kreiner, who faces a motion of no confidence today from Mr Arthur Wienburg.

Mr Joe Marks, the acting regional leader of the DP (in the absence of MP Mr Henne Bestler), explained yesterday that the party did not wish to enter into personality conflicts.

"We, therefore do not support any motion of no confidence in one or another particular individual," Mr Marks added.

"However, in the face of the recent public uproar about the handling of the rates issue, we believe it is necessary, and would be honourable, for the members of exco to follow the example of Mr Neil Ross by resigning en bloc to seek a fresh mandate at a new exco election by council at the end of October."

Mr Marks added that the collective reconstitution of exco seemed particularly appropriate, especially in the light of the two vacancies (out of five) which have recently arisen with the resignations of Mr Leon Markovitz and Mr Ross.

The other three exco members are Mr John Muir, Mr Ian Iversen and Mr Kreiner.

Mr Kreiner declined to comment yesterday.

Mr Chris Joubert said he was happy with the DP statement, which was very much in line with what he had argued at Sunday night's caucus meeting.

"I was going to accept disciplinary action for going against the caucus," he said.

He is going to move an amendment to Mr Wienburg's motion of no confidence, changing it into a request that the whole executive committee should resign.

Mr Joubert said that he could not bring himself to vote for Mr Kreiner's removal as he was his friend.

Yet he had to reflect the views of the people who had put him on the council and they wanted exco to be reconstituted.

Mr Joubert said that if he were asked by a majority at this evening's rate payers' meeting in Sea Point to resign from the council, he would.

"I don't need this in my life," he said.

The Green Point and Sea Point Ratepayers' Associations yesterday came out in support of a motion of no confidence in exco.

Their chairman, Mr Mike Stavropoulos, said exco had "lost touch with the people of Cape Town and we're pushing for a unanimous no-confidence vote."

**MOVE TO CUT OFF TOWNSHIP WATER**

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Said this in reply to questions by

# Black councils owe R30-m for services

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LOCAL authorities in four townships owe the Cape Town City Council more than R30 million for services

Ikapa, Langelethu West, Crossroads and Mfuleni councils owe money for firefighting, sewerage, water, health, refuse removal and electricity.

The council voted yesterday to

tell black local authorities to pay water arrears by November or face cut-offs.

Some councillors, including John Sonnenberg, Eulalie Stott and Rupert Hurly, said cutting off water would jeopardise health and firefighting.

Arthur Wienburg congratulated exco on recommending a firm line on arrears, but castigated it for allowing the debts to build up

An amendment by Kenny Penkin that the council try to take over the finances of black local authorities was defeated.

Dr Sonnenberg said the provincial administration, which was responsible for the black local authorities, should pay the council.

"Without water there can be no life," he said.

# Urgently wanted: New faces on city council exco

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□ Election of committee set for October monthly meeting

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

LOBBYING has begun in council circles for a new set of faces on the executive committee — or for the return of some or all of the old.

The Democratic Party city council caucus will meet in two weeks to decide who should be on the "new" exco.

It is reliably understood that councillors who are presently not members of exco are under consideration in DP circles for election to the committee.

Election of a new exco will take place at October's monthly council meeting.

Meanwhile, the Greater Claremont ratepayers' group said the DP council caucus must commit itself not to re-elect exco chairman Louis Kreiner, Spokesman David Erleigh said exco, which announced at Tuesday's council meeting it was to resign with effect from the end of October, should quit immediately.

Mr Kreiner was not politically accountable, Mr Erleigh said.

DP council caucus leader John Sonnenberg said it was impossible to give an assurance on whether Mr Kreiner would be elected or not in advance, because the caucus had



Picture DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

**CAUCUS LEADER:** John Sonnenberg ... impossible to give an assurance in advance on whether Mr Kreiner would be elected or not

not met

"We shall note what they say but the caucus agenda cannot be dictated by outside bodies," Dr Sonnenberg said.

Mr Kreiner, when he announced his resignation on

Tuesday, said he would be available for re-election.

Asked whether he was aware of speculation of a deal whereby Mr Kreiner would be re-elected in September in return for an undertaking to re-

sign in December, Dr Sonnenberg said he was not.

The caucus will meet in about two weeks to discuss candidates for exco.

It is expected a final decision will not be made before the council's Supreme Court application to overturn the valuation roll is decided.

Mr Erleigh's group called for exco members who represented Cape Town on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum to resign because they had no mandate.

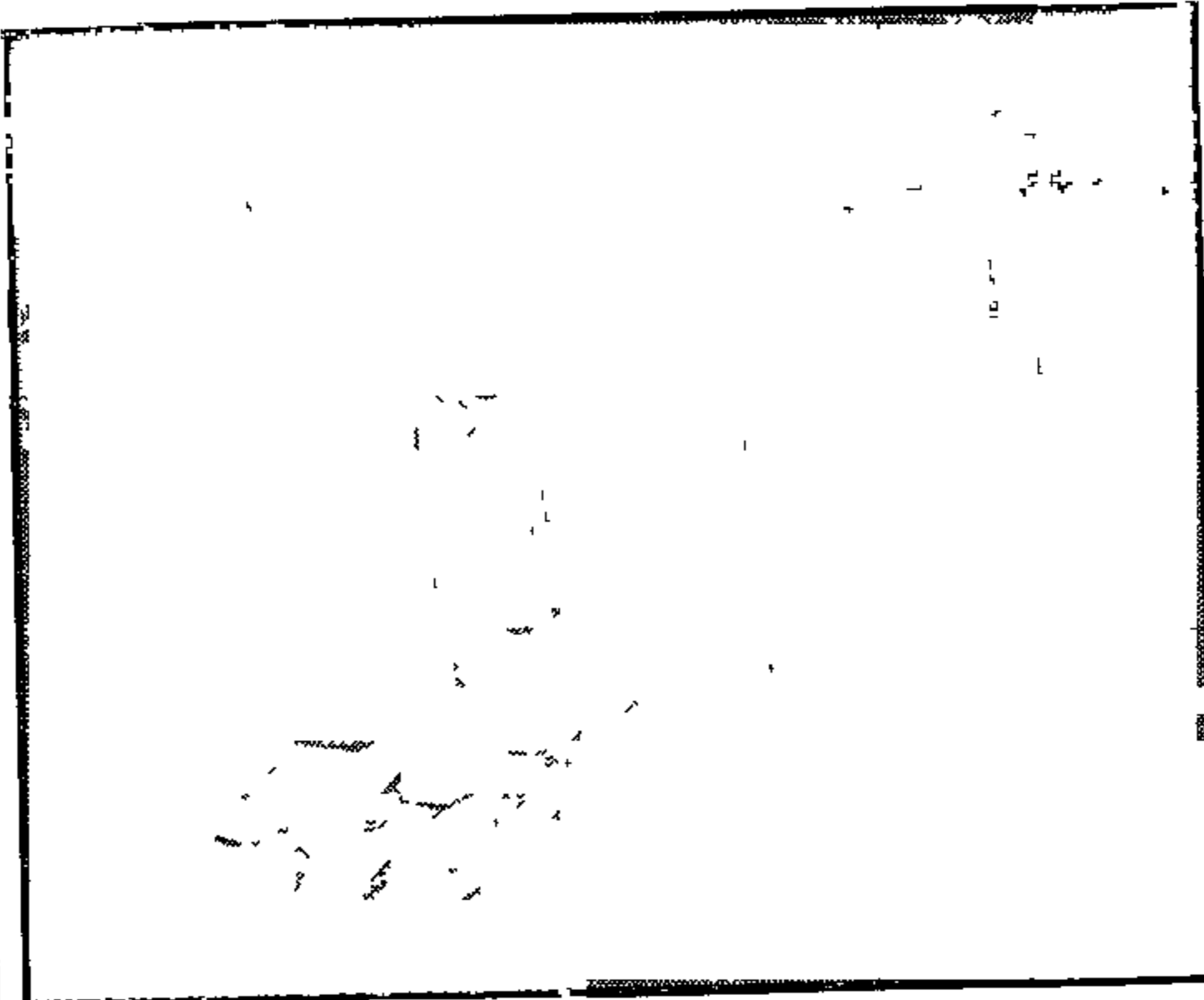
They should be replaced by representatives from the southern suburbs, Atlantic suburbs, and Mitchell's Plain, the group said.

"We have a mandate — three large public meetings," Mr Erleigh said.

Council reserve funds should be used to help people who would have to pay higher rates if the 1990 valuation roll was overturned as a result of the council's application to the Supreme Court.

"The reserve is there to protect people in the event of emergency, and this is an emergency," said Mr Erleigh.

Noting the council had said it would not evict people who paid their 1992 rates plus 10.5 percent, Mr Erleigh said the group's 20-member committee had decided to do this.



Pictures OBED ZILWA, The Argus

**NON-STATUTORY:** Delegates from the African National Congress and Azanian People's Organisation pore over the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum founding document.

the transition process or to put their views to their statutory representatives. And it had been a long time since the last municipal elections in 1938.

"Many representatives who may have been appropriate for the routine management of a local authority may not be the best people to pursue the interests of ratepayers in the current constitutional process."

This needed specialised skills and experience "patently not possessed by many councillors, if their observed performance to date is any indication."

Councillors did not have a mandate for political and constitutional negotiations on behalf of their constituency, nor had the views of ratepayers on these matters been sought in any organised manner, the alliance said.

ment, to the detriment of its effectiveness and efficiency, could — if we are not careful — be perpetuated if not worsened."

Past recommendations of devolution of power to local authorities seemed endangered.

The alliance set as objectives

● Membership of any forum or similar body for discussions or negotiations about the constitutional future of local government,

● Removal of politics from local government,

● Constitutional entrenchment of local government as an independent form and tier of government, with the necessary fiscal, administrative and executive powers to enable primary local authorities to render effective and efficient services,

● Retention by primary local authorities of their present tax

ing, and which are committed to non-racial local government.

The alliance said if the "essential and traditional role" of ratepayers' organisations was not recognised, some other means would have to be found to make their views more widely known.

"Recent events concerning the Cape Town City Council rates debacle, if they have done nothing else, have surely demonstrated that ratepayers as an organised group strongly feel their views have been ignored for long enough."

Membership Ratepayers associations of Bellville's wards one to six, the Federation of Bellville Ratepayers' Associations, the Belvedere Ratepayers' Association, Bergvliet-Meadowridge Ratepayers, Bonteheuwel Residents' Association, Blouberg-

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# Stellenbosch cleans up field

Rotting food, garbage removed from Kaya Mandi

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LENORE OLIVER, Staff Reporter

HEAPS of rotting food and other rubbish have been removed from a field in Kaya Mandi

This follows a decision by the Stellenbosch local government negotiating forum to take over the functions of Kaya Mandi's town council

The forum said present conditions relating to management of resources and particularly the piling up of rubbish were unacceptable

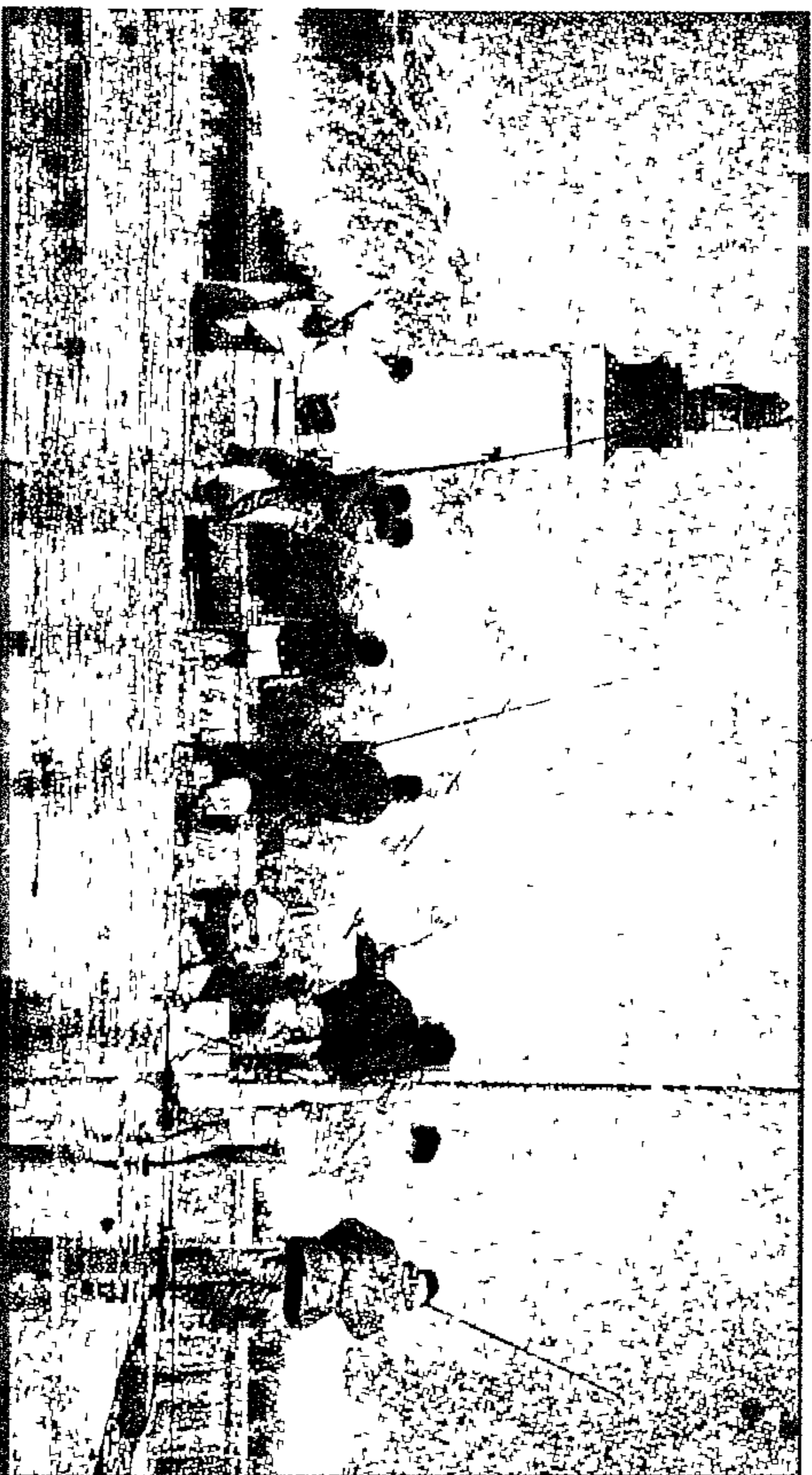
Personnel and resources would fall under the line management of Stellenbosch municipality to "create proper management systems"

Yesterday when an Argus team arrived at the site, thousands of flies and insects were buzzing above piles of rubbish, rotting food and faeces. The smell was almost unbearable

A resident said "Lots of people just came and dumped their rubbish on the field because they thought it was a dumping site. And even Kaya Mandi municipality dumped here"

He said the refuse had been on the field for about six weeks

Another resident said "It is a health hazard and many times we were unable to enjoy a meal because the smell was so bad"



Picture ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

**WHOOOSH:** It takes more than a spring tide and a bit of south-easter to frighten the anglers loyal to Kalk Bay. In fact, those conditions make the whole enterprise more interesting.

## Residents call for voice in civic forum

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A PETITION by residents of the City Bowl, Cape Flats, Atlantic and southern suburbs demanding a voice on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum has been handed to mayor Clive Keegan

The petition is to be referred to the city council executive committee and to Idasa, conveners of the forum

The group called for four voting members, each representing one of their areas, to be admitted to the non-statutory side of the forum

The forum and the city council should hold over any decisions on the future of local government until the residents' groups were admitted to the forum, the petition said

# 'No way back for the city'

By PETER DENNEHY

HISTORY is about to overrun those local authorities that want to hold on to apartheid structures, ANC chief negotiator Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said on Saturday

Addressing about 400 guests at a R250-a-seat fundraising dinner in the Banqueting Hall of the Cape Town Civic Centre, he said "We cannot see ourselves going back to two worlds in one city.

"The reality of the future that we are countenancing is that you are going to end up with a black mayor in this town, a coloured chairman of the executive committee, an African town clerk.

"That is the reality we must deal with. We must cross the threshold together, as a people who are building a nation. You cannot run away from Cape Town because there is going to be a

## Ramaphosa: You'll get a black mayor

black mayor here

"We must come to grips with the problem of how to empower people so that they can become the best mayors, town clerks, and chairmen of the executive committee"

The Transvaal Municipal Association's campaign against joint local authorities was one of "utter and total futility". Even Nelspruit and Louis Trichardt would have joint local authorities "whether they like it or not".

Here in Cape Town, the services now provided in white sub-

urbs are very different from those provided in townships like Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga, Mr Ramaphosa said.

"You must have as your principle the objective of having standard services for all people"

Those who received the benefit of the services must be made to pay, but the tariffs must be affordable, he said.

Mr Ramaphosa called for "absolute transparency" in the way local government is managed, including how loans are used.

Ways had to be found to fund local government, "to make sure those who can't afford to pay their bills are assisted".

• Ms Hilda Ndude, head of the ANC local government division in Cape Town, said the funds raised at the banquet would be used for seminars attended by the non-statutory delegation to local government negotiations.

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## Council asked to defer spending

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CITY council committees were asked today to delay decisions on major spending until the implications of the court application to overturn the valuation roll were known.

Deputy City Treasurer Peter Lever asked the utilities and works and amenities and health committees to limit themselves to spending only on programmes needed for emergencies or to safeguard public safety.

This did not mean they should turn down spending, merely defer decisions.

City Treasurer Eddie Landsberg is to unveil implications of setting aside the roll at a special executive committee meeting tomorrow, to which all councillors have been invited.

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SWEEPING changes are almost certain to be made in Cape Town's ruling "cabinet" when the city council meets later this month.

And among possible dramatic developments is the resignation of Mayor Clive Keegan to take over the top job as chairman of Exco.

New faces will replace the "old guard" — a move aimed at giving the council's top structure a younger, more dynamic image.

This week vigorous behind-the-scenes discussions were taking place in Democratic Party circles on the question of who should replace the previous Exco, which resigned *en bloc* at the height of Cape Town's local government crisis.

The resignations take effect at the end of October.

The new Exco is to be formally elected at the council's next monthly meeting, scheduled for October 28.

The new line-up has begun taking shape and Exco's new profile is expected to be complete by mid-October after a meeting of the DP caucus in the council.

By then, it is likely to be known who will be Cape Town's new boss — Mr Keegan, or, perhaps, another mysterious candidate for the chairmanship of Exco.

One thing seems certain, the new Exco chairman will not be Louis Kreiner, who has been dogged by controversy in the job.

A strong influence behind the moves towards renewal is Western Cape DP chairman Hennie Bester, MP for Green Point, who intervened decisively to contain damage to the party caused by the rates debacle.

His role in initiating the court challenge to the valuation roll went a long way towards defusing the crisis, and he now seems to be leading the process of constructing a new "cabinet" to rule Cape Town.

Yesterday, the Cape Town Supreme Court granted a final order declaring the city council's controversial valuation roll invalid and of no legal force.

The order was granted by Mr Justice A M van Niekerk, sitting with Mr Justice F D J Brand, as requested by the city council and Mr Bester.

The order set aside a decision by the director of valuations to implement the roll on July 1, and resolutions adopted by the council on May 25.

These resolutions relate to the setting of municipal rates for the 1993/94 financial year.

Mr Bester told Weekend Argus yesterday: "I think the time is ripe to introduce a strong new team to provide decisive political leadership."

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# Exco: Major changes expected

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"That team may include one or two members of the previous executive committee who have distinguished themselves in their portfolios, but essential leadership should be new in order to come with strong initiatives

"We hope they would come with a strong DP manifesto to guide the city through a turbulent transition period."

Mr Bester said he did not intend to be drawn into any dis-

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cussion or speculation about personalities

He is known to have strong views about the importance of local government.

Mr Bester said yesterday he regarded local government at this stage of South Africa's transition as the most important form of state administration

In political and local government circles yesterday, however, there was strong speculation about possible new faces

for Cape Town's reconstructed Exco

Sources close to the city council said a move was afoot to seek the election of Mr Keegan as the new Exco chairman and "boss" of Cape Town.

To take this job, however, Mr Keegan would have to resign as mayor — a position he has held for only about a month

Mr Keegan could not be reached for comment yesterday.

**Keegan  
may quit  
as mayor  
to head  
Exco**

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# DP caucus to meet to 'clear the air' on exco membership

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE Democratic Party caucus will meet tomorrow to clear the air about future membership of the executive committee.

With just over two weeks to go to the monthly council meeting at which a new exco is to be elected, speculation is mounting about candidates and tickets.

Possible candidates for the chairmanship include mayor Clive Keegan, Rondebosch councillor Arthur Wienburg and incumbent Louis Kreiner. Mr Kreiner is expected to inform the caucus tomorrow whether he intends to stand

Available for re-election are housing chairman Neil Ross, town planning chairman John Mur and utilities chairman Ian Iversen.

There have been calls for a complete change of membership of exco from Claremont and Newlands ratepayers, motivated by the present committee's handling of the rates saga and constitutional talks.

The southern suburbs group supports a ticket dubbed the "A-team" of Clive

Keegan, Arthur Wienburg, Chris Joubert, Kenny Penkin and Peter Muller.

Ward 4 ratepayers have declined to support this ticket, opting to press for a change in the way the council is run, to make it more "transparent" to outsiders.

If the caucus asks Mr Keegan to step down as mayor and stand for the chairmanship, an election will have to be held for a new mayor. It is understood deputy mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner would not be entitled to automatic succession to the office.

Caucus leader John Sonnenberg said it could not be guaranteed that tomorrow night's meeting would produce a final ticket.

"In the view of all the speculation it has become necessary to clear the air," he said.

Ordinarily, caucus meetings are held about two days before a council meeting.

Calling tomorrow's meeting is a sign of eagerness to limit damage by resolving the issue quickly.

If the caucus decides on a ticket the candidates would seem reasonably certain of election. Twenty of 31 councillors are caucus members.

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# IFP main speakers at community body launch

ET 15/10/93  
Municipal Reporter

TWO top-level Inkatha Freedom Party officials will be the main speakers tomorrow at the launch, at the University of Stellenbosch, of a new umbrella body of Western Cape "community organisations"

Mr Themba Khoza, the Transvaal provincial organiser of the IFP, and Dr Ziba Jiyane, the IFP national spokesman, will be the speakers at the launch of the Western Cape Community Organisation (Wecco)

The new organisation will cross over religious, political and racial boundaries, according to an invitation

to the launch

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Mr Gordon Merrington, a spokesman for the Good Hope Alliance, whose name appears on the invitation, said Wecco was entirely separate from his own group of 56 associations, but it would probably be in a loose alliance with it. "We may have one of our members on their executive council. The larger the group we have, the better

"Wecco is also completely separate from Mr David Erleigh's group of rate-payers," he said

"It consists of Cahac and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association and some others"

## **Black mayor to stand down**

ET 15/10/93 Staff Reporter (263)

**SOUTH** Africa's first black mayor, Mr Frank Arendse of Franschhoek, will not stand for office again — because he was not prepared to serve white racists in the tiny Boland town of Franschhoek.

Mr Arendse said in an interview yesterday that he had been called a kaffir and had received several telephoned death threats during his term of office.

He said he believed it was only a minority of whites that had not accepted him.



# Keegan will stand for exco

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By PETER DENNEHY

THE mayor of Cape Town, Mr Clive Keegan, confirmed yesterday that he would stand for election to the executive committee next week — and resign as mayor if he gets the job.

This means that Mr Keegan, who was installed on September 1 this year, may serve a mere two months in office. A term shorter than the usual two years had been expected in some quarters — but only as a result of constitutional change.

The post of executive committee chairman will fall vacant from the end of this month due to the resignation of Mr Louis Kreiner. The entire committee has resigned due to ratepayer unhappiness over the high increases in rates which came about through a re-valuation of properties.

Should Mr Keegan resign from the end of this month, his term in office will be the shortest since that of Mr John Parker who served a five-day term during World War I, according to City Council records.

Mr Keegan said yesterday that he had been approached by both the Democratic Party regional leadership and the DP within the council, and asked to make himself available for the chairmanship of the executive committee

## Rates 'would jump 15% if electricity subsidy cut'

PROPERTY rates in Cape Town will go up by at least another 15% if a subsidy paid to rates accounts from electricity undertakings is scrapped, Cape Town's city electrical engineer Mr Fred Berwyn-Taylor said yesterday.

He was expanding on remarks made by ANC local government head Mr Thozamile Botha at a conference in Randburg earlier this week.

Mr Botha had said that both white and black communities would have to pay more for local government services when local authorities were amalgamated.

Mr Botha said tariffs in most black local authorities were based on outdated valuations. Reassessments could mean increases of as much as 200%, but these would have to be phased in over several years.

Whites had long enjoyed cross-subsidisation of property rates by electricity and other tariffs, he said, adding that whites would in future have to pay market prices for the services they enjoy.

Mr Berwyn-Taylor said that the extent of this "cross-subsidisation" from electricity in Cape Town was about R70m a year.

If it were scrapped, rates should increase by about 15% a year.

Not just the ANC, but also Eskom opposed the transfer of money from the electricity undertaking to the rates account, Mr Berwyn-Taylor said.

The ANC was concerned that it was mainly the (formerly) white areas that benefitted from this subsidy. Both Eskom and the ANC also argued the money could instead be used to improve the electricity infrastructure.

He said he had decided to do so formally next week.

He would not be drawn into any speculation on whether or not his deputy, Mrs Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner, would take his place in the mayoral office, and if so who the deputy mayor would be.

There has been some press speculation this week that Mr John Muir might take over the mayoralty from Mr Keegan if Mrs Sulcas-Kreiner does not, but Mr Muir said yesterday that he too, would make himself available for the exco chairmanship. He defi-

nitely did not wish to be mayor or deputy mayor.

Mr Muir is the present chairman of the town planning committee — a post in which Mr Keegan served with distinction for many years.

Mr Muir has been an executive committee chairman before, from 1982 to 1986. According to the Cape Times files, in his second two-year term as exco chairman, Mr Muir decided to keep the rates as low as possible, even to the extent of allowing the council's financial reserves to be depleted.

# Joe Marks leads new grouping

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## Municipal Reporter

COMMUNITY leader Mr Joe Marks was unanimously elected at the weekend as president of a new organisation, Wecco, which brings together groups as diverse as squatters and Constantia property owners

Mr Marks was once a prominent ANC leader, but he switched to the Democratic Party and is now deputy leader of the DP in the Western Cape

According to a press statement issued by the newly-launched Western Cape Community Organisation (Wecco), more than 300 delegates and observers attended the inaugural congress at Stellenbosch University on Saturday

Both the Western Cape United Squatters' Association and the Constantia Property Owners' Association belong to Wecco, a movement which is non-aligned at party-political level

However, it is clear that the group is intended to counterbalance the influence of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco), which is also non-party

political but which is perceived to be broadly aligned with the ANC

Wecco is to seek representation on the Local Government Negotiation Forum as it believes the communities of the Western Cape are "under-represented" there

Founding organisations of Wecco include the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), which has 37 affiliates, the Western Cape Civic Association, the Western Cape United Squatters' Association, the Good Hope Alliance with its 56 member associations, the Khayelitsha-based United Residents' Front, the Lingeletu West for the Community Delegation, and the Intsika yeSizwe Democratic Party

Mr Wilson Sidina of Guguletu was unanimously elected chairman of Wecco's executive committee

Democratic Party MP Mr Jasper Walsh called the formation of Wecco "a significant step forward". The DP endorsed its aims and objectives

# Other DP councillors may quit caucus now

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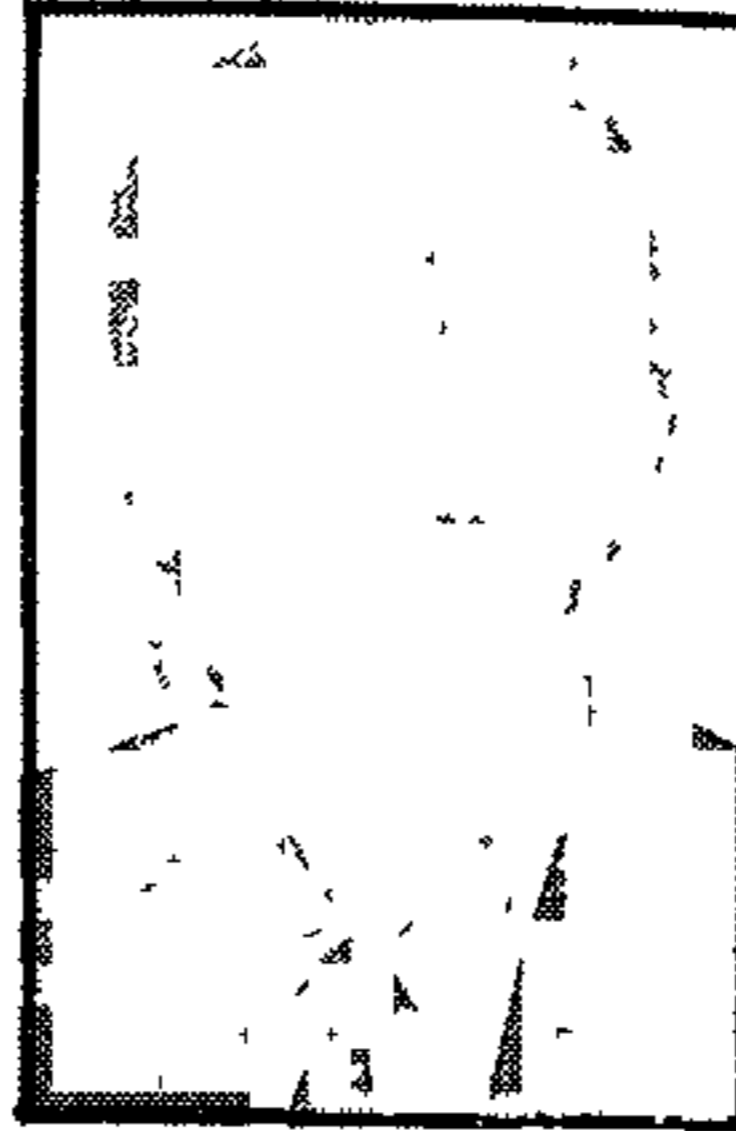
THERE was speculation today that other Democratic Party city councillors could follow Kenny Penkin out of the caucus in protest against Arthur Wienburg's candidacy for the executive committee chairmanship not being put to the vote

Mr Wienburg has described the caucus as a club dedicated to looking after its own members instead of the interests of Cape Town

Mr Penkin said the caucus had shown it was concerned more with personalities than efficiency and ability to govern

At Tuesday's caucus meeting the nominations of Clive Keegan and John Muir were put to the vote, but not that of Mr Wienburg, a member of the DP but not of the caucus

The caucus will meet on Tuesday to choose its nominations for the four other members of exco



Kenny Penkin

## Fighting for control of the city

■ Caucus meeting follows caucus meeting as city councillors wrangle over the choice of new leaders. Municipal Reporter **CLIVE SAWYER** looks back on a week of infighting.

**G**UY Fawkes Day may be a fortnight away, but the first fireworks of the season are set to go off as the city Council Democratic Party caucus meets this weekend.

A senior councillor admitted privately to having doubts about the future of the caucus, which this week lost a second member, Kenny Penkin, and faced warnings from three that they would "reconsider their positions" if dissatisfied with tomorrow's caucus decisions.

The caucus will meet at the Civic Centre to re-debate whether to allow members a free vote in elections for the executive committee, a mayor and a deputy mayor.

But the option of a free vote seemed to have little chance, with DP regional leader Henne Bester slamming it as making "the existence of a caucus meaningless".

If the caucus confirms earlier rejection of a free vote, a chairman and four standing committee chairmen must be chosen to make up exco, the financial and political bosses of Cape Town.

Muzenberg councillor Abe Katz, in line with ratepayers' calls, wants a "clean slate" exco elected, while Chris Joubert and Clive Bilski want a free vote at the official election on Thursday.

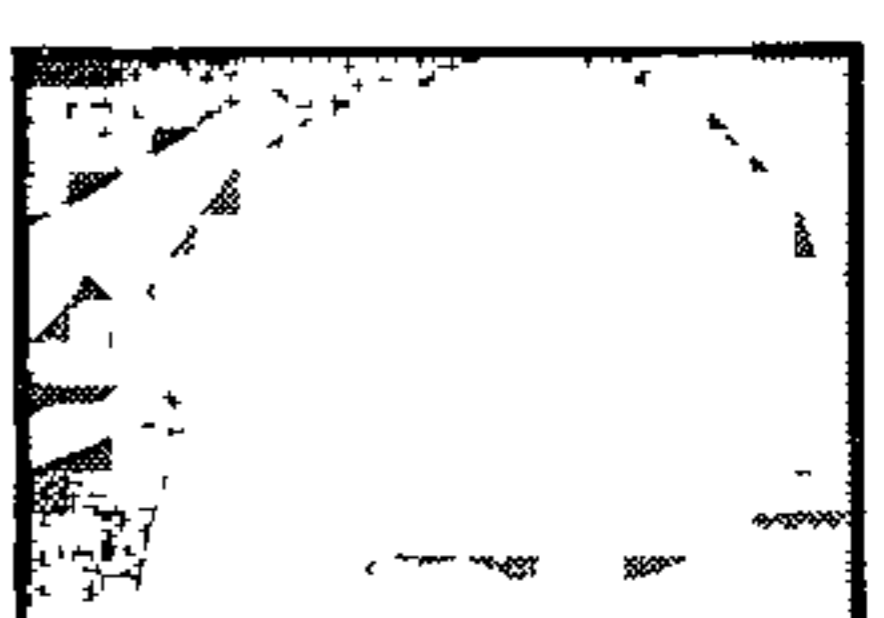
Earlier in the week, hopes were high that the caucus would bring to an end speculation about the new exco and the next mayor.

But Tuesday's caucus meeting, at which mayor Clive Keegan soundly defeated town planning chief John Muir to be named official candidate for the exco chair, went on too long for the rest of the committee to be finalised.

Deputy mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, chosen to be the new first citizen, still does not know who her deputy will be. But the choice of a new deputy mayor — the names of Llewellyn van Wyk, Clive



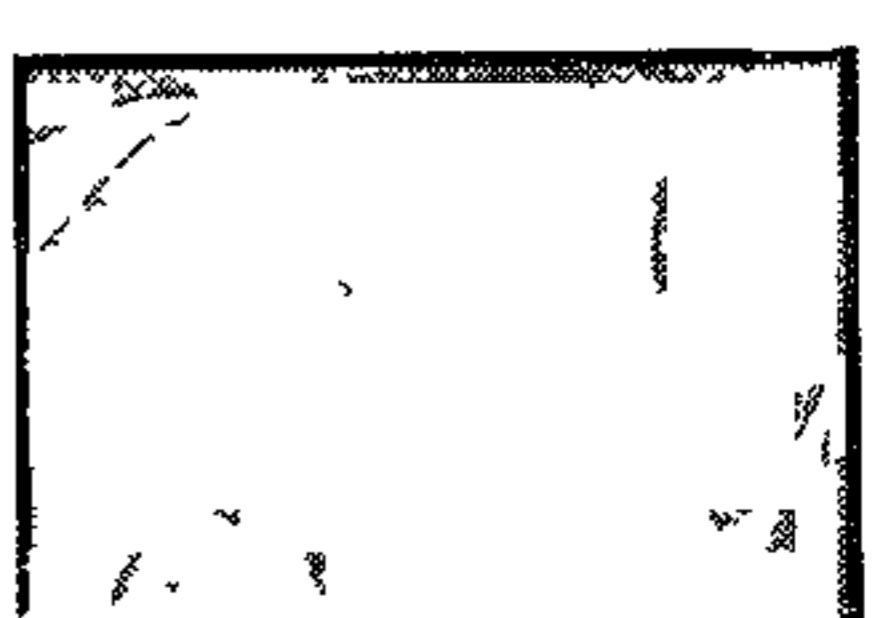
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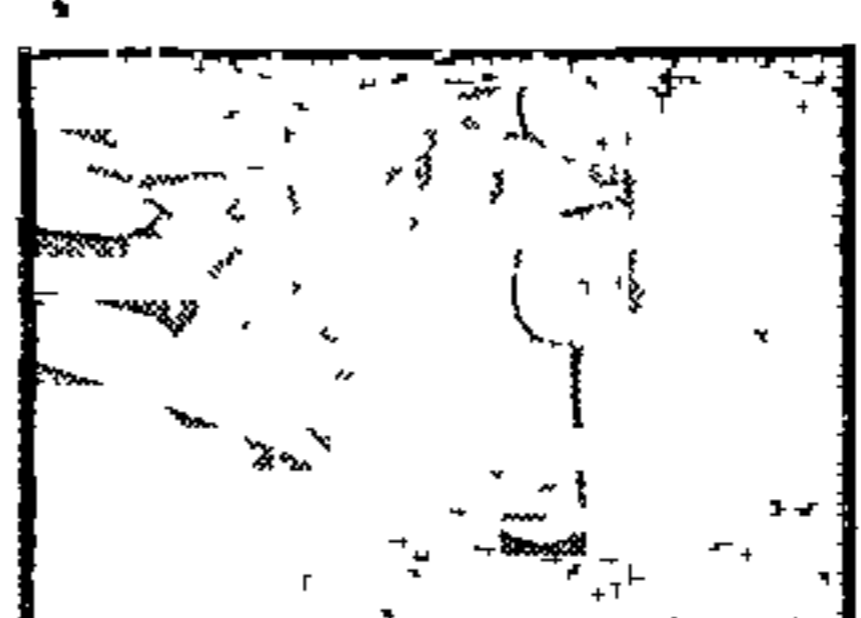
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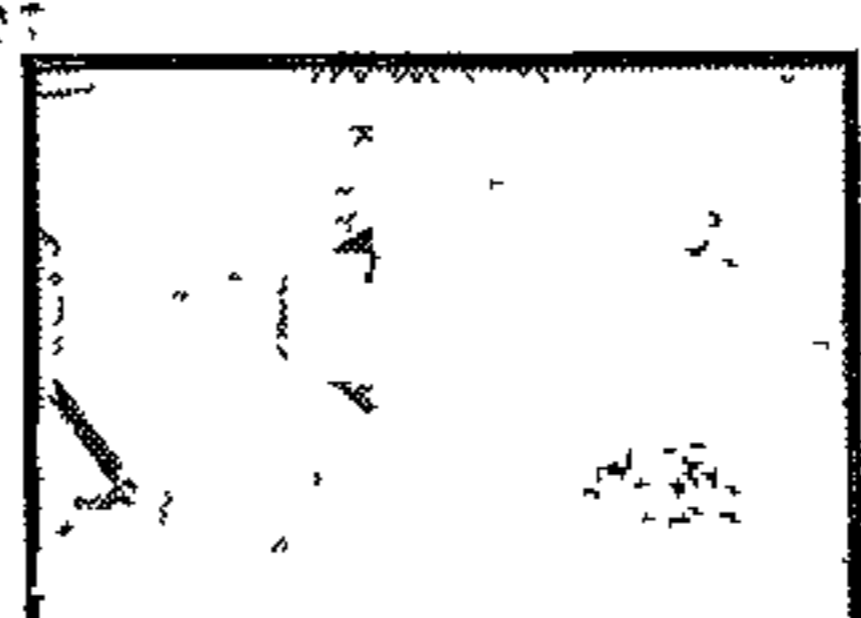
Jack Frost



John Sonnenberg



Norman Osburn



Patricia Sulcas Kreiner

Neil Ross, utilities chairman Ian Iversen, Mr Joubert, and Mr Penkin

Justus, or a senior former mayor have been mentioned — shrinks in significance as councillors find themselves in the throes of a struggle for control of the city.

In the running are housing chairman Arthur Wienburg, who has set his sights on the chair, is of the "clean ticket" school favoured by many ratepayers, and is known to want Mr Joubert, Mr Penkin and Peter Muller as exco colleagues.

Mr Wienburg's candidacy has become the imponderable for the caucus. It is largely behind calls for a free vote.

Mr Joubert, who at Tuesday's caucus meeting nominated Mr Wienburg as exco chairman, said the council as a whole should decide on the top posts.

If the caucus allows a free vote, it could stay together, but would have to al-

On the sidelines of the contest were thousands of ratepayers

Southern suburbs ratepayers chairman David Erleigh said the association backed Mr Wienburg for exco, and if he was not available, Mr Penkin.

"We need a fresh team and a new commitment," Mr Erleigh said.

Green and Sea Point Ratepayers and Residents Association chairman Mike Stavropolous said the DP should not whip-in its members because no councillor had been elected on a party political ticket.

"If someone is right for the job, why make it a caucus decision?" Mr Stavropolous said.

Caucus chairman Norman Osburn said the impression that the caucus was a closed shop was wrong.

Mr Wienburg's candidacy for the exco chairmanship had not been put to the vote because it was clear it lacked sufficient support.

Caucus leader John Sonnenberg said Mr Joubert and Mr Katz had been able to put their points about a free vote and a clean slate at the previous caucus meeting.

The caucus had decided against these, Dr Sonnenberg said.

"When you have a caucus, members must abide by its decisions," Dr Sonnenberg said.

This was echoed by Mr Bester, who said a political party could assure the accountability of its members in any elected body only by means of a caucus.

For years people had held the DP responsible for the donings of the city council because several councillors were party members, but the party had had no control over the activities of councillors.

"The formation of the DP caucus in mid-June was an attempt to improve public accountability and to provide a strong and effective local government for Cape Town during a time of unparalleled national and local upheaval.

"The election of an executive committee is one of the most important decisions taken by any representative body. For any caucus not to take a view on this matter would be politically irresponsible," Mr Bester said.

# Fireworks feared at the DP caucus

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Political Staff

THE Eastern Cape leadership of the National Party has moved to resolve differences between it and one of the party's leading reform-minded MPs, Sakkie Louw of Newton Park.

A meeting of the party's regional committee, decided in Port Elizabeth at the weekend not to take any strong action. The committee referred Mr Louw's recent absence from some meetings to the party's provincial executive committee which may reprimand him.

There has been tension between Mr Louw, who recently resigned as the party's area election campaign director, and other Nationalist leaders, especially Tertius Delpont, Minister of Local Government and regional chairman.

The alternative ticket, led by Mr Wienburg, includes three councillors who have resigned from the caucus in the past week. They are Mr Penkin, Mr Katz and Mr Joubert.

The fifth member, former mayor Mr Muller, joined the DP yesterday.

The resignations of Mr Oliver, Mr Joubert, and Mr Bilski from the DP caucus means the DP caucus has lost its majority in the council. 15 councillors out of a 31-member council.

Since the caucus was founded in mid-June, six councillors have resigned.

There are 10 DP councillors who are not members of the caucus, though this includes Clive Keegan, who left the caucus when he became mayor and is expected to rejoin if elected exco chairman.

If caucus member Patricia Sulcas Kremer is elected mayor — and no challengers have emerged — she will leave the caucus, cancelling out Mr Keegan's rejoining.

#### CLIVE SAWYER Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town city council executive committee election saga took a dramatic twist today when eight councillors walked out of a closed caucus meeting to force the election race to be held in public.

The eight councillors, led by Arthur Wienburg, said they had walked out because the election was important in the eyes of rate-payers and should be held in public at Thursday's monthly council meeting.

They are Mr Wienburg, former mayor Peter Muller, Clive Bilski, Kenny Penkin, Abe Katz, Nico Basson, Clive Justus and Jack Frost.

It is customary for the council to meet in private in advance of any official election to set up "a gentleman's agreement" on who should be elected.

Today's walkout prevented this.

The walkout followed a blow to the Democratic Party caucus earlier today when Gordon Oliver resigned, bringing its strength down to 15 and ending its majority in the council.

The full council had met to choose an executive committee and — if the mayor, Clive Keegan, was chosen as exco chairman — a new mayor.

The exco elections will be fought between candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party caucus in the council and alternative candidates, who also belong to the DP but are not part of the caucus.

Just hours before the DP caucus was to meet, former mayor Mr Oliver announced his resignation, saying he wanted a free vote because he could not support the official party ticket.

While he did not want to comment on "personalities", it is understood Mr Oliver will not endorse the opposition ticket.

EXCO elections forced to go public as eight councillors quit closed caucus meeting

# COUNCIL WALKOUT

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# Seeff calls on council to clean CBD

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## Property Editor

SAMUEL Seeff, chairman of Seeff Commercial Properties, has called on the Cape Town City Council to support private initiative in the CBD by cleaning up the environment and making it "cleaner and safer for the public"

"While the Waterfront is the undeniable show-piece of development and deserves the attention it is getting, the fact is that the CBD of Cape Town remains the core of business activity, yet very little is being done to clean it up and ensure that it is a pleasant place in which to work, play and move around in, particularly in the evening," said Seeff

He drew attention to what he described as "the unambiguous demonstration of good faith and considerable investment monies" that were being placed in the CBD by private entrepreneurs who deserved the support of the Council

## Attraction

"Young investors, with ambition and good faith were taking the run-down sectors of the city and turning them into places of considerable attraction and interest"

In particular, he pointed to the development activity surrounding the intersection of De Waterkant and Loop Streets, and Bree and Hannes Strydom areas where property investors were turning what had been deteriorating and almost unused buildings into smart attractive eateries, places of entertainment and commercial enterprises

"This area used to be a sleazy district where no self-respecting person would be seen out late at night, but thanks to these efforts they were becoming a new destination for the up and coming mobile Cape Town resident, who sees the CBD as the alternative to the Waterfront lifestyle, added Seeff

"De Waterkant/Loop Street access can be described as the original Waterfront, since the wharf-sides were no further than 100m away before the reclamation programme was undertaken. What these young entrepreneurs are doing is returning the district to its original state of acceptability and social attraction"

Seeff said it was the ideal complement to the new Waterfront since the type of leisure business being established in the CBD was totally different, and provided the perfect alternative to the V&A, which was now regarded as a super tourist attraction but not necessarily the only "in place" for locals

"The effect of all this CBD revitalisation and upgrading is that the value of property in old central Cape Town has not declined as markedly as it has in Johannesburg"

"What is now needed is for the Council to support this private initiative by cleaning up the environment and making it more pleasant and safer for the public"

## Secure

Seeff said the fact that some of the owners who operated businesses in the area were talking about engaging and paying for their own police force to ensure the safety of patrons was an indication that all was not totally secure in the CBD

"Of South Africa's three major city destinations for tourists — Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban — Cape Town is the only one where the downtown section remains widely cosmopolitan and socially acceptable. Enjoying downtown delights at night gives city life the impetus that can only come from spending leisure rands after the close of daylight business"

To ensure that Cape Town continued to enjoy this desirable situation needed the assurance and active application of controls to ensure that the city centre remained alive and safe after dark



# 11th-hour appeal on Namaqualand

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

THE forced incorporation of Namaqualand and the West Coast into the proposed Northern Cape region would lead to conflict and possibly violence, the Surplus People Project (SPP) warned yesterday

It noted that in submissions to the Commission on the Delineation of Regions the over-

whelming majority of residents, businesses, organisations and government institutions in these areas recently demanded to be part of the Western Cape

The SPP appealed to negotiators at the World Trade Centre to reject the commission's second report on the Western Cape/Northern Cape regional boundary, saying the document

was clearly "a misrepresentation of the majority opinion contained in the submissions" received from the areas

The 11th-hour appeal comes ahead of tomorrow's report by an ad hoc committee dealing with the controversial issue to the multi-party negotiating forum at Kempton Park

The organisation said the manipulation of the regional bou-

ndaries was based on political expediency and appeared to be geared towards giving the National Party a chance to win a second region in the elections

Most parties, including the ANC and the Democratic Party, favour a Western Cape region that includes the West Coast, Namaqualand and large parts of the Karoo

# Former comrades falling out

## □ Sanco critical of Wecco

EDWARD MOLOINYANE and SHARON SOROUR  
Staff Reporters

THE formation of the community-oriented organisation Wecco has pitted former comrades against one another, with the SA National Civics Association (Sanco) alleging the body is Inkatha-aligned and "designed to destabilise the Western Cape".

Wecco (Western Cape Community Organisation), which brings together diverse community groups from squatters to property owners, was formed recently with former ANC leader and now Democratic Party Western Cape deputy leader Joe Marks elected as president and Wilson Sidina as chairman of the executive committee.

Mr Sidina, a unionist, is an executive member of the Western Cape Civic Association, which Sanco claims disbanded to pave the way for its (Sanco's) formation.

Since the launch of Wecco, accusations and counter claims have been flying.

Sanco spokesman Welcome Zenzile said Sanco would object if Wecco sought representation on the Local Government Negotiation Forum.

Mr Zenzile said Sanco was "suspicious" of Wecco because it was Inkatha-aligned "behind the scenes" and "opportunist".

Mr Zenzile said Wecco's leaders were not struggling for the upliftment of communities and was formed "to counter Sanco because it is aligned with the ANC".

At a press conference in KTC last week Gladstone Ntamo, a squatter leader and Sanco's publicity secretary in the settlement, attacked the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) and the Western Cape United Squatters Association, both of which are Wecco members.

He alleged that some of the leaders of the new body were "angry" because they were beaten in the elections when Sanco was formed last year and were just "power hungry".

Although Mr Ntamo remembered dates and months of events, he could not say when the Western Cape regional leadership was elected, an issue sources say is at the heart of the matter.

Mr Sidina said Sanco had never been launched in the Western Cape and the present leadership was "self-imposed and not elected by the people".

"We have been mandated by the people to form this new body to serve the interests of the community in a non-partisan manner," he said.

Mr Ntamo claimed "all KTC residents" and several other squatter communities were Sanco supporting and challenged Wecusa and WCCA to call rallies to "see who will go there...".

Asked if the new body could campaign freely in the townships in line with the declaration by political leaders across the spectrum to allow freedom of association, Mr Ntamo said "Certainly not".

● Other organisations comprising Wecco include the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee which has 37 affiliates, the Good Hope Alliance with 56 member associations; the Khayelitsha-based United Residents Front, the Lingeletu West for the Community Delegation and the Intsika yesizwe Democratic Party, also based in Khayelitsha.

# Friedlander just fails to win majority

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Municipal Reporter

REGIONAL services councillors will vote again for a chairman of the finance committee after incumbent Dick Friedlander failed to secure a sufficient majority in elections today.

Mr Friedlander won a 57,87 majority over challenger Attie Adriaanse of Parow, less than the 60 percent absolute majority needed for election.

Louis Kreiner was re-elected chairman of the works, amenities and services committee with a 73,35 percent majority, defeating C C Jacobs of the Retreat Management Committee.

Re-elected, unopposed were priorities committee chairman Eulalie Stott and land usage and transport planning chairman Chris Hattingh.

There was a hiccup in voting for the executive committee — a separate body from standing committee chairmen — when some councillors claimed RSC chairman Piet Loubser had told members to vote for six candidates, in spite of the rules allowing councillors to put fewer than six names on ballot papers.

There were seven nominations for the committee.

Mr Loubser, who as RSC chairman is also chairman of exco, said afterwards he would allow a re-election if members asked for it. But no one did.

# DP supports council caucus — De Beer

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□ Difficulties seen for local government

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

DEMOCRATIC Party leader Zac de Beer says the party fully supports the city council's DP caucus.

Dr De Beer made a stout defence of the caucus, which in the past week has lost members over the issue of a free vote in tomorrow's executive committee election.

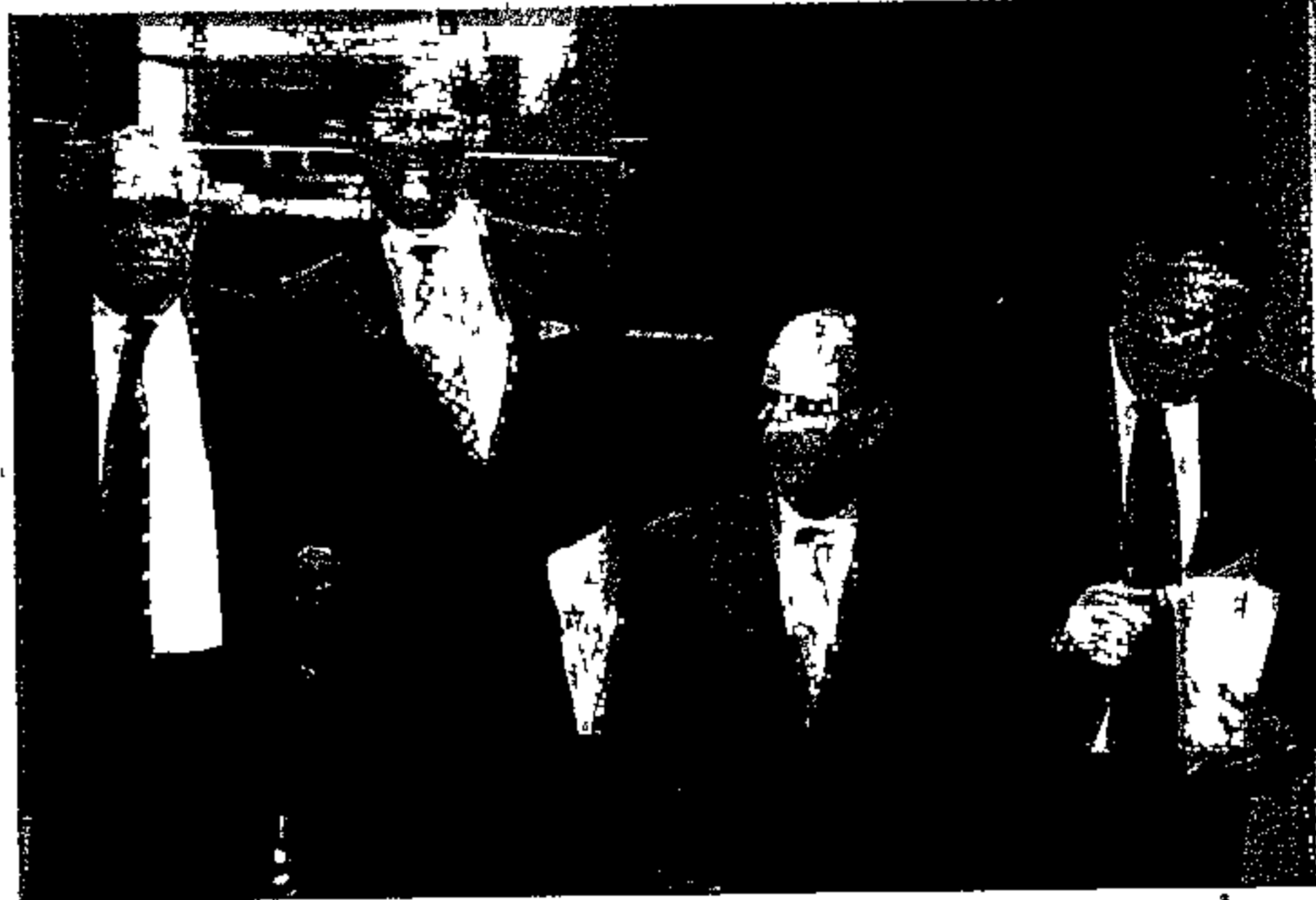
DP Western Cape chairman Jasper Walsh has endorsed the caucus exco ticket led by Clive Keegan.

Caucus leader John Sonnenberg said he was confident Mr Keegan would win the race for exco chairmanship.

At a public meeting in Claremont last night, Dr De Beer said local government was operating under difficult circumstances.

"We formed a caucus in the city council to improve accountability and we totally support this caucus. It is highly regrettable some members have been unable to withstand the pressure."

Mr Walsh said goings-on in the caucus were regrettable but had to be seen in context. The council's term of office should have ended, but its life had been extended to next



**WALKOUT:** Rebel councillors Gerry Sullivan, Kenny Penkin, Clive Bilski and Peter Muller leave the caucus meeting

year, the earliest non-racial elections could be held.

The caucus had been set up to promote accountability for decisions.

Dr Sonnenberg lashed out at councillors, led by Arthur Wienburg, who walked out of a confidential council meeting yesterday. Councillors said they walked out to force the exco election to be held in public.

The walkout of the council meeting followed a DP caucus meeting to finalise candidates

for the exco election.

Caucus candidates will be Mr Keegan for the chairmanship, Neil Ross, John Muir, Ian Iversen and Ruth Ortlepp.

Ms Ortlepp replaced Chris Joubert on the ticket after Mr Joubert's resignation from the caucus.

Deputy Mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner will succeed Mr Keegan as mayor and will in turn be succeeded by deputy town planning chairman Llewellyn van Wyk.

● See page 23

Mr Keegan was nominated by DP caucus leader John Sonnenberg and seconded by deputy mayoral candidate Llewellyn van Wyk

Councillors voted by secret ballot

Voting for exco followed a brief debate on whether councillors were allowed to list fewer than four names on ballot papers

Legal advice was that there was no bar on voting for less than four candidates

Three out of five of the old executive committee kept their seats in today's elections

● Town planning chairman John Mur, one of those to keep his seat, will succeed Leon Markovitz as deputy-chairman

● Neil Ross was re-elected housing chairman and Ian Iversen stays on as utilities and works chairman

● Apart from chairman Clive Keegan, the other new member of exco is amenities and health chairman Chris Joubert, who replaces amenities chairman Mr Markovitz

● Deputy-mayor Llewellyn van Wyk, who beat Clive Justus by 16 votes to 14 in a second ballot after a tie, resigned as deputy town planning chairman to be succeeded by Ruth Ortlepp

● Arthur Wienburg, defeated as exco chairman and in elections for other exco members, remains a member of the amenities and health committee

**CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter**

CLIVE Keegan today beat Arthur Wienburg by 16 votes to 13 to become chairman of the city council's executive committee

Patricia Sulcas Kreiner chaired today's election as acting mayor.

**Freeze on council spending** (263)  
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**CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter**

CAPE Town city council must halt all spending on capital projects until January, the executive committee has decided

The council has been hit by loss of interest income because of confusion and defiance over rates payments during the valuations saga.

City Treasurer Eddie Landsberg said the council would try not to allow cuts to affect "important and visible" services

A report to the city council today said the ban on spending would not apply to emergency spending or safety projects

Other capital projects which would be exempt would be those funded from external sources, for example from Regional Services Council grants

Cutbacks should not prevent staff being productively employed, and heads of departments had accepted a "managerial challenge" to find ways to cut spending.

All proposed cutbacks will be put to the four standing committees for approval

The City Council is to announce a new budget next Thursday to replace that scrapped by the Supreme Court when it overturned the 1990 valuation roll

But in a dramatic development, one of the Democratic Party's council caucus candidates, Ruth Ortlepp, failed to get enough votes to get on to the committee

In her place a member of the alternative ticket, Peter Muller, was elected But as soon as the voting for exco had been finalised, Mr Muller announced his resignation from the committee because he had been part of a ticket with other non-caucus members

A fresh ballot was held in which Chris Joubert was elected by 15 votes to 13, again beating Ms Ortlepp to take Mr Muller's place on exco

Debate ensued over the tangle in which neither faction in the council got its way

The exco elected consists of Neil Ross, Ian Iversen, John Mur and Mr Joubert Defeated were Ms Ortlepp, Kenny Penkin and Arthur Wienburg

After the poll for the exco chairmanship, councillors applauded and Mr Wienburg rose to shake Mr Keegan's hand and concede defeat

Polling began amid considerable nervous tension in the chamber today

The public gallery was fuller than usual and its occupants included DP Western Cape chairman Jasper Walsh and Constantia MP Roger Hulley

Elections began minutes after the council meeting started and after the usual administrative business had been disposed of

KEEGAN  
DEFEATED  
MULLER  
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# Nothing to be proud of, says veteran Eulalie Stott

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## Municipal Reporter

TWO things worked hard in the city council chamber today — the photocopy machine and the Democratic Party caucus.

Clive Keegan, the caucus's choice for candidate, entered the chamber at the start of business, having left the mayoral chain behind him.

He took a spare seat and watched his successor, Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, follow the golden mace into the chamber and take the seat he has held for such a short time.

Fifteen minutes later polling was under way.

There were unaccustomed sounds in the chamber during the two-hour poll — the clicking of Press photographers' cameras and the sound of typing as candidates' names were put on ballot papers and passed to officials operating the photocopy machine.

The contest that is normally held behind closed doors was open for all to see — the nominations, appeals to colleagues to be mindful of what

ratepayers were said to want, and officials walking to and fro with the wooden boxes that held in them the future of the present system of Cape Town local government.

DP caucus-nominated candidates were almost all elected — Mr Keegan and exco members, John Muir, Neil Ross and Ian Iversen.

But Ruth Ortlepp lost to Peter Muller, who quit exco as soon as it became clear the rest of his ticket had been defeated.

Then she was defeated again —

by Chris Joubert

In between polling, councillors chatted and ad hoc groups were formed to exchange views.

When the elections were over, Eulalie Stott said it was the first time in her more than 32 years on the council that an exco had been elected with such a slim majority.

"Those responsible should not be proud of themselves."

The elections, which a cartoonist portrayed as councillors playing musical chairs, were over.

# Mrs Sulcas Kreiner is new mayor

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

PATRICIA Sulcas Kreiner was unanimously elected Mayor of Cape Town today.

The central business district councillor, elected to the council in 1988, is the second woman mayor in Cape Town's history.

She was nominated by former mayor Gordon Oliver and seconded by Leon Markovitz.

She began today's meeting as acting mayor after the resignation of Clive Keegan.

"I am deeply honoured by your trust and confidence," she told councillors at the end of the bruising battle for the chairmanship of the executive committee, which led to her election.

"I am acutely aware of the unusual circumstances which have led to me assuming the Chair of Van Riebeeck."

The new leadership asked for support, she said.

Her deputy, Llewellyn van Wyk, beat Clive Justus in a second ballot after tying 15-15 in the first round of voting.

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# Ikapa staff 'misused' tender process in contract awards

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## Staff Reporter

IKAPA Town Council staff admitted taking short cuts and misusing the informal tender process, a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities and corruption has been told

The commission began hearing evidence in Cape Town yesterday

Eric Fry, a retired local authority treasurer with 30 years' experience, told the commission he had been appointed to oversee financial transactions and administration at Ikapa

"I made a study of Ikapa's systems and financial arrangements for tender procedures. The systems were fine, but certain misuse of regulations by officials caused major concern"

Mr Fry said there were many cases where formal tenders (those over R10 000) were not properly motivated

"Certain firms seemed to be receiving special treatment. They did work without formally tendering. Different companies which tendered seemed to be related, were the same people or

were fictitious names

"Staff in the general stores division admitted taking short cuts. They would call a tenderer, tell him what price they had and ask him if he could better it"

Mr Fry said he told a council meeting in April that informal tenders had to be properly carried out

"I got the impression that chief executive officer J J Olivier wasn't on my side. The council unanimously objected to the manner in which I was appointed, yet they approved my recommendations"

He recommended that no further tenders and orders be issued, that informal tenders be approved as a last resort with motivation and limited to R10 000 and that these tenders be listed on a noticeboard.

The inquiry continues today.

The commissioners are J T P Swart, P J Le Roux and W J Wagenaar. Gesie Lategan has been appointed to adduce evidence and arguments relating to the inquiry

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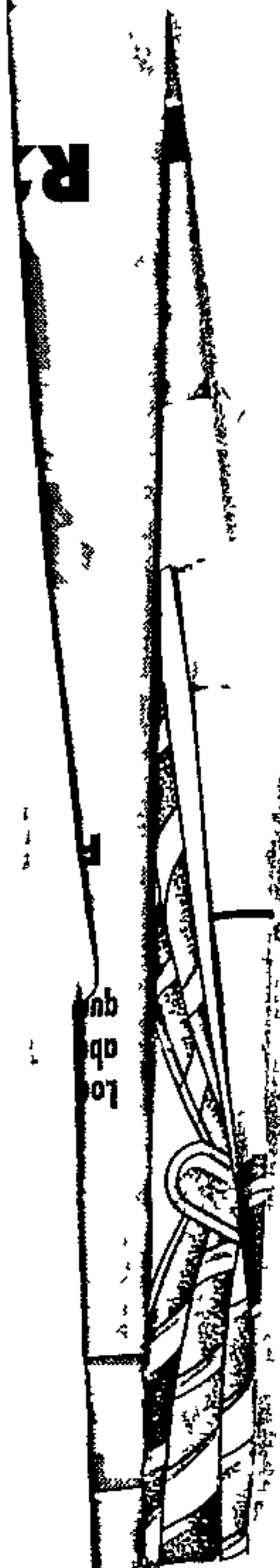
## Organisation 'not with IFP'

### Staff Reporter

THE newly-formed Western Cape Community Organisation (Wecco) is not aligned to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Regional IFP organiser Malcolm Bagley said such claims by South African National Civics Association (Sanco) spokesman Welcome Zenzile were untrue.

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# Audit body needed to stop errors

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

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A COUNCIL audit committee should be set up to prevent a repeat of flaws exposed in an auditor-general's report, said Kenny Penkin

The report, and replies by city treasurer Eddie Landsberg, were tabled at yesterday's council meeting

The auditor-general found mistakes in financial statements. The audit for the 1991/92 financial year found "deficiencies" and shortcomings covering a broad spectrum of the activities of the council

Mr Penkin said an audit committee was needed

A motion by Arthur Wienburg that reports be given to exco and the council every three months detailing remedial steps in the accounting division, was passed

Exco deputy chairman John Muir said it could be expected there would be mistakes in an organisation as large as the council, which had a staff of 16 000

Of errors found by the auditor-general, 15 involved less than R1, Mr Muir said

● A bid by Mr Penkin to revive a council committee on tariffs failed. Mr Penkin said committees spent too little time deciding on tariffs

Mr Wienburg said little time was spent deciding on tenders

Tenders go through exco like a dose of Epsom salts," Mr Wienburg said

Frank van der Velde said Mr Wienburg's claim was "arrogant nonsense". Tenders were reported on after in-depth investigations by qualified officials, Mr Van der Velde said

Abe Katz and Jack Frost said Mr Penkin's suggestion to resuscitate the tariffs committee was wrong because it would duplicate unnecessarily the work of standing committees

## Payment plan rejected

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A PROPOSAL that councils decide whether to pay appointed councillors in transitional local authorities has been rejected by Cape Town City Council.

The United Municipal Executive proposed the measure in view of expected interim councils.

Rupert Hurly said all councillors were appointed because the terms of office for which they were elected in 1988 ran out four days ago.

A proposal that all councillors withdraw from the pension scheme was ruled out of order by Mayor Patricia Kreiner. Officials had advised her that the proposal introduced a separate issue into the debate, she said — Municipal Reporter.

# How new exco will affect you

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## 'Ratepayers to give cabinet a chance'

**ELECTED** by a slim majority this week, the new Cape Town exco is very much on trial.

The city's new "cabinet" closely resembles the old: housing chairman Neil Ross, town planning chairman John Muir and utilities chairman Ian Iversen kept their jobs.

New faces are Clive Keegan, who doffed the mayor's chain to take over as political and financial boss of Cape Town, and Sea Point councillor Chris Joubert.

Disappointment aside, southern suburbs rates rebels are prepared to give the "new" executive committee a chance.

Spokesman for the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers Association, David Erleigh, expressed disappointment that most of the old members of exco were back.

The old committee, headed by Louis Kreiner, bore the brunt of ratepayer fury over the valuations crisis, forcing it to resign.

But the ratepayers were prepared to give Mr Keegan breathing space to get on with his new job.

Part of that job will be to lead Cape Town out of its greatest financial crisis ever.

This week the council voted to ask Administrator Kobus Meiring to appoint a commission of inquiry into the handling of the valuations saga — including whether compensation could be claimed from anyone, and if there should be disciplinary action.

Next week, Mr Keegan will present a new budget to a special meeting of the council, the first act of the new exco to affect the person in the street.

The budget will include a new property rate and must provide for drastic spending cutbacks vitally needed

■ In the aftermath of this week's bruising battle for control of the city council the question was: what does the outcome mean for the person in the street? Municipal Reporter **CLIVE SAWYER** reviews the new executive committee.

because of disruptions to cash flow and new, unexpected, drains on municipal coffers.

The balance to be struck by the budget is a source of nightmares for officials: ratepayers will rebel against exorbitant demands on their wallets, they will also rebel if service levels are cut.

Householders can breathe easy: there will be no changes in electricity and water tariffs.

The budget Mr Keegan will present will be inherited in the main from the old order.

When it has been approved, exco's financial management will revert to day-to-day decisions.

But it is these decisions which will go a long way to shape the future of Cape Town.

The exco led by Mr Keegan will have to negotiate with international business people on huge investments in the municipality.

Failure to conclude a deal could lead to criticism similar to that levelled at Mr Kreiner's committee over the protracted handling of the ICS/Power Station site talks. European financiers were said to be frustrated at delays and an eventual decision to open the development to tender.

But failure would mean more than that Cape Town desperately needs to expand its rates base by encouraging big business development.

Businesses pay more than half of Cape Town's rates. If this percentage can be increased, the burden on residential ratepayers will be eased.

More than money rides on the success or failure of Mr Keegan's exco.

The week after next the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum will hold its second meeting since its founding.

Cape Town City Council is one of these statutory groups, sometimes ill at ease with more conservative councils on the same side of the table and viewed with suspicion by many on the other side.

Sources close to the council admitted privately that Cape Town delegates received something like political sniggers when they caucused with other statutory bodies last week. The bitter battle for control of exco took its toll on the credibility of the council.

This will be Mr Keegan's second great challenge leading his city in constitutional talks which have already split the council and ratepayers on issues such as the property-based vote.

Mr Keegan is not without advantages as the process of devising a new Cape Town gets — slowly — underway.

As chairman of the city council constitutional affairs committee, he was responsible for Cape Town's proposals on future metropolitan government.

The re-election of Mr Ross and Mr Muir ensures continuity in talks, because both have been deeply involved in shuttling from meeting to meeting on the future of local government.

And then there is the real "new boy" on exco.

Unlike Mr Keegan, Mr Joubert has no previous experience on exco.

His election is a sign of changing times: the former

National Party stalwart (and onetime NP provincial council candidate) turned DP-caucus member turned DP-caucus member, and the only exco member not on the caucus ticket, when elected on Thursday, even though he had been a few days previously.

One of few councillors known to enjoy support among most of his ratepayers, Mr Joubert was also one of the few to emerge from the valuations saga almost unscathed. He faced withering abuse from ratepayers, but was dutiful in bearing their grievances to the halls of civic power.

An exco, responsive to public wants, has been a key demand of ratepayers.

For the person in the street, an executive committee headed by Arthur Wienburg and staffed by like-minded councillors may have unleashed dramatic developments in the city, with bids to privatise services and drastic staff cuts.

Perhaps the key to whether the new exco will succeed will be found in Mr Keegan himself.

As town planning chairman, he was known to be open to listening to the advice of officials. Willingness to be guided in technical areas could be a useful asset in exco's centre seat.

In his brief term as mayor, his decision to call the City Hall meeting — which played a big role in turfing out exco — and his preparedness to meet lobby groups with the Press present showed a commitment to open government.

In the end, time will tell how the "something old, something new" exco will do.

All that was certain at the end of a week which saw a council long at war with itself finally fight itself to exhaustion, was that Cape Town cannot afford failure.

# Sit-in led town clerk to confess to stealing 263

**HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS**

Weekend Argus Reporter

OUSTED Mfuleni town clerk Wilfrid Murray told the Parow Regional Court yesterday that a sit-in at the council's offices had led him to confess he had gambled away R226 505 of the council's money

The two-month sit-in by the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee culminated in the resignation in August of the entire Mfuleni town council, which administered the affairs of the Eerste River township

Murray, 30, of Arnold Street, Table View, was town treasurer between 1989 and 1991 and town clerk from 1992 until July, when, after pleading guilty, he was convicted of 49 counts of theft committed between March 1992 and June this year

Asked by prosecutor Anton Brits during his evidence in mitigation if the occupation of the municipal buildings was the only reason he had stopped stealing, Murray answered "Yes"

Later he added his "fear of God" was another reason why he had stopped

He said he had informed the council during the sit-in about what he had done because "I didn't want them to be blamed for my actions"

Asked why he started stealing the money, he answered "I needed funds and it was easy to get"

Murray said he deposited the first amount of R4 000 into his bank account and used it for an overseas trip, but the rest was used to bet on horses and gamble in casinos.

He said he received a monthly salary of R8 000 as the town clerk

"I am not very happy with what I have done. During the past three weeks, the reality came closer and struck home. I am very restless and haven't been sleeping well," he said

Clinical psychologist André Gershon testified that Murray had tried to rationalise his behaviour and was unable to deal with the severity of the crime because he maintained he had only "borrowed" the money and intended to pay it back

Murray told the court he was a financial consultant, and that he expected his business to grow and would pay the money back over five years

# Sneaking in a white homeland?

By Quentin Wilson

**A** WIDE RANGE of commentators have warned that if the proposed regional boundaries for the Cape take effect, the proposed Northern Cape region would become fertile ground for an Afrikaner Volkstaat.

The pencilled-in Northern Cape region — a carbon copy of the NP's proposal — was tabled by the negotiation forum's commission for the demarcation of regions earlier in September.

Critics, including the DP, the ANC plus development agencies all argue that the proposed region panders to the agenda of rightwing groups.

The region would stretch from Knysna in the south, right up to the Namibian border, which would split the West Coast and include Namaqualand.

The northern territory would also encompass Kimberley and Colesberg as its eastern borders.

At a consultation session in Vredendal over the weekend, commissioners sat through oral submissions from 25 affected communities from every one of the 43 representatives



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voicing outright rejection to the scheme.

"One of our greatest concerns is that it will be turned into a Volkstaat," Mr Lucas White, from Saldanha, said.

"At the moment, all the white municipalities in the area have vowed not to allow any representation from the black communities. They are all controlled by the right wing and this plan will allow them to come together and consolidate their political grip.

"They are trying to cut us off

from the Western Cape, where they know people there would not allow a Volkstaat to be established."

Out of their list of 10 criteria, the commission only chose to adhere to one — "the cultural and language realities" of the region — saying that the region would share a common identity through the Afrikaans language.

Opposition groups point out that millions of rand would have to be channelled into the building of infrastructure to accommodate a regional government in Kimberley, and that the region, which is already economically depressed, stands little hope of becoming economically viable by itself.

In their press statement, the Surplus People's Project slammed the proposal, saying it was a manoeuvre by the NP to "gain the support of the Volkstasters by accommodating their demands and allowing them to create a Volkstaat in the region".

"The commission's criteria for the establishment of regions, include economic, administrative factors. We feel these criteria form a good basis for the demarcation of regions. We urge the commission to follow these criteria closely and not be swayed by expedient political con-

siderations," the statement said. One of the representatives from Vredendal, Mr Deon Cloete, said the proposal "entrenched apartheid in the area, rather than breaking it down".

"We have suffered too much under apartheid already, and now they want us to return to its crudest form. We can't allow it to happen," he said.

Ms Hilda Ndude, convenor of the ANC's department of local and regional government in the Western Cape, said the commission's use of "culture and language" as a criterion was "highly controversial".

"For some 30 years the Coloured Labour Preference Policy was enforced and thousands of African people were moved long distances to 'homelands'.

"Only migrant workers in hostels were tolerated up the West Coast. Thus it is no accident of nature that the people speak mainly Afrikaans and not Xhosa, for example.

"Because this policy was so vigorously enforced, certain interest groups can today claim that Xhosa speakers are foreign to this region. If this is the application of this criterion is extremely unhealthy," Ndude said.

# Move links township, municipality

STAFF of the Khayamandi Town Council now work under the direction of the officials of Stellenbosch Municipality — a move that clearly presages the establishment of a single unified town

Town secretary of Stellenbosch Mr Kosie Retief said yesterday that the Khayamandi Town Council had not

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resigned and it had not collapsed either (263)

It was, however, experiencing some difficulties. An occupation of its offices had been going on since June 18, and the provision of services in the township was under strain

The Khayamandi Town Council had recognised that

placing staff under the authority of Stellenbosch officials would be a way of keeping township services going

The council had agreed in talks with the non-statutory organisations of the Stellenbosch Discussion Forum that this would be "in the interests of the community at large"

Mr Retief said that even before the current arrangement, which came into operation yesterday, Stellenbosch Municipality officials had assisted with keeping financial records of the Khayamandi council

"This is one of the early steps towards a single municipality," Mr Retief said "We are all working towards that

# ANC's remarks 'racial'

Municipal Reporter

REMARKS made by the ANC's Mr Cyril Ramaphosa about the inevitability of Cape Town getting a black mayor were "very odd", coming as they did from an organisation which was standing in the elections on a non-racial ticket. Dr John Sonnenberg, leader of the DP caucus, said yesterday

He was commenting on Mr Ramaphosa's remarks at a fundraising din-

ner in the Cape Town Civic Centre on Saturday

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Mr Ramaphosa said the reality of the future was that "you are going to end up with a black mayor in this town, a coloured chairman of the executive committee and an African town clerk"

Dr Sonnenberg said "we (Cape-tonians) don't give a damn about the colour of a mayor's skin"

## Cape forum talks

GAVIN DU'VENAGE

WESTERN Cape negotiators will meet today to discuss an interim structure for metropolitan government in the area **Biday**

A Western Cape Local Government Negotiating Forum spokesman said yesterday a steering committee meeting would be held in Cape Town to look at issues affecting local government during the transition to democratic structures. **6110193**

The forum was launched last month to begin negotiations for new local government structures along the lines suggested earlier this year by the Local Government Negotiating Forum **(263)**

The western Cape forum consists of two delegations, one representing statutory organisations such as provincial government, the regional services council and various municipalities, and the other representing non-statutory bodies such as civic movements and extra-parliamentary organisations



# Keegan ready to resign post

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BY EUNICE RIDER

THE mayor of Cape Town, Mr Clive Keegan, said last night he was prepared to give up his post after just one month if he were offered the chairmanship of the City Council's executive committee (exco)

Mr Keegan said the City Council was deeply committed to renewing exco, and if he could play a role in the restructuring he would give up his mayoral post

"I may have agreed to be mayor for two years, but we are living in extraordinary times which need unprecedentedly extraordinary steps," he said

Mr Keegan said the former exco chief, Mr Louis Kreiner, "should do the honourable thing and step down as problems with him pre-date the rates debacle"

Mr Kreiner and the entire exco resigned recently after repeated calls for their resignations,

## 'Kreiner should step down'

which came after the rates controversy

Mr Keegan is believed to have the support of the DP faction in his bid for the job, the most powerful position on the city council

But former mayor Mr Frank van der Velde said he was not aware that the position of exco chairman was open

"Mr Kreiner has been made the scapegoat of the rates debacle by certain councillors," Mr Van der Velde said

Someone else who apparently

has some support within the council for the job is Mr Arthur Wienburg

Mr Wienburg said he had been asked by many councillors and members of the public to make himself available

Councillor for Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Mr Abe Katz said, he would support either Mr Keegan or Mr Wienburg to head exco

"It would be very good to see them both on the executive committee, as they would complement one another well, and the public has made it very clear that they want the old Exco out and totally replaced," Mr Katz said

Mr Kreiner said last night he had no comment to make on Mr Keegan's reported decision to consider taking up his old post

DP caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said last night no formal approval had been given to any candidate for the exco chair

# Franschhoek mayor quits due to racism

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By Rehana Rossouw

RACISM has forced the mayor of Franschhoek out of his position

Mr Frank Arendse, who made history when he became the first black mayor of a previously white group area in South Africa, was also the first to join the ANC

But this week he said he had not made himself available for re-election because he was not prepared to serve "white racists" in the town

"There are some whites who were not prepared to accept me as their mayor," Arendse said.

"It's useless me continuing to serve them under these conditions and I do not think I want to waste my time doing so

"I am not a glove that can be used then discarded later when it is not longer fashionable

"I have decided to dedicate myself to representing the interests of the black people of Franschhoek only"

Arendse said since becoming mayor last year, he has received numerous abusive and threatening telephone calls from whites

He has been called a "kaffir" and other derogatory names by the callers

"I want to make it quite clear that I did not stand down because I was scared of these people. I just did not want to represent them



FRANK ARENDSE

any longer," Arendse said.

He said the crunch came at a meeting in August where several of the residents of the ward he represented were excluded from a public meeting he was chairing

"The meeting was only for ratepayers on the voters' roll, and the majority of coloured and African people are not on the roll," he said.

"They came to the meeting but were turned away by the white voters and that made me very

angry. I refused to continue chairing the meeting."

Arendse said he would consider making himself available for election again in the future, when the new government passed legislation which would ensure non-racial local government.

He said he was satisfied that he had achieved much during his year as mayor, citing the upgrading of roads and storm-water drains as examples.

Arendse was also instrumental in defending the rights of squatters to live in Franschhoek.

"I could not live with myself if people were living under bushes or in pipes while their leaders were living in comfortable houses" he said

He said he was more than satisfied with the choice of his successor, Mr Arthur McWilliam-Smith, who is also a member of the ANC

McWilliam-Smith was the previous mayor who paved the way for Arendse's appointment after the white and coloured local government structures amalgamated last year

"Mr McWilliam-Smith was my inspiration. He honestly cares for and can represent all groups in Franschhoek," Arendse said

"More importantly, he is colour-blind and dislikes injustice intensely"

## Conciliatory Kreiner 'a scapegoat'

**Municipal Reporter**  
OUSTED executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner, who will not run for re-election at the end of this month, said yesterday he felt he had been made a scapegoat for decisions taken by the whole council.

Yet, he added, he did not feel bitter and harboured no animosity towards anyone. He hoped his resignation could "get normality back to the council".

"If my resignation can take pressure off the council in regard to the ratepayers, I am more than happy."

Mr Kreiner attended a meeting of the DP caucus on Wednesday evening, at which he decided not to make himself available for re-election.

He said he would be content to continue as an ordinary councillor.

# Three do battle for Cape Town crown

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The race for the chairmanship of the city council's executive committee has taken on an added dimension with another city councillor announcing his candidacy.

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

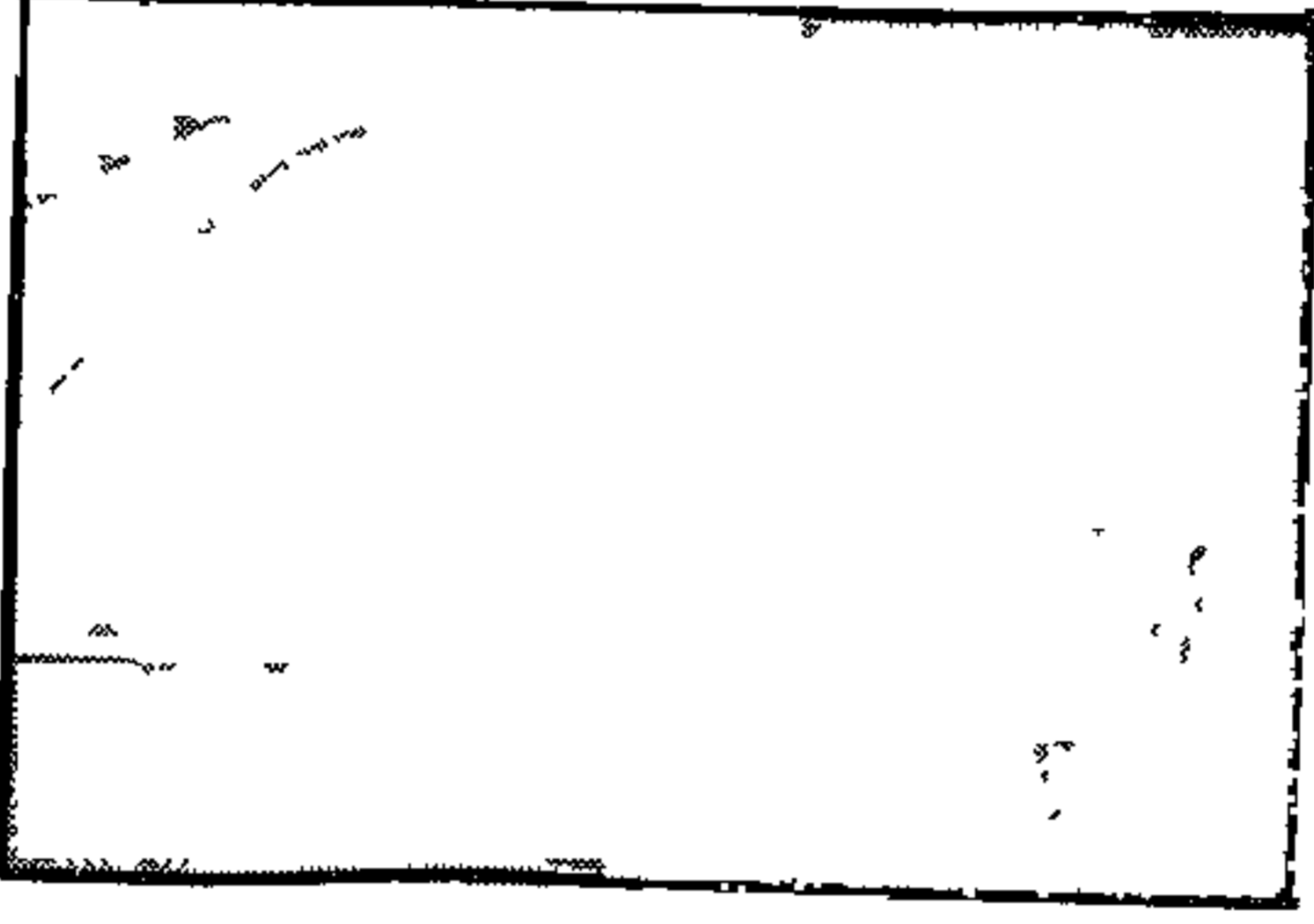
THREE candidates have now entered the race to be Cape Town's "boss" — the latest to throw his hat into the ring being fiery councillor Arthur Wienburg.

The councillor who in 10 years has become a folk-hero to many ratepayers has vowed to breathe new life into the management of the city.

He will be competing for support against mayor Clive Keegan and town planning chairman John Muir.

Mr Wienburg's bid for the chair signals the end of a deal mooted earlier by which Mr Keegan would have become chairman and Mr Wienburg would have served as an ordinary committee member.

Mr Wienburg said colleagues and many ratepayers had

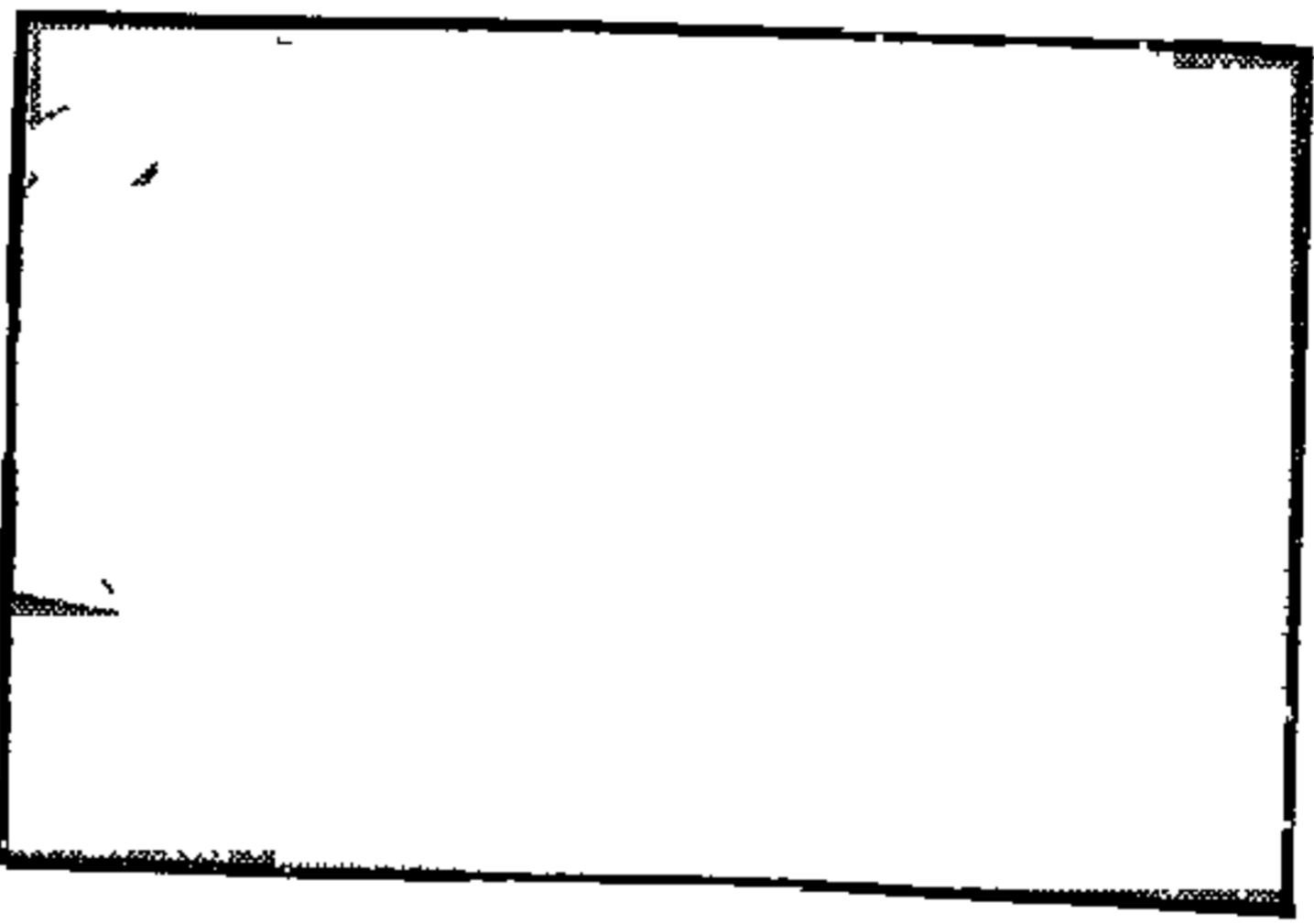


**Arthur Weinburg:**  
new contender

asked him to make himself available

"I would have preferred others to do so, who would have brought a completely new exco with fresh ideas, free from the failures of the past. But I am told others standing are, unfortunately, tainted in the eyes of ratepayers and have been part of an unsuccessful exco, and would wish to include unsuccessful members in their team."

A completely new exco had to be given a chance to lead Cape Town in a positive and



**John Muir:**  
experienced

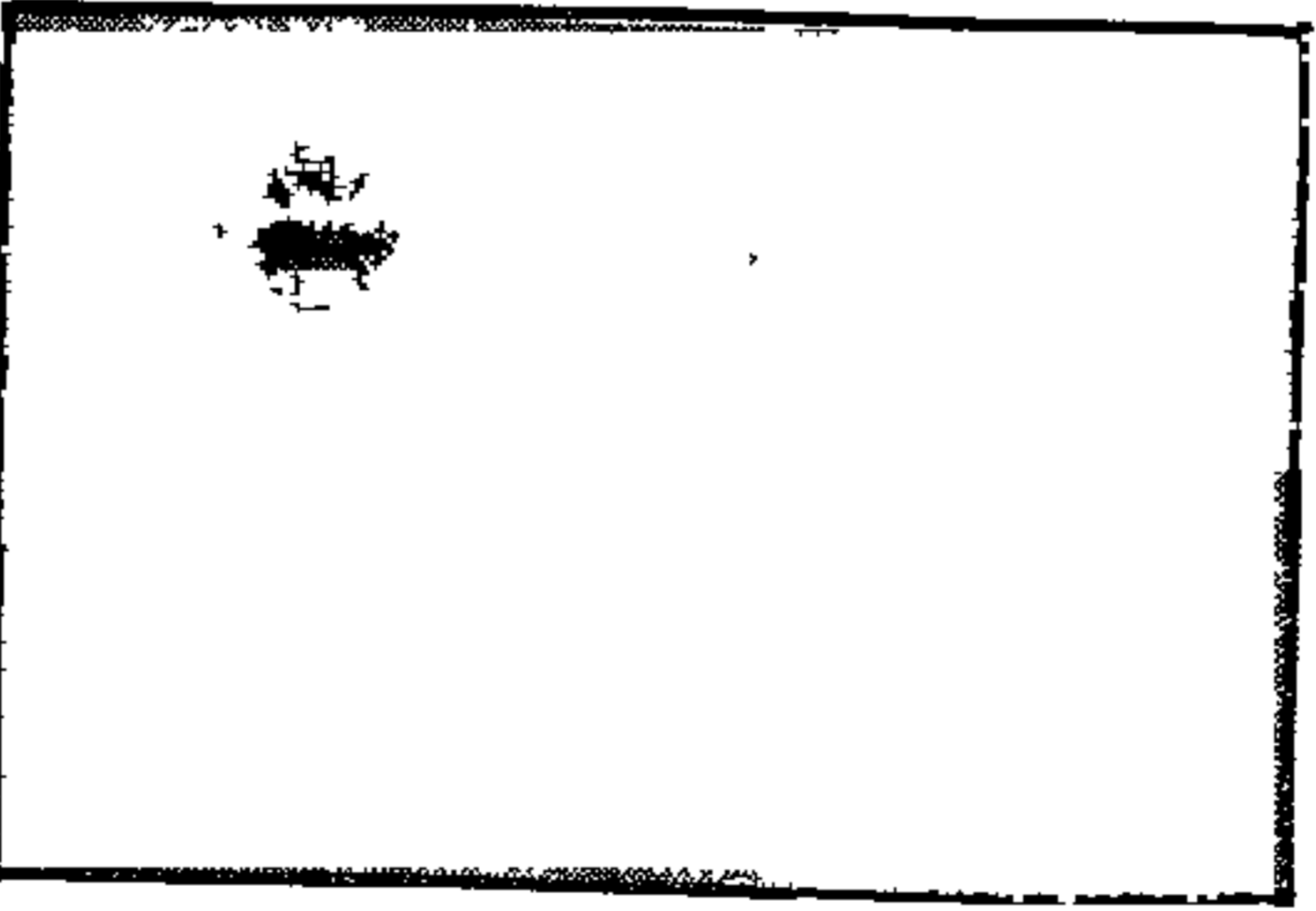
business-like way, Mr Wienburg said

"I pledge myself to communicate at all times with ratepayers, to consult them and to take advice from them."

He would apply Democratic Party principles and policies

Mr Wienburg's candidacy brings new drama in a week which has seen the exit of beleaguered exco chairman Louis Kreiner.

At a DP caucus meeting this week, councillors who said Mr Kreiner should give way in the



**Clive Keegan:**  
present mayor

face of ratepayers' anger about the Cape Town local government crisis, won the day

Mr Kreiner reportedly said he felt himself to be a scapegoat

Mr Keegan and Mr Muir will face a stiff challenge from Mr Wienburg, who is able to rally support from rank and file citizens.

Southern suburbs rates action group spokesman David Erlleigh said his association had voted unanimously to call for a completely fresh slate on exco

Mr Erlleigh said his association would call on the new exco to

Keep the residential rates rebate to 35 percent, the equivalent of what businesses could claim as tax-deductible on rates expenses.

Ensure people spending property were protected from large increases in rentals because of rates hikes

He appealed to all involved in the current crisis to concentrate on issues and not personalities

In the days leading up to Tuesday's DP caucus meeting to decide on exco candidates, and the official election on October 28, canvassing is expected to heat up considerably

Mr Muir, a former exco chairman, began canvassing on Thursday

His principal drawback is his experience, though this may prove a liability among councillors who endorse the idea of a clean slate

Mr Keegan's political credentials are impeccable and he would bring new strength to the city council role in local government talks

Acting against him would be resistance from some colleagues to him relinquishing the mayoral role after only a few weeks in office

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## Council budget headache

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Cape Town City Council will have an R18,4-million budget headache if a recommendation yesterday by the embattled executive committee to limit rates increases to 10,5% is approved.

The estimate of the one-off costs of resuscitating the 1979 valuations roll, and later revising the new roll, is R6m, which includes an estimated

loss of R1m in interest.

Exco wants to take this money from reserves and the council hopes to save the remaining R12,4m without affecting important services.

Additional costs have come up since the now-overturned May 1993 budget was drawn up. The increases that the unions received, through negotiation and arbitration, amounted to nearly R11m more than the budgeted amount, a report to exco by City

Treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg disclosed yesterday.

On top of this, the council had to extend group life assurance to members of one union which did not have it, as the other one did. This cost R700 000.

A R900 000 shortfall on the ambulance service ought to be budgeted for as well, the report said. The total impact of additional costs on the rates fund was R12,4m, or "the

equivalent" of a 2,5% rates increase.

The amount shown on rates accounts will remain incorrect until the end of next month. The council is asking ratepayers to pay either the amount on the bill, or last year's amount plus 10,5%.

Most domestic ratepayers will be refunded or credited. No interest will be paid on any adjustments, as the ordinance does not allow that, he said.

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# Council finances

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## queried

Staff Reporter

DEFICIENCIES and shortcomings "covering a broad spectrum" in the finances of the City Council were highlighted yesterday in an Auditor-General's report to excó.

The "audit of accounts for the financial years ended June 6, 1991 and June 6, 1992" was submitted to the executive committee on July 15, but was "adjourned" so that the City Treasurer could respond formally.

Under the heading "Possible unauthorised expenditure", the Auditor-General points out that the council was not entitled to grant former mayress Mrs. Trish van der Velde a monthly councillor's allowance of R1 350. He recommends that the R12 150 she was paid be written off.

Some of the "serious" shortfalls and discrepancies noted in housing services were:

● At June 30, 1992, there were "unreconciled differences" amounting to R3,5 million for the amount outstanding on government loans and the balances on government statements.

● An amount of R32,7m had been transferred during the 1991-92 financial year from the home ownership/proportionation account to the credit of the "housing equalisation provision".

### 'Disturbing'

● Outstanding government housing loan balances at June 30, 1992 for two self-help projects were not reduced by interest which was capitalised against these loans and subsequently written off.

The Auditor-General's office had picked up "several weaknesses" in the internal checking and control measures in various departments.

Compounding these weaknesses were the "disturbing number of errors" contained in the 1991-92 annual financial statements submitted — sometimes late — for an external audit.

The City Council said it had noted the comments in the report and that corrective measures had been applied to rectify the shortcomings and deficiencies.

# Mayor to quit to head Exco

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By ANDRE KOOPMAN

**THE mayor, Mr Clive Keegan, will resign after only two months in office — he accepted nomination last night to be the next chairman of the executive committee.**

The powerful Democratic Party caucus, which controls the council, nominated Mr Keegan for the job and also nominated Mrs Patricia Kreiner for mayor, caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg announced last night.

The decision will have to be ratified at a council meeting on October 28 but is virtually guaranteed.

Exco and former exco chief, Mr Louis Kreiner, resigned last month after outrage over the rates debacle.

Mr Kreiner, husband of Mrs Kreiner, was asked by the DP caucus not to stand for re-election.

Both Mr Keegan and Mrs Kreiner have accepted the nominations, Dr Sonnenberg said.

He said that another meeting would be held next week to finalise nominations for exco and deputy mayor.

Influential figures in the council and the DP caucus were understood to have objected to Mr Keegan resigning as mayor after just two months in office, but Dr Sonnenberg said the caucus meeting had gone "smoothly" and that Mr Keegan had been elected by a substantial majority.

Mrs Kreiner's nomination had been unanimous.

Mr Keegan said last night he had accepted the nomination of the DP caucus but would "leave the mayoral office with deep regret".

Mr Keegan said he would have to resign as mayor almost immediately after he was elected chairman of exco. Asked to comment on the likelihood that there would be public protest if there was another elaborate installation ceremony within two months, he said: "I don't think the city will repeat the installation on the same scale. The costs would not be justified."

A City Council spokesman confirmed yesterday that the next mayoral installation would be a "low-key affair".

### 'Free vote'

Maverick councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg reacted angrily to the DP nomination last night, saying it was obvious that the caucus was playing "petty politics" in ensuring that the job went to "one of their club" instead of electing a chairman on a merit basis.

Mr Wienburg said he intended standing as chairman of exco and challenged the DP caucus to put the matter to the test by allowing their members a "free vote".

He said he was not speaking about Mr Keegan but about the process of nomination.

Commenting on her nomination, Mrs Kreiner said that having accepted the position of deputy mayor "I always knew that there was a probability that I would be mayor but it came a lot sooner than expected".



# Treasurer hits back

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## □ 'Deficiencies' defended

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CITY treasurer Eddie Landsberg has responded to claims by the auditor-general of "deficiencies and shortcomings" in the running of city council finances

An auditor-general's report for the 1991/92 financial year, tabled at an executive committee meeting last month, noted

- A "disturbing" number of errors in annual financial statements

- The statements were sent to the auditor-general late, unbound, piecemeal and several replacement pages were sent because of errors and amendments

- A mayoress's allowance paid to Trish van der Velde from September 1991 to May 1992, could be regarded as unauthorised spending

- Incidents of "weaknesses" in internal checking and control of accounts in the abattoir, treasury, and traffic department

- An unreconciled difference of R3,5 million between the amount outstanding on government loans, and the balances according to government statements

- A backlog in assessment of property rates

Mr Landsberg told exco yesterday hundreds of accounts had to be processed after the financial year-end

Staff of the accounting and housing finance divisions were a relatively small group. They were not allowed to take leave from July to November because of financial statements had to be compiled.

Staff took leave during December and January, so were not available to answer inquiries during completion of the audit

The introduction of value-added tax and uncertainty about whether services would be "Vatable" or not had delayed finalisation of accounts

The short timescale for the completion of accounts was mainly responsible for the unacceptably large number of errors

"It should be borne in mind errors were mainly incorrect transcriptions and the ultimate validity of accounts was not questioned," Mr Landsberg said

The city legal adviser, in an October 1992 memorandum, had stuck to the opinion payments made to the former mayoress were legal

Housing loans from the House of Representatives had been reconciled, while loans from the Houses of Assembly and Delegates were being processed

Mr Landsberg said city planner Neville Riley had reported new computer programmes and procedures were being used to end the backlog in rates assessments

The court order setting aside the 1990 valuation roll had affected this programme, he said

# Mayor gets 'D.P.' support for exco

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## Keegan vows to win ratepayer confidence through 'discipline'

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

**MAYOR** Clive Keegan has won Democratic Party caucus backing to take over as executive committee chairman next week

Mr Keegan has vowed to win back the confidence of citizens by promoting accountable local government and strict financial discipline

He said he would leave the mayoral office with deep regret. Unprecedented circumstances facing Cape Town made it necessary for him to take over the council's top political job

His deputy, Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, is expected to succeed him as mayor. While the DP caucus controls two-thirds of the council and the election may seem a foregone conclusion, Mr Keegan faces a challenge from Arthur Wienburg at the official election next week

Mr Keegan's other rival for the council's top political post, John Muir, was defeated by a wide margin at last night's meeting

It is understood Mr Muir will not stand for any other exco posts

Six names, including that of Mr Wienburg, were put forward for the four standing committee chairmanships last night

The DP caucus will meet on Tuesday to decide on the rest of exco, and on a new deputy mayor

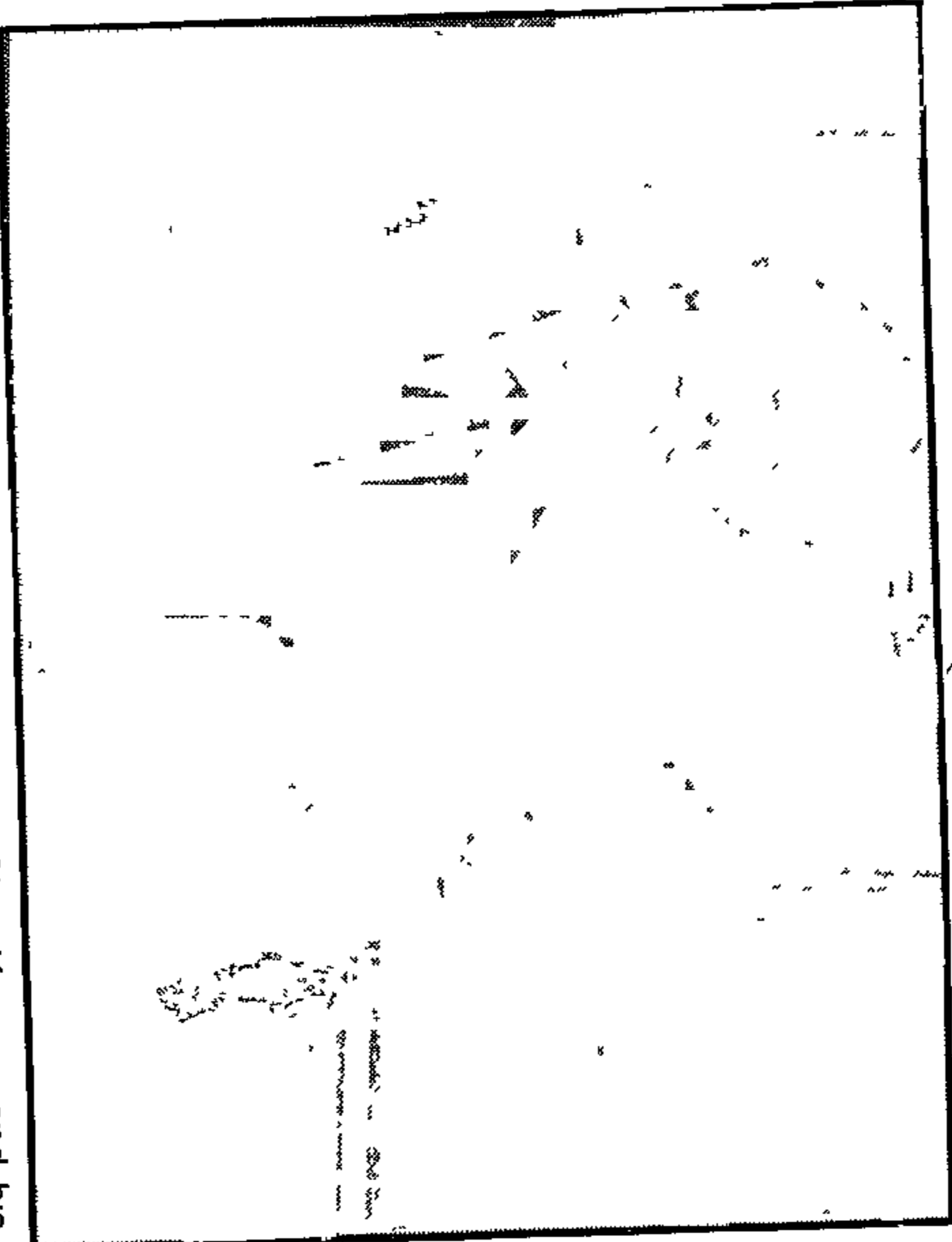
Caucus leader John Sonnenberg said there had not been enough time at last night's meeting to decide on all the posts

The caucus is to offer a deal to Mr Wienburg, making a nomination for exco conditional on his joining the DP caucus

But Mr Wienburg firmly rejected the offer

"I will not prostitute myself by agreeing to be a member of a caucus causing the citizens of Cape Town extreme harm, and which is running the image and chances of electoral success of the DP

"I would go so far as to say the DP is clutching defeat from the jaws of



**MAYORAL PAIR:** The mayor of Cape Town, Clive Keegan, and his deputy mayor, Patricia Sulcas Kreiner. Ms Sulcas Kreiner will become Cape Town's second woman mayor when Mr Keegan steps down after only two months in preparation for election as the next chairman of the city council's executive committee

victory for itself in this region  
"For me to join them would smack of expediency and would be thoroughly unprincipled

"It is an obvious farce and a ploy — I have been a member of the DP and its forebears for more than 30 years, with proven loyalty that goes back far beyond that of more than half the council party caucus

"I will stand for the chairmanship next week, and I challenge the DP caucus to allow its members a free vote," Mr Wienburg said

Mr Keegan declined to comment on whether he would pick running mates for the exco election

Speaking from his Wynberg home soon after hearing the caucus decision, he said he would meet caucus leadership in coming days to discuss

various issues

He emphasised his election as exco chairman was still subject to council approval

He said his priority would be to win back confidence in the council by responsible, transparent, and accountable local government to guide Cape Town through unpredictable political times

"The management of the city must be brought back on to an even keel," Mr Keegan said

Any criticism of his breach of custom by swapping the mayoral office for the exco chairmanship would have been perfectly understandable in the past

"But the circumstances in which we find ourselves now are quite without precedent

"I shall leave the mayoral office, if I do, with the deepest regret

"I have found it the source of invaluable contacts and, if properly used, a powerful position," he said

Mrs Sulcas Kreiner will take over as mayor after eight weeks as deputy mayor — far short of the customary two-year apprenticeship

"I am confident I am sure all that is required is a lot of commonsense, though I am sure a lot of things will be very new," she said

"So many people have been, and will be, very supportive"

Mrs Sulcas Kreiner said it was likely she would bring a different style to the mayoral office

"Even being a woman could give things a different tone"

She said it was difficult to say whether she would continue in the tradition of Gordon Oliver, Frank van der Velde and Mr Keegan who had helped politicise the office

Asked what her plans would be for her installation — traditionally new mayors are installed with considerable ceremony at the City Hall — she said it would not be Lavish

"In a way I feel sorry I could not have the opportunity for the same kind of ceremony because it is so wonderful and awe-inspiring"

Mrs Sulcas Kreiner has spent the past week in the Transvaal because of the death of her father and was not at last week's DP caucus meeting, where her husband, Louis Kreiner, resigned from the exco chairmanship

Next week's exco elections will see at least three new faces on the committee

Apart from the withdrawal of Mr Muir, town planning chairman for the past two years, amenities chairman Leon Markovitz is not expected to seek re-election

Among those expected to be available for exco are present housing chairman Neil Ross, utilities chairman Ian Iversen, and former utilities chairman Kenny Penkin

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# Civic drama ends in council change

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THE Cape Town City Council is undergoing a dramatic and unprecedented shake-up following intense political lobbying that has changed the face of local government in the city.

Several weeks of high drama culminated last night at a Democratic Party caucus meeting where councillors took decisions affecting most of the major leadership positions in the council

Key developments, which DP politicians claim will provide "a strong and capable team" to lead the city in a time of transition, include

- Cape Town's mayor Clive Keegan will step down from Van Riebeeck's Chair after just two months and stand for executive committee chairman — a position he is sure to win with backing from the powerful DP caucus, which effectively controls the council

- Deputy-mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner is set to become Cape Town's first woman mayor in more than three decades — and only the second ever, after Joyce Newton Thompson's term of office from 1959-61

- Her husband Louis Kreiner resigned as exco chairman last week after intense pressure from the caucus following the rates increase debacle.

- Next week's exco elections will see at least three new faces on the committee.

- Arthur Wienburg — the champion of many ratepayers but dismissed as a political maverick by the majority of his fellow councillors — will make a strong bid for power by standing for exco next week

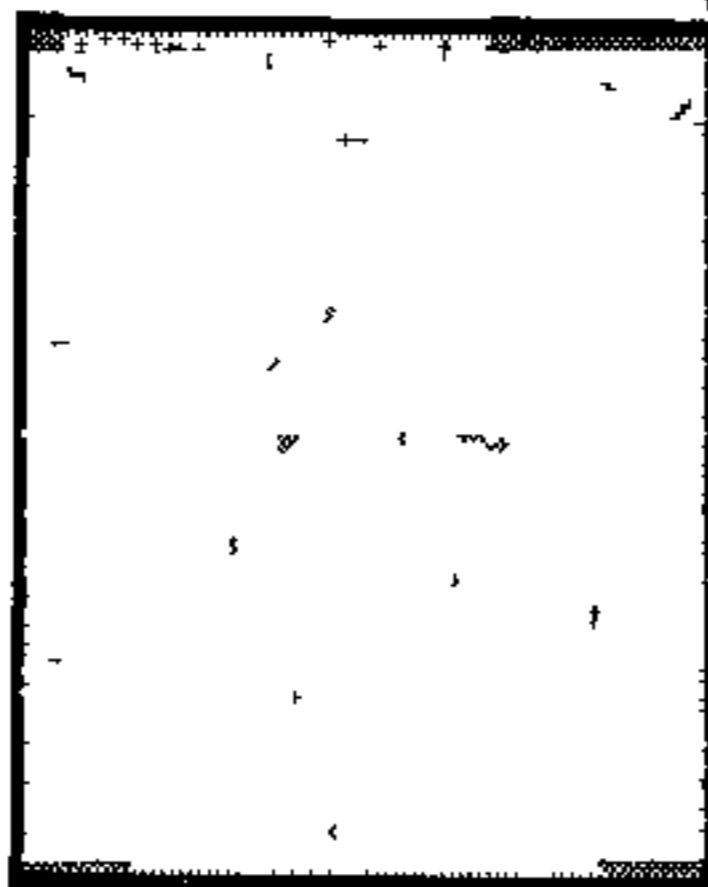
DP Western Cape leader Hennie Bester MP said the fact that Mr Keegan was stepping down as mayor to make himself available as new exco chairman illustrated how serious the party was about the government of Cape Town

"I welcome the step because I think Clive Keegan will be able to provide the strong and decisive leadership needed in the present national local government upheaval

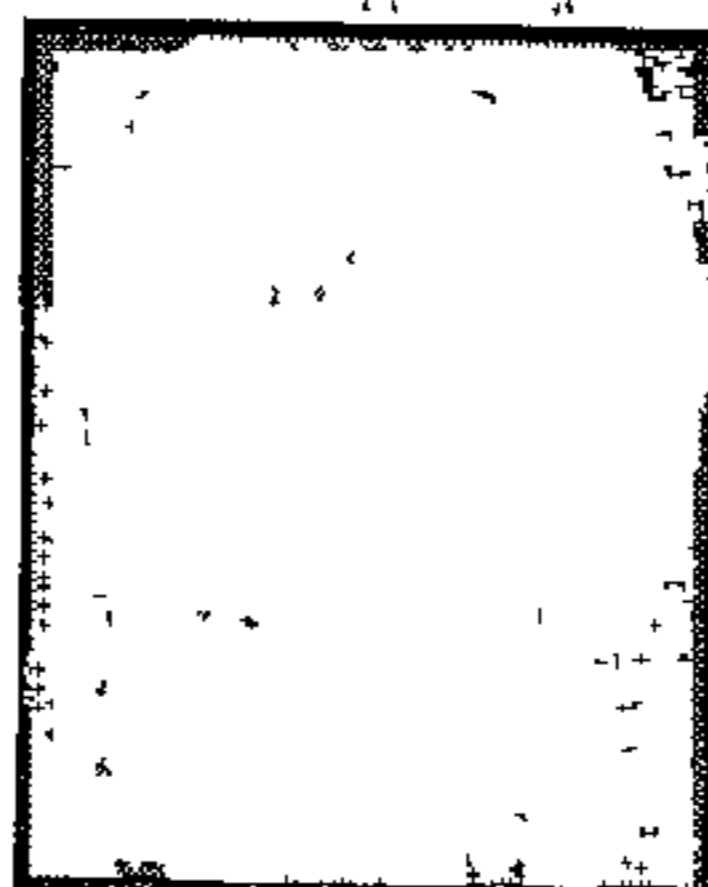
"I think it is going to be a strong and capable team"

Speaking after last night's caucus meeting, Mr Keegan said unprecedented circumstances facing Cape Town made it necessary for him to take over the council's top political job. He said he would leave the mayoral office with deep regret

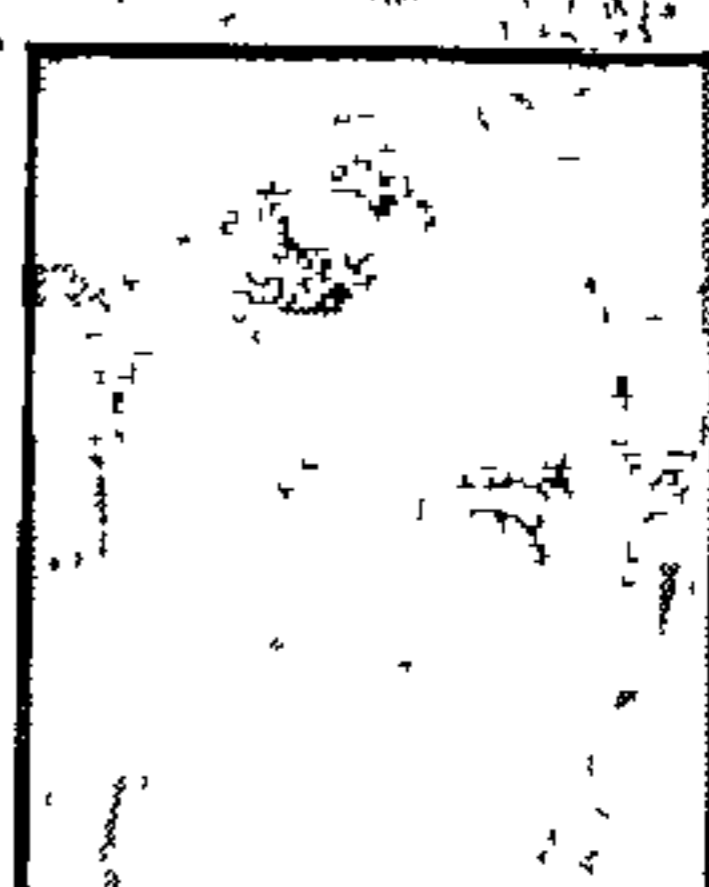
The DP caucus will meet on Tuesday to decide on the rest of exco, and on a new deputy-mayor. These decisions are certain to be ratified at the official council caucus meeting the same day, and will be formalised at the monthly meeting on Thursday



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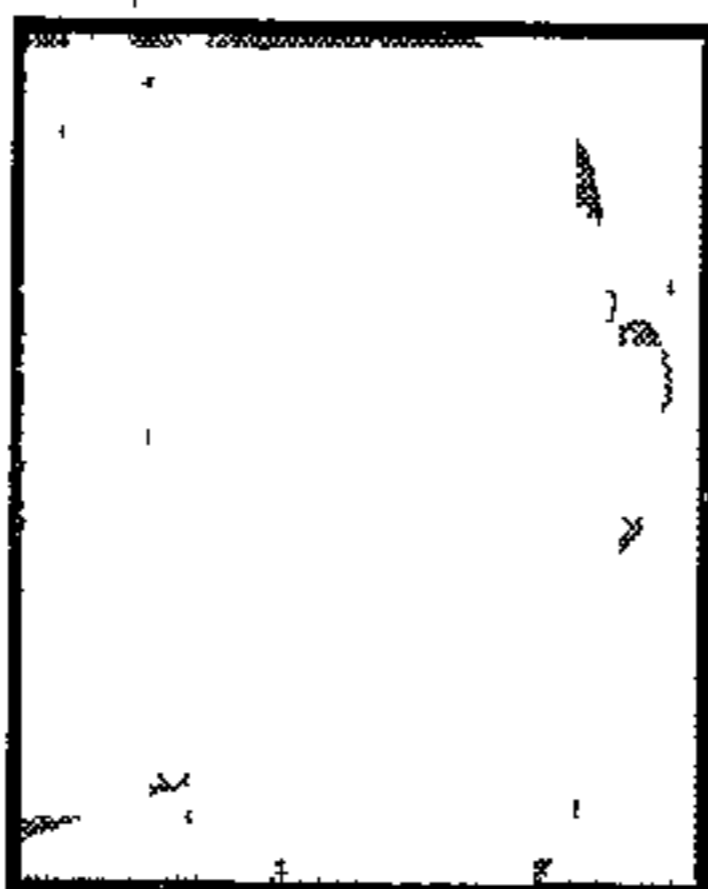


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□ And in Franschoek...



Frank Arendse

## 'My year of agony as mayor'

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THE first non-white mayor to lead a racially-unified town learned the hard way that although apartheid is dying in South Africa, hate remains strong.

Frank Arendse says his term as mayor of Franschoek, 80 km outside Cape Town, was a year of enduring insults and threats to shoot him and his family

Mr Arendse could have run for a second term in September. But he said he could not face another year of abuse from white racists in the town of 3 500

"I'm very, very angry. They can't accept that a black man can rule a white man. I can't serve people like that," he said yesterday

"I'm glad he's not mayor anymore. It has nothing to do with colour. It was the quality that counted," said Chris Spies, a white member of the council who opposed Mr Arendse's election last September.

Mr Arendse, 39, who owns a disco and a liquor store, said he would continue to serve on the council and work to better the plight of the non-whites who had pinned their hopes on him.

Five members of the council are non-white and seven are white.

Mr Arendse's replacement as mayor, Arthur McWilliam-Smith, is white, supported Mr Arendse in his 1992 run for mayor and, like Mr Arendse, is a member of the African National Congress

When Mr Arendse was elected, supporters said he could bring the community together and address imbalances in living conditions. At the time 350 people were on a housing waiting list.

Mr Arendse arranged for 140 lots and materials for non-white residents to build houses, and said tourism increased in the year he led Franschoek. — Sapa- AP

# Squatters seek Ikapa court order

Supreme Court Reporter

HUNDREDS of Ikapa town council workers knocked off when they had completed their rounds — sometimes as early as noon — and the council's financial affairs were in a mess, ANC squatter leader Mr Jeffrey Nongwe told the Supreme Court

This emerged from an application by the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa) on Monday against the Administrator of the Cape and Mr Stephanus Naude, administrator of the Ikapa town council and Mr Johannes Adriaanse, chief executive officer of Ikapa

Wecusa is seeking an order compelling the Administrator of the Cape to investigate Ikapa's affairs

In papers, Mr Nongwe, chairman of Wecusa, as well as a local branch of the African National Congress, said Ikapa failed to perform its duties properly or at all and failed in particular to serve the best interest of the community, which included a substantial number of squatters

He said that over the past two years Ikapa's internal auditor had twice reported to the chief executive officer a lack of proper control over about 700 workers who worked short hours —

sometimes leaving for home at noon — but this was not investigated

Ikapa's records showed certain local authorities had been liable to it since before 1990 for payment of R364 644,68 for materials delivered as part of a job creation scheme

The local authorities, however, denied they had received the materials and had refused payment

It was clear from court papers in ongoing litigation that Ikapa's finances were unsound. It was in arrears with electricity and water account payments even after arrangements were made with the city council

However, the services were disconnected after non-payment and the CPA came to Ikapa's rescue, Mr Nongwe said

Serious doubts had been cast on the bone fides of Ikapa town council's employees and should be investigated, Mr Nongwe said

Mr Justice P Olivier postponed the hearing until next Monday

Mr Peter Hodes SC, with Mr Rudi van Rooyen, instructed by Mr Johan Heyns, of Heyns and Partners, appeared for Wecusa. Mr Rudolph Hiemstra, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the administrator. Mr Dirk van der Walt, instructed by Borman and Haywood, appeared for Ikapa and Messrs Naude and Adriaanse

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# EXCO job row

By PETER DENNEHY  
THE mayor of Cape Town, Mr Clive Keegan, is no longer assured of getting the most powerful seat on the council, the executive committee chairmanship, from the end of this month.

Although he gained the backing last week of the Democratic Party caucus, which has a massive majority in the City Council, a row has suddenly blown up over whether the caucus should give its members a "free vote" on filling all five posts on the executive committee.

Apart from calls from several ratepayers' associations and stinging statements from exco chairman-ship contender Mr Arthur Wienburg, heavy pressure has been placed on sensitive councillors to press for a free vote.

Mr Kenneth Penkin, until recently a candidate for a seat on exco, resigned from the caucus this week, criticising it for overlooking Mr Wienburg as exco chairman because of his non-membership of the caucus.

## Keegan no longer assured of top spot

Yesterday three other councillors — Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Clive Bilski and Mr Abe Katz — indicated that they might also jump ship unless a free vote is allowed. They are not necessarily unhappy with the choice of Mr Keegan, but they believe their ratepayers want them to have a free vote.

Taking an accommodating line in the face of pressure from those who want a non-caucus vote, caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said yesterday that even the caucus' choice of Mr Keegan as the next

exco chairman was not "cast in stone". Mr Keegan declined to comment last night.

Dr Sonnenberg said yesterday that a decision had been taken to re-open the matter tomorrow when the caucus holds its next meeting.

But Mr Henne Bester MP, leader of the Democratic Party in the Western Cape, came out strongly in favour of the caucus voting for all the exco positions.

Considerable pressure had been placed on councillors Mr Joubert and Mr Bilski to press for a free vote, Dr Sonnenberg said.

"I am giving them an opportunity to put the case for a free vote and to reconsider (who should be on exco)." He felt almost sure that most caucus members would re-affirm the decision that the ruling party in the council should pick the candidates.

Mr Bester said a political party could assure the accountability of its members in any elected body only by means of a caucus.

Dr Sonnenberg said he found it strange that Mr Wienburg (a member of the Democratic Party but not of its caucus) was "getting into bed with his political enemies and waging war on his political colleagues."

Mr Wienburg — who has said he will not join the caucus as he is "not a political whore" — has been publicly backed in his bid for the exco presidency by councillors Mr Clive Justus, Mr Gerry Sullivan, Mr Hugh Frost and Mr Nico Basson. Mr Basson is known to be a National Party supporter.

Mr Wienburg could not be reached for comment last night.

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# Atlantis in search of solutions

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**HENRI du PLESSIS**  
Weekend Argus Reporter

IN a bid to lift Atlantis out of the depressing cycle of unemployment, crime and poverty, a dedicated group of individuals and organisations have launched a new rescue initiative.

At a workshop today about 200 people directly involved in the day-to-day lives of Atlantis residents, mostly residents themselves, will decide what strategies to adopt to make their plans work.

A call to be made for the writing off of a R40 million services debt and a R210 million establishment cost debt, is one of the most controversial issues to be put forward.

The workshop, set up to deal with a series of reports on future development aspects, has drawn together representatives of various community organisations, local business and government.

It is the culmination of work done by the Atlantis Development Forum, a body set up by the interest groups after an impasse in a battle between establishment and non-establishment bodies.

The ideal was to develop and eventually implement a complete package of solutions to the crises facing the Atlantis community, said researcher Andrew Mesden, of the Foundation for Contemporary Research.

Reports include information and suggestions on local government, the local economy, social fabric and development, and the environment.

Far-reaching recommendations which had to be discussed and possibly implemented included plans to boost the town's economy, employment and attract investment.

Atlantis is the focus of a workshop today which could shape the town's future at a meeting of local interest groups dedicated to finding solutions to the town's myriad social problems.

A proposal for a Centre for Peace Action aims to address social problems in the town like child abuse, substance abuse, battering and crime.

Atlantis has been dealt a double blow by the economic recession and the removal of subsidies local industries were entitled to under the government's decentralisation policies.

Viewed as a product of the grand apartheid policies of the past, Atlantis faced the prospect of becoming a virtual ghost town as industries closed down or moved to sites nearer their markets.

Unemployed residents found themselves about 50km away from possible job opportunities and the cost of transport became prohibitive, especially for casual labour.

With a one-way fare of R6 by minibus taxi or a bus fare of R5,80 to central Cape Town, a casual labourer in the city would effectively bring home less than R10 a day after spending a tiring hour-and-a-quarter travelling each way.

Yet, it would have been impossible for residents to move — if they could afford to — as a huge backlog in providing housing in the Peninsula still exists.

One of the major proposals is the formation of a greater town council combining the industrial and residential areas.

The Atlantis Development Forum's Local Government Commission recommended that the Interim Measures Act could only be ignored because of the political storm it had raised at its promulgation last year.

At the same time, however, the status quo in which the town was administered by the Regional Services Council of the Cape could not remain — residents did not have sufficient access to its resources or input in decision-making.

A prerequisite for a new local government body would be that it should be completely transparent and accountable to all residents in the town.

Atlantis's obvious links with Cape Town also made it imperative that the town be involved in Greater Cape Town metropolitan discussions.

A debt of R40 million owed by the community of Atlantis for water, electricity and other services was caused by the high unemployment rate — running above 60 percent — and the town's location away from other industrial areas and, should be written off, the commission said.

The R210 million establishment debt came in the form of loans from central government and the money was used to provide for bulk infrastructure. The people of Atlantis should not be held liable for this debt and it should also be written off.

A comprehensive plan to boost the town's economy proposes boosting local business by eliciting support for small businessmen from the large industries.

Large companies such as Atlantis Diesel Engines still had to contract some work out to specialist firms elsewhere and if such contracts could be awarded to local businessmen, it could boost employment and turnover.

# Caucus backs Keegan as head of exco

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Staff Reporter

THE Democratic Party caucus last night decided to back Mr Clive Keegan as chairman of the executive committee (exco), with Mrs Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner as the new mayor of Cape Town.

After a three-hour meeting

at the council chambers last night, DP caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said the caucus had "adopted" Mr Keegan and Mrs Sulcas-Kreiner for the senior posts.

The caucus would also back councillors Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr John Muir and Mr Neil Ross for exco

membership in the forthcoming elections

Dr Sonnenberg said Mr Abe Katz had resigned from the caucus after expressing unhappiness because he favoured election of a completely new exco.

Last night Mr Katz said: "Be-

cause I could not be assured of this I decided the only honourable thing to do was to resign from the caucus — I do not agree with previous exco members seeking re-election"

Mr Arthur Wienburg congratulated Mr Katz "for correctly interpreting the mood of

the people", and said the caucus decisions had made him "more determined than ever" to win the exco chairmanship.

It was "sad" that the caucus had misunderstood ratepayers' wishes for a new executive committee by returning councillors from their own ranks.

# Property vote 'inappropriate'

Staff Reporter

A PROPERTY-based municipal franchise would be inappropriate in a new system of local government, says the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Kobus Meiring.

Addressing a Central Karoo Development and Tourism Association congress in Beaufort West on Friday, Mr Meiring added that it would also be impractical to exclude the vote from residents who were in arrears.

He said the vote should not be qualified to exclude those who suffered lost opportunities because of historical imbalances.

The draft constitution made it clear that the franchise would be afforded to every South African citizen 18 years or older, he said.

“Understandably, ownership of land or immovable property can therefore not be used as an exclusive added criterion for the franchise on the local level.”

Municipal franchise to all residents within the municipal area was a simple alternative, he said.

He said the proposal that all those indebted to the council should be excluded from voting in a municipal election would require “the wisdom of Solomon” to administer.

However, as a new system would ensure fairer vote allocation, it was conceivable that owners of commercial undertakings would be afforded more than one vote.

Malawian

main criterion, he said, backing a free vote

He would remain loyal to the DP and had left the caucus as it "does not serve the party well" (263)

Mr Bilski said he realized defections might break the power of the caucus, but that was not his intention

"We resigned because we should not have a political body running something that should be run like a business"

Mr Wienburg said Dr Sonnenberg had been "mischievous" in commenting on his "strange bedfellows"

• Caucuses members are Mrs Isobel Edelstein, Mr Dick Friedlander, Mrs Joye Gibbs, Mr Rupert Hurly, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr John Muir, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mrs Ruth Ortlepp, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Neil Ross, Dr John Sonnenberg, Mrs Patricia Sulcas-Kreiner, Mr Frank van der Velde, and Mr Llewellyn van Wyk (16 in all)

Non-members are Mr Nic Basson, Mr Clive Bilski, Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Clive Justus, Mr Abe Katz, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Leon Markovitz, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Kenneth Penkin, Mr Tony Powell, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Arthur Wienburg (15 in all)

# Chiffman's

# for exco bosses

## COOLNESS IN TOWN

### 31°C —

### Second hottest day of the year

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S hottest day in almost six months yesterday saw temperatures soaring to 31°Celsius — making it the second warmest day of the year.

And October has been unusually dry and hot this year, a spokesman at the weather office at D F Malan Airport said yesterday, with temperatures reaching 30° on several occasions



By PETER DENNEHY

**CHAIRMANSHIP** of the Cape Town City Council's executive committee was balanced on a knife-edge yesterday as the caucus majority bled away further to a mere 16-15.

The two main duellists are caucus choice, mayor Mr Clive Keegan, and non-caucus member Mr Arthur Wienburg, who has been gaining ground as each new resignation saps the caucus' strength.

Mr Wienburg has predicted "one or two" further caucus defections today, and said it was "quite possible that votes may be cast for him by caucus members, by secret ballot. The vote is by secret ballot. He said yesterday he was not going for a seat on exco but for the chair itself. "If it's not a clean tear, I'm not interested," he said. "You must have compatible people."

The closeness of the competition for the exco chair did not say much for the caucus, Mr Wienburg said. Caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg confirmed yesterday that there were just 16 caucus members and 15 non-members.

This meant that just one caucus member had to break ranks in today's ballot for Mr Wien-

burg to take the exco chair — presuming all the non-caucus members backed him.

Dr Sonnenberg said yesterday the most likely shift in the caucus composition was one which would strengthen it. It was highly probable that Mr Keegan would join the caucus if he resigned as mayor, bringing it to 17-14 if there were no more defections.

Mr Keegan has said he would remain mayor if Mr Wienburg won the chair.

The two who resigned yesterday were Mr Chris Joubert, who had just been nominated by the caucus for one of the exco seats, and Mr Clive Bilski. "I accept the danger of not being on exco at all," Mr Joubert said. "I will take that chance."

### Uncomfortable

He had nothing personally against the people on exco but felt uncomfortable at so many of them getting on again.

"I will stand up there feeling free when I vote I will support Mr Wienburg," he said. Mr Bilski said the selection of nominees for exco and the mayoral posts had been decided in the caucus on the basis of whether candidates were members, rather than who was "best-suited to serve the city in a businesslike manner". Merrit alone should be the

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WHO'S IN THE DP — BUT NOT IN THE CAUCUS

## □ That's the way the DP caucus crumbles

Municipal reporter CLIVE SAWYER charts the rise and fall of the city council Democratic Party caucus.

**I**N days when an hour has become a long time in municipal politics, that meeting at Fernwood seems an eternity away

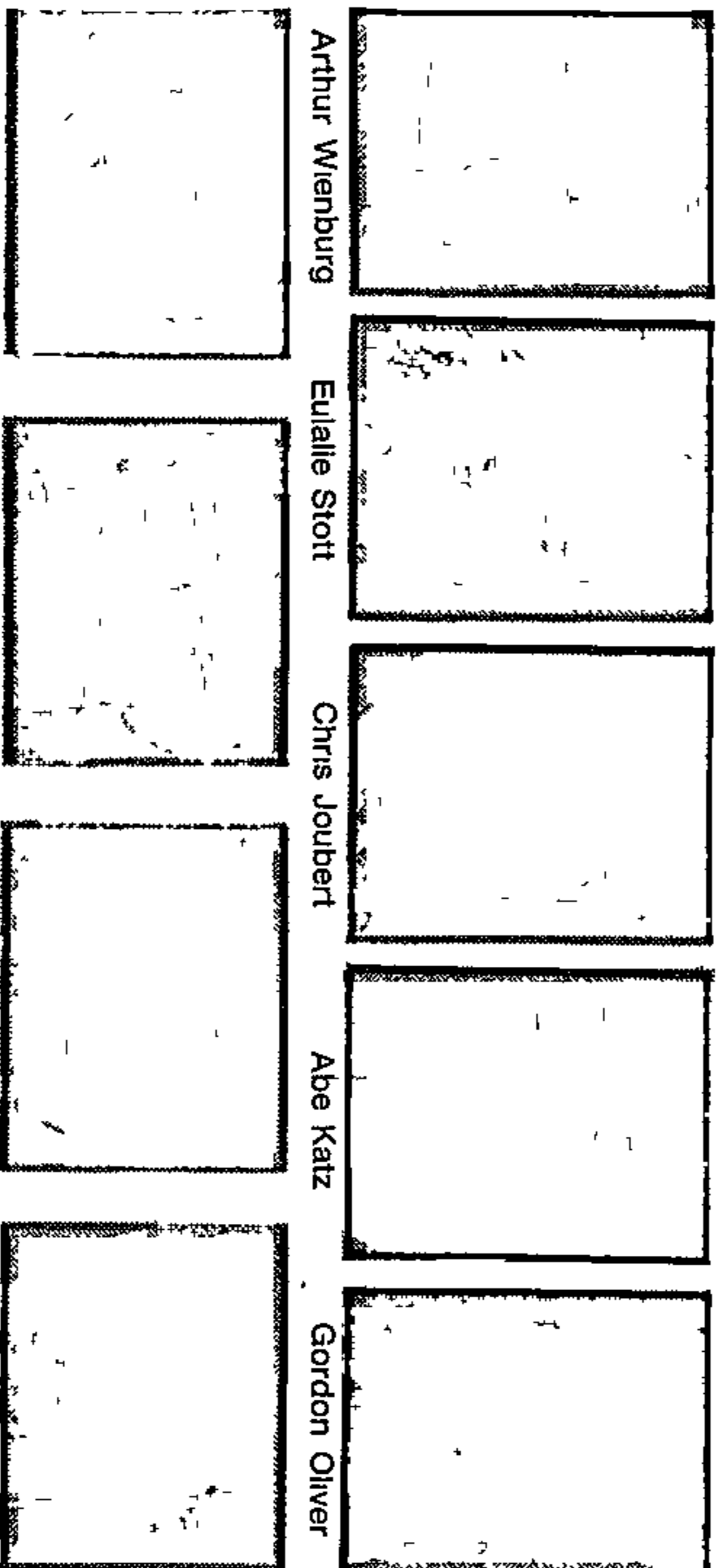
Cape Town city councillors were summoned by political bosses to discuss the formation of a Democratic Party caucus, to pull together the fast unraveling threads of city government. In mid-June, with some fanfare, the DP announced the for-

ber for a few weeks, went at the same time

The scene was set for a struggle for control of the council of unprecedented dimensions

There was speculation people in the caucus had told Mr Kremer he would be assured of re-election if he agreed to resign, a top caucus spokesman denied this

Furious lobbying followed the resignation of exco Remedial action by the DP to



Arthur Wenburg

Eulalie Stott

Chris Joubert

Abe Katz

Gordon Oliver

Leon Markovitz

Kenny Penkin

Clive Bliski

Mayor Clive Keegan

... AND WHO'S NOT IN EITHER



mation of a party caucus in the council, albeit with two party members staying outside the ranks

Any controversy about the politicisation of local government aside, at the time sceptics doubted strong personalities in the council could be whipped into line. Years of personality clashes and public acrimony about issues foretold how difficult it would be to present a united public face.

Arthur Wienburg and Eulalie Stott, it seemed, wanted no part of caucus discipline.

Time was to prove others would not accept the harness by the time the caucus met yesterday to finalise its executive committee candidates to present to the closed-doors full council caucus, six party members had left the caucus.

But it was more than the unfamiliar feel of the whip that put unbearable strain on caucus members.

The public relations victories of cutting back on allowance increases and preventing further dipping into the pension scheme faded quickly.

There were embarrassing moments for the caucus. Mr Wienburg proposed a motion calling

save thousands of ratepayers from hugely increased rates bills could not save the men who had become the scapegoats for the whole affair.

Lobby groups with access to fax machines made it clear they did not want Mr Kreiner back in the centre chair of the exco row. A caucus meeting voted its confidence in Mr Kreiner but there were whispers the decision was not unanimous.

Mr Keegan, who had breached custom by publicly criticising Mr Kreiner for his dismissive response to the City Hall meeting, was quoted as saying Mr Kreiner should do the honourable thing and stay out of exco. A new catchphrase began to be heard "a clean slate" — a departure from the exco of old, the target of ratepayers' resentment and jibes in the council from disident councillors.

"Dream tickets" were devised and abandoned. Perhaps Frank van der Velde to lead exco? A return of the strong mayor, the man of action among the minibus? Business commitments prevented it.

And then a new name came forward, Clive Keegan, the mayor who had vowed snipping ribbons and kissing babies was not



Jack Frost



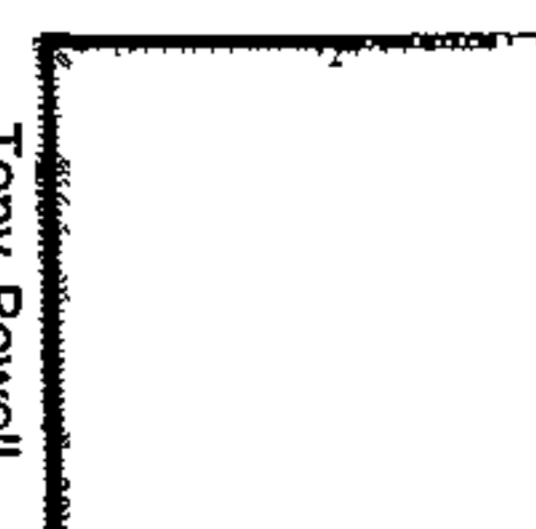
Peter Muller



Nico Basson



Gerry Sullivan



Tony Powell

If tradition had been observed, the doors would have swung firmly shut, a senior official would have been given the chair, and everyone involved sworn to secrecy about whatever ensued — except the result.

A gentleman's agreement would have meant a united face being presented to the world, along with the approved candidates.

It was not to be. Before nominations were called, Mr Wienburg — saying the election should be held in public — led a walkout of like-minded councillors.

In a strange twist, he was nominated as exco chairman in

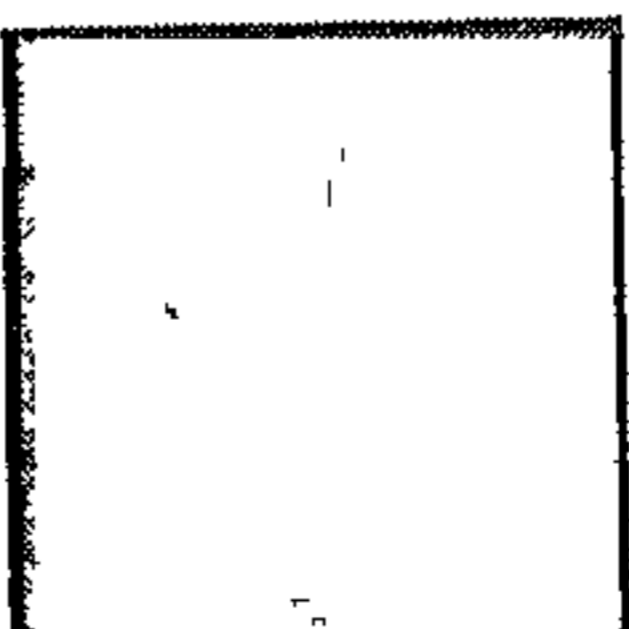
his absence by two councillors known not to support him. Insiders said this was to be able to say he had been nominated and defeated.

Even as voting proceeded, councillors argued, until John Sonnenberg rose to suggest the meeting should be adjourned because too many councillors were absent.

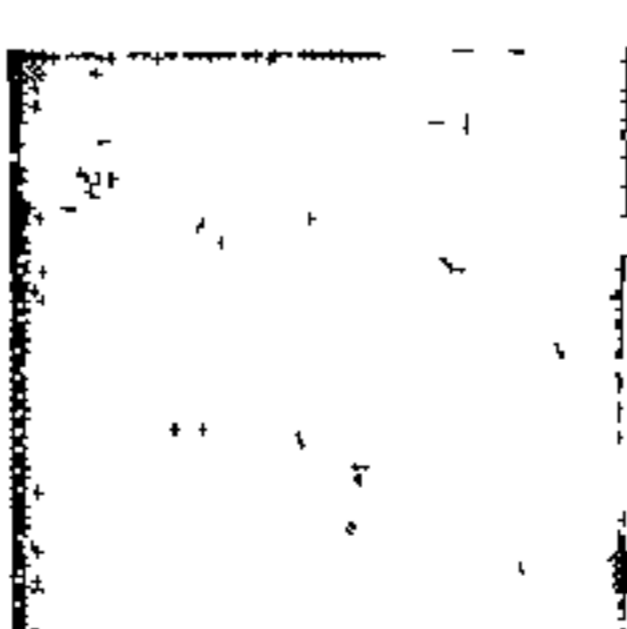
Another tradition had fallen. Tomorrow, the exco election will be held in full view of public and press.

More importantly, the caucus had not been able to stamp its authority on proceedings.

And only one thing remained certain in uncertain days. Its troubles were not over.



Joe Rabinowitz



Clive Justus

alisation and privatisation

The caucus voted against it — to be told by Mr Wienburg he had culled the principle and wording of the motion from DP policy documents

And within six weeks of the caucus being formed, cries of protest about the 1990 valuation roll were growing to a crescendo

Worse, the cries were coming from party strongholds in the Atlantic and southern suburbs, and from Athlone, where the party had hoped to cultivate a new crop of voters

When the cries became deafening, councillors could no longer bear to defend their unpopular decision. At the same time, they were stumped to find a way out of the controversy

Deputy exco chairman Leon Markovitz, a caucus member, was accustomed to his chairman, Louis Kreiner, leaning on him for help

But shortly after a clash between him and Mr Kreiner behind closed doors at an exco meeting, Mr Markovitz decided he had had enough

At the subsequent council meeting, a note went up to the press gallery Mr Markovitz had resigned from exco "for a personal reason". He declined to elaborate. Speculation was it was about the committee's handling of the valuations crisis.

That crisis — added to unhappiness about council constitutional proposals — led to a meeting in the City Hall, called by mayor Clive Keegan in response to pressure from ratepayers' groups

Mr Keegan invited all the citizens of Cape Town. Those who came howled — figuratively — for the heads of exco. They stopped short of calling for the resignation of the entire council because, as someone in the audience pointed out, that would mean calling for Mr Wienburg to quit

First to heed the call was Neil Ross. He would "seek a fresh mandate" — a phrase to be much repeated in coming days — from his colleagues

By the time the monthly council meeting began at the end of last month, it was clear much drama surrounded the simple sentence on the order paper which required councillors to elect a successor to Mr Markovitz

Almost as the bells rang to summon councillors to the chamber, John Muir disclosed he, too, had given town clerk Keith Nicol a letter announcing his resignation from exco.

But a drama remained to be played out on the floor. Mr Wienburg was to propose that day a motion of no confidence in Mr Kreiner

After much bearing of messages back and forth, it was agreed Mr Wienburg would withdraw his motion once Mr Kreiner announced his resignation. Ian Iversen, an exco mem-

his first priority when Cape Town needed something more useful from the Chair of Van Riebeeck

Suddenly, Patricia Sulcas Kreiner, who had been chosen for the customary two-year term as deputy mayor and who might have been dubbed The Mayor Who Never Was, was thrust suddenly closer to becoming first citizen

Names were mentioned for the rest of exco: Dick Friedlander, Mr Joubert, Peter Muller, Kenny Penkin

And divisions developed and hardened inside and outside the caucus

Divisions based on loyalties, and about personal differences about which no councillor would comment publicly

Moderates believed in a mixed-bag exco, retaining some experienced members and bringing in fresh blood. Others said ratepayers would settle for nothing less than a new team.

Mr Wienburg entered the fray, throwing down the gauntlet to Mr Keegan. Mr Wienburg let it be known he was the champion of the clean slate school

Rates were no longer the central issue out there, ratepayers who in effect had overpaid would get their refunds in due course, and relief for those disadvantaged by the overturning of the roll would probably get some relief

The new issue became the "free vote" — freedom for caucus members to vote as they thought best for the new exco. Or for the old exco, if they thought that best

Why have a caucus at all if you going to allow a free vote on an issue like the political and financial leadership of the city? That was the question from the DP hierarchy, and they were certain about the answer

But the harness rankled. Caucus discipline was challenged by perceptions of what ratepayers wanted, and lost

The resignations followed: Kenny Penkin, Chris Joubert, Abe Katz, Clive Bilski, Gordon Oliver. At each roll call, fewer turned out for parade. More were said to be wavering

By the time the DP caucus gathered in a Civic Centre fifth floor committee room yesterday, technically it had lost its majority in the council

Its exco ticket had shrunk too. It had been Mr Keegan, Mr Ross, Mr Muir, Mr Iversen and Mr Joubert

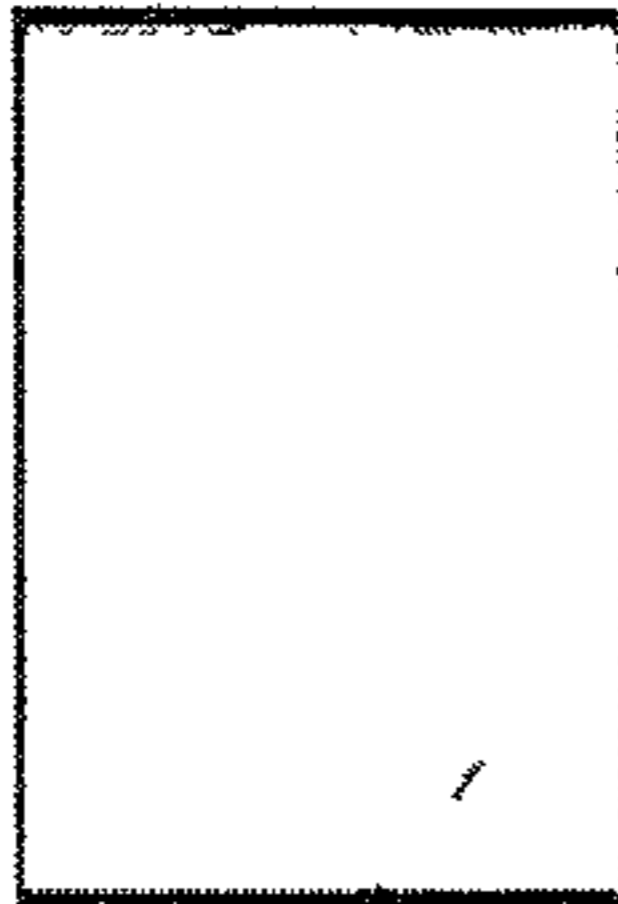
In place of Mr Joubert, Ruth Ortlepp, at 38 the youngest city councillor and with only five years on the council, was chosen

Its choice of deputy mayor was Llewellyn van Wyk, three months older than Ms Ortlepp. He had stepped off an aircraft from overseas that day and come to the meeting to find himself offered the deputy's robes

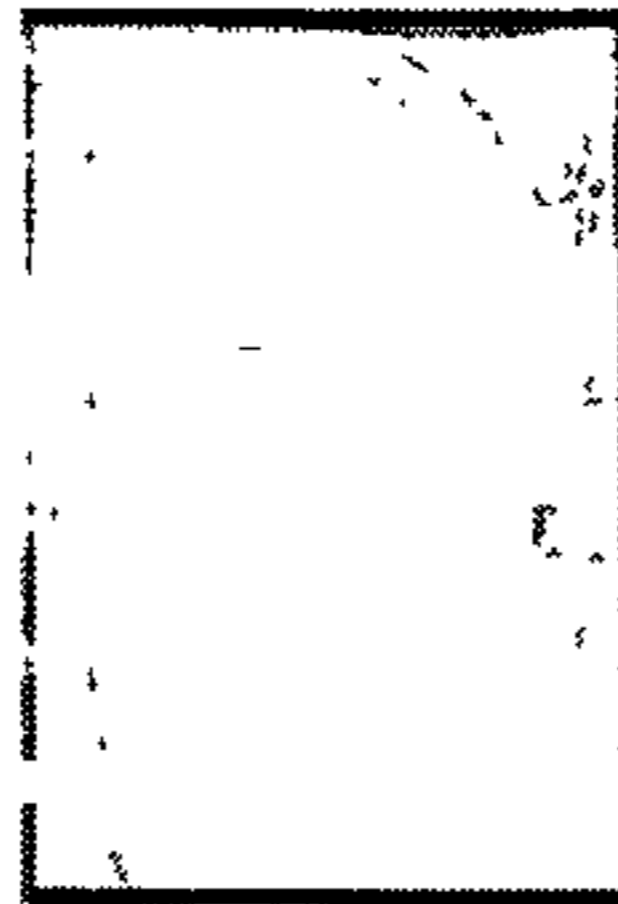
There were a few minutes before the bells rang for the main caucus meeting

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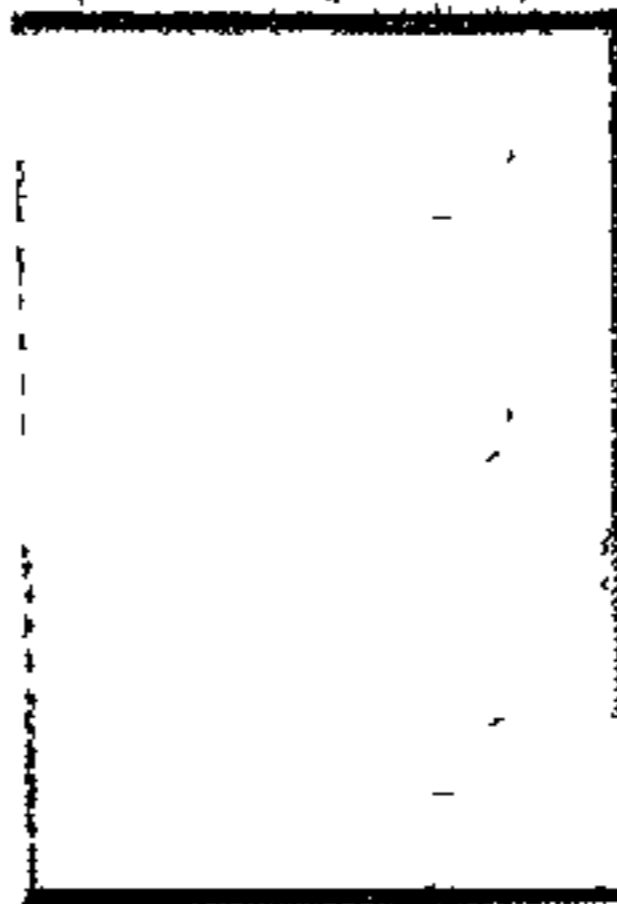
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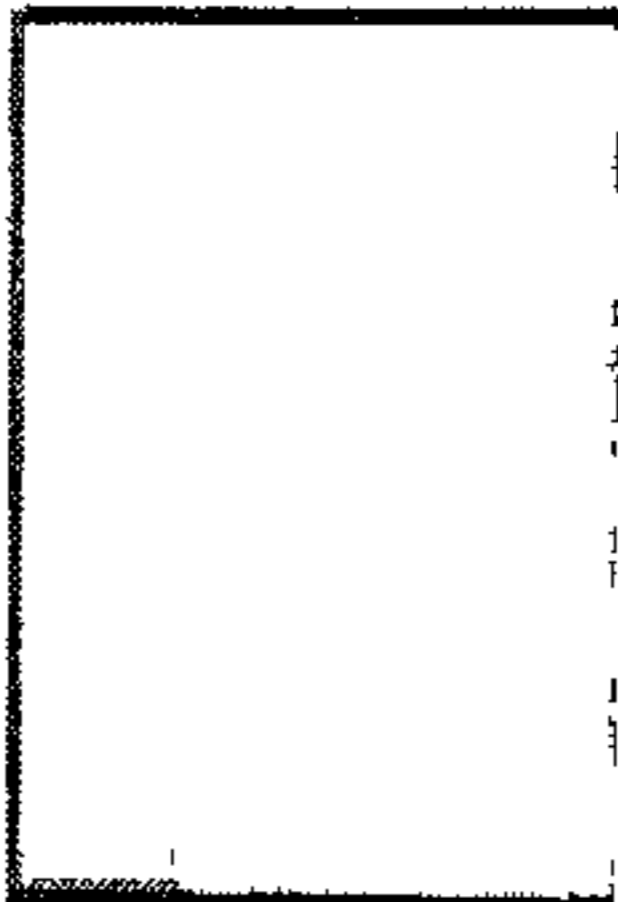
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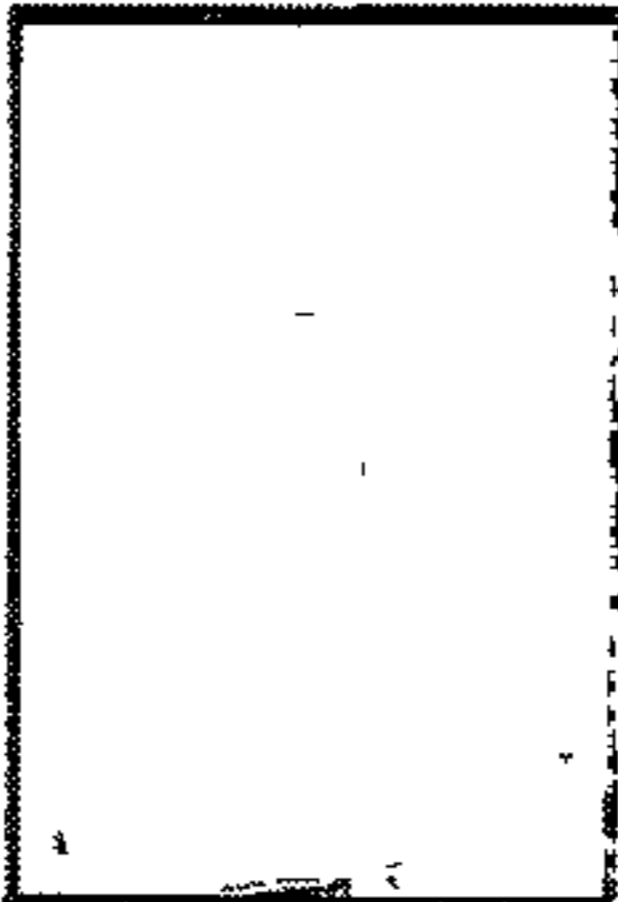
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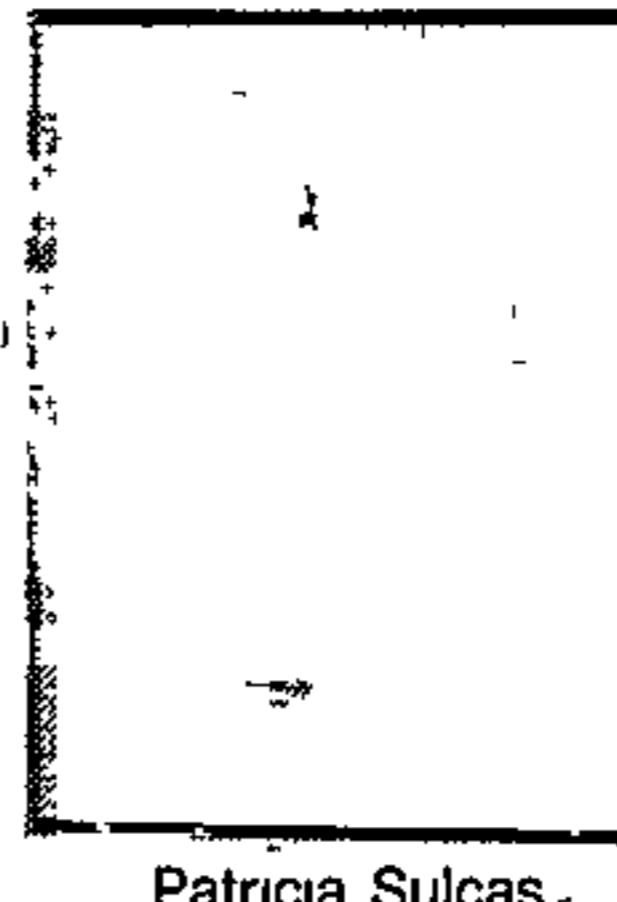
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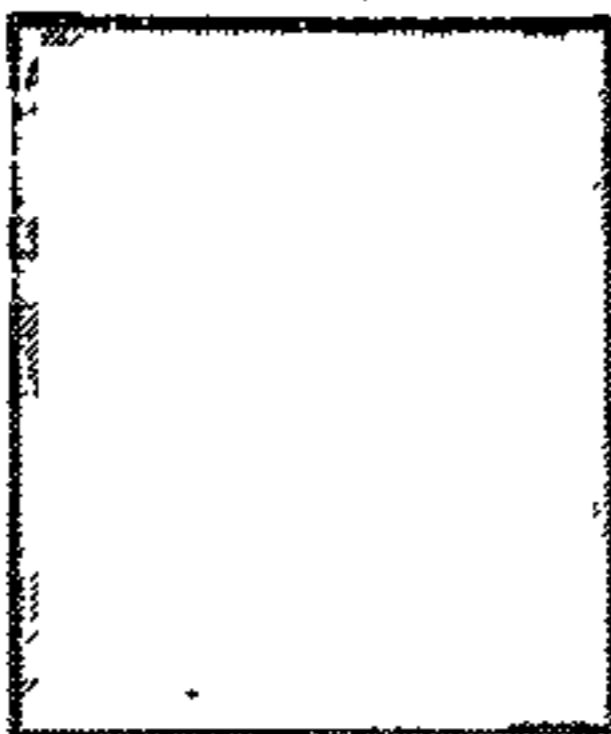
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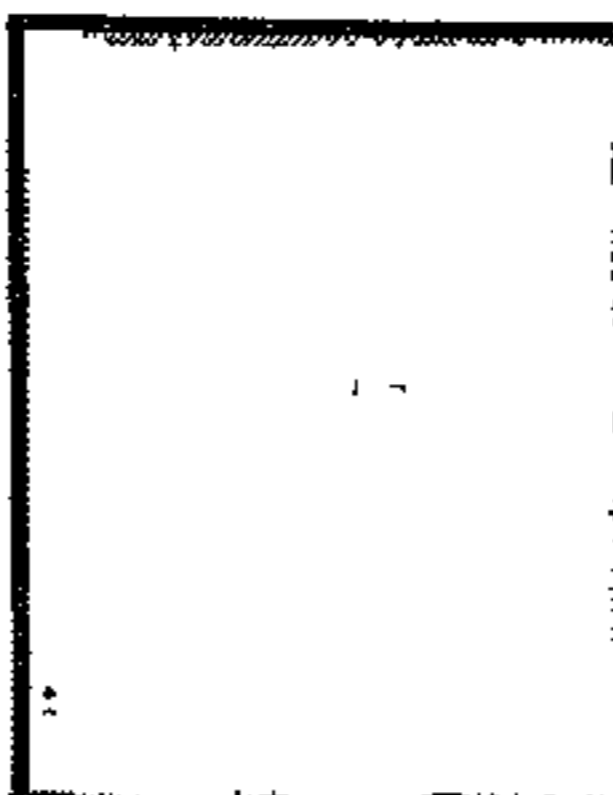
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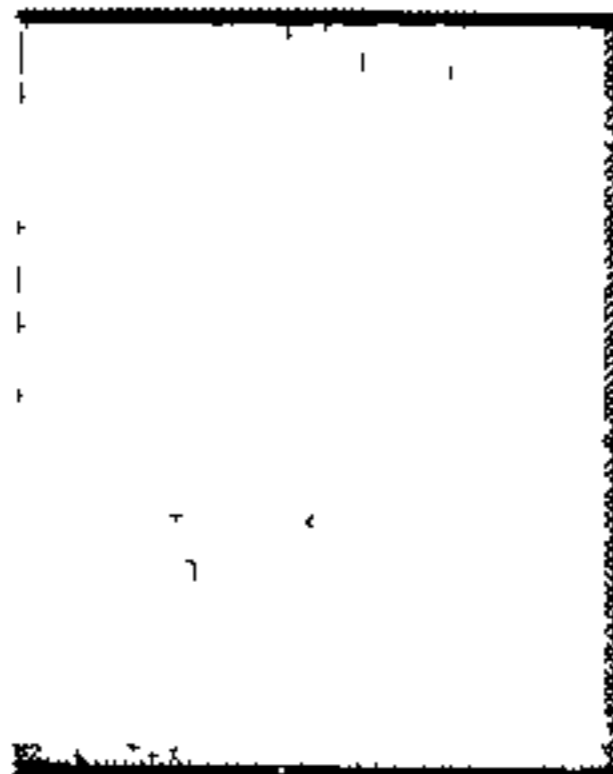
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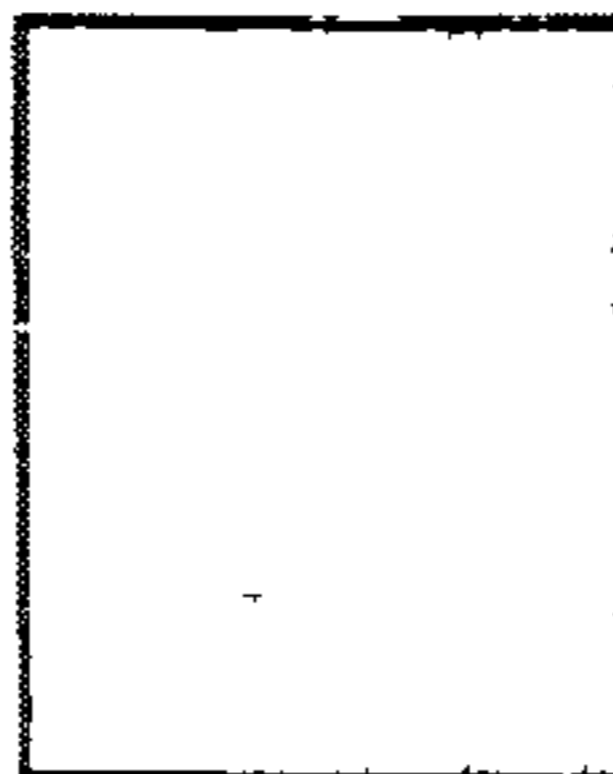
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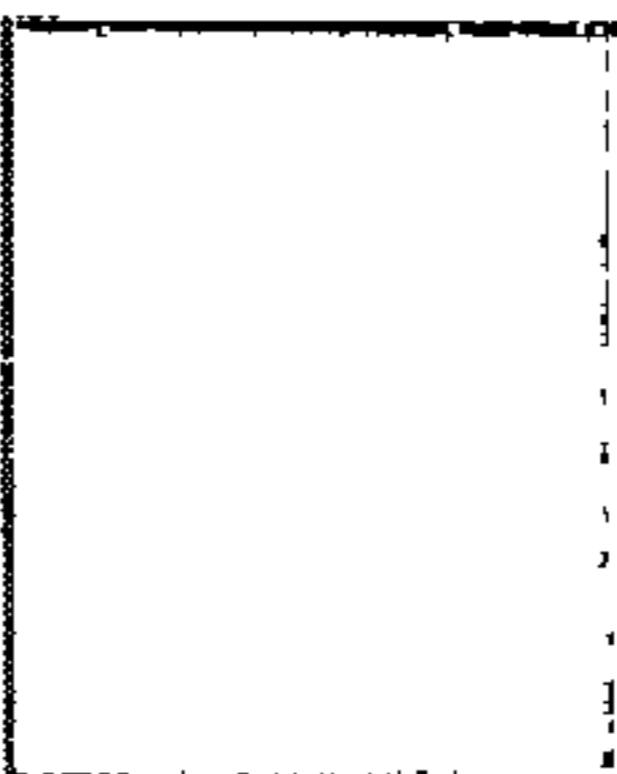
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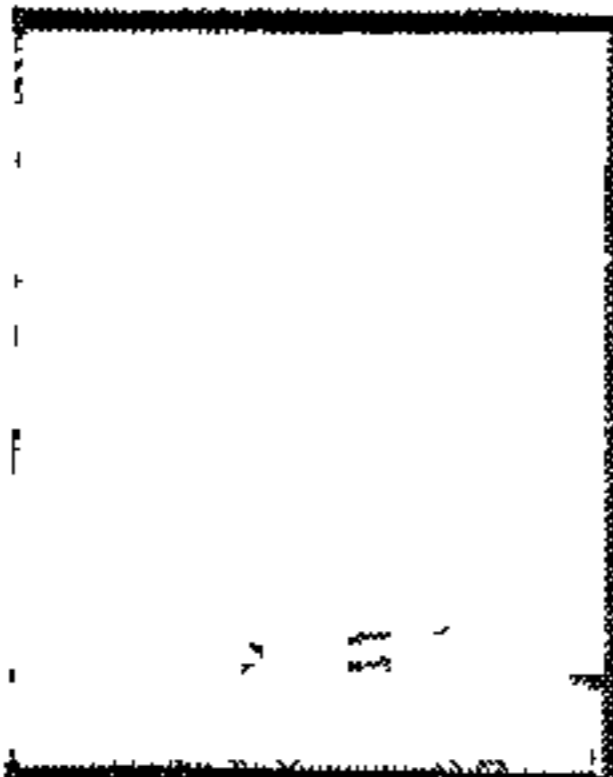
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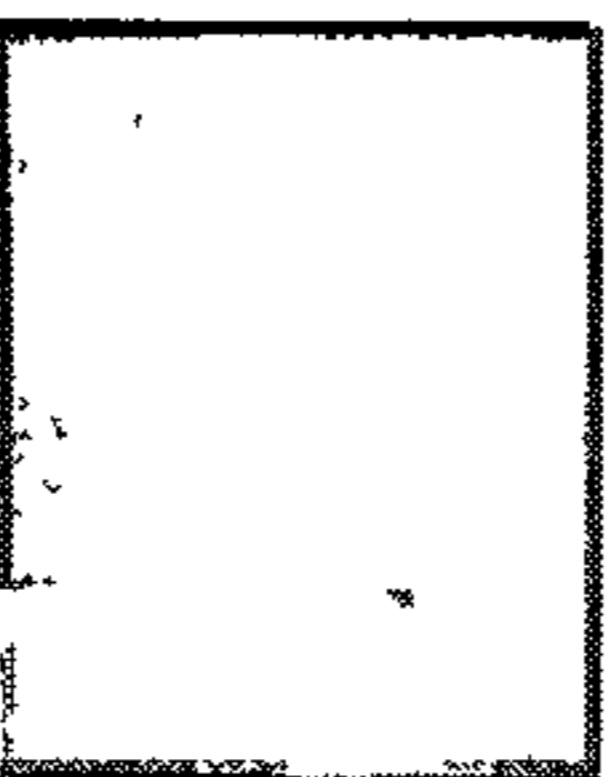
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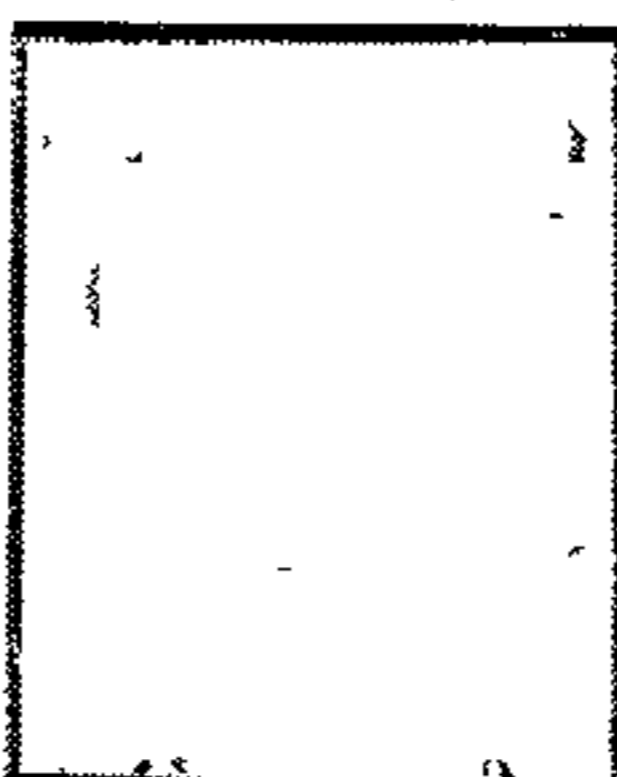
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# FORCED TO GO

## Mayor to resign

### for 'maybe' vote

By PETER DENNEHY

**MAYOR of Cape Town Mr Clive Keegan has been forced to resign tomorrow without being certain that he will be elected as chairman of the Cape Town City Council executive committee.**

He is legally required to resign as mayor before becoming available for election. Yet usually agreement at a prior meeting of the full council will give a new exco chairman virtual certainty of election. This did not happen yesterday because the closed caucus meeting of the full council was abandoned after a dramatic walkout led by Mr Arthur Wienburg. This means there is a slight

chance that Mr Keegan will lose the mayoralty without gaining the exco chairmanship. On the day that the strength of the DP caucus in the City Council fell below half with Mr Gordon Oliver's resignation, exco chairmanship contender Mr Wienburg led the eight-man walk-out. Those who followed him, after angry words were exchanged,

were Mr Clive Justus, Mr Abe Katz, Mr Nic Basson, Mr Clive Biski, Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Kenneth Penkin and Mr Peter Muller. Mr Oliver, who resigned yesterday over the free vote issue, stayed in the chamber, as did Mr Chris Joubert.

At the meeting, a new executive committee was supposed to have been decided on, but this was abandoned without any decisions being taken. Voting at the full council meeting for a new exco used to be a formality, but tomorrow this voting will take place without any prior agreement. Mr Wienburg said not all his supporters had followed him out.

He said he had told the meeting that the elections were very significant in the eyes of ratepayers and should be held in open council tomorrow. Mr Keegan said yesterday that he would, as intended, resign before the election. He agreed that usually there was a degree of certainty after the full council met in caucus "but this time there is no certainty". After the meeting, Mr Joubert said he would ask DP national leader Dr Zach de Beer to disband the council DP caucus, before tomorrow if possible. "A wedge is being driven between friends," Mr Joubert said. He said the goings-on in the council were "like a Dallas movie". People had started "tying at each other" in anger, he said. Caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said certain councillors had "violated council's standard procedures" for reasons best known to themselves. ● DP leaders lash out at rebels — Page 2

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# R1m spent 'on unbuilt dwellings'

Staff Reporter

THE Ikapa town council is paying over R1 million for services to more than 2 000 houses that do not exist.

This was revealed yesterday in a Commission of Inquiry into alleged financial irregularities of the council.

According to evidence by Mr Eric Fry, an accountant appointed by the Cape Provincial Administration to oversee financial transactions and administrative functions of the council between March and June this year, the tender system also appeared suspect.

Large contracts had allegedly been awarded without tenders being forwarded.

SA Bio-Tech, a waste removal and disposal company contracted by the council, was receiving payment for services to 8 263 houses, when it serviced only 6 020 every month, said Mr Fry.

By the time the contract — which began in September last year — expires in November, the council will have paid about R1m for services to non-existent houses.

Mr Fry said the correct number of houses had been determined by the city engineer, but Ikapa's treasurer at the time had "made a mistake" and added the number of existing houses, to the number planned for a new development.

In effect, the council was paying some R74 000 a month excess to SA Bio-Tech.

When Mr Fry noticed the discrepancy and informed the city treasurer it had been decided to deduct the excess from the next payment.

After a letter from SA Bio-Tech's attorneys said this could not be done, and after consultation with the CPA's legal advisers, it had been decided to continue the payments.

The original SA Bio-Tech tender, for Brown's Farm at a cost of R100 000 a month, had been extended to include KTC and squatter areas.

Mr Fry said that in the original tender the company was not suitable to service these additional areas, and it was strange that other contractors had not been invited to tender for the additional service.

Mr Fry said the senior accountant of the general stores division, Mr D Nieuwoudt, had told him they accepted prices and delivery of stores on an ongoing basis from a list of firms who could supply them cheaply, but did not check for better prices.

The three-man commission consists of retired magistrates Mr J T P Swart, Mr P J Roux and the former town clerk of Paarl Mr W J Wagenaar. Mr G M M Lategan, an advocate, has been appointed to lead evidence and arguments in the inquiry.

The inquiry continues today.

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HANDING OVER . . . Mr Clive Keegan congratulates the new mayor, Mrs Patricia Kreiner, after he became exco chairman. Mr Keegan resigned from his position as mayor earlier this week. Picture: Anne Laing

# Council battle over

By PETER DENNEHY

THE City Council leadership battle ended dramatically yesterday when Mr Clive Keegan defeated Mr Arthur Wienburg by 16-13 in the ballot for the chairmanship of its executive committee (exco).

Mr Keegan had resigned as mayor after only 58 days in office to put in a bid for the chairmanship.

The new mayor is Mrs Patricia Kreiner, who was elected unanimously in a council divided into 15 DP caucus members and 15 non-caucus members.

One of her first pronouncements was that she did not want an installation. "The last one was too recent," she said.

Three of the four exco posts went to incumbents Mr John Muir, Mr Neil Ross and Mr Ian Iversen.

The remaining exco post went to Mr Chris Joubert after he defeated caucus choice Mrs Ruth Ortlepp 15-13. He will consider whether to rejoin the caucus after resigning from it this week.

He had been a caucus choice for exco until his resignation from the caucus this week. He will now consider whether or not to rejoin the caucus.

Caucus choice Mr Llewellyn van Wyk defeated Mr Wienburg's nominee, Mr Clive Justus, for the deputy mayoralty. Mr Wienburg's defeated group within

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council rejected the olive branch offered them by their colleagues when Mr Peter Muller was elected to the executive committee by 17 votes — but immediately resigned

Upon his election a nonplussed Mr Muller consulted with Mr Wienburg, and then announced his resignation. Councillors from both sides called on him not to resign, or at least to consider the matter for a longer period, but he remained resolute.

"Unfortunately, I am part of the non-club," Mr Muller said. "I will not have the strength to do what is expected of me. I will be the tail of a dog that does not want its tail."

He had to be true to his convictions, and resign for the reasons that Mr Wienburg had mentioned.

Mr Wienburg had said before the exco election took place that he would immediately resign if people from the previous exco were also on the reconstituted committee.

Mrs Kreiner said in her acceptance speech that she hoped to have the strength, courage and wisdom to follow her convictions.

DP spokesman Mr Jasper Walsh said last night that "by and large" he was satisfied with the outcome of yesterday's elections but was "disappointed" that the DP caucus did not vote according to party discipline.

● Putting First Time Patricia to the test — Page 6

# Allowance plan 'close to theft'

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CONTINUING to pay councillors their monthly allowances for up to 12 months after they leave the council would be very close to theft of ratepayers' money, Mr Ian Iversen said yesterday

He was reacting to a report from the United Municipal Executive (UME) that where a councillor fails to be nominated to continue in office during the pre-interim phase of the transition, it should be left to local authorities to decide whether or not to continue their allowances for a maximum of 12 months

Mr Richard Friedlander said Mr Iversen was putting a sinister interpretation on the matter. Neither the Cape Province Municipal Association nor the UME was in favour of the suggestion

"At the time, the thinking was that people should be compensated for prematurely losing their positions." The UME had decided to refer it to councils to see if there was support for it, he said

# Valuation crisis may be probed

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE consequences for the Cape Town City Council of setting aside the 1990 valuation roll are catastrophic

A commission of inquiry into the valuation roll issue may be appointed by Administrator Kobus Meiring

This emerged from a report by the executive committee on the implications of the roll having been set aside and remarks by exco deputy chairman John Muir in a separate debate

## □ Cash flow 'creaking along'

Mr Muir said the council was faced with "all but shutting the city down"

Cash flow was merely "creaking along", the council had no budget and it was losing interest income

All this was the result of ratepayers getting bills which had reflected the market values of their properties  
Now capital spending had to be

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delayed and projects were being held off, Mr Muir said

The commission of inquiry, if appointed, would be briefed to

- Document the way the roll was compiled — this would include a chronological record of steps and decisions by the city council, exco and the provincial administration
- Identify flaws in the valuation process to prevent a repetition
- Find if anyone was responsible

for the roll being invalid and whether there were grounds for claiming compensation or for disciplinary action

The provincial executive committee will decide on November 1 whether to appoint the commission

The council exco reports said the effect of the court order was that the council had no valid budget and rate

If a new budget is passed next week it will be retrospective and will legalise spending since the financial year started in July

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# Claim: Job secured by kickback

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Staff Reporter

A WITNESS giving evidence at the commission of inquiry into alleged financial irregularities of the Ikapa Town Council, claimed yesterday that in return for flights, hotel accommodation, car hire and cash, a security company was guaranteed to keep the council security contract

In evidence Mrs Angela Pereira, a former employee of Springbok Patrols, said that on behalf of the company she had paid for flights to East London and the hire of a car for Ikapa town councillor Mr Dennis Lobi and his son

Mrs Pereira alleged that she had paid for hotel bookings for Mr Lobi on at least three occasions

"I remember giving him (Mr Lobi) cash when he went to Durban. He said he was going away and needed money. I delivered the money — a couple of hundred (Rand)"

## Cash payments

Mrs Pereira said she had heard that Ikapa Town Council treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale received regular cash payments of about R2 000 from Mr William Barlow, the manager of the Cape Town branch of Springbok Patrols

In return for looking after their clients, Springbok Patrols made sure that it kept its contract, said Mrs Pereira

The enquiry was adjourned to Wednesday at 10am

● Mr Grisdale has been suspended from the council while "a matter relating to malpractices is investigated", acting town clerk Mr Deon Adriaanse said yesterday

In a statement Mr Adriaanse said the Western Cape United Squatters Association (Wecusa) and waste removal and disposal company S A Bio-Tech have withdrawn their claims against Ikapa and agreed to pay Ikapa's legal costs

Wecusa had sought a court order to compel the Administrator of the Cape to investigate Ikapa's affairs. S A Bio-Tech had also brought several applications against Ikapa



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## Poll on break with council

Municipal Reporter

SOUTHERN Suburbs ratepayers are still considering breaking away from the Cape Town City Council — and will be polling residents on the weekend. (263)

Volunteers will distribute 10 000 referendum forms to postboxes in the Rondebosch, Newlands, Claremont and Wynberg area by the end of this weekend. CT 30/10/93

Mr David Erleigh, chairman of the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers Association, said yesterday that the City Hall meeting last month had voted "overwhelmingly" to break up Cape Town into primary local authorities, which would be represented on a metropolitan body

## Call to keep E Cape apart

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UITENHAGE — Local Government Minister Dr Tertius Delport has called on all groups in the Eastern Cape to flood the World Trade Centre with telegrams demanding that the region be separate and not tied to the Border-Kei.

His call at an NP information meeting here on Saturday followed a statement by the Eastern Cape Regional Economic Development Forum (REDF) that it wanted a separate region. (263)

Stating that the Eastern Cape was "our world", he said people in the Eastern Cape would be able to build a region in which there "will be a future for our children", law and order and prosperity. (264)

## Meeting on 'secession' (263)

Municipal Reporter

RESIDENTS of "greater Claremont" may have their "referendum" deadline extended to enable them to attend an "information meeting" next week; Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association chairman Mr. David Erleigh said yesterday.

Mrs. Eulalie Stott has arranged a meeting for next week with council staff to explain the implications of seceding from the city.

Mr. Erleigh said his organisation would probably extend the return date for forms

# Qaucus Shock

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## □ Sol Kreiner resigns from DP in protest over rates

CLIVE SAWYER and TOS WENZEL Staff Reporters

THE Democratic Party caucus in the Cape Town City Council eroded further today when former mayor Sol Kreiner resigned from the DP in protest against the regional leadership "interfering" in the rates crisis.

The DP caucus now has 14 councillors in a 31-member council.

"The way the regional leadership of the party handled the rates issue showed clearly an absence of discipline in the party in the Western Cape and a lack of insight into the workings of local government, to the detriment of the party and citizens as a whole," Mr Kreiner said.

"This absence of discipline gave rise to a lack of loyalty in the party,

and without discipline and loyalty no party caucus can function effectively," said Mr Kreiner.

A councillor and party member for 17 years, Mr Kreiner is the brother of former executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner and brother-in-law of mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner.

Mr Kreiner said he was the first Progressive Federal Party member to become mayor in 1983.

"My association with leadership figures such as Zac de Beer, Cohn Eglin, John Sonnenberg and the late Tian van der Merwe convinced me of their unquestionable integrity, vision and dedication to the sound principles and policies for which the DP stands.

"These principles and policies I

still support wholeheartedly today

"Interfering in the regional leadership in the affairs of the city was unwarranted and should have been left in the hands of the DP caucus in the council, which was established at the request of the party itself.

"The caucus would have been quite capable of resolving this very important issue," said Mr Kreiner.

His resignation from the party meant he would also leave the caucus, he said.

Louis Kreiner said he and his brother made decisions independently.

"I am in the process of weighing up my options," he said.

DP Western Cape regional chairman Jasper Walsh expressed "deep regret" at Mr Kreiner's resignation. He said Mr Kreiner had been a long

serving and dedicated member of the party.

It was, however, incomprehensible that he had chosen not to discuss his grievances with the regional leadership.

"Action taken to reverse the recent property valuation was in the best interest of all ratepayers and produced a satisfactory result.

"This was done in consultation with the caucus leadership. At no stage was there unwarranted interference by the regional leadership in caucus affairs."

Referring to the fact that the DP now only had 14 councillors in a 31-member council Mr Walsh said "It is preferable to have a leaner and loyal caucus than to try to accommodate members who are not committed to the party."

# Council meeting to debate new budget adjourned

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

A SPECIAL council meeting to debate a new budget was adjourned after a few minutes today when councillors protested over not being given details in advance.

A rate increase of 10.5 per cent and a R5 million rate relief fund were among the proposals to have been discussed.

At the start of the meeting called to vote on a budget to replace the one overturned by the Supreme Court, mayor Patricia Sulcas Kreiner announced a 20-minute adjournment because documentation was not ready.

Once the budget speech was ready, councillors would be given 15 minutes to read it, she said.

Arthur Wienburg said it would be a farce if councillors were expected to debate one of the most important budgets in the Cape Town's history after having only 15 minutes to read it.

He said the meeting should be postponed to Monday, but at the suggestion of DP caucus chairman Norman Osburn, changed this to a date to be set by the town clerk.

Leon Markovitz said it was sad that the suggestion had not been made earlier.

Mr Peter Muller "This is not a kindergarten, it's a city. Councillors voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Mr Keegan, who took his seat as exco chairman for the first time today and would have delivered the budget speech, did not speak during the brief meeting.

Afterwards Mr Keegan said the council was perfectly within its rights to postpone the debate.

"The new executive committee has had less than a week to finalise details of the revised budget.

"On taking chairmanship of the committee I insisted we compile a budget which met the criteria of political equity, fiscal responsibility, financial prudence and legal competence.

"In order to comply with these standards, negotiations with the Administrator and senior counsel continued until late last night and it was impossible to finalise documentation until immediately before the meeting."

# Money 'put in Ikapa official's own account'

By DAN SIMON (263)

LARGE amounts of money from an unknown source were allegedly deposited into the personal bank account of a senior Ikapa Town Council official who has been suspended without pay

And an Ikapa Town Council stores clerk — who was twice suspended because of alleged financial irregularities — was given a job in the council's accounting department, back pay of R27 000 and a salary increase of R1 500

This was just some of the alleged large-scale corruption which has taken place in the council over the past six years

Testifying before a commission of inquiry yesterday, senior Ikapa Town Council accountant

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Mr Basil Berowsky said that Ikapa Town Council town treasurer Mr I Grisdale had approached him and asked him to deposit R2 000 into his personal bank account

He said there were "other occasions" when Mr Grisdale asked a Mrs Fourie to deposit similar cash amounts into his personal account

"Mrs Fourie and I found this strange and discussed the matter and found that on each occasion we were requested to make these deposits was when Mr Grisdale returned from Volkskas Bank in Goodwood"

Mr Berowsky said the Goodwood branch of Volkskas Bank was where the council did its

banking. The council also had its R4 million investment account there

Mr Berowsky also said Mr Grisdale had caused a "lot of resentment" when he placed twice-suspended stores clerk Mr Sarel Marais into the council's accounting department

He said as a result of the upgrading of the Ikapa Town Council in 1989, Mr Marais received back pay and a salary increase. Many other council employees had not benefitted from the upgrading

Mr Berowsky also alleged that Mr Grisdale flew his wife to Durban at the council's expense and that he had operated a system of contracts for pals

The inquiry continues today

# Louis Kreiner resigns, lifts lid on rivalries within council

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the council — but, significantly, omitted to call on other members of exco to resign, some of whom now again serve on the committee with him.

“This was clearly not the wish of those who attended the public meeting.”

Mr Kreiner said he had been elected chairman of exco by an overwhelming majority of councillors.

He had resigned in exchange for a promise by the caucus that he would get their backing for re-election.

“When it came to the vote in the caucus the very same people who assured me I would be returned, voted against me (so) I have great difficulty in accepting the word of my colleagues in the caucus.”

Mr Keegan today declined to comment on Mr Kreiner's statement.

“We are busy getting the city back on the rails I am not prepared to get involved in something like this,” said Mr Keegan.

Dr Sonnenberg said the resignations of the Kreiner brothers were noted with regret.

“We shall meet the regional leadership and review our position,” he said.

DP Western Cape chairman Jasper Walsh said Mr Kreiner's resignation was deeply regretted.

“It comes against a background of complex issues being set the council.”

“He has raised several issues, which to say the least are controversial, and we shall issue a considered response later.”

## Now 4 ex-mayors have quit

Municipal Reporter

Kreiner left the party yesterday

LOUIS Kreiner is the fourth former mayor to leave the Democratic Party caucus — and the second to quit the party.

Former mayors still in the caucus are Dick Friedlander, Frank van der Velde, and Clive Keegan.

The first to leave the caucus was Leon Markovitz, followed by Gordon Oliver Sol

Peter Muller is not a member of a political party



# Referendum call for W Coast

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

THE ANC and representatives of several West Coast and Namaqualand towns yesterday demanded a referendum on whether these areas should be incorporated in the Northern Cape region or retain their links with the Western Cape

The demand, issued by the umbrella organisation called Weskus Netwerk (WN), came as negotiators at the World Trade Centre began to put the finishing touches on the boundaries for a new regional dispensation

WN noted that the people of the region had expressed their overwhelming opposition to

being incorporated into a new region with Kimberley as capital

The ANC in the Western Cape and WN yesterday began distributing pamphlets throughout the region encouraging opponents of incorporation to hold mass meetings to express their opposition

Citizens were also urged to

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petition leaders at the World Trade Centre and to send memoranda to newspapers in Cape Town to demonstrate that "our people will always be part of the Western Cape"

Towns which have expressed opposition to being incorporated in the Northern Cape region include Citrusdal, and Clanwilliam (263)

# Ikapa frauds were 'order of the day'

Probe told of fake tenders

DAVID YUTAR, Staff Reporter *AR 5/11/93*

FALSE tenders and inflated quotations were the order of the day in the books of the Ikapa Town Council, an official inquiry has heard.

Ronald Meyer, of auditors Coopers and Lybrand, was testifying before the judicial commission appointed to examine alleged irregularities and maladministration within the town council.

Mr Meyer said his firm was doing an interim audit of the council's affairs when irregularities prompted them to launch an official inquiry.

He said that when he went through the council's books he discovered several falsified tenders had been listed for work commissioned, and in some cases a variety of tenders turned out to come from the same company or from sub-contractors contracted to a particular listed tenderer.

Mr Meyer said the signatures on the tenders of Eric Otten Painters & Renovators, HD Projects, Prestige Builders, CK Painting Contractors, Datron Builders and others had been forged and that tenders by these companies had been falsified.

In some cases, on inquiry, the firm concerned would confirm that their quotation was false and other companies turned out not to exist at all.

He discovered that Prestige Builders — one of the firms from whom ostensible tenders for work was obtained — had in fact been liquidated four years previously.

A false address and telephone number had been given for CK Painting Contractors.

A quotation of R9 985 had been given for painting to be done to the building housing the office of the town clerk, yet inquiries revealed that the job could not have cost more than R3 000.

To circumvent a rule that formal tenders had to be obtained for work costing more than R10 000, tenders were split into several artificially created components.

When he asked for an explanation for this, Mr Meyer was told that "work pressure" had prompted the council to approach one contractor whom they would then instruct to add other tenders to a list.

Naturally the tenderer would ensure that the other tenders were higher than his own.

Mr Meyer also found that the same group of contractors was always listed together with a company known as Hellenic Contractors.

"When I mentioned to the town engineer, Johan Nieuwoudt, that other so-called tenders were actually sub-contractors of Hellenic, he became red in the face and said that because of work pressure they had asked tenderers such as Hellenic to add others to the list."

He said all tenders were "just short of R10 000" so as to avoid having to comply with a regulation requiring them to ask for formal tenders by advertisement in the press.

Two tenders for R80 000 and R70 000 respectively were invited informally and the reason given was that the work — in one case the repair of a sewerage system — had to be done as "a matter of urgency".

In the case of another tender from MA Construction, Mr Meyer said inquiries revealed the firm belonged to an A Karriem, a former employee of the Ikapa Town Council who once worked with engineer Johan Nieuwoudt.

The tender had been obtained while Mr Karriem still worked for the council.

The inquiry continues today. Sitting on the three-man commission are J Swart (chairman), P le Roux and W Wagenaar. G Lategan has been appointed to lead evidence before the commission.

# SAAME members get 7.5% pay rise

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ALL 4 000 employees of the Cape Town City Council who are members of the SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), will get a 7.5% salary increase backdated to July this year, the council resolved yesterday.

And from next month, the council-administered Group Life Assurance Scheme, in which SAAME members participate will be extended to cover the 11 000 members of the other major SAAMU as well.

In terms of the scheme, the council will finance a basic death cover equivalent to one year's basic pay.

Mr Arthur Wienburg, complained that it was grossly irresponsible of the executive committee to agree to extend the life cover when it did not know where the money would come from.

# Kreiner 'has no plans to join another party'

Municipal Reporter

FORMER mayor of Cape Town Mr Sol Kreiner — who resigned from the Democratic Party and its caucus in the Cape Town City Council in protest against the caucus handling of the rates issue — said yesterday he would not join any other political party.

His resignation brings the number of caucus members down to 14. There are 17 non-caucus members.

Mr Kreiner said he was resigning because of the role played by the regional leadership of the DP in the Western Cape, "and in particular that of the regional leader Mr Henle. Bester in the rates crisis in the city".

Mr Bester, who is in America, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

He was the man behind the overturning of Cape Town's up-dated rates system. He is also thought to have insisted that Mr Sol Kreiner's brother Mr Louis Kreiner, until recently the head of the executive committee, should step down.

Mr Kreiner said he was a great believer in loyalty and discipline. He still believed in the party's ideals, and would vote accordingly.

ANTHONY JOHNSON reports that the DP yesterday responded to Mr Kreiner's action by saying it preferred to have a "lean but loyal" caucus in the council than try to accommodate members no longer committed to the party.

# Typing exam long thumbs-up for maths

THE typing exam written yesterday by Cape Education Department schools was too long, candidates complained.

Mrs Burger from Sea Point High said the paper was "rather long but well set out". A Hertzlia pupil called the standard grade paper "shockingly long".

Matrics at House of Representatives schools



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# 'Few jobs for school leavers'

JOHANNESBURG — Only one out of every 100 South African school-leavers this year will be able to find jobs, according to a survey conducted by leading human resource consultants.

FSA-Contact manager director Mr Olof van Schalkwyk said on Wednesday data from his company's Starting Salary survey showed companies are taking on a minimum number of school leavers and newly qualified people.

"The recession is having a doubly negative effect on new job seekers," he said, as they have to compete with a large number of retrenched people.

The Department of Manpower also warned last week about the bleak prospects facing school leavers in finding jobs — Sapa, Political Staff



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# Future of council canvass in balance

□ Crisis meeting after Louis Kreiner quits DP in continuing feud

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

THE future of the Democratic Party caucus in the Cape Town City Council is in the balance.

As the caucus split further today with the resignation of former executive committee chairman Louis Kreiner, caucus leader John Sonnenberg said a meeting would be sought with the regional leadership to discuss the future of the beleaguered body.

The meeting will be held when regional leader Henne Bester returns from overseas at the end of next week.

Mr Kreiner blamed the party for making him a scapegoat in the rates debacle.

The husband of mayor Patricia Kreiner, he is the second city councillor to walk out of the party this week, reducing the DP caucus in the council to 13 out of 31 members.

He also lashed out at his successor Clive Keegan, saying he had criticised him for lack of leadership.

"I will now watch with keen interest his performance in financial and labour relations matters with which exco is intimately concerned," said Mr Kreiner.

Yesterday his brother, former mayor Sol Kreiner, resigned from the DP in protest against the regional leadership "interfering" in the rates crisis.

Louis Kreiner said he had kept silent about Mr Keegan's handling of the turbulent City Hall meeting on September 22 because Mr Keegan had been mayor.

"It has been a long-standing tradition for councillors not to reflect adversely on the incumbent of the office of mayor.

"My desire to uphold that tradition kept me from reacting at the time to the public call on me by Mr Keegan to resign as exco chairman," said Mr Kreiner.

He said most people at the meeting had indicated clearly they wanted the mayor, as well as exco, to resign.

"As chairman of that meeting, Mr Keegan hastened to divert this appeal to the chairman and members of exco only.

"This action on his part did not go unnoticed.

"A number of people present remarked to me on what they saw to be a transparent attempt to move the focus away from himself and any responsibility he had to accept for the rates issue as a result of decisions taken by the council."

Mr Keegan had not had the courtesy to discuss his public call for Mr Kreiner's resignation with him in advance.

"I take the strongest exception to his action in going to the Press, which was clearly not worthy of the mayor of this city.

"For reasons best known to himself he used the protected environment of the mayoralty to get at the political arm of

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# Auditor tells of council falsity

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Staff Reporter

A COMPANY that was awarded a contract by the Ikapa town council was asked to arrange for tenders from two other companies to satisfy the tender requirement

This was part of evidence of gross irregularities in the awarding of tenders heard yesterday by a commission investigating the financial affairs of the council

Mr Ronald Meyer, an independent auditor, also told the commission that many quotations had been falsified, signatures forged and fake addresses used in tenders

## Liquidated

Mr Meyer said in one instance he had confirmed telephonically with H O Projects, whose tender documents had been recieved, that they had not submitted tenders, and the quotations provided had been falsified

In another instance, Prestige Builders submitted tender documents, but upon investigation by Mr Meyer were discovered to have been liquidated four years before

The town's senior accountant in the purchasing and stores division, Mr David Nieuwoudt, claimed earlier that the council "wouldn't know" if "sub-standard service or products" were being supplied

The inquiry continues today

# CITY OF DURBAN

## □ A clear and compelling direction, guiding force needed

**D**OES Metropolitan Cape Town really have the potential to become one of the world's great cities?

Cape Town's deputy city planner Peter de Tolly has no doubts on that score — but first there must be a shared vision of how to achieve that status, he says.

In a keynote address at the recent *A Vision for Cape Town* conference, organised by the Cape Town Heritage Trust, Mr De Tolly said the metropolitan area was internationally renowned for the drama of its physical setting, natural and visual splendour, biological wealth, culture and humanity. It was inherently one of the world's most liveable cities.

But, he added, it was also a city facing major problems — problems created by rapid growth and change, and as a result of the legacy of its colonial and apartheid pasts.

"There is endemic poverty and high unemployment, a massive shortage of affordable housing resulting in homelessness and overcrowding, declining health standards, an education backlog, crime, unequal access to opportunities and resources, and erosion and destruction of its natural and built heritages."

These were problems common to cities throughout the developing world, Mr De Tolly noted.

Urbanisation in developing countries was characterised by unprecedented rates of growth and change, and by a scarcity of resources.

"If this growth and change is not man-

■ Cape Town is one of the world's most liveable cities but is facing major problems of growth and change as a result of its colonial and apartheid past, reports JOHN YELD

### Vision for Cape Town 'timeous'

**T**HERE is a clear need to re-define conservation away from its traditional "stand-alone" meaning, says Cape Town Heritage Trust chairman Llewellyn van Wyk

In his epilogue to the trust's recent *A Vision of Cape Town* conference, architect and city councillor Mr Van Wyk said conservation was part of broader planning.

"And it is one of those crucial activities which informs planning at all levels

"There is therefore not a choice between conservation and development, the two continually inform each other."

Most speakers at the conference had emphasised the words "timeous" and "opportunity", Mr Van Wyk noted.

"There can be no doubt this is the right

aged, then urban chaos, the depletion of non-renewable resources and despoliation of the natural and cultural environments is inevitable."

Arguing for a common vision to shape the city's future, he said "Cape Town, together with the rest of South African cities, is experiencing turbulence and uncertainty. It desperately needs stability, a bedrock on which this inevitable evolutionary, opportunistic and unsettling change can take place.

A vision is needed to create this bedrock

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time to consider a vision of Cape Town, nor can it be denied that the current state of transition offers opportunities never offered before."

The vision could be defined in terms of emphasising urban infill — or urban regeneration — by setting the boundaries of the metropolitan area and limiting urban sprawl.

This implied an increasing residential density, along strategic corridors and nodes, in vacant land between urban cells, and on large, strategically-placed parcels of land.

"However, a warning was also issued not to allow infill to occur haphazardly or randomly," Mr Van Wyk said.

"Indeed, this need not occur everywhere, but only in strategic locations."

by providing authorities, officials and the people of Cape Town with a clear and compelling direction, a guiding force, which brings together and motivates all the people of the city to work towards a common goal."

The ability to believe in, and create, the future was what separated a growing civilisation from a dying one, he said.

"Simply put, we need to know where we would like to go before we can plan the best way to get there."

In particular, development would require the creation of more opportunities for jobs and houses, ensuring that these were efficient and affordable.

Proposed policies for conservation included:

■ Incorporating the concept of "sustainability" in the evaluation of development proposals,

■ Protecting the quality and integrity of major riverine, wetland, veld and dune systems,

■ Protecting and maintaining mountain chains, indigenous fauna and flora, significant views and scenic routes,

■ Protecting areas with high mineral resources, and

■ Emphasising the importance of areas of high agricultural potential and scenically and historically significant rural landscapes.

Proposed principles for urban reconstruction and development included:

■ Managing urban development to minimise the consumption of land,

■ Promoting the efficient use of infrastructure,

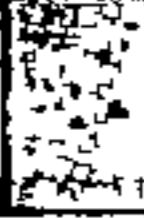



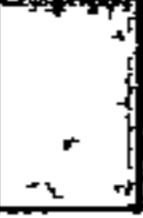



■ Promoting the use of public transport and developing an integrated, efficient and equitable transport system,

■ Promoting opportunities for residential development in areas close to existing economic, social and transport opportunities,

■ Identifying, maintaining and developing the essential qualities of sites or areas of particular importance to the long-term viability of the region's key economic sectors, and


■ Managing public land as a finite resource to address widely agreed development priorities.

## SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR METROPOLITAN CAPE TOWN


-  **Don't Build** <sup>1</sup>
-  **Build Subject to Conditions**
-  **Edge to Development** <sup>1</sup>
-  **Area of Strategic Intensification** <sup>2</sup>
-  **Area of Priority Public / Private Investment**
-  **Hierarchy of Nodes, Interchanges and Corridors**
-  **Public Transport**
  - Road (existing)
  - Rail (proposed)
-  **False Bay Nodal Development**

<sup>1</sup> For  $\pm$  10 years subject to periodic assessment.


<sup>2</sup> 'Strategic Intensification' refers to a focused increase in residential, commercial and other activities in areas of existing opportunity.



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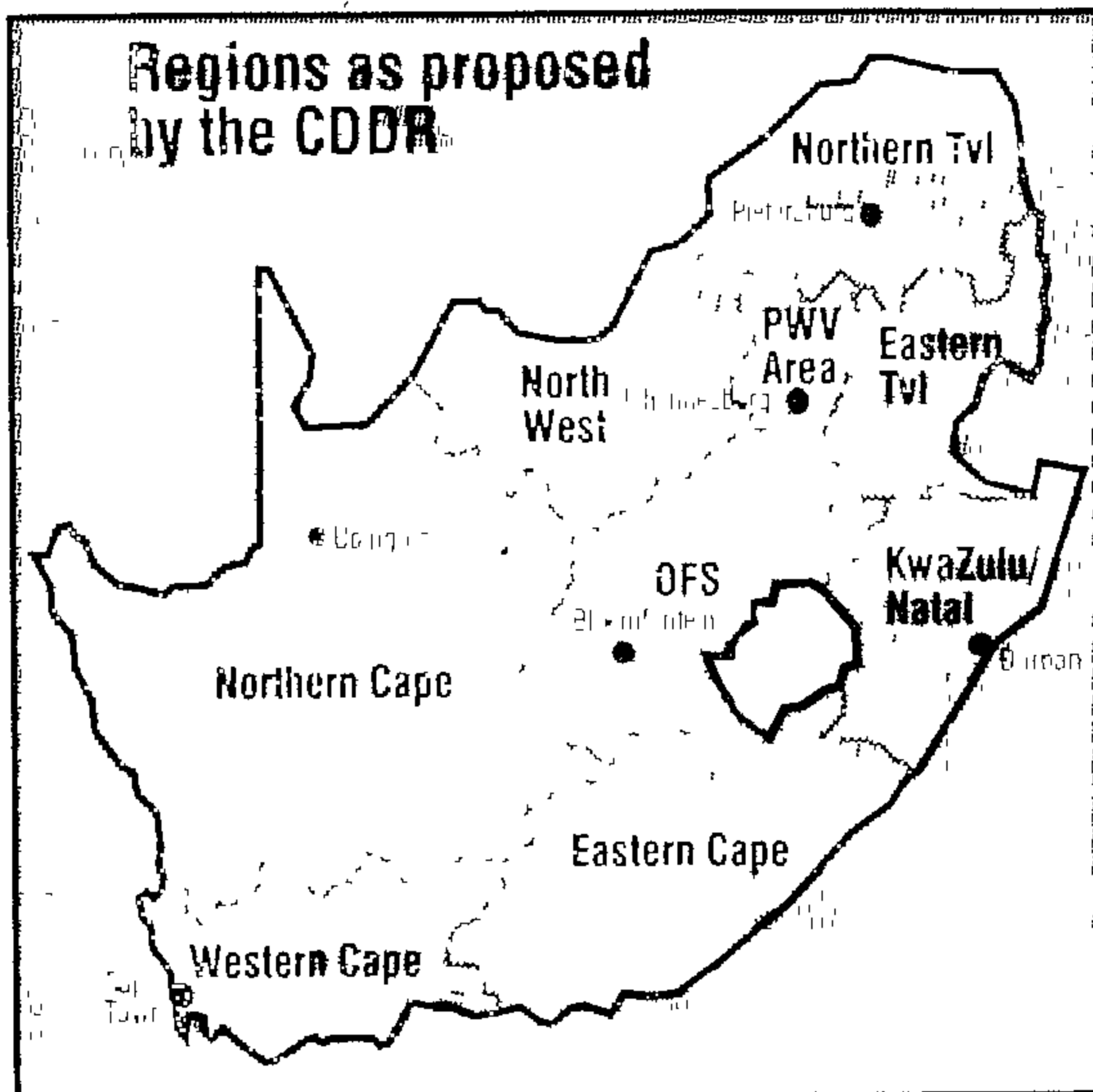




# Call for referendum to decide Cape's boundaries

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□ **CAPE CARVERY:** This is the controversial plan for a new smaller Western Cape, as proposed by the negotiating council's demarcation and delimitation commission

■ **Crunch decisions on the thorny issue of regional boundaries for the new South Africa were due to be taken in the negotiating council at Kempton Park this week. One of the hottest issues is the plan for carving up the Cape Province into three main regions, reports Weekend Argus political correspondent FRANS ESTERHUYSE**

AS negotiations on regional boundaries approached finality this week, a chorus of voices from Western Cape organisations again called for the rejection of the demarcation commission's earlier plan for this region

At the same time the organisations and community leaders pushed hard for acceptance of the Orange River as the northern boundary of the Western Cape, and for the scrapping of proposals to cut off parts of the west coast, Karoo and other key areas

The influential Weskus Network organisation, representing communities over a wide area of the Western Cape, called for a referendum to enable people to decide for themselves in which region they wanted to be

Meanwhile, the Cape Town-based Surplus People Project (SPP) this week sent a strongly-worded submission to the negotiating council calling on negotiators "not to let short-term political gains take precedence when deciding the future of people who are not present at the negotiating table"

"We further call for the scrapping of the Western Cape/Northern Cape boundary as proposed by the commission and support the (Orange River) boundary as proposed by the ad hoc committee on the Western Cape," the SPP said

The SPP's new submission was sent to the negotiating council in response to recommendations from the council's planning committee after a further investigation of regional boundaries

Word received from Kempton Park was that a whole range of committees, sub-committees and other bodies and officials were locked in discussion most of this week to seek solutions to the seemingly impossible puzzle of regional boundaries. It was hoped finality could be reached by the end of the week

The SPP noted in its submission that, according to its information, five of the six parties in the negotiating council's ad hoc committee on the Western Cape/Northern Cape boundary had proposed that the Orange River become the boundary of the Western Cape

"It appears, therefore, that this committee has taken the communities' concerns into account," the SPP said

Weskus Network (WN) and the ANC in the Western Cape, this week, called for mass meetings to express opposition to plans to carve up the Western Cape, Namaqualand and northern Cape regions

In leaflets distributed widely by these organisations, people were also urged to petition leaders at the World Trade Centre and to put their case for remaining part of the Western Cape in memoranda to newspapers

The call that went out included these claims

■ The people of the west coast and Namaqualand are irrevocably part of the Western Cape,

■ Attempts to divide the people of the region should be rejected,

■ A referendum should be held to enable people to decide for themselves in which region they wanted to be,

■ "Our people have always been and will always be part of the Western Cape."

Weskus Network said towns to be affected by the plan to cut off part of the Western Cape for inclusion in a new Northern Cape region included Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, Klaver, Van Rhynsdorp, Vredendal, Lutzville, Koekenaap, Ebenhaezer, Dorningbaai, Lambertsbaai and Graafwater

This would mean these towns would have to fit into a new infrastructure and would have Kimberley as their new capital



# Ikapa kept me in dark — engineer

■ Ikapa Town Council kept a senior city engineer in the dark about tender irregularities.

**DAVID YUTAR**

Weekend Argus Reporter

A SENIOR city engineer in the Ikapa Town Council was kept in the dark about tender irregularities

This was the evidence of Cornelius Vermaak, Ikapa's senior city engineer, who was testifying before the official commission of inquiry appointed to investigate irregularities in the council

Mr Vermaak, who from February 1988 headed an engineering department with 600 employees under his charge, said at the beginning of 1991 it came to his notice that his department had been by-passed when the council invited tenders for certain projects

He said although his department had suggested the names of certain companies for tenders, the finance department had gone ahead without consulting him first.

In two cases, work had been completed on the Guguletu police station and the Nyanga stores without him knowing anything about it.

Inquiry revealed that the council's finance department had independently appointed contractors in both cases

Mr Vermaak said at the same time he became aware of three other similar cases where work had been done without his prior knowledge.

On becoming suspicious he went to the council's Chief Executive officer, Mr J J Olivier, and told him of his misgivings

Mr Olivier consulted with Ikapa administrator Faan Naude and later assured Mr Vermaak it would not happen again

Mr Vermaak said as a result

of these discussions a tender committee was established with the specific task of considering the matter of potential tenders

Mr Vermaak said despite his misgivings he had gone ahead and signed work completion certificates required before contractors could be paid

He said when he told town treasurer Mr I-Grisdale about his concerns the latter was unable to give a satisfactory explanation but also assured him it would not happen again

Mr Vermaak said to this day he did not know why these projects had been undertaken

The commission was adjourned till Wednesday to enable Mr Vermaak to study the auditors' report before giving further evidence.

On the three-man commission are Mr J Swart (chairman), Mr P le Roux and Mr W Wagenaar

G Lategan is leading evidence before the commission

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# Kreiner lashes out at caucus

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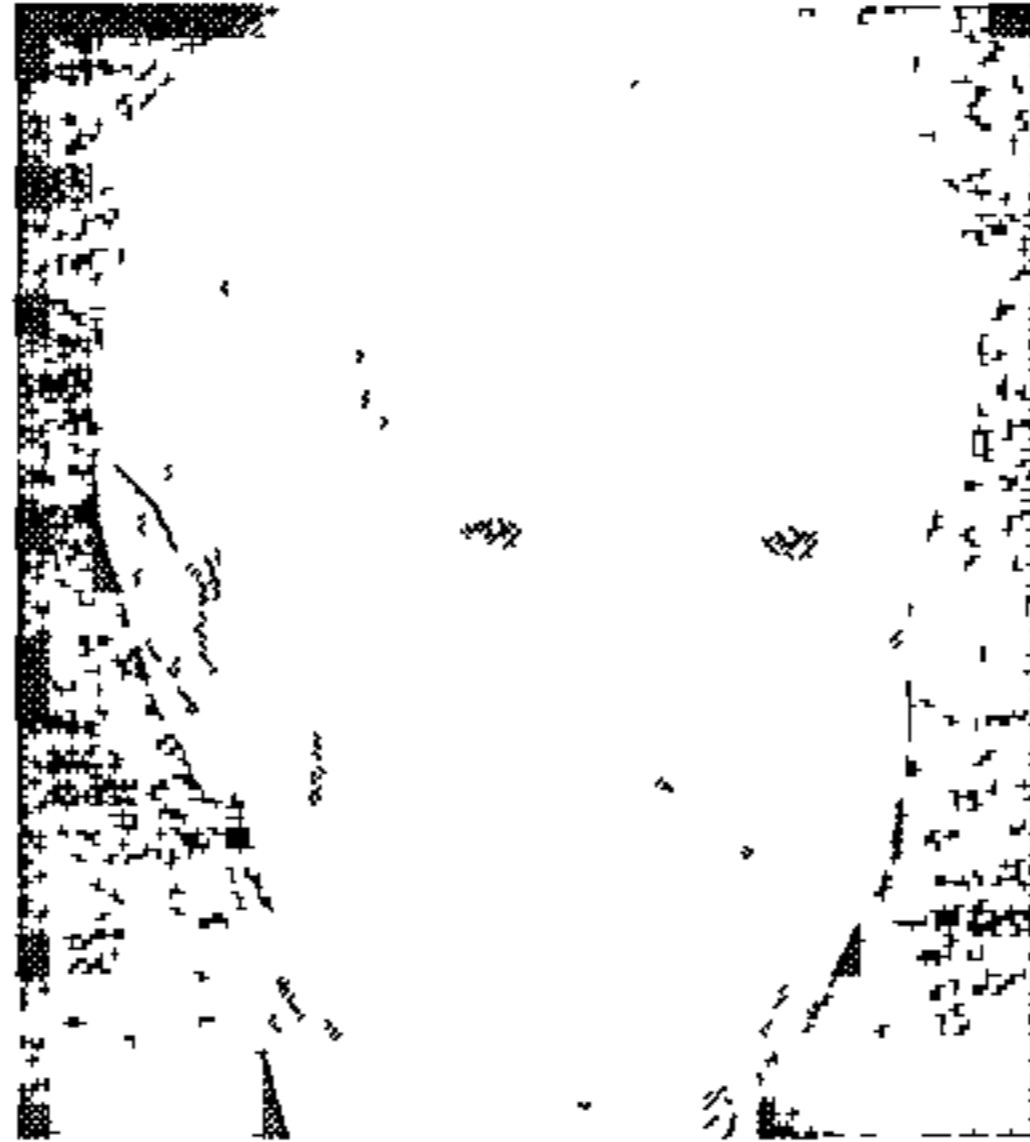
By PETER DENNEHY

HIS DP caucus colleagues had stabbed him in the back by failing to renominate him after his resignation, former executive committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said yesterday.

Mr Kreiner said he had thought his resignation would merely "be a gesture".

At the height of the furore over much higher rates for vast areas of the city after a market-related property revaluation, Mr Kreiner was prevailed upon to resign from the exco chairmanship

"I did it (resigned) as a gesture, because I thought it would be for the benefit of the (Democratic) party," Mr Kreiner said "I had reservations, but I was persuaded to do it."



'STABBED'  
Louis Kreiner

"They all said it was in the best interests of the party Mr Ian Iversen and I agreed to resign, thinking that we were going to get elected again"

Mr Iversen was re-elected, but Mr Kreiner was not. He resigned from the DP caucus and from the DP itself yesterday, saying: "How can I trust people who renege on an obligation?"

The same people who had assured him he would enjoy the support of the caucus for renomination to the exco chair had voted against him, Mr Kreiner said. Now he had great difficulty in accepting their word.

Mr Kreiner's resignation yesterday, the day after his brother Sol's, brought the caucus number down to 13 out of 31.

Caucus leader Dr John Sonnenberg said that disbanding the caucus would be discussed at a meeting late next week.

Mr Richard Friedlander scotched speculation in council circles yesterday that he was also on the verge of resigning from the caucus.

# DP says it stands firm on need for council caucuses

FRANS ESTERHUYSE

Weekend Argus Correspondent

IN the face of high-level resignations that rocked its city council caucus this week, the Democratic Party has come out fighting with the message that it intends to continue its role in Cape Town's local government affairs.

The shock resignation yesterday of former executive committee chairman Mr. Louis Kreiner — the husband of mayor Patricia Kreiner — reduced the DP caucus to 13 out of 31 council members. Mr. Kreiner accused the DP of making him a scapegoat in the rates debacle.

His move came hard on the heels of the previous day's resignation of his brother, former mayor Sol Kreiner, in protest against the regional leadership "interfering" in the rates crisis.

A meeting to discuss the new developments and the future of

the caucus is to be held when DP Western Cape leader Henrie Bester returns from abroad at the end of next week.

In his absence, former DP Western Cape leader and local government spokesman Jasper Walsh, MP for Pinelands, indicated that in spite of setbacks the party was determined to continue its role in local government and in Cape Town's city politics.

And new exco chairman Clive Keegan backed this stand, saying "The formation of party caucuses is inevitable."

Mr. Walsh told Weekend Argus yesterday "Whether one likes it or not, the negotiation process at local level will be conducted on political lines and Democratic councillors need to act in unison in order to make a maximum input."

He said that in the current circumstances people were understandably questioning the DP's decision to form a caucus in the city council.

He said a number of successes had been achieved since the caucus was formed.

Council meetings had been more productive, councillors' increases had been limited to the same level as those of employees, no more pension buy-backs were entertained, the recent valuation had been reversed, and rates relief would be granted to those detrimentally affected.

Since the caucus was formed, eight councillors had resigned. For various reasons they had decided not to accept the collective responsibility to which they had originally committed themselves.

"No doubt many years of acting as individuals made it difficult for them to adjust to a new system, despite its logical advantages," Mr. Walsh said.

"This leads to the question of what unites a caucus. What holds it together in making and implementing joint decisions with which not all may agree

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# DP stands firm on need for caucus in city council

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in detail" The answer must simply be a mutual commitment to the principles, policies and programme of action of the party.

"Adherence to one's beliefs and acting in the best interests of one's electorate are not mutually exclusive."

Mr. Walsh added "The new South Africa is going to reflect more of what the DP stands for than of any other party. Our pursuit of freedom, justice and the rule of law has stood the test of time and hopefully will be fully reflected in the local government constitution to be negotiated, as is happening now at national level."

"It was a Nationalist leader who said 'bring together those who belong together because of inner convictions'. This has been and remains the aim of the DP in Cape Town."

Earlier, Mr. Walsh said the current racially divided system

of local government was "totally inappropriate" in a future non-racial and democratic South Africa.

The city council, in addition to managing the running of the city, had to wrestle with many problems that were the "legacy of apartheid", not least of which was the enormous, housing backlog.

Executive committee chairman Clive Keegan told Weekend Argus he was busy "trying to get the city back on the rails" and was not prepared at this stage to get involved in personal disputes.

However, on the issue of the political party caucus system and resignations from the DP caucus, Mr. Keegan said "We must accept that party politics, whether we like it or not, will be an increasing phenomenon in years to come. The formation of party caucuses is therefore inevitable."

# Egos - and politics rip city apart

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

THE crumbling of the city council's Democratic Party caucus means that its chosen executive committee — the council's cabinet — may no longer have majority support

Those outside the caucus see it as a dwindling club. However, it is not that simple on many policy issues, liberal democrats outside the caucus will vote with it without qualms

The latest caucus infighting has laid open animosities which have lingered for years and, to the alarm of senior councillors, has stirred new conflict in a council already unpopular with the citizenry

While the valuations saga and subsequent battle for control of the council have seen friendships and alliances crack, other alliances have been forged

In caucus circles, there is disappointment that events have left members without a chance to show their mettle in local government — a potential drawcard for a party which has set its hope on control of the Western Cape

Those still in the 13-strong caucus are Isobel Edelstein, Dick Friedlander, Joye Gibbs, Rupert Hurly, Ian Iversen, Clive Keegan, John Muir, Ruth Ortlepp, Norman Osburn, Neil Ross, John Sonnenberg, Frank van der Velde, and Llewellyn van Wyk

While it contains some of the most politically enlightened members of the council, the caucus is not a cohesive fac-

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■ Personality clashes, as much as political differences, play a key role in fissures in the city council

tion. It has official leaders, but contains some of the strongest personalities in the council and is not any one person's "gang"

In Mr Keegan, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Edelstein and Mr Hurly, it contains people once allied to Arthur Wienburg in the dissident group of 12 formed last year

Unquestioned "leader of the opposition" now is Mr Wienburg, who missed election to the executive committee chair by the narrowest margin in decades

In the runup to the elections, a clear pro-Wienburg faction emerged. This group was organised not merely around personalities, but shared a commitment to changing the way the city was run

One of its members, Peter Muller, drew huge support in the exco elections — enough to get a seat — which he resigned on principle when he found himself the only alternative ticket member to be elected

Like-minded councillors in this group include Abe Katz, Jack Frost, Clive Justus and Kenny Penkin

While this group are veterans of hounding exco, new chairman Clive Keegan may find himself taking flak from elsewhere in the chamber

Former exco deputy Leon Markovitz, who now sits on a back bench far away from his former colleague Louis Kreiner, this week criticised Mr Keegan for not withdrawing his budget when it became clear councillors would have had too little time to study it before debating it

But whether Mr Markovitz, a former caucus member, will ally himself with any faction remains to be seen. He may see eye-to-eye with Mr Wienburg on occasion, but tends to differ with him on labour matters

A powerful group on their own are the brothers Kreiner. Sol and Louis went public about their disillusionment with the caucus and regional party leadership a week after Patricia Kreiner was elected mayor

As a long-serving deputy chairman and former chairman, Louis Kreiner has some knowledge of the inner workings of exco. His vow to keenly watch Mr Keegan's performance in financial and labour relations matters must be read with some interest

Then there are those who do not fit easily into any pack

■ The "non-aligned" members of the council, who tend to follow the Wienburg camp at the expense of the DP caucus. These include Gerry Sullivan, Tony Powell, Nico Basson and Joe Rabinowitz

■ Wild cards, who tend to follow their consciences — Gordon Oliver, who was once a member of Mr Wienburg's group of 12, and Eulalie Stott

■ Chris Joubert, the new member of exco elected on a second ballot when Mr Muller resigned. Once a member of the caucus and one of its choices for exco, Mr Joubert quit the following day and got the endorsement of the opposition. There is speculation he may rejoin the caucus

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

**EXECUTIVE** committee chairman Clive Keegan faced a baptism of fire today as protesters invaded the city council chamber during a special budget debate.

And the executive committee and the Democratic Party caucus drew withering criticism from all sides

Today's meeting was to approve a new budget after the Supreme Court ruling overturning the 1990 valuation roll

While Eulalie Stott was speaking in the debate which followed Mr Keegan's budget speech, a group of illegal occupants of council houses in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain invaded the chamber

Mayor Patricia Kremer adjourned the meeting briefly as security officials helped civic association leaders usher out the protesters

Later Arthur Wienburg said Cape Town had become a city where anarchy was growing and was condoned

Mr Keegan, proposing the budget with its 10.5 percent rate increase and R5m rates relief fund, made an upbeat speech calling for unity among councillors

The council had gone through a period of unprecedented trauma and self-inflicted damage, he said

There were councillors who were not members of exco or the DP caucus whose talents should be used

Heads of departments and standing committees would be



**SQUATTER PROTEST:** About 20 illegal occupants of houses in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, disrupt the city council's special budget meeting today. During debate on the budget, they burst into the chamber shouting, "We want houses"

Picture HANNES THIART, The Argus

# Protesters invade Council chambers

☐ Councillors criticise exco fiasco — ratepayers 'gatvol' says Chris Joubert

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ing while maintaining standards of services, especially those visible to the citizens

Chris Joubert called on the DP caucus leadership to heal rifts in the council or for the caucus to "call it a day"

People in Sea Point, a DP stronghold, were "gatvol" with the behaviour of the council

Sol Kreiner said he would not vote against the budget, but it was mere cosmetic surgery

Leon Markovitz delivered a stinging attack on the DP caucus and regional leader Hennie Bester, who he called the "chief puppeteer"

Mr Markovitz questioned the legality of making the budget retrospective to July.

He said the 10.5 percent increase would not provide enough money

About 32 000 ratepayers would get rates relief without a means test, while small businesses in the central business district would be hard hit

Louis Kreiner said the budget was a "stop-gap" and questioned whether it showed new leadership in the council

He warned there would be an outcry "tenfold" as big as this year's rates rumpus because the budget offered no long-term solution

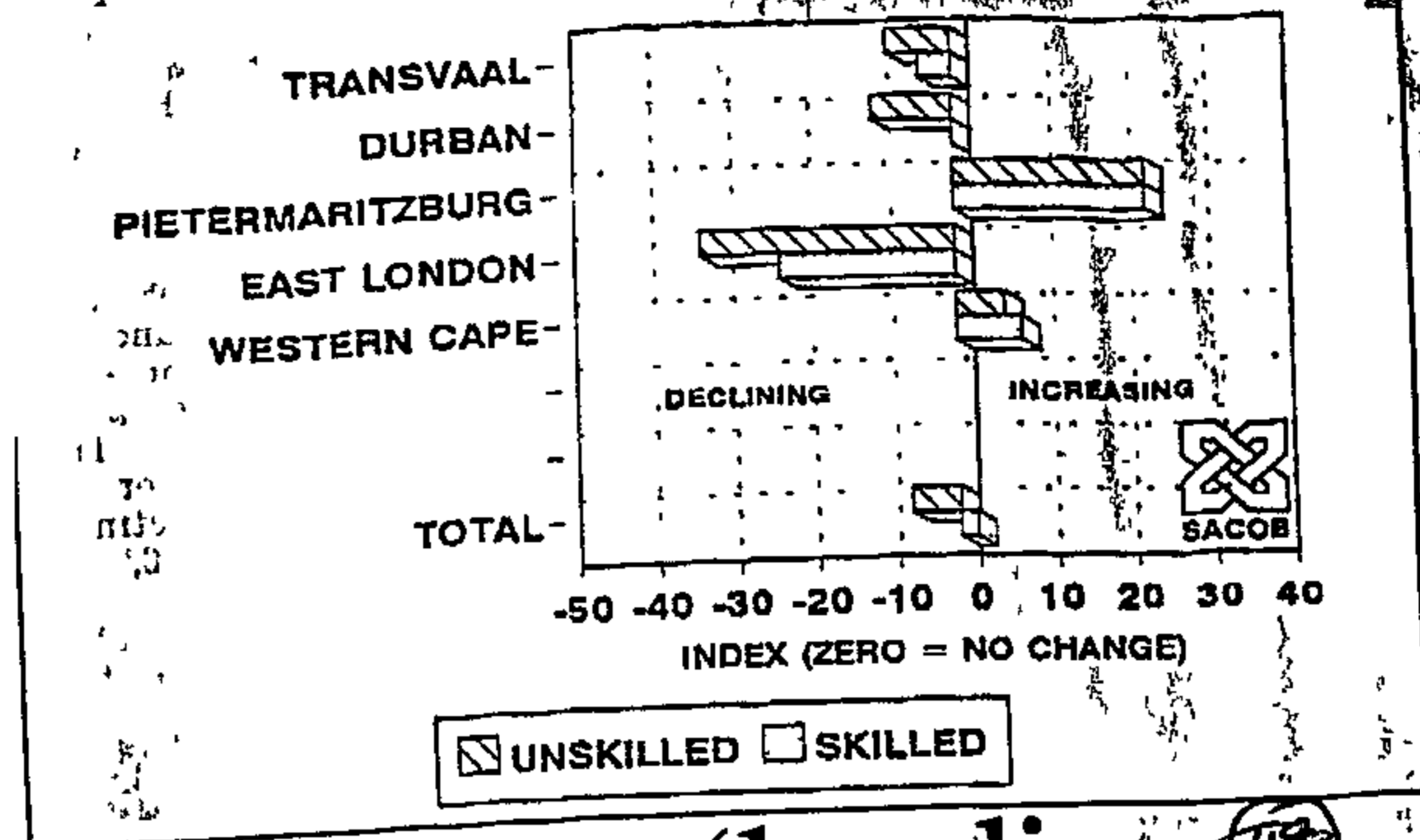
Mr Kreiner said he would vote against the budget.

Kenny Penkin estimated about R27 million would have to be spent on various items but had not been provided for in the budget

Opposing the budget, Mr Wienburg said it lacked detail and was not in line with DP policy

Lashing out at the caucus, Mr Wienburg said it was time people stopped pretending to support DP policy while handing Cape Town to the African National Congress

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# W Cape 'leading SA out of recession'

those in the Eastern Cape and Maritzburg regions are, in relative terms only, the least optimistic." But, he continues, in view of the fact that consumers are likely to remain hard-pressed financially "the improved outlook probably stems from expectations of higher investment and exports." However, he says, "it is significant that 59% of those polled actually

experienced a higher volume of new orders in September than was originally anticipated." This, together with the fact that 58% of manufacturers expect activity levels to rise further in October, "means that the volume of new orders received has now grown steadily for six months." Countrywide, 72% of respondents "now expect sales volumes to

increase in the coming year." "In the manufacturing sector, at least, the early stages of a recovery are already under way." Colin Boyes said the results of the survey confirmed feedback the CCI had been getting "More of our industries are focused on the international market than is the case on the Reef, where they serve the market on their doorstep"



# Bellville A-rated for sound fiscal policies

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**THE** City of Bellville has been granted top ratings for its sound financial position

A firm specialising in assessing the credit-worthiness of firms and institutions, Republic Ratings, has given an A-rating to Bellville for its ability to honour long-term debt obligations and an A1 rating for its capacity to repay short-term debt

Bellville is the first

Cape municipality to have an appraisal of this nature done

Mr Dave Heywood, the city's financial director, said it had become necessary to be established as a good borrower because they were receiving signals that municipalities were becoming less popular with "Sanlam's and Mutual's" regarding the provision of capital

According to Mr Dave King, director of Republic Ratings, the granting

of the investment rating had been based on Bellville's rapid increase in revenue generation which had trebled over the past five years

"Crucial to this growth, and considered to be an important underpin to the ongoing sustainability of cash flow, was the purchase of the electricity supply network in 1989 which reduced Bellville's reli-

ance on property taxes for income

"This was an important aspect when we considered awarding the investment grade rating," said Mr King

He also thought that to Bellville's advantage was the absence of the need for major infrastructural upgrading over the short-term in the lesser-developed areas

"Bellville is now well-placed to capitalise on its infrastructure," Mr King said

# Northern authorities opposed to mega-city

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MOST northern area local authorities are opposed to moves by the Cape Town City Council to create a mega-city combining all areas in the greater Cape Town area into one local authority

Bellville's mayor, Mr Awie Kempen, said his council was opposed to the idea because such a super-authority would defeat the purpose of "real visible democracy

at ground level"

Mr Phillip Graham, town clerk for Brackenfell, said his council was also not in favour of a mega-city.

## Long distance

Mr Kempen said that his council believed that "local government should be as close as possible to the ratepayer" "To be governed from a long distance will create a communication

gap Domestic matters should be left in our hands

"We are in close contact with our ratepayers with the present system and are therefore best equipped and in the best position to resolve problems at ground level

## Autonomy

"If we are ruled by a mega-authority, decisions will be taken to suit the overall situation

while specific needs and requirements for specific areas can be overlooked

"We have just fought for autonomy and have just rid ourselves of the provincial councils and would not like to exchange one super-authority for another

"However, we also do not believe that we should operate in isolation and are more than willing to co-operate with the rendering of certain services to prevent duplication

"But when it gets to the development of Bellville we want to take our own decisions," said Mr Kempen

# Mob interrupts budget debate

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## OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — Protesters invaded the Cape Town City Council chamber during a special budget debate yesterday.

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Mayor Patricia Kreiner adjourned the meeting briefly as security officials helped civic association leaders usher the protesters out. (263)

Most councillors kept their seats, protesting about the lack of security which had made the invasion possible.

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Protest . . . "We want houses" was the cry of about 20 illegal occupants of houses in Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain, who disrupted the Cape Town City Council's special budget meeting yesterday.

PICTURE. HANNES THIART

# War of words in Cape forum

A WAR of words erupted at the newly formed Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum's first plenary meeting last night, when the IFP objected to having to apply for membership in writing.

Earlier, when National Party MP for Vasco Mr Willem Doman asked if the IFP's request for membership to the forum's non-statutory body had been consid-

ered, Cosatu local government co-ordinator Mr Russell McGregor told him the IFP's written application had not yet been received

IFP regional organiser Mr Malcolm Bagley asked if the ANC or PAC had to apply to the forum in writing

He said the IFP had been established in the Western Cape since 1985 and it would only

apply in writing if the ANC and PAC had done the same

The matter was referred back to the steering committee

● Forum co-chairman and ANC local government desk chief Mrs Hilda Ndude said in an interview after the meeting that the ANC and PAC did not need to apply for membership as they were founder members of the forum.

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# Split of West Coast opposed

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

THE residents of the West Coast had objected strongly to regional border proposals that split it in half, the Development Action Group (DAG) said yesterday when it released the results of a study in the area

"On learning of the proposal to place all those north of Picketberg in the Northern Cape region, black people in the area

have responded in disbelief, claiming that economically and socially they relate to the West Coast and Cape Town, rather than to Upington and Kimberley," the study stated

The study was compiled by Ms Mandy Driver, Ms Laurine Platzky and Ms Julia Shapiro and published by DAG

They said the findings of the study substantiated the objections by residents to the pro-

posed boundaries of the region

DAG said in a statement that the West Coast communities saw themselves as a single sub-region stretching from north of Atlantis to the Namaqualand border, including the rich farming areas west of the Cedarberg

"Historical, social and economic links which people in Namaqualand and the West Coast have are predominately with Cape Town"

# Forum clears way for local government talks

CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

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THE Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum has begun clearing obstacles to debating the future of local government

The forum last night ratified several crucial decisions by its steering committee, including the formation of working groups where much of the real work will be done

Parties agreed to drop several amendments to the forum's founding document, most proposed by non-statutory groups, for the sake of getting on with business

But while the forum rubber-stamped many steering committee decisions, in-fighting on the non-statutory side characterised last night's meeting, the second since its founding in September

Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) spokesmen clashed several times with non-statutory partners on issues of principle about membership applications

Cosatu delegate Russel MacGregor said Cahac had not attended non-statutory caucus meetings where issues were thrashed out before steering committee debates

Cahac spokesman Joe Marks said not enough notice was given of these meetings

There was little debate on most issues. Membership applications sparked most discussion

National Party MP Willem Doman asked what decision had been made on the Inkatha Freedom Party application for membership of the non-statutory team

Mr McGregor said the IFP had not applied in writing and said that In-

katha in the Western Cape had been founded only two weeks ago

IFP spokesman Malcolm Baggeley said Inkatha Western Cape had been founded in 1985, and wanted recognition equal to the African National Congress or Democratic Party

Forum co-chairwoman Hilda Ndude said the matter would be referred to the steering committee

Matters ratified by the forum included

- The establishment of working groups on interim boundaries of the metropolitan area, finances and services, and management, administration and training. Each working group has two chairmen, one from each side of the forum

- The Good Hope Alliance, an umbrella of 56 civic organisations from throughout the region, was given "participating observer status"

- Membership applications turned down included management committees under the Cape Town City Council, the Ntsika yeSizwe Democratic Party, the South African Association of Municipal Employees, the Federation of Municipal Unions, and the Association of Chief Administrative Officers of Local Authorities

- The Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association and Western Cape Civic Organisation were asked for further particulars

- Statutory organisations, which include city and town councils, will give R100 000 to fund the forum for an initial six months, subject to normal budgetary procedures

The forum will meet again on February 21, but may meet earlier to discuss national local government transition legislation

# Confrontation in exco suite

Staff Reporter

LEGAL action may be taken against more than 30 illegal occupiers of Tafelsig council houses who have mounted a sit-in protest in the City Council's executive committee suite, if they do not leave today.

This is one of the options being considered, according to council sources, after another day of confrontation yesterday in which protesters also briefly took possession of the mayor's parlour. They returned to the exco suite after negotiations in which they won access for 10 of their comrades who had been locked out after going to a meeting with MEC Mr Dawie la Roux, that did not take place.

The ANC was called in to the civic centre by the peace secretary, Mr Bongani Joms of the ANC consulted the occupiers at

## Possibility of legal action

length, but said afterwards he was just "fact-finding".  
Sanco leader Mr Newton Adams said about 30 protesters had slept in the council offices on Monday night and would do so again last night.  
He said a small delegation had gone yesterday morning to the Provincial Administration building for a meeting with the CPA and the council, but CPA security personnel wouldn't let them in the building.  
Council negotiator Mr Barney Botha said it had been made

clear in negotiations on Monday that the joint meeting with Province would not take place unless the illegal occupants left the civic centre.

Mr Adams denied this.  
Late yesterday, exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan said he understood that the occupiers had arranged their own meeting with the provincial authorities today, after which they might move out of the civic centre.

He could not comment at this stage on what would happen if they did not, as that decision had not yet been taken.

The occupiers are not satisfied with what they have been offered when they move out of the Tafelsig houses.

They have been told that in temporary accommodation, while waiting for houses, they will have a tap for every three families and a toilet for every six



**LOCKOUT** a City Council security guard argues with two would-be sit-in protesters who were prevented from going upstairs to join their comrades in the exco suite during another day of confrontation between municipal authorities and illegal occupiers of Tafelsig houses

Picture: BENNY GOOL

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# Agreement moves PE towards non-racialism

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PORT ELIZABETH — This city has moved a step closer to a nonracial local authority with the signing of a historic agreement

Agreement on the 100-member transitional council's constitutional package was a "first" in South Africa, said constitutional committee acting chairman Bobby Stevenson

This week's landmark decision, with broad participation across the political spectrum, would demonstrate to the entire country the willingness of all in Port Elizabeth to co-operate and compromise in the interest of achieving the transitional council

"This will help promote economic confidence with rewards in terms of job opportunities and investment"

Mr Stevenson said it would also speed delivery of efficient services throughout the city

Parties to the forum agreed to a transitional council of 100, to be reduced by half after a maximum of 18 months

Mr Stevenson said some parties, including the SA Communist Party, expressed concern about costs

The statutory block represented was to consist of the city council and management committees (Malabar and Northern Areas) and those parties involved with the tricameral parliament

Non-statutory bodies on the interim structure would consist of the PAC, ANC and SACP

He said the Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Association felt they should be given non-statutory representation, but this proposal did not receive majority support

Mr Stevenson said it was agreed that ordinary and special majorities would be used in decision-making



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# 'Claremont breakaway' — debate

Municipal Reporter

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RESIDENTS of Greater Claremont, many of whom have already voted in an informal referendum to break away from the Cape Town City Council, have been invited to a panel discussion tonight to debate the consequences.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, councillor for part of that area, said she had arranged the meeting this even-

ing at 8pm in the Claremont Civic Centre so that those who are being surveyed "will have some idea of the pros and cons (of going it alone), and the practicality, both financial and political"

Ms Joan Rodgers, a southern suburbs committee member, said she could only speak for her area (Kirstenbosch) at present, but hundreds of completed forms had already been returned. She

was not aware of anyone voting to remain in Cape Town.

Mrs Stott told the council budget meeting on Monday that many ratepayers wanted to maintain their present level of municipal services, but were worried about being lumped together in a large local authority in future with thousands of people who would be unable to afford a decent service level.

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# Tenders 'irregular' <sup>(263)</sup>

Staff Reporter

THERE were at least five instances where tenders for contract work had been awarded to companies by certain senior Ikapa Town Council officials without the knowledge of the town engineer.

This was said yesterday by Ikapa's town engineer Mr Cornelius Vermaak before a commission of inquiry investigating the financial affairs of the council.

Mr Vermaak said the irregular manner in which some tenders were handled had trou-

## Ikapa engineer: 'I wasn't told'

bled him and he had raised the matter at a specially convened management meeting and insisted that a tender committee should be established.

He cited the examples of two companies doing work at the Guguletu police station and the Langa stores, although he had been given no prior knowledge that tenders had been put out

for the work to be done on the buildings.

He said that as town engineer he should have known about this, as he was the official responsible for signing certificates acknowledging that contract work had been completed to the council's satisfaction.

"My suspicions were aroused, and I discussed this with Mr Olivier (Ikapa executive offi-

cer), I then suggested at a management meeting that a tender committee be established and that all tenders for building projects be dealt with thoroughly," Mr Vermaak said.

He said one of the officials who subsequently sat on the tender committee was town treasurer Mr I Grisdale — who has been implicated in several instances of alleged financial irregularity.

The inquiry was adjourned early and will resume on Wednesday, when Mr Vermaak will continue giving evidence.

# Suburbs ratepayers slam Forum red tape

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□ Bureaucratic 'stumbling blocks' preventing any say

**ROGER FRIEDMAN**  
Staff Reporter

UNLESS southern suburbs ratepayers are represented directly on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, the city council should withdraw its eight representatives and funding

This was the view of Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association chairman David Erleigh when he addressed a meeting of the Camps Bay and District Civic Association this week

Mr Erleigh provided a brief synopsis of the recent rates fiasco before turning to what he termed "the real problem", the future structure of metropolitan Cape Town

"We applied four weeks ago to have representation on the forum bureaucratic stumbling blocks are being put in our way

"We substantiated our application, but instead of meeting us, they've asked for further information and set us back another month

"We're being effectively pre-

vented by the forum's steering committee, in bad faith, from being allowed to represent the interests of our community"

Mr Erleigh said the forum was trying to push through criteria under which new bodies could join

"But the people on the forum from the beginning certainly didn't apply any criteria to themselves"

City councillor Jack Frost explained the forum was established to "give some input from the Cape" to Kempton Park which was dominated by conservative Transvaal councils

Mr Erleigh said several councils represented on the Cape forum were also conservative and "inappropriate" to the process.

The forum would be illegitimate as long as ratepayers were unrepresented

He said his association had met city council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan on Monday and asked him to get them represented or pull out of the process

Mr Keegan supported their representation, he said

The non-statutory bodies on the forum claimed ratepayers were represented by the council

He advised Camps Bay residents to "agitate to the greatest extent possible" to get on to the forum, warning they could be "taxed to death" and have no say in their own affairs if they didn't achieve this.

● The Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is divided into statutory (constitutionally recognised bodies including city and town councils) and non-statutory bodies (the South African National Civic's Organisation, political and squatter organisations)

The city council provides eight of the 30 delegates on the statutory side and is responsible for a portion of its funding

Mr Erleigh said his association had been informed they could be represented on the statutory side if the city council was prepared to give up one or more of its eight seats

But his association preferred to be represented on the non-statutory side

# Claremont Council feasibility doubted

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Municipal Reporter CT 11/11/93

IT might not be practical, or financially feasible, for a Greater Claremont local authority to take over even the water reticulation in its own area, city engineer Mr Arthur Clayton said in Claremont last night.

He was addressing about 100 people in the local civic centre on the implications of a separate municipality in the Newlands to Wynberg area.

Most of those present favoured a separate municipality, but they repeatedly stressed that this was not to escape from their obligations towards the wider city.

Mr Clayton said many service pipes crossed boundaries and the bulk supply to the area could be metered at present.

Deputy city treasurer Mr Neville Lomnitz said he did not believe any authority other than the Wynberg Town City Council could provide fire, health, electricity, sewerage and traffic services to a separate local authority on an agency basis. He said the council's accounting systems could not handle the rates impact of going it alone.

# Progress on non-racial PE council

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A breakthrough agreement has been reached on a constitutional package for a non-racial interim city council for Port Elizabeth.

The package for what will become known as the Transitional Local Council (TLC) will be tabled at tonight's meeting of the management committee of the One City Forum. If the committee approves the agreement, which already has the backing of all the key players, it then goes for formal ratification later this month by the forum's plenary session.

With enabling legislation expected to be passed during the short session of parliament starting on November 22, South Africa's first non-racial interim city council is expected to be installed in January.

## Excluded

Several obstacles which have held up negotiations for months were overcome at a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group of the One City Forum on Monday. Although the National Party's representative did not attend, he said yesterday his party would sign the final agreement.

The working group decided to exclude the Northern Areas Tenants, Civics and Ratepayers' Association (Natcra) and Central Executive of Ratepayers' Association from the TLC. Natcra chairman Mr David Sampson said yesterday it would enter into negotiations to discuss obtaining a seat or two in the statutory bloc.

# Township upgrading on hold

## Municipal Reporter

MASSIVE upgrading projects worth more than R40m in Khayelitsha and Crossroads are being held up by infighting between residents and civic associations

According to Mr Dawie le Roux, the CPA MEC for Land Development Co-ordination, funds amounting to R50 million were available to build infrastructure in Khayelitsha this year

"At least R20m of this money could not yet be used in Khayelitsha "as a result of infighting" Mr Le Roux said the CPA along with other interest groups was also part of a joint venture called the Serviced Land Project

This project, expected to provide more than 36 000 sites over five years in Philippi, Delft and Driftsands, was ready to be implemented but was "also being hampered by disputes among community-based organisa-

tions to such an extent that almost all projects have come to a standstill"

CPA spokesman Ms Melanie Dedekind said yesterday there were problems in setting up an inclusive forum to run Khayelitsha. All its former councillors have resigned

Ms Dedekind said she had also heard that the Western Cape United Squatters' Association and the SA National Civics' Organisation had problems with each other

## Bribe

Mr Christopher Toise, former leader of Brown's Farm, said this week there had been sporadic incidents of conflict between followers of the two organisations since Thursday last week

• Former Democratic Party regional executive member Mr Isaac Samuels is being sought by the police in connection with allegedly accepting R1 500 from a Khayelitsha shack-dweller to secure a house in Delft

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# Ikapa council was bankrupt

Staff Reporter

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THE Ikapa Town Council was "a product of political decisions" without a financial base and had problems trying to operate financially "from the word go", acting Ikapa town clerk Mr Gideon Adriaanse told a commission of inquiry yesterday

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Irregularities in tenders contracted by the council had aroused his suspicions, he told the inquiry into the council

He said the council was mismanaged and financially bankrupt

Income was supposed to come from rents and services but there were far more people liv-

ing in the area than were paying for them, he said

Mr Adriaanse said there was a shortage of expertise among the 1800 employees, only five of whom were graduates

He said the Treasury Department employed no graduates but employees were expected to deal with millions of rands

# Decision today on fate of West Coast

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□ Three districts set for return to W Cape

**TOS WENTZEL**  
Political Staff

MOST of the proposed Northern Cape region in a new South Africa will stay, but three of its West Coast magisterial districts — Clanwillian, Vredendal and Vanrhynsdorp — face being reallocated to the Western Cape, under recommendations expected to be approved by negotiators today.

Namaqualand may be given an opportunity to decide on its future after the election, in terms of the recommendations of a co-ordinating committee of the negotiating council, which also wants adjustments to some other areas.

The committee reviewed proposals by a previous committee of experts, which proposed nine regions. It has retained this number of regions.

There have been protests from the West Coast-Namaqualand areas about being included in the Northern Cape area, which is centred on Kimberley

■ President De Klerk, African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela and other political leaders will meet at the World Trade Centre next Wednesday to sign a political settlement ending three and a half years of negotiations.

The date for the plenary session of leaders was agreed by the 12-person planning committee yesterday.

Economists and businessmen in the Western Cape favoured the demarcation because it created one of the most economically viable and stable areas.

It has also been pointed out that these are "soft" borders for regions in a federal system and that traditional contact and trade and communications links will not end.

The co-ordinating committee's most controversial recommendation paves the way for separate Eastern Cape and Kei-Border areas. The National

Party supports this, while the ANC is opposed to it.

The Minister of Regional and Land Affairs, Andre Fourie, said today that general agreement had been reached on these proposals among parties at the talks and he expected them to be accepted today.

The demarcation would be incorporated in a schedule to the transitional constitution.

While the main regions had been set, reallocated areas would have the right to petition for an opportunity to decide to return to the original region after an election.

Namaqualand has been given the right to petition for a referendum to decide in which region it wanted to be.

Mr Fourie said he expected trouble about the proposals only in the case of the Eastern Cape.

The recommendations are that in this region the votes in next year's election should be counted in two blocs to allow a possible future split of the Eastern Cape into two separate regions, also subject to a referendum.



## REGIONS

### Cape solidarity

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The political minefield facing an interim government over boundaries for new provinces has again been highlighted. There is growing opposition to a proposal to hack off a slice of the west coast from the greater western Cape and include it in a northern Cape region to be governed from Kimberley. 12/11/93

The proposal is part of a nine-region package presented to negotiators at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park last month by the Commission on Delimitation/Demarcation of Regions. Final decisions were sidestepped and effectively left to the constituent assembly and interim government to be elected next year. (263)

West coast communities have rejected the suggestion that all areas north of Piketberg, about 100 km from Cape Town, should be included in a massive northern Cape province. The 230 000-strong population of the region, which stretches 300 km up the west coast to Vanrhynsdorp on the Namaqualand border, identifies strongly with the greater

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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western Cape

The region includes lucrative citrus farms in Citrusdal and Clanwilliam as well as the fishing port of Lambert's Bay. The Surplus People Project warned recently that splitting the west coast could lead to serious unrest.

The Cape Town-based Development Action Group, a nonprofit organisation that helps to uplift marginalised communities in the western Cape, says the proposed northern Cape province would be artificial. A study published by the group shows that residents regard the west coast as a single subregion extending from Atlantis near Cape Town to the Namaqualand border.

Historical, social and economic links are with Cape Town rather than Kimberley. There is also concern that conservative white groups see a large part of the proposed northern Cape region as a future white homeland. (362) (263)

The group says the proposed splitting of the region does not make sense in terms of the boundary commission's criteria. Several community groups on the west coast have banded together under the umbrella of the Weskus Network to demand a referendum on their future. ■



□ LATE: Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Joe Modise

VUYO BAVUMA  
Weekend Argus Reporter

**FREEDOM** in our time, the rallying call at many an African National Congress mass meeting, has mighty little to do with punctuality.

In the past six weeks ANC officials and their followers have frequently passed each other like ships in the night because the organisation unofficially appears to subscribe to what is commonly called "African Time".

The ANC's rallies in Guguletu, Nyanga and New Crossroads — all addressed by Johannesburg-based national committee executives — have been starting well after the advertised times.

In some cases, the die-hard comrades gave up waiting for their leaders to arrive at venues and went home.

To make things worse, the organisers of the meetings often did not apologise for late arrivals or non-appearances.

# ANC executives stick strictly to 'African Time'

Although the ANC has its own publicity department, in most cases the NEC officials are invited by the individual township branches.

Last week the New Crossroads branch invited Joe Modise, chief commander of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, but many of the day's planned events did not take place.

The day was due to start at 10am with Mr Modise leading a "street blitz" to "sell" the organisation's policies to New Crossroads residents. But this did not take place.

He was scheduled to "open" a street an hour later and address activists at the New Crossroads community hall from 1pm until 3pm. But Weekend Argus found the hall deserted and locked.

About 1pm, scores of people started moving to the Sithembiso Matiso High School where a rally was planned to start an hour later.

The rally, ironically held

under the banner "Ready to Govern", eventually began just before 3pm — and Mr Modise did not take the stage until 4.15pm.

In the past six weeks, ANC rallies which followed "African time" included:

■ A Guguletu meeting early in October, at which secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa arrived about two hours late — after groups of people had given up the wait and gone home.

■ A gathering at Nyanga community centre, at which fiery ANC Youth leader Peter Mokaba arrived two hours late.

■ A rally at Nyanga Stadium, where deputy president Walter Sisulu arrived about one-and-a-half hours late.

ANC spokesman Sue de Villiers said the movement was doing its best to rectify the matter.

"The problem is that our speakers are committed to too many engagements. But we are making serious attempts to get the rallies to start punctually."

## Ikapa file shambles upsets inquiry

EDWARD MOLOINYANE

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE commission of inquiry into financial irregularities and maladministration in the Ikapa Town Council has asked an official giving evidence to take back the files in which requisitions and records of transactions were kept, and sort out the mess.

Daniel Antonie van Bosch, an assistant accountant in the Ikapa council's purchasing department, gave evidence yesterday.

He told the commission, which is sitting at the Woodstock Day Hospital, that his duties since 1991 included purchasing goods up to R5 000 for the council.

He handled inter-departmental requisitions for items such as building materials, clothing and vehicle or machine parts and had to phone at least three companies for quotes.

But some companies were unwilling to enter the townships for deliveries and the buying department ended up purchasing from specific companies which agreed to deliver to those areas.

However, the commission was unable to continue with the probe because all the files from 1990 to 1993 were in a mess.

Requisitions, receipts and invoices were filed in a disorderly manner and the commission ordered Mr Van Bosch to take the files away and sort out the mess.

He was told to return once that had been done.

The commission, under the chairmanship of J T P Swart, was appointed by President De Klerk at the request of the Administrator of the Cape, Kobus Meiring, following the findings of an informal committee of investigation.

Mr Swart said this week that one witness who had given evidence before the judicial commission of inquiry had been sent letters threatening him with legal action.

"The statutory position of witnesses is that they are subpoenaed to testify. If they refuse to do so they may be prosecuted and are liable to be fined or imprisoned.

"Witnesses are asked to take an oath or affirm that they will speak the truth and failure to do so can lead to prosecution," Mr Swart said in a statement.

He said any person interfering with witnesses could be prosecuted.

The hearing continues on Tuesday.

Other members of the commission are Mr P le Roux and Mr W Wagenaar.

Mr G Lategan is leading evidence.

# Council staff 'often given gifts'

Staff Reporter

SENIOR Ikapa town council officials were regularly treated to free lunches and bottles of whiskey by companies who had been awarded council tenders.

This emerged yesterday during a sitting of the commission of inquiry investigating financial irregularities and maladministration in the council's affairs.

The Ikapa town council's general stores division assistant accountant and buyer,

Mr Daniel van Bosch, told the commission he was invited to lunch on "several occasions" by companies that had secured tenders from the council but he had only accepted on three occasions.

Mr Van Bosch said other senior council officials, including town treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale and senior general stores division accountant Mr David Niewoudt had often attended free lunches.

Asked what Mr Grisdale's reaction was

when he declined further offers of free lunches, Mr Van Bosch said "He was furious but I did not want to eat with him." (213) CF 13/11/93

Mr Van Bosch told the commission that several companies which had secured tenders with the council also handed out bottles of whiskey.

He said some companies dropped these gifts off on a "monthly basis" while others did it every alternate month.

# Referendums proposed on splitting the Eastern Cape

**CHRIS WHITFIELD**

Weekend Argus Political Staff

**SOUTH Africa will get nine referendums for the April 27 election — but could eventually end up with eight or 10**

In terms of a proposal to be discussed in multiparty talks on Monday, the Eastern Cape could be divided in two — Eastern Cape and Border/Kei — and the entire Northern Cape could be divided between the North West and Western Cape after referendums held within a year of the election.

After some sharp exchanges in the negotiating council yesterday on the necessity of having a Northern Cape region, and disputes over smaller areas, the co-ordinating committee went behind closed doors to seek a compromise.

Later in the day it tabled a document in terms of which a referendum could be held in the two Eastern Cape blocs.

A 60 percent majority decision in favour of division in either of the blocs will be decisive.

However, the division could also be decided by majority agreement between the elected parties of the particular bloc.

The new Northern Cape will be entitled to petition for and hold a referendum on its future. A 60 percent majority in favour will be decisive.

The committee also recommended several adjustments to boundaries for the purposes of the election, including the inclusion of Sasolburg into the Orange Free State, KwaNdebele into the Eastern Trans-

vaal; Mount Currie into Natal; Mount Currie into Natal/KwaZulu; Clanwilliam, Vredendal and Vanrhynsdorp into the Western Cape, Kuruman, Postmasburg and Hartswater into the Northern Cape; and Brits and parts of Bophuthatswana into the North West.

In terms of the recommendation — still to be approved by the negotiating council — if a "sufficient number of the persons" in these districts wish to change their delimitation they may petition parliament within one year of the election.

# Local govt pools planned for '94

SITIMES [Cape Town]

14/11/93

**THE first democratic elections for local government structures in the Western Cape will take place during October or November 1994.**

At the same time elections will also be held on a national basis in all regions — which are still to be finalised — throughout South Africa

But the first signs of change in third-tier politics will be visible within weeks when the Local Government Transition Bill is tabled in parliament

In terms of the bill, the Transitional Executive Council will be asked to establish six-

**BY NAZEEM HOWA**

person, multi-party-fora government committees in each region. These committees, together with the regional administrator, will shepherd the transitional process for local government

It is envisaged that the committee, the regional administrator and the local government forum in each region will co-operate closely to appoint a transitional local council for each region

Regional negotiating forums, however, will be charged specifically with negotiating the establishment of transitional local councils for non-metropolitan areas and transitional councils for

metropolitan areas

Agreement has also been reached that the transitional councils — Cape Town and other major centres will have metropolitan councils — be elected on a 50-50 basis between statutory and non-statutory bodies. Allowance has been made for alternative options in areas where demographics demand a different solution

In the Cape region it is expected that several of the people presently involved in local government negotiations within the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum will form part of the transitional metropolitan council. The Cape Forum already operates on a 50-50 basis

While February 28, 1994 has

been set as the deadline for nominations to the transitional councils, July 1994 has been earmarked as the cut-off date for the establishment of a single budget and single administration to be implemented

It is expected that the Cape Metropolitan Council will take responsibility for local government affairs for the entire area presently constituted as the Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC). Areas which are likely to form part of this region include black townships which are surrounded by RSC areas

In terms of a draft services and finances agreement, negotiators are also proposing that the metropolitan councils run townships where black local authorities have collapsed

# Company warned on damages

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## Staff Reporter

A SECURITY company seeking R100 000 damages from a former employee who gave evidence in the inquiry into the Ikapa Town Council's affairs has been warned it may be prosecuted for doing so

The commission of inquiry learnt yesterday that Springbok Patrols had instructed attorneys to send a letter to former Springbok Patrols manager Mr G H Barlow

## Legal action

The letter claims he made defamatory remarks about a Springbok Patrols company director during evidence last week while testifying about the relationship between the company and a senior Ikapa Town Council official

It demands payment of R100 000 and said that if payment was not made by Friday, November 19, legal action would be taken

Mr Barlow testified last week that while he was a manager with Springbok Patrols company director Mr Mick Baartman authorised the payment of at least R7 000 in kickbacks to Ikapa Town Council treasurer Mr I Grisdale

The firm has also sent letters to two SABC journalists and the SABC

threatening legal action for broadcasting details of the evidence heard by the commission

But commission chairman Mr J T P Swart said yesterday the commission had taken note of the threats of legal action and that witnesses had been subpoenaed to testify in terms of the Commissions Act

The letters have been handed in as evidence and have been marked as exhibits

"Any person attempting to hinder witnesses from giving evidence or who interferes with the commission in the performance of its functions shall be guilty of an offence and can be prosecuted," Mr Swart said

## Suspended

Several witnesses who have testified before the commission have implicated Mr Grisdale in several instances of gross irregularities

Mr Grisdale has been suspended without pay

In evidence to the commission yesterday, Ikapa Town Council town engineer Mr Cornelius Vermaak said he had been too trusting in his nature and that this had led him to be misled by senior council officials who are alleged to have dealt with numerous tenders in an irregular manner

The hearing continues today

# Council's books could get 'professional' looking over

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□ Audit committee to protect financial independence

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

PEOPLE with financial qualifications or "business acumen" could find themselves poring over city council books if a proposal to set up an audit committee is approved

Only councillors who are not members of the executive com-

mittee should serve on the committee, city treasurer Eddie Landsberg said

In a report to the executive committee today, Mr Landsberg said there was a growing need for people to be able to see and understand how the council worked

"The general worldwide acceleration of fraud and malpractice

demands that the council should review its internal control measures and reporting procedures"

The size and complexity of council operations created the need for its internal and external auditing to be seen to be independent

An audit committee would protect the independence of the audit, evaluate internal control, ensure proper accounting records were kept, evaluate efficiency, and ensure adequate response to the auditor-general's report

Earlier this year the council was criticised strongly by the auditor-general for flaws in its 1992/93 books

Mr Landsberg said the committee should have no more than five members. They should not be members of the executive, and could be drawn from the community

Members should have a financial background or should have shown business acumen

● Electricity arrears have risen by R10 million in the past 12 months to R45.8 million

## DP caucus votes to stand firm

**Municipal Reporter**

THE city council Democratic Party caucus has decided unanimously not to disband, and is to hold exploratory talks with former members

Caucus members last night met regional leaders Henne Bester, Joe Marks and Jasper Walsh for talks on the future of the caucus, which lost several members during last month's executive committee election

Mr Bester, who returned yesterday from the United States,

said the meeting was "constructive"

He confirmed discussions would be held with former members of the caucus

"The general view is that it is untenable to have DP members outside the caucus, because the caucus exists for the sake of efficiency and open government

"The time for fighting and point-scoring is over and it is time to pull together

"Our priority must be the building of a successful, non-racial city," Mr Bester said

# Ex-council chief jailed for 5 years

R226 000 of town cash gambled away

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## Staff Reporter

FORMER Mfuleni town clerk Wilfrid Murray was sentenced today in the Parow Regional Court to five years' imprisonment on 49 counts of theft.

Murray, 30, of Arnold Street, Table View, was sentenced under a section of the Criminal Procedure Act that makes two years' imprisonment mandatory before correctional supervision is considered.

He resigned from the town council in August after confessing he had gambled away R226 505 of the council's money.

He also used some for an overseas trip. Murray was town treasurer between 1989 and 1991 and town clerk from 1992 until July.

Magistrate J B Swanepoel said he had abused his position of trust.

"The crime committed was premeditated. Murray had ample opportunity to reflect on what he wanted to do."

He said Murray's conduct was not only detrimental to the Mfuleni Town Council but to society at large.

Mr Swanepoel said Murray was unable to explain why he had committed the crime.

"He stole the money for personal gain and for no other reason."

It was clear that financial difficulties had not prompted him to take the money, because he had said his R8 000 monthly salary covered all his expenses.

"Careful planning and deliberation were two significant elements in Murray's actions, which showed total disregard for the public," he said.

It seemed likely that Murray had no option but to disclose what he had done, because it would not have been long before the irregularities came to light.

Mr Swanepoel said his conduct called for a harsh sentence, although he was a first offender.

The court dismissed an application for Murray to repay the money over five years.

Prosecutor Anton Brits said the regional court could not make a decision about repayment of amounts over R200 000.

Murray had made three payments to date.





Picture BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

**POLL:** Southern Suburbs Ratepayers Association chairman David Erleigh "hammers" a poster to the entrance of the Civic Centre, demanding municipal independence for Greater Claremont. Results of a pamphlet poll showed strong support for the proposal, the association said.

## Southern suburbs favour own municipality — poll

Municipal Reporter

MOST southern suburbs residents want their own independent municipality, according to an informal referendum.

Southern Suburbs Ratepayers Association chairman David Erleigh challenged the city council to contradict this finding by holding an opinion poll.

Mr Erleigh said about 7 000 pamphlets had been distributed over the past few weeks in Rosebank, Rondebosch, Claremont, Newlands, Bishopscourt, Wynberg and Kenilworth.

Residents were asked whether they favoured an independent municipality and direct representation on the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

On an independent municipality, results were 881 for and 33 against, and on direct representation 850 for and 20 against.

Mr Erleigh said the results could be favourably compared to commercial opinion polls.

"We are not the only people in favour of breaking away from Cape Town.

"The Atlantic suburbs, City Bowl and Muizenberg-Lakeside have all said they want independence. Ward 16 — Plum-

stead and Southfield — are to have their own poll.

"The Cape Town City Council has abandoned its people and we want to abandon them," Mr Erleigh said.

He called on the members of parliament for Rondebosch, Wynberg and Pinelands, and councillors Clive Keegan, Dick Friedlander and Eulalie Stott to say where they stood on the issue of southern independence.

Mr Erleigh said the council had no mandate to represent the southern suburbs on the metropolitan forum.

The association called for non-racial by-elections to be held as soon as possible.

An added benefit of by-elections would be to allow councillors who wanted to retire to do so.

● University of Cape Town academic Dereck Sparks said the association demanded that the council's executive committee and provincial administration examine a new rating system he has proposed to save time and money.

A revised Valuation Ordinance, to take effect next year, is to be put to the parliamentary joint standing committee on local government next week.

# Inquiry told of irregularities in Ikapa contracts and cheques

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**VENNESSA SCHOLTZ**  
Staff Reporter

REPAIRS were made to a Guguletu shopping complex, Langa warehouses were painted and other building repairs done without the knowledge of the engineer's department of Ikapa town council, it has been claimed.

A judicial inquiry into alleged irregularities and corruption in the council, sitting at the Woodstock Hospital, heard that the council also obtained quotations for the contract work without the knowledge of the engineer's department.

Senior engineer for Ikapa's town planning department Johannes Pieterse said documentation had been signed by the suspended council treasurer, Ian Grisdale.

Mr Grisdale also had signed cheques, but the council was unable to determine who the co-signer was.

"The cheques were co-signed by an unknown person and we cannot prove this person worked for the Cape Provincial Administration," said Mr Pieterse.

He told the inquiry that the council had bought rubbish bins

at a much higher price than they could have had from the manufacturer.

"They bought taps at R30 each. They could have got them for R19 each at Incedon, where they also had an account," he said.

A former accountant at Ikapa, Engela Fourie, said a contractor, Datron Builders, received their cheques before the waiting period (creditors were expected to wait 30 days before receiving payment).

"I also noticed that the amounts on certain cheques were much higher, especially the ones made out to Datron, A Abader and Christo's Hardware. A large amount of hardware also was bought from Suburban Hardware."

Mrs Fourie said that, as far as she knew, the council had never before bought so much material from one supplier.

Another Ikapa accountant, who is still employed there, Theresa Richmond, said her superior, a Mrs Viljoen, had a "personal relationship" with Mr Grisdale.

"She (Mrs Viljoen) had the ability to get Mr Grisdale into a foul

mood. They argued often and their fights were personal (not business related). I never witnessed it, but there was a lot of office-door slamming."

Mrs Richmond said that often quotations were duplicated and certain items would be changed on the duplicates.

"One company's figure was changed so that it was higher than another. There were a couple like that. It could have saved the council thousands of rands (if they had just accepted the lower quotes)."

She said she had often been to lunch with Mr Grisdale and employees of companies with whom Ikapa did business.

"I said 'no' once. Mr Grisdale is an intimidating person and I wasn't comfortable socialising with him. He threw a tantrum and I changed my mind."

"I never refused again. He was shouting that when he did something for his staff, he expected them to be grateful."

The inquiry continues.

The three-person commission comprises J Swart, P le Roux and W Wagenaar. G Lategan lead evidence and arguments relating to the inquiry.

# Ikapa treasurer's 'special favours'

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## Staff Reporter

IKAPA Town Council's treasurer granted special favours to a senior accountant with whom he was having an affair, a commission of inquiry into Ikapa's financial affairs heard yesterday

The commission heard that for several years, former senior accountant Mrs Marietjie Viljoen seldom worked on Mondays and Fridays, and allegedly used official Ikapa cars to be fetched from home when late for work

Mrs Engela Fourie, a former Ikapa accountant, told the inquiry Mrs Viljoen often had tea with Ikapa treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale in his office before work, during lunch, and before going home in the after-

noon, and would call him by his first name

Mrs Viljoen had a three-week overseas holiday as she had ostensibly accumulated overtime, although "as far as I know she never worked overtime, nor did she take work home", said Mrs Fourie

Ikapa accountant Mrs Theresa Richmond said Mr Grisdale had said in her presence there was a personal relationship between himself and Mrs Viljoen

## Nose-bleeds

Mrs Richmond worked under Mrs Viljoen until Mrs Viljoen resigned because she was "overworked and stressed" shortly after Mr Grisdale was suspended

On the witness stand, Mrs Viljoen denied having an affair with Mr Grisdale

She said she retired from Ikapa to relieve high-blood pressure and reduce stress, on a doctor's recommendation. On overtime, Mrs Viljoen said she often worked at home when she was sick

Mrs Viljoen said she was often off on Fridays for doctors' appointments, while on Mondays she suffered nose-bleeds as a result of high blood pressure

Mrs Richmond also alleged that two companies owned by Mr Marc Smith — Marc Smith Construction and Marken — quoted against each other for contracts

She said orders from these companies would not go through the purchasing department but would be handled by assistant town secretary Mr John Walters and a Mr Weyers

The inquiry continues

# Ciskei in talks on future of Eastern Cape

BISHOP — The Ciskei government is to meet senior Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress officials to discuss the future structure of the Eastern Cape/Kei region. The government said it had

arranged the meetings after the announcement that the homelands, including the TBVC states, would be reincorporated into South Africa once the negotiating council's recommendations were enacted by Par-

liament

It gave warning that it would be hard to rescind the status of independent homelands, in spite of democracy negotiators agreeing to the move this week — Sapa

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# 'Councillor solicited companies for air fares and free car'

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□ Commission sees letters begging 'sponsorship'

DAVID YUTAR  
Staff Reporter

A FORMER Ikapa town councillor wrote to companies asking for a free return air ticket and a Mercedes-Benz, the commission of inquiry into council irregularities and maladministration has been told

The commission was handed a typed letter on an Ikapa Council letterhead in which former councillor and chairman Mr Denys Lobi wrote to several companies asking them to sponsor his return air ticket to attend a meeting in East London in the last week of November last year

Mr Lobi wrote to the companies "appealing to you for your assistance to be able to attend a meeting in East London"

"I hope I am not exceeding my bounds, thereby jeopardising my chances, by asking with respect your consideration for a hired car (preferably a Mercedes-Benz) from the airport during the above-mentioned period"

In the letter Mr Lobi mentioned he had been an Ikapa councillor since 1983 and had "had the privilege" of being chairman and deputy chairman of the Ikapa municipality "on various occasions"

"It is not my intention to bother you with a lot of details but I feel it is only rele-

vant that I am national organiser of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (UCASA)

"This serves to inform you about the load of responsibilities that rests on my shoulders"

His work involved much travelling and he and his colleagues "are placed in a disadvantage in that we have to perform without funds", yet had to get to communities throughout the country

An employee of the council who cannot be named told the commission Mr Lobi wrote to several companies asking for sponsorship in this manner

One firm declined to assist. When another, Motale's Bus Service, offered him R100 towards his costs, he refused, saving he "did not want hand-outs"

The commission also heard that nine or more tenders for the same contract ranged from R45 000 to R90 000 and the council had regularly preferred the higher tenders

Earlier, a former senior accountant at the council Marietjie Viljoen, alleged to have had an affair with the council's treasurer, Mr Ian Grisdale, denied trying to protect him by keeping quiet about tender irregularities

She said it "seemed odd" that tenders had been artificially split (regulations required formal tenders to be submitted

where the amount involved exceeded R10 000), but that she "had to accept the arrangement because Mr Grisdale had given his approval"

Mrs Viljoen admitted knowing what the council's financial regulations were, but said she could not positively say the tender procedure was irregular

"I just know it seemed odd I felt it wasn't quite right "But if Mr Grisdale said it was Ok, I had to accept it as such"

G Lategan, who is leading evidence before the commission, put it to Mrs Viljoen that if she was aware of the regulations "then either you intentionally failed to raise the matter and kept quiet because you were protecting Mr Grisdale, or you were actually involved yourself"

Mrs Viljoen categorically denied this

Mrs Viljoen also told the commission she and other staff members regularly received liquor of their choice from companies with whom the council did business

She said she would get Klipdrift brandy and Mr Grisdale wine

She said on one occasion he had complained "You people have received all the liquor and I haven't"

On the three-man commission are J Swart (chairman), P Le Roux and W Wagenaar

The commission adjourned until Monday, November 22

# 'Donation': Official wanted more 213

By DAN SIMON

THE former chairman of the Ikapa Town Council turned down a R100 donation from a company which responded to his pleas for funds to cover his personal travelling expenses — because the amount was too low — This emerged yesterday when two witnesses testified before a commission of inquiry investigating irregularities and maladministration of the

council's affairs

The commission ruled that both witnesses may not be identified because of possible intimidation. The witnesses told the commission that former Ikapa Town Council chairman Mr Denys Lobi had issued instructions in October last year that letters be posted to every company which had secured tenders from the council.

They said the purpose of the letters, which were typed on Ikapa Town Council letterheads, was to elicit "sponsorship" for return air tickets to East London and for the rental of a car — preferably a Mercedes Benz.

One witness said the author of the letter was former Ikapa Town Council chief executive officer Mr J J Olivier.

The witness said Mr Lobi and proached Mr Olivier to draft a letter for him so that he could raise funds for his personal travelling expenses. Mr Lobi, who was also the national organiser for the Urban Councils Organisation of South Africa, cited a hectic workload and lack of funding as the motivation for his request. The inquiry continues on Monday.

# Samwu to walk out of Council talks?

The Cape Town City Council is still white-controlled, despite the political changes countrywide. Its reluctance to change has angered the South African Municipal Workers' Union, which is threatening to break off negotiations.

## CHRISTELLE TERREBLANCHE reports

THE South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) is on the brink of walking out of negotiations with the Cape Town City Council (CCC) because of the Council's reluctance to change from its "white's only" control.

Mr Sabe Mamie, chairperson of the Cape Town Samwu branch, said the confidential negotiations over several months have all but reached deadlock.

"What we wanted from the outset of the talks was a commitment for an affirmative action programme under joint control," says Mamie, who is also the vice-chairperson of the National Local Government Negotiations Forum.

"Our point of departure is the creation of an affirmative action board. But after months of negotiation they don't seem willing to agree with this. They are dealing with us on an ad hoc basis in the first place, so to get any agreement is extremely difficult."

Mamie, also part of the ANC think-tank on the civil service's future, says the CCC is dragging its feet and no affirmative action programme has been formulated.

"They have an option now to agree to our proposals. Otherwise we will use the new dispensation to get a more representative political body at the helm of Cape Town in order to force through change," he says.

Ms Pat Lockhead, a personnel

senior positions and vacant senior positions still go mostly to whites. "You cannot deal with affirmative action in an evolutionary way. It means intervention and extraordinary steps to correct the imbalances." **South**

Until a few years ago the previously whites-only union, the South African Association for Municipal Employees (Saame), had an agreement with the City Council to veto any appointments they disliked.

This often meant people not classified white. **19/11 - 23/11/92** This section of the employment statute was scrapped, but the legacy it created lives on.

"This and the Coloured Labour Preference Act are not adequate justifications for why things have remained the way they are for so long," Mamie states. **(263) (1992)** If the union gets its way and an Affirmative Action Board is instituted, Saame will be drawn into the process. But Samwu also insists that, in the light of the money shortage experienced by the CCC, a budget solely for affirmative action should be part of the deal.

"We made a total proposal and don't want to work on any piecemeal basis," Mamie says. "All appointments from then on should be done against a definite affirmative action agreement and we want to oversee the process."

Mamie believes an agreement with the CCC could be an example to all municipalities in the country. But he has little hope.

"What has gone wrong with the CCC is that, although there has been willingness to discuss affirmative action, these people don't realise we are in a new political era, while their structure is out of step with those of national politics."

"I think the problem is that they are reluctant to let go of their authority in an area where they see themselves as exclusively dictating



SABE MAMIE

employment policy." "For years the CCC has professed to be a liberal institution, but not politically aligned. The fact that they have now established a DP (Democratic Party) caucus, makes them a bigger problem. And they need our input even more."

"We now see them only implementing DP-sanctioned policies. That can clearly not be acceptable, because the DP does not represent the majority of Cape Town people."

"I know they have been saddled with two serious crises — the rates issue and the election of a new executive council. But these are not excuses for dragging their feet."

*"For years the CCC has professed to be not politically aligned. The fact that they have now established a DP caucus, makes them a bigger problem."*

# City property votes shock

By PETER DENNEHY

IN a double shock for Cape Town ratepayers, their traditional property-based franchise is to be scrapped, and black people are to be over-represented on both the city council and a future metropolitan council for years to come.

Black people, of whom there are less in Cape Town than whites and coloureds, will get more representatives on the City Council and on a future Metropolitan Council than their numbers justify — from early next year.

This emerged as the result of a deal struck yesterday at the national-level Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) in Kempton Park.

It has still to be ratified, on Thursday next week in multi-party negotiations, and passed in Parliament about two weeks from now.

Elsewhere in the country, where the racial composition of the population differs, the deal gives over-representation to whites for at least three years after local elections late next year.

In terms of the agreement, 40% of seats on a metropolitan council and on municipalities are to be filled,

after elections, in accordance with votes cast by all adults in a municipality or metropole on proportional representation, party list systems.

The other 60% of seats on metro councils will be given to delegates sent there by smaller local councils — with the proviso that delegates from former white and coloured areas will fill half the seats, and those from black areas will get the other half.

## Expanded

In the case of smaller councils — which are due to have their boundaries redrawn early next year — half their wards will be allocated to black areas, and the other half to white and coloured areas.

Even if Cape Town municipality is expanded to include all townships closer to it than Khayelitsha, boosting black numbers within the municipality to half-a-million, the result of yesterday's deal will be over-representation of black people during the interim period, which lasts up to about 1997. There are about half-a-

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million coloured people in the municipality, and half-a-million whites.

Co-chairman of the Local Government Negotiating Forum Mr Yakoob Makda explained yesterday that this arrangement "cuts both ways", as in some areas black people would be over-represented, and in some areas whites would be

Negotiators in Johannesburg said yesterday that the deal was a trade-off by which the ANC and its allies would be able to have appointed councils operating from early next year, in return for their consenting to entrenchment of skewed ward delimitations and metro representation during the interim "government of local unity" period.

In Cape Town, the metropolitan negotiating forum will be able to nominate new councillors for all local authorities from early next year.

In a separate proposed deal for the pre-interim period, from late this month to this time next year, some local authorities will be offered an option of continuing to exist as whites-

only bodies right up to local government elections. But they will have to form "over-arching" racially-inclusive forums, and white bodies in these forums will have part of their revenue redistributed to black ones.

This is a proposed compromise with the conservative Transvaal Municipal Association.

Other features of yesterday's agreement were:

- Black local authority debts will not be inherited by nominated councils, nor by interim councils.

- The LGNF endorsed a provision in the country's constitution which scraps the property-based franchise in favour of universal adult suffrage at local level. But a property owner living outside a local authority may still vote in it.

- Business votes (votes by non-natural persons, ie businesses) which account for 14.5% of municipal votes in Cape Town, are to be scrapped.

There are 18 440 business voters on the municipal voters roll in Cape Town out of a total of 127 000.



## Namaqualand referendum 'would create insecurity'

MOST people in Namaqualand had already indicated that they wanted to remain part of the Western Cape region, and a referendum on the issue after next year's election was unnecessary, the Surplus People's Project said yesterday.

In a statement, the SPP raised a number of concerns about the Negotiating Council's final resolution on the Northern Cape boundary.

While welcoming the decision that the West Coast would remain part of the Western Cape, the SPP said a referendum held after the election in Namaqualand would create insecurity in the district.

It called for the Independent Electoral Commission to establish the conditions and provisions for referenda to be held in February. — Sapa

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# Deal 'will lead to black over-representation'

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THE deal on local government struck at Kempton Park last week is unlikely to do much for the ANC's electoral chances in the Western Cape for the April election

It may also prove to be a setback for the process of getting metropolitan government under way in Cape Town early next year

On rereading the proposed Local Government Transition Bill, I see that the 60% of constituency-based seats on the Metropolitan Council do not have to be divided up into half for white and coloured and half for black areas, so the over-representation of black people on the metro council after local elections will be less marked than I initially thought

Yet there will still be over-representation, because at the town and City Council level, half the wards after redrawing of boundaries will have to be in black areas and half in white and coloured

The trouble with this is that in Cape Town, there are not enough black people for such an arrangement to work without considerable skewing of wards. Black votes will count more than white or coloured ones. This will not go down well with coloured and white voters.

The skewing will also be reflected on a Metropolitan Council, although I now see that there is a fair system of allocating seats on it, in accordance with total numbers of registered voters.

It would have been far better, in my opinion, to have had a definition of "poorer areas", which would have to make up at least half the wards of a redrawn municipal area.

What has race got to do with it? Much of Cape Town's working class is coloured.



## CIVIC DIARY

By PETER DENNEHY

It would be complicated to work out an alternative deal phrased in class-rather than race terms which would work for the whole country. It might also be too late to make a change now. The deal is already entrenched in the whole country's proposed interim constitution.

If it is indeed too late, many conservative-minded Capetonians might be tempted to take advantage of an option offered to conservative towns for the pre-interim phase — which lasts from the adoption of the Local Government Transition Bill until the local elections late next year.

Instead of having the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum nominating councillors, half from statu-

tory and the other half from non-statutory groups, to serve on municipalities and a Metropolitan Council from early next year, the administrator can be approached in February with a request to give his blessing to another arrangement.

In terms of this other arrangement, under section 7 (1) (c) of the Act, existing local authorities remain in place but they must have a joint executive council. Parts of their budgets are combined in the next financial year. This means in effect that a percentage of a white council's operating budget will be redistributed to other bodies.

All this will do is delay the advent of metropolitan government in Cape Town.

# House squatters meet on move

Municipal Reporter

ILLEGAL occupiers of 260 Tafelsig council houses sat down yesterday to discuss technical issues in preparation for their eventual move out

Mr Neil Ross, chairman of the council's housing committee, confirmed that a meeting had been scheduled to take place between council technical experts and the occupiers' action committee

The squatters have been offered 6ha of land adjoining the disputed houses

Initially, at least, full services will not be offered on the land

Spokesmen for the occupiers have said they regard the acquisition of the land as a victory

Another plenary meeting of the Tafelsig Working Group is due to take place in the Civic Centre today, Mr Ross said.

A group of about 30 people from the Gugulethu backyard shack community went to the civic centre yesterday to demand houses. Five of them held a meeting with Mr Ben van Rensburg, a spokesman for the council's housing committee.

A steering committee set up by Housing Minister Mr Louis Shill last week met in the Civic Centre yesterday. Those taking part included the CPA, Sanco, the City Council, the House of Representatives, Wecco, the Serviced Land Project, Association of Management Committees, and representatives of Delft and Tafelsig.

# Term 'blonde' has negative connotation

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# Council plans 10% ceiling for budget

24/11/93

Municipal Reporter

SENIOR Cape Town city councillors yesterday approved putting a 10% lid on next year's budgeted capital expenditure.

But it is not certain that the measure will be maintained.

City Treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg said three factors that were unknown at this stage could affect the 1994/95 budget:

- Should Cape Town be nominated by Nedsa to bid for the 2004 Games, some projects would need to be started in 1994/5.

- Restrictions imposed on this year's capital spending to protect the council's cash flow temporarily (after

the rates debacle) may have a carry-over effect into next year

- The "possible need" to assist former black local authorities in addressing the infrastructure backlog.

The first indications of unease from ratepayers over the Local Government Transition Bill came through yesterday, anonymously at first.

In some quarters, the bill is seen as "a model of racial favouritism", because 30% of seats on local authorities after local elections for three years will have to go to the black (as opposed to white and coloured) community. This applies throughout the country, so in most places whites are given disproportionate influence for years in local government.

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# Kobus Meiring back as NP candidate for WCape

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CAPE Administrator Kobus Meiring will return to party politics as a National Party candidate for the Western Cape regional parliament next year.

Mr Meiring was unable to comment today as NP nomination procedure prohibits aspirant candidates from furthering their causes by giving interviews, but sources close to him confirmed he would be standing.

It is understood he has turned down tempting offers from the private sector.

Mr Meiring, who is a popular public figure, joins Law and Order Minister Hennus Kriel in going for regional government.

He is a former general manager of Sasko and became Member of the Provincial Council for Paarl in 1974 and Member of Parliament in 1981. He was deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1989 when he became Administra-

tor

# Race-based voting under fire

**CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter**

THE first shots have been fired in a campaign by Western Cape local government to block legislation which will entrench race-based voting for interim councils for five years

Statutory delegates from the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum are to see Minister of Local Government Tertius Delpont on Monday to plead for changes to the Local Government Transition Bill and chapter 10 of the interim constitution

The legislation provides for election of local and metropolitan councils of 40 percent by proportional representation for political parties and 60 percent by wards

But of this 60 percent, half will be guaranteed for white, coloured or Indian local authority areas and half for black local authority areas

Apart from entrenching representation according to skin colour, this has raised concern that some groups will get representation out of proportion to their numbers

In the Western Cape it will mean black voters will get 30 percent of seats on all councils, irrespective of their numbers

The bill is to go to parliament next week

In a dramatic break with tradition, the Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC) today said provision for race-based voting in the transitional legislation was "inappropriate and inequitable"

Opposition to the legislation was first expressed by the Democratic Party, which slammed the measures as racist and undemocratic

But opposition is set to transcend party lines and is understood to include misgivings by members of the National Party and ANC

Cape Town executive committee chairman Clive Keegan told the RSC meeting the provision for race-based voting was the result of a trade-off between the government and the conservative Transvaal Municipal Association

The government dropped its demand to keep property-based voting in return for measures which would ensure white minorities in Transvaal towns would get 30 percent of seats on interim councils

Mr Keegan said Cape Town's opposition was not racially motivated. The city council had long campaigned for universal adult franchise at local level, with votes of equal weight

"But to artificially build in a racial quota system is utterly unacceptable. It is perpetuating the racism from which we are trying to move away," Mr Keegan said

RSC deputy chairman Louwtjie Rothman supported Mr Keegan. "These measures are to the advantage of the rest of South Africa but to the disadvantage of the western and northern Cape"

He disagreed with Cape Town City Council's political motivation for its opposition to the measures, saying his was based on considerations of fairness

"The legislation gives non-statutory groups an unfair advantage they would not have had if voting was on the basis of one person, one vote"

Cape Town councillor Neil Ross said the race-based provisions had not been in earlier versions of the legislation. They had been "foisted" on a meeting of the Co-ordinating Council on Local Government in Durban last week

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# Members quit 'too political' civic group

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By JILYAN PITMAN

Several disgruntled members have left the Rondebosch Civic Association because of politics but chairman John Lilley says the organisation is not run along political lines

Two members who have quit said the RCA took political sides and disliked being challenged

Mr Geoff Ritchie, one of the disgruntled members, said. "There were about 400 members in the organisation and now there are now only about 122 I have pulled out because I feel it is an organisation which has only ANC interests at heart

"I also feel it does not represent all ratepayers. Issues about street children and the advice of *Streets* are not even considered. Residents are too complacent, they don't challenge the organisation I am totally opposed to any politicising of a ratepayers' organisation or municipality Property owners, ratepayers and businesses are being negatively affected by decisions taken by the current RCA "

## Challenged

Mr Dennis Emms of Rosebank, who was a member of the RCA for three years before he quit, said "I left the RCA because it became a definite branch of the ANC They have taken no interest in the viewpoint of others about street children and other matters and they are only interested in their own agenda In fact, a lot of us don't like their general attitude They dislike being challenged "

Mr John Lilley, chairman of the RCA, said "The RCA is not run along political lines and I am not a member

of any political party Politics will never enter into our organisation while I am there The reason why there are so few members of the RCA on our list is that the computer disk of names and addresses was wiped out by the previous treasurer

## Victimisation

"We want all members to know that we are gearing up again and those residents who feel left out may phone Mrs Lou Shaw on (021) 689-3112 We apologise for this state of affairs "

Other disgruntled former members who were contacted declined to comment, saying they might be victimised  
□ Mr Lilley said a committee was exploring the structures under Belmont bridge close to the Rondebosch library in an effort to find a place for street children

# Local ANC says no to racial deal

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By PETER DENNEHY (263)

THE growing row over racially skewed voting at local level took a surprising turn yesterday when the ANC in Cape Town came out in opposition to a deal made by the ANC at national level

Mrs Hilda Ndude, co-chairman of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum and leader of the ANC delegation to the forum, said yesterday that a memorandum had already been sent to chief ANC negotiator Mr Cyril Ramaphosa to tell him that "we don't want a divided community"

She felt that the deal — which means that 30% of ward seats on every local authority must be allocated to black areas — would have a divisive effect in the Western Cape

Only Langa and most of Guguletu — representing 300 000 of Cape Town's 1,2 million people — are now within Cape Town's boundaries

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the Western Cape Regional Services Council followed Mr Clive Keegan's suggestion that it express its "deep concern" at the racial basis of election to transitional local councils

It also agreed with him that the general application of the proposed system in the Western Cape would be "inappropriate and inequitable"

• The Good Hope Alliance, a group of 45 rate-payers' and residents' associations, rejected the proposed bill and constitution as contrary to the principle of one person one vote

# Cape ratepayers unite in opposition to 'racial' vote

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## Local government bill row

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

MORE than 40 Cape ratepayers' associations have added their voices to the rejection of transitional local government legislation that will entrench race-based voting

And the African National Congress regional branch has called on its national representatives to distance the movement from the deal, believing it would have a divisive effect by artificially boosting black representation

The Local Government Transition Bill is to be discussed at multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre on Monday

The bill, and the chapter on local government in the interim constitution, were approved by the Local Government Negotiating Forum last week

The measures provide for voting for interim councils to be 40 percent by proportional representation and 60 percent by wards

Ward voting will be on a racial basis — 30 percent for whites, coloureds and Indians and 30 percent for blacks

This means minority race groups will have representation out of proportion to their numbers. It was included as a sop to Transvaal conservatives

to ensure white representation on transitional councils

But in the Cape it will mean blacks will have 30 percent of representation on all town councils even though their numbers may not justify this

Democratic Party local government spokesman Jasper Walsh said today the Western Cape should be allowed to decide its own future

The ratepayers' associations, including the Good Hope Alliance and the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers Association, said the proposal was racist and would encourage racial divisions

"Because of widely varying demographic structures in various parts of the country, it grossly distorts true democratic representation in many areas, particularly the Cape," the associations said

The measures were contrary to the Bill of Rights

"The proposal is not a product of proper negotiation and seems to be a shoddy deal between conservative Transvaal councils and quasi-ANC representatives"

Local government powers seemed to have been transferred to regional powers.

The Cape needed its own solution, but had been prevented from negotiating one



smothered her daughter Nadine with a pillow

Magistrate Mr M S Knox postponed the matter to January 24 and he warned Ms Kullis to appear on that date

### Town clerk of Riversdale dies

RIVERSDALE — The town clerk of Riversdale, Mr Fritz Grub, 51, was burnt to death on Tuesday night after his vehicle left the road and hit a tree on the Riversdale/Ladismith Road

A spokesman for the Riversdale municipality said it was believed Mr Grub had lost control of his vehicle

Mr Grub, who leaves a wife and three daughters, had been town clerk for almost 20 years — Sapa

The error was discovered, and

It was only a year later that Mr

will affect

# 24 metro negotiators sent on world tour

Municipal Reporter

NO fewer than 24 members of the "non-statutory" side of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum are to be sent on a four-week study tour from January to various cities in Africa, Latin America, and the United States

These are groups that would not participate in apartheid-structured local government

The purpose of the trip was to "provide leading representatives of organisations involved in negotiation an opportunity to explore issues of local governance", Mr Kam Chetty, of the Foundation for Contemporary Research, said in a letter

He said a United States-based organisation called USAID was providing the money for the non-statutory delegates' trips

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The Western Cape Regional Services Council, which is on the statutory side of the forum, resolved yesterday that it would send three of its councillors and two officials, at its own expense

In order to cut costs — which are estimated to be R30 000 per person for the entire trip — the RSC's executive committee has resolved that its delegates will go on only half the trip.

The Cape Town City Council yesterday opposed sending anyone with ratepayers' funds Mr Clive Keegan suggested that that the same "shoulder-rubbing" could be done more cheaply at the Rustenberg Hydro

Mr Louis Kreiner said a study on metro government done 10 years ago was still relevant today, so there was no need for the trip

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# West Coast reserve proposed

A NEW nature reserve has been proposed for a botanically valuable area which stretches from Bloubergstrand to Melkbosstrand

According to a report before the RSC yesterday, the National Monuments Council (NMC) has decided to designate the area as a conservation area in terms of the NMC Act.

This means that a permit from the NMC is required whenever any development, sub-division or change of land use is planned.

The area will be protected in this way while further discussions are held with Melkbosstrand, whose local council is opposed to an "encroachment" into its area of jurisdiction by a reserve.

Boundaries of the proposed reserve area may yet change, and the RSC report says recreation needs along the coastline will still be catered for.

Dr Clive McDowell of UCT said there were three fundamental vegetation types in the proposed reserve area. Sand Plain Fynbos, Renosterveld and Strandveld.

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# R30 000 a head RSC tour runs into flak

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□ Keegan slams 'study' trip to New York, Rio ...

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSED R30 000-a-head overseas "study tour" for councillors and officials caused deadlock at a Western Cape Regional Services Council meeting

A decision on whether to send two or four people — or none at all — was delegated to the RSC executive committee

The four-week tour, with stops in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Dakar, New York, Miami, and Toronto, was touted as an educational trip for non-statutory organisations in the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum

But while trips for non-statutory delegates will be sponsored, statutory organisations have to pay for themselves

The meeting was told 24 non-statutory delegates would go on the tour

The RSC exco recommended deputy chairman Louwtjie Rothman and chief executive officer Daan van der Berg be sent

The committee said another

three people could be included: Sarepta management committee member DCH de la Cruz, Paarl management committee member J Kulsen, and administration services chief C van Tonder

Their inclusion would depend on organisers' consent, the committee said

Bellville councillor Danie Uys said only people directly involved in the forum should go

RSC chairman Pietie Loubser said the tour would enable statutory and non-statutory delegates to get to know each other better

Interjected Cape Town exco chairman Clive Keegan "They can go to the hydro for a week, then"

Louis Kreiner said only officials who were likely to be involved in future local government should go

Cape Town officials had toured metropolitan areas overseas 10 years ago and their "comprehensive" report was available

He said there was no point in going overseas unless it was

"to study friction"

Mr Kreiner said the metropolitan and local councils in Toronto, which he visited in June, were at loggerheads

Mr Keegan said the RSC should be conscious of public demands to curtail spending

"It is unjustifiable to spend R150 000 on a trip which will not further the function of this RSC

"Levies are meant to spent where, in socio-economic terms, they are most needed

"It is not morally or politically justifiable

"There is no guarantee when the international tourists come back the RSC will exist," Mr Keegan said

Simon's Town councillor Martin Kramer said statutory delegates should have as much knowledge as possible

Mr Rothman said non-statutory delegates would make proposals based on what they had seen overseas when they returned

It would be difficult to argue these proposals unless statutory delegates went on the tour, he said

# Bail-out planned for township authorities

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

A MANAGEMENT team of provincial administration officials and local authorities will administer millions of rands in a plan to bail out cash-strapped black local authorities.

Central government will reallocate funds from other projects to redeem arrears and fund the running of administrations.

The Western Cape Regional Services Council has said it has about R4 million available for the project.

Talks have been held on a plan for black local authorities in the RSC area, excluding the Hottentots-Holland basin, Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Paarl and Wellington.

Planning for these areas will start next month.

A similar project has been started in Port Elizabeth, with financial sup-

port from the PE City Council, Algoa RSC, and the provincial administration.

Local government MEC Piet Schoeman said the provincial administration had tried various measures to prevent services in black local authorities plunging into crisis.

RSCs were asked in March to set aside 15 percent of their levy income to help prop up these services.

In April, all city and town councils were asked to contribute from rates income from commercial and industrial areas.

Appeals to the central treasury had failed, Mr Schoeman said.

The cabinet had said funds for housing could be given to some black local authorities, provided there was proof of need.

A national working group had set guidelines by which funds could be requested.

# CPA budget to increase by 10%

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By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

THE Cape's provincial budget is to be increased by 10,56% or R459,6 million during the current financial year

The total budget for the Cape Provincial Administration for the 1993/4 financial year will now be R4 810,8 million

The original budgeted estimate for the year was R4 351,1m

The largest part of the increase, disclosed in an explanatory memorandum tabled in Parliament yesterday, is for health services (R200,8m)

Other increases are in community devel-

## Health services responsible for largest increase

opment (R121,6m), roads and traffic administration (R33,5m) and salary increases (R32,4m)

The rise in spending under the road network provision and traffic administration vote is due to R9,3 million for the

construction of roads, financed from the sale of strategic oil reserves

A further R14,3m, also for road construction, will be financed through the utilisation of 1992/3 surplus funds from the sale of strategic oil reserves

An amount of R450 000 has been provided for the intensive upgrading of fences in the Western Cape

Under the community development vote, an extra R6m has been provided for the upgrading of community halls in black townships

The memorandum said R100 000 would be spent on a holiday programme for street children



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# Cape rejects racial local government Bill

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■ Signs are that Cape Town will stand together to fight interim local government measures which will entrench race-based voting, writes municipal reporter **CLIVE SAWYER**.

**I**T was a week for unlikely alliances as Cape politicians vented anger at race-based provisions in voting for interim councils.

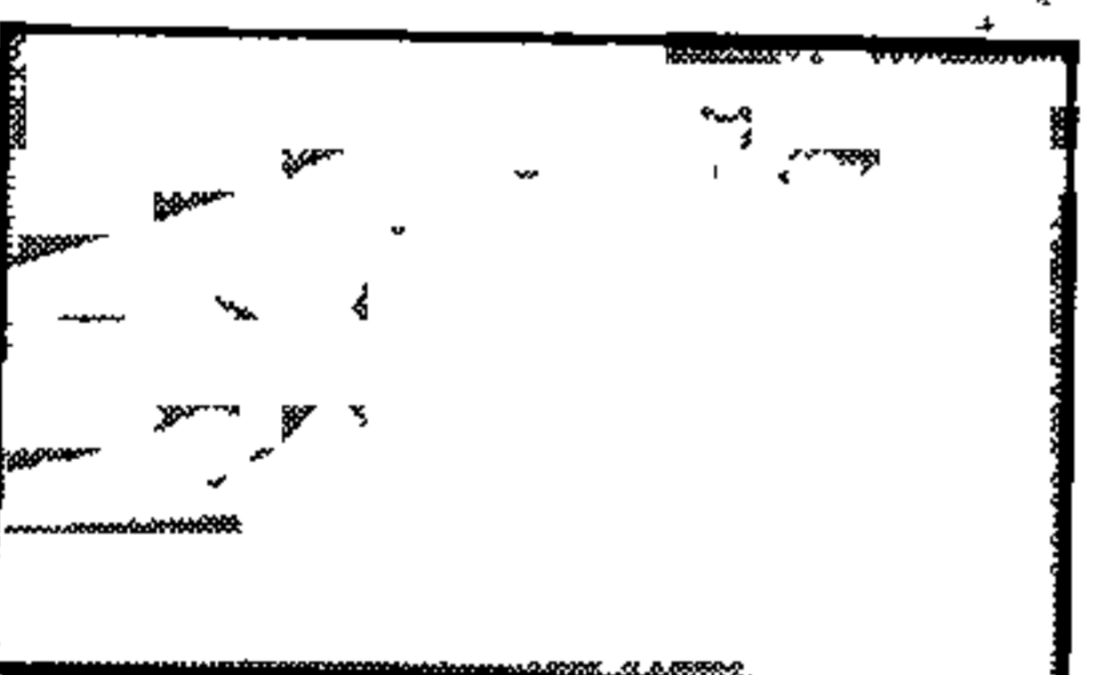
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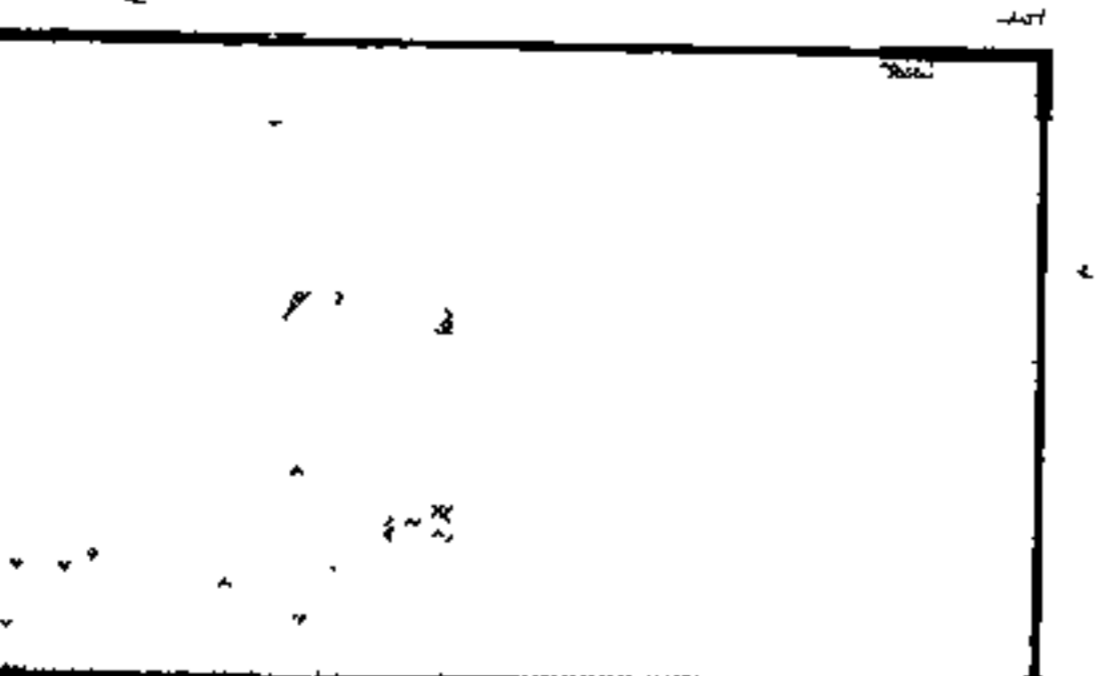
**KEEGAN:** 'No' to racial quota



**ERLEIGH:** Representing ratepayers



**DELPORT:** Will he change the Bill?



**RAMAPHOSA:** His advice sought

Cape Regional Services Council deputy chairman Louwytjie Rothman, African National Congress regional head of local government Hilda Ndude and Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' Association chairman David Erleigh were among those who slammed proposals for colour-coded electoral wards.

And calls for a local option for the Cape were repeated, inspired by anger that the racial quota system was included to mollify Transvaal conservatives.

Statutory delegates to the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum who met in Parow this week called for a one-person-one-vote system with votes of equal weight.

They will see Minister of Local Government Tertius Delport next week to plead for changes to the Bill.

Mr Rothman urged colleagues to attend "The room has 18 seats, but there will be standing room".

The delegates, including city and town councils from the Peninsula and the Tygerberg, are likely to find allies among their non-statutory counterparts.

The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee has also rejected the racial quota system, which will see minorities guaranteed a percentage of seats on transitional metropolitan councils.

In a fax to ANC chief negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa this week, Ms Ndude said the Western Cape region was deeply worried by the proposals for ward demarcation.

She said she understood the proposal to reserve wards for race groups had been included to accommodate white fears.

"While we can understand the need for concessions to be made at this point in our history, we have a principled objection to agreements based on racial concepts, and which will entrench apartheid for a period of time."

The racial balance in the Cape was different from the rest of the country and implications of the quota system were serious.

The legislation could be divisive in the ranks of ANC supporters, she said.

"Many of our ANC leadership in rural areas are saying they will not sit on these councils, because of the divisions they will create in communities which have been united on non-racial platforms up to now."

"There is also concern from coloured colleagues that they will be identified with whites. This will undermine their credibility and legitimacy as representa-

tives of oppressed communities," Ms Ndude said.

She said white local authorities would resist incorporating black areas because black people would get a disproportionate number of seats on interim councils.

This would cause deadlocks in the metropolitan forum, and risk isolating black areas from the revenue bases of adjoining areas.

"The proposal will be divisive and have the effect of inflaming racial tensions during a very sensitive period."

Ms Ndude suggested national negotiators consider three options.

■ Offering the ward demarcation as an option, to be discussed as a local option by a negotiating forum,

■ Keeping the proposal as a requirement only where whites were in such small numbers they would not be able to get even a single seat on the council. Whites could have 20 percent of seats in such cases,

■ Guaranteeing whites a minimum number or percentage of seats on all transitional local councils.

A statement by the Good Hope Alli-

ance, umbrella of more than 40 Cape ratepayers associations, and Southern Suburbs Ratepayers, called for the metropolitan negotiating forum to be allowed to negotiate a solution to suit the Cape.

The organisations called on the ANC to reject the proposal for racial quotas in favour of a one-person-one-vote system for every ordinary resident.

They said the quota proposal "goes contrary to the spirit of non-racialism which pervades the Freedom Charter".

A snap debate on the local government transition measures is expected at Tuesday's Cape Town City Council meeting.

Exco chairman Mr Keegan said building an artificial racial quota system into interim councils was "utterly unacceptable".

The past two years had been devoted to moving away from race-based government, but the interim legislation would perpetuate it, he said.

Mr Rothman said it would give a minority an unfair advantage in representation, an advantage they would not have had in a system of universal adult franchise.

# Big guns primed in Battle of the Cape



**T**HE Western Cape is becoming the main battleground in the fight for a democratic system of local and regional government

This is clear from the latest developments in which an alleged government-ANC deal for a racially based local-government transitional system is being challenged by parties and organisations across the political spectrum in the Western Cape

The Western Cape is also claimed to be directly affected by the controversial government-ANC deal for a single-ballot system for national and provincial elections, now being vigorously opposed by the Democratic Party. The DP's campaign against the plan is being backed by other parties including the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Pan-Africanist Congress

DP Western Cape chairman Hennie Bester said the DP was "fighting on all fronts" for fully democratic local and regional government

He said the DP in the Western Cape had taken and would take a strong position in regard to the Local Government Transition Bill in talks at the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park, yesterday and again on Monday

"Our view is that the Bill runs directly counter to at least two fundamental principles contained in the interim constitution"

Firstly, the Bill was fundamentally a racist measure, and it seemed to impose a racially defined local government on the Western Cape for about five years during the transition period

## ■ The heat is on again at the World Trade Centre and in parliament where decisions are to be taken soon on crucial issues affecting the future of regional and local government. A report by FRANS ESTERHUYSE, Weekend Argus Political Correspondent.

"We are fundamentally opposed to that," Mr Bester said

The Bill also ran directly counter to the devolution of local government at regional level

"We believe the Bill should be scrapped and, at most, an enabling Bill should be put on the table for each region to decide its local government dispensation"

The DP was calling for a non-racial system of local government elections in which half of the representatives or councillors would be elected on a ward basis, and the other half to be elected on a proportional system

"In our opposition to the Bill we have across-the-board support in the Western Cape," Mr Bester said

Another round in the DP's fight will take place on Monday at a meeting of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum where these controversial issues are to be raised

The DP is calling for full democratic local government for the Western Cape. One of its main arguments is that the proposed system under which council positions are to be reserved for certain races will lead to "the most undemocratic results"

Mr Bester said the impact of South Af-

rica's transition would be felt most strongly at local government level. To try to impose a uniform structure on the whole of South Africa was "a recipe for costly disaster because of the enormous regional variations in the country"

Jasper Walsh, Democratic Party spokesman on local government in the Western Cape, this week slammed the proposed Local Government Transition Bill as "yet another shabby deal" between the National Party and the ANC

This time the conservative Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) was also involved

The two main players heeded the voice of the TMA because it suited the Transvaal and the Free State, but the deal was bad for the Western Cape, Mr Walsh told Weekend Argus

"It entrenches racism, it is undemocratic, and it gives greater voting power to blacks at the expense of coloured and white voters"

Mr Walsh, who is back at the World Trade Centre for the latest talks, said in an interview this week what he intended to fight for was a regional option that would enable the different regions to decide for themselves on their own future. He would also fight for non-racism in local government

(263) The power to exercise a regional option on such issues should be in the hands of regional councils to be established under the proposed Transitional Executive Council (TEC). One of seven sub-councils to be established under the TEC would deal with regional and local government, and this body could link up with regional councils to be established in the provinces in terms of the Local Government Transition Bill

"My argument will be that the regional councils can decide what is best for their respective regions," Mr Walsh said

On the issue of the "shabby" ANC/NP deal on local government, Mr Walsh said "Both the ANC and the NP have reneged on the people of the Western Cape in their scurrying to meet the demands of conservative white councils in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State

"This deal, which predetermines the number of black wards, departs from fundamental democratic principles and perpetuates racism. Not only was the DP totally excluded from negotiations, but it would appear no account was taken of the views of this (Western Cape) region

"The DP is fighting for a non-racial local government dispensation in the Western Cape and not one where blacks receive greater representation at the cost of coloured and white voters

"The DP rejects this agreement. We will fight for an alternative whereby the people of this region can decide on their own future. We will fight for a situation where every vote will count equally. And we will fight for non-racism in local government."

# Stench of decay hangs over rotting council

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 As a commission of inquiry dredges up the dirt on a Cape local authority, **Gaye Davis** observes the death throes of a rotting system

**R**ECKING piles of refuse dumped by striking employees outside the Ikapa Town Council's offices have been cleared away, but a stench still shrouds the building from which are administered Cape Town's oldest black townships — Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu, home to half a million people.

The miasma emanates from the allegations of corruption, malpractice and mismanagement now being heard by a commission of inquiry tasked with lancing the boil almost anyone might have expected to erupt from so rotten a system.

Deon Adriaanse, the 36-year-old Stellenbosch University graduate entrusted with steering the council juggernaut from one crisis to the next, is one of a few senior council employees who are happy the inquiry has finally begun. "I've been begging for it," he says. Other staffers, bar treasurer Ian Grisdale, now suspended without pay, took vacation or sick leave soon after the hearings began.

With a depleted staff, Adriaanse has little more than his innate good humour and an honour's degree in development administration to gird him for his task as acting chief executive officer in charge of a council he says is "technically bankrupt" and "in its worst crisis ever".

This week, as the commission heard how R15 000 was paid out to a fictitious company for repairs to the Nyanga police station roof — a job involving a coat of waterproof paint which should have cost a mere R100 — Adriaanse was in a meeting with top council management.

One of the decisions this high-level meeting had to make was whether or not to okay a requisition for 31c for a washer. Another was whether the council should spend R30 on a spare part for an ailing vehicle long past its sell-by date.

Such are the cash-flow problems of the Ikapa Town Council that every cent spent first needs the go-ahead from the top.

"To call what we're doing crisis management is an understatement," says Adriaanse. "We get about R50 000 a month in income from the community for rents and services — but our normal expenditure, and that's for a conservative budget, is more than R5-million a month."

"Without outside help (a R3,8-million monthly grant from the Cape Provincial Administration) we'd have gone down the tubes long ago."

Creditors are knocking on the door. "If we can't pay the Cape Town city council an electricity and water

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 bill of R23-million by today they've said they'll cut off supplies. The CPA is meeting central government to see what can be done — I can't imagine they'd leave a community this size without water."

Of Ikapa's 1 179 employees, only eight have tertiary qualifications. "It's not that staff are incompetent, it's just that we don't have the necessary skills to do the work required of us. People with Std 8 are doing the books. They're capable, but someone with more training might be better placed to pick up irregularities."

Adriaanse looks at the council's mission statement tacked on a wall, promising services to *de jure* Ikapa inhabitants to address their social, economic, political and physical needs. "Sounds nice, doesn't it?" he asks "but it may as well be a promise to deliver the moon."

"We're trying at this stage to maintain essential services — water, refuse removal and electricity — but each day we have to sit down and look at what we've got and what we can do with it."

But casting blame for the crisis on corruption and mismanagement would be to miss the mark. "There's not one black local authority without financial problems," says Adriaanse. "All because they were created without a proper tax base." The villain of the piece is, of course, apartheid.

**E**ventually, the commission will make its findings. Antiseptic salve, in the form of recommendations, may be applied to the wound left by the lanced boil. But will the stench of a rotten system fade away?

Ikapa's ancient sewage network is on the point of collapse. By the end of the month, the graveyard will be full — "and we don't know where we'll take our dead", says Adriaanse. These are small problems compared to those of providing housing, health services and electricity.

Designed for 200 000 people, Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu are home to more than double that number, in shacks occupying every available open space. These are the *de facto* residents who use Ikapa's services but do not pay for them, for whom vibracrete fencing around a sportsfield — just stolen again, for the fourth time in three months — presents the means to make a home.

Adriaanse's hopes are pinned on a new dispensation which will re-draw boundaries to offer a more equitable tax-base spread. But he's also looking forward to the commission finalising its hearings.

"People are worried — they don't know if they'll have a job next month and having this inquiry going on isn't the best basis for building morale. All the staff have been working under a cloud of suspicion. There are a few culprits and I'm sure they'll be dealt with — and then the rest of us will have our names cleared."

# Council raises voice on race-based vote

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**CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter**  
RATEPAYERS' associations and the city council are standing together in opposition to race-based local government transition legislation

They called today for debate on chapter 10 of the constitution, which covers local government, and for the Local Government Transition Bill to be postponed until the Cape can make its voice heard.

Executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said council opposition to the legislation was not just "white politicians, who accept their term of office has expired and has been artificially prolonged"

The proposal to reserve 60 percent of seats on transitional councils for people elected on racial lines was a contradiction of the reform process of the past two years, he said

If the proposal was pushed through multiparty talks at Kempton Park and parliament, the council would appeal to the constitutional court.

The council was worried by the "lack of transparency" of local government negotiations.

Local government bodies had battled to be heard at the national Local Government Negotiating Forum, where they were outnumbered

At Kempton Park, negotiators had no hands-on experience of local government. The voice of Cape Town had to be heard in these forums

"Let the world know that, in spite of our differences, we stand united. The people of this city — black and white,

rich and poor — must be permitted a greater say," said Mr Keegan.

Measures proposed in the draft legislation were totally inappropriate to greater Cape Town with its tradition of racial tolerance

"Given Cape regional traditions, we should be allowed to choose a regional dispensation which suits our historical imperatives," he said

Good Hope Alliance executive member Ray Sylvester said there had been no transparency in local government talks.

The greatest devolution of power to local level was needed, said Mr Sylvester

Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association chairman Mike Stavropolous said entrenching racial divisions would mean a return to old-style government.

A Camps Bay Action Group spokesman said the draft legislation had caused great concern and prominence had to be given to unease about it.

Southern suburbs spokesman David Erleigh said the legislation would put racial groups in the Cape at one another's throats

"We have not had the opportunity to negotiate our own local government solution, on the basis of one person one vote, for all ordinary residents and strict non-racialism"

He rejected an alternative proposed by ANC local government regional head Hilda Ndude to reserve 20 percent of transitional council seats for whites

□ Tourism our lifeblood, we must prepare for influx, perfect plans says Keegan

# Future municipal budget will aim at

# ensuring Cape keeps its 'fairest face'

JOHN YELD

Environment Reporter

CAPE Town's future municipal budget is to be used as a deliberate policy tool to ensure the Cape's environmental excellence is maintained, says city council exco chairman Clive Keegan

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Fairest Cape Association this week, Mr Keegan said tourism was the Cape's economic lifeblood

"I fear we are nowhere near ready for the influx of tourism that will occur if we play our cards correctly"

Also, metropolitan Cape Town did not put the required resources into maintaining the area's environmental integrity which was what drew tourists

"Without our natural environment — our mountains, bays, rivers, botanical diversity — would Cape Town be a place of any particular distinction?"

"The answer must be 'No' — we'd be very ordinary, mid-American plain Dullesville. We must remember that with all humility.

"We are the great undiscovered jewel of the world, through that which God has given to us and which is natural to our environment"

There had been a visible deterioration in the quality of Cape Town's urban life in recent years

"All around us shabbiness and decay are increasingly coming to typify the Mother City

"We are running the risk of becoming a third-rate country because we have lost any sense of pride in our environment"

The city's new executive committee had recently held a brain-storming session about the future, Mr Keegan said

A decision emanating from that session had been to use the 1994/95 budget as a policy tool rather than as a mere annual housekeeping projection, and the restoration and maintenance of the city's environmental excellence would feature prominently in this regard

"We are determined that the city will be plucked back from the brink of (becoming) a Calcutta"

Without maintaining environmental excellence, the local economy would not grow and it would prove impossible to create wealth for the region's citizens

Cape Town will fulfil all those dreams that have been wrapped up for so long"

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# Race quotas: Ratepayers back council

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## Municipal Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of a large group of ratepayers who fall under the umbrellas of the Good Hope Alliance and Southern Suburbs Ratepayers announced yesterday that they fully backed the Cape Town City Council's opposition to racially skewed voting.

The council has already protested strongly against provisions in the proposed new constitution and Local Government Transition Bill which reserve 50% of ward seats on every town council for white and coloured areas, and the other 50% of ward seats for black areas, regardless of actual population numbers.

Ward seats make up 60% of all seats on a council, while the other 40% are allocated in the proportional representation system.

The half-half ward seats arrangement will remain in place for about four years after the first supposedly non-racial local government elections, due next year.

## Joint struggle

Yesterday exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan and a group of ratepayers' leaders, who have often been at loggerheads, declared jointly that they would be allies in the struggle against racially skewed voting.

Mr David Erleigh, chairman of the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers, said one issue on which his group and the Cape Town City Council still disagreed was that of the business vote.

His group wanted businesses to retain their votes at local level, as they also contributed towards rates.

Mr Keegan interrupted him to say that his council had in fact voted to try to retain the business vote.

Mr Erleigh said he was pleased to hear that the council and his ratepayers agreed on that too, then.

Business votes will also fall away in the proposed new constitution.

# Municipal union backs exemption from forming nonracial councils

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CLIVE SAWYER  
Municipal Reporter

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THE SA Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), representing thousands of white-collar council workers countrywide, has sprung to the defence of controversial interim local government laws

National president Hans Deetlefs said he was "amazed" certain political parties had said they might test in court a deal between the African National Congress and Transvaal Municipal Association

The deal will allow councils below grade eight — which includes most small towns — exemption from forming interim nonracial councils.

They will be able to keep segregated councils until local government elections in November 1994, but will have to form

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"over-arching" executive councils which will use a fraction of their rates-income to extend services to black areas

The interim local government package, which will allow race-based representation on interim councils, was accepted by the Local Government Negotiating Forum last month

This package has been rejected by the Democratic Party, Cape Town City Council, Western Cape Regional Services Council and several Peninsula ratepayers associations as being racist and undemocratic

Saame was "not political" Mr Deetlefs said.

"We call on all parties not to do irresponsible things to block chapter 10 of the constitution."

Mr Deetlefs said his union would not allow protection of employees in a new dispensation to be jeopardised

# Monthly lunch bills queried

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**CLIVE SAWYER**

Municipal Reporter

LOUIS Kreiner, butt of criticism for his running of the council, turned the tables on newly elected executive committee member Chris Joubert by tackling him about the performance of the biscuit committee.

And he wanted to know why councillors' monthly lunches cost more a head than the inauguration dinner planned by his wife, mayor Patricia Kreiner

In a statement Mrs Kreiner said her R8 000 dinner on December 14 was "not lavish"

The committee — officially, the ad hoc committee on catering — consisted of Mr Joubert, Kenny Penkin and Arthur Wienburg

In a report last year the committee said catering costs were outlandish and costing of functions was inconsistent. It recommended privatising council catering

At an amenities and health committee meeting Mr Kreiner said to Mr Joubert "You headed the biscuit committee — now you're on exco and I want to hear what you have done."

Mr Kreiner said it was "unbelievable" that council lunches cost R27 a head

Mr Joubert said he had asked for a report on implementing everything where union permission would not be needed

"The catering committee is alive and well," he said

Mr Wienburg also found it hard to believe monthly council lunches cost R27 a head

The committee had found the lunches cost R15 a head

## Mfuleni loses administrator

THE administrator of the Mfuleni Town Council Mr Friedel Conradie resigned this week after a meeting with the Mfuleni Joint People's Committee (MJPC) in which the council's financial affairs were queried.

Mr Conradie said yesterday he started work as town administrator in September, acting as a one-man council as the entire council had resigned. (263) 4/4/2/93

He said his reasons for resigning were a lack of funds, the "arrogance" of certain MJPC members, and an impending clash between the MJPC and SA National Civics Organisation.



# Turnout CF7/12/93 poor at (263) budget seminar

Municipal Reporter

EXECUTIVE committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan was disappointed yesterday at the low turnout of ratepayers' representatives at a half-day seminar arranged to allow for input into the council's 1994 budgeting process

He said about 70 individuals and 30 organisations had indicated they would be attending. The actual attendance was about 40 who were enthusiastic in their questioning.

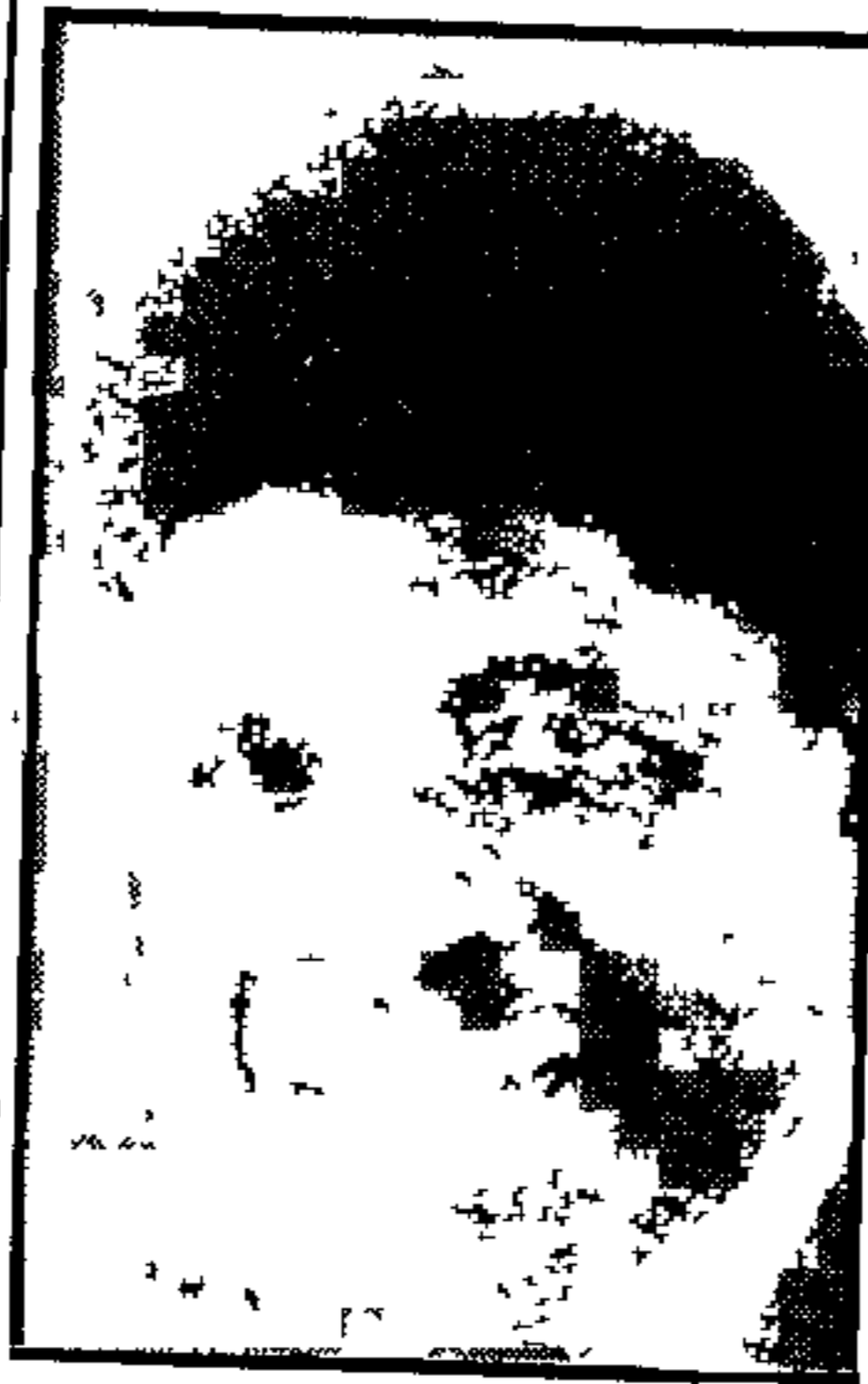
Mr Keegan said that up to now the council had tended to draw up its budget in isolation from community concerns. Yet early in the new year, "we may have a new face for the council, which will for the first time be representative of all our citizens."

The seminar had been convened so that the council could find out what ratepayers consider should take priority.

Mr Philip Greathead of Kalk Bay queried the worth of the property rates system to finance local government. He suggested an income-related system instead. Council treasurer Mr Eddie Landsberg told him that a fiscal and financial commission would investigate income sources for all tiers of government, and make recommendations to the TEC. He doubted, however, that the property-based rates system would go.

Mr Ishmail Achmat of Schotsche Kloof said too much money was being spent on the city hall and tourism, and more should be spent on Capetonians.

● Mr Keegan said the budget would increasingly be used as a policy tool, instead of remaining a housekeeping balance sheet. This year's budget was a particularly uncertain one, as the city did not know where its boundaries would be next year.



Mr Wiseman Nkuhlu

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**Trust chief  
on council  
audit body**

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Municipal Reporter

**INDEPENDENT** Development Trust chief executive Wiseman Nkuhlu is among three business people who will serve on Cape Town City Council's five-member audit committee

The committee will review council financial statements, systems of internal control and audit findings. It will report to the executive committee

Other members are chartered accountant Stella Reynolds, Old Mutual finance general manager David Walker and councillors Peter Muller and Kenny Penkin

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg said setting up the committee was urgent because there was an ever-increasing need for accountability in government

Other reasons were the global spread in fraud and malpractice, and the need to demonstrate the independence of the council's internal auditing.

Pretoria City Council this year set up an audit committee "earning praise from the auditor-general", said Mr Landsberg

# 'Contact at grassroots in Cape Town important'

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Municipal Reporter

PATRICIA Kreiner says she wants to make contact at grassroots level with the people of Cape Town.

Speaking at her Civic Centre inaugural supper, the city's new mayor said she would devote her term to four issues — peace, transition, discrimination and developing Cape Town's potential.

She drew a round of applause when she said Cape Town deserved to be South Africa's national capital.

Outlining her goals, she said the main challenge in creating peace was to unite a diverse and growing population into a cohesive and creative society.

This society would generate prosperity to meet the social and economic aspirations of all.

Cape Town could flourish only with a single and united city government, she said.

Changing circumstances had thrust a new and intense responsibility on the mayor to provide leadership.

"I want to commit myself to building what I call participant democracy in Cape Town."

She would hold meetings with civic associations, ratepayers' groups, business people, non-government organisations, and sports and religious groups.

Prosperity was the key to social upliftment.

"We need as broad a tax base as possible, accepted by the broad mass of the people as their contribution to the welfare of society as a whole."

Mrs Kreiner said she had held meetings with Wesgro executive-director David Bridgman about marketing Cape Town for foreign investment.

She vowed to combat discrimination against women. Women were under-represented in top positions in the government, political organisations and the private sector.

She said she supported culture, the environment and the bid for the 2004 Olympic Games.

The bid was "a major and concerted effort to provide a massive boost to Cape Town's tourist industry."

Hosting the Games would provide employment and inspire regional and national unity, Mrs Kreiner said.

## Sixth day for Sanco sit-in

Staff Reporter

FOLLOWING allegations of corruption in the Elsie's River management committee, the occupation of the Local Management Committee office — organised by the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) — entered its sixth day yesterday.

Fifty Sanco members and supporters have occupied the offices since last Thursday.

Branch general secretary Mr Jeremiah Christians said they were calling for the disbanding of the management committee, alleging corruption and housing mismanagement.

# Treasurer's suspension 'invalid'

Supreme Court Reporter

THE suspension without pay of the Ikapa municipality treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale for alleged misconduct was declared invalid and without force and effect in the Supreme Court yesterday

Mr Justice F Brand also ordered the municipality to pay Mr Grisdale's costs

In papers Mr Grisdale, of Lewis Drive, Constantia, said Ikapa's chief executive officer informed him by letter on October 27 that he had been suspended without pay.

He was also told he would be informed by letter when an inquiry would be held and was denied access to the building, Mr Grisdale said

His suspension was made without prior notice and he had not been given an opportunity of being heard. He was given a sheet of the allegations being investigated but denied he was guilty, he said.

He is alleged to have passed information about Ikapa's affairs to other parties, including a company with whom Ikapa was involved in litigation, and disobeyed a lawful order to attend a meeting with an attorney during the litigation

Other allegations are that he did private accounting work without permission for the Emergency Medical Services in which he had an interest, was paid R7 000 by a security company and was absent without leave on October 22

In a letter on Tuesday, the Ikapa municipality agreed to the court order but said it would hold an inquiry on Monday to decide whether Mr Grisdale should be paid for subsequent months pending the disciplinary inquiry

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# Showdown on audits coming

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By ISABEL KOCH

LOCAL authorities in the Peninsula are heading for a showdown with the auditor-general over costly performance audits which they have to undergo by law

The Milnerton Town Council has described the audits as a "paper exercise" and asked for the auditor-general's bill of R92 000 to be waived

And the Bellville City Council has refused to have the audit done, saying the exercise was unnecessary. In a report this week, the city council said it had instituted most of the measures required by the performance audit

Performance audits are government checks on local authorities to evaluate the measures taken by their accounting officers to ensure that resources are used efficiently

In contrast, normal audits relate mainly to the keeping of proper accounts and the collec-

## Councils slate costly exercises

tion of revenue

A year ago the Bellville municipality sent a letter to the auditor-general and the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Dr Tertius Delport, that it was not prepared to have such an audit done and pay for it.

The Cape Municipal Association has supported the local authorities, saying this type of audit should be done by the internal audit departments of local authorities and that auditing relating to the keeping of proper accounts should be done by the auditor-general's office

Cape Town municipality, one of

the first local authorities where the auditor-general conducted a performance audit in 1991, said it supported the concept

Deputy city treasurer Mr Neville Lomnitz said performance audits may appear petty, but it linked back to efficiency.

"It produces results that will not come out in a normal audit and it is the best way to establish accountability and transparency. We also believe it should be done by the auditor-general. Smaller local authorities may not have enough manpower, resources and the skills to undertake it."

Because the audit was such a major exercise, it was done on only one section of the Cape Town Parks and Forest Department and had cost about R90 000, Mr Lomnitz said

Defending performance audits, deputy auditor-general Professor Bertie Loots claimed that significant areas for improvement had been identified at many, if not all, of the 55 local authorities where it had been conducted



# Ratepayers may foot arrears bill

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Staff Reporter

THE city council is "not absolutely sure yet" who will foot Cape Town's share of more than R1,8 billion in nationwide black township rent and service charges arrears that are to be written off — but it may be the city's ratepayers.

According to a weekend re-

port, President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela will next month endorse a draft agreement negotiated by the Local Government Negotiating Forum

The agreement is intended to end five years of payment boycotts and began improvements to services to townships, by removing past debts

According to the report, the process was started with the tabling in Parliament last week of the Local Government Transition Bill, which provides for the establishment of non-racial local transitional councils by March next year, and non-racial city council elections by November next year

Exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan said yesterday the council had arrears in water, electricity, health services, sewage and refuse removal payments, but he could not immediately say how much was involved

Rent arrears in the city were "not such a problem", he said

Asked who would foot the bill, Mr Keegan said "We're not absolutely sure yet"

He said if the government did not pay for the arrears, it was likely Cape Town's ratepayers would be expected to do so

However, the issue would be debated in Parliament this week

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# Council 'holding CFC gases for use in Good Hope Centre'

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

THE city council is stockpiling refrigeration gases which violate the Montreal Protocol to use in the Good Hope Centre, councillor Arthur Wienburg claimed today

He said officials had wanted to put the matter on the "double green" most confidential agenda.

Use of the gas, which he believed was called R11, was to be hidden from public knowledge in this way, he said.

The protocol provides for the use of chlorofluoro-carbons

(CFCs), which destroy the ozone layer, to cease in 1995

Amenities and health chairman Chris Joubert said plans were to "optimise" use of the gas and reduce the risk of it escaping into the atmosphere

This would enable airconditioning equipment to be used until the end of its life

The equipment would be replaced with machinery using ozone-friendly gases, Mr Joubert said.

The debate on the gas was an aside in an item on providing new seating for the centre at a cost of R3,5million.

Mr Wienburg said an official had told him the seating was safe and replacing it was not necessary

"He said if 6 000 people rocked on their seats to Mango Groove it might be unsafe, but we know that centre has not seen 6 000 people rocking to anything," Mr Wienburg said

Frank van der Velde said Mr Wienburg's informant was an administrative official and not an engineer.

Mr Van der Velde said the deputy city engineer, a qualified mechanical engineer, had certified the seating unsafe

Louis Kreiner said there was no alternative to repairs

Some councillors interjected the centre should be sold or given away

Mr Kreiner said Sun International had declined to buy the building because repairs would have been too costly

Eulalie Stott said buildings of the type of the Good Hope Centre would be needed if Cape Town hosted the Olympics

Peter Muller said the seating was needed only for sports and mass religious events



# Committee votes for projects to upgrade city

□ R3 m extension to pedestrian network planned

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**CLIVE SAWYER**  
Municipal Reporter

A R3 million extension to the central city pedestrian network and a R900 000 facelift for the Grand Parade are to be put to the city council for approval today.

The utilities and works committee has voted in favour of both projects.

A city planner's report said the Parade needed improved facilities and "an improved relationship to surrounding attractions".

Repaving the Darling Street edge, to enhance the City Hall forecourt, started in 1991 but was incomplete because of budget cuts.

Materials had been bought to repave the dilapidated area around the statue of Edward VII and benches and bollard seats, already in stock, had to be put in position.

Improvements were needed to vehicle entry points and pedestrian crossings.

The ramparts and moat of the Castle had been restored beautifully, but the entry area was "blighted and inhospitable to tourists".

Minibus taxi parking at the Castle entrance had to be eliminated and pedestrian safety improved.

Paving at the entrance should be

replaced, lawns improved and repairs were needed urgently to the historic canal wall.

"Preferably, we need to create a paved pedestrian forecourt to the Castle, separated by new kerbs and bollards from the road."

The Grand Parade market was popular but had been heavily abused.

Vagrants had "despoiled" passageways linking Ospovat Place to Plein Street and the stairways to the ablution block.

The report said the gravel edge next to the bus station needed a more permanent paved surface for the expansion of informal trading.

The project would be completed in the 1994/95 financial year, and would be funded by a R900 000 loan from the capital consolidated development loan fund.

The report, supporting further pedestrianisation, said the first four phases of St George's Mall had revitalised the central business district.

"To maintain this momentum, the pedestrian network, of which St George's Mall is only a part, must be extended."

There was a need to link the mall spine to developments on the foreshore such as the power station site,

Pier Place precinct and the Waterfront by improving Anreith Arcade, Tulbagh Square and adjoining areas.

Improvements to the pavements of the old CBD core, including Adderley and Wale streets, would provide an attractive environment for visitors to cultural facilities in the Gardens.

The council would benefit from an increased rates base when properties were revalued.

Benefits to the community would be better property values, increasing trading and employment in the central city, and an attractive environment for tourists, office workers and shoppers.

The report said there had been written confirmation from an hotel to give R130 000, and a property and finance company to give R32 000, to the project.

Cost estimates for parts of the project were Anton Anreith Arcade stage one R600 000, Wale Street and Adderley Street stage one R532 000, Tulbagh Square R850 000, Adderley Street stage two R1 million, and Anton Anreith Arcade stage two R190 000.

Adderley Street should be completed within two years to avoid prolonged disturbance to business and traffic, the report said.

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# Gases are 'not being stockpiled'

Staff Reporter (263)

AN allegation by councillor Arthur Wienburg that the Cape Town City Council intends storing CFC refrigeration gases in violation of the Montreal Protocol is incorrect, says exco chairman Clive Keegan

Mr Wienburg claimed at yesterday's meeting that gases were being stockpiled for use in the Good Hope Centre and officials had wanted to put the item on the "double green" — most confidential — agenda

Mr Keegan said the Montreal Protocol required that manufacture of such gases would cease by January 1996

"It is important to note that this relates to the production and importation of the CFC refrigerants only. There are no restrictions placed on usage"

Referring to Mr Wienburg's statement during the council debate on the Good Hope Centre that an official had told him the seating was safe and its replacement at a cost of R3,5 million unnecessary, Mr Keegan said the seating had been condemned by the engineer responsible for safety in terms of the Machinery & Occupational Safety Act



INGRID SALGADO

A NEW political party calling for the sovereignty of the Cape has vowed to contest the April 27 election, and expects to win majority support within the province's current boundaries.

Established four months ago, the Cape Republic Party (CRP) claims to have tens of thousands of supporters. It has rejected the results of a recent western Cape poll which gave the NP a firm lead in the region's voter support.

CRP western Cape executive member Desmond Welthagen said: "About 98% of thousands of

## Party wants the Cape to secede

people we have spoken to are in favour of a separate sovereign state"

The Cape's 3-million "coloured" voters have been targeted. The party said the province belonged to "the indigenous brown Africans who are its original inhabitants".

It was currently canvassing support in the western Cape and hoped to target the eastern Cape in the future (263) (3000)

The party was afraid that an ANC-dominated central government would mean communist control.

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"We know that 3 000 ANC members have been convicted of violent crimes in the past year. With figures this high, it indicates there is a concerted conspiracy on the ANC's part," Welthagen said.

In a statement released this week, the party claimed ANC soldiers "continue to eliminate the executive of the Inkatha Freedom Party and have killed more than 300 so far" It would petition the Goldstone commission to inquire into ANC activities.

It said the commission

had investigated activities of the KwaZulu police but refused to look into the deaths of more than 500 police officers.

The party also slammed the NP and the DP for allowing millions of squatters "sent to the Cape by the ANC to become a festering sore around our mother city".

The CRP said it had no connection to any other political party or organisation. ANC and Freedom Alliance spokesmen said yesterday they not heard of the CRP's existence.

## Cape Town water restrictions next month

CAPE TOWN — Water restrictions are to be applied in Cape Town and parts of the Boland in spite of a drop in consumption over the past three days. **BIDON**

Cape Town city engineer Arthur Clayton said the use of garden sprinklers and hose-pipes for cleaning cars would be restricted from January ~~(28/1/93)~~ **(26/3)**

Penalties for not adhering to the restrictions would start at R40. **28/1/93**

Exemptions would be granted to commercial nurseries and car washes.

The restrictions were necessary because of a delay in the commissioning of the R450m Faure water treatment works, which would meet Cape Town's needs for the next six to eight years. The project is expected to be completed in February, and the city has plans to invest another R240m to meet rising demand.

Last week Clayton said warnings of a water shortage because of sizzling-hot weather and a large influx of visitors had been ignored. — Sapa-Reuter.



# MORNING

CAPE TOWN: Fine and hot

JOHANNESBURG: Cloudy with drizzle

BLOEMFONTEIN: Partly cloudy and warm

PRETORIA: Cloudy with drizzle

DURBAN: Cloudy and warm

PORT ELIZABETH: Warm with isolated thundershowers

EAST LONDON: Warm with isolated thundershowers

LONDON: Clear

● Full weather report — Page 2.

Today in CAPE TOWN ...

**BEACHES** Sunny and hot conditions with a maximum temperature of 26°C are expected, with strong south-easterly winds. Sheltered beaches will be Clifton, Llandudno, Sea Point, Glen Beach, Boulders and St James.

**SURFING** On the Atlantic coast — Llandudno, Glen Beach or Table View/Blouberg way

**BOARDSAILING** Fish Hoek, Witsand, Big Bay, the Vleis, Strand

**DIVING** Atlantic coast.

● For details of what's on in Cape Town today, see Leisure Line on page 5

● For what's on at the movies and theatres — Page 6

**BACK HOME ...**

**TRANSVAAL**

● Thousands of people were arrested and drugs, stolen vehicles and precious metals and stones worth millions of rands were confiscated by specialised police units in November.

Police also said the Child Protection Unit arrested 499 people on child-abuse charges, 187 of them for rape.

● A reward of up to R15 000 was yesterday offered by the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry for the recovery of material stolen in an armed robbery near Vosloorus. A car and water-quality recorders destined for a Vaal River salination study were stolen.

**NATAL**

● Natal traffic authorities will from Monday arrest all motorists who overtake in the face of oncoming traffic or cross a barrier line.

**FREE STATE**

● Farmers in central, southern and western Free State are concerned about the poor condition of the veld after recent extreme heat and low humidity.

Speaking on behalf of the Free State Agricultural Union, farmer Mr Piet van Zyl said yesterday the districts of Arlingford, Steynburg, Kroonstad, Bulfontein and ...

# Water curbs 'within days'



**SKY-HIGH** Firefighters battled for 40 minutes to contain a raging bush fire below Victoria Road near the Hottentots Huse.

## Lenient measures likely

BY PETER DENNEHY

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"We need a 10% saving, and then we will remain within the existing water treatment capacity," he said. There was even a small chance that restrictions would be avoided.

In the envisaged regulation nurseries will be exempt from restrictions. Sprinklers will be allowed on school rugby fields, cricket pitches, bowling and golf greens, croquet lawns, and at major sports stadiums.

The council may claim back some money from contractors, who are nine weeks behind the original schedule on the civil work and 13 on the mechanical and electrical work.

Construction of the first phase of the new plant was originally to have been completed at the end of November, then in the middle of this month, but now it is only expected to be finished at the end of February. The entire scheme, built over four years, will cost R450 million.

## Tight

Asked whether the council had not been cutting the programme very fine by scheduling the work to continue right into this critical summer, Mr Clayton said. "We were only given the right to the additional water from Theewaterskloof Dam at the end of 1989."

The programme had been very tight from the beginning, he said. The council had known six or eight years ago that the water treatment situation could turn critical this summer.

The council had no legal right to demand of the contractors that they forgo their usual Christmas shutdown, he added.

A senior manager of Murray and Roberts (Cape), who declined to be named, said the council "could have asked us to continue working", but had not done so. Spokesmen for the other contractors, Clifford Harris and Savage and Lovemore, could not be reached for comment.



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