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TPA hails ruling on squatters

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The TPA's deputy director general of community development, Mr Len Dekker, said the administration had agreed with Laezonia residents that the "settlers" would not be moved on to the site until sewerage facilities had

been provided. Tenders for this would be invited this week, which meant the settlement could commence towards the end of March

Dekker, who attended the hearing, said the ruling was a watershed event

"This is a most important judgment not only for the TPA but for all four provincial administrations concerned with urbanisation," he said

"This sets certain legal principles for urbanisation, providing for the rights of those who have rights and for those who are acquiring rights - Sapa.

Call to 'oppressed masses'

THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) issued a call to "the oppressed masses" on Saturday to get organised in anticipation of elections for a constituent assembly later this year.

In a statement issued to Sapa by Cast president Khabisi Mosunkutu, the organisation called on township residents to establish an election committee in each street to ensure that residents were in possession of identity documents and informed about the modalities involved.

Mosunkutu said that Cast would examine the election campaigns of the different liberation movements. It would voice its support for the party whose programme most suited its needs and which was most likely to defeat the NP at the ballot box.

However, pressed on the point, he said that Cast would allow individ-

uals freedom of choice when it came to the vote.

Referring to proposals tabled in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber aimed at bringing together the municipalities of Johannesburg and surrounding townships, Mosunkutu said Cast believed any interim arrangements in this regard should emerge from guidelines drawn up at a national negotiating forum.

"It is important to have a national consensus framework worked out at a national negotiating forum for the interim," the statement said.

"We believe the civics involved in such a move would need to review their stance very carefully."

He added "All civics must support the national negotiating forum, which would help bring about uniformity in negotiations at local level" — Sapa.

17 000 families housed in year

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration had provided 17 000 families with homes during 1992 but there was still a shortfall of almost 500 000 serviced premises, TPA Administrator Danie Hough said last week.

Hough said one of the TPA's greatest challenges during the year had been trying to keep pace with the process of urbanisation.

By the year 2010, about 69% of the black population in SA (33,2-million people) would have moved to the urban areas, the President's Council economic committee has estimated.

The TPA had spent R223m during 1992 on the provision of land and serviced plots for low-income groups in the Transvaal, Hough said.

He added that the granting of a maximum R7 500 discount on houses falling within the National Sales Campaign, announced recently by government, had helped tenants to purchase their own homes.

"The most important benefit is that full home ownership has now become a reality for many people."

Hough said that as a result of the announcement, more than 150 000 houses in the Transvaal, including 50 000 in Greater Soweto, had become eligible for the discount.

The prevention of illegal squatting and the provision of housing for the homeless had resulted in the TPA, which employed 88 000 people, becoming one of the largest town establishments in the country, said Hough.

Another day in court for Vermaas

BUSINESSMAN Albert Vermaas, who has been in jail for three weeks awaiting trial on currency charges, will appear in court tomorrow.

Vermaas, who is also expected to appear in the Transvaal Supreme Court in Pretoria on January 25 on fraud and theft charges involving R134m, was arrested on December 10 after police staked out a meeting between himself and a Norman Sparrow at Shell Ultra City on the highway between Pretoria and Johannesburg.

After a dramatic helicopter and car chase, Vermaas was arrested. He

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was found with a \$1 note in his possession — which he said he kept as a good luck charm. Sparrow was found later, allegedly with \$30 000 in the boot of his car.

Vermaas has made two unsuccessful appeals to be released on bail. Details of Sparrow's involvement in the alleged currency deal are expected to emerge in tomorrow's trial.

It is expected that Vermaas's trial on the currency charges will be completed before his long-running trial in the Supreme Court resumes.

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m is Crawford's academic
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... to slow down, had his
plans to return to London on
Saturday delayed for a couple
of days, his cardiologist said

Municipal borders under review

Expansion of several municipal areas, including Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort, will come under discussion in a session of the Transvaal Provincial Administration's Demarcation Board tomorrow.

The TPA said in a statement that the adaptation of municipal borders, extension of areas of jurisdiction and the establishment of new local governments to the north-west

of Johannesburg would be looked at.

The session, open to the public, would involve the municipalities and town councils of Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton, Midrand, Verwoerdburg, Rantesig, Muldersdrift and Chartwell.

The board would submit a report to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough immediately after the session. — Sapa

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Randburg replies to green belt critics

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RANDBURG Town Council has hit back at residents in the green belt, north of Johannesburg, who claim the plan of six Reef municipalities to divide the area between them will devastate the environmentally sensitive area and turn it into a dumping ground for squatters.

The plan will be discussed at a hearing of the Demarcation Board for Local Authorities, which is to begin today.

A Randburg council spokesman said yesterday the municipalities could mobilise the skills and resources to manage the area more effectively than a newly formed rural authority would.

He pledged that the municipalities would "do their utmost" to protect these areas.

The spokesman said Randburg had proposed that a structure plan be prepared for the area which followed proper town-planning principles

It proposed that this plan should indicate that all environmentally sensitive areas would be preserved as public or private open spaces.

Although developing low-cost housing was a top council priority, Randburg management committee chairman Brian Crail had assured residents that no development was planned for the area north of the Krugersdorp highway (R28) — which dissects the green belt — and that it would be retained as a natural area.

The adaptation of municipal borders, extension of areas of jurisdiction and the establishment of new local governments to the north-west of Johannesburg will all be argued at the three-day hearing.

The session involves the municipalities of Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg, as well as local area

committees of Chartwell, Muldersdrift and Rantesig, the Greenbelt Action Group and the Jukskei Crocodile River Catchment Area Association.

The area at issue is the entire green belt stretching from the present municipal boundaries to the Hartbeespoort Dam and the Skurweberg mountains.

Crail said the six municipalities banded together last year at the request of the TPA to seek a joint solution to the massive influx of people and the unplanned settlements that had resulted.

Boerestaat leader Robert van Tonder, who is also chairman of the Garden Triangle Action Group, said in a statement issued yesterday that the municipalities did not want the area for expansion, but for refuse dumps, squatter camps and sewage farms. He threatened that residents would refuse to pay rates if the plan went ahead.

Halt boundary talks, urges ANC

By Louise Marsland
Local Govt Reporter

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The ANC's PWV region yesterday called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration and local authorities involved in attempts to extend municipal boundaries to suspend their applications pending the outcome of local government negotiations at national level

The Demarcation Board began investigations in Krug-

ersdorp yesterday to investigate an application by the municipalities of Krugersdorp, Sandburg, Roodepoort, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg to extend their boundaries past the R28 Pretoria-Krugersdorp highway towards Hartbeespoort Dam by about 80 km sq and to settle other boundary disputes in the region

The ANC said it had noted with concern the proposed "unilateral restructuring" of boundaries north of Johannesburg

It added "Such moves can

only be designed to pre-empt the outcome of national negotiations on local government."

The ANC said municipal boundaries had been making representations to extend boundaries and to create new municipalities, but restructuring could come about only as a result of consultations between different communities.

The TPA yesterday began hearings for presentations on all aspects of the land involved. The sitting was adjourned early for an on-site inspection. Residents of the greenbelt north of Johannes-

burg will have the opportunity to state their case at the hearing today

If proceedings are not wound up by tomorrow, the hearing will continue next week

TPA community development deputy director-general Len Dekker said that, for a period of five years, there had been numerous applications by local authorities and interest groups for municipal boundary changes in the region

Dekker said the Demarcation Board hearings would es-

tablish what the best institutional structure would be to deal with urbanisation in the region. He said it was important that balanced development took place, with provision for business and industrial areas which could create jobs.

"Taking into account all the facts, especially future urbanisation in the region, recommendations must be made regarding the boundaries of local authorities who will be equipped to strive towards the general well-being of all the residents of the region," he said



ANC opposes bid to grab green belt

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THE ANC has criticised the attempts by six municipalities to extend their boundaries into the green belt north of Johannesburg, as pre-empting the outcome of national negotiations on local government

Verwoerdburg, Midrand, Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort and Krugersdorp yesterday put their plans to divide the 80km² between them before the Demarcation Board for Local Authorities.

The ANC PWV region said the redrawing of the boundaries could be made only after consultations with different communities, and called on the authorities to suspend the hearing pending the outcome of local government negotiations at a national level.

The municipalities plan to implement a joint development strategy for the region, which will include low-cost housing schemes, to deal with urbanisation

But their proposal is being fiercely opposed by residents who fear that it will run the rural character of the area and that the green belt will be used as a dumping ground for squatters

Midrand council management committee chairman Dave Hidden said yesterday the issue had been referred to the Demarcation Board because of the authorities' failure to consult residents in the area

It was regrettable that the crucial issue had to be decided in a few days by bureaucrats who had very little interest in the area, he said

The clash between the Midrand and Sandton town councils over Sandton's bid to incorporate the Midrand suburb of Glenferness into its borders would also be put before the board within the next two days

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Down the drain

Residents of Orlando East in Soweto have been without water for several weeks because of a burst tank. But the seriousness of the situation is lost on those children for whom the gushing water provides welcome relief from the searing heat of the past few days. These are some of the beneficiaries residents have complained about, which have led to the sackings.

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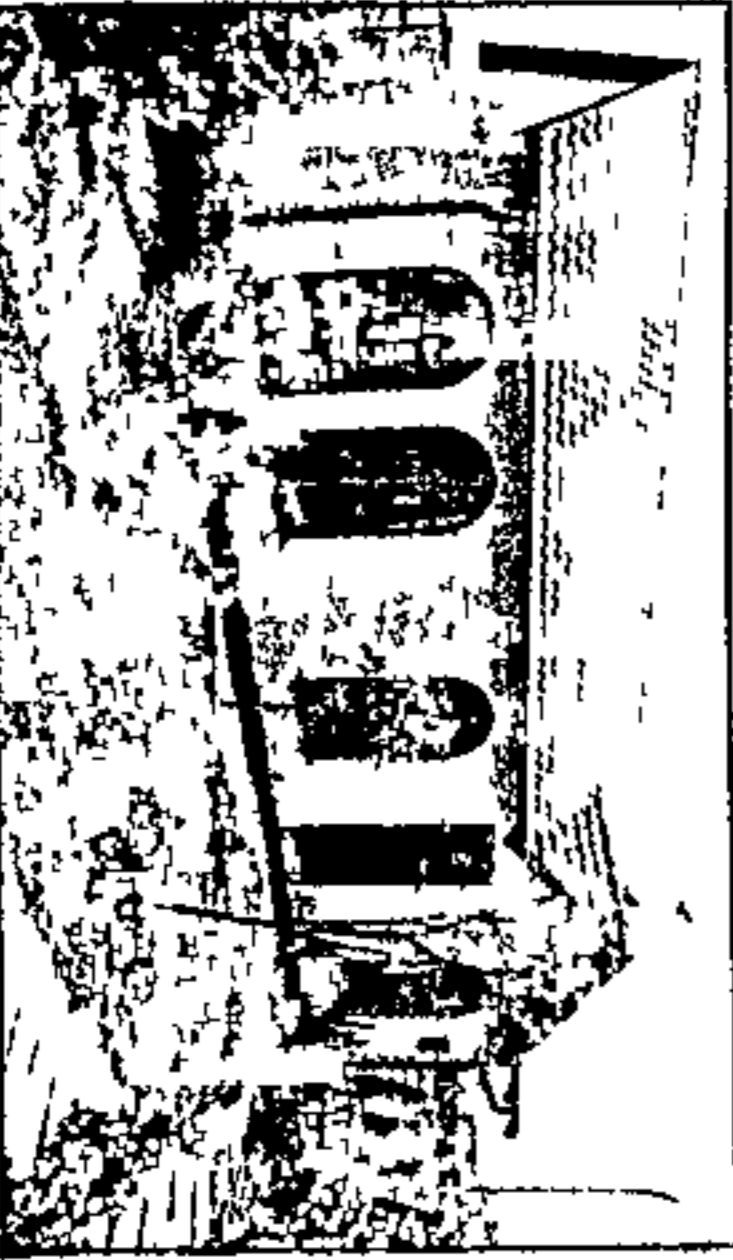
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44 councillors sacked

By Josias Charte

THE Soweto and Diepsloot councils have been sacked and all 44 councillors in the two chambers dismissed with immediate effect yesterday. **Govan Mbeki** (41) and **Pravin Gordhan** (3) were among the 44 councillors sacked. Mr. Danie Hough, said officials employed by the two councils are not affected by the move. At a special meeting to discuss the matter had reached crisis proportions and orders were issued on Tuesday, the TPA's executive committee decided that 26 councillors in Soweto and 18 in Diepsloot be dismissed from their posts with immediate effect. The executive committee decided that it would be in the best interest of the residents of Soweto and Diepsloot that the sound administration of the councils be relieved of their officers and be replaced by an administrator, Hough said.

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TPA move 'overdue'

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councillors have finally been sacked: 266

RESIDENTS OF SOWETO and Diepmeadow said yesterday the scrapping of their councils was long overdue

The councillors were sacked yesterday by the Transvaal Provincial Administration because of their deteriorating financial position

Residents interviewed said the general feeling was that councillors were enriching themselves through bribes and the "fat" salaries they received for doing nothing

"That is why we refused to pay rent and other services. Paying rent was just a waste of money," said Mr Shemi Ngakane of Mapetla

Another resident, Ms Desiree Ngubeni of Protea North, said "I have not paid a cent since moving into my house in 1988. I only pay for my bond

"Councillors are doing nothing for residents but drive around in expensive cars that residents can only dream about

"The townships look so dirty and there are numerous complaints of blocked sewerage and burst water pipes which usually take long to be repaired"

Mr Isak Phatle of Rockville said "It is good that the councillors have been dismissed. I think they will now also feel the frustration because they have become ordinary citizens like us"

The Soweto Civic Association welcomed the dissolution of the councils

SCA general-secretary Mr Pat Lephunya said the move signalled the beginning of a process that would see a single tax base for all municipalities in the Greater Johannesburg-Soweto areas

"However, our demand for the dissolution of all councils, and not some of them, still stands. We will not rest until Dobsonville councillors have been done away with as well," he said

Lephunya said the Johannesburg City Council should ready itself for the takeover of the administration of Soweto

Meanwhile, both Soweto mayor Mr Oscar Maseko and the town clerk Mrs Elizabeth Sithole were yesterday said to be briefing their lawyers following the TPA's shock decision

Diepmeadow mayor Mr Josiah Matlala declined to speak to *Sowetan* and said a meeting between his councillors was due to be held later yesterday

However, Soweto public relations officer Mr Mojalefa Moseki said the decision signalled the death of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 because "definitely without Soweto, the council structures are nothing"

He said the dissolution of the councils had laid the foundation for future nonracial municipalities

Plug pulled on debt-ridden councils

THE town councils of Soweto and Diepmeadow, which have been plagued by rent boycotts and corruption that left them at least R700m in debt, were dissolved by the TPA yesterday.

The decision was taken by the administration's executive committee on Tuesday after it had become clear the councils were unable to put their finances in order.

The two councils were instructed on November 4 to remedy their financial ills

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said TPA Witwatersrand local government director Zakkie Lombard had been appointed administrator of the townships

Hough said the executive committee had decided these steps would be in the "best interests of the residents and sound

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administration" But he stressed that the appointment of an administrator was an interim measure, pending the outcome of negotiations with the Johannesburg City Council and other interested parties - Transvaal MEC for institutional development and negotiations Olaus van Zyl said an agreement had been reached in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that Johannesburg should render services to Soweto

Now that the councils had been dissolved, negotiations on the extent of Johannesburg's involvement in the administration of Soweto and Diepmeadow were

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Councils ~~under way~~ BIDAM 14/11/93

Soweto Civic Association secretary Pat Lephunya said although the step taken by the TPA was a "great victory" for residents, it did not go far enough. He said the Dobsonville council, another Greater Soweto township, should also be dissolved.

Hough dismissed allegations by Soweto councillors recently that white officials, seconded to the council by the TPA, were responsible for the council's financial straits Hough said the administration did not second any officials to local authori-

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ties. The authorities were autonomous and employed their own staff

Four black local authorities have now been dissolved for maladministration. The others are Lekoa and Tembisa

□ The TPA's executive committee has appointed S J Benadie to probe alleged irregularities in the administration of Delareyville, in the western Transvaal.

MEC for local government and regional services council Burger Lategan said yesterday Benadie had to submit his findings before the end of April.

ANC accused of trying to wreck Bekkersdal peace pact

INKATHA and Azapo accused the ANC yesterday of attempting to shatter a peace pact between them in Bekkersdal.

Inkatha Transvaal organiser Themba Khoza told a news conference in Johannesburg that members of the ANC Bekkersdal branch had sent a memorandum to a multiparty committee, monitoring the situation in the West Rand township, in which it complained about the peace pact between Inkatha and Azapo.

Azapo deputy national organiser Monwabisi Duna said ANC supporters in the township had threatened to "come down heavily on us" should Azapo and Inkatha reach an agreement on ceasing hostilities.

However, a peace pact, signed by the ANC and Azapo in November 1991 after heavy fighting between supporters, precluded him from telling the media who the ANC members in question were, he said.

Khoza said it was known the ANC was behind the Inkatha-Azapo feud, which had claimed five lives this year.

Khoza and Duna said the allegations of the ANC's involvement in the feud would be discussed with the Bekkersdal monitoring committee, of which the ANC and PAC

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were members.

The two organisations, which had been holding a series of meetings in an attempt to end the feud, said they would hold a joint peace rally on Sunday.

Duna said Inkatha had agreed to a condition — set by Azapo — that "traditional" weapons should not be carried at the rally, which was held to "ensure lasting peace in Bekkersdal".

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa dismissed the allegations as false. He said the ANC was the first to call for a peace meeting between the organisations.

It was unfortunate that some organisations wished to use the peace process in Bekkersdal, which was the outcome of multilateral deliberations involving the ANC, the PAC, Inkatha and Azapo "for narrow party political interests".

Sapa reports that the ANC also rejected a claim during bilateral talks earlier yesterday that ANC Youth League members had said they would "come down heavily" on Azapo if it held talks with Inkatha.

tribal areas had come from the KwaZulu government and Inkatha.

He asked the committee to investigate the role of the KwaZulu and SA police in violence.

The abuse of power by KwaZulu and SA government officials in the region also required investigation.

In his preliminary submission Cosatu regional executive member Michael Mabuyakhulu asked the committee, led by Durban

Local govt forum set up

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PROGRESS towards non-racial local government structures was made yesterday when government and township civic organisations agreed to set up a local government forum.

Agreements reached at this forum, in which government and civic organisations would be represented, would be binding on all parties.

After their meeting in Johannesburg yesterday, Local Government Minister Tertius Delpont and the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) said a working group had been established to formulate the forum's terms of reference.

A Sanco spokesman said recently an interim agreement between his organisation and government was necessary as a host of issues, including the resolution of rent and services boycotts, hinged on it.

Sanco president Moses Mayekiso also said recently the time was not ripe for his organisation to advise its members to suspend the boycotts.

One condition he set for boycotts to be lifted was "sufficient movement towards the democratisation of government" at local and national levels.

Nine people killed in Natal violence

DURBAN — At least nine people were killed and two injured in violence in Natal on Tuesday, KwaZulu and SA police reported yesterday.

Six of the victims were killed in a faction fight between Pondo and Zulu tribes in Inanda, near Durban.

Meanwhile, a wave of violent attacks on the SAP is continuing, with eight policemen slain since the beginning of the year.

In the latest killings, an off-duty policeman was stabbed in the head near Germiston and a constable was gunned down by three men in police uniform while guarding a suspect in an East Rand hospital.

Soweto policemen fired birdshot and teargas after allegedly being attacked by a crowd at Inhlazane station on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Capt Burger van Rooyen said 226 policemen were killed during 1992. Many were killed off duty, when they were most vulnerable.

Despite the killings there was no shortage of recruits, and 2 300 new policemen would be trained by July — Sapa-Reuter

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



Court challenge mooted

By Stan Hlophe (266) and Brendan Templeton

A major row is brewing after the dissolution of the cash-strapped Soweto and Diepmeadow councils by the Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday

Although the move was welcomed by the Soweto and Johannesburg civic associations, the sacked councillors have threatened to challenge the TPA decision in court

Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough, at a news conference in Pretoria, cited maladministration and failure by

the two councils to collect municipal service charges as the main reasons for his decision

This follows repeated warnings to the councils last year to put their houses in order or face the consequences

The two councils faced a joint deficit of R697 million (Soweto R556 million and Diepmeadow R141 million) at the end of November

However, last-minute pleas for more time saved the two councils from being dissolved by the end of October last year

Hough said Soweto managed to collect only 14,69 per cent of municipal charges and Diepmeadow a mere 3,7 per-

cent by the end of November

A director of local government, Zakkie Lombaard, has been appointed as an administrator for both councils until February 28

TPA liaison officer Piet Wilken said the administration had considered its decision carefully and believed it would stand up in court

He said the 18 Diepmeadow and 26 Soweto councillors would not receive any severance pay

The position was the same as if the councillors had lost their seats in by-elections

But Diepmeadow council legal adviser Eldrid Maheppy accused the TPA of trying to

cover up widespread corruption by sacking the councillors

He said police investigations into fraud by senior officials and former councillors running into millions of rands had already started

This had come about mainly due to the efforts of the present councillors who had risked their lives to uncover the evidence, he said

But the Soweto and Johannesburg civic associations said the sackings were long overdue

Both organisations called for the dissolution of the Dobsonville council

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All councillors in Soweto fired

PRETORIA — Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough yesterday announced the dismissal of all councillors in Soweto and Diepmeadow over serious charges of maladministration.

He released letters, dated November 4 last year ordering the councillors to put right a litany of irregularities. When they failed to do so, all the councillors were fired. Sapa

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Jo'burg set to provide services in Soweto

By Louise Marsland
Local Government Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council will be providing services in Soweto before the end of the month if consensus is reached this week on the structure of the municipality's involvement

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meets tomorrow to hammer out the final agreement between Johannesburg, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) regarding the administration of Soweto and the provision of and payment for services.

If all went well, the Johannesburg City Council would call a special council meeting early next week to ratify its involvement in Soweto, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night.

Last year, Johannesburg agreed in principle to provide administrative advice, technical expertise and provide services and upgrade infrastructure — such as roads, sewerage services and recreational facilities — on an agency basis for the CWRSC

The CWRSC would pick up the bill

Priority

Outstanding issues to be negotiated include the rent boycott, Soweto and Diepmeadow's huge debt and the financial responsibility for the two townships

Davidson said Johannesburg's priority would be to upgrade infrastructure

"We have always acknowledged that Johannesburg has a historical responsibility to Soweto

"The structure (of our involvement) was important, and the Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors were a stumbling block"

Davidson emphasised that his council's involvement in Soweto would not cost his ratepayers a cent and would not result in a joint administration or merger with either Soweto or Diepmeadow, as the structures stood now

Soweto Civic Association general secretary Pat Lephunya last night congratulated the Transvaal Provincial Administration at the monthly chamber meeting for its decision on Soweto, and said it should be a lesson to national negotiators

"For Soweto residents, it brings us closer to the reality of a single tax base

"And I hope it will make people, black or white, believe that the negotiation process is working"

Boundary applications not racist – councils

By Louise Marsland
Local Government Reporter

Allegations that the 'big six' local authorities north of Johannesburg had racist motives in applying to extend their boundaries to accommodate low-cost informal housing settlements in the greenbelt were strongly denied by council spokesmen at the Demarcation Board yesterday.

At the second day of the

hearing in Krugersdorp, greenbelt residents squared up against the six local authorities of Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg, which have applied to extend municipal boundaries northwest of the R28 highway

The majority of residents' action groups and the local area committees of Muldersdrift, Chartwell and Rantesig were supported by the Local Government Affairs Council – which administers rural

areas – in an application to establish a single administration under the council for the entire greenbelt area in question.

There would still be provision for the local area committees.

Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association representative Stuart Aitchison accused the six municipalities of "apartheid-style planning" in trying to expand their borders to house informal settlements on the out-

skirts of their towns.

Local Government Affairs Council representative Werner Zybrands said the application by the six local authorities was triggered by the need for low-cost housing because local authorities were loath to establish informal housing settlements on their doorsteps, when they had the capacity to provide for low-income housing development within existing municipal borders

Councils looking for 'squatter dump'

By GAVIN DU VENAGE
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THE "big six" councils wanting to incorporate large tracts of land were looking for a dumping ground for squatters, so they would not have to accommodate them in their own areas, the Demarcation Board was told yesterday.

Local Government Affairs Council (LGAC) representative Werner Zybrands told the board, which is sitting in Krugersdorp and is considering proposals on whether to incorporate the area northwest of Johannesburg in the six metropolitan councils, that demand for low cost housing had triggered the issue.

LGAC urban planner Nico Kriek told the board the councils were guilty of a "not in my backyard" attitude, and that it was the fear of another Bloubastrand that had led them to support the incorporation.

Kriek said the green belt area was unsuited to urbanisation as it had poor infrastructure, no railway lines and few roads. Job seekers would be far from central business districts, between 22km and 27km away from places of work, he said. There was little labour intensive industry in the area.

The LGAC was not opposed to development

in the area, he said, but this should be left to market forces and should not depend on outside stimulation.

Kriek said the councils had room to accommodate many more people, in the case of Randburg, enough land to house double its population. "They have not developed their potential for low cost housing," he said.

Another difficulty the councils would face was integrating and co-ordinating development in an area larger than Johannesburg.

Kriek added that the area had unique characteristics, including three rivers, many nature reserves and a "micro climate" that could not be found anywhere else in the Transvaal.

However, Sandton and Randburg representative David Osborn said these assertions were "flawed". The TPA had undertaken to provide necessary infrastructure for informal housing settlements, he said.

The councils would do their best to ensure the rights and concerns of landowners were respected.

Urbanisation was inevitable, said Osborn, and would take place with or without planning. "The reality is that squatting will occur on the outside of urban areas."

By the end of this century, 60% of the black population would be urbanised, and a decade later, the PWV area would have to accommodate 16-million people.

Osborn said the Zevenfontein issue was an example of how settlements would occur on the periphery of an urban area, and that local authority planning was necessary to keep the process under control.

It was not a question of stimulating urbanisation through planning, but of controlling black urbanisation that was inevitable.

And while the opinions of the people living in the green belt had to be taken into account, a voice of reason was needed, said Osborn.

Rooipoort representative Fritz van Oosten denied that the councils were looking for room to accommodate squatters. He said low cost housing would remain below the R28 highway in the medium term, and the essential character of the green belt would remain undisturbed.

More land required for growth

By Louise Marsland
Local Govt Reporter

Local authorities needed to expand municipal boundaries to accommodate growth and manage urbanisation, the Demarcation Board heard

The board, sitting in Krugersdorp yesterday, is investigating an application by Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg to expand their boundaries into the greenbelt north-west of the R28 highway

Local authorities deny wanting the extra land for use as a "dumping ground" for squatters.

David Osborn, representing the Randburg and Sandton councils, said Sandton had almost run out of land to continue growth.

With the PWV region population now 8,4 million and expected to rise to 20 million by the year 2015, urbanisation was a priority.

Sandton, as in the case of many towns, will have to address urbanisation (and) boundaries will have to be extended.

Sandton town planner Jacobus Alberts said in his evidence that it would be a simple matter for Sandton to extend services into the green belt if its boundaries were extended as the infrastructure was already in place

TPA sackings clear a murdre

STON 15/11/93.

by Jo-Anne Collinge

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When the Administrator of the Transvaal fired the Diepmeadow and Soweto councillors this week, he swept away a major obstacle to Johannesburg's effective involvement in bringing better administration to Greater Soweto, where most services are verging on collapse

This resuscitation operation by the Johannesburg City Council, which several parties see as the key to ending the long-standing "rent" boycott, is now almost a certainty, although final details have to be written into the plan

Over the last two years, in negotiations in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a range of black and white local authorities, provincial officials and civic associations hammered out something of a blueprint to address simultaneously the need to end the boycott and the need to bring good government to the townships

The logic ran like this: residents of Soweto would not — and, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) insisted, should not — pay for services until the standard of services was improved. The three councils — Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — were incapable of improving services. Therefore, the adjoining white municipalities of Johannesburg and Roodepoort should assist with servicing Soweto, as an immediate step

In the longer term, the upgrading of Soweto depended on its getting its fair share of the tax wealth of the Johannesburg metropolitan region and accountable government

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So the restructuring, which began with a phase of joint service provision for town and township, should culminate in the creation of a new form of metropolitan and local government which was non-racial and fully democratic

This was the theory. But in practice it got stuck at phase one — the implementing of joint service provisions

In theory the black councils agreed to taking help from outside, but when it came to the push they were not prepared to cede their powers and were angry at being pressured by a renewal of the rent boycott.

The SCA, on the other hand,

said residents had given the black local authorities several chances to improve their performance, and that the councillors had failed. They were not prepared to lift the boycott unless the councillors ceded all their executive and legal powers to Johannesburg — or to a new administrative entity set up for Johannesburg and Soweto

And that is precisely where the matter deadlocked: for the second half of last year, while the debts of the councils mounted and Soweto grew dirtier and more run-down

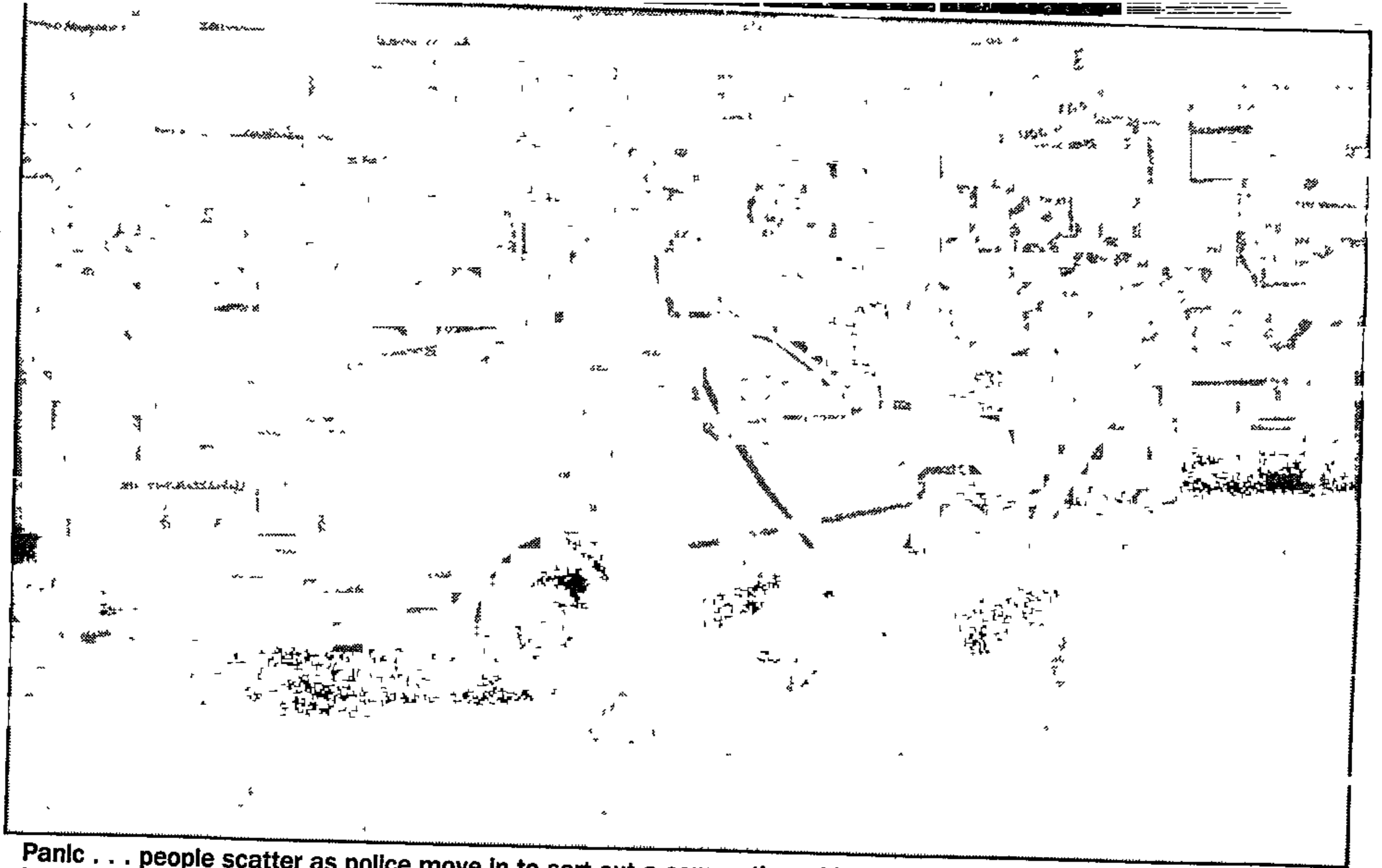
With the TPA disposing of the councillors, this conflict is automatically resolved

The TPA has named Zakkie Lombard as temporary administrator, holding office until February 28. While the TPA will be legally constrained to find a longer-term administrator, it will do so in consulta-

tion with the Metropolitan Chamber and only in the overall context of a negotiated restructuring of services

When Johannesburg, Roodepoort, the Johannesburg and Soweto civic associations, the regional services council and the TPA meet today to talk restructuring, they will be talking implementation rather than broad concepts. For the proposed structure is already agreed on — an office of city manager will oversee the servicing of Soweto and Johannesburg and the appointed administrator will head this office. This office will be accountable to the Greater Soweto Forum — a policy-making body comprising the parties mentioned above

● Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors yesterday briefed their lawyers in preparation for a court battle against the dissolution of the councils



**Panic . . . people scatter as police move in to sort out a commotion which began when a man was mistakenly shot
in central Johannesburg yesterday.**

Picture: Kenneth Maiba

Scrapping of councils hailed

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WILSON ZWANE

THE dissolution of the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils had given the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber a "new lease of life", Johannesburg City Council's management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

Davidson said the councils' presence in the chamber had hampered negotiations on Johannesburg's involvement in rendering services — on an agency basis — to the Greater Soweto townships.

The councils and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) had been opposed to Johannesburg's involvement. The councils saw the move as hijacking their duties, while the SCA saw it as "propping up" the councils. Davidson said.

Johannesburg would now proceed to "contribute to the upliftment of the people in Soweto".

He stressed the city would render the

services on an agency basis. The TPA and the Central Witwatersrand RSC would be asked to fund the services.

The ANC PWV local and regional government commission said yesterday the dissolution of the councils on the basis of maladministration vindicated its assertion that the structures were not only "illegitimate and discredited, but were also corrupt and incapable of running the day-to-day affairs of the townships".

It added "The time has now come for their total dissolution and to make way for interim local government structures which must be the outcome of genuine local negotiations processes".

Soweto PRO Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday the councillors would contest their dismissals in court.

Councils will fight back

Soweto 15/1/93.

By Tsale Makam

THE Soweto and Diepmeadow councils are considering applying jointly for a court interdict against the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to sack councillors in both chambers

Both councils were dissolved with effect from Wednesday after they failed to meet the requirements of a TPA directive issued on December 4 last year which had urged them to put their finances in order

The TPA gave the two councils until December 15 to come up with viable strategies to help sort out their joint debt of R697 million

Reacting to the TPA decision, Soweto mayor Mr Oscar Maseko, who was elected in November last year, said "We are very very bitter about the TPA's step. We are meeting with the Diepmeadow Council to discuss applying for an

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interdict"

He said they would use every legal means possible to get the decision reversed

Maseko said the reason for their dismissal was flimsy because when they were elected to office in 1988 they inherited a financially unsound council and the TPA knew it

The real reason for firing them was to appease the civic associations and the African National Congress

"They have been under pressure from the ANC and the civics to dissolve councils and the TPA finally gave in"

He accused the TPA of being run by the civics "and yet the civics are the very people who

instigated the rent boycott that has led to the major part of the debt"

Diepmeadow Council mayor Mr Josiah Matlala, who yesterday described himself as "ex-mayor", said when they took over in 1988 residents were not paying rent. They had thus inherited the financial problems of the previous council

The TPA had blundered in sacking them "The TPA is a mafia which wants to harass residents into paying, whereas we believe in speaking to the people and explaining the reasons why they should pay for services," he said

Matlala confirmed that the two councils were taking legal action

Samwu stakes claim for consultation

THE South African Municipal Workers Union has demanded involvement in the affairs of Soweto and Diepmeadow following the sacking of corrupt councillors by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

"The task of the administrator should be an effort of joint discussions and consultations with the unions and all interested parties on what is the way forward," Samwu said yesterday "We need to discuss issues affecting the community and workers" - Sapa.

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Councils cave-in no surprise

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By Ike Motsapi

NO SUPPORT Rejected by most

members of the black community:

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THE COLLAPSE of Soweto and Diepsmeadow councils this week came as no surprise. Like many others throughout the country, they have been rejected by the residents, liberation movements, churches and civic organisations.

They did not have the support of the people. This is made clear by the fact that less than 10 percent of residents voted for the councillors.

In fact, the collapse of the Soweto and Diepsmeadow councils - the two powerful examples of Black Local Authorities - sounds the death knell for all still existing apartheid structures as the country prepares itself for a new democratic order.

Main reasons

The main reason for the collapse of the two councils has been given by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) as maladministration and misappropriation of funds.

Mr Danie Hough, Administrator of the Transvaal, announced the dismissal of all councillors in Soweto and Diepsmeadow on Wednesday.

They joined a long list of others who have met a similar fate since the introduction of Black Local Authorities in 1982.

Among the councils that have collapsed are Vaal, Alexandra, Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Tembisa, Bela-Bela near Warmbaths, Lebong near Jeandra, Tsakane near Brakpan, Boteng near Delmas, Tokoza near Alberion and KwaGuga near Witbank.

Black councillors

In 1991 almost half of the sitting black councillors resigned following collapse of local authorities countrywide.

Figures provided by the four provincial administrators showed that 48 percent of local authorities had crumbled by then.

Worst-hit was the Orange Free State where 60 percent of the 442 council posts were vacant.

Of the province's 71 councils, 63.4 percent had collapsed.

During the same year Mr RP Wronsley, Auditor-General, reported

A large number of council employees

were not paying

their rent and

service charges

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took no action

against them

that the councils had lost hundreds of millions of rands in rent and service charges.

He said Soweto alone suffered a loss of more than R255 million in rent and service charges.

Hough this week said the TPA had agreed to waive R417 million in arrears for rent and services last year.

By August last year the Soweto council

managed to collect only 13 percent of municipal service charges.

He said a large number of council employees were also not paying their rent and service charges, while the council took no action against them.

He said Eskom sent the council a bill of R131 million for electricity.

While Power Park residents paid between R400 and R700 rent a month for their houses, eight councillors in the area each paid only R100 and R20 for services.

He said "Even these amounts appear to be credited against the purchasing of the houses by the eight councillors."

Singled out

Hough singled out councillor Buthelezi, who had his house damaged and restored "to a much higher standard than other houses which the council lets in Soweto, at a cost of R104 000".

He said Buthelezi paid only R85 a month for his house in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord.

The Diepsmeadow Council lost R129 million by the end of August last year, while it managed to collect only about 4.8 percent for rent in the area.

The Black Local Authorities Act was passed by Parliament in June 23 1982 and came into effect on August 1 1983. This law made provision for the es-

tablishment of local authorities, village councils and town councils for black people in certain areas after the collapse of the Community Councils. The Community Councils, which replaced the Urban Bantu Councils, did not last long because people were opposed to them.

There was an outcry from residents when the Black Local Authorities were introduced and it was clear that they were doomed to failure.

It was evident from the beginning of last year that the Government was not too happy with these councils' financial statements.

Towards the middle of last year the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), warned the Soweto and Diepsmeadow councils to put their houses in order or face the possibility of being scrapped.

The main complaint by the TPA was that these councils were not financially viable. They were in fact running at a huge deficit since residents started boycotting payments for rent and services such as water, electricity and refuse removal.

There has been a lot of pressure from churches, black liberation movements and civic organisations for the scrapping of the Black Local Authorities.

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LOUISE MARSLAND
Local Government Reporter

AN HISTORIC decision-making forum for Greater Soweto could be in place within a month following a broad agreement in Johannesburg yesterday between members of the Soweto Ad Hoc Crisis Committee on steps to resolve the current financial and services crisis in the bankrupt township.

An end to the rent and services boycott in Soweto is in sight after the sacking of the Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors this week by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough for maladministration and the failure to collect municipal service charges.

Hough removed the last stumbling block to the involvement of the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils in providing services to Greater Soweto

Skills

Yesterday the TPA, Johannesburg and Roodepoort councils, Soweto Civic Association, Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) and the Dobsonville Town Council met to hammer out the agreement which will result in the establishment of a Greater Soweto Forum to advise newly appointed Soweto and Diepmeadow administrator Zakkie Lombard, and the provision of services and administrative skills by Johannesburg in Soweto and Diepmeadow and by Roodepoort in Dobsonville

The crisis committee

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ster. His bark, they say, is
ph: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

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yesterday reached agreement on the broad structure of the new interim administration for Greater Soweto

A meeting has, however, been called for Monday to try to finalise agreement on outstanding important financial issues of the tariff structure for payment of services, the TPA's financial involvement, and how the R700 million Soweto and Diepmeadow debt should be dealt with

The proposed package to resolve the crisis is an immediate, short-term and temporary "pre-interim" arrangement and should in no way be regarded as any form of interim government, the chamber stresses.

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The Greater Soweto Forum will be politically responsible for determining policy and preparing the budgets for Greater Soweto. It will initially comprise the members of the Soweto Ad Hoc Crisis Committee, but membership could be broadened

It will operate by consensus and where matters cannot be resolved, a dispute resolution committee will be called in

Johannesburg will act as an agent for the CWRSC and will be paid to provide services and upgrade infrastructure in the townships

To get the payment of services tariffs up to an acceptable level, the civics have proposed a flat rate of R55 a month, with gradual increases after services have been seen to improve

Soweto is the BIG TEST for SA

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

SOWETO is to become the test case for the country's first multiparty democratic elections.

The Soweto elections are expected to be held early this year, possibly in May, to replace 28 Soweto and 18 Diepmeadow councillors who were fired by the TPA on Wednesday.

And for the first time in more than 40 years, township councillors will sit side-by-side with their white counterparts in the Johannesburg City Council to plan one future for the greater Johannesburg area.

The ANC said it would win the elections with its alliances if the new-look council was accepted by the communities.

The elections, which will be followed by similar elections throughout the country if successful, are seen as the test case for SA's general elections.

The government hopes to use the elections to gauge the popularity and support enjoyed by the ANC/SACP/Cosatu and Civic Associations Alliance.

The ANC will also use the elections to train their members on how to cast votes for the big one next year.

Other organisations and political parties that will be pitting their strength against the NP and the ANC machinery

will be Inkatha, the Democratic Party, Sifa-sonke Party and independent candidates.

International observers will monitor the elections.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has confirmed that such elections will be held in Soweto, but said the elections were subject to negotiations between all concerned parties taking part in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber on the possible administration of Soweto and Diepmeadow.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said on Friday that the ANC still had to find how such councils would operate and how they would be financed before taking part, but he had no doubt that the ANC together with established movements would win such elections.

"We still have to consult to get local councils to be accepted by the communities before taking part, but we would win if we take part," Niehaus said.

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can report that the government has already taken steps to make local governments acceptable to the community by removing the major financing stumbling block which has been the main cause of the rejection of such structures.

Also negotiations currently being held by the Metropolitan Chamber are to a great extent aimed at paving the way for a joint tax base for Soweto and the greater Johannesburg area.

Other issues being dealt with are the ending of the rent boycott, the outstanding debt and the future budget for the two townships.

It is expected that the government will scrap the rent debt and start on a clean slate to appease residents and organisations taking part in the elections.

Negotiations in the Metropolitan Chamber have also made it possible for the Johannesburg City Council to agree to provide cheaper bulk ser-

Hard up an

By ELIAS MALULEKE

AN impotent Munchkin man could not believe his luck on Tuesday last week when he developed a massive erection after drinking a concoction he ob-

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Soweto elections ahead

vices to the townships
The Johannesburg council will also upgrade infrastructure - including the sewage system, roads and electricity.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson hailed the sacking of the councillors, saying they were "a stumbling block".

Zakkie Lombard, ap-

pointed administrator of Soweto and Diepmeadow this week, will hold the position until February 28. The TPA hopes that by that date all parties concerned will have agreed on all major issues and will relieve him of his duties by forming an interim committee.

It is also expected that the interim committee

will appoint an electoral officer supported by all parties and fix an election date.

Inkatha, which has objected to the dismissals of the councillors, has indicated that it will be taking part in such elections if they are free and fair.

Most of the sacked councillors are believed to have joined Inkatha.

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Cash for lights loaned by UK

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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SOWETANS may have been ripped off by continuously paying high electricity bills to the TPA and Eskom for the last three years

Some councillors believe they were sacked because they demanded that electricity bills should have been lower than Soweto residents were paying

Councillors said they had been victimised by the TPA for pointing out that the electricity network and infrastructure in the township belonged to residents and that they should be paying less than they were

Residents are paying from R40 upwards a month for electricity

According to Sofasonke Party members, Eskom was approached to electrify Soweto in the 70s but turned down the request, saying it had no funds

The same request was made to the then Administration Board and the government, who also turned the project down due to lack of funds

"Soweto's first mayor, David Thebehali, then went overseas and secured a R250-million loan from Britain and West Germany. The surety for the loan was signed by the then Minister of Finance Senator Owen Horwood and repaid by residents of Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto," said party members

Milton Khanyile, a chief whip of the party, confirmed that the TPA and the councils had been at loggerheads over the ownership of the electricity system which was handed to Eskom for "nothing"

"In addition, the council approached a black electrical consultant to investigate and report on the problems of electricity in Soweto and he was appointed to repair damaged cables and meters.

"The project was to be funded by the Regional Services Council to the tune of R18-million, but bureaucrats in the TPA decided that the contract should not have been allocated to a black company and this resulted in the fraudulent transfer of the electrical assets of residents to Eskom," Khanyile said

TPA Administrator Danie Hough and senior Eskom officials could not be reached for comment before going to press

Dismissals a cover-up for whites – councillors

THE 28 Soweto and 18 Diepmeadow councillors fired this week are taking legal action against the Transvaal Provincial Administration in a bid to get their jobs back.

The councillors are to demand immediate reinstatement and/or alternative relief from the Administrator of the Transvaal,

on the grounds that their dismissals were unlawful.

The reason for their dismissal was given as the deteriorating financial situation of both councils, which was brought about by the rent boycott.

The TPA has accused the councils of sparking the boycott by failing to provide good services.

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However, councillors have placed the blame of their financial constraints on the TPA, claiming the sackings were covering "mass corruption" by white council officials.

The chairman of the Soweto Council Department of Traffic, Trading and Transport, Milton Khanyile, said councillors

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were fired to stop investigations of "mass corruption".

Khanyile said the councils had discovered white officials were stealing from the councils and passed a motion of no-confidence on January 4, this year.

Ex-mayor Oscar Ma-

seko said the TPA and the administrator had hatched the plot to dismiss councillors with white officials employed by the council to prevent action being taken against them.

"We are going to fight this. The TPA is not going to get away with murder," Maseko said.

Sun sets for councillors

IT was all gloom this week for most blacks employed at the Soweto City Council Chambers.

The smiles and high pitched voices that characterised the chamber were gone. It was like a funeral parlour.

Councillors had become part and a parcel of the Soweto way of life and were regarded almost as an institution.

Then the hammer — they were removed at the stroke of a pen on Wednesday by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough. The reason was given as "non-performance"

Those 'fired' were the mayor Oscar Maseko, deputy mayor EEM Mokitane, MM Ntloko, E Kunene, ZH Madikane, MM Mazibuko, MJ Mnguni, H Nkosi, A Nyathi and M Khanyile. Others were PM Mkwanzazi, M Ditshego, J Mavuso, P Dlamini, J Ngobeni, C Lengene, PB Tshabalala, MH Maseko, S Nontsele, LB Mateta, F Buthelezi, S Seheri, I Ramathe, A Rangan and J Mohube.

Dismissed councillors received instructions to return all council property immediately before

payment of terminal benefits was issued.

Fired councillor Milton Khanyile, furious about his treatment, said: "We risked everything to serve in the council. Our homes were bombed, family terrorised and some of our colleagues were killed, and this is what we get."

A dispirited Oscar Maseko said he was vacating his Honeydew house and was returning to Soweto.

The palatial mayoral house in Pimville will always hold some memories for councillor PM Mkwanzazi, who has been staying in it with his family.

Feelings were mixed on the sacking of the councillors. Some said it was good riddance while others called it betrayal.

Most people canvassed believed Hough would take drastic action to recover rent in a bid to break the boycott.

However Hough said residents had nothing to fear as the TPA was not planning to use strong arm tactics in forcing residents to pay up.

The Soweto Civic Association has been elated by the sacking and have demanded that the Dobsonville council also go.

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Council accused of R4m spree

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By KURT SWARTZ

RATEPAYERS in the Eastern Transvaal town of Ermelo have accused the CP-controlled town council of going on a spending spree to ensure that the black township of Wessington won't get any "white" money when the two combine

The charge has been levelled by angry businessmen and residents, most of whom declined to be named for fear of right-wing reprisals.

In the 1991/92 financial year, Ermelo, which had a reputation for sound financial management, had an accumulated reserve fund of R7 503 960. Now only R3 200 000 is left.

In the past year the council has financed the erection of a R600 000 recreation centre for the aged and has granted a R60 000 interest-free loan for the building of a luxurious anglers' clubhouse.

Roads

It is also negotiating to buy property worth R800 000 to develop a parking site for black taxis.

The council donated R1,5-million to an education fund "because many parents have difficulty paying for schooling under Model C", deputy management committee chairman Hen Mentz said.

An attempt to spend R3-million on resurfacing the town's two main roads has also been criticised, with a council source saying "It was totally unnecessary."

The council also had to fork out over R2-million

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Council accused of R4m spending spree

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because it had over-charged Wessington township for services.
This week, the management committee denied that its goal was to deplete the reserve fund and declared it had served Ermelo well with sound financial management.
"The actions of the council are aimed at using the funds in Ermelo where

word "landvervalers" (traitors) daubed on its walls after it published an article attacking the town council.
"The council has threatened to withdraw all municipal advertising from us and take its business to Die Patriot," said managing editor Dawie Hepburn.
"But we are not deterred."

1991/92 financial year had been caused by the financing of additions to the town's sewage system and the erection of an abattoir.
The council had to decide to write off the amount at the end of the 1991/92 financial year rather than reduce it on an annual basis, he said.

part of Ermelo and improvements will benefit everyone."

The Ermelo town council was also embroiled in a controversy late in November 1991 when it opposed a multiracial meeting function at the town hall.

The Supreme Court eventually forced the council to allow the function to go ahead, but it ended in chaos when teargas was thrown into the hall.

Mr Mentz said the R2,3-million deficit with which the council closed its

yearly budget was due to the council's decision to fund the recreation centre and the loan for the clubhouse.

He said the council had also spent R600 000 on the recreation centre and R60 000 on the loan for the clubhouse.

"The message is clear: spend all the available money in Ermelo so that nothing is available for the blacks," said one of the local newspaper's editors.

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Dismissed councillors prepare for big battle

■ ANC condemns appointment of an administrator:

FOURTEEN sacked Soweto councillors pooled their resources yesterday in a bid to contest their dismissals by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

The councillors each forked out about R2 000 in lawyers' fees in preparation for a bitter court battle

Other councillors, however, have decided against contesting their dismissals, saying there was no point in doing so, according to one of the councillors

Speaking from his home in Power Park, Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, who is among those who will not contest their expulsions, said contesting the dismissals would be a futile exercise

He said despite repeated warnings that councillors put the council's financial affairs in order, there was not much they could do as Soweto residents had continued to boycott rent

Corrupt and incapable

Meanwhile, the African National Congress has welcomed the dismissals of 44 Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors and described the move as "long overdue"

"Their dismissal on the basis of maladministration confirms our position that these structures are not only illegitimate and discredited but corrupt and incapable to run the day-to-day affairs of the township," the ANC's PWV region said in a statement yesterday

The organisation, however, criticised the appointment of an interim administrator and described it as a return to old-style local government system where white superintendents administered black townships

Director of Local Government, Mr Zakkie Lombard, will administer both Soweto and Diepmeadow until February 28

Kunene also criticised the move, saying it demonstrated that apartheid was still in place

ROSEBANK LAND ROW

Who checked the fine print?

FM 18/12/92.
Rosebank Action Group's continued onslaught against JHI House and Rosebank Mall (*Property* May 8) has resulted in a Johannesburg City Council investigation. The group's basic allegation is that the council granted irregular zonings and sold property at a fraction of market value.

City secretary Howard Veal, who led the investigation, says "an apparent error on the part of the Administrator of the Transvaal in 1980, who was then responsible for Johannesburg land rezonings, conferred additional office rights for about 31 181 m² to the Rosebank Mall's consolidated Erf 233.

"All that had been applied for was an extra 5 000 m² of retail rights, seven years before, to allow it a total of 28 671 m² of retail rights. The applicant was the then owner of Rosebank Mall, Rapp & Maister, which already had about 23 671 m² of retail rights. Rapp & Maister subsequently sold control over Rosebank Mall to Centrecity Property Fund in about 1985 or 1986."

Veal deduces that, "together with the new retail rights granted for 5 000 m² an asterisk in Amendment Scheme 1/398 of 1980 — referring planners to coverage and height allowances — therefore simultaneously conferred an extra 31 181 m² of office and other nonretail rights.

"Subsequent consolidation and rezoning of the site by JHI Property Management (Tvl) — which is managing agent for Rosebank Mall owner Cenprop — thus enabled it to transfer these office rights to the present site of JHI House. As far as the public was concerned, though, the owner did not advertise that it would increase the height of this development from four to what JHI alleges is only eight storeys ultimately."

JHI has responded by saying that while it has not had the time to investigate the allegations in detail, "Stand 50 (the site of JHI House), together with certain other stands adjacent, were acquired by the Rosebank Mall (Pty) Ltd for the purpose of further developing the complex known as the Rosebank Mall. The negotiations with the council were conducted on an arm's-length basis and the price at which the properties were sold was arrived at in the course of normal commercial negotiations.

"In November 1987, an application was made, in terms of the provisions of the relevant town planning and townships ordinance, for certain rezonings to accommodate, *inter alia*, the erection of a multistoreyed office block. The application was approved by both the Town Planning Tribunal and the Director of Local Government and promulgated by Notice 1 320 in the *Provincial Gazette* 4679 dated May 16 1990 as Amendment Scheme 2 729. In terms of the scheme,

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 the applicant was allowed a maximum height of 11 storeys and floor area of more than 28 000 m² for office space. JHI House falls well within these parameters.

"The plans of JHI House were approved by the city council and the building has been erected in accordance with these plans. The directors are accordingly of the opinion that JHI House has been erected in accordance with all the legal requirements and that no case exists for any demolition."

Questions asked

Veal says the council has now requested the Administrator to rectify the *Provincial Gazette* notice which approved the scheme whereby the Mall acquired additional office rights with consent of about 31 181 m². The owner of the Mall should explain the following points:

- Why it relied on Amendment Scheme 1/398 for additional office rights when it should have been aware that the granting of this office right was done without public notice and was either an error or a nullity,
- Why it did not disclose to council that it intended to rely on Amendment Scheme 1/398 to spread rights on to Erf 50 Rosebank (the JHI site) when it had previously claimed that Erf 50 had no potential other than for parking, and
- Why it is in contravention of the town planning scheme by its failure to provide the required number of parking bays. ■

JSE DISTRICT

Lots of movement

Tenant movement from Sino African Properties' AA Life Centre at 27 Diagonal Street, in Johannesburg's stock exchange district, has prodded the rumour that rental hikes are to blame. Three tenants have left this year and another two are on the verge of moving out.

First to leave was Deales Restaurant at the end of April (Landlord Sino says it is negotiating with a potential restaurateur). Then stockbroker Irish & Menell Rosenberg Inc last week moved into the JSE building. And in January, stockbroker Mathison & Hollidge is to relocate into Am-

pros' 32 Diagonal Street.

According to a Sino spokesman, all three tenants' leases expired this year. Current office rentals in his building are within the market-related range for A-grade space in the CBD — R25/m² to R35/m² gross.

In the case of Mathison & Hollidge, Sino is up against stiff competition with Ampros negotiating deals including rent-free periods and discounts in selected buildings within its portfolio.

While 32 Diagonal Street is not in this selection, rents are attractive and Ampros says it will contribute towards "reasonable" office layouts.

Irish & Menell Rosenberg confirms that lower rents are also to be had in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. According to the JSE, its gross rental from January 1 is R27/m² excluding Vat.

Wagging tongues

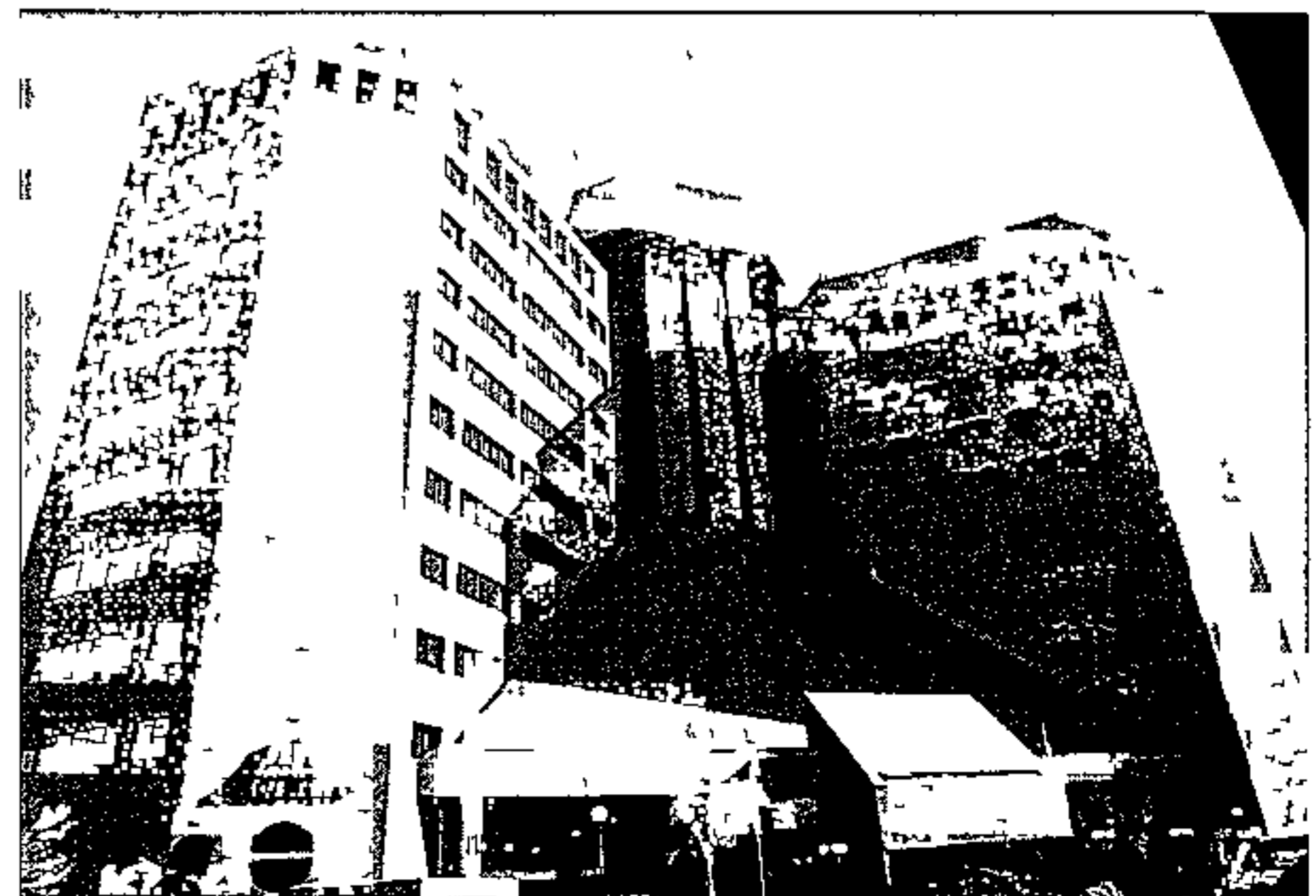
Sino says Diagonal Street Inn — a canteen run by Fedics for a consortium of members of the stock exchange in 27 Diagonal Street — will continue for the foreseeable future. This facility is continually reviewed by Fedics and operates on a month-to-month lease basis.

Coupled with these departures are those that have been necessitated by the liquidation of two tenant stockbroking firms — hardly the fault of the landlord — Andrew Forbes & Co and Ben Janse van Rensburg & Co.

Rumours that Davis, Borkhum, Hare & Co will move are unfounded. The stockbroker still has five years to run on its lease in AA Life Centre.

With all this activity, and some empty floors, it's no wonder that tongues are wagging.

But times are tough for stockbrokers and efforts to save on rent are not surprising. ■



AA Life Centre some brokers going

Sandra Duncan is determined that Lady Bracknell is really her role

Even the sets let down the production The stage is overdressed and claustrophobic Smaller combinations whiz in front of larger ones Buildings grind in and out There is scarcely room to breathe, let alone sing

Pact's history in staff relations hardly bears scrutiny That *Gigi* runs longer than *Brigadoon* will only be because the tunes are that much more familiar

If Pact is to survive — and opera survive — management needs to descend from its personal pink cloud and get wise

Michael Letellier

ART

Time and tide

Like many things, the focus of the art world tends to move from the Transvaal to the Cape during summer And even more so than usual this year, with the maiden Cape Town Art Festival being held at the V&A Waterfront on December 17-24

More than 120 artists are taking part, many of them from the Transvaal, including the first-ever Cape appearance by Keith Alexander More than 1 000 works will be on display, making this the largest exhibition of serious contemporary visual art ever held in SA Most of the artists will be at the festival, which the organisers hope will draw more



Moir MacMurray's Cathedral
drawing the pilgrims

than 100 000 visitors

Other Cape venues also remain open The National Gallery has wooden sculptures from the western Cape and a survey of the architecture of Mira Fassler Kamstra At the Association of Arts, there is affordable art (mostly less than R1 000) for Christmas, while the Artsstrip's *Not December* houses some less-established artists



Keith Alexander's Sanctuary
Cape debut

Wynberg's Chelsea Gallery is showing Ulrich Schwanecke and Fred Schimmel till December 22, thereafter by appointment

Further afield, George's Strydom Gallery's 24th invitation exhibition of SA art runs till the end of January There will be about 600 works by 140 artists, mostly in the traditional realistic style

Back in the Transvaal, the Institute of Contemporary Art, Newtown, is offering miniatures (up to 10 cm²) by more than 100 artists, till Christmas Eve Graeme Williams' documentation of the Sacred Heart House hospice will be at the Market Photo Gallery from December 20 to January 8 ■

COGNAC AND CHAMPAGNE

Bubbling prospects

The launch of two imported brands in time for Christmas heralds what may be a turning point for our wine trade An industry that has felt the worst of the slump must now brace itself for the arrival of international competition — a prospect more agreeable to wine drinkers than to producers

The first of these products offers no real challenge to the Cape wine scene and may even contribute to the process of change initiated by the estates Camus Cognac is back on the SA market after an absence of nearly 10 years, a situation which was more the result of there being no quality distributor than the consequence of international sanctions

Camus is one of the better known cognac brands It is particularly strong in oriental markets and enjoys a significant percentage of its business in the duty-free trade The decision to re-enter the SA market seems in part motivated by a desire to be represented in time for an influx of overseas tourists However, Camus's decision to commit the

brand to Cellarmaster Wines is also a measure of the growing confidence of overseas principals in one of SA's few independent liquor wholesalers

More than 90% of all wine and spirits turnover in the wholesale trade passes through the hands of Rembrandt or Kersaf operations Outsiders looking to enter the fray are left with precious little choice when it comes to selecting an importer/distributor If they are not sure that any of the independents can do the job, it is easier to stay away This policy deprives the smaller wholesalers of the critical mass necessary to become real players on the national scene

It's a chicken-and-egg situation The arrival of Camus (following Campari, Cutty Sark and New Zealand Breweries' Steinlager) suggests that for Cellarmaster — whose business is local estate wines — the tide has turned The more these smaller wholesalers are empowered by the commitment of major brands, the greater the choice that finally makes its way to liquor store shelves Camus Cognac is no threat to the local brandy industry If anything, it can contribute to the growing market for quality pot-distilled products which the creation of the stage wine brandy category is destined to encourage

The other international product of note to arrive in time for the festive trade is Freixenet, a champagne-method bubbly produced in Spain and the largest brand of its kind worldwide Freixenet's matt black bottle with its gold printed label is probably more extensively exported than the combined production of all of France's champagne houses The Freixenet group sells more méthode champenoise (called *cava* in Spain) sparkling wine than anyone else It is no less of a coup for SA's only other independent wine wholesaler — a Cape-based firm called Vinmark — that this brand has been added to the portfolio

The bubbly market has been a lot more buoyant than most other liquor categories Freixenet's decision to enter the market in the recession reflects a long-term commitment to build the brand on more than presentation and price The Freixenet Cordon Negro will retail for about R20 a bottle, a level which enables it to take on the local Cape Classique Considering the rand's weakness and that the imported product pays — on top of other duties — the iniquitous 40% surcharge, it takes no insight to see the brand's potential if the currency and trading situation improve

It is hoped the Cape's méthode champenoise producers will not cry for more protection Many of them attended the Freixenet launch, a sign that they seem to welcome the competition Cordon Negro is a good quality, professionally presented bubbly Its standard is by no means beyond the capability of Cape Classique cellars The smart producers will learn everything they can from Freixenet's packaging, PR and promotion to hone skills that will help their own export drives

Michael Fridjhon

Jo'burg tops interest paid poll

JOHANNESBURG's municipality has come out tops in a countrywide poll on interest paid on deposits for electricity and water supplies. (B.P.M.) 19/11/93

The snap poll showed that Johannesburg paid 9,5%, Port Elizabeth 4% and the Durban City Council 3% interest on termination of the contract, providing the account had been open for more than six months.

Eskom paid 5% interest, credited annually to clients' accounts.

Randburg, Sandton and Cape Town councils do not pay interest.

Randburg's senior public relations officer Edwin Dacomb said interest earned from customers' deposits was used for keeping tariffs as low as possible, so consumers did benefit indirectly.

Sandton City Council water department official Harold Kruger said interest earnings from deposits were used to cover the financial loss the council incurred because of the time lag between payments to the council's suppliers and the settling of accounts by customers.

Sandton paid its suppliers (Eskom and the Rand Water Board) on the 21st of each month, and consumers paid the council the following month.

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and RALPH LAZAR

Cape Town city treasurer Eddie Landsberg said the council did not pay interest. Interest earnings were used as security in case of non-payment by customers.

"Often by the time customers pay their accounts, they owe perhaps two months worth of supply," he said.

Interest earnings served as working capital, overcoming the need for the council to go into overdraft, he said.

As far as property transactions were concerned, industry sources said when deposits were called for, clients could specify that the money be placed into an interest-bearing account for their benefit.

However, Estate Agents Board assistant manager Clive Ashpol said that in the absence of a written instruction, estate agents were not obliged to place deposits from lessees or purchasers in interest-bearing accounts.

But from April 1 this year, failure by an estate agent to disclose the facility to place large deposits into interest-bearing accounts would constitute improper conduct in terms of a newly promulgated code.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FORMER senior Cabinet Minister and SA Ambassador to the United States Dr Piet Koornhof has confirmed that his secretary and close companion, Miss Marcelle Adams, is pregnant but denied responsibility

In an interview with the Cape Town-based Afrikaans daily newspaper *Die Burger*, Koornhof said this was the reason why he was supporting her

Die Burger's Washington correspondent quoted Koornhof as saying medical tests would prove he was not the father of the child

Press reports have romantically linked Koornhof to the 23-year-old Adams, a coloured

Koornhof's wife Lulu recently withdrew divorce proceedings against her husband

Die Burger yesterday also quoted Koornhof as saying the reports and circumstances could have created the im-

But Dr Piet Koornhof denies that he fathered the baby:

pression that he had fathered Adams' baby

He said it was physically impossible for Adams to have a child by him

"There was never a relationship of the kind which could have led to a baby"

Koornhof said Adams knew who had fathered the child, "but he doesn't want to admit it"

According to Koornhof, it was true he and Adams had spent the two days after Christmas in his seaside home at Langebaan, north of Cape Town, and had shared the same bedroom

Other people had, however, been present. "It's a bedroom that's part of a whole big set-up and absolutely nothing happened" - *Sapa*

Parole programme is on

THE Department of Correctional Services yesterday began releasing about 4 500 prisoners in terms of the Government's programme of early parole.

Correctional Services Minister Adriaan Vlok announced earlier that 7 500 prisoners would be released on parole over the next few months because prisons were too full

The first group of 4 500 prisoners will be released over six weeks and the remaining 3 000 in the following months. Vlok said the application of "restricted

Expected to be released:

advance releases is an accepted international concept" and formed part of the management and operation of most prison systems

The release programme was sanctioned by the Cabinet and had been made necessary by the fact that there were more than 110 000 convicts in prisons which could accommodate only 84 000 - *Sapa*

WVauzuzi each received consolation prizes of R100. Making the draw are, from left, FNB auditor Wayne Carrol, *Sowetan* marketing services executive Sello Rabothata, *Sowetan* staffer Thandi Moloi and FNB Stadium general manager Henrie van der Westhuizen.

news in brief

TPA will fight back

A SENIOR Transvaal Provincial Administration official says the TPA will defend its actions should the axed councillors of Soweto and Diepsmeadow carry out their threat to oppose their dismissal in a court of law

MEC Burger Lategan - responsible for local government and regional services councils in the Transvaal - said his administration was justified in its action because the two councils had failed to comply with the directives the TPA had issued

Commenting on speculation that the councillors' dismissal might herald the election of a non-racial local authority in the area, Lategan said this would depend on negotiations to be attended by all concerned parties

Students 'excluded'

THE University of Bophuthatswana was yesterday accused of deliberately excluding 40 percent of the student body from the university roll last year in spite of a court order against such an exclusion.

According to Student Representatives Council president, Mr Sol Bokaba, the Unibo administration failed to adhere to a court ruling to grant students enough time to prepare for examinations

He said there was little learning last year because the Bophuthatswana government arrested seven students and

other students boycotted classes as a result

Bokaba called on students who had been excluded from the roll to inform the SRC before the university reopened next week so their complaints could be dealt with before classes began

A spokesman for Unibo, Mr Solva Burger, said the media director of the university would comment on the SRC's claims as soon as its statement had been studied

Nearing normality

THE situation in the Orange-Vaal area, where some pupils had reportedly threatened teachers with firearms, was "practically back to normal", it was reported yesterday

Department of Education and Training public relations officer Mr Geoffrey Makwakwa said problems had started when pupils in Sebokeng and Sharpeville demanded a "pass one, pass all" system in local schools

Teachers declining to implement such a system were reportedly threatened with firearms

Makwakwa said the DET had asked for police help to patrol schools and to also offer protection to teachers

He said the ANC, church groups and the local civic associations had all played a role in helping return stability to Sebokeng and Sharpeville. - *Sapa*

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Sandton management committee resigns

STAR 19/1/93

By Anna Cox

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Sandton's management committee resigned yesterday in a move seen by critics as a ploy to ensure re-election after the resignation last week of two town councillors aligned to the ruling group had jeopardised its majority.

The five who resigned with immediate effect are management committee chairman Willem Hefer, deputy chairman Mike Melunksy, Bruce Stewart, Meyer van Niekerk

and Dennis Greyvenstein.

Hefer said the committee had resigned because it had an agreement to get a new mandate every year.

But one of the management committee's main critics, Sandtonians Against Inept Government (Saig), described the mass resignation as "a ploy for re-election".

Saig chairman Oliver Powell said last week's resignation of councillors David Anderson and Ernie Saks — both members of the ruling group — and a third resignation which was expected next week, had prompted the man-

agement committee decision to hold elections this month while it still held the majority.

"The new elections are aimed at making Sandtonians believe there is confidence in the management committee.

"We have a petition signed by 4 000 residents which is to be handed to the Administrator calling for the resignation of Hefer and his ruling group.

Hefer said although the management committee was elected for five years by ordinance, it had a gentlemen's agreement to serve only one year at a time.



THE SANDTON TOWN COUNCIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESIGNED YESTERDAY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND A NEW COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK.

Sandton management committee resigns

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THE Sandton Town Council management committee resigned yesterday with immediate effect and a new committee will be elected on Monday next week.

Chairman Willem Hefer said yesterday that it was a "straightforward" step that had its basis in a "gentleman's agreement" made when the present council was voted into office in 1988.

An informal agreement was made that the management committee would be re-elected on a yearly basis, although the council ordinance allowed it to stay in place for a full five-year term.

Hefer said the agreement had been honoured each year, but this had not happened in 1992 as no call for a re-election had been made until late last year.

However, several council members accused the management committee of calling the re-election before their support base was eroded by the resignations of two of their supporters and the impending resignation of another.

Councillor Liz Clogg said yesterday that

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the loss of councillors Ernie Sacks and David Anderson, whose resignations take effect only next month, would leave the management committee badly exposed.

She said the councillors had formed part of the "cabal" supporting the management committee, and their loss — together with the loss of Peter Jardine who is said to be emigrating — would mean their power base would be eroded.

Councillor Frederick Eylers said candidates standing for the vacant seats, who supported the management committee, would probably lose. But anyone running against them would win the by-elections. By calling for a management committee election before the by-elections, Hefer was avoiding the risk of losing his position.

Hefer rejected the accusations as "nonsense" and said there was nothing sinister in calling for the management committee elections now. "Certain councillors see conspiracies everywhere," he said.

Kasrils seeks legal advice on 'lies'

ANC official Ronnie Kasrils confirmed yesterday that he was seeking legal advice on claims of his involvement in alleged ANC camp torture by the International Freedom Foundation-sponsored Douglas commission.

"The question is being discussed with my lawyers and the matter is being considered," Kasrils, a member of the ANC's national executive committee, said yesterday. *BIDAY 19/11/93*

He said at the weekend he had not been asked to testify before the Douglas commission and described claims of his involvement in ANC torture as a "tissue of lies".

Meanwhile, the Returned Exiles' Co-ordinating Committee said advocate Bob Douglas's report — a litany of alleged human rights abuses in ANC camps — was an accurate reflection of the history of the ANC internal security department's reign of terror, torture and killings in exile.

the committee, which described itself as a collection of survivors of "the so-called

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excesses by the ANC security department" appealed to ANC leader Nelson Mandela to ensure that compensation be paid to victims of Mbokodo.

"Many of us are permanently disabled, both physically and mentally. Some are running up huge medical bills, but most are destitute and cannot afford the medical treatment they need. Most of us will never be able to earn a living again," the organisation said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports from Bisho that Ciskei military leader Brig Oupa Gqozo said the Douglas commission report was shocking testimony of disregard for human life.

"The report's testimonies confirm a terrible intolerance on the part of the leaders of the ANC and South African Communist Party, which corresponds to the harshest levels of intimidation experienced by communities in the Ciskei, Natal and the PWV area," Gqozo said.

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Hold it, they like Midrand

STAR 20/1/93
By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Midrand Town Council told a Demarcation Board hearing yesterday that several areas earmarked for inclusion in Sandton wanted to become part of Midrand.

Midrand council spokesman and town planning consultant Bob Warren said Midrand was strategically placed to be a major growth node in the next decade and planning from the town council side was geared for this.

The Demarcation Board sitting in Krugersdorp is inquiring into the area to the north and south of the R28 Krugersdorp-Pretoria highway which includes Muldersdrift, Nietgedacht and Glenferness.

The councils of Roo-depoort, Krugersdorp, Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg have, during the past four days, made representation to the board for certain of these areas to be included in their municipal areas.

Warren said that should Sandton be given the Diepsloot area, its intention to earmark it for low income housing did not make any sense as people in this income group needed to be near their place of employment and close to transport routes.

Midrand would earmark this area for the higher income bracket.

Sandton town councillor Rick Ehlers told the hearing that a number of councillors were against the extension of Sandton's borders and said the whole issue had very little support from residents.

The board hearing will conclude tomorrow and a finding will be made at a later date.

PWV economic forum to be launched

AN ECONOMIC forum for the PWV is to be launched tomorrow with the participation of government, all major political, business and labour groups. *BIDAM 20/11/93*

The PWV Economic and Development Forum was originally conceived by parties to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The Consultative Business Movement has been guiding the process leading to tomorrow's launch.

Launch members of the forum include the Regional and Land Affairs Department, the TPA, Cosatu, Nactu, Sacob, Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Fabcos, Nafcoc, the DP, NP, ANC, PAC, SA Communist Party, Fabcos, Nafcoc and the local regional ser-

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vices councils. *(266)*

The governments of KwaNdebele and Bophuthatswana are also involved.

Confirming the launch, interim chairman Andrew Feinstein said yesterday the CP and Inkatha had not attended meetings, but had indicated that they wanted to be involved.

It was not envisaged that the forum would be responsible for implementing policies.

The forum would probably undertake a six-month review of the local economy and a two-year research project on development and economic strategy.

Flat rate under fire

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By Lulama Luti

■ NO AGREEMENT R55 suggested by

THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, in a bid to end the rent boycott, has proposed that Soweto and Diepmeadow residents pay a flat rate of R55 a month

But the Soweto Civic Association yesterday rejected the proposal, saying the amount had not been agreed upon during a meeting on Monday with the CWMC and other parties

The CWMC yesterday also urged residents to pay the R55 flat rate and not wait for a final agreement

SCA spokesman Mr Pat Lephunya was, however, adamant that there was no agreement over an amount during the meeting with the CWMC, the Transvaal Provincial Administration,

Chamber has to be discussed with residents:

Roodepoort and Johannesburg city councils, the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils and the newly-appointed administrator for the areas

He said the amount was one of three proposed at the meeting

"The TPA had proposed R300, the Johannesburg council R85 and we put forward the R55. There was no final agreement on the actual amount as we said we needed to consult the residents.

"There is no way that we could agree on the amount without having first consulted the residents. All parties concerned need to report to

their constituencies before a final agreement is reached," he said

He added that there were still outstanding issues discussed at the meeting which would influence the final decision on what amount was to be paid.

These included the municipal tariffs, the writing off of more than R1,3 billion owed jointly by the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils either to the Government or to private concerns, and the issue of the dissolution of the Dobsonville Council

CCB framed Barnard, attorney tells inquest

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FORMER CCB operative Ferdi Barnard was first implicated in the murder of activist David Webster by the unit's chairman, Gen Eddie Webb, or by MD Joe Verster — and not because of a confession to his handler days after the shooting.

This submission was made by Barnard's attorney, Piet du Plessis, during closing argument at the Webster inquest in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Du Plessis said evidence that Barnard had confessed to his former handler, Lafras Luitingh, days after the murder was false and part of a plot by members of the CCB's inner circle to frame his client.

Barnard himself has repeatedly denied that he made any confession.

Du Plessis said it was clear from the evidence that Webb or Verster had started the rumours after Barnard disclosed the existence of the

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CCB during his detention under section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Barnard blew the lid off the CCB and made a number of false allegations about the unit after he was detained in November 1989 in connection with the murder of Swapo lawyer Anton Lubowski.

Du Plessis said it was clear that during the internal investigation into the CCB, Luitingh had told only former MI chief Gen Witkop Badenhorst that there was a rumour Barnard had been involved in the murder.

At that stage, Du Plessis argued, Luitingh was aware Barnard had alleged in his Section 29 statement that Luitingh himself was possibly responsible for Webster's murder.

Du Plessis said Luitingh then had the idea of spreading the rumour to incriminate Barnard.

Luitingh, he submitted, later devel-

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oped the idea into a full-blooded confession by Barnard, which was the account he gave when confronted by his cousin, Adv Martin Luitingh, during the Harms commission inquiry.

This explained why neither Badenhorst, SAP Gen Krappies Engelbrecht or Verster had mentioned Luitingh's version of a confession until the current inquest.

Earlier yesterday, J Wessels, counsel for Verster, Luitingh and the CCB, submitted that it was clear Badenhorst and Engelbrecht had tried to cover up information during their internal investigation into the CCB.

Both Engelbrecht and Badenhorst denied during their evidence that Luitingh had told them about Barnard's alleged involvement.

Wessels said the evidence of both generals should not be accepted because they had contradicted each other on several material aspects.

Argument continues today

Green belt needs its own authority, says Midrand

B/DAM 20/1/93

MIDRAND has broken ranks with five other town councils wanting to incorporate "green belt" land northwest of Johannesburg into their municipalities.

A Midrand Town Council representative yesterday told a government demarcation board hearing on the incorporation issue that the council now supported the establishment of a separate local authority for the green belt region.

The demarcation board is hearing argument over the application by the Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Verwoerdburg and Midrand councils that the large area of rural land between their boundaries and the Magaliesburg be divided up between them.

Communities in the area, as well as the government-appointed local government affairs council (LGAC), have opposed the application.

Midrand is also involved in a dispute with Sandton over a strip of land between them, an issue on which the board will also make a finding.

Midrand town planning consultant Bob Warren told the board yesterday Midrand council backed the LGAC's suggestion that the green belt be administered by a separate authority, which would have several smaller councils and boards under it.

Warren said a new regional services council (RSC) should be created out of the Witwatersrand RSC to fund local authorities in the green belt and help provide infrastructure should the need for expansion arise.

It was "critical" that development on Midrand's western boundary was co-ordinated.

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Midrand's council had conducted a full assessment of the area beyond its western boundary.

The study showed that people living there were "90% in favour" of being incorporated into Midrand, should they have to become part of a local authority.

"Community bodies in this area rejected incorporation to any other local authority, specifically high-and-mighty Sandton," said Warren.

He said Midrand was in a position to provide all the necessary services and infrastructure for the area.

Speaking in his private capacity, Sandton councillor Frederick Ehlers said the proposed incorporation had little support among his ratepayers.

The move also did not enjoy the backing of all council members, but was a "representation by a vociferous few", he said.

LGAC representative Werner Zybrands said there was enough land in the PWV region to accommodate another 8-million people without using the green belt.

He disputed the councils' ability to administer and provide services to the area, as their budgets were already stretched.

Projects in Alexandra facilitated by Randburg and Sandton had been paid for through the Witwatersrand RSC, he said.

Ratepayers in towns such as Randburg and Sandton would either have to pay more or have to accept a lower standard of living if the incorporation proposals were accepted, Zybrands added.

Schools hit by gang's protest

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SOWETO teachers and the Department of Education and Training (DET) have blamed a roving gang of youths for disrupting schooling in the Naledi area and driving principals away.

DET Johannesburg director of education provision Norman Malebane said the group — acting in the name of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) — had moved from school to school since Friday intimidating principals and department heads.

A Cosas national executive committee member said while his organisation condemned the disruptions, it could not say whether the group was part of Cosas.

National Education Co-ordinating Committee spokesman Desmond Thompson said the NECC condemned the protest which, he said, appeared to be centred around pupils being refused admission if they did not pay their fees.

Malebane said that while the principals at eight Naledi primary schools and three high schools had been hounded out, other teachers were continuing with their classes. Activity at the 56 other schools in Naledi had not been disrupted, he said.

He said that principals had been afraid to return to school for fear of their lives, except for one who had been fetched and "reinstated" by his pupils.

The DET is planning a meeting with students' organisations and civic associations in the area to resolve the situation.

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Jo'burg decides today on services for Soweto

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THE Johannesburg City Council will decide today on its proposed provision of municipal services in Greater Soweto. Johannesburg's new role comes in the wake of the dissolution by the TPA of the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils, jointly more than R700m in debt.

Johannesburg's involvement in Soweto had been proposed even before the dismissal of the councils.

The council statement said a decision would be made at a special meeting today to provide the services on an agency basis.

Meanwhile a report that the Metropolitan Chamber had called on Soweto and Diepmeadow residents to pay a R55-a-month flat rate caused a stir yesterday.

A Sapa report said the chamber had made the call after Monday night's negotiations by parties in the chamber on the future of Greater Soweto. The parties were

the TPA, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the councils of Johannesburg, Roodepoort and Dobsonville, and newly appointed administrator of Soweto and Diepmeadow Zakkie Lombard.

SCA technical committee member Wilson Mashaba said his organisation had not agreed to the R55 rate.

The issue was contained in an addition to the document, which the SCA had adopted with a proviso that it would be sent to the constituents for ratification.

Metropolitan chamber CEO Vic Milne confirmed the document, and the flat rate issue, were subject to ratification at the chamber's next meeting on February 10.

The Sapa report said residents were told not to wait for final agreement.

Town councils warned of violence

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THE Vaal Civic Association warned yesterday that threats by authorities to reduce services to residents of Vaal Triangle townships would spark renewed violence.

According to notices issued to residents by the town councils of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton, Boipatong and Bophelong, the services would be reduced next Monday unless 65% of residents paid their accounts. At present fewer than 12% of residents were paying their accounts.

The Sebokeng council said in a statement that water supply would be reduced by 50% while electricity would be supplied only between 8am and 4pm.

Civic association spokesman Jefferey Rademeyer said the situation in the townships was volatile and the threats by the authorities to reduce services inopportune.

"The situation is gradually returning to normal in the region but the threats by the authorities to reduce services could spark fresh outbreaks of violence," Rademeyer said. BIDAM 20/1/93.

He said his organisation had indicated to the authorities that residents were prepared to pay interim rates of between R60 and R70 a month. But the authorities were demanding that residents pay a monthly interim rate of R109.

A source at the Sebokeng council said the council was still trying to find ways to avert reductions in services.

An announcement in this regard would be made this week.

SADF has no comment

THE SA Defence Force yesterday declined to comment on a newspaper report which said Civil Co-operation Bureau regional manager Staal Burger was secretly employed by Military Intelligence after the official disbandment of the CCB in April 1990.

"In view of SADF policy no information can be divulged on MI functions," an SADF spokesman said. The report said former senior CCB "dirty tricks operative" Burger was one of the "civilians" fired by President F W de Klerk in his purge which affected 23 SADF officers in December. De Klerk said the names of civilian employees of the SADF, who also were involved in the purge, would not be released. BIDAM 20/1/93.

The newspaper said Burger and CCB co-ordinator Chappie Maree were secretly employed by MI after the disbandment of the CCB in 1990. — Sapa

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Soweto 26/1/93

By Lulama Luti

■ CLEAR MESSAGE Council given a
mandate to get involved in Soweto:

THE JOHANNESBURG CITY Council was last night given a mandate to go ahead with its proposal of getting involved in the running of Greater Soweto

The move comes about a week after the Soweto and Diepsmeadow councils were dissolved by the Transvaal Provincial Administration due to their "unhealthy state of finances"

At a special meeting last night, councillors unanimously gave the Johannesburg City Council a mandate to become involved in the running of

Greater Soweto

But the message was also clear that Johannesburg could not get involved with the rent boycott still in place

There is also a possibility that, if it becomes involved, the R1,3 billion rent debt owed jointly by the Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville councils could be written off

Chairman of the council's management committee Mr Ian Davidson

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said the council would meet the TPA today to finalise some outstanding financial matters, chief of which was the writing off of the debt

Last night's meeting was called to seek a mandate for the white council's involvement in the administration and provision of services in Soweto

During a Press briefing prior to the meeting, Davidson said his council's involvement in Soweto was not a matter of "if, but when and how"

Jo'burg set to take over Soweto services

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Johannesburg City Council last night took firm steps towards assuming the mammoth task of providing municipal services to Soweto, when it gave top officials the go-ahead to negotiate the details of the service agreement.

The Johannesburg council, in a special meeting, also endorsed the broad principles of a draft plan on the servicing of Soweto which had been negotiated in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (MC) by parties as diverse as white local authorities, township civic associations and the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

In a briefing before the meeting, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson highlighted aspects of the MC's proposal which Johannesburg considered vital to its successful operation in Soweto.

Firstly, Johannesburg would, at this stage, be

fulfilling a limited role, providing services on an agency basis in line with a formal agreement and against payment to be made by the administrator of Diepmeadow and Soweto.

Since the TPA's firing of the Soweto and Diepmeadow councillors last week, the administrator fulfils all legal functions of the councils.

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Secondly, Davidson stressed, Johannesburg would act only within a framework agreed to by the MC.

Not only was it determined "not to go in as an occupying force" foisting unwanted provisions on Soweto, but it was Johannesburg's view that there were sound economic and social reasons why the problems of Soweto should be addressed in a metropolitan context.

He pointed out that the plan was for the policy-making dimension of re-vamping Soweto's ser-

vices to rest with a multiparty Greater Soweto Forum, a sub-committee of the MC.

Finally, suitable financial arrangements had to accompany Johannesburg's move into servicing Soweto.

The entire package was linked to ending the Soweto rent boycott, the financial commitment of central Government to redressing the imbalances caused by apartheid, and the writing off of the Soweto councils' debt of about R1,3 billion which had accumulated during the lengthy rent boycott.

Securing residents' cooperation in paying for services was pivotal, said Davidson. Although there were no guarantees, negotiations had been conducted in good faith with the Soweto Civic Association.

Johannesburg officials will today meet provincial and Government representatives to further clarify financial details of the plan.

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Big breakthrough on services for Soweto

JOHANNESBURG. — The city has taken a significant step towards post-apartheid reconstruction with the city council unanimously ratifying a decision to render municipal services to Soweto on an agency basis.

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"This is a giant leap towards accepting the principle of Johannesburg City Council involvement in Soweto," management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night.

City council National Party leader Mr Koos Roets hailed the decision as the first step towards a future non-racial metropolitan government.

"I am extremely happy," he said.

Mr Davidson said that in the first phase of the plan the council would focus on improving the provision of services and normalising payment for these services with a view to restoring sound financial administration to Soweto.

The second phase provided for non-racial elections and the establishment of interim metropolitan and local government.

He stressed there would be no direct contribution by Johannesburg ratepayers, and the rendering of services depended on the consent of all parties — both "establishment and non-establishment".

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Lawyers berate Broeders

A SERVING Supreme Court judge's membership of a secret organisation such as the Afrikaner Broederbond was improper and incompatible with the proper administration of justice, the Johannesburg Bar Council said yesterday. *BIDAM 2/1/93*

The council, in a statement, expressed concern about recent media reports that a Natal judge was on the executive council of the Broederbond.

"The Broederbond is a secret society which pursues objectives essentially political in nature. Accordingly, membership thereof by a serving judge is improper and incompatible with the proper administration of justice," council chairman Wim Trengove SC said.

He said it was fundamental to the administration of justice that judicial officers not only be impartial, but that

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they be perceived by the public to be impartial.

"Any derogation from an unqualified public perception of impartiality will undermine confidence in the judiciary and will ultimately undermine the administration of justice itself," Trengove said.

It had long been recognised that the holding of judicial office was incompatible with membership of a political party or any other organisation with essentially political objectives.

The public would inevitably, rightly or wrongly, perceive a judicial officer who was a member of such an organisation, as committed to the furtherance of the objectives of the organisation to the detriment of his judicial duty of impartiality, Trengove said.

ANC's election campaign shifts into first gear

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THE ANC's election campaign moved into first gear yesterday when its Witwatersrand regional executive committee announced plans to adopt a three-phase programme of action for a "mass-driven" election campaign. *BIDAM 2/1/93*

ANC PWV region secretary-general Paul Mashatile said the campaign would be discussed and adopted at a general council in Mayfair, Johannesburg, on Saturday and Sunday.

The first phase would include the motivation of campaigners and consolidation of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance, the mass democratic movement and the patriotic front, said Mashatile.

Phase two would include door-to-door campaigning, marches and house meetings aimed at recruitment and at disseminating information on ANC policy.

The third phase would mark the transition from the preparatory stage to a "Votes for All" campaign, encompassing subregional and regional conferences, rallies and public meetings focusing on unemployment, education, housing and health. Throughout the phases the ANC PWV would redouble its efforts to create and consolidate peace initiatives in the region.

"Central to these meetings will be the issue of the climate of free political activity, political tolerance and peaceful coexistence of different organisations," said Mashatile.

"The successful adoption and implementation of this programme should ensure the broadest possible support for democratic forces led by the ANC and its allies to bring an end to more than 300 years of minority rule and usher in an everlasting peace and democracy for all South Africans," he said.

Thirty-three outstanding resolutions from an annual regional conference last year, including resolutions on the Peace Accord, socio-economic issues, self-defence units, VAT and food prices, the restructuring of the SABC, affirmative action relating to women and education would also be discussed, Mashatile said.

DP to focus on domestic workers

THE DP has set out to inform domestic workers in Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs of their civil, political and employment rights.

DP MP Tony Leon said yesterday the Houghton branch was holding a meeting for domestic workers on Saturday. He said organisers also sought to prepare domestics for the coming elections. *BIDAM 2/1/93*

"We have arranged for a voter education play to be staged, which is a highly professional and entertaining drama staged by the Matla Trust ex-

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plaining how to vote and the importance of tolerance and peace.

"We will also provide a summary of the new legislation which is intended to bring domestic workers under the protection of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act. It is necessary to reconcile employer and employee needs and demands without causing job losses," Leon said.

The meeting will be held at the Norwood Primary School at 3pm.

Council settles hostel dispute

CONFRONTATION between hostel residents from Thokoza, on the East Rand, and the local town council was averted this week when agreement on the occupation of the newly renovated Thokoza 1 hostel was reached.

The hostel recently underwent a R4m upgrade, Sapa reports.

The agreement was reached on Tuesday by the TPA, the council and the hostel residents' committee.

In terms of the agreement, those who had vacated the hostel during its upgrading should reoccupy it and undertake to bear its running costs.

In a joint statement the parties said a joint management committee — comprising representatives of the hostel residents, the council and the TPA

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— had been formed to manage the hostel's finances. *(266)*

The committee would manage the hostel independently of the council and the TPA. It will decide on the date for reoccupation of the hostels and on new rentals.

Tensions between the hostel residents and the municipality arose recently when the council barred residents from occupying the hostel until they had undertaken — in writing — to pay a 300% increase in rent.

Residents, who had paid R15 a month before they vacated the hostel, refused and threatened to gain entry to the hostel by force.

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Green belt arguments end as hearing closes

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THE Demarcation Board hearing in Krugersdorp on whether an area larger than Johannesburg should be divided between six councils came to a close yesterday.

The board is considering whether the green belt area northwest of Johannesburg should be partitioned and included in the boundaries of Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg. Midrand has backed the argument that the area be administered by a new local authority.

The board, under chairman Jan Brand, will spend the next four weeks considering arguments for and against incorporation, presented over a five-day period. It will then present its findings to TPA administrator Danie Hough who will make a final decision.

Opposing the application are several local administration committees representing communities in the area, with the support of the Local Government Authority Council, a statutory body that oversees the functioning of the administration committees.

The board will also consider the local authority council's proposal that the area be administered under a separate authority, assisted by a new, expanded Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

The board has also been asked to make a finding over a dispute between Midrand and Sandton. Both councils wish to incorporate patches of land that separate them.

The councils argued that urbanisation pressure and an expected influx of eight million people during the next decade meant additional land was urgently needed.

Randburg and Sandton representative David Osborn denied the land would be used as a "dumping ground" for squatters, saying it would be systematically developed. Urban infrastructure would be put in place for an economic mix of low- to high-income housing and industry.

Werner Zybrands, representing the local authority councils, said the rural character of the area would be destroyed if the councils began haphazard and uncoordinated development.

Economic forum for PWV region set up

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A major first step to formulating an economic development strategy for the PWV region during the political transition was taken on Wednesday with the launch of the region's Economic and Development Forum.

The launch of the forum was attended by representatives from business, civic and political groups in Johannesburg.

According to a statement by organisations taking part, the objective of the forum is to promote and encourage economic growth and development.

Described as possibly the most representative economic forum in the country, the new body includes the ANC, PAC, Cosatu, the National Council of Trade Unions, the SA Chamber of Business, the TPA, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal.

Reading out the forum's aims in Johannesburg, TPA MEC Dr

Olaus van Zyl said the main objective was the promotion of the growth and development of the PWV in the interests of its inhabitants.

Initially, the forum hopes to concentrate on three socio-economic components to ensure growth and development as well as dealing with tension arising from the lack of development.

The first involves a rapid-review overall analysis with a time-frame of six months.

The emphasis in this review should fall on trends and their consequences, such as the decline in the gold price, industrial change, the impact of the shift of public financing of services and a possible "kickstart" to economic activities.

After linking the studies, it would be possible to move towards a growth and employment strategy with policies for the framework of the PWV region, says the document.

According to the organisers, one area which the forum was likely to attend to was the ini-

tiation of low-cost housing using labour-intensive methods, aimed at developing small and medium enterprises. It would also develop proposals for the more effective use of technical colleges and technikons with a view to improving technical skills in the region.

It would also look into developing policies to influence the allocation of public funds in a way that would encourage economic growth.

It is estimated that the activities of the forum will cost about R1 million a year.

Welcoming the initiative, the ANC's Ben Turok said he hoped the representation on the new forum would strengthen the process of transition in South Africa.

"The representation on this forum is wider than that of the National Economic Forum, and we warmly welcome this," he said.

The PAC also welcomed the new forum, but stressed that more training should be emphasised to break the gap between the rich and the poor.



Broad support for PWV development think-tank

AN ECONOMIC and development forum for the PWV was launched yesterday with the support of business, government, trade unions and all major parties except the CP

More than 25 organisations were represented at yesterday's launch of the PWV Economic and Development Forum. They included the Regional and Land Affairs Department, the TPA, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI), Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), Fabcos, Nafcoc, regional services councils and local authorities. The governments of Bophuthatswana and KwaNdebele were also represented.

Political parties were the NP, DP, SACP and PAC, while labour was represented by Cosatu, Nactu and Fedsal.

ANC delegate Ben Turok told the launch the PWV had possibly one of the most distorted economies in the world in terms of discrepancies between rich and poor and urban and rural populations. While these would have to be addressed, Turok said the ANC did not envisage "any demolition job being done on the economy. We want to take a positive view, so that the good things which exist are extended throughout

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the region."

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He said the PWV forum had a wider representation than the national economic forum and its launch was a "good omen" for a future SA.

Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl said economics and development were often discussed at other forums, but did not always get the necessary attention. The PWV body, which he called a "people's forum", could afford a better opportunity for discussing these issues.

Pieter Haasbroek, representing the AHI and the JCCI said the business sector realised it could not create an environment conducive to economic growth by itself and that this would have to be the result of discussion and debate.

According to the launch documents, the forum could involve itself in a number of projects. These could include low-cost housing using labour intensive methods, using large-scale purchasing to benefit small- and medium-sized enterprises and developing specific policy proposals for issues affecting growth and employment.

THE Democratic Party will be a key player in a political showdown in Sandton next week.

On Monday night wide-scale discontent over the performance of the town council — particularly its management committee — will come to a head as the management committee seeks re-election in preparation for by-elections in at least three Sandton wards.

DP MP for Sandton Rupert Lorimer says the DP is very unhappy with the undemocratic and secretive style of the present management committee under the leadership of councillor Willem Hefer.

Preparing for showdown in the Sandton corral

VICIOUS conflict within Sandton's town council has deeply prejudiced the idea of a caucus, CONRAD BERGE contends.

He says the DP is considering putting up candidates in the by-elections and a return to the caucus system, which will focus policy choices and debate. He has not indicated whether DP councillors will re-elect the management committee on Monday.

During the past 12 months traditional co-operation between Sandton's civic institutions and the council has collapsed. So deep is the rift that the local Chamber of Business,

dependent Sandton Forum to compensate for the council's alleged failure to involve citizens in vital debate over the town's future.

Two major issues dominate the breakdown — a proposal to double Sandton's municipal area with land to the north.

Sandton's position in a future constitutional dispensation. The suggested doubling of Sandton's size would create a huge town extending to the Ma-

galesberg hills. The constitutional options are whether Sandton should throw its lot into a metropolitan authority including Johannesburg and Soweto, whether it should rather form a new "super-town" by merging with Randburg and Alexandra, or whether it should remain an autonomous municipality while sharing some of its revenue on a metropolitan basis.

Civic Foundation chairman Colin Adcock says the town council should take the lead in opening the debate to citizens, but has apparently engaged in a series of secret negotiations to clinch the expanded "super-town" concept.

The enormous administrative and financial implications have deliberately been kept from public scrutiny, he says.

The management committee rejects these accusations. Ratepayers' Federation chairman Gail Daus supports Adcock's assessment, but

queries the DP's ability to put matters right.

DP councillors serve both inside and outside the Hefer faction, and the vicious conflict has deeply prejudiced Lorimer's idea of a caucus.

Councillors including Jo Marais, Liz Clogg and Dave Jordaan, on the other hand, have proved the reliability of representatives of purely ratepayer interests.

David Anderson (Independent) and Ernie Sacks (DP) have resigned from the council. The resignation of Peter Jardine (DP) is imminent and more might follow as a result of legal action by citizens over alleged irregular conduct in terms of the Local Government Ordinance.

While the battle rages in public and behind the scenes, the biggest choice seems to rest with the DP. Should it continue its involvement with the Hefer-led faction or should it go for control under its own banner of reform?

The acid test will be at Monday's council meeting, where DP councillors could try to forge a new alliance

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Johannesburg 2000 will be Super City

Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN talks to Eddie Magid, the man who is revamping Johannesburg's central business district.

EDDIE Magid unrolls a map which covers half the large table in his office and sweeps his hand across it to emphasise his point. "The favourite expression when anybody asks about Johannesburg is 'the central business district is dying' That is simply not so."

The map, according to Magid — who is chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's planning and development committee — details plans to build new buildings and refurbish others, upgrade bus and taxi stations, and turn streets into pedestrian malls.

It reflects, he says, economic activity worth millions "We are generating a lot of activity downtown. The movement in the CBD is unprecedented in the history of this city, unprecedented in the history of any city in South Africa."

Magid reels off a string of statistics "In 1992, 108 plans for buildings were submitted and, by December 31, 95 of them had been approved — an investment of R270 million. Others come off the drawing boards his month."

These new plans, Magid says, are just a fraction of the build-



TRANSFORMING THE CITYSCAPE: Eddie Magid explains his vision of the Johannesburg CBD. At right is an artist's impression of a before-and-after view looking west along Kerk Street from Loveday.

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ing and revitalisation work that will be afoot over the next few years. A number of plans were announced last year, including the massive Johannesburg Tourist Trade and Convention Centre to be built in the "air-space" above the railway lines in the central city. It will span an area from the Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street, at a cost of R1.2 billion.

One section of it, the Bridge — a complex of offices and shops — is scheduled for com-

pletion this year and is already 60 percent let. "Finances for this should be in place within two months," Magid says.

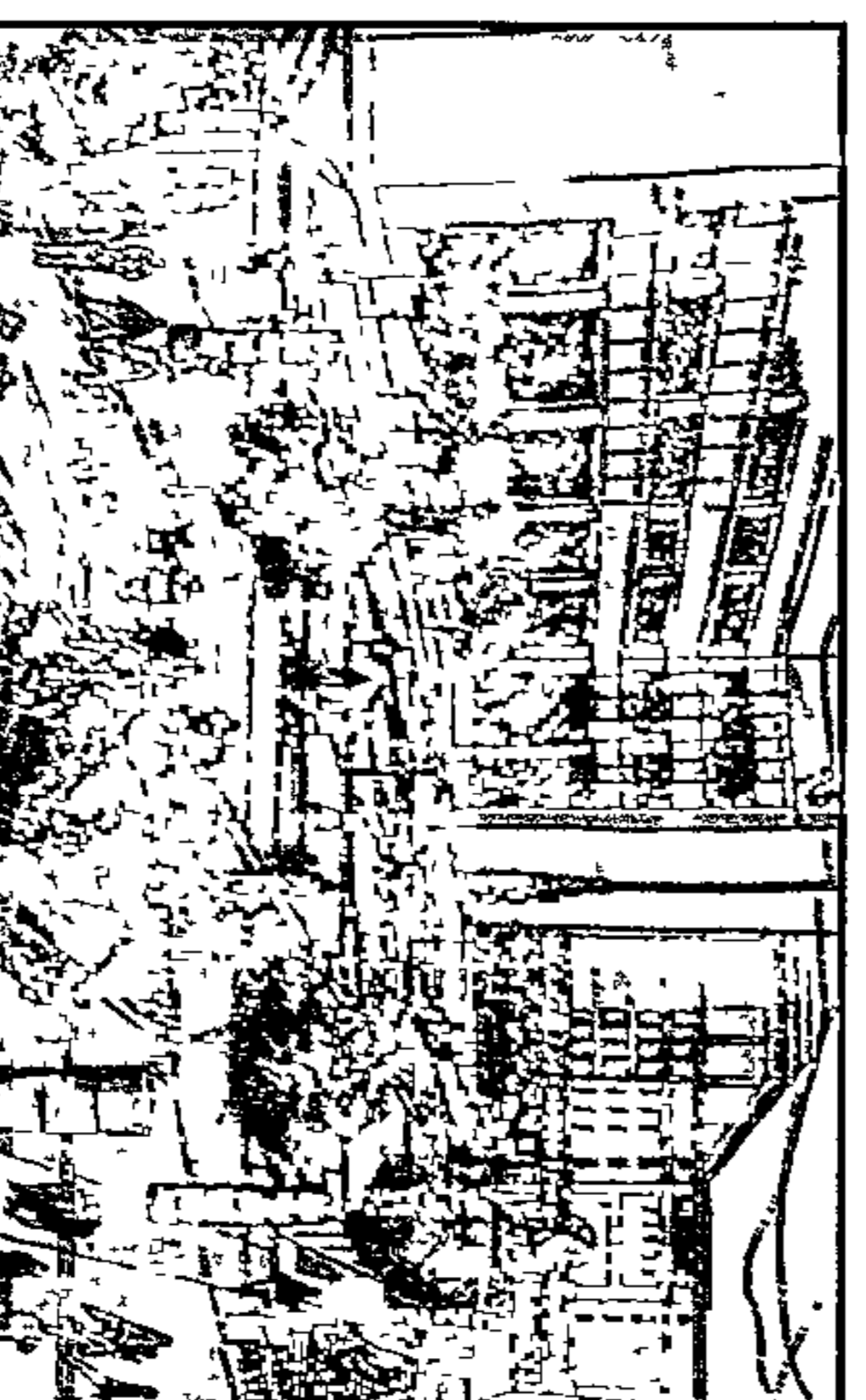
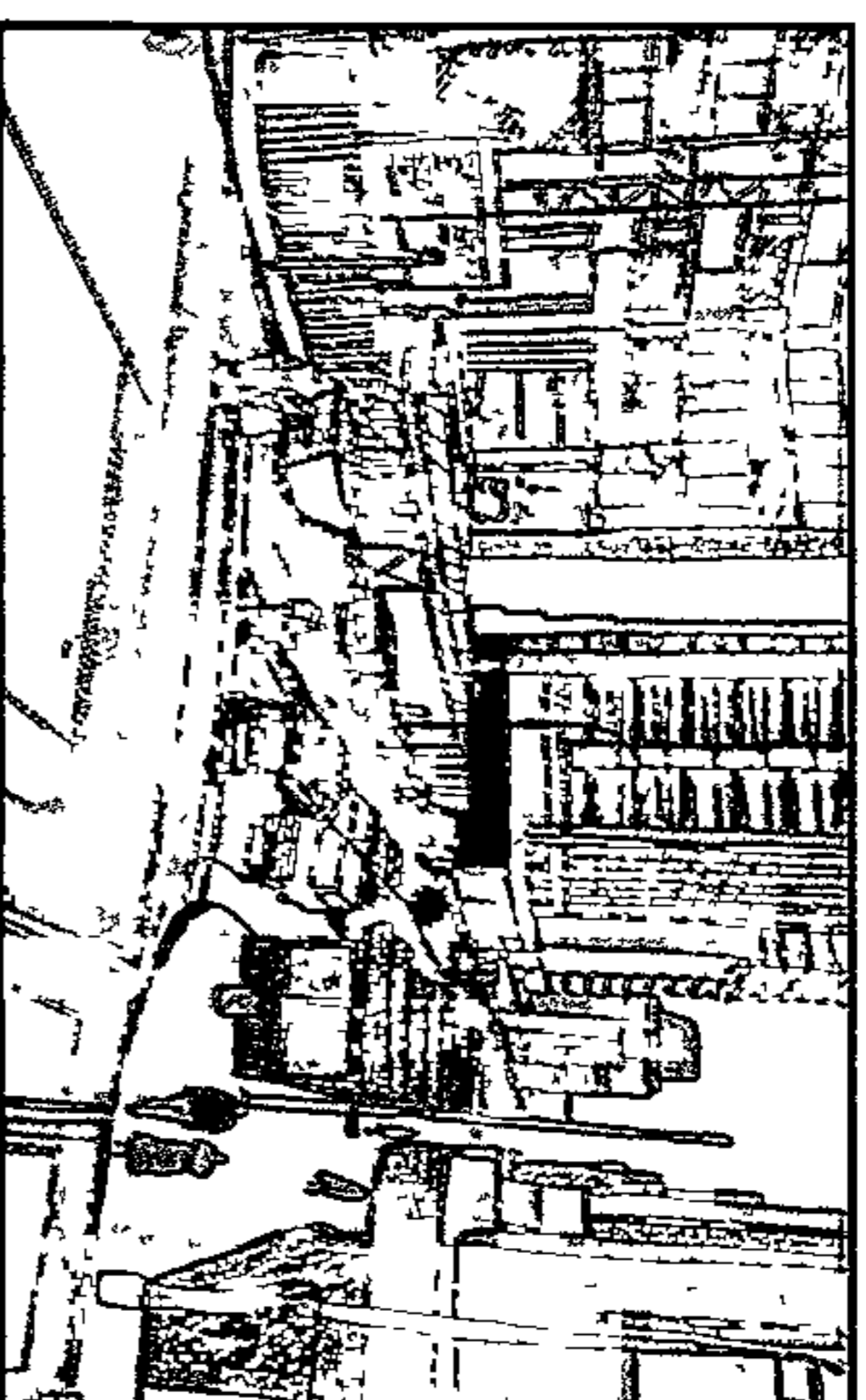
The trade centre will be joined to the Newtown and Kaserne bus and taxi ranks on the eastern side of town in Bree Street, which will themselves be transformed into the Metro Mall with shops, eating places and other facilities for commuters.

It will offer breakfast and bathrooms, among other things. Don't forget that some people start commuting at 3 am.

The investment value? R172 million. Similar plans have been made for Faraday station in the south and negotiations are under way with the mining house that owns the land to upgrade Westgate station in the south-west.

to the CBD every day from Soweto, half of them by taxi and half by train. The project is private sector-financed, but initiated by the council. Eventually these transport nodes will link with a rapid rail system which will connect them to the rest of the city. There is no question that this is on the cards."

Part of Harrison Street — three blocks between Commissioner and Marshall — is to be transformed into the "Histor-



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cal Precinct", a pedestrian mall in which the original old buildings on each side will be preserved and mature trees, antique streetlamps and other period fittings will be used.

A section of Kerk Street, stretching 10 city blocks from West Street to Von Brandis Street in the east, will also become the preserve of pedestrians. This will link with another mall on Loveday Street, which will run from Jeppe to President streets. "Work in Kerk

Street is going to start next week. With the Civic Spine as the backbone of developments, we are creating something beautiful for those who use Johannesburg every day."

A total of R3.467 billion will be poured into the city before the end of the decade, Magid says, most of it from the private sector. Corporations embarking on major building projects include mining giants Gemmu, engaged in a R138 million refurbishment of its head-

quarters, Anglo American, which is spending R130 million, and Old Mutual, which is involved in pedestrian mall development. Both Standard and First National banks will extend the massive headquarters they have been building.

All of this, Magid says, is not only critical to the economic health of the city but has ripples right across the country.

Again, he has numbers to back up his case. "The inner city generates R13.2 billion in gross domestic product every year. That is 37 percent of the GDP for the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council area, 14 percent of the PWV and 6 percent of the country's GDP.

More jobs, businesses and building work may be one step towards making the Johannesburg CBD boom. Pedestrian walkways in place of streets will doubtless make it a friendlier place to be. But the big test of reviving inner-city Johannesburg, Magid concedes, is going to be getting people to live there and pushing up the quality of life.

Part of his plan includes massive residential development of an area that starts in Smal Street and pushes eastwards. "The property is privately owned and the council has no means to buy them out," he says. The plan is to offer 'rates holidays' and 'free bulk' — a concession which will allow owners to build higher than they were previously allowed — provided it is for residential use."

Ten years hence this will be a most vibrant city, a huge metropolis creating job opportunities for thousands upon thousands."

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'Councillors' resignations a ploy'

By Anna Cox

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A showdown between Sandton town councillors is expected tonight when a new management committee will be elected after the resignation of the five-man management committee last week.

The management committee's resignation has been interpreted as a ploy to ensure re-election before the resignations of two councillors, who are aligned to the ruling group, come into effect at the end of the month.

The resignations of councillors David Anderson and Ernie Sacks will put the ruling group's majority in jeopardy.

The resignation of Peter Jardine, who is also a supporter of the ruling group, is also expected.

The ruling group at present holds 14 seats and the minority six. With the resignation of three councillors, the ruling group would be reduced to 11.

At least three other councillors are under investigation for alleged irregular conduct in terms of the Local Government Ordinance.

A leading critic of the ruling group, Sandtonians Against Inept Government (SAIG), handed a full report to the country's Ombudsman, Mr Justice P van der Walt, on Thursday calling for a full inquiry into the affairs of the three councillors.

SAIG has slammed the election of a new management committee as a sham.

Said SAIG spokesman Roger Fawcett: "It is clearly a ploy for re-election. The management committee knows that within a few weeks it will no longer hold the majority."

A petition calling for the resignation of management committee chairman Willem Hefer and his ruling group has been drawn up.

Hefer refused to comment on the accusations.

Residents are concerned about two main issues: a merger between the municipalities of Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra, and a proposal to double Sandton's area as far as the Magaliesberg



Forum aims to boost Soutelien growth

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POLITICAL, labour and business organisations on Thursday launched the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Economic and Development Forum aimed at boosting growth and alleviating the job crisis in the country's most productive region

Described as "possibly the most representative economic forum in the country", the new body includes the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, the Congress of SA Trade Unions, the National Council of Trade Unions, the SA Chamber of Business, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal

Reading out the forum's aims in Johannesburg, TPA MEC Dr Olaus van Zyl said the main objective was the promotion of the growth and development of the PWV area in the interests of its inhabitants

"The Development Forum will, within its means, consider and initiate action respecting the full spectrum of socio-economic and physical development issues, related to the political context within which the region functions"

Councils reluctant to let Eskom take over supply

COUNCILS of Vaal Triangle townships are reluctant to grant Eskom direct electricity supply rights, saying this will deprive them of much needed revenue

Eskom West Rand sales and customer services manager Paul Marais said at the weekend the utility was negotiating with, among others, the authorities of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong, as well as the Vaal Civic Association (VCA), with a view to taking over all power supply in the region

Reef townships which have already ceded their electricity supply rights to Eskom are Soweto, Dobsonville, Diepmeadow, Alexandra, Vosloorus and Tsakane.

Marais said the utility was negotiating with a number of townships, which owed it money for primary

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electricity supplies, but could not meet their accounts because of low levels of payment from residents.

Sharpeville and Bophelong administrator Eben Combrinck said he did not like "the idea" of Eskom taking over because it would cripple the town councils.

These councils, Combrinck said, used electricity revenue to pay for other services such as refuse removal and sewerage

In another development, it was decided that services in the Vaal Triangle townships would not be reduced from today as had been threatened

Councils in the area warned last week that unless 65% of residents paid their accounts, water supplies would be reduced by 50% and electricity would be supplied only between

6am and 4pm.

Combrinck said the decision to suspend the reduced services strategy was taken after discussions in the recently formed normalisation task team in the area

The task team comprises representatives of the TPA, the local authorities and the VCA. It was formed in an attempt to restore stability to the unrest-torn region.

Combrinck said the VCA had undertaken to urge residents to step up payments so as to avert reductions in services

The situation would be monitored closely and should residents not "flock to the offices to pay", services would be reduced next Monday

The VCA has warned that the reduction in services would spark fresh outbreaks of violence in the "still volatile region"

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Five mourners killed in attack

DURBAN — Five people were killed and about 15 wounded in Amoati, north of Durban, on Saturday in an apparent revenge attack on a group of mourners.

A police spokesman said the attack was in revenge for a massacre two weeks ago in the area. The victims were on their way home from a funeral. *(216)*

At Mlahlankosi in Inkabi, near Maritzburg, churchgoers were scattered yesterday by ANC and Inkatha supporters who started shooting at each other.

Police, alerted by reports of violence in the Zinkwazi/Mdabanzane area, dispersed the groups of about 25 people each.

In the Transvaal, a man was reported killed and another wounded during the funeral of the wife of clergyman Solomon Khumalo in Katlehong on Saturday.

Police spokesman Brig Malherbe said the two victims were found in a house.

Police arrested an unknown number of suspects after SADF members pulled over a car near the graveyard that was later discovered not to be part of the procession.

They arrested six other suspects travelling in a car and confiscated several firearms while patrolling the township.

In Ratanda township near Heidelberg, a man was killed and two wounded on Friday in a shooting incident.

In Soweto, gunmen opened fire on a police patrol car on Saturday, killing a police dog and wounding another, police said. Two officers were also wounded in the shooting in Meadowlands. — Sapa.

Civic bodies to take on local authorities over water cuts

TOWNSHIP civic organisations are to take up cudgels against local authorities trying to break rent and services boycotts by cutting the water supply to residents. *BIDM*

The Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) said at the weekend it would take an "appropriate" measure to ensure that water supply and all other services rendered in townships were depoliticised. *25/11/93*

Cast publicity secretary Pat Lephunya said his organisation was concerned that local authorities, who had been cutting power in an attempt to break boycotts, were now cutting the water supply.

Lephunya said negotiations were necessary between the civic movement and water boards, with a view to getting the water suppliers to supply directly to township residents, rather than via local authorities.

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said although the rendering of services to townships would be dealt with at a local government negotiating forum, to be launched in the near

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future, an "appropriate measure will be taken against the councils, which are discredited and which use water to prolong their lives".

Town councils of Vosloorus and Katlehong, on the East Rand, recently reduced water supply in an attempt to get residents to pay their accounts. *(183) (266)*

Civic organisations have so far been negotiating with Eskom to take over the electricity supply in all townships. Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said recently the transfer of supply rights to the utility was necessary in the transitional period. Once the "mess" at local government level had been cleaned up and once nonracial local authorities had been installed, the matter would be reviewed.

Negotiations with Eskom began after it had become clear to civic organisations that local authorities were trying to break rent and services boycotts by cutting electricity.

Parents to sue US firm over Sabax drips

THE parents of one of the babies who died after being administered allegedly contaminated drips at a number of Johannesburg clinics confirmed yesterday that they were pressing ahead with a R60m claim for damages in the US. *BIDM*

Anna Fiocchi said her husband Marco had signed a mandate on Friday giving Johannesburg attorney Chris Bean the go-ahead to institute a claim against Baxter Travenol Inc, the US supplier and licensee of Sabax in SA. *25/11/93*

The Fiocchis' baby son Roberto died in August 1990 after he was given a Sabax drip at the Park Lane

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Fiocchi said as far as she was aware Bean had been instructed to claim damages on behalf of the parents of 20 babies who died from contaminated drips during 1990 and in September last year. She said \$1m (R3m) was being claimed in respect of each of the 20 babies.

An inquest held in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court found that no one could be held responsible for the deaths of the 12 babies who died from the contaminated drips in 1990.

The ANC would ensure that no more year shortages occur over the next two to three years because farmers would have





Sandton council crisis mounts

By Anna Cox

26/11/93

Chaos erupted at Sandton Town Council last night when five councillors walked out of a meeting called to elect a new management committee, in protest against the absence of management committee chairman Willem Hefer.

Five other members of the ruling group also failed to attend the meeting.

There was no quorum and no election.

Councillors Jo Marais, Elizabeth Clogg, Rick Ehlers, Max Strous and Hazel Edges Shochet walked out of the meeting because of Hefer's absence.

Hefer, who called the meeting after the resignation of the management committee last week, was seen in the building at the start of the meeting.

His deputy, Mike Melunsky, and four other councillors aligned to the ruling group — Richard Cheary, Dave Anderson, Ernie Saks and Don Forbes — were also absent. Said Clogg: "Hefer must re-

sign. His actions tonight by deliberately staying away from such an important meeting show his contempt of the council.

"It is outrageous that he and his members of the ruling group, with their usual disregard for the interests of the people of Sandton whom they are supposed to represent, use this council unscrupulously for their own political games."

Sandtonians Against Inept Government (SAIG), a group campaigning for the resignation of the management committee, said: "They are playing personal political games

with the residents of Sandton. Once again, Hefer has shown his arrogance and disregard of the needs of Sandton."

SAIG has labelled last week's resignation of the five-man management committee as a ploy for re-election. The ruling group's majority is in jeopardy after the resignation of two aligned councillors, and a third resignation which is expected at the month end.

The Democratic Party's southern Transvaal chairman, Peter Soal, condemned the walkout. He said the DP had spent 10 days negotiating with

councillors to restore discipline and order in the Sandton Town Council

"We had come to an arrangement whereby the DP, which is the largest party in the council with eight seats, would take three seats, including the chairman seat, in the new management committee. The independents would also have been represented.

"Our intention was to restore order and open government in Sandton, and the walk-out only served to bring more chaos into the council," he said.

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"to save R3 million" The official urged the scrapping of plans for a R14 million concrete reservoir

The Zondi reservoir sprang leaks and, because of problems with water pressure in the area — high pressure at night causes flooding and low pressure during the day cannot feed the system — millions are needed for a new water supply line and pumping equipment to get it functional. The extra expense means it will ultimately cost the same as the rejected conventional concrete reservoir.

The reservoir has also been a source of discontent to the Dobsonville community. The spillover has waterlogged part of the nearby Doornkop Cemetery and has caused the subsidence of several graves.

A costly security system and electrified fence erected to protect the reservoir from vandals is not in use.

One source explained "The alarm was activated at least 20 times a day so it and the electrified fence were turned off. It is now vulnerable to vandals."

● A Natal-based civil engineering company, which contracted to build a 3 km road in Soweto for R9 million, has overspent R10 118 048.

Much of the work is of a low standard and Soweto City Council officials did not vigorously question the project, which escalated to R19 826 540.

● An R18 307 000 project undertaken by a northern suburbs engineering firm, in which 150 km of pipelines were laid for water supplies to Soweto householders, is riddled with irregularities. Large sections of it do not work. Payments for materials and labour have been duplicated and cash was handed over for work not done. A new contractor has been called in to fix the job at a cost of more than R1 million.

This contractor has discovered that long sections of the pipelines cannot function because, initially, underground pipes were laid at random and the gaps covered with soil.

A source claimed, "When workmen dig to find the cause of the blockage they discover underground pipes are missing everywhere."

Tens of millions of rands earmarked for upliftment projects in Soweto have, over the past three years, been lost to sharp practices, poor financial control and astronomical over-expenditure within the Soweto City Council.

This picture of mismanagement and corruption by certain senior officials, contractors and consultants in the cash-strapped township has been painted by several reliable sources approached during an in-depth Star Line probe.

The allegations have emerged at a time when 44 councillors, axed for mismanagement of funds, say their sackings are a cover-up for mass corruption by certain white Soweto City Council officials.

Many of the problem areas pinpointed by Star Line sources are in the council's water and sewer branch, into which millions in taxpayers' money has been funnelled to expand and improve Soweto's water supplies.

Names which have surfaced in the investigation are of senior and highly qualified professionals who worked with the council on various, costly schemes.

Irregularities

Some of the allegations levelled at Soweto City Council officials and well-paid professionals are

● Frans Bleeser, a former resident engineer working on a stormwater project in Naledi, Soweto, was paid about R130 000 for work which was never done. He was involved in other payment irregularities. Bleeser has settled abroad and apparently the Soweto City Council has failed to recoup the funds.

● Gordon Thoms, a senior engineer in the council's projects department, embezzled R465 000 from the Soweto City Council. He had control over the Government-funded Regional Service Council (RSC) cheques made out to the Soweto City Council. Thoms admitted pocketing nine RSC cheques. He said inadequate safeguards in the project's department enabled him to easily syphon off funds. He is serving a nine-year prison sentence for fraud.

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By June Beazley
Star Line

Millions lost to corruption

Massive Soweto cover-up claimed

● A former Johannesburg civil engineer now farming in the Northern Transvaal made huge sums and lived the high life after signing up a multi-million rand subcontracting essential services project in Soweto. He received about R1.4 million to which he was not entitled. A further R350 000 is unaccounted for.

● An R11 million "unconventional" plastic-type reservoir in Zondi, Soweto, is a white elephant used by the locals as a huge trampoline. The reservoir was recommended by a "top brass" in the Soweto City Council's engineer's department. (Star Line has the official's name).

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Housing forum 'resolved Thokoza's hostel dispute'

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THE National Housing Forum (NHF) played a major role in negotiating an agreement between hostel residents and the Thokoza town council on the reoccupation of the newly renovated Thokoza 1 Hostel, sources said

The sources said the forum facilitated a flow of information between the two sides after it had been alerted to rising tensions over the dispute.

The council said residents would be allowed to reoccupy the hostel only after they had undertaken in writing to pay a 300% increase in rent.

Residents, who had been paying R15 a month before they left the hostel, refused make such an undertaking and threatened to regain entry into the hostel by force.

The forum's involvement in the dispute apparently stemmed from the realisation

that the council's refusal to allow residents to reoccupy the building after its upgrading could spark an outbreak of violence in the volatile East Rand township.

The NHF's office said yesterday it would not comment on its involvement in Thokoza as yet.

The Thokoza Town Council and the Thokoza Hostel Residents' Committee agreed last week that residents who had vacated the hostel during its upgrading should reoccupy it and undertake to bear its running costs.

TPA spokesman Yvette Engelbrecht said last week the agreement had been concluded after the administration had managed to get the two sides to talk to each other.

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PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz

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Soweto corruption probe urged

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The Soweto Civic Association has called for a top-level independent probe into the Soweto City Council (SCC) following charges of massive corruption and squandering of tens of millions of public funds.

The call comes amid further claims that a power bloc formed within the SCC's ranks was, over the last few years, instrumental in signing up certain consultants, engineers and suppliers who lined their pockets or produced shoddy, incomplete work in the Soweto upliftment programme. In many instances, new con-

tractors have been hired to rectify or complete water and road projects for which millions were paid to former contractors.

Calls have also been made for external audits to be carried out at once into a R9 million Soweto road contract on which R10 million was overspent and an R18 307 000 contract for the laying of large tracts of pipelines. The road is said to be of a low standard and the pipelines, which were to supply residents, with water, were laid randomly, causing gaps in the water flow.

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Soweto Civic Association general-secretary Pat Laponya, reacting to allegations of graft by consultants and engineers contracting to the SCC and poor SCC financial control over several multimillion-rand projects, said "A number of interested parties such as the business community and politicians should investigate,

among other things, the SCC at all levels. "I also believe the entire structure of the SCC should be changed and an officer from the Johannesburg City Council should be installed who is not part of the existing official hierarchy."

In reaction to yesterday's report, SCC deputy city engineer Arche Davies agreed that the Star Line article was "substantially correct" but felt that the extremely difficult working conditions in the township often created unforeseen problems. "On the roads projects, several workers were killed be-

cause of the violence and items are often stolen. "Action has also been taken to recover funds which were embezzled from the council by former associates and contractors mentioned in the article," he said.

He added that the Soweto community received a raw deal because of a shortage of qualified engineers and the lack of necessary infrastructure to meet the township's demands. "Johannesburg has 10 times more qualified people plus the back-up and technicians working with them to run the city effectively."

New bid to elect Sandton leaders

By Anna Cox

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Sandton town councillors will meet again next Monday to elect a new management committee after this week's elections ended in chaos when six members of the ruling group failed to attend the meeting and five opposition councillors walked out.

Fuming opposition councillors left the council chambers on Monday night in protest against the absence of management committee chairman Willem Hefer, who had been seen earlier in the building.

The five-man committee resigned last week in what has been described by opposing factions as a ploy. They claim the management committee seeks to be re-elected before

the resignations of two aligned councillors come into effect. These resignations will put the ruling group's majority in jeopardy.

A council spokesman said yesterday that elections had to be held by February 8 — 21 days after the resignation of the previous management committee.

The Administrator of the Transvaal may grant an extension of time in exceptional circumstances, the spokesman said.

If councillors could not agree on a new management committee within this time, the Administrator could appoint five councillors to serve on the committee.

Alternatively, the Administrator could dismiss the entire council and put an administrator in its place to govern the

town, the spokesman said.

Sandton councillors belonging to the minority group have rebelled against the management committee since 1989, mainly over financial matters. More recently, the ruling group has been accused of secret negotiations over a proposed merger with Randburg and Alexandra, and has faced opposition to a plan to expand Sandton's northern border as far as the Magaliesberg.

Residents also began voicing their discontent last year and an informal group, Sandtonians Against Inept Government, was recently formed.

A petition containing 4 000 signatures calling for the resignation of Hefer and his group is to be handed to the Administrator of the Transvaal within the next few weeks.

Bid to preserve city history

By Michael Sparks

Johannesburg City Council yesterday voted in favour of preserving historically significant areas of the city around Harrison Street and said it was prepared, in principle, to make parts of the area look more like they did at the turn of the century

The aim of the proposal is to preserve those areas of the city of historical and architectural importance

The plan is to incorporate a number of attractive buildings into an historic precinct

The area currently under discussion is the six-block area along Harrison Street, between Market and Main streets, which includes 12 buildings of historical interest.

Since the interchange at Harrison and Fox streets was identified as particularly significant, with all four corner buildings listed as nation-

al monuments, the proposal would begin in this area, later extending up the Civic Spine

The proposal includes replacing existing street lamps with those that reflect the style found in the early part of this century.

Bollards and street furniture would be put up, making the area more pedestrian-friendly

However, suggestions to widen the pavements have met with some resistance

Mr Clean keeps his eye on the dirt

By Mzimasi Ngudle

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TRANQUIL DOBSONVILLE North appears to be a lower middle-class suburb, splendid with greenery, as you drive into Soweto from the

Randfontein road on a clear summer morning.

Suddenly, however, piles of rubbish stacked on street corners and in lanes betray more than a decade of decadence in local administration and management.

As you drive deeper into the madding crowd, the modest beauty of Dobsonville Park hits you like a dart.

Its beauty soon peters out into its lacklustre peripheries littered with uncollected garbage strewn all over by the wind

What should have been a small green park in Moletsane at this time of the year looks like a refuse dump

Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto alike straddle neglected tarred roads pocked with potholes.

Streams of water spluttering from burst pipes add a sombre note and to match the protest mood of the residents of Dobsonville Extension 3

Water tubs

Their tubs are only filled with water fetched from distant neighbours. Wretchedly they wriggle out of their beds before dawn to collect the last drops before water runs out.

Plumes of dust from the streets blend nauseatingly with the smog which is already the scourge of the city.

This is the state of affairs Sowetans cope with daily since the advent of the Black Local Authorities in 1982.

maladministration makes township

look like a garbage dump:

Among the original of the BLA had been the "beautifying of and the neatness of the local authority, including the planting, trimming or removal of trees".

Instead, what the councillors did has led to the Transvaal Provincial Administration's phasing out of city councils following charges of maladministration and resultant collapse in services

Corrupt councillors

While the rent boycott has taken a heavy toll, residents point out that it was the corruption of councils that sparked the boycotts in the first place

The corruption gave momentum to the resentment against city councils since 1983, when residents clamoured for their death, alleging that they were creations of apartheid and hotbeds of corruption

"Councillors are doing nothing for residents but drive around in expensive cars that residents can only dream about," Ms Desiree Ngubeni of Protea North said

Isak Phatle of Rockville said "It is good that the councillors have been dismissed. I think they will now also feel the frustration because they have become ordinary citizens like us."

Soweto's environmental activist and the president of National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC), Mr Japhta "Mr Clean" Lekgetho, concurred

"Even before the strikes and boycotts the townships were not cleaned to the required standards. The problem is largely related to the inefficiency of the councillors in administering the townships generally

"What they did was nothing compared to cleaning programmes in white suburbs"

Exit councillors and good riddance, too, leaving a tattered environmental fabric in the hands of the new administrator, Mr Zakkie Lombard, whose tenure lapses on February 28

Meanwhile, TPA will discuss the possible administration of the councils with the Johannesburg City Council and the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

Revamp of services

Also, the Johannesburg City Council has reportedly been given the green light to revamp services in Greater Soweto on an agency basis.

The council also endorsed the broad principles of a draft plan on the servicing of Soweto which had been negotiated in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber by parties as diverse as white local authorities, civic associations and the TPA

The council will at this stage fulfil only a limited role in providing services. The agreement still has to be endorsed by the new administrator, Mr Zakkie Lombard, and the Greater Soweto Forum

Commuter safety 'not a top priority'

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PRETORIA — The prevention of damage to Spoornet property was considered a higher priority by contracted security guards than the protection of commuters, the Goldstone commission heard yesterday

Springbok Patrols director Jacob van Zyl said the company's brief from Spoornet had been to ensure that buildings and equipment at railway stations in Soweto were safeguarded.

Protecting commuters was "another thing", he said

Van Zyl was answering questions at the commission's hearings on train violence chaired by Gert Steyn

Asked why Springbok Patrols had presented two different versions of the events on November 25 last year — when two people were killed and 37 injured at Soweto's Mlamlankumzi station — Van Zyl said only the company's senior director Wahl

ADRIAN HADLAND

Bartmann could answer that

Bartmann was on holiday in the Seychelles and could not be contacted, Van Zyl said

One witness of the incident, a hostel dweller from Nancefield, told the commission how he had escaped armed assailants in a train carriage only to be shot by a security guard.

The witness said two shotgun pellets had been removed from his neck at the Hillbrow Hospital after the incident

The hostel dweller, known as Mr C in order to protect his identity, said he had been shot by a Springbok Patrols Guard wearing a green uniform

Van Zyl said however, that the company had ceased using green uniforms more than a year before the incident.

The hearings continue

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Soweto's financial dilemma cannot be solved by residents alone, reports Mike Siluma

Townships need help to pay

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THE Soweto Civic Association (SCA) has rejected a suggestion by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that residents start settling their rent and service bills. This will no doubt cause dismay in Government circles, but the civic association's stand is not altogether unexpected — or necessarily final.

The chamber, a joint negotiating forum on local government issues, made the call for the payment of a R55-a-month flat rate after a tentative deal aimed at restoring efficient administration to Greater Soweto.

The new agreement was negotiated under the auspices of the chamber in talks which involved, among others, the SCA, the Transvaal Provincial Association and the Johannesburg City Council.

The disagreement over the call on residents to pay spotlights the agreement's main plank — that it will stand or fall on the ability of Soweto inhabitants to pay for services rendered by the authorities.

The way to implementing the agreement was cleared by the dismissal of Soweto and Diepsvolder city councillors by the TPA, which blamed them for, apart from maladministration, the council's slide into bankruptcy through the non-collection of municipal service charges.

This move meets a long-standing political demand of civic associations across the country that black local authorities, established to further the National Party's erstwhile dream of separate, racially based cities, be abolished.

And the replacement of the councillors with administrator Zakhe Lombard presumes that he can do a better job of providing an acceptable level of service, at the same time as he ensures that the councils receive payment for services rendered. But can he?

The answer is that he might, in the long run — if the complex agreement holds.

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya, a key figure in the negotiations, says the pact as well as the dismissal of councillors mark the beginning of the realisation of the SCA's objective of creating nonracial local government in the Greater Johannesburg area.

He thinks Lombard's success in his job will turn on setting affordable tariffs and providing a quality service for Soweto. This makes the role of Johannesburg and Roodepoort (which, in terms of the agreement, will provide municipal services) crucial.

Lephunya says new tariffs should be the subject of negotiation and that it would be difficult to set these without knowing how much financial help Soweto will receive from outside.

"The financial problems of the townships cannot be solved by the townships alone," Lephunya argues.

"There is a need for restructuring which will include the amalgamation of (black and white) councils, and changing the present situation where the township councils' only sources of revenue are rentals and tariff charges paid by residents."

He asks why township residents should have to foot the bill for the running of councils which are not of their own, but of apartheid's creation.

But once Johannesburg and Roodepoort begin providing services to Soweto, and a new, acceptable administration is installed, will the SCA support action by the authorities against defaulters?

Could the sheriff, for instance, count on SCA support when he attaches the property of nonpayers, or throws them out of council houses?

Lephunya and other civic leaders readily acknowledge that, in the aftermath of the agreement, some residents steeped in the so-called "culture of nonpayment" may be less than enthusiastic over settling their bills — and that action may need to be taken against them.

"But as far as the civics are concerned, the boycott was a strategy to achieve certain goals and once these are achieved there will be no reason for its continuation."

"It is our position that people should pay for the services they receive," Lephunya says.

The SCA plans to start an education campaign aimed at persuading residents to start paying, he says.

He adds the rider, though, that any new financial deal for Soweto will necessarily have to include the provision of subsidies and rebates for residents, which implies some form of financial assistance from central government and neighbouring white towns.

Additionally, there would have to be help to those too poor to pay set tariffs on basic services such as water and electricity.

Few who are serious about solving Soweto's (or any other black township's) financial woes would argue against such help being given.

Lombard will run the affairs of Soweto in consultation with groups including the SCA and the TPA, ahead of the appointment of a permanent city manager. He will play a central role in the first phase of the agreement which is aimed at improving municipal services and restoring Soweto to financial viability.

trunc to the latter objective ending the current boycott.

If he succeeds in South Africa, largest township he will have an example for authorities in number of townships, where municipal services are still a kind of political football.

If Eskom's performance in taking over electricity supplies Soweto is anything to go by, the hope that, if the Soweto agreement succeeds in its aim of eventually depoliticising service provision, the longstanding boycott will finally be broken.

An Eskom spokesman reports that an average of 50 percent Soweto households have been paying the flat rate of R33 a month despite the rent boycott. The expectation is that once metering begins the number of those paying will rise substantially. It is impossible that this is a prelude for the resumption of payment for services in general. □

Dismantle black councils, Govt told

Sowetan & Radio Metro

Talkback

By Tsale Makam



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Black trade unionists in Natal and the Transvaal are being urged to join the ANC and the African National Congress.

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Ask for the book "The ANC and the Government" by Tsale Makam. It is available at the Sowetan office.

The book discusses the ANC's relationship with the Government and the role of trade unions.

It also covers the views of Mr. Louis Johnson on the ANC and the Government.

Price: R1.50

Order from: Sowetan, P.O. Box 402, Durban.

Training programme for Soweto

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■ Ex-lecturer to head training project:

By Mzimkulu Malunga

FORMER senior lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam Mr Ernest Maganya is to head a major training programme in Soweto.

The Soweto Development Training Programme, a project of the Institute For African Alternatives (IFAA), is to be launched on April 1.

At a meeting held with various community based organisations in Soweto early this month, participants agreed to form a planning and advisory committee.

The committee will work towards establishing the Soweto Planning and Advisory Board after proper consultations have been made.

Among people involved in the planning are representatives from the Soweto Civic Association, the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Ministers United for the Christian Co-responsibility.

A long-term objective is to hand over the administration of the project to the Soweto Planning and Advisory Board.

Civic in bid to oust KwaThema council

Southern 29/1/93

By Lulama Luti

**■ Mayor and his deputy
'resign their posts':**

THE future of the KwaThema Council, near Springs, is in the balance following a campaign by the local civic association to oust all nine councillors

KwaThema Civic Association chairman Mr Kenny Madalane said yesterday both mayor Mr HH Ngakane and his deputy, Mr Charles Lesia, had resigned and had handed their resignation letters to the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Transvaal MEC for Local Government Mr Burger Lategan said, however, that as far as the TPA was concerned, both Ngakane and Lesia's alleged resignations were invalid as the two had been forced into signing the letters at a council meeting on Tuesday

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"It must be put very clearly that resignation of councillors occurring under duress have no legal force"

"Those present in the meeting, including TPA officials, were threatened by representatives of the civic association that they would not be allowed to leave the chamber before the mayor and his deputy had signed the letters of resignation," said Lategan.

Madalane was adamant both Ngakane and Lesia had signed the resignation letters voluntarily

He said the association would step up its campaign in a bid to oust the remaining seven councillors.

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Transvaal MEC for Local Government



Town clerk backs civics 266

SOWETO Council town clerk Elizabeth Sithole yesterday came out in support of the Soweto Civic Association's call for an independent investigation into allegations of corruption in the council.

"As a public institution, the council has always conducted its operations openly, in the best interests of Soweto residents and has nothing to hide," she said. The administrator has given his support to the council's decision.

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School delegation trapped 267

MEMBERS of the Parents, Teachers and Students Association of Kulam High School at Langa were trapped for more than an hour in a lift at the Department of Education and Training offices in Cape Town yesterday. They were on their way to the department to demand a high school building. The school was started in 1990 but they have never had a building in which to conduct classes.

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Welfare employee charged 268

A 33-YEAR-OLD Department of Pensions and Welfare employee in Venda has been charged on 50 counts of fraud involving R20 000. Mr Muvhi Phungo allegedly defrauded the department and pensioners while employed as an issuing clerk.

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Con-artist on the loose

THE Johannesburg municipality has warned residents to demand identity cards from all municipal personnel.

The warning follows a report that a con-artist masquerading as a municipal employee had duped a Berea man of R1 400, claiming it was to pay an electricity account. The man had excellent information about the man and knew exactly how much money he was owing. A municipal spokesman said accounts were never collected from homes and residents should only pay tellers at the rates hall.

Hostel arms haul 269

SECURITY forces recovered 14 firearms from hostels in Meadowlands in Soweto during routine operations on Wednesday night. Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday 15 people had been arrested and would appear in court soon. - *Sowetan Reporters and Sapa*

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Council accused of 'dirty tricks'

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A Johannesburg consulting engineer, Dr Gordon Sibiyi, has accused the scandal-hit Soweto City Council (SCC) of "dirty tricks" after it dishonoured an R18 million electrification contract with him.

Sibiyi said the council's flagrant breach had ruined him financially as he had formed a company at great expense to take on the huge project.

Soweto residents would also be dealt a blow as money would have been ploughed into training and jobs, Sibiyi said.

In 1989, the SCC commissioned Sibiyi as a consultant after the Regional Services Council approved funds for electrification of households. Later, Sibiyi realised he had been sidestepped as the council handed over the project to Eskom.

Sibiyi's brief had been to provide infrastructure for the wiring of Soweto homes.

He has demanded that the council explain to Sowetans how the money had been spent.

"Eskom's job as a utility is to supply power to Soweto's bound-



Angry . . . Dr Gordon Sibiyi has accused the Soweto Council of breach of contract. Picture: Karen Sandison

daries. Nowhere else in the world has a public utility company taken over functions of local authorities," Sibiyi said.

Allen Morgan, Eskom's executive director of sales and service, said "We have no fight with Sibiyi. The SCC owed us

money, so we agreed on a transfer of assets in that we would take over the electricity supply network in Soweto. We got the supply rights by contract with the council."

Attempts to obtain a response from Soweto officials failed.

Red flag for bank bulls

By BARBARA LUDMAN

IF the Johannesburg City Council refused to deal with financial institutions that practise redlining, it could cost the banks their share of a R2,8-billion account. 29/1 - 4/2/93

The suggestion that the council take such a step to discourage banks from the "foolish and abhorrent" practice of redlining — wherein banks decline to lend money for bonds in certain areas — was made at a council meeting this week by Berea city councillor Sias Reyneke.

According to city treasurer W Siebert, there is nothing in the ordinance to stop the city council from moving its money to a bank or banks of its choice. Currently 80 percent of the council's transactions go through First National Bank; Trust Bank receives much of the rest, but when there's surplus cash, "we go where we get the best rate" — so all banks could be involved.

Tony Norton, of the Council of South African Banks, finds the idea inappropriate. "You can't blackmail trustees of other people's money into doing things they shouldn't do," he says — "following practices which are unsound and might prejudice their depositors." 266

"We can't advise our members what to do. But we want a sound banking system in South Africa, which means you follow sound banking practices: you lend only to people who have a capacity to pay, a willingness to pay and the assets to back up their purchase. The American banking system lost touch with those principles and got themselves into an awful position."

So far the suggestion that the council use its funds as leverage has not even been debated in council. But it has clearly hit a nerve.

"In the short term, the financial institutions are protecting what they perceive to be their risk," says Cedric de Beer, acting director of the Johannesburg City Council's Department of Urbanisation. "But redlining has a creeping effect, affecting suburb after suburb. In the long term it will affect the interests of tenants, property owners and financial institutions, who all have money tied up in the property market."

"We can't prescribe to financial institutions. But we would like to see tenants and institutions get together and look for creative solutions."

The South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) notes that "the banks as institutions ... have an exceptionally important role in stabilising property markets so that a range of racial and income groups can live in harmony. This the banks are clearly not willing to do."

"One piece of information that may explain why the banks are hesitant, is their massive land holdings in the peri-urban areas."

Sanco quotes a report from the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that Amalgamated Banks of South Africa (Absa) owns part or all of nearly 6 000 hectares of non-dolomitic land.

And, it warns, "if the banks continue to redline as a threat to the Transvaal Provincial Administration not to make land available for low income housing, this will be met with a strong legislative campaign to prohibit such politics."

Claims of corruption in township councils probed — administrator

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ALL allegations of mismanagement, maladministration and corruption in the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils were being fully investigated, newly appointed council administrator Zakkie Lombard said yesterday.

He was reacting to reports in The Star this week of corruption in Soweto.

This week the Soweto Civic Association called for a top-level independent probe into the Soweto City Council after claims that a power bloc within the council was, during the past few years, instrumental in signing up consultants, engineers and suppliers who lined their pockets or produced shoddy, incomplete work.

Lombard said one man had been jailed for embezzlement and that legal action was being taken against another, while allegations

against a former Boksburg civil engineer were being investigated.

In the embezzlement case, some of the money had been recovered. The shortfall had been paid by insurance, so no money had been lost.

Referring to criticism of the Zondi reservoir, Lombard said its innovative design had cost some R3,1 million less than a more conventional structure.

Its water storage function was entirely satisfactory, he added.

Leaks in new reservoirs were common, and the minor one at Zondi had been rectified.

"Part of the Doornkop cemetery was waterlogged when water was discharged during a test, but steps have been taken to prevent this happening again."

He denied allegations that access to the reservoir was easy,

and said delays on work on the Roodepoort Road were caused by extensions to the scope of the work, unrest and intimidation.

"All these factors were reported to the Soweto City Council and by it to the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

"After investigation, the council and the RSC allowed a final increased cost of R19,6 million.

"No payments were ever made without supporting documentation, certification and authorising council resolutions," he said.

The road contractor had received the President's Award from the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors.

"A portion of roadway nearby, which is inferior, was not part of this contract," he added — Sapa

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By Anna Cox

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After a week of heavy causing, embattled Sandton town councillors will tonight make their second attempt to elect a new management committee.

But tempers are already running high over the circumstances surrounding the resignation of another councillor, Peter Jardine, who is said to have put his resignation on ice to assist the Democratic Party to gain control of the council.

The DP has spent the past few weeks negotiating with councillors to form a majority-controlled DP management committee.

The town has been running without a management committee since the resignation of the previous five-person committee two weeks ago.

DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said the DP was the largest party in the council and should take over at least three of the five management committee seats with at least three of the five past few weeks and order has to be restored. The independents can take the remaining two management committee seats.

Soal said "There has been chaos over the past few weeks and order has to be restored. The independents can take the remaining two management committee seats."

Residents belonging to Sandtonians Against Inept Government (SAIG) — a body opposed to the ruling group in the council — said they had been told that Jardine had tendered his resignation from the council and left his resignation with the DP to be used when it was needed.

The ruling group's majority is in jeopardy after the recent resignation of two other councillors aligned to it. SAIG spokesman Jim Powell said Jardine should resign immediately, before the election of a new management committee.

Jardine told The Star: "I would have resigned last week had a new management committee been elected, but with all the chaos, I felt I had to stay on to help restore order." Soal denied the DP was in possession of Jardine's resignation letter. Last Monday night's attempt to elect a new committee was aborted when five councillors belonging to the ruling group, including former chairman Willem Hefer, failed to arrive for the elections and five opposition councillors walked out in protest against Hefer's absence.

The trauma of unemployment is felt by millions of South Africans. It is more than not having a job and an income. It robs people of their self-esteem and confidence. **Leslie Dikeni** shares his experience.

Brother, can you spare me a smoke?

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NO VACANCIES: Millions face the daily task of trying to find a job. Photo: Yunus Mohamed

I HAVE A BLUE card. So, I thought, I have nothing to lose and everything to gain by being unemployed.

The door at the unemployment office is guarded by two well-fed Afrikaners. But, I am not afraid. I tell them my problem and they direct me to the second floor.

On the way up the stairs my head spins back to the small Kano town of Victoria West where I was born. When I think how we lived and how some died, I want to laugh at phrases like "the dignity of labour". I would like to slam the prison door of poverty on some rich fingers.

On the second floor I am greeted by a field of black faces. For a moment I feel relaxed. I do not have to ask what to do because I can see how long the queue is. I wish I had brought a book along. "Che Guevara and the Cuban revolution" or a copy of "Maybury".

I notice two things. One — big No Smoking signs on the walls. Two — almost everybody is smoking. Again my head spins like a wooden top in the dust of my childhood.

I remember the morning I left home to study at Fort Beaufort. I remember the night I joined Cosas (Congress of South African Students) I remember the day I had to leave the Eastern Cape. The police did not like Cosas.

A madala (old man) sticks his nose into my ribs. "You just got

breathed in the fumes of cheap tobacco and the odour of morning fires still clinging to clothing. Suddenly I feel at home. Here are people who have endured hard times.

When I look back I find my life has been shaped by the revolution. The revolution made a new man out of me: a man who finds most values of present-day society contradictory to his beliefs. My body battles to survive, while my brain dreams of transforming society.

"Sorry madala?" I get, glowed up one more seat. I am near the

When I arrived in eGoli with my heart throbbing to the beat of revolution, I too found work. I worked for small dynamic church organisations — YCS (Young Christian Students) and then TEP (Theological Exchange Programme). In September last year I became unemployed.

A person without a job is like a tractor without a field. One more person to go then I am at the head of the queue. I understand why people smoke. I want one. I remember why I am unemployed. I must get all my facts straight

money to study — money to send back to Victoria West. Unemployment today is what pass arrests were to our parents. When I became unemployed some things got me mad. I knew I needed to improve my level of education. Yet, some people would ask, "Why not go and study if you do not have a job?", like "Why not turn on the tap if you do not have water?" In the townships and rural areas there is not much water and no money taps.

'One more person to go then I am at the head of the queue. I understand why people smoke. I want one. I remember why I am here. I need money.'

"Where's your blue card?" I give it to him with a smiling face. He does not take long. He does not even look at me. I hear him say I will only get money next year.

Suddenly I do not have words to argue. I take my card and walk away from the queue. Now I know why everybody smokes here.

I see an old man who is sitting and crying. I sit down too. A voice inside my head asks, "Is there really a God to help this guy?" Another voice asks "Why don't all these people unite and make a revolution?"

Yet another voice asks, "Excuse me, you got a smoke?"

Over the next few days I some answers to my questions needed hope! I was tired of reality of unemployment. Give hope. My scientific approach to was crumbling. I was beginning to pray three times a day. When I bought a Sunday paper, I did not read the front page news. I turned to read my stars, my horoscope.

Then it was Christmas. Some friends invited me to Zoo Lake for the day. I felt miserable at our picnic. Near us lay stretch children sleeping on top of each other. Like bags of potatoes.

Questions and answers and more questions raced through my head like taxis. Das Kapital? The collapse of communism? America's hamburger empire?

I know that capitalism is too cruel and heartless to be an answer. I want a future with hope. I want my country to care about its people. I want to find work which will help

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Massive public works programme for 1994

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RAY HARTLEY

THE employment task force of the Consultative Forum on Drought (CFD) has outlined a six-phase process which will culminate in the launch of a massive national public works programme in April 1994

A task force report to the joint government-development agency CFD last week suggested that consultation, analysis and pilot work be undertaken in the next year, culminating in a "launch programme" during 1994

Task force spokesman Iraj Abedian said proposals for the giant project, which could divert billions of rands of government expenditure into job creation, would be published in July to inform the public

Preparatory work would get under way in earnest once approval had been obtained from the CFD and the National Economic Forum, which was also being consulted on the public works programme, Abedian said

He said the programme would stimulate "supplementary employment" for subsistence farmers in the rural areas as well as "continuous non-rural" jobs in an effort to roll back poverty throughout SA

A budget would be submitted to government in September this year in order to finance the establishment of the programme, he said

However, the programme would not require additional state spending as it aimed to "re-arrange the existing budget", redirecting expenditure to more labour-intensive projects, he said

Abedian said the efficient use of both fiscal and "non-fiscal" resources would be looked at by the programme. Models from countries including Japan, the US, India and Malaysia had been studied

"Unless the public works programme happens soon, it is bad news politically and economically for SA

"The country can't go on squandering fiscal resources as they have been squandered in the past," he said

The task force report to the CFD said that government-funded employment creation projects in Qwa-Qwa, Venda, Transkei and Gazankulu had been visited and regional and local workshops on job creation were now possible

Rowing councillors agree to ceasefire

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AFTER months of acrimony and a fiery meeting last Monday which ended in disarray, the divided Sandton Town Council has finally decided to declare peace.

Sandton Federation of Ratepayers spokesman Martin Jennings said on Friday that Sandton residents had been embarrassed by the in-fighting at the council. He said an urgent meeting was called by his organisation to resolve the arguments that had flared up between the two main factions in the council. BIDAM 1/2/93.

Jennings said it was agreed at the meeting, which included councillors representing the two camps, that "enough is enough" and it was time to bury the past and concentrate on the future

He said the ratepayers' organisation was "delighted by the positive outcome of the meeting", but it was too early to disclose details of proposals for the future

This newfound peace will be put to the test tonight when the council meets to elect a new management committee

The election had to be rescheduled for tonight because last week's meeting ended in chaos when five councillors walked out in protest against former management committee chairman Willem Hefer's absence

Anger at dumping of medical waste

KATHRYN STRACHAN

ENVIRONMENTAL organisations and waste disposal companies have called for legislation and stiffer penalties to curb the dumping of hazardous medical waste. BIDAM 1/2/93.

Waste-tech Cape regional manager Steve Kimber said his organisation had repeated its appeal after it had recently incinerated more than three tons of medical waste that had been illegally dumped near Cape Town's Belhar residential area

He said people who came into contact with the waste were exposed to a range of potentially lethal diseases

Earthlife Africa representative Beatrice Wiltshire said her organisation was extremely concerned at the dumping of toxic and hazardous waste materials, and had repeatedly appealed to the authorities to impose stricter controls

Kimber said, "At present there is no legislation dealing with the handling and disposal of infectious medical wastes, and fines imposed for dumping are ridiculously low - in the region of R500"

The dumping of medical waste is legally classified in the same category as littering, he said





Blockade . . . teargas drifts across Sauer and Bree Streets in central Johannesburg as traffic is brought to a halt by protesting taxi drivers. Picture Ken Oosterbroek

Release of taxi drivers 'a cavalier act, beyond his authority'

A-G slams traffic chief

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Staff Reporters

The Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand Klaus von Lieres today condemned Johannesburg's Traffic Chief Mike Davis for taking the law into his own hands by releasing the taxi drivers responsible for yesterday's city centre bloody chaos.

Davis said yesterday a compromise had been reached at an urgent meeting between traffic officials and enraged taxi operators which had been facilitated by ANC president Nelson Mandela.

The compromise included the releases with warnings and the handing back of impounded taxis without a fine.

Von Lieres said today Davis treated the matter "in a very cavalier fashion" and acted beyond his authority by releasing the drivers and impounded vehicles.

"The Traffic Department's conduct causes great concern in the AG's office and the question is on what authority did the Traffic Chief release the people and not hand them over to the courts."

Von Lieres said the release and the conduct of the Traffic Department would be investigated.

Taximen involved in yesterday's unprecedented chaos in the streets of Johannesburg are to meet Traffic Department officials today in an attempt to prevent a repeat of the near anarchy which paralysed the city.

The meeting was arranged yesterday after the intervention of Mandela.

Talks prevented further violent clashes in the late afternoon after a day of running street battles between police, taximen and hollering youths.

Eight policemen were injured, at least three taxi drivers were shot and wounded and a municipal bus and an SAP vehicle were

set alight. Twelve buses - 10 municipal and two belonging to Pulco - were also damaged.

Whether or not taximen attempt later today to again set up their blockades - to hammer home their grievances against the traffic department - depends on the outcome of today's meeting.

Yesterday's mayhem began when barricades made of locked taxis and concrete dustbins were strewn across the city streets and suburban feeder routes as taximen expressed their anger over what they perceive to be heavy-handedness by the Traffic Department in its dealings with

drivers.

Massive traffic jams quickly built up, paralysing parts of the city.

Then it degenerated further into a day of teargas and bullets from the police, and of shots, rocks, bricks, stones and bottles from taximen and their supporters.

Blood from both sides flowed in the city streets as Johannesburg became a battleground.

Traffic officials and heavily armed police contingents were seen in the streets, some with teargas canisters and others with rifles. The entire city centre was huddled with sounds of wailing sirens.

At about 11 am, the angry drivers attempted to storm the Traffic Department office on the corners of Loveday and Elioff streets. The department's gates had to be locked as taxi drivers tried to lay siege to the building.

Helicopters circled overhead as police leading about 20 dogs, straining on their leashes, failed to restrain the protesters as they forced their way through police blockades.

"With shouts of 'shoot like you usually do' the protesters tore up their traffic fines and hurled the bits of paper at the police and traf-

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A-G raps traffic chief for 'cavalier action'

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Order was restored by early afternoon after Mandela facilitated contact between traffic officials and taximen, said Johannesburg Traffic Chief Mike Davis.

Davis said initial attempts to contact taxi operators and associations to negotiate had proved difficult.

would not say whether the Traffic Department had approached the ANC for help.

The Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) yesterday condemned the protest action by taxi drivers.

"Sabta cannot condone such an action as it disrupts the flow of business in this important

ment to Sabta.

The organisation also apologised to the business community and the general public for the inconvenience of the traffic chaos.

But, Sabta said, it understood the legitimacy of taxi driver grievances on the issue of "unfair ranking facilities".

Niehaus said there was concern at reports of police brutality and unprofessional action.

Democratic Party spokesman Peter Soal condemned the action by the taxi operators as totally unacceptable.

The Pan Africanist Congress said the plight of taxi drivers had been ignored for too long.

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Guards hurt in shootout with police

By Charmela Bhagwat
Crime Reporter

Two striking Springbok Patrols security guards were shot and wounded outside their Marasburg offices yesterday and 16 were arrested after a shootout with police.

West Rand police spokesman Major Henriette Bester said 52 shotguns and three revolvers belonging to Springbok Patrols were confiscated from the strikers.

The chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Springbok Patrols branch, Paul Maphoto, acknowledged that the strike was illegal.

But he said the workers, who met Springbok Patrols managing director Mick Bartmann to discuss demands before the strike, had no choice but to embark on it.

Bester said the strikers forced other security guards from their vehicles in the morning, preventing them from attending work.

She said they shot at police, who returned fire, lightly injuring two strikers.

Bartmann fired a warning shot when one striker tried to enter the premises, she added.

Maphoto said workers' demands included an eight-hour working day, compassionate leave, proper findings and armed guard allowances. He said the men would continue the strike indefinitely.

Bartmann was unavailable for comment.



Cleaning the light fantastic . . . mountaineer Gordon Laurens makes his money by operating Skyriders, a company that specialises in cleaning hard-to-reach windows and changing light bulbs in places like the Sandton Holiday Inn. Picture: Etienne Rothbart

Spelling out the coming changes

ANC branches in Johannesburg are tapping the knowledge of a range of public figures to help spell out how political negotiations will change the face of the city and surrounding areas.

"The future of Greater Johannesburg" is the theme which ANC branches in the eastern suburbs have chosen for a public meeting in Highlands North on February 10.

Speakers include Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, Soweto Civic Association general secretary Pat Lephunya, National Party councillor Marietta Marx and Matole Motshekga of the ANC.

Youth shot in scuffle

A 16-year-old youth was shot in the chest in Hillbrow last night during a scuffle with a policeman who tried to arrest him in connection with car theft.

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the detective tried to arrest the youth at about 10 pm, but the youth fled.

When he was caught he tried to disarm the policeman. A shot went off, wounding the suspect, said Opperman.

The youth is in hospital in a serious but stable condition —
Crime Reporter

By Anna Cox

DP takes over Sandton chaos

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By Anna Cox

A new Sandton management committee, dominated by the Democratic Party, was voted in last night — but the controversy around the town's leaders flared up again immediately after the election.

Residents' groups and councillors aligned to the council's minority group said the new committee was simply a "re-constituted ruling group" and accused the DP for "political expediency".

The new committee members are Bruce Stewart (chairman), Max Strous (deputy

chairman), Melanie Stewart, Dave Jordaan and Dennis Greyvenstejn

Bruce Stewart and Greyvenstejn were members of the previous management committee which resigned two weeks ago, and are both members of the DP caucus

Melanie Stewart, who was voted in as an independent, this week joined the DP caucus Jordaan and Strous are independents

DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said he was pleased with the new committee

He added: "It is our intention to bring good and orderly government back to Sandton. We intend to provide open

government and regular consultation with residents and to restore the image of the DP in the area. We aim to rebuild lost trust among councillors."

Chairman Bruce Stewart said the new committee had been elected democratically.

Optimistic

"We are going to be involving everyone who can contribute to improving the situation in Sandton," he said

Jordaan said he was optimistic about the town's future under the new committee.

But opposition councillor Elizabeth Clogg said: "In the place of the old ruling group we have a DP caucus making

arbitrary decisions. Most of the Sandton councillors stood as independents and pledged to residents of Sandton that they would not decide issues on party-politics

Now they have done exactly the opposite. "It is a re-constitution of the old junta under a new name. This is not a merit management committee which has been elected in the best interests of Sandton"

Sandtonians Against Inept Government (SAIG) chairman Oliver Powell said he was deeply concerned about the influence and control the DP would exercise over the town

"The DP contributed to the chaos Sandton finds itself in.

When we approached them to sort the problems out, we were rebuffed. To suddenly decide to take an interest in the town is political expediency," he said.

SAIG member Roger Fawcett said "One junta had replaced another."

"The DP has no credibility left after the chaos of the past year in Sandton," he said

Sandton Federation of Ratepayers chairman Gail Daus said she was disappointed with the new management committee

"Some of the members, however, have promised us to distance themselves from the old ruling group and we must give them a chance," she said.

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Dossier on Star 3/2/93 councillor for A-G

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A commission of inquiry's findings on the relationship between a Pretoria city councillor, a property and petrol station developer, and a town planner will be submitted to the Attorney-General, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough announced yesterday

The Willem Krugel Commission said in its first report released in Pretoria that the councillor, Justus van Zyl, should "urgently reconsider his position as councillor" and should no longer participate in city council activities

The commission found Van Zyl's relationship with property and petrol station developer Charl Nienaber and town planner Jan van Straten showed an "undesirable" and "improper" pattern, and pointed to "aspirations to enrich himself". There was however no evidence of bribery.

The inquiry was requested by Ombudsman Mr Justice P J van der Walt following allegations about maladministration and self-enrichment by councillors and officials in land rezoning applications.

The commission said no evidence was led implicating other councillors or officials in self-enrichment, abuse of power, corruption, bribery or maladministration

The commission said Pretoria mayor James Leach's incomplete evidence exposed it to criticism, and it should be viewed with circumspection

The commission was not convinced he had told everything he knew about each case, or had done everything possible to ascertain the facts before testifying

It appeared Leach was worried about possible irregularities in the City Council, and about the information he supplied

Several witnesses said Van Zyl was seen as a councillor who exercised "a strong influence regarding the success or failure of applications for rezonings for garage rights" — Sapa

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Pretoria council probe 'should be taken further'

PRETORIA — The Krugel commission investigating allegations of bribery and maladministration in the Pretoria City Council yesterday recommended that some of its findings be passed on to the Attorney-General.

In its report the commission, chaired by Willem Krugel, said the Attorney-General should consider the relationship between city councillor Justus van Zyl, developer Charl Nienaber and town planner Jan van Straten.

"The commissioner found that the lines between Van Zyl and Nienaber and the firm Els and Van Straten, and the point where corruption starts, are so thin that all the relevant evidence should be submitted to the Attorney-General," the TPA execu-

ADRIAN HADLAND

tive committee said in a statement

Krugel requested in his report that, in order to investigate fully "possible corruption or bribery" in connection with applications for rezonings and land use, the geographical area of the commission's mandate be extended to include the whole of the Transvaal.

The commission also asked for additional experts in constitutional, administrative and political law to be incorporated into the investigation.

Both requests were acceded to by the TPA's executive committee.

The report said that no evidence had been presented which indicated maladministration or corruption among other councillors

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Councils owe R1,6-bn

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By Joe Mdhlela
Consumer Reporter

Government, TPA not prepared to write off the debts:

BLACK local authorities in the Transvaal are in the red for a staggering R1,6 billion and neither the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) nor the Government is prepared to write off the debts. The startling revelation was made by a spokesman for the TPA yesterday.

The responsibility for settling the debts lay squarely on the shoulders of the local authorities concerned, the spokesman said.

The six regional authorities are West Rand, East Rand, Central Transvaal, Western Transvaal, Eastern Transvaal and Northern Transvaal.

West Rand, with debts totalling R1 020 594 629, is the highest indebted local authority. It is followed by the East Rand with a R410 639,303 debt.

Central Transvaal, Western Transvaal, Eastern Transvaal and Northern Transvaal have debts amounting to R 97 989 534, R 35 071 496, R40 288 151 and R2 077 767, respectively.

The now defunct Soweto and Diepsmeadow town councils formed part of the West Rand regional authority. The TPA allocated R512 million during the financial year 1992/1993 in grants to all black local authorities in the Transvaal.

The TPA stood for clean administration and would investigate any irregularities, he said.

That explains our tough stand against councillors in Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Tembisa.

Shopping mall shelved 266

By Mzimkulu Malunga

■ TPA heeds traders' call:

Soweto 4/2/93
THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has heeded a call by Soweto traders to suspend the construction of a multi-million rand shopping mall near Baragwanath Hospital

Following a meeting between Mr Sakkie Lombard, the administrator of Soweto and Diepmeadow townships, and civic as well as traders' organisations, it was agreed that the project be frozen pending further negotiations

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TPA staff cuts 'in all branches'

By Paula Fray

The 88 000 Transvaal Provincial Administration employees who received letters to apply for retrenchment packages were in various TPA branches, not just in the health service, the

TPA said yesterday.

The TPA said the move to cut back staff by 4 500 workers was not limited to doctors and medical staff

"The TPA started a process of function evaluation about 19 months ago in its five branches

which led to some posts being identified as unnecessary," spokesman Lenette Roeleveld said.

Where the 5 percent retrenchment could not be achieved, applications for voluntary retirement on pension would be considered

TPA explains cut-back

THE 88 000 Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) employees who received letters advising them to apply for retrenchment packages were in various TPA branches, not just the health service, the TPA said yesterday *Sowetan 5/2/93*. ~~257~~

The TPA said the move to cut back staff by 4 500 workers was not limited to doctors and medical staff. Employees who had received letters of retrenchment were employed in community development, roads, financial management and works, general provincial services and the health service branches

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New official cleans house

Soweto 5/2/93.

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■ **RUDE AWAKENING** Sakkie Lombard

intends to restore order in the townships:

By Tsale Makam

SOWETO AND DIEPMEADOW residents are in for a rude awakening. The interim administrator means business.

Mr Sakkie Lombard, the man the Transvaal Provincial Administration picked to clean up the mess in Diepmeadow and Soweto from January 13, intends to restore order after the chaos left behind by the two sacked councils.

Both councils were booted out after allegations of corruption. In mid-November last year the TPA sent directives ordering the two bodies to correct their financial crises.

But the TPA rejected the councils' plans of action and replaced them with an administrator.

The TPA says he is an interim man. The real administrator will be elected by the councils once an agreement is reached between the Metropolitan Chamber and the Johannesburg City Council.

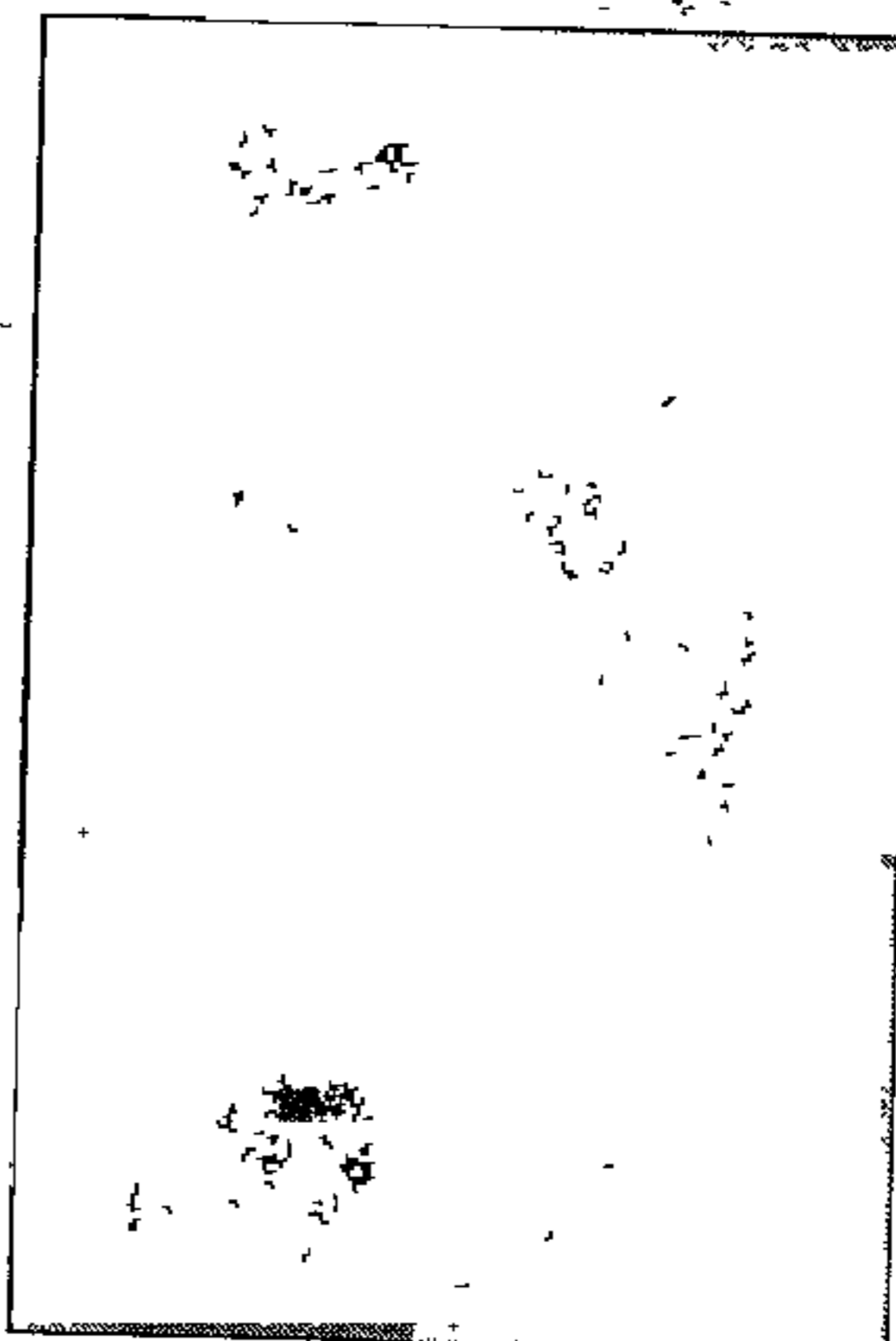
On the thorny rent boycott issue, which accounts for the major debt of the two fired councils who "failed to collect money from the people", Lombard said the TPA, Metropolitan Chamber and the Johannesburg City Council have come very close to an agreement. Civic associations have also agreed that this will mark the end of the rent boycott.

"I appeal to the people to pay the R55 flat rate until a suitable rate has been negotiated. However, we are in a chicken and egg situation. Without rent and services payment, there is no money for maintenance. But the people say they will not pay until they have proper services."

Lombard does not think there is a chance that he may become a permanent administrator. But his term "may be extended." To how long, he does not know.

Meanwhile, the TPA's director of local government is already taking action to make sure orders are carried out.

"In the short period that I've been here I intend to restore order and good administration," Lombard said.



Sakkie Lombard

He regards the directive as tough to follow, but it has to be done. And he is wasting no time.

He has already requested the Transvaal Administrator to institute an official inquiry into certain contracts awarded by the Soweto City Council, the refuse removal contracts among others.

Personnel disciplinary enquiries against councillors and officials who appear to have acted beyond their powers will soon be implemented, he added.

The directive also included a 10 percent cut in salaries and retrenchments to reduce general expenditure. Lombard is trying to achieve this through voluntary retrenchment rather than forcing people out of their jobs.

"We've already received a number of applications from people requesting voluntary retrenchment. The period for retrenchment applications has been extended to the end of February."

The interim administrator thinks that the involvement of the Johannesburg City Council will create a "culture of payment."

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Jo'burg civics turn backs on forum

Local Govt Reporter (266)

Johannesburg civic associations have withdrawn from the Johannesburg Forum for negotiations following continued bickering between ratepayer groups and the Johannesburg City Council.

The Johannesburg Forum was set up at the beginning of last year to facilitate communication between the city council, white ratepayer associations and civics.

It was meant to address broader urban

issues facing Greater Johannesburg and the problems of disfranchised communities.

In a statement yesterday, civics said their participation on the forum had been a total waste of time and effort.

"There obviously appears to be a serious dynamic between the Johannesburg City Council and the ratepayer federations that is being played out on the forum

"Our objective, in being founder members

of the forum, was to raise crucial issues pertaining to our local areas and to put into place mechanisms to resolve such issues. Instead, we spend a lot of time attempting to resolve a total lack of communication between the ratepayer federations and the city council."

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he understood, and shared, the frustration of the civics with the forum.

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Future of city in (266) spotlight

Staff Reporters

Local problems have a direct bearing on what happens in Johannesburg, regardless of what happens at national level, the chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, said last night

He was speaking at a debate organised by the ANC PWV region on the future of Greater Johannesburg

Soweto Civic Association secretary-general Patrick Lephunya warned rent boycotts and mass action could hit a new government "if it fails to deliver at local level"

Democratic Party councillor Sias Reynecke said the Johannesburg City Council favoured a Greater Johannesburg divided into 20 districts

ANC PWV deputy chairman Mathole Motshekga said the local authority system should be scrapped

● The appointment of a commission to investigate a new system of regional elections was approved by the chamber last night. Members will be named next month

Star 12/2/93
New councillors for Sandton

Two new councillors will take their seats in Sandton this month after being nominated unopposed yesterday. Frank Croswell, a rate-payers' association candidate, takes over Ward 8 (Bryanston) and Mike Burgess of the Democratic Party Ward 5 (Rivonia/Sunninghill) (266)

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Call for resignation of Randburg Council

THE Randburg Action Committee (RAC) has called for the resignation of the Randburg Town Council because it "concealed" from ratepayers a report by Supreme Court advocate Dr Stan Evans concerning amalgamation with Alexandra and Sandton. An RAC spokesman said the

Evans report suggested the amalgamation would be disturbing and possibly traumatic, and councils should proceed in an ordered manner, with some sort of mandate from residents and ratepayers.

Councillor Brian Crail, the chairman of the management committee, pointed out that be-

cause of the ordinances governing reports it was impossible to release information until it had been discussed in open council. "It will be on the agenda for our monthly meeting on February 24" — Bundy West

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Two councillors elected unopposed in Sandton

SIOPAY 12/21/93
TWO new councillors were elected unopposed to the Sandton Town Council yesterday, which the DP and ratepayers claimed was an indication of the new harmonious spirit in the town

Only one nomination was received for each vacancy in the two wards, following the resignation of two councillors last month

DP spokesman Peter Soal and Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations (Sanfed) spokesman Gail Daus said in a statement that after a meeting between the two organisations — which have been at loggerheads recently — it was agreed to nominate only two candidates for the two posts

Frank Crosswell was the ratepayers' association candidate in Ward 8, in the

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

Bryanston area, and Mike Burgess was the DP candidate in Ward 5, in the Rivonia/Sunninghill area

"The difficulties which we have manifested themselves on the Sandton council must come to an end and we believe co-operation is the part of the healing process necessary to bring order and open government to Sandton"

But management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said he feared the lack of nominations could be a sign of apathy

However, the two new councillors were "excellent acquisitions" to the council as each brought wide experience in business and an involvement in residents' issues, Stewart said.

Vote on supercity merger urged

By Louise Marsland
Local Govt Reporter

Opposition is growing among Randburg ratepayers and businessmen to the town council's plans to create a supercity by merging with Sandton and Alexandra.

The newly formed Randburg Action Committee (RAC) is calling for a referendum to test public support for the proposal.

Opposition is centred on the lack of any feasibility study on the viability, need and financial implications of a single administration for the three

towns

The town council has in turn labelled those opposed to its move as conservative

Communication with ratepayers was urged by Dr Stan Evans, an advocate and former town councillor who was commissioned by the Randburg and Sandton councils to conduct a preliminary investigation into the legalities of a joint or single administration.

Evans said in his report: "The venture being contemplated is disturbing and possibly even traumatic for many people, whether carried out for economic or socio-political reasons, or both, and the councils will no doubt wish to proceed in the most ordered and

concerned manner in the achievement of their goals."

Evans detailed various options open to the town councils and the legal problems associated with each. He emphasised the need for adequate disclosure to municipal staff and ratepayers.

RAC chairman Dr Harry Formanek charged that ratepayers had not been informed about the various options, and that Randburg Town Council had no idea of the cost of such a merger.

"They are covering up vital information by withholding the Evans report and are ignoring us. This affects the future of the Greenbelt area and of all Randburg ratepayers"

Formanek urged the town council to set up a negotiating forum where the best option for the town could be decided by all involved.

Randburg deputy management committee chairman Gary Cooney said Randburg had not suppressed the Evans report, but had intended to release it jointly with the Sandton Town Council, which had experienced internal problems. Since ratepayers had made it public, it would now be discussed at this month's council meeting.

Randburg and Sandton councillors would also meet this month to discuss the merger proposal. Cooney denied charges that

the Randburg council had taken a unilateral decision and said an entire communications strategy, including public meetings, was planned.

Cooney said proper controls would ensure that rates would not rocket. "But, whatever it costs, the merger is the route we must go"

Randburg Chamber of Business executive committee member David Ras said the chamber was conducting its own study to try to estimate the financial implications of a single administration between Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra, and could not support the merger proposal until there was clarification.



TPA spends R252m on squatter camps

THE TPA spent a total of R252m on squatter settlements in the Transvaal last year. And rapid urbanisation is likely to make greater demands on provincial resources this year.

The TPA's annual report, released on Friday, said providing opportunities for settlement of lower income groups had become a priority.

Land had been provided at several sites.

Urbanisation director Johan du Plessis said he hoped his department would receive a higher allocation in the next financial year.

However, with many pressing demands — such as health and education — on the GNP, he did not believe the allocation for housing could be increased substantially.

As part of the TPA urbanisation programme, about 5 000ha had been purchased for R200m. At a further cost of R52m, 21 000 serviced erven had been made available to low income groups.

"To address the problem of illegal squatting, the TPA has developed into one of the largest town developers in SA," the annual report stated.

KATHRYN STRACHAN

Because of the strain the urbanisation process placed on financial and manpower resources of the TPA, appeals had been made to the private sector.

Private consultants for town and regional planning had become involved in managing many facets of the problem.

The report said another drain on TPA resources had been the funding of "non-viable" black townships.

"Due to the shortage of funds, black local governments could not meet their commitments for services such as water, sewage and refuse removal," the report said.

Inter-governmental grants of about R588,7m had been made available to black local governments to compensate for the non-viability of these towns — and not as support for boycotts, the report stated.

The TPA said it had spent more than R225m on its road network, but the shortage of funds had limited its focus to maintaining existing roads, rather than building new ones.

Govt slated on land disposals

MARIANNE MERTEN

GOVERNMENT was disposing of unallocated state land too rapidly, the Association of Rural Advancement said at the weekend.

This was in reaction to the announcement of plans by the Advisory Commission on Land Allocation for the disposal of 250 000ha of state land adjoining Lebowa and Qwa Qwa.

The land in question was handed to the commission after a controversial agreement on land transfer and joint administration between government and the homelands.

The commission had become a participant in government's manipulation of land allocation, a statement by the association said.

It said the commission planned to proceed with the reallocation of about 500 000ha of state land in Natal despite the fact that the Goldstone commission had recommended a halt to land disposals in the province because of the likelihood it would fuel violence.

The ANC said at the weekend it would not honour any allocations made.

It also reiterated its call for a moratorium on the allocation of state land until an interim government came to power.

Telkom says it will do better

MARCIA KLEIN

TELKOM is to spend R7,5m over the next 18 months on an advertising campaign which admits it has mistakes and pledges to do better in the future.

The campaign will include TV and newspaper ads, with the first commercial flighted today.

The advertisement, by ad agency & Mather RS-T & M, was designed by Danie du Plessis, MD of Danie du Plessis & Mather, addressing 64 000 employees.

Telkom's past shortcomings were highlighted, saying many people were unhappy that Telkom did not stop growing so soon, that it "didn't put lines in more places quickly because it 'didn't appear to be them the phone service was paid for'".

Telkom was "working to do things better".

Erasmus said on Friday as he looked back on 16 months as a public company, "we have to admit that 1992 was a most disappointing year".

The culture change process was longer than expected, the service turned out to be "a complete debacle" and there had been increased client demands.

Motivating new voters must be central goal, says report

SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON — To ensure a high turnout, newly enfranchised South Africans must be convinced that simply by going to the polls on election day and completing a ballot they will guarantee themselves better schools, houses and job prospects.

This is the conclusion of Washington polling firm Peter Hart Research Associates, hired by the National Democratic Institute to develop a strategy for its US taxpayer-financed South African voter education programme.

"Motivating" new voters, many of whom are not only ignorant of voting procedures but also fear intimidation and do not believe elections will make much difference in their lives, must be a central goal, according to the firm's Dr Fred Hartwig.

Another key issue that must be addressed in negotiations is voter IDs, Hartwig says in his report to the National Democratic Institute.

"Requiring non-whites to obtain any form of documentation from the present government" would be "the government's most effective way to suppress voting by non-whites".

He argues against the use of traditional leaders as voter trainers on the grounds that they have "a vested interest in the status quo".

Hartwig conducted focus groups with paid black volunteers around the country

last September. Sites included Pietersburg, Richards Bay, Umtata and Grahamstown, and Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Bloemfontein townships.

His findings were used to develop multilingual election "kits" to be distributed as part of Project Vote, a joint venture of the National Democratic Institute and the University of the Western Cape's Centre for Development Studies. Project finance includes a \$1m grant for the US Agency for International Development.

The institute is a subgroup of the National Endowment for Democracy, a government chartered entity established during the Reagan administration to promote democracy.

The "kit" contains an instruction manual for community voter trainers urging them to adopt slogans identifying voting with education, jobs, housing and peace.

Forty-four of the 205 focus group participants found this message "convincing".

Thirty-three preferred "Vote for Democracy", 29 "Vote for a Better Future for Our Children". Only 15 liked "Vote to End Apartheid Forever". Eight backed "Vote to Support your candidate and your party".

These findings are reflected in Voting Times, a pamphlet Project Vote has prepared for mass dissemination.

Krugel commission gets new powers and people

PRETORIA — The Krugel commission of inquiry meets next week with extended powers to investigate the ethics, interests and allowances of city and town councillors throughout the Transvaal

Initially established to look into allegations of irregularities and corruption within the Pretoria City Council, the commission's mandate and personnel have been considerably extended this month by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's executive committee

Commission chairman Willem Krugel said yesterday his mandate and investigative powers were "vastly stronger than before"

Among the changes are the appointment to the commission of Unisa constitutional law professor Gretchen Carpenter and RAU public

ADRIAN HADLAND

law expert Prof George Barrie

The commission's work had important implications for SA's public, administrative and constitutional legal frameworks, Krugel said

The commission's inquiry would focus on whether it was proper for serving councillors to be involved in property development during their term of office, a TPA statement said

Krugel said councillors had been given quasi-judicial powers through legislation passed in the late 1980s to expedite development and encourage devolution of power

But some councillors had an inadequate grasp of the nature of their changing functions and had lost sight of impartiality and the duties of public officials, Krugel said

Among areas to be investigated by the reconstituted commission were the functions and duties of councillors, and the need for an ethical code of conduct and impartiality when dealing with zoning and development applications and appeals

Councillor allowances, new or existing business ventures and procedures for declaring councillors' interests with regard to projects within the council's area of jurisdiction would also have to be considered, Krugel said

The commission will meet between February 23 and 25 to hear evidence on the new range of issues

Krugel said after the session, a working document would be compiled and passed on to interested parties. Provisional observations and recommendations would then be made

BIDAY 16/2/93 (266)

Kriel slams council

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

Sowetan 17/2/93
THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, has rebuked the Democratic Party-led Johannesburg Management Committee for failing adequately to address the root causes of the taxis crisis

Kriel said it was "ridiculous" to blame the the ministry of police for prolonging the taxi violence by declaring Johannesburg an unrest area.

Accusing JMC chairman Mr Ian Davidson of "political posturing of the worst kind," Kriel said the situation in Johannesburg during the crisis re-

■ Minister says Jo'burg management committee failed to address taxi crisis properly:

quired immediate and stringent action by the Government. "Declaring an unrest area in fact rescued Johannesburg—South Africa's economic hub—from being held to ransom for an indeterminate period by rebellious and violent taxi drivers," Kriel said yesterday. He pointed out that the city was declared an unrest area only after intensive negotiations had failed and that taxi drivers had rebelled against their own umbrella organisation. "These organisations had completely lost control over certain members and over the situation, (therefore) in view

of the virtual anarchy in the city, the South African Police needed extra powers to not only halt the violence as soon as possible but to prevent re-occurrence. "Declaring an unrest area was not intended to negate, undermine or replace negotiations to find a solution to the crisis, nor did it remove any powers or authority of local government.

"However, with violence the order of the day in the streets of the city, additional physical measures were necessary to first re-establish order," Kriel said in a statement

CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT BUSH
Bosnia, France, with President Bush

Confusion sown over local govt

By Brendan Templeton

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Confusion surrounds the outcome of a meeting yesterday between the Randburg and Sandton town councils and the ANC over the future of local government.

The ANC said important agreements had been made on the future of the region, but a senior member of the Sandton management committee said the noon luncheon was simply a get-to-know-you affair.

The ANC's PWV region issued a statement yesterday indicating its local government

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experts have entered the heated debate over a proposed merger between Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra.

It said the parties had agreed that the future of the three towns should be determined in the "PWV regional context".

They had further agreed on the importance of participation by local communities in their destiny, and that there was an urgent need for the establishment of a PWV regional local government forum.

But the Sandton manage-

ment committee member insisted no agreements had been reached.

He would not have attended the meeting if it had been intended to come to agreements regarding future local government, he said.

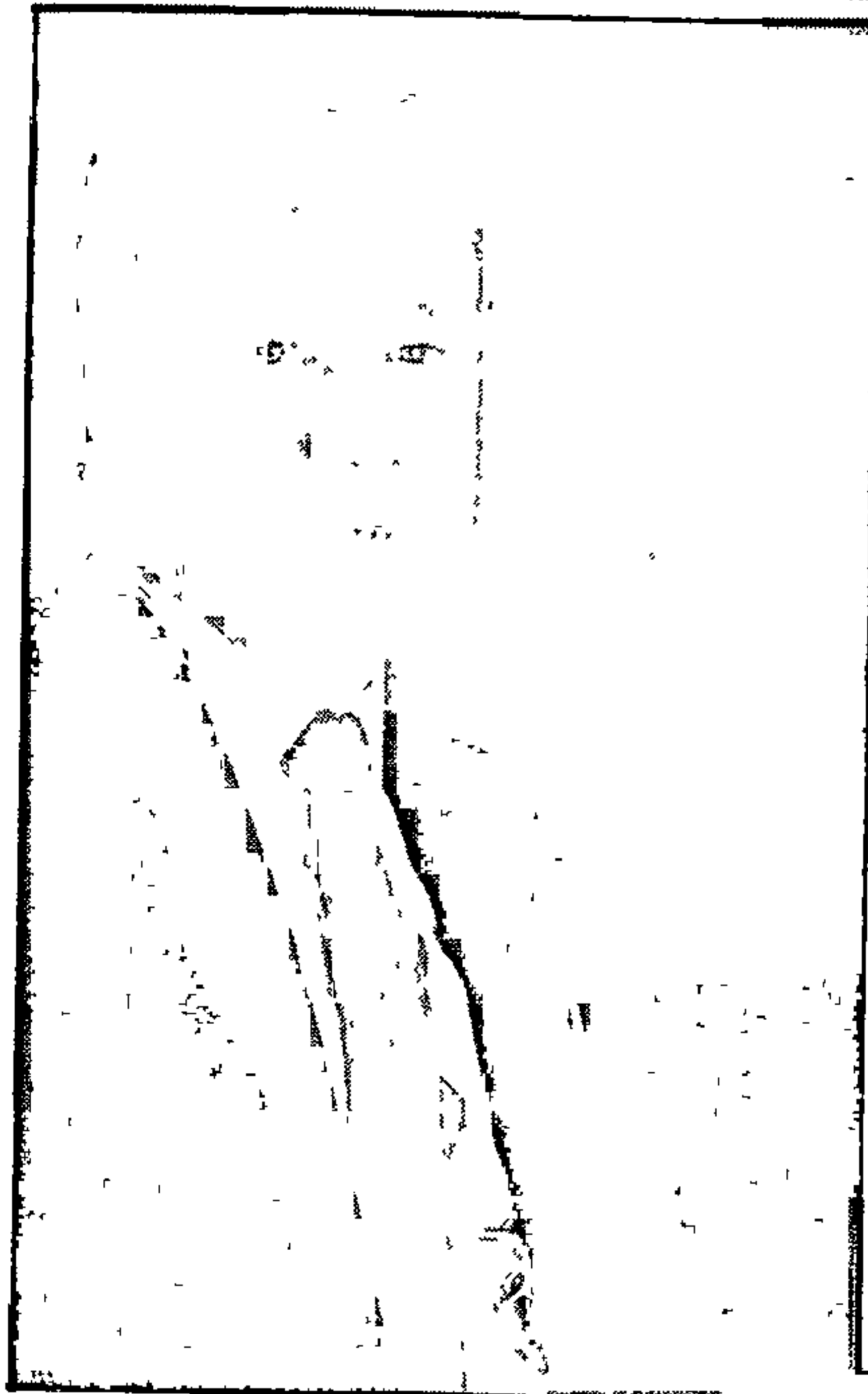
There were already enough bodies concerned in the region.

He believed the future of the region should be decided by the Metropolitan Chamber, consisting of present councils, civic associations, businesses and other interest groups

Harrismith opens council (266)

HARRISMITH — Harrismith has decided to incorporate its neighbouring township, 42nd Hill, into a greater, joint municipal council for the entire community from March 1, 1982.

NESBURG CBD



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CBD statistics

S/Times (R455) 21/2/93

THE GDP generated in the inner city is R13,2-billion a year. This amount accounts for 37% of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) area, 14% of the PWV and 6% of national GDP. The rateable property value is R10,1-billion. The rates collected in the Johannesburg inner city are R180-million a year (42% of total rates income).

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Last year, 108 plans for CBD buildings were submitted and 95 approved with a value of R269,3-million. The major projects are: Southern Life revamp, R35-million; BankCity, R105,5-million; Ryclok Investments parking garage; Sanlam Centre, R15-million; Liberty Life revamp, R50-million; bridge over railway between King George and Wanderers Streets, R36-million; Braampark (new offices), R12,4-million; new Standard Bank, Selby, R30,1-million; United Towers revamp, R19-million; SA Reserve Bank, Newtown, R75-million.

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A safer city is their target

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THE crime rate in Johannesburg's CBD is a major contributor to the inner city's loss of business tenants, but there are signs of improvement

Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) executive director Neil Fraser says public safety must take priority

He says "We can get everything else right, but still have a disaster on our hands if the city is not safe"

The CJP started working on the problem in early 1992 from the perspective that the police could not cope and began looking at ways for business to fund a private security force, which would co-ordinate its work with existing private security firms

Economic realities have pushed this idea on to the back burner while other options are explored

Mr Fraser says "We decided to see if the police could be assisted to make their job easier"

The CJP has offered to locate and equip satellite police stations and some of them have been put into operation

The group now holds monthly meetings with the police

Mr Fraser says the lines of

communication have improved

He is also impressed with the commitment shown by senior police officers to improving security in the city

Not unnaturally the issue of public safety is regarded as a priority by the Johannesburg City Council

Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson says that in meetings with the Government, the council has pointed out that safety in Johannesburg is a national issue

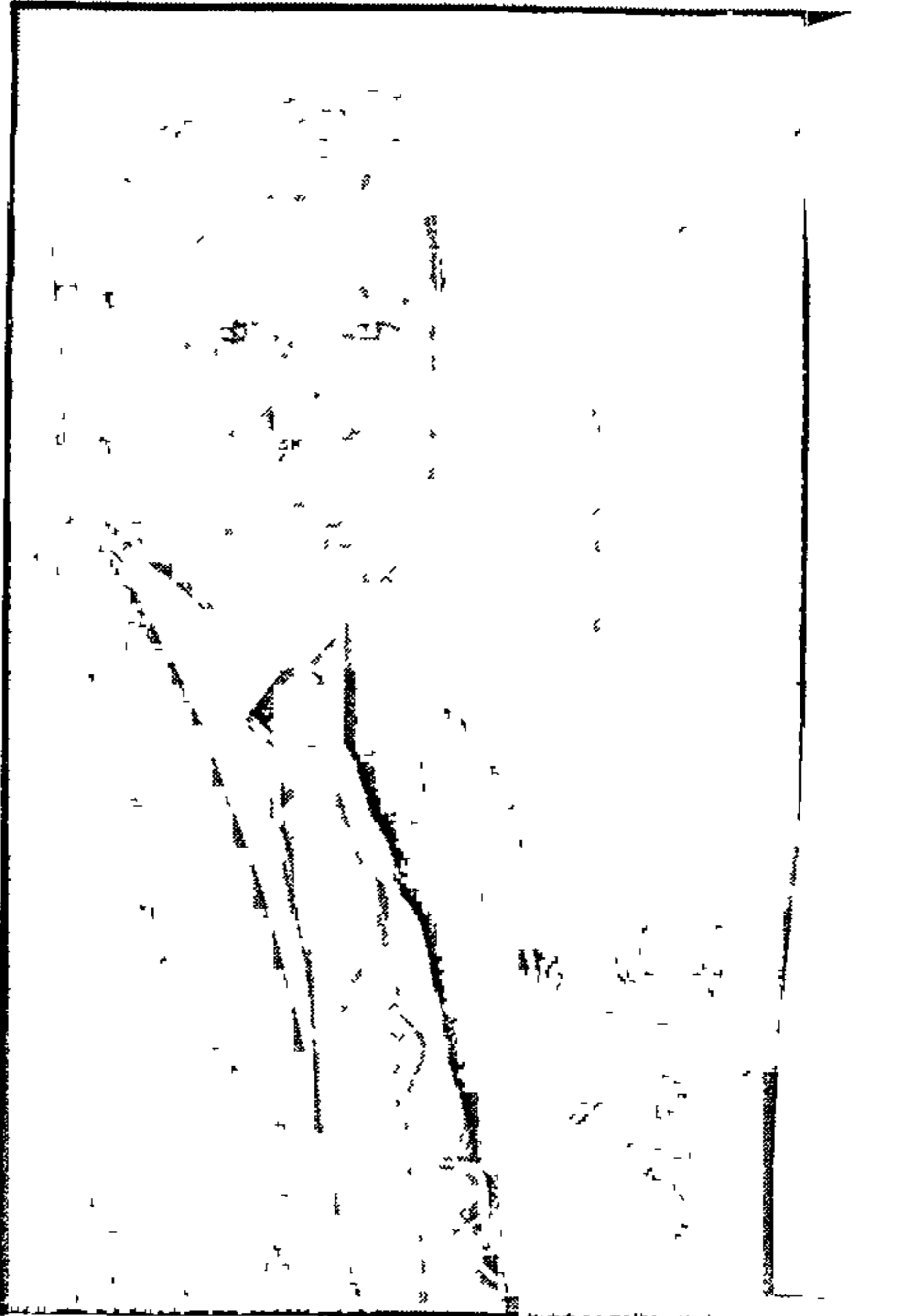
Mr Davidson says "When potential investors visit South Africa, their first port of call is Johannesburg. If they are mugged during their stay here, we are unlikely to see that much-needed capital flowing into the country"

He says there are signs of improvement. From January 1 to August 31 last year there was an increase in the serious crime rate of 4,16%. But this was below the national average

In addition, petty crime, such as mugging, showed a slight decrease

Mr Davidson says a more optimistic view can be taken when it is considered that most of the police measures to improve public safety came into effect only in September 1992

Mr Davidson "We must correct people's perceptions. To do this we must show that not only has the situation been contained, but that there is a real improvement"



IAN DAVIDSON Potential investors make their first calls in Johannesburg and

a mugging might put them off the whole country

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Soweto debt write-off gets nod

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Star 22/2/93

By Louise Marsland
Local Govt Reporter

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber delegates have agreed to write off Greater Soweto's R900 million debt — subject to Cabinet approval. The Johannesburg City Council had demanded that the Transvaal Provincial Administration cancel the enor-

mous debt incurred by the town councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville before it would agree to provide services in Greater Soweto. The chamber last week postponed to April 1 the date for the implementation of the agreement which would provide for the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils to give administrative assistance and provide services in the bankrupt township.

Parties to the Metropolitan Chamber also agreed in principle on an initial across-the-board rental of R55 a month. A Johannesburg source said one of the stickiest issues — the TPA's financial commitments to Soweto — had been resolved. The source said the TPA had agreed to contribute "more" financially towards the running of Soweto in the new financial year than in the

previous year. Figures were not immediately available as an ultimate budget for the area depended on the level of rent and services payments. Chamber executive officer Vic Milne said he was optimistic that all outstanding issues would be resolved by the next meeting of the Soweto Ad Hoc Committee on March 5, and that a date would be set for the establishment of the Greater Soweto Forum (GSF).

Once the GSF — which will assist a city manager in governing Greater Soweto — is up and running, it will negotiate agency agreements and necessary contracts. Issues still to be finalised are the payment levels for Soweto residents and the basis of Roodepoort's involvement. A city manager will be appointed by the GSF to administer Greater Soweto from April 1.

Duduza's last R34 in kitty

By Sowetan Correspondent

Sowetan

22/2/93 Council may cut staff, services if residents don't pay DPP

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DUDUZA Town Council near Nigel is down to its last R34

Unless residents pay their rent and service charges by the end of the month, services will grind to a halt and the 200 council employees will not be paid

Duduza administrator Mr William Robenson said the council did not have the R3 million needed to pay for services rendered by the Nigel council

He said residents had been given until the end of the month to pay tariffs or face cuts in services

Only 13 percent of all residents were currently paying their fees, he added

His council had already embarked on a programme to halve the water supply and from next week the electricity supply would be restricted to specific times still to be announced, he added

"We regret that we have to resort to such drastic steps. We have to meet our obligations,"

Robenson said, adding that residents and business people in the township owed the council R12,8 million

"These business people have been enjoying free essential services for too long now. A fair and reasonable chance has been given to them to pay up and they have not done so," he said

Robenson said money was so tight that broken-down council vehicles could not be re-

paired. At times they did not even have enough money to pay for petrol for the vehicles that were still running

Duduza Chamber of Commerce chairman Mr Enoch Makgalemele warned that the threats by the authorities would spark violence and urged Robenson to consider the implication of his intentions. He added that his organisation viewed the warning with concern



Cities agree to negotiate

GAVIN DU VENAGE

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MANAGEMENT committees of the seven major cities in SA had resolved jointly last week to take part in the national local government negotiating forum, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday. *BUM 23/2/93*

The Major Cities' Association, representing Johannesburg, Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Durban, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth and Maritzburg, decided at a meeting last week that there was "a strong need for adequate representation" on the forum.

The association felt that as it served approximately one third of SA's population, and was responsible for 80% of GNP, it had a place in constitutional negotiations.

"It is therefore seen as extremely important that any constitutional dispensation agreed upon meet the needs of these cities," said Davidson.

He said that cities were at the vortex of changes taking place in SA, so their stance on constitutional matters had to be taken note of.

A technical task force had been set up to assist the association in the negotiation process, to conduct research into policy positions and to advise on the implications of decisions taken.

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No cash in Duduza council kitty

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THEO RAWANA

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THE coffers of the Duduza Town Council had dried up to R34 last month and services in the East Rand township were heading for collapse if residents did not pay this month, administrator Wilhe Robinson said yesterday.

Robinson said the situation in the township of 120 000 people was so bad that even with the R75 000 paid by some residents so far, and the TPA's R190 000 monthly grant, the approximately 200 council employees would not be paid this month.

He said the council had built up a debt of about R6m in the 14 months since November 1991, and about R2,2m of this was owed to Eskom and the rest was owed to the TPA.

The 12 000 households' debt to the council was between R1,2m and R1,5m, Robinson said.

Robinson said he had called the community to a meeting in an effort to get them to pay, but to no avail.

Businessmen were the main defaulters, and only three businessmen had come forward to pay since that meeting.

The problem was compounded by the resignation of the executive committee of the civic association, after residents accused its members of colluding with the council, Robinson said.

STAR 24/2/93

Non-racial council meets

Benoni Town Council last night held its first non-racial monthly meeting after its amalgamation with Actonville's management committee. The first non-racial council meeting in the Transvaal was attended by Minister of Education and Training S. de Beer and members of the TPA executive committee. Germiston is to have its first non-racial council meeting next week.

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NP names new candidate

The National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council last night named Dr P Pretorius as its candidate for the post of deputy mayor for the coming year. This followed the withdrawal of its earlier nomination of Linda Lewis.

Council to STARZ 24/2/93. tackle crisis in housing (266)

By Julienne du Toit

The Johannesburg City Council is to become more involved in alleviating the city's housing crisis

At a council meeting yesterday, a policy guideline was approved in terms of which the council will move from playing a passive role in housing to facilitating the building of low-income housing

From now on, the council will, among other things:

- Seek to involve the private sector in providing housing.
- Provide incentives to the private sector to initiate low-income housing projects.
- Supply low-income housing units for rental and private ownership where private-sector development cannot keep up with local needs.

Health, Housing and Urbanisation Committee chairman Marietta Marx said: "Unless there is an immediate response to the housing shortage, the continued growth of the population will lead to uncontrolled squatting and environmental degradation."

According to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's housing task team, the housing shortage in the central Witwatersrand is currently about 200 000 units

Corruption among councillors a fact of life, commission told

PRETORIA — Corrupt property deals involving town councillors or officials were so prevalent they were a fact of life, the Krugel commission was told yesterday

Calling for much stiffer penalties and tightened control over councillors involved in property transactions, Roodepoort management committee chairman David Treleven told the commission "a very difficult and real problem" existed

"We see the continual appointment of favoured parties for council contracts," Treleven said. Cases of friends of officials being given contract work cropped up time and again. "I believe this is totally wrong," he said

The newly expanded commission, which now has a mandate to investigate all local authorities in the Transvaal, was created last year to look into allegations of corruption within the Pretoria City Council

The commission is hearing evidence on a range of issues including a possible code of conduct for councillors and the involvement of elected officials in property deals

Treleven said incidents had been noted where councillors and officials

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had formed a close corporation specifically to deal with the purchase and sale of property "This is unethical and should be prohibited"

Other municipal representatives from local authorities such as Sandton, Boksburg and Verwoerdburg reported similar incidents

The "parameters of possible corruption" included official rezoning or rights applications not being exhibited or advertised, and the leaking of councils' development plans

"There is a real danger of leakage to investors and developers before the council meeting and immediately after the council resolution," he said

"The safeguards relating to property transactions being leaked by personnel is wide open and most unsatisfactory"

Treleven said penalties for council corruption were totally inadequate. In the Transvaal at present, councillors may be fined R1 000 or given a one-year prison sentence if convicted of pecuniary impropriety. That should be increased to R10 000 or three years, with the councillor losing his seat permanently, he said

No deal to write off debts (266)

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has dismissed reports claiming that it has agreed to write off the R900 million debt owed by the Greater Soweto councils

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TPA's MEC for Local Government Mr Burger Lategan said no such agreement had been reached between the parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

"Negotiations are currently concentrating on proposals for the ending of the boycott and the resumption of payments at satisfactory levels," he said

Telkom suspends services

TELKOM yesterday suspended its services in Soweto and withdrew its workers after two of their vehicles were hijacked by striking pupils

The decision to suspend telephone repairs and installations was taken after at least 12 Telkom vehicles were attacked since the trouble started two weeks ago

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A Telkom spokesman said the suspension was indefinite and could last for as long as the pupils' strike continued

"The last thing we can afford is to see our men's lives endangered," a spokesman said

Meyer to address IFP

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MINISTER of Constitutional Development Mr Roelf Meyer will explain the Government's view of the road ahead when he addresses the Inkatha Freedom Party central committee meeting on Sunday

Dr Tertius Delpport, Minister of Local Government, will also address the committee

This follows a meeting between the Government and the IFP in Richards Bay last weekend

IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said at the time there were "certain things they put to us which we did not understand, so they will put them before the central committee".

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BLACK councils owe Eskom more than R600 million while rent and service charges boycotts have led to debts totalling R2 billion

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'Appoint ombudsman' call

PRETORIA — A local government ombudsman should be appointed to hear complaints or allegations of corruption within city or town councils, the Krugel commission heard yesterday

Sandton councillor Frederick Ehlers told the commission that residents in his ward generally believed corruption was endemic within the council

"The status of local government in the public eye is unacceptably poor," he said

Ehlers, who was suspended from the Sandton council last year, ostensibly for objecting to tendering procedures, suggested the appointment of a special ombudsman to handle, specifically, local government-related complaints

The Krugel commission was appointed last year to investigate allegations of corruption within the Pretoria City Council, but its mandate has since been extended to cover all local authorities in the Transvaal

While dealing mainly with the question of whether councillors should be involved in property or development deals within

their own municipal boundaries, the commission is investigating also broader ethical issues

Ehlers, a practising architect, said he had been offered inducements or commissions on several occasions to influence rezoning applications within Sandton.

"Obviously such temptations must also be put in the way of councillors who are quantity surveyors and engineers," he said.

Representatives from several municipalities, Raymond Loubser from the Engineering Council of SA, Unisa law professor Marius Wiechers and Vista University public administration professor Brian Botha all gave evidence yesterday

The commission would reconvene next month, Willem Krugel said, to consider information from the Association of Law Societies and any outstanding contributions from interested parties

An interim report would be circulated before the final report was presented to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough

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Tally to date is one jailed, two charged

Progress reported in Soweto clean-up

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GREATER Soweto's "Mr Clean", Zakkie Lombaard, handed in his half-term report card to the Saturday Star yesterday and claimed he got mostly straight A's.

The 53-year-old Soweto administrator, who was appointed last month, had the

JOE LOUW speaks to Zakkie Lombaard, Soweto's 'Mr Clean', as his term of duty — which was to have expired this weekend — is extended for a month.

daunting task of getting the sprawling township's affairs back on track in an impossibly short time

Lombaard's term of office was to have expired this weekend, but has been extended another month

The two city councils of Soweto and Diepmeadow were dismissed last month amid an outcry alleging mismanagement, maladministration, and extensive corruption and embezzlement involving millions of rands

In an exclusive interview with the elusive Lombaard, who for the past month has been working from four offices and attending meetings virtually from dawn to dusk, the administrator said that although he could not at-

tend to many of the tasks set for him by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, he had made "considerable progress"

In relation to his investigations into fraud and corruption, Lombaard vowed to leave no stone unturned. Already, he said, one official had been jailed for embezzlement and two former councillors charged with fraud in connection with the theft of R130 000 from the Blackchain project in Diepmeadow.

Evidence

He said he had requested the TPA to launch official internal inquiries into cases where there were allegations of wrongdoing. "I have requested that these inquiries be launched immediately, and I have also enlisted the help of the SAP to expedite investigations"

Lombaard refused to comment any further on pending cases, saying they were sub judice, but he requested that the public come forward with any evidence indicating corruption, fraud or theft of municipal property.

He dismissed allegations made by the legal adviser of the Diepmeadow Council, Aldrid Maheppy, that he was involved in a "massive cover-up" because he had reinstated Johan de Jager, the former town clerk who was suspended by the council

for alleged fraud. "The previous council itself had appointed an independent group of lawyers to investigate allegations against Mr de Jager," Lombaard told the Saturday Star, "and they found that the allegations against him were baseless and they gave him a clean slate, and that is why I reinstated him."

In a press statement released yesterday, Maheppy claimed that Lombaard had "done nothing constructive so far but to bring back the evildoers and crooks to their nesting grounds to further continue with their frauds."

Maheppy threatened in his statement that he would personally lay charges against Lombaard and De Jager if they "attempt to sweep criminal investigations under the carpet." Maheppy, who is currently on sick leave from his post as legal counsel, claims he can personally point out where more than R10 million of the council's money was stolen or defrauded.

Lombaard made no further comments on Maheppy's allegations. His most important achievement so far, Lombaard said, was getting the two administrations working again. "You will recall that just about nothing was being done about anything towards the end of last year," he said. "There was so much power politics and infighting happening in both councils that effec-

tive administration was almost impossible."

Lombaard said regular meetings of the councils were not taking place and many of the problems in services — such as garbage collection, sewerage, health services and the maintenance of roads — were not being solved.

In its ultimatum to both councils last year, the TPA had ordered the councils to return to negotiations with the Witwatersrand Metropolitan

tan Chamber to get the Johannesburg City Council involved in the running of Greater Soweto. The councillors refused Lombaard announced that he had been able to get the council back into the talks.

Asked how he managed to get the notorious problems under control so quickly, Lombaard smiled, saying he had been dealing with the problems of black councils and especially those of Soweto for the past 10 years.

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Workers occupy offices

Twenty-two members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union were arrested yesterday after they had occupied Transvaal Provincial Administration offices in central Johannesburg and refused to leave. They were part of a group of 250 former Dobsonville Council workers who were fired in September for striking illegally.

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Council chairman elected

Germiston's mayor Johann Rossouw was elected chairman of the joint council of Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge at a constituting committee meeting in the Germiston Civic Centre last night.

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Katlehong mayor S Mhlana was appointed deputy chairman.

Rossouw said it was disappointing that Bedfordview had withdrawn from negotiations for the joint council in June but he was encouraged by renewed discussions on Bedfordview's eventual incorporation.

In a statement the joint council said all tariffs and charges would remain unchanged.

The new body would inherit Katlehong's debts, of which the main creditors were Eskom and the Rand Water Board.

The principle that municipal services would be supplied only to those consumers who paid for them was also accepted.

Leon Louw is the new chairman of the joint council's management committee and R Leotlela is deputy chairman. —
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New mayor promises ²⁶⁶ to strive for harmony

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By Michael Sparks

The people of Johannesburg need to join together to face the future, says the city's new mayor, Les Dishy

He promised to play whatever role necessary to bring unity to the country's biggest city during his year of office

Introducing his mayoral theme at a press conference before his induction yesterday, Dishy said he planned to draw together not only the residents of the city but regular commuters and visitors

He designated the yellow ribbon as the symbol for the peace and harmony he hoped would prevail during his term.

He said it was not a new symbol, but one that had brought people together for years.

Emphasis for his initiative would be placed on arts and culture, which had recently been revitalised, business and commerce, which were the heartbeat of Johannesburg, and sport, which had assumed greater importance since the country's recent return to the international arena.

Dishy said that, despite the fluid political situation, he was certain he would serve out his full term as mayor. He said his appointment was not due to tokenism but reflected a lifetime of working for political change.

He said he would adopt a relaxed approach to being mayor, shifting away from the traditional, formal style.

"I don't think I will relax it so much that I will start wearing a ponytail, because I don't have enough hair for that," he said, adding a touch of humour to a solemn occasion.

Protesters at TPA offices arrested

Soweto Jan 2/3/93
POLICE last night arrested 22 Soweto municipal workers who were occupying the Johannesburg offices of the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said those arrested were in custody

Earlier yesterday SA Municipal Workers' Union spokesman Mr Reginald Dubazana said about 50 workers had embarked on the sit-in and would only leave once their demands were met

These included the lifting of suspension orders against 270 of their colleagues and the reinstatement of three dismissed workers

Earlier yesterday police had warned the demonstrators to leave the building or face charges of trespassing

At the time police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said about 30 workers were occupying the office of Soweto administrator Mr Sakkie

Workers in sit-in at administrator's office:

Lombard

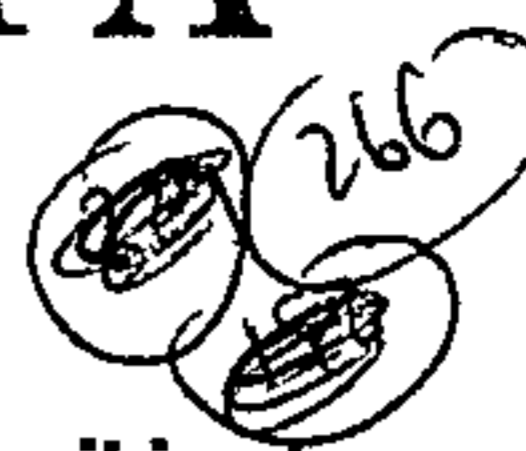
The workers were suspended on November 2 last year pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing against them

This followed a ruling by the Industrial Court that their September 7 dismissal was invalid, Dubazana said

They were initially dismissed after refusing to work on a property near the Dobsonville hostel, a flashpoint of violence last year and regarded as dangerous.

Lombard said the workers entered the offices with a petition earlier yesterday and attempted to move forward a scheduled March 18 meeting between their lawyers, the council's lawyers and the Municipal Employees Organisation

This was not possible so they occupied the building - *Sapa*



Germiston council united

THE first meeting of the Greater Germiston joint city council took place yesterday **BLOM 2/3/93**

It marked the official amalgamation of Germiston with Katlehong and the management committee of the Indian suburb of Palm Ridge. Germiston has joined several dozen local authorities which have opted for some form of joint co-operation, since the proclamation of the controversial Interim Measures for Local Government Act, which came into effect last year.

The Act was intended to allow local authorities to rationalise the provision of services, and end expensive racially based duplication.

For councils like Germiston the move to a formalised joint authority was basically a technicality, as co-operation already exists in health, sewage treatment and fire services.

However, town clerk Tony Heyneke said last week the new arrangement would make the administration of joint services simpler and more cost-

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effective.

Kimberley, which became SA's first nonracial municipality more than a year ago, already has benefited financially.

Kimberley Town Clerk Coenie Nolte said yesterday the budget for 1993 was unchanged from 1992 and would remain the same for 1994, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Savings had been a direct result of cutting multiple service delivery systems and separate administrations for each authority, he said. Another advantage was that local development projects could be drawn up on an as-needed basis, rather than along racial lines. He said 85% of development funds now found their way to where they were needed, while 25% ensured

that standards in more developed areas did not decline. Although the official policy of the civics was to reject Kimberley's single council project, residents paid willingly for services.

The council had provided a sliding scale subsidy, from 75% for people earning less than R100 per month, to 25% for those earning under R500. For residents in arrears, a scheme giving them three years to pay had been instituted, he said. Meanwhile discussions with the local civic were taking place, and Nolte said a structure was being worked out.

Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal general secretary Dan Mofokeng said yesterday the joint local authorities now in place still had their base in discredited apartheid structures.

'R900m write-off if boycott ends'

THEO RAWANA

THE R900m owed by the Greater Soweto councils would not be written off until the rent boycott had ended and residents were paying for services regularly, Transvaal MEC for Local Government Burger Lategan said yesterday. *BLOM 3/3/93*

Lategan was reacting to reports that parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber had agreed to the debt being scrapped and had asked the TPA to seek government approval for the move.

In January, the TPA dissolved the Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow and Soweto because of extensive financial mismanagement and the Johannesburg City Council was approached to run services in the township. The third council, Dobsonville, is also in financial trouble.

Lategan said no agreement on a debt write-off had been reached in the Metropolitan Chamber and no approach to the Transvaal Administrator had been made.

A debt of R516m had been written off in September 1990 and had not resulted in improved payments by residents, so the TPA was not about to repeat the process unless the rent boycott ended, he said.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne confirmed last week that there had been no final agreement. An ad hoc committee would meet on Friday and might go to the chamber on March 10.

Lategan said another matter the chamber was considering was a request by some parties to write off amounts owed to councils by residents. He said the "massive" write-off under the Greater Soweto Accord in September 1990 had resulted not in improved payment levels, but in nearly 90% of residents not paying levied charges, and services were near collapse.

Teachers prepare for a nationwide strike

KATHRYN STRACHAN

TEACHERS in black schools were gearing up for a nationwide strike in protest against their 5% salary increase and the poor conditions in schools, the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) announced yesterday.

Sadtu secretary-general Randall van den Heever told a media briefing his union had requested a meeting with President F W de Klerk before March 12 to present its demands. In the meantime, a strike ballot was being held in all the regions to prepare for mass action should the demands be rejected.

The union claims 75% of black teachers earn less than a "living wage" and it is demanding salaries be raised to an acceptable level and that a 25% across-the-board increase be implemented.

Other items on the agenda are government's unilateral restructuring of education and rationalisation, he said.

Van den Heever could not say how long the proposed strike would last, but stressed that the union would "do its utmost" to ensure it was a unified protest and that it had the support of all teachers countrywide. The actions being considered included "go slows", pickets, marches and an all-out strike.

The protest was aimed at improving conditions in black schools, he said, and therefore did not contradict the union's avowed commitment to restoring order to schools.

He said the problems and disruptions in Soweto — triggered by the alleged retrenchment of 30 temporary teachers — were merely a microcosm of the education crisis facing the country. "Teachers in the Houses of Representatives and Delegates are being retrenched in

their thousands around the country," he said. Van den Heever said the union and teachers' protests were being used as a scapegoat by the Department of Education and Training (DET) for the problems in education. He denied that teacher "chalkdowns" last year had contributed to the disastrous black matric results. On the contrary, there had been an improvement on the previous year's figures which was due to teacher's dedication, he said.

The union had also called for an urgent meeting with Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer, and discussions with the DET over the fate of the "retrenched" teachers, who were in the third day of their hunger strike, continued yesterday.

Soweto schools were disrupted again yesterday as teachers demonstrated outside the DET Johannesburg regional offices to demand their colleagues be reinstated.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that police arrested 20 Soweto teachers staging a week-long sit-in at the DET offices.

Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the Sadtu members were detained on charges of trespassing. A delegation from six regions of the Norwegian Teachers' Union is in SA as guests of Sadtu.

Delegation leader Anneli Askola said in Johannesburg yesterday the delegation would visit Sadtu's structures throughout the country.

"We wish to gain first-hand information on the problems facing Sadtu generally. Visits to a number of schools are also included in the itinerary," Askola said.

The delegation will also visit Lebowa, Venda, Gazankulu, KaNgwane, Ciskei and KwaZulu

Peace committee targets 'out of line' signatories

RAY HARTLEY

THE national peace committee is investigating ways of strengthening the peace accord and reining in those signatories who disregard its code of conduct.

Committee chairman John Hall said yesterday that 159 complaints about breaches of the accord's code of conduct for political parties and organisations had been received to date.

A committee looking into the strengthening of the accord had called for submissions from political organisations, as well as the UN, EC, OAU and Commonwealth monitors, he said.

"Many avenues are being explored and even, for example, the paying of a bond — say a sum of R1m — to guarantee the parties uphold the peace accord and focus their minds more closely," he said in an interview. "There is a fine line between robust politicking and making inflammatory statements."

Hall said greater dedication from peace accord signatories and "hundreds of millions of

rands" in funding for development projects were needed if the peace accord was to be made more effective.

He said a new national fund, which co-ordinated "operational expenses" and funding for socio-economic development projects in strife-torn areas, was needed if violence was to be dealt with effectively.

"Our clear objective is to make the peace accord more effective. We need greater dedication from the signatories (to the accord) to push its provisions and obligations down to the grassroots level," he said.

The envisaged fund, which was still in the very early stages of discussion, would collect money from donors and allocate this to development projects with the existing National Peace Accord Trust acting as a catalyst.

This would remove the problems currently

created by the "random injection of aid" by many development agencies.

Hall said moves were being made to "de-link" peace accord structures from government to increase their autonomy. "While I have the greatest respect for Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and his department, the issue of our relationship with them is sensitive," he said.

The existing trust would provide bridging finance to cut through bureaucratic red tape, while funders were being lobbied for money for projects, he said.

Adequate funding was also needed to run regional and local peace accord offices, and for overheads and the salaries of permanent staff.

Hall said "If I have one desperate concern, it is the socio-economic violence that's turning our country into one of the most criminally violent countries in the world. This, more than politics, is leading to a loss of business confidence, a brain drain and a cash drain."

Merger under spotlight

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THE Sandton Town Council set up a section 59 committee to study the implications of a merged Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra, management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said yesterday.

The committee, which will consist of Sandton civic and ratepayers' organisations and the local chamber of business, would look into new systems of local government, and specifically a merger between the councils.

Stewart stressed that as yet Sandton had no official standpoint on the merger, but that its position would be clearer once the committee had made its findings. He expected the first reports to be ready in the next three to six months.

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Stewart said the committee would be canvassing the public as well as experts to compile its reports.

The merger will be one of the topics on today's agenda of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum, but Stewart said the council would most likely not support any proposals put forward by any of the parties involved until Sandton's position was established.

The forum is a body consisting of a number of parties including the TPA, Alexandra civics, the Development Bank of SA, ratepayers' associations, business, and the Sandton, Randburg, Alexander and Marlboro management committees.

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Murder charges dropped

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Four leading members of the Tokoza Civic Association are considering suing the authorities after the dropping of charges brought against them for the murder of one-time Phola Park leader Prince Mhlambi and four other young people in October.

Abraham Motaung, Philemon Mapatje, Gideon Letlolo and Jeremiah Motsieloa felt they had strong grounds to sue for unlawful arrest and malicious prosecution, civic association secretary Louis Sibeko said this week.

"We knew from the outset their prosecution was just a form of harassment. We are not surprised they have been cleared"

The prosecution of two others accused in the Mhlambi case, Paul Mokoena and Joshua "Yster" Mchunu, will continue

They remain in custody and will appear in court in Alberton on March 25, when a date will be fixed for their trial in the Rand Supreme Court

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CP ousted from council

The Conservative Party was ousted as the ruling caucus in the Brakpan Town Council on Tuesday night after a group of independents took over the management committee. A no-confidence vote against the CP management committee succeeded for the first time since 1966. The move came about after the resignation from the CP of Stephan Kruger, Steve Marx and Pieter de Jager, who have joined the independents (266)

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Nat mayor for Vanderbijl

The Conservative Party last night lost control of the Vanderbijlpark Town Council when National Party candidate Org du Plessis was elected as the town's new mayor. This is the first time in three years that the NP will have the casting vote in council matters.

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At a ceremony in Pretoria yesterday, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, right, shows Madeira's President Alberto Jardim where to sign the 'sister province' agreement between Madeira and the TPA

Picture BRIAN HENDLER

Madeiran president backs regionalism

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Democracy always followed the path of regionalism, Madeira President Alberto Jardim said yesterday

Speaking at the signing of a "sister-province" agreement between the autonomous regional government of Madeira and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Jardim said several European countries had made use of regionalism with great success

"Regionalism is the best way for different people in a country to reach their goals"

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said the agreement was the third to have been signed between the TPA and a foreign regional government following those signed with Taiwan and Austria's Carinthia province

The agreement with Madeira allowed for the exchange of knowledge and programmes in the fields of health care, nature conservation, urban development and the performing arts

It undertook to ease the provision of relief aid in the case of natural disasters and encouraged cultural, educational and scientific development of South African and Madeiran nationals living in each other's territories

Hough said the TPA was pleased with Jardim's comments on regionalism as that was "the direction we are moving towards"

An estimated 300 000 Madeirans lived in SA, more than in Madeira itself. The Portuguese community represented the third largest language group in SA. "We regard the signing of this agreement as a formalising of the informal relationship which has existed for many years between Madeira and the Transvaal"

Tourism would be among the areas most likely to benefit from the agreement

Civics may soon have say in budgeting

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CIVIC organisations could soon have a voice on the Randburg and Sandton management committees and participate in the preparation for this year's budgets, it was suggested at yesterday's meeting of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum

Alexandra Civic Organisation general secretary Richard Mdakane said the organisation objected to councils planning their budgets without the broader community having a voice

Councils would soon begin budgeting for the financial year beginning in July, but without the broader community, he said

He feared that once interim local structures had been put in place, as was expected to happen this year, "no money would be

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left for underprivileged communities".

Mdakane said though local negotiations could not precede national negotiations, they should not be left behind

Sandton councillor Willem Hefer said that under present legislation, the management committees were the only avenue available for financial structuring

But while the channels for direct participation did not exist yet, civics could get involved in budget debates, he said

Randburg councillor Gary Cooney said Randburg remained committed to a single local authority, and would take the civics' views into account.



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Vaal to discuss boundaries

The Regional Development Association of the Vaal Triangle metropolitan area last night announced plans to hold a convention to discuss regional boundaries in the area. (2/66)

Local govt 'shock' for whites

BLOEMFONTEIN — White rate-payers' shock at the realisation that their town councils must amalgamate with those of black towns resulted from their lack of involvement in local government.

This was said by Professor Koos Bekker, head of the Department of State and Municipal Administration at the University of the Orange Free State.

Prof Bekker, delivering his inaugural lecture on Wednesday,

was reacting to reports of tension between residents of wealthy, mainly white Sandton and its local authority over amalgamation with adjacent Alexandra, one of the most underdeveloped black areas in South Africa.

Residents were angry because they had not been consulted and because they feared their rates would be used for Alexandra and not for the improvement and maintenance of Sandton.

Prof Bekker said councillors had always decided for rate-payers because it was generally impossible to get the opinion of whites on council decisions.

If a councillor held a rate-payers' meeting, few people attended and this "tradition" had contributed to government by presumption.

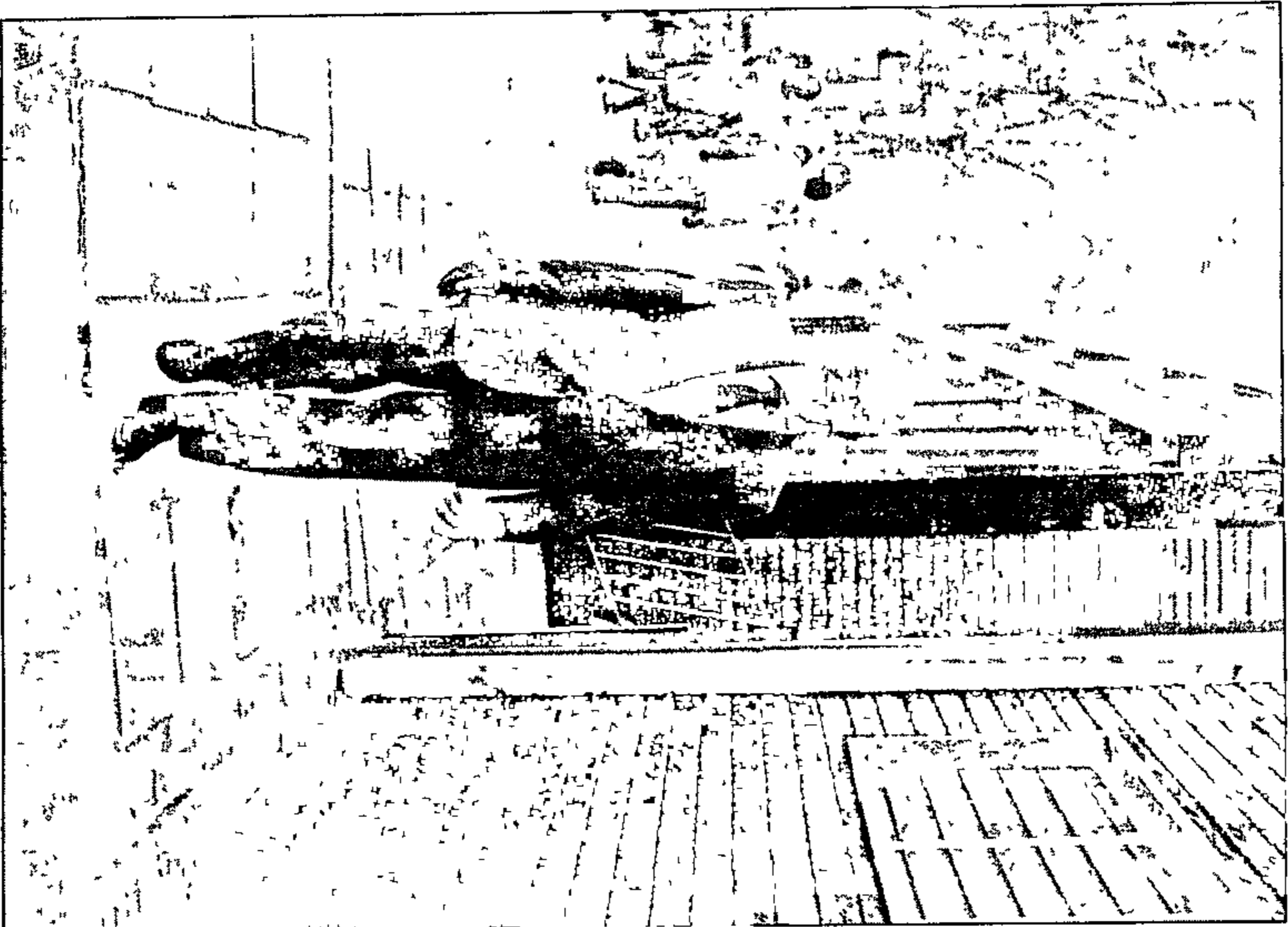
Prof Bekker said one city, one municipality, one joint tax basis was a fait accompli — Sapa

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I want this office to have an open door, says Dishy

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A mayor for the people (26)



GOING WAKABOUT Mayor Les Dishy surveys his stamping ground, the city centre. He says the city comprises people who live in it and work in it, as well as visitors ● Photograph PETER MOGAKI

ONE way to find out how Les Dishy views the city of which he has just become mayor is to turn him for a moment into a tour guide around Johannesburg.

"Where would I take visitors to Johannesburg?" he muses. "For a start I would take them for a walk through the city. I would like them to see Diagonal Street and the Small Street Mall.

"As a councillor I would want to show off my City Hall, of course. That is one of my favourite buildings in Johannesburg and I hope it will soon be brought back to proper use. And I would like to take them up the Carlton Centre.

"I would like them to see the nicer things," Dishy says. "We have more trees in Johannesburg than anywhere else — and we have some magnificent houses, even in Soweto. But I would also like them to see the shanty towns and the informal housing.

"I would certainly take people to see the taxi ranks and what goes on there. I would want them to see what life in this city is all about, to see that we live with all these things," Dishy says.

NEW Johannesburg mayor Les Dishy has his roots right in the heart of the city where he was born more than 70 years ago — and where he had a business. The credo for his term is: It's the people that matter. Dishy talked about the city to Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN.

betting agency on the other. Most of the flats look occupied and even some office blocks have washing trailing from the windows, signs that people are living there too.

"It's changed a lot, of course," Dishy says. "When I lived here it was very much a neighbourhood where we all knew each other. But these trees were growing then and at least they are still here. But the fact is you have got to move with the times. And if you can, you have got to try and get ahead. There are a lot of things happening that we can utilise to our benefit."

Dishy's other taproot in central Johannesburg is right across town on the west, corner of Diagonal and Pritchard streets, where he ran a business for many years. One of his employees, he says, was Winnie Mandela who had struggled to find an employer who didn't object to her politics.

The building where Dishy used to do business is empty at the moment, except for a bemused-looking Alsatian that stares down at the mayor of the city through the glass and bars. "That's strange," says Dishy. "I also used to have an Alsatian which I always sent up the stairs ahead of me whenever the burglar alarm went off at night."

A lot of other things have changed in the area, Dishy says, but it's a part of Johannesburg that retains the mix of old and new buildings of which he is so fond. "It was while working down here that I really met South African people," he says. "I sometimes miss it a lot."

Dishy went to Athlone Boys High, then joined the armed forces when he was not yet 18

He ended World War 2 flying bombers out of Italy, and on his return married Edie, now his wife of 47 years. They have four daughters and 10 grandchildren.

"During the war years I used to correspond with my sister, and both of us believed the war was not in vain and that the world would be a better place," Dishy says. "My politics has always been very much of a liberal kind. I was what they called a true-blue Prog. I felt I was able to do some good on my own but eventually realised that I had to get into politics to rectify the unfair policies that we had."

One of Dishy's favourite memories is of working together with the Johannesburg African Music Society in 1965 to produce a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. A staging of the work in the City Hall needed special permission from the Minister of Community Development to allow blacks to perform in front of a white audience.

MINISTER M C Botha refused the choir permission to perform with a white orchestra but eventually allowed a white organist to provide the only accompaniment to the singers.

Johannesburg, of course, faces different kinds of problems now. "I see myself as the first citizen of Johannesburg, and that means Greater Johannesburg," Dishy says. "I want to be involved with everyone across the board. As far as I am concerned Johannesburg comprises the people who live here, the people who work here and all the visitors to the city."

"We are moving into a new era but we have got to grow into situations and find ways of getting the best out of things."

Dishy is passionate about gardening — he and his wife have won prizes for their blooms — and is a keen collector of Ndabele beadwork. He has a down-to-earth air, suggesting that he would much rather use his hand to shake another than to hold a champagne glass at a banquet. "I want this office to have an open door," he says. "I want to get to people and I want people to invite me to get to them."

Call for media freedom guarantees

THE Press Council of SA called on Friday for a "100%" media freedom guarantee in the Bill of Rights.

Chairman Kobus van Rooyen told a meeting of the SA Media Council, which changed its name to the Press Council on Friday, that the guarantee should be applied and interpreted by a constitutional court

"A 100% guarantee does not imply that there should be no restrictions on the media. The 100% means that only if Parliament is unanimous should this guarantee be repealed," Prof van Rooyen said in his opening speech.

"We have proposed such a guarantee to the government," he said

Van Rooyen called also for self-regulation, which he said should not be confused with involuntary self-censorship

"Self-regulation in no way implies that the body set up to maintain standards can be dissolved or its constitution amended without certain procedural restraints having to be complied with

"The media must be forceful, convincing and independent in its criticism, whether it be of irregularity, unfairness, unduly curbing statutes or court judgment. It is our task to make people aware of the enormous functions of the Press"

Van Rooyen called for the repeal of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which compels journalists to disclose their sources.

Van Rooyen proposed that the Publications Act should be limited to deal with age restrictions and the classification of films and videos. "Mature material should be left to the choice of adults." — Sapa.

Soweto forum is still stuck on service charges

SERVICE charges remained a sticking point at Friday's meeting of the Soweto ad hoc committee, which was to have resolved outstanding issues blocking the setting up of the Greater Soweto Forum, Metropolitan Chamber CE Vic Milne said at the weekend.

He said a package of proposals, which had already been put to the chamber, could not be ratified as the service tariffs issue could not be agreed upon

The package included mechanisms spelling out Roodepoort's involvement in the running of Soweto, service provision, and a tariff structure, he said

He said a report on the cost of services to Soweto

GAVIN DU VENAGE

had been completed and handed to the civics, who said they needed time to consult their members

The civics would report back at the next meeting, to be held later this month. Milne said he was confident an agreement would be reached at the end of March.

An agreement would probably lead to the establishment of the Greater Soweto Forum, which would assist a city manager in governing the area.

The forum would negotiate agency agreements and necessary contracts, and oversee the appointment of a city manager

Director of De Beers dies

DIRK VAN EEDEN

HENRY DYER, De Beers main board director and industrial diamonds division MD, died in Johannesburg on Friday after a brief illness. He was 65

De Beers chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson said Dyer was a remarkable man with the rare facility of being able to understand and explain the most technical matters. "We shall miss him deeply as a colleague and a friend, and our deepest sympathy goes to his family"

Dyer joined De Beers as a scientist in 1951. He was a leading member of the team which developed the technology to synthesise industrial diamonds

In 1971, at the age of 42, he was appointed MD of De

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Convention centre planned

Property Editor

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If all goes according to plan, Johannesburg will soon be bidding for a slice of the international convention business

The plan, devised by a Rail Commuter Corporation subsidiary and its private-sector partners, is for a central convention facility able to accommodate 1 000 to 3 000 delegates

They envisage that the tourist and trade centre will be linked

to The Bridge retail complex, the city's first air space development

The RCC subsidiary, Intersite Property Marketing Services, was formed to turn the corporation's R1 7 billion worth of property holdings to account

It has now appointed private-sector consultants to determine the viability of such a centre, as well as one planned for Cape Town

City soon

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to run

Soweto

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services

By Jo Anne Collinge

Johannesburg will begin running Soweto's municipal services on May 1, it was disclosed at last night's meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

If all goes according to plan, by that date a city manager will have been appointed and the necessary structures put in place to start the provision of services.

More than 80 percent of the bill to keep Soweto running has been guaranteed by way of regional services council and Government subsidies, according to chamber documents.

The Johannesburg City Council will not be contributing anything from its coffers as it steps in to take over the servicing role of the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils, whose councillors were sacked by the province earlier this year.

The bottom line is that 17.7 percent of the cost will have to be recovered from residents in the form of payments for hard services.

Vic Milne, chief executive officer of the chamber, said the tariffs issue was complex and the Soweto Civic Association needed time to consult residents.

But the issue had to be finalised by the end of the month.

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Town to fund training of policemen

STEPHANE BOTHMA

RANDBURG Town Council will fund the appointment and training of 60 policemen who are to be deployed in a joint policing scheme with the SAP.

The scheme was approved in principle by Cabinet yesterday. *B/DAY*

Randburg management committee chairman Brian Crail said the project would be funded by the town council and training and control of the policemen would be in the hands of the SAP.

The policemen would be deployed within Randburg municipal boundaries to combat crime, particularly housebreaking, he said. *11/3/93*

"We will monitor the success of the venture closely and reassess our position

regarding the employment of more policemen under the same scheme."

Crail said the council would meet senior SAP members within the next few days and more details would be announced soon. *(266)*

NP MP for Randburg Marthinus van Schalkwyk said Cabinet approval was a breakthrough for community-supported policing, opening the door to local authorities to participate in policing.

The scheme would further combat the formation of private or vigilante forces, he said. It supplemented the deployment of 200 additional policemen in Randburg during the past year.

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Dobsonville workers in march on civic centre

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■ Pressure to get rid of local authorities

A FEW hundred sacked workers of the Dobsonville City Council and supporters of the South African Municipal Workers Union marched on the Johannesburg Civic Centre yesterday

A memorandum was handed to a representative of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber requesting its intervention on behalf of dismissed workers with the Dobsonville council, which is a member of the chamber

Maintain pressure

Spokesmen for the civic associations of Johannesburg and the African National Congress told the gathering that pressure would be maintained to get rid of all non-representative black local authorities

They also said the Soweto and Diepmeadow councils, accused of corruption and inefficiency, were only dissolved after much pressure and Dobsonville would be the next council to go -

Sapa

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Councillors snub mayor

At least three Sandton councillors snubbed Mayor Bruce Burns when they failed to turn up to his induction last night after he was elected for a second term. The councillors belonging to a minority group in the council said they had to attend a panel discussion hosted by Mr Justice P J Olivier of the SA Law Commission. (266)

Mangaung residents get a respite

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■ Council suspends court action:

By Mpikeleni Duma

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THE Mangaung City Council has suspended a legal action for three months against residents of the township for default in rent payments

A letter, signed by town clerk Mr Lidelo Mkaza and addressed to the secretary general of Mangaung Civic Association, was leaked to the *Sowetan* confirming the suspension of the intended legal action

Mkaza has instructed the council's attorneys to suspend the actions until June 30 this year when it will be reviewed

Mangaung Civic Association officials refused to comment on the issue

Since residents of Mangaung, near Bloemfontein in the Free State, embarked on a rent boycott five years ago, the council has auctioned their belongings valued at thousands of rands to recover the arrears

Land bar on
councillors ²⁶⁶
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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Town councillors should be barred from either selling or buying rezoned land for five years to prevent local authority corruption, the Krugel commission heard yesterday

Former deputy director of the local government department Peter Auret told the commission that several amendments to the town planning and townships ordinance were required.

This would "make it more difficult for councillors and officials to abuse their positions and enrich themselves unjustly", he said

The amendments would include a five-year clause concerning land subject to a rezoning or township establishment application as well as the referral to township boards of property deals in which councillors had a financial interest.

Evidence on the question of local authority corruption will be heard today for the last time before a preliminary working document is drawn up, commission chairman Willem Krugel said

Once the document had been discussed, a formal report would be forwarded to the Administrator within the next few months.

Also giving evidence yesterday was a representative from the Association of Law Societies

In the association's memorandum it was stated that councillors, officials and their relatives should not engage in contracts or applications in which they had a financial interest

Krugel said although all who gave evidence before the commission agreed on the need to prevent corruption, the means for achieving this were controversial and emotive

Possible legislation to prohibit councillors from being involved in land use applications or property development could be seen as discriminatory

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PEOPLE'S LIVES *Looking at the conundrum of what happens when people try to ring the changes*

Soweto in unable to stand on its own feet

By Mzimkulu Malunga

Sowetan 17/3/93

LIKE other black townships, Soweto was not structured to be self-sufficient. To this day the mega-city, believed to be one of the biggest in Africa, depends on crumbs falling off the boardroom tables of Johannesburg.

Though shopping complexes are springing up in the township every second month, it is rare to see an ATM machine or banking outlet in these malls.

Some sectors of white business, who feel they have the guts to operate in Soweto, want to come in on their own terms, much to the disgust of the township business people.

Also, irrespective of the service they offer, township businesses watch helplessly every weekend as thousands of prospective customers cram into taxis, buses and trains to shop at the up-market shopping malls at Southgate, Highgate or even Sandton City.

Black city was not structured to be self-sufficient:



The buying power of Soweto residents runs into millions of rands, if not billions.

But the executive director of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries (GSCCI), Max Legodi, thinks all is not lost.

If the infrastructure can be improved and projects aimed at nurturing the already vibrant entrepreneurial spirit are embarked upon, South Africa's largest township could be set on the road to viability.

But the amounts involved are frightening.

Recently, says Legodi, the Johannesburg City Council estimated that over R600 million would be required just to upgrade the basic services such as water, electricity and a properly functioning sanitation system.

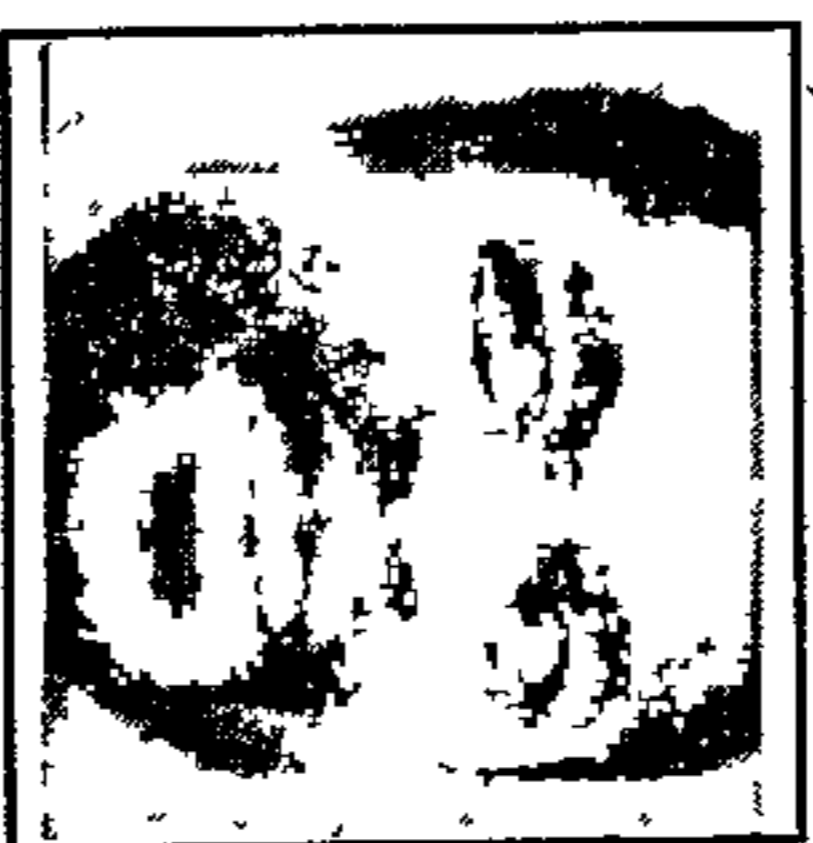
It's the same old mixture as before

THE more things change, the more they remain the same.

Just when we thought ethnicity was on its way out, in comes a reminder that this is South Africa, where everything is seen through the prism of colour and classes.

If not giving away prizes for guessing why the Rey Allan Boesak was persuaded to stand as a candidate for the chairmanship of the ANC in the Western Cape — a position he was subsequently elected to.

When problems developed in the region and Boesak contemplated resigning, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela "brought his enormous amount of persuasive power" to ensure that the man of the cloth remains in his position for as



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Star 18/3/93 T.M.L. coy over magazine closure

Times Media Limited executives were evasive yesterday about speculation that it was considering closing down its business magazine. The Executive

T.M.L. managing director David Kovarsky said the matter was still being considered, with a decision due tomorrow.

Friday would also be D-Day for T.M.L. to decide whether to move Leadership magazine to Cape Town and whether to publish Playboy magazine, he said.

The Executive and Leadership are published by Leadership Publications, which is owned by T.M.L. and Leadership founder Hugh Murray — Sapa

The first satellite office was set up in partnership with the South African Police at the Ormonde shopping centre, south of the city.

Each area is headed by a chief superintendent whose brief is to follow an open-door policy to build good community relations.

"Getting a closer view at neighbourhood level of the routes commuters take to work,

for the SA Police on since 1983 in combating crime

for instance, will help our officers better direct their efforts at keeping peak-hour traffic flowing freely and safely."

The traffic department has also set up an electronic answering system to take after-hours reports and complaints from the public. For traffic matters, phone 490-1530; to

area, Charlotte, Sowannate, City Deep, Westgate and City and Suburban, "Delta" the downtown area, "Alpha" Fordsburg, Cottosioe, Milner Park and Braamfontein, "Bravo" area, covering Hillbrow, Berea, Doornfontein, Troyeville, Bellevue, Yeoville and Judiths Paarl, the remaining eastern and north-eastern suburbs plus a bloc of the north from Parktown to Parkwood form "Hotel".

The north-west and the northern suburbs around Parkhurst, Craighall, Rosebank and Melrose fall within "Echo".

Star 18/3/93 Joburg housing development kicks off

The Johannesburg City Council has decided to go back to the business of providing housing and will kick off with a R6,3 million development at Eldorado Park.

"This will be the first major step in implementing the council's decision to play a more ac-

tive role in developing housing. Instead of confining itself to a facilitating role," commented councillor Marretta Marx, who chairs the health, housing and urbanisation committee.

Each unit in the planned development in Eldorado Park extensions 3 and 7 will cost R35 000, inclusive of land, services connections and transfer costs.

Planned explicitly for sale and not for rental, the development will allow potential buyers to choose the design that appeals to them from a range of show houses. — Staff Reporter



NEWS IN BRIEF

'Punish SA' call

MOZAMBICAN National Assembly Speaker Marcelino dos Santos, in Maputo, called on the UN Security Council to punish SA and other African countries for what he termed their continued support for Mozambique's Renamo movement, Zimbabwe's Ziana news agency reported on yesterday

Dos Santos said Mozambique had "proof" that some countries supported Renamo even after they had signed a peace accord with the Frelimo government

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'Twin' law societies

SA's Association of Law Societies and Namibia's law society are to work to foster closer co-operation between the two organisations

Both societies have agreed to join the International Bar Association's "twinning" programme

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Zero-rated foods

BOPHUTHATSWANA has added to its list of zero-rated VAT foods, with the new list coming into effect at midnight on April 6, the homeland's information service announced yesterday

Additional foods which no longer attract VAT include raw vegetables, fruit, vegetable oil, cultured milk, brown wheaten meal, eggs and edible legumes

BIDAY 18/3/93

ANC works for peace

The ANC was trying to resolve the situation in Angola, spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday

He said ANC international affairs head Thabo Mbeki had met Angolan government and Unita representatives recently to propose a peace plan

Mbeki travelled to Portugal this week to enlist the support of Portuguese Foreign Minister Jose Barroso

Workers and TPA sign

A RECOGNITION agreement had been signed between the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the TPA, the TPA said in Pretoria yesterday

Procedures for the regulation of labour relations are included in the agreement

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Failure to enforce fiscal discipline, complains ANC

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LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Finance Minister Derek Keys was criticised by ANC economics chief Trevor Manuel yesterday for failing to introduce measures into the Budget to enforce fiscal discipline

"There is no indication in the Budget that discipline goes beyond aggregate expenditure cuts. Poorly targeted and inefficient delivery of social services will, by and large, continue through wasteful apartheid structures," Manuel told a media briefing on the Budget

He criticised the absence of clear objectives which would allow the measurement of performance. He said the nature of the internal budgetary process encouraged departments to build fat into their estimates

"The budgetary process undermines the good intentions the Minister may have on exerting fiscal discipline," he said

Manuel challenged Keys to provide the ANC with all the relevant data that went into the calculation of the Budget so that it could produce a costed development plan for social expenditure within three months

He said the theme of the Budget — discipline and growth — was inappropriate at this stage

Furthermore, there was nothing on the revenue side of the Budget which would promote economic growth. The effective personal tax rate had been increased and the higher VAT rate and excise duties would contribute to the contraction of consumer spending. These measures would contribute to a 2% rise in inflation

At the same time, government expenditure would be kept constant or decline slightly in real terms and as a proportionately higher amount would be used for interest payments, expenditure on goods and services would be reduced in real terms. Neither would the change in company tax have the



desired supply-side impact on economic growth, Manuel said

Our political staff reports that opposition parties slammed Keys's Budget for further milking taxpayers while failing to curtail government expenditure

Government efforts to relieve unemployment were also criticised

But there was praise for the equalisation of pensions for all races and efforts to stimulate the growth of emerging and small businesses

The DP said the Budget came as "a great disappointment" because the government had placed the burden "almost entirely on the public's shoulders"

DP finance spokesman Ken Andrew said the "glaring omission" in the Budget was the "totally inadequate way in which the massive and dangerous problem of unemployment" was addressed

The CP said the 16c/l fuel price hike and the increase of VAT to 14% meant that the "ordinary man-in-the-street" would have to dig much deeper into his pocket

CP finance spokesman Casper Uys said no allowance had been made for fiscal drag or bracket creep

Cosatu secretary-general Jay Naidoo lashed out at government for unilateral decision making and criticised Keys for missing an opportunity to address corruption

Sapa reports he said the 40% VAT increase was the most significant feature of the Budget and would have a major effect on society. But he said Cosatu supported progressive taxation

Transvaal explores regional options (266)

 ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Talks on reincorporation of the self-governing territories through a system of joint administrations were well advanced, a TPA spokesman confirmed yesterday

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TPA MEC Olaus van Zyl said this week negotiations with self-governing states, including Gazankulu, KwaNdebele and Lebowa, had been in progress for several months. Discussions with independent homelands in or near the Transvaal concerning a regional dispensation had also been undertaken by the TPA, he said

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough is expected to make an announcement on progress in regional negotiations next month during the TPA's budget debate

Joint administrations were envisaged to implement a form of "autonomous regionalism", the spokesman said

More than 20 joint administration agreements had been signed between black and white local authorities in the Transvaal, with another 30 on the point of being finalised, Van Zyl said. It was believed that the principles of joint administration — collective, nonracial decision-making on developmental, budgetary and local affairs — could be extended to the regional level.

Van Zyl said the TPA was preparing itself for the Transvaal's subdivision.

The TPA had begun a process of decentralisation focusing on economic development regions, to allow for the likely restructuring

3bn debt clouds future of local govt

By PETER DENNIEHY

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Mr Ian Davidson of Johannes-
burg during a debate on what
steps the United Municipal
Executive (UME) should take
in regard to accumulated ar-
rears when it negotiates the
future of local government
next week

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ties. These monies are not go-
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a neighbouring body, the debt
would automatically spread
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payers of the central Wit-
watersrand are going to
stomach debts of that order
(R1,3bn)," he said "Before we
take the step into joint admin-
istrations, we must make sure
we inherit a clean slate"

Symington said the UME's
standpoint, in principle, was
that all services must be paid
for. The question of arrears
would have to be addressed
Several delegates ex-
pressed the view that either
the state, the provincial ad-
ministrations or the regional
services councils should pick
up the tab for the arrears

Petrol hike aimed at wiping out taxis

Staff Reporter

government's 15c/l petrol in-
se was designed to wipe out the
industry, and could result in more
ration and violence

is was said by Convention for a
ocratic Taxi Association (Codeta)
ident Mr Kidwell Magwayi at a
-port forum convened by the
-rn Cape Peace Committee at the
nsula Technikon yesterday

petrol hike would force taxi
rs to increase their fares, forcing
nters to make use of buses and
s, said Mr Magwayi

are competing with transport
tries who get millions of rands in
subsidies whilst we are not being
idised," he said

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Mr Magwayi said this could lead to
conflict between taxi operators and
other transport services

Other problems identified were that
there were no ranks for taxis, no de-
cent facilities and the heavy fines im-
posed on taxi drivers

The forum decided to establish a
steering committee with representa-
tives from all relevant parties in the
transport industry

The committee would look at prob-
lems raised at the forum and sugges-
tions that were made

"It is clear that the situation is cha-
otic. We have to sort it out. The poten-
tial for violence is inherent in this
situation," said Professor Jaap Du-
rant, chairman of the Western Cape
Peace Committee

Local govt reform deal 'imperative'

CF 19/3/93

THE municipal elections slated to take place next
year could not be held under the existing racially-
based system, the Minister of Local Government, Dr
Tertius Delpoit, said yesterday.

He told the official opening of the Congress of
United Municipalities in Cape Town yesterday that it
was imperative for interested parties to finalise a
package of reform measures on local government
that could be tabled at the national negotiating pro-
cess

"A salient feature of such a process will obviously
be the disappearance of Management Committees
and Local Affairs Committees as separate entities
and the creation of one single council for the whole
of the jurisdictional area of a municipality," he said

Dr Delpoit predicted that the launching of the
local government negotiating forum in Johannes-
burg on Monday would be a milestone in the area of
local government in South Africa

Back belts 'premature'

It is premature to intro-
duce legislation to com-
pel passengers in the
back seats of cars to
wear seat belts, the De-
partment of Transport
has told the United Mun-
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The UME executive
had asked the depart-
ment last year to make it
compulsory for people
in the back of cars fitted
with back-seat safety
belts, to wear the belts

The department said,
in a report-back before
the UME congress yes-
terday, that much more
publicity was still re-
quired before such legis-
lation could be intro-
duced. It was not able to
say when the time would
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TPA on the smelly receiving end of sanitation boycott

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THE mental constipation sabotaging communications between Ivory Park residents and provincial administrators shifted so fast this week that it hit the fan, splattered bureaucratic walls and drenched TPA official Charl Niewoudt from head to foot. Relations between the two camps had been sluggish for some time. But by Wednesday the residents could no longer stomach the six-month TPA suspension of sanitary services and vented their spleens over their perceived persecutors.

CAROLINE HURRY

a month for our shacks and now the TPA expects us to pay another R50 for drainage. These people live in Kempton Park. They don't care about our problems. They want to tell us shit, so we gave them shit. And there's more to come if they do not meet our demands."

The toy-toying community had gathered on Thursday outside the offices while their leaders tried to reach a compromise. Nearby more buckets of excrement were lined up.

Michael Ngema said "This is very unhygienic and could breed cholera but they (the TPA) don't give a shit. We are going to do this again soon if nothing is done."

Ivory Park has one or two fly-infested, filthy latrines, but mostly the residents have nothing to go on, apart from plastic buckets.

TPA spokesman Yvette Engelbrecht said recent rains had caused the toilets to overflow. "However, the TPA has undertaken to clean the toilets — starting with those of the 30 percent of residents who paid their sanitation fees. As soon as the others have paid, their toilets will be cleaned too."

Awash

More than 140 buckets of excrement were smeared throughout the interior of the TPA building, and when Niewoudt approached the fence between the offices and the shacks, he found himself awash with effluent hurled by about 70 women. "Yes, of course I'm okay," he said through clenched teeth. "If I felt guilty, perhaps I'd be more furious, but I know we're in the right. What a stink!" So who flung the dung? "We all did," said Elizabeth Phiri. "The entire community is gat-vol. The TPA expects us to pay rent but they have refused us drainage for six months. We already pay R55

Light in townships? rent' boycott tunnel

Star 22/3/93

Does the latest deal by the Johannesburg City Council, to act as an agent for service delivery in Soweto have the vital ingredients which are desperately needed to break the service-charge boycott?
JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports.

SOME headlines have an echo "Soweto residents set to pay for services" is certainly one of them

Is there any reason to think that, this time, Soweto's seven-year "rent" boycott will come to an effective end? That the news reports reflect anything more solid than wishful thinking?

The obvious new factor is that Johannesburg will be the supplier of municipal services to more than two-thirds of Greater Soweto by the time residents will be expected to pay for some of the services they use

Roopepoort will be fulfilling a similar role, under slightly different conditions, for Dobsonville, the third and smallest component of Greater Soweto

The agreement by Johannesburg to act as an agent for service delivery in Soweto, in the wake of the province's sacking of the Diepsmeadow and Soweto councillors, has served to clarify the issue of township financing

Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson's insistence that the move should not cost city and suburban ratepayers a single cent meant that — if the province and central Government were serious about breaking the deadlock in Soweto — they would have to give up-front guarantees about the funding of Soweto until a new constitutional set-up was achieved

The result was that a package of subsidies was hammered out in negotiations, which left Soweto residents with the obligation of meeting a mere 17,7 percent of the total service bill

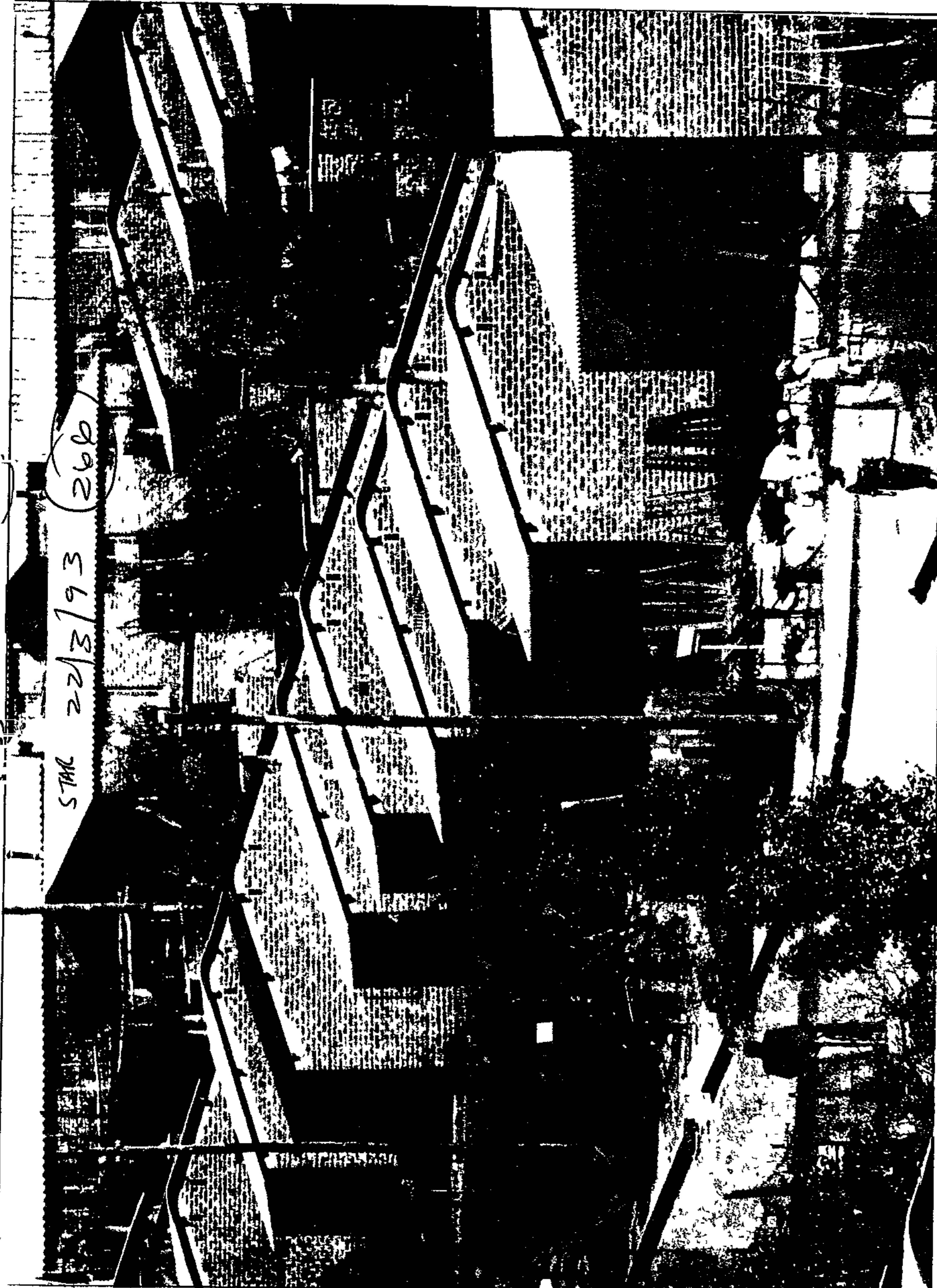
The Transvaal Provincial Administration agreed to write off a R34 million loan owed to it by the Soweto Council, and put in a one-off amount to kick-start the new arrangement

This is far removed from the reluctant "bridging finance" that the province initially provided in Soweto

Vic Milne, chief executive officer of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber, commented that the subsidies were solid evidence of the Government's "recognition of the inadequate financial base" of black townships

But, he added, he believed "there is no further (governmental) source of funding" and that the Soweto Civic Association would have to resolve the issue of consumer tariffs once and for all

Indeed, agreement on the level of tariffs must precede the final ratification of the



One civic association source said there was a feeling that the key to success was to obtain solid support of the second tier of civic leadership — in the 40-odd branches that make up the SCA

He hinted that confusion and dissent at branch level might have "disorganised" residents in relation to earlier, unsuccessful, agreements to pay for services

When the last agreement on paying increased tariffs broke down, about a year ago, civic leaders pointed fingers directly at the township councils, saying it was understandable that people refused to pay to keep incompetent and allegedly corrupt local authorities in place so that they could render hopelessly inadequate services

With two out of three sets of councillors gone, civic leaders have been forced to evaluate their own performance and the support they are able to command in mending Soweto

If there are powerful positive factors at play this time around, there are still destabilising currents

For instance, unrealistic expectations Sowetans can arguably expect a markedly better deal than they have at present in terms of water supply and clean surroundings — one has only to look at the former coloured group areas under Johannesburg council jurisdiction to gauge this

But the Met Chamber report on tariffs warns against expectations bouncing too high

The estimates are "the minimum necessary to provide services at this stage" — additional funds would be required to provide services of a better standard

Secondly, the situation in Dobsonville is tense

Not only do councillors still hold office there, but the council is locked in a seven-month-old labour dispute

Thirdly, some branches of the SCA see the legal action by the sacked Soweto and Diepsmeadow councillors as presenting a real prospect that they could be reinstated

This would reduce the whole agreement on Johannesburg's servicing of the area to shreds

Barring this last development, however, the Soweto case represents a routing of the system of autonomous, self-financing black local authorities which the Government brought into being 10 years ago

Residents might well be persuaded that they can now build the future rather than rake the ashes of the past

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Different ball-game . . . new factors suggest that this time there is much greater confidence about settling the service charge dispute.

gorously pursue our normal credit control procedures", Mare said

Since February, with the upgrading complete, Eskom had begun to tighten up on payment, and early indications were that payments were increasing once more

"There is a marked improvement in payment levels once the community, through its leaders, has committed itself to payment," Mare said

This time round, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) is thoroughly preparing the ground for an agreement on tariffs in advance of concluding

expects 100 percent payment

The high rate of unemployment quite simply precludes that

The record of Eskom, which took over electricity supply from the Soweto councils nearly a year ago, is instructive

Starting with a situation where a 10 percent payment level prevailed, Eskom has been averaging about 50 percent payment for the last few months, said Paul Mare, Eskom's sales and customer service manager on the West Rand

This was achieved despite the fact that the standard of service was still being "normalised" and that "we didn't vi-

agency deal

One of the web of sub-committees of the Met Chamber worked out the level of tariffs required to meet the R82 million shortfall, based on various assumptions about the proportion of residents who could be expected to pay

If every single resident paid, it would cost each household a mere R44,16 a month, excluding electricity payments

If 70 percent of households paid, the tariff should be R63,08, and on the basis of 50 percent payment, R88,32

None of the parties involved in reviving services for Soweto

This effectively meets the civic's demand that older Soweto homes be transferred to ownership of the tenants free of charge, since most rented Soweto homes are valued at under R7 500

Better service provision is the assumed outcome of Johannesburg taking over in Diepsmeadow and Soweto, and Roopepoort in Dobsonville

Furthermore, the SCA is grappling with the question of carrying the people behind the decisions of its leaders

This was the dominant issue at the recent general meeting of SCA.

any deal With SCA pamphlets being distributed on a large scale, residents are hearing not from the distant Met Chamber, but from the very organisation which orchestrated the boycott, about the terms upon which the action might be ended

And, at this point, the SCA has some successes to show

In two of the three townships which comprise Greater Soweto, the councillors for whose resignation they campaigned have been sacked

In November, the Government announced that a discount of up to R7 500 would apply to State housing built before 1983

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Jo'burg plans Star 23/3/93 supergrid for buses, taxis

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council is planning a Central Business District (CBD) public transport supergrid to separate public and private vehicles

Planning executive director Ian Symon said this was one of the council's projects to ensure that the minibus taxi industry "operates smoothly side-by-side with other commuter transport"

A light rail system in the CBD is also being planned to improve inner-city mobility

An outer-box road network will be exclusively for public transport, using Plein, Delfers and Main streets and the south-west busway, linking major termini on the outskirts of the central area.

The box will link up with north-south and east-west streets in a one-way coupling system, using Pritchard-President and Joubert-Von Brandis streets

"Private vehicles will be confined to a network of streets not used by public transport, and will only be able to exit this network to use parking facilities," said Symon

SA Taxi Drivers' Union president Norman Prince said his organisation had not yet been consulted about the plan

"It is imperative that all parties be involved in the discussions, otherwise it will create a volatile situation as we had in the past," said Prince

● Applications for an extra 18 ranks for minibus taxis were being processed to supplement the 51 in the city, said Symon. Several projects had also been launched to provide more off-street minibus facilities, and reconstruction of the Noord Street terminus, due for completion this month, would provide parking for 80 minibuses

"The council is drawing up a development brief to interest the private sector in redeveloping the area around the Jack Mincer parking garage which will become a taxi terminus," Symon said

There were also plans to redevelop Westgate terminus. Building was expected to start before the end of the year

He said traffic engineering projects recently completed had sharply reduced the accident rate on the Pat Mbatha public transportway to Soweto

The transportway was a key part of the Soweto-CBD link which would feed into the proposed R173 million transport and commercial centre at the intersection of Sauer and Bree streets, Symon said

The centre would serve about 100 000 commuters, 8 000 minibuses and 1 600 buses daily

Now civic

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groups

have say

in budget

Star 23/3/93
Staff Reporter

Civic associations in the Johannesburg metropolitan region have a say in the Regional Service Council budget for the first time this year due to a decision taken last night by the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber.

The Chamber decided to put forward to the RSC budget proposals formulated by a working group comprising the civic associations of Greater Johannesburg, the RSC and a range of local authorities

The principles include

- A recommendation that the RSC make use of loan funding to "gear-up" its ability to initiate development projects in areas of greatest need.
- At least R144 million should be contributed by the RSC to black townships during 1993/94
- That all parties should commit themselves to securing increased levels of payments for services, and the RSC's policy of preparing five-year programmes be continued in conjunction with the Metropolitan Chamber.

Star 23/3/93

Kensington 'soon a slum'

Staff Reporter

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The Kensington Residents' Association (KRA) has accused the Johannesburg City Council of allowing Kensington and neighbouring Malvern to degenerate into squatter slums.

KRA chairman Jane O'Connor-Bailey said overcrowding had led to the devaluation of properties.

O'Connor-Bailey said in a letter to the chairman of the public safety, licensing and tenders committee, Koos Roets

"Either we are going to have a gradual exodus of decent people from these areas

or a rise in vigilante action — neither of which is desirable"

She wanted to know to whom to report the unlawful use of backyards for running shebeens, brothels, dealing in drugs and repairing cars.

In his reply, Roets said statutory action would be instituted by the health, housing and urbanisation directorate if provisions of the regulations on slums were contravened.

On shebeens, brothels and dealing in drugs, Roets said these criminal offences had to be pursued with the police.

He said the town clerk's office would deal with squatting on council-owned property.

Star 23/3/93
Sandton says 'no' to TPA

By Anna Cox (266)

The Sandton Town Council last night turned down a request by the Transvaal Provincial Administration that it administer Alexandra from next month.

Management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said Sandton had been asked to run the town because the term of office of the present administrator had come to an end.

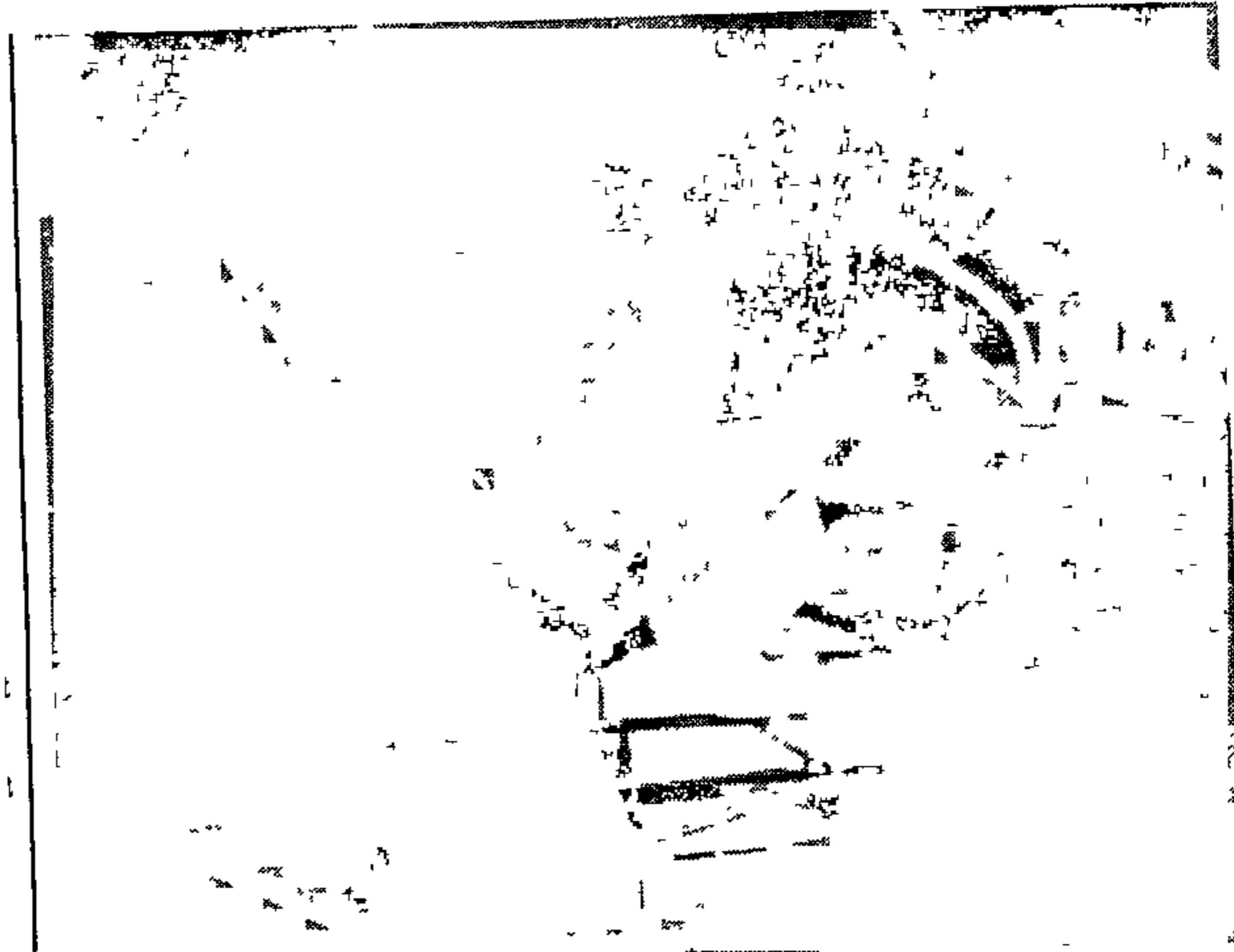
The council resolved to refuse the offer because of the short notice and because it was un-

sure of the financial implications involved.

"We don't know if we have enough resources to provide the service and we don't know what effect it will have on the running of our own town.

This is typical crisis management by the TPA," said Stewart.

The council also resolved to review its position on the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum. Stewart said Sandton was not withdrawing, but "we have to establish better communication with delegates".



Delegate Laurence Boya in a buoyant mood at the launch of the local government negotiation forum in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture BRIAN HENDLER

New negotiation body gets off to smooth start

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23/3/93* GAVIN DU VENAGE (266)
THE local government negotiation forum got off to a smooth start in Johannesburg yesterday, with all parties accepting the proposed structure after less than 15 minutes debate

The forum was set up to discuss local government issues, and take proposals on these matters to the national negotiation forum. It consists of statutory and non-statutory bodies.

Speaking for the statutory group, Local Government Minister Tertius Delport said the forum had to establish its legitimacy "by its actions, agreements and deeds".

Delport said the forum would have two main objectives: to put in place effective administrative structures, and to end service boycotts. "The money lost by non-payments, which now runs to R3bn, should rather find its way back to the community in the form of effective services and effective administration and in the form of improved living conditions," he said.

In the meantime government was taking steps to rationalise administration, he said. From April 1 local government would be administered by a single central government department with devolution of functions to the provincial administrations.

Sanco president Moses Mayekiso, speaking for the non-statutory bodies, said the civics were concerned about the extent to which unilateral restructuring had already taken place. He hoped all South Africans would now be part of the process of restructuring.

The forum should also provide measures to bring "conservative white local authorities, and certain homeland authorities" into the negotiation process, he said.

Mayekiso listed six key issues which he said the forum had to address to solve service delivery and payment problems. Among these were the legitimacy of structures to which payment was made, the quality of service provision and the ongoing maintenance of services.

ANC 'minimise'

THE ANC was committed to government which would inter regional government only when acted in contravention of the constitution, Bill of Rights and national law, local and regional government coordinator Billy Cobbett said.

However, the ANC still insisted central government could overrule legislation in certain specific areas where concurrent powers in the constitution have been granted.

At a media briefing yesterday the organisation's weekend coordinator regionalism, he said the aim was to minimise interference in regional government by the central government was only if the constitution was contravened.

He emphasised the contravention must be a proven one and not just alleged. It must be a proven one and not just alleged by the central government. Regional government's policies must be consistent with the national interest.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said that no agreement had not been reached in negotiations on the form of a court or which particular body would be guardian of the constitution. "We are either a commission, legal body that would evaluate the agreed criteria and adjudicate on contraventions," she said.

ANC local and regional head Thozamile Botha said where functions and powers were exercised.

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Plan for changes to environment laws

BIDAY 23/3/93
CAPE TOWN — Government planned to introduce or amend 15 laws controlling the environment, and industry faced a series of new controls over the next four years, Environment Minister Louis Pienaar said yesterday

He said at a news conference to release a White Paper on future environment policy the policy would increase industrial start-up costs, reports Reuter

However, existing industries would not be put out of business

He said the new system would include tougher rules on pollution, waste management, redevelopment strategies and environmental impact assessment

"We will have to impose an additional financial burden on an entrepreneur who launches a new development," he said

However, government would protect initiative as well as existing industries

Developers face implementation this year of Section 21 of the Environment Conservation Act, which would identify and schedule activities detrimental to the environment. This would enforce controls such as the requirement for environmental impact reports and redevelopment strategies for scheduled activities, he said

The White Paper calls for a multifaceted environmental audit along lines to be finalised in consultations this year

TIM COHEN reports the White Paper suggests fines for offending enterprises and measures to ensure they undertake environmental monitoring

Government also undertook to issue directives that would require certain developers to undertake appropriate environmental impact studies

"Without being unreasonable, the principle of 'the user must pay' will also be applied and the environmental costs will have to be borne by the developers," the report says

The report proposes that government

investigate the application of "fiscal incentives and penalties", like fines for transgressions and levies on pollution, to preserve the environment

The paper says environmental policy should strive to achieve, among other things

Provisions in a bill of rights for satisfying the reasonable environmental aspiration of all South Africans,

Support for the population development programme and measures to combat poverty,

Measures to ensure that all government departments give active attention to environmental matters,

The implementation of a national environmental assessment programme,

The application of appropriate measures regarding land use to ensure conservation of ecologically sensitive and unique areas,

The intensification of legislation to protect agricultural land to combat erosion,

The planning of developments such as forestry, mining, road-building and industrial activity to minimise damage to the environment,

The compilation of a complete inventory of natural protected areas where a national nature conservation plan would apply; and

The deployment of a national strategy for waste management and integrated pollution control

The paper says government would undertake to assess all legislation with a bearing on the environment with a view to amendments, rationalisation, consolidation and deregulation

The Environment Affairs Department should be extended, and several functions, including air pollution, toxic waste and water control could be transferred from the National Health Department, the paper says

Forum to discuss nonracial local govt

A FORUM to discuss interim nonracial local government for the Vaal Triangle is expected to be launched next month

Representatives from white and black local authorities in the region, the TPA and the Vaal Civic Association appointed an 18-member steering committee at a meeting on Saturday to draft a constitution for the forum

Consultative Business Movement PWV co-ordinator Andrew Feinstein, who chaired the Saturday's meeting, said yesterday the committee would hold its first meeting next Monday

Since a lot had already been done, the

WILSON ZWANE (266)

committee was expected to complete its work in three to four weeks, Feinstein said

He added that the creation of the forum, whose primary objective was to get all the relevant parties to reach consensus on an interim nonracial government, was an indication that there was "new willingness" on the part of all concerned to negotiate

Feinstein said lengthy discussions about the inclusion of other organisations in the forum, including political parties, would be held before the body was launched

BIDAY 23/3/93



TPA wants Star 24/3/93 a dash of speed over squatters (266)

By Cyril Madlala (210)

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has called for an urgent meeting with the Zevenfontein community to finalise its resettlement in Diepsloot, north-west of Johannesburg.

Director of community development Zakkie Lombard said this week that the TPA was doing everything in its power to expedite the move.

"We believe that joint planning regarding the development of the Diepsloot site can best be advanced by way of a joint working group," he said.

"This forum will enable us to discuss timetables and finalise any outstanding aspects, including suggestions regarding the existing layout plan."

The Zevenfontein community sent a petition to the TPA at the weekend, accusing it of dragging its heels.

Plans for relocation were delayed last year when the Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association applied for a court interdict to prevent the move, fearing property prices would plummet.

The Pretoria Supreme Court ruled that the TPA could settle the Zevenfontein community in Diepsloot.

Leave to appeal was dismissed with costs this year.

● The Laezonia Landowners' Association (LLA) has complained to TPA housing MEC John Mavuso about "irresponsible" TPA statements suggesting the squatters would be relocated before the end of the month.

LLA chairman Dave Ware said in terms of the Pretoria Supreme Court decision, no resettlement could take place before basic services had been established on site.

According to the ruling, no more than 1 324 families would be settled in Diepsloot West, where there were no basic facilities, he said.

Sandton council slated

B/DAY 24/3/93 GAVIN DU VENAGE (266)

THE Sandton Town Council is neglecting its responsibility to its neighbouring township, says Alexandra Civic Association secretary-general, Richard Mdakane.

He was reacting yesterday to the council's decision on Monday to turn down a TPA request that it take over administration of the township from next month.

"Sandton cannot escape its responsibility for uplifting the standard of living of Alexandra," he said, adding that it was "unavoidable" that Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra would become a single authority.

Mdakane accused the council of dragging its heels, and said matters of this nature would probably be decided at a national level once negotiations started.

Sandton management committee chairman Bruce Stewart denied the council was dragging its heels, and said it had resolved to extend the assistance agreement between Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra.

This would allow the council to provide assistance to the township without taking on the political responsibility that direct management would involve.

Winnie's kidnapping appeal to start today

BIDAY 24/3/93

WINNIE Mandela's appeal against her conviction and six-year prison sentence for kidnapping teenager Stompie Seipei and three other young men begins today before a full bench of five judges in the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein.

Judge M Stegmann sentenced Mandela on May 14 1991 to five years for the kidnappings and a further one year's imprisonment for being an accessory to assault.

Mandela was acquitted of assaulting the four after the judge found that her alibi that she was in Brandfort when the assaults took place could "reasonably, possibly be true".

The state is to ask the Appeal Court to confirm her conviction and sentence on the kidnapping charges and to also find her guilty on the four counts of assault, with an appropriate adjustment of her sentence.

Her co-accused Xoliswa Falati is also appealing against her conviction and six-year sentence on all eight counts of assault and kidnapping.

Mandela's driver, John Morgan, who was found guilty of kidnapping for driving the minibus in which the four were abduct-

SUSAN RUSSELL

ed from the manse, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment which was wholly suspended.

He is also appealing against his conviction and sentence.

Seipei, 14, Gabriel Mekgwé, 22, Barend Mono, 21, and Kenneth Kgase, 31, were kidnapped from the Methodist manse in Orlando West, Soweto by Falati, Morgan and Mandela United football coach Jerry Richardson on December 29 1988.

The judge found that the four were kidnapped and held in rooms behind Mandela's house, where they were assaulted, as part of a campaign aimed at ousting the Rev Paul Verryn from the manse.

During the trial the state was unable to disprove Mandela's alibi.

However, the judge convicted her of being an accessory after finding she had been aware the four had been assaulted and kept against their will by Richardson, but had done nothing to secure their release.

Mandela has been out on R200 bail since her conviction and sentence.

Civics call for the removal of white local authorities

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE civics and the ANC are calling for the removal of white local authorities, and mass action may be used if they do not make way for "interim structures" within the next year.

The organisations, which have run campaigns since the early '80s aimed at removing black local authorities, say the emphasis will now switch to removing white town councils.

On Monday, ANC department of local government head Thozamile Botha told the Local Government Negotiation Forum. "Up to now the emphasis has been on black local authorities, as if these were the only apartheid structures.

"White councils must

also be replaced with interim structures," he said, adding that these should be in place before an interim government was installed.

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said yesterday that the civics wanted to see white local authorities replaced "very soon" with a system that would lead to non-racial cities with a single tax base.

He said Sanco did not recognise the legitimacy of the white local authorities, which were also set up under apartheid law. Now that a forum had been set up to establish interim structures, the white au-

thorities should resign, he said.

Mofokeng said that while the forum was the preferred avenue for facilitating their removal, he did not rule out mass action.

If no agreement was reached, he said, "the masses will respond."

Alexandra Civic Association general secretary Richard Mdakane said yesterday that the Sandton Town Council should resign "by the end of July." The launch of the forum this week would lead to their replacement, whether they liked it or not, he said.

He added to the call for white local authorities to resign.

Star 25/3/93

Big CBD clean-up under way

By Brian Sokutu

South Africa's Central Business Districts (CBDs) could become litter-free — if a major clean-up operation launched in Johannesburg yesterday gets the support of all hawkers, traders and city shoppers. First to pledge support for the countrywide "Keep Clean"

campaign initiated by the African Council of Hawkers and Informal Business (AchiB) and Neslé, was Johannesburg mayor Les Dishi and big business.

Addressing a group of hawkers at the launch, Dishi said 20 tons of refuse were generated in Johannesburg each day. Eight tons, he said, were attributed to hawkers and street traders.

Dishi, said there were an estimated 4 000 traders in Johannesburg's CBD, who were also establishing themselves in higher-city suburbs, placing increasing pressure on the environment.

"To keep a city clean, the community's co-operation is required. Each street trader should take pride and ownership in his area, making every effort to keep his portion of

the street clean," said Dishi.

AchiB president Lawrence Mavundla said the campaign, soon to be launched in other parts of the country, was a response to allegations that hawkers were responsible for Johannesburg's litter — probably the filthiest city in the country.

"Our hawkers are being accused of littering the streets. With the help of the Standard

Bank, we have now given them green coats and brooms to clean the areas where they're selling," he said.

Mavundla added the State budget did not allocate enough money to develop small businesses.

"Our people should operate within a legal framework without fear of arrest by police. They need training and access to finance," he said.

WORLD VIEW

City's money plea wins cold comfort

Star 25/3/93

By Julienne du Toit

Johannesburg City Council has asked for R42 million from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for urbanisation projects

But the council has decided only R1 million could be made available

The biggest amounts of money Johannesburg City Council requested are for inner city upgrading and development (R7 million), Eldorado Park Extension 4 site development (R5,6 million), pollution prevention traps (R4,7 million) and the St Martin's Trust Development Project (R3 million)

Other projects are washing facilities for food hawk-

ers, shelters for the homeless, an environmental monitoring vehicle, an air pollution monitoring system and public conveniences

The RSC said in the agenda report it could not consider Johannesburg's needs in isolation from the region.

The city council said in the RSC's agenda "The abolition of the Group Areas Act, the opportunities existing in the city, and the degree of violence in the townships has led to a dramatic influx of people.

"This, linked with the behaviour of some landlords, the policies of the banks and certain other economic conditions has led to a high degree of overcrowding in the inner city, a decaying physi-

cal environment, and an actual and potential decline in inner city property values"

The city council warned that increasing congestion of especially the inner city areas was posing a health threat

"Hawkers without toilet facilities, food hawkers who are unable to meet basic hygiene requirements, the enormous density of people congregating around key transport nodes (particularly taxi ranks), the number of homeless people without ablution facilities, the stress placed on infrastructure in overcrowded areas of the city, and the decaying of inner city residences, all pose serious threats to health"



Johannesburg mayor Les Dishy with African Council for Hawkers and Informal Business president Lawrence Mavundla at the launch of the hawkers' Keep Clean Campaign yesterday.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Council backs city litter drive

THEO RAWANA (266)
THE 4 000 hawkers in the Johannesburg CBD generated eight tons of litter a day and the Johannesburg City Council was to assist them in ridding the streets of this dirt, mayor Les Dishy said yesterday.

Addressing African Council for Hawkers and Informal Business (Achub) members at the launch of their Keep Clean Campaign, Dishy commended the street traders for embarking on the programme, saying it was important that hawkers made the task of the street cleaners easier.

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The council would supply bags for litter and the hawkers would assist by dumping refuse into these, Dishy said.

He urged people to avoid chaining tins, wood and other items to street poles, and to keep the area as clean as they found it at the beginning of the day. "Our CBD and environs are litter-free at the start of the day; let us try to keep it that way throughout the rest of the day," Dishy said.

The Clean Campaign, aimed at educating hawkers on the importance of keeping their trading areas clean, involved the election of a "keep clean" committee which would liaise with the council on issues concerning cleanliness, said Achub president Lawrence Mavundla.

The committee elected yesterday would look after the interests of the 4 000 hawkers in Johannesburg and a national committee would be elected at Achub's AGM in September to cater for the 900 000 hawkers in SA.

Dishy said the council had adopted policies such as the need to control street trading, to establish markets near high-volume pedestrian traffic and to mark sites where problems existed and to protect the environment.

DBSA to fund Rand water treatment

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Finance Staff

The Development Bank of SA has extended a R380 million loan to the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for the upgrading of a waste water treatment facilities in the Klip River basin south of Johannesburg.

The agreement, signed yesterday, paves the way for the start of the project, whose total value is estimated at R625 million at current prices. It will be completed over five years.

The DBSA said in a statement that the project would establish the infrastructure to sustain long-term urban development in the region and to cope with the impact of urbanisation.

It would also optimise waste water treatment for a sub-region serving an estimated four million residents in 16 local authorities and protect the water resources of more than seven million people in the lower Vaal River catchment area.

The Johannesburg City Council would be the implementing agent of the project and would also deal with the institutional, developmental and constitutional arrangements, the DBSA said.

Alex's future left in limbo

BUNTY WEST

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THE Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) is in limbo after Sandton Town Council representatives failed to turn up for a special meeting in Randburg yesterday

The NJNF is made up of representatives of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), the Sandton and Randburg councils and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA)

Although apologies were received from Sandton councillors Willeim Hefer and Bruce Stewart (the former and present management committee chairmen) that they could not attend, organisations present decided that the meeting could not proceed. This has stalled progress on talks about interim measures on the future administration of Alexandra

Last week Sandton turned down a TPA proposal that a representative of Sandton take over the administration of Alexandra when Randburg councillor Andre Jacobs gives up the position on April 1

An unofficial source indicated that the post would probably be offered to Randburg again, if the civic organisations agree.

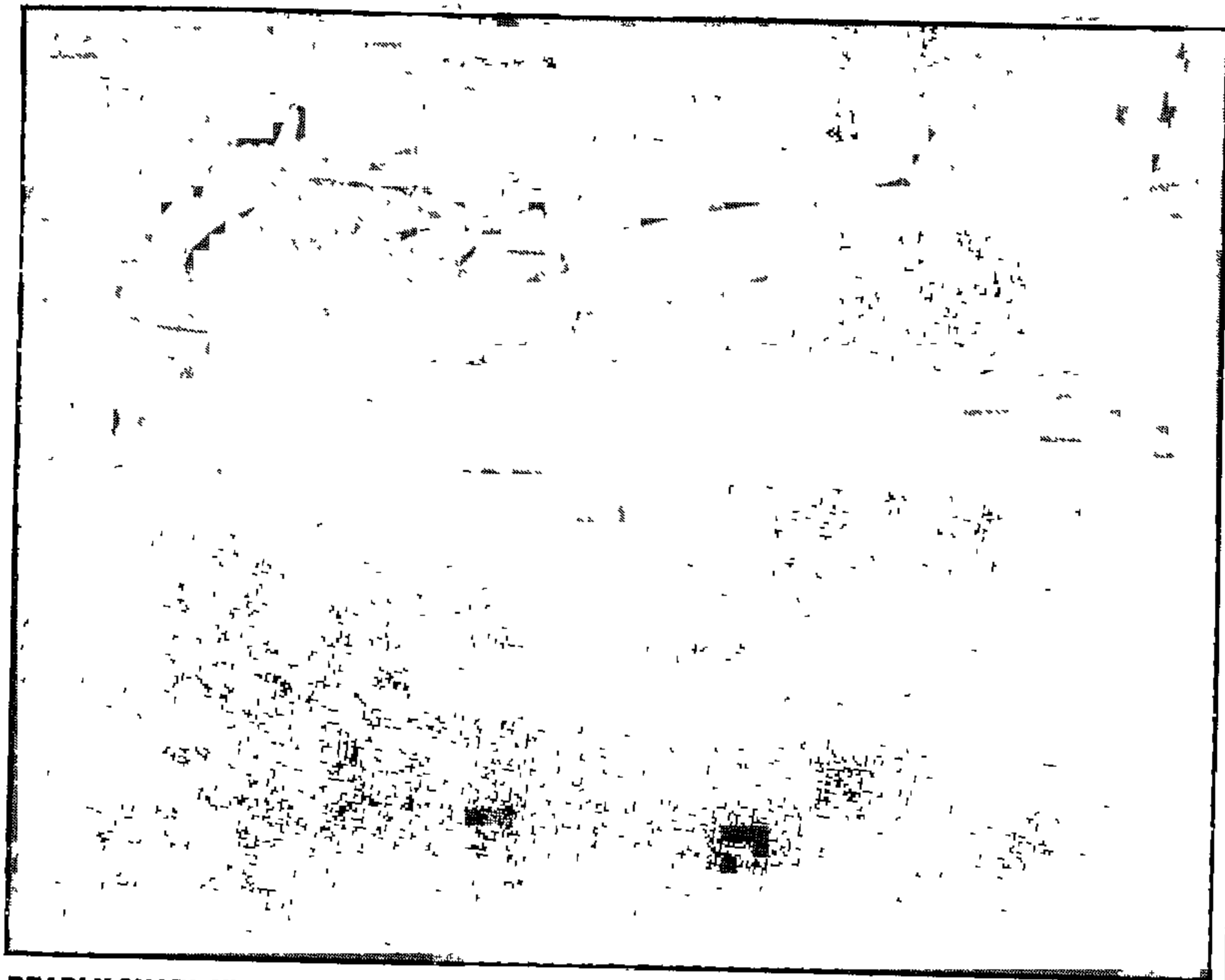
Richard Mdakane, the general secretary of ACO, expressed regret that Sandton had failed to send representatives to the NJNF meeting. "This will not stop negotiations for interim measures to be implemented, but it will mean

that Sandton cannot have a say in future discussions if it does not have a voice on the NJNF"

Acting chairman of the NJNF, councillor Gary Cooney of Randburg, explained "It is unfortunate that Sandton didn't come to the table to make its position clear. The NJNF is an important cog in the wheel of progress"

Sandton councillor Bruce Stewart expressed surprise that the meeting did not go ahead. "All Sandton members of the NJNF committee were tied up with other commitments. It was not a deliberate snub"

It was decided that the NJNF would call another meeting for April 14, at which all parties would discuss the future of the sub-region



DEADLY SNARL-UP . . . Vosloorus traffic officers say they are trapped in a web of corruption and inefficiency. It's killing, they say.

We're sitting ducks! say cops

C/Press 28/8/93

By BERENG MTIMKULU

THE shooting to death recently of two Vosloorus traffic officers has unleashed a storm of protest within the ranks

High on the list of grievances is the fact that one of the dead officers was unarmed, which is being blamed on bureaucratic incompetence

Another is the fact that the officers' vehicle would not start while they were being shot at. At issue is the roadworthiness of the department's vehicles

Investigations by City Press revealed

■ Allegations of graft and intimidation within the Vosloorus Council,

■ Claims that official inefficiency has left three out of eight traffic officers unarmed,

■ Claims that the councils' Traf-

fic Department has only two vehicles to police the enormous 4 000 ha township – and both are unroadworthy, and

■ The two-way radios in the cars are old and unreliable – officers must shout “until we are hoarse” to hear each other

A traffic officer, who may not be named, was allegedly told by a senior council member “If you want to keep your job, you must keep your mouth shut”

Vosloorus chief traffic officer Shadrack Lehin said officers had to wait up to a year for investigations into loss of a firearm before being issued a new weapon

Another officer said, “How can we penalise traffic offenders when we ourselves drive in unroadworthy vehicles?”

A source with four years' experience in the Vosloorus Traffic De-

partment said “Most whites in this council joined us with no luxurious vehicles, but today most own Mercedes Benzes”

However, Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said it had not been reported to him that one of the dead officers had lost his firearm following an accident in Transkei

He said that even if the pair had been armed with “10 firearms”, events might have been no different as the officers were ambushed from behind

“If they don't have radio's they must come and tell me,” retorted Prinsloo, adding “We are definitely short of money because the public is not fulfilling their obligation to pay for the services”

While the traffic department's annual budget was R1,2-million, the department's “income” this financial year was only R153 000

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

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For written reply

General Affairs

Firearm licences: issued/registered

72 Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order †

(a) How many applications for firearm licences were made (i) in total and (ii) in respect of each population group in 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively, (b) to how many (i) persons in total and (ii) members of each population group were such licences issued in each of these years and (c) how many (i) holders of firearm licences were there in the Republic as at 31 January 1993 and (ii) registered firearms were there in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which information is available? B165E

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(a) (i) 1990—226 577
1991—197 509
1992—208 270

(ii) The South African Police only keeps record of the total number of applications, without reference to the population groups to which the applicants belong

(b) (i) 1990—215 044
1991—179 241
1992—194 152

(ii) See paragraph (a) (ii) *supra*

(c) (i) 1 267 619—31 January 1993

(ii) 3 488 951—31 January 1993

SAP called labour disputes/work stoppages/strikes

101 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order

In how many instances were the South African Police called to the scene of (a) labour disputes, (b) work stoppages and (c) strikes in 1992? B249E

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(a) 163
(b) 45
(c) 34

Black local authorities in Tvl: auditing of books of account 266

122 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Local Government

(1) Whether any Black local authorities in the Transvaal failed to have their books of account ready for auditing by the prescribed time in the financial years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92, respectively, if so, what are the names of the local authorities concerned in respect of each of these years,

(2) whether any steps have been taken against the employees responsible for failing to have their books ready for auditing in time, if not, why not, if so, what steps in each case? B292E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) (a) No financial statements in respect of 1987/88 and 1988/89 are outstanding

(b) With regard to 1989/90, 4 Black local authorities' financial statements are not ready for auditing

- (1) Nthorwane
- (2) Kagiso
- (3) Khutsong
- (4) Aterrdgeville

(c) With regard to 1990/91, 10 Black local authorities' financial statements are not ready for auditing

- (1) Nthorwane
- (2) Syathemba
- (3) Bekkersdal
- (4) Evalon
- (5) Kagiso
- (6) Khutsong
- (7) Sakhile
- (8) Aterrdgeville
- (9) Zithobeni
- (10) Mookgophong

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(d) With regard to 1991/92, 50 Black local authorities' financial statements are not ready for auditing.

- (1) Bekkersdal
- (2) Bopatong
- (3) Bophelong
- (4) Diepmeadow
- (5) Dobsosville
- (6) Evaton
- (7) Kagiso
- (8) Khutsong
- (9) Munsterville
- (10) Sebokeng
- (11) Sharpeville
- (12) Daveyton
- (13) Duduza
- (14) Impunzelelo
- (15) Katlehong
- (16) Nthorwane
- (17) Syathemba
- (18) Tembisa
- (19) Tsakane
- (20) Wattville
- (21) eMgwenya
- (22) eMjondini
- (23) eMthonjeni
- (24) eSizameleini
- (25) eThandakukhanya
- (26) eZamokuhle
- (27) Kwachibikhule
- (28) Kwadela
- (29) Kwathandeka
- (30) Kwazamokhule
- (31) Lebohang
- (32) Mashung
- (33) Sakhelwe
- (34) Sakhile
- (35) Silobela
- (36) Simile
- (37) Syazenzela
- (38) Svuukile
- (39) Bokhutso
- (40) Ikageng
- (41) Letsopa
- (42) Tigane
- (43) Ateridgeville
- (44) Refilwe
- (45) Zithobeni
- (46) Bela Bela
- (47) Mookgophong
- (48) Nancefield
- (49) Phagameng
- (50) Regorogile

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that are vested with the overhead responsibility for the functioning of Black local authorities, point out that employees that are responsible for the drafting of financial statements of Black local authorities, are employed by those Black local authorities and therefore it is the responsibility of the relevant authorities to act against the responsible employees

In many cases action has been taken against persons responsible, but due to the extent of determining a survey on the steps that had been taken, details can unfortunately not be provided

Crime statistics at police stations

144 Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order.

How many cases of (a) robbery, (b) murder, (c) rape, (d) housebreaking and (e) theft of motor vehicles were reported at each specified police station serving the areas of (i) Stitfontein, (ii) Khuma, (iii) Kanana, (iv) Klerksdorp and (v) Jouberton in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively? B353E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(i) and (ii)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	91	48	66	230	109
1990	114	59	53	316	095
1991	135	44	64	402	089
1992	139	28	84	486	126

(iii)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	79	40	85	151	51
1990	102	30	66	287	75
1991	170	32	85	360	89
1992	207	30	104	401	100

(iv) and (v)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	273	63	157	924	281
1990	329	80	160	1 107	277
1991	452	84	153	1 277	253
1992	480	83	191	1 416	288

(2) The various Provincial Administrations

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Note: (i) and (ii) Khuma and Stitfontein are served by the Stitfontein police station
(iv) and (v) Klerksdorp and Jouberton are served by the Klerksdorp police station

Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex - crime statistics

160 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order.

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to

steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in respect of the Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex in 1992? B374E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
117	25	765	591	153	569	163	512	412	420	70	16	0	0
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Note (gn) —motor vehicles
(gu)—bicycles

The Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex are served by Klipptown police station

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Anti-road residents take battle to court

By Michael Sparks

More than 250 Rosettenville residents are planning to take the Johannesburg City Council to court in an effort to stop construction of a road through their suburb.

Residents' spokesman Terence Kayton said a council study had found the road would increase noise and air pollution, and would endanger the safety of non-road users.

The council planned to link the various highways that run to the south of Johannesburg, through Comaro Road in Rosettenville, with Mooi Street in the city centre.

The project would cost more than R18 million, would lead to 36 houses being expropriated and would divide the suburb.

At a meeting on Thursday, each resident made a financial contribution to pay for the legal costs of taking the council to court.

Kayton said residents believed the route was badly planned and had been dumped on them

because "no-one else wants to have it in their area"

City planning department spokesman Karen de Beer said a link road needed to be built as the existing north-south roads were running close to capacity and further traffic growth would lead to congestion.

De Beer said an alternative route along Lang and High streets was "technically superior" because it was more direct.

Compromise

But the Prairie Street route was the compromise between the council and a steering committee, which had been elected by residents.

The steering committee proposal was accepted by the management committee in February.

De Beer said the legal department would soon contact the owners of the homes which would be expropriated to negotiate a market value for their properties.

'Urgent' development envisaged

Plan to turn Soweto into modern city

AN AMBITIOUS project is under way to convert 62km² of Soweto ghetto into a modern, self-sufficient city

The plan involved provision of infrastructure for a CBD, an industrial park, a civic centre, schools, clinics and upmarket housing, city engineer Mavela Dlamini said last week

The project was being carried out jointly by the Soweto administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. Funding would be provided by the Central Witwatersrand RSC and the TPA. Dlamini said the development was urgent. The initial construction phase had to be completed within two years as "the pressure of the new SA is upon us"

There would be input from the township's building industry, the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and the local civic organisation

Dlamini refused to say what the estimated cost of the development would be. He said it was hoped the establishment of a sound urban infrastructure would attract substantial private investment to build the envisaged new "city"

Once proper city planning had been completed and roads, drainage, electricity and other services installed, developers would move in

The Soweto municipality had drawn up a document with guidelines for a "structure plan for spatial development". This took a holistic view of the complex, unlike earlier "patchwork" attempts that had failed to attract investors, Dlamini said

Previous plans for Soweto had failed

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because investors were deterred by the unstable political environment and violence. "But with changes coming in SA, normality will return and investors will be attracted to this area," he said

The guidelines for a structure plan set aside 80ha for business, with a CBD provisionally set in Jabulani township. Satellite shopping centres will be located to attract local shoppers as well as those from neighbouring Lenasia and Eldorado Park

"The development of the CBD has become a major source of concern to the council and the people of Soweto. A CBD area is often characterised by a well-patronised trading area with commercial, retail, wholesale, industrial and international trade," the document reads

"Such an area thus has to be served by a well co-ordinated communication infrastructure including, but not limited to, transportation (air, rail, road etc)

"The high population densities in Soweto have required that more land be provided for facilities such as creches, clinics, libraries and community halls," it adds

The Metropolitan Chamber, which would look at Soweto in a broad, central Witwatersrand context, would work with the council and other parties to develop the structural plan

Dlamini said current development of the Kiptown Bowl would be a commercial centre satellite to the new Soweto CBD. The imminent development on a 55ha retail site south of Soweto could also be incorporated into the project

Marx solves houses row ²⁶⁶

AGREEMENT has been reached between the Johannesburg City Council and residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, about outstanding payments for allegedly defective houses built and sold to the residents by the council

Johannesburg councillor Ms Marietta Marx, chairman of the Health, Housing and Urbanisation Committee, said misunderstandings about a moratorium placed on payment arrears had been resolved
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Stay-away continues
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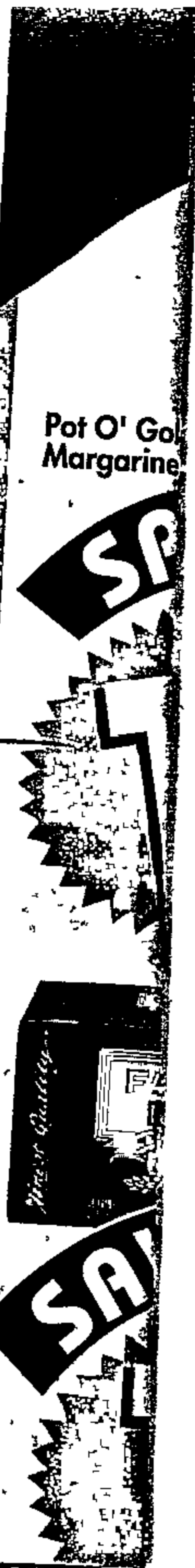
THE boycott of classes at the University of Venda continued yesterday

Students pressed demands that include the disbanding of the institution's council

A meeting held at the weekend at the university failed to live up to expectations as several invited organisations were unable to attend

Students began boycotting classes last Tuesday

They were demanding the return of suspended staffers, including Mr RN Khandza, former director of public relation, and former registrar Mr JN Ndwambe



†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order I am not going to speak again to hon members at the back on the left-hand side of the House. The next hon member to misbehave will be sent out.

Attorneys-general: reasons for decisions

*4 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Justice

Whether he has at any time requested any attorney-general in terms of section 5 (5) (b) of the Attorney-General Act, 1992 (Act No 92 of 1992), to furnish him with the reasons for any decision taken by that attorney-general in the performance of his duties or the exercise of his functions; if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) in respect of which cases? B502E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice).

The hon member is referred to my reply to Question No 18 on 24 March 1993, during which I dealt with the matter extensively (see col 772).

International Women's Day

*5 Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether his Department hosted a conference in Pretoria on International Women's Day recently, if so, what was the nature of this conference;

(2) whether any (a) free flights and/or (b) flights at reduced rates were offered to any women to attend this conference, if so, (1) who paid for these flights, (ii) how were the reduced rates obtained and (iii) to which women were these offers extended? B511E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice)

(Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) Yes, on 8 March 1993 the Department of Justice, in co-operation with the University of South Africa, held a National Conference on Women and a Charter of Fundamental Rights at the said University in Pretoria

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mediation of the South African Communication Services.

*6 Mr D H M GIBSON—Regional and Land Affairs [Withdrawn]

Hammanstraal: telephone exchange

*7 Mr D P DU PLESSIS asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications †

(1) Whether it is the intention to automate the Hammanstraal telephone exchange; if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether the entire area at present being served by the existing exchange will be served by the new automatic exchange; if so, what are the boundaries of this area, if not, (a) what part of the area will be so served and (b) when will the telephone service in respect of the rest of the area be automated;

(3) whether the automatization of this exchange has been commenced, if not, why not, if so, when is it anticipated that it will be completed? B564E

†The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Managing Director of Telkom SA Limited replied as follows to the hon member's question

(1) Yes, the Hammanstraal exchange has been included in the 1993/94 equipment delivery programme

(2) Yes, the entire Hammanstraal area, as well as the Ruste Winter and Preenaar's River areas, will be provided with automatic services

(a) Falls away,

(b) Falls away,

(3) No, as a result of restricted funds. The automatization of the exchange will take place after the installation of the equipment, which is expected to take place during October to December 1994

Guide plans: Pretoria/other regions

*8 Mr D P DU PLESSIS asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs †

(1) What procedures are followed in consid-

ering applications for the amendment of guide plans in general and the guide plan for Greater Pretoria in particular,

(2) whether residents of a particular area who are or may be affected by such applications, are consulted before an application is approved, if not, why not, if so, in what way? B565E

†The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

(1) Section 6A (19) of the Physical Planning Act, 1967 (Act 88 of 1967) lays down the following

The Minister may at the request of any person by notice in the Gazette amend or withdraw a guide plan. Provided that before it may be amended or withdrawn—

(a) an investigation determined by him shall be instituted, and

(b) the comments of the Administrator concerned and the regional services council concerned and, if land which in terms of the guide plan may be used for agricultural purposes can in the opinion of the Minister be affected by the proposed amendment or withdrawal, the comments of the Minister of Agriculture shall be obtained

On receipt of an application, an investigation is initiated at departmental level into its compatibility. Should the application be considered compatible with the provisions of the guide plan it is referred to the regional services council for a decision

Should it be found that the application is not compatible, it is determined whether agricultural land is involved, in which case the Minister of Agriculture is consulted. Concurrently, all government institutions which are involved, including the Administrator, the RSC and the local authority are consulted. Should it be considered necessary, the local authority concerned may consult the inhabitants at this stage, in a suitable manner

After all the information and comments have been received, the matter is sub-

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mitted to the Deputy Minister (to whom the authority has been granted) who takes a decision on the application. This procedure is followed in all cases, including Pretoria.

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

Document sent to Chief of Army

*9 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether, with reference to certain information and a copy of a certain document which have been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, a certain handwritten document was sent to the Chief of the Army, if so, (a) by whom was it signed and (b) what was the response of the Chief of the Army to this communication,

(2) whether this document was discussed by the State Security Council or its Secretariat,

(3) whether a certain professor was consulted on the plan set out in this document, if so, why,

(4) whether this professor was a member of or served as an adviser to any committee, subcommittee or body forming part of the State Security Council network at that time? B566E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) to (4) The hon member is referred to the State President's reply to an unprepared question of the hon member for Alra Park on 24 March 1993. The inquest in this regard is in process and therefore I am not prepared to reply to any questions concerning the matter at this stage.

Informal settlements: schools
*10 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) Whether any schools were provided by his Department in informal settlement areas in 1992, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) in which areas,
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B568E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1) Yes

(a) Twelve

- (b) Daveyton, Benoni
Kwa-Guqa, Witbank
Embalenhle, Secunda
Kathlehong, Alberton
Khayelitsha, Wynberg (two schools)
Philippi, Wynberg
Orange Farm, Vanderbijlpark (two schools)
Kutwanong, Odendaalsrus
Mogeleng, Ficksburg
Thabong, Welkom

(2) At the eleven primary schools and the one secondary school which have been provided, there are 253 classrooms for primary pupils and twenty for secondary pupils.

SADTU/NAPTOSA: recognition

*11 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 4 on 19 February 1992, he has given consideration to recognizing the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) and the National Professional Teachers' Organisation of South Africa (NAPTOSA) for the purposes of negotiation on education, if not, why not, if so,
(2) whether these bodies have been so recognized, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) under what conditions and (c) what number of teachers is represented by each,
(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B569E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(2) Yes

(a) NAPTOSA was recognised in May 1992
SADTU was recognised in November 1992

(b) Recognition, in terms of Section 1 of the National Policy for General Education Affairs Act, 1984 (Act No 76 of 1984), is granted with the concurrence of the Ministers of departments of State responsible for education. This concurrence has, in some cases, been preceded by agreements which may contain conditions between these teachers' organisations and the education departments. In considering recognition, I took cognizance of the need for the organisation to represent a substantial number of educators employed by the State and that the organisation has a constitution that can ensure that it is correctly managed and is able to serve the best interests of its members.

(c) NAPTOSA represents approximately 116 500 teachers. Final, verified membership figures for SADTU are not yet available. However, SADTU claims a membership of 60 000.

(3) No

Philippi: murders/assaults

*12 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Law and Order
Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was in any way implicated or referred to in any (a) inquests and/or (b) criminal proceedings relating to (i) deaths, (ii) assaults and/or (iii) the use of firearms in the Philippi area during the period 1 January 1980 to 31 March 1993, if so, what are the relevant details? B571E
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER
(a), (b) (i-iii) Yes

On 15 February 1989, Mr Bock shot and killed a man who was stealing vegetables on his farm with a shotgun. An inquest found that no person was responsible for the death of the man, because Mr Bock was protecting himself and his property.

On 2 November 1992, Mr Bock caught a man who was stealing potatoes on his farm. The man ran away, whereupon Mr Bock wounded him with a firearm. The person was charged and found guilty of attempted theft.

On 21 February 1993, Mr Bock, after noticing that potatoes were being stolen from his farm, lay in wait for the suspected thieves, and caught them redhanded whilst they were stealing potatoes. He approached and warned them, whereupon they ran away. He fired a shot at each of them and killed two men and wounded another two. A murder docket is currently with the Attorney-General for a decision. Mr Bock's firearm was seized and referred for ballistic investigation. A case of attempted theft is being investigated against the two wounded suspects.

Note

Details of cases which occurred before 1989 are not available, as records in this regard have, according to instructions, already been destroyed.

Transnet: accommodation in Transnet Park

*13 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Public Enterprises

What was the occupancy cost to Transnet of accommodation leased at Transnet Park as at the latest date for which figures are available? B572E

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

The Managing Director of Transnet Limited has furnished the following reply to the hon member's question

The rent for February 1993 amounted to R467 913

RSA mercenaries in Angola

*14 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether the Government has taken or



Great shakes . . . Councillor Cecil Bass was among the many people queuing up to shake hands with Nelson Mandela at the Johannesburg City Council meeting last night.

Picture: Stephen Davimes

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Mandela has great timing

By Cyril Madlala

(266)

After wading through almost 500 pages of the agenda, with the clock slowly ticking away to supper time, the proceedings at the Johannesburg City Council last night were becoming rather dreary.

Conservative Party councillors were socking it to the management committee, and for a while it looked like the stage was all theirs as they battled to stop Johannesburg ratepayers' money going to Alexandra's Boitumelong Early Learning Centre

But they were outvoted
Then, unannounced, the tall,

unmistakable figure of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela quietly entered through a side door.

He took his seat right behind the Conservative Party benches

Mass action

On his left sat Mayoress Edie Dishy, occasionally whispering to the nodding Mandela as the Chamber business went on.

On his right sat Thozamile Botha, head of the ANC's local government department.

A few minutes earlier Botha had been quoted by a CP councillor as saying white councillors will have to resign or face

mass action.

Could "the moment" have arrived?

No.

Instead Mayor Les Dishy informed the Chamber that it was his pleasure to welcome Mandela (and Botha) to the council meeting and thereafter for supper with the councillors.

But there was no speech from Mandela this time, just handshakes and handshakes before all shared the meal.

Not quite the "Last Supper" for the council as constituted at present, despite the council earlier accepting the proposal that Soweto and Johannesburg be run jointly.

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Tariffs decision delayed

By Jo-Anne Colling (26)

Parties negotiating the terms on which Johannesburg will take over municipal services in Soweto, yesterday postponed a crucial decision on the level of tariffs residents of the township would be expected to pay.

There was agreement in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Soweto Crisis that they needed to expand so that relevant political parties would play an ac-

tive part in setting acceptable tariffs, a Transvaal Provincial Administration source told The Star

It was decided, therefore, to invite these parties to become members of the Ad Hoc Committee, which consists of civic associations, local government and provincial representatives

The move is seen as an acknowledgement that the seven-year Soweto "rent" boycott is unlikely to be ended without

broad consensus among the township's popular organisations

The TPA source said May 1 remained the target date for Johannesburg to begin work in Soweto. The Soweto Ad Hoc Committee is a sub-committee of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber.

Parties canvassed about joining the Chamber could be drawn into the Ad Hoc Committee relatively soon.

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'Buxi' plan to shake up Jo'burg

By Cyril Madlala

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A subsidised minibus taxi service to Johannesburg's suburbs forms the cornerstone of a revolutionary plan by the city council to integrate the city's road transportation system.

The combined bus and taxi feeder project, to be known as the Buxi service, was announced yesterday by transportation and utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson

The plan had the potential to provide a more efficient and cost-effective commuter service between the Johannesburg CBD and outlying suburbs, he said, and was supported both by the Department of Transport and relevant taxi associations.

The underlying principle was to run "line haul" bus services along major routes to transfer points where taxi services will collect commuters and then fan out.

A demonstration project, with Highlands North as the switch-point from bus to feed-

er taxis, will be implemented in May or June.

Asherson said ratepayers were subsidising transport by R34 million a year, but the bus service was running at a loss. This was partly because at a certain point from the CBD, as passenger loads decreased, it was no longer viable to run full-size buses. It was at this point that passengers should be transferred to taxis.

Savings, on bus operating costs would be used to subsidise minibus taxis.

Asherson added that buses tended to travel on major

routes, not getting passengers close enough to their homes.

Passengers would use one ticket for both bus and taxi, and to ensure "top quality service" the best taxi drivers would be selected and trained thoroughly.

Asherson said this would be a joint operation with the taxi organisations.

"It is going to be a prestige thing to be invited to be part of the Buxi system," he said, indicating that initially 30 taxis would be required for

the mid-year experiment.

He emphasised that no bus drivers would be retrenched.

Final consultations with ward councillors and local taxi operators will take place before the pilot is launched.

South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) spokesman Mike Ntlatleng described the project as a "trendsetter" that would have "exciting repercussions even in the townships".

"Its success will prove that co-operation instead of competition is best for passenger transport modes."

Miners resume work

THEUNISSEN — Hostel dwellers at Beatrix Gold Mine near here have resumed work after staying away since the weekend because of violence

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March noisy but peaceful

JOHANNESBURG — A march by about 3 000 municipal workers proceeded peacefully but noisily through the city centre here yesterday

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Workers march in CBD

Staff Reporter (266)

Thousands of Johannesburg municipal workers marched to the Civic Centre yesterday to present a memorandum to the town clerk condemning the city council's handling of wage restructuring and negotiations

The workers, who are members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union, accused the council of disregarding industrial council agreements on

wage negotiations and of unilaterally adopting and implementing a new organisational and wage structure while the matter was being negotiated.

Acting town clerk Howard Veale was given the memorandum as well as bags of letters which the council had sent to workers regarding the restructuring.

The union said communicating directly with its members undermined the collective bargaining process, and demanded

immediate withdrawal of the letters

It accused the council of undermining changes taking place in local government, and said the council's actions would have "a major impact on any future restructuring plans for the Greater Johannesburg area".

The council has until April 14 to respond to the memorandum.

A spokesman for the council said the restructuring of the council was an attempt to turn it into an efficient business unit

Star 114193

Weeping while TPA destroys squatter shacks

About a dozen shacks near Weiler's Farm south of Johannesburg were destroyed yesterday before Transvaal Provincial Administration officials ceased demolitions.

A photographer from The Star, George Mashini, who arrived shortly after the demolitions began, said he had seen about 10 shacks flattened. He also witnessed a shack being smashed as a woman occupant looked on and wept.

Provincial officials, policemen and soldiers left after a foreign television crew arrived, he said.

A TPA spokesman said the demolitions were carried out because the shacks had been erected illegally outside the "controlled squatting" area —
Staff Reporters



Workers on protest march

ERICA JANKOWITZ

ABOUT 3 000 members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) marched through the streets of Johannesburg yesterday. The marchers presented a letter protesting against the unilateral restructuring of the council to acting town clerk Howard Veale. Veale was also handed bags containing letters the council had sent to workers, informing them of the council's restructuring process.

Samwu is claiming that the imposition of a non-negotiated job-grading system has delayed wage negotiations, as bargaining units have to be redefined. The union is complaining also about the 5% wage increase and retrenchments. Samwu official Christoph Mabaso said the council should concentrate on providing family housing and not hostels for workers. He said April 14 had been set as a deadline for council's response to the union's proposals. Cosatu's Sipho Bidu used the platform afforded by the protest action to criticise government's clampdown on Transkei. He said the money spent on stepping up security around Transkei should have been spent on the poor.

Sapa reports that city council human resource director Dirk Lambrecht said management was "baffled" by the protest as consultations with the union on the restructuring had been taking place over the past two years. Lambrecht said performance-based increases would affect only white-collar workers. Samwu members would still receive negotiated across-the-board increases.



Municipal workers march in Johannesburg yesterday to protest against city council restructuring. Picture GARTH LUMLEY

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Randburg to run Alexandra

By Bunty West

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Randburg Town Council has agreed to administer Alexandra at the request of the Transvaal Provincial Administration after Sandton refused to take over the key role earlier this month.

A four-man executive committee has been selected to do the job. Gary Cooney (chairman of the management committee), Andre Jacobs, Dawie de Beer

and Alderman Frans Lourens

Cooney said the Alexandra civic organisations "are keen for us to assume this control with the provisos that

- "We report back each month to them
- "When new interim measures are set in place that we resign"

Cooney said the Randburg council move was a genuine attempt to help the residents of Alexandra.

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Sewerage tariff for
some households cut

Flats, townhouses and cluster homes need no longer pay the commercial sewerage tariff, which will reduce their monthly bill by 14,75 percent, the Johannesburg City Council has decided (2bb)
Charges have been cut to R32 from the current average of R37,54 — Staff Reporter

Workers march in CBD

Staff Reporter (266)

Thousands of Johannesburg municipal workers marched to the Civic Centre yesterday to present a memorandum to the town clerk condemning the city council's handling of wage restructuring and negotiations

The workers, who are members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union, accused the council of disregarding industrial council agreements on

wage negotiations and of unilaterally adopting and implementing a new organisational and wage structure while the matter was being negotiated

Acting town clerk Howard Veale was given the memorandum as well as bags of letters which the council had sent to workers regarding the restructuring

The union said communicating directly with its members undermined the collective bargaining process, and demanded

immediate withdrawal of the letters

It accused the council of undermining changes taking place in local government, and said the council's actions would have "a major impact on any future restructuring plans for the Greater Johannesburg area"

The council has until April 14 to respond to the memorandum

A spokesman for the council said the restructuring of the council was an attempt to turn it into an efficient business unit

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Alexandra gets 'second-best solution'

Staff Reporters (266)

Randburg's agreement to become administrator of Alexandra township is seen as a decidedly second-best solution by the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO)

"Our view is that there is no need for an administrator at all. What we need to do is to move to non-racial interim structures of local government as a matter of urgency," commented ACO general secretary Richard Mdakane.

"In this pre-interim period

all white councillors should resign to open the way for interim structures."

The position of administrator is a creation of the widely discredited Black Local Authorities Act. It confers on Randburg all the statutory powers of the defunct Alexandra Town Council.

Township administrators, appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Authority, are usually individuals rather than neighbouring town councils, and Randburg councillor Andre Jacobs recently com-

pleted a term in Alexandra.

Mdakane said ACO acknowledged that short-term arrangements were needed to ensure that services continued to be delivered in Alexandra.

To allow some accountability in the arrangement, ACO had insisted that Randburg should report monthly to the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum, a non-racial body including Sandton and Randburg councils and Alexandra community structures.

Randburg also decided this week to extend the existing

assistance agreement it has with Alexandra until constitutional change occurs. This move is subject to approval by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Sandton was initially asked to assume administratorship in Alexandra but declined, saying it had had insufficient time to assess the implications of the move. But the TPA has dismissed the proffered reason. According to a TPA statement, Sandton had four months in which to consider taking the position.

R45-m face lift for Joburg

CPrens 2/8/93

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A BOLD new plan to "reconstruct" a post-apartheid Johannesburg was unveiled by the Johannesburg City Council this week

The council said it's mission was to turn the city into "a new, prosperous metropolis by accepting the challenge to serve the needs and aspirations of all its citizens in an effective, efficient and friendly manner, and in a safe and dynamic environment".

R45-million has been set aside initially to turn Johannesburg into a "Dream City"

"We have been driven by the urge and vision to turn Johannesburg into a world-class city from an international perspective. To achieve this we will need to overhaul the basic infrastructure and facilities, provide quality public transport and so on," management committee chairman Ian Davidson told reporters

Three strategic thrusts have been identified Commerce and industry, sport and culture

Ten development projects have already been identified

■ **Johannesburg Trade and Tourism Convention Centre:**

This would entail the "decking" of railway lines and property in and around Johannesburg station which will provide space for a conference centre and commercial facilities and a link with tourism

The council envisages that this will make Johannesburg the convention and trade centre of SA This development will also broaden the tax base in the CBD



Can Johannesburg be transformed from the murder capital of the world to a world class city capable of hosting the Olympic Games in 2004? LEN KALANE looks at Johannesburg City Council proposals to not only do this, but also to do it through a reallocation of funds rather than by increasing existing capital spending.

so improve the image of Johannesburg as a world-class city.

■ **Newtown Cultural Precinct:**

The aim is to redevelop Newtown around the arts, entertainment and related industries The upgrading and improvement of the Newtown precinct will also enhance the city's chances for the 2004 Olympic Games bid

■ **Athletics stadium:**

The plan is for a stadium (which will be shared with soccer) to initially accommodate 20 000 spectators and finally up to 50 000 - and which will be integrated with other sport facilities

The first phase will include all facilities to host an international event and will again position Johannesburg very strongly with regard to the Olympic bid

■ **Informal Trading Sites:**

In an effort to regulate informal trading and integrate it with other projects like Newtown, the aim is to improve pedestrian movement in the inner city, resulting in a major improvement to cleanliness, so creating



a more "attractive" city with job creation and wealth generation impetus

■ **Ellis Park Precinct:**

The redevelopment of Ellis Park and surroundings into more user friendly parkland area This will form an integral part of establishing the setting for the 1995 World Cup Rugby final

It will also encourage tourism development and boost job creation in related spheres, so stimulating the local economy

Rubbing the tarnish off the city of gold

■ **Soweto Link:**

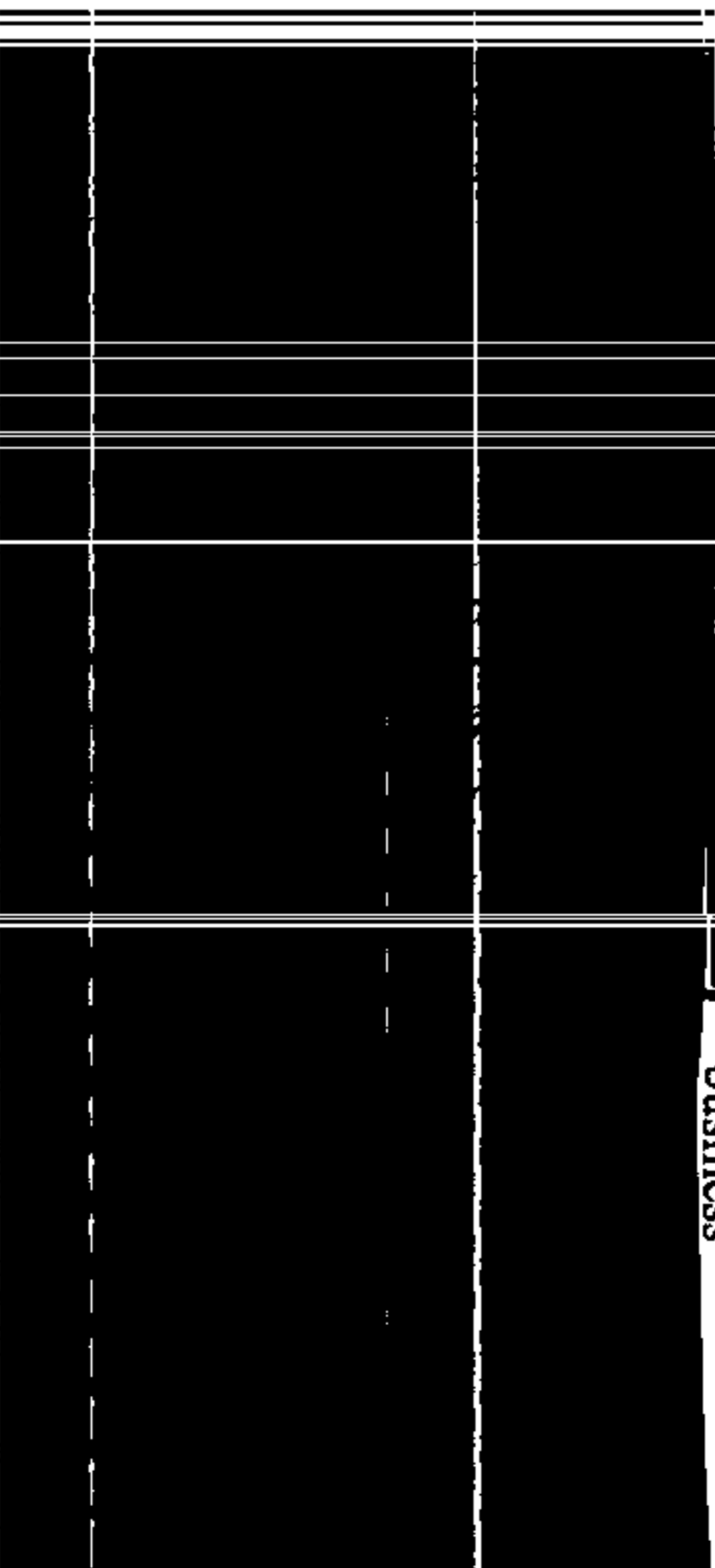
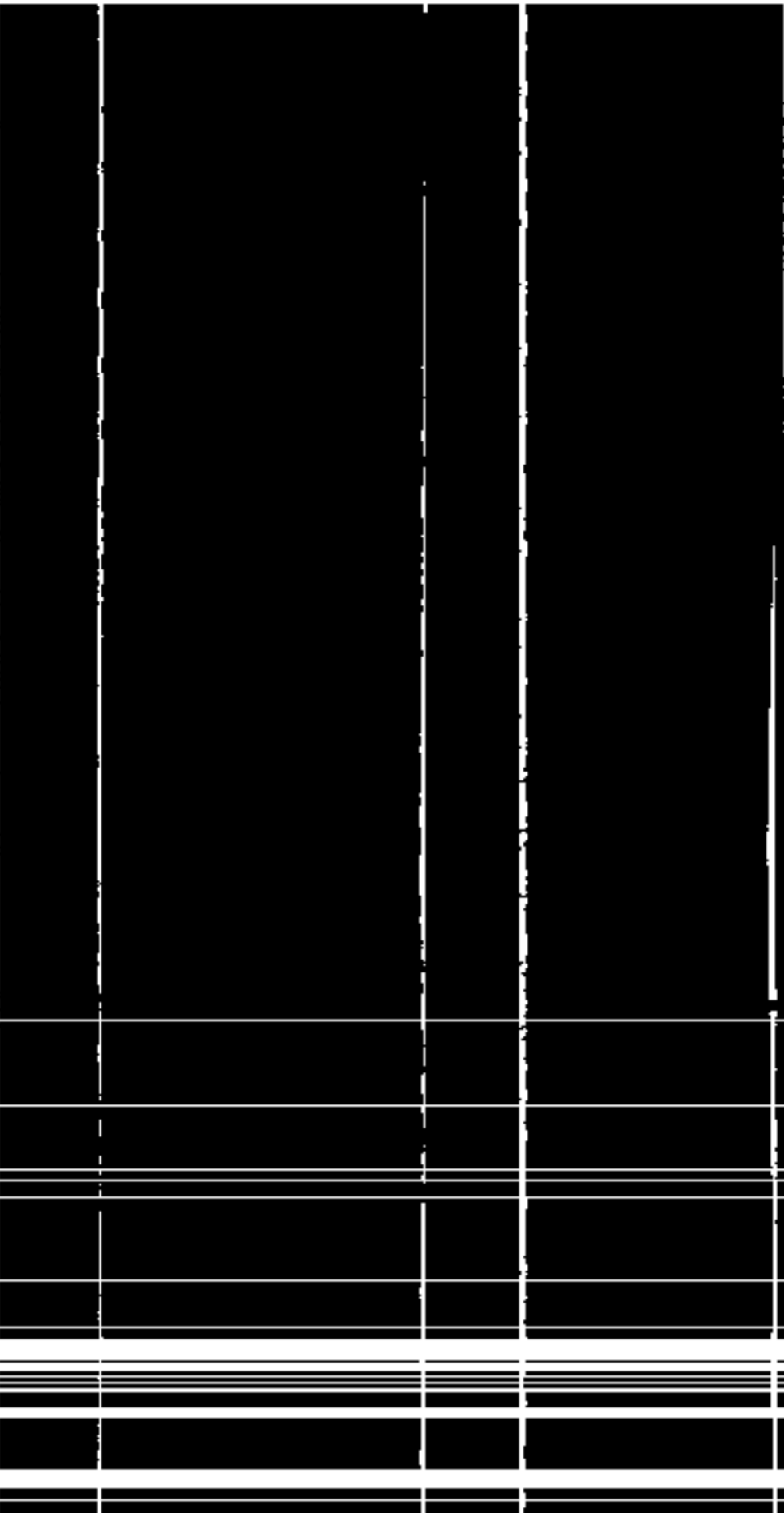
On the cards for Soweto is the possible upgrading of the Five Roses Bowl theatre and other public facility improvements related to culture and recreation - as well as other infrastructural facilities to be upgraded in co-operation with the Greater Soweto Forum, JCC and the Soweto administrator.

■ **Grassroots Sport Facilities:**

The aim is to provide basic sport facilities to enhance various sport development drives at grass-roots levels in the townships, as well as the general development of open public spaces

■ **Commercial Theme Park:**

An Electronic City or Jewellery City type concept to tie in with other major commercial developments The council said all the listed projects had key roles to play in creating jobs and prosperity Every tourist, business visitor and convention-goer would help to create employment opportunities by supporting local business



Projects such as the Newtown Cultural Precinct and new sport facilities would also enhance Johannesburg's appeal as a destination city

Important considerations in evaluating this strategic initiative as a whole included

■ That the projects did not entail an increase in the capital estimates, but rather a re-allocation of funds within the existing budget level,

■ That Johannesburg was not pursuing these projects to the exclusion of all others,

■ That none of these strategic projects would be embarked on without comprehensive planning as well as feasibility, financial and economic assessments and studies, and

■ A refocusing and realignment of directorate activities council-wide would be an ongoing process to ensure a sound short-, medium- and long-term financial basis for development

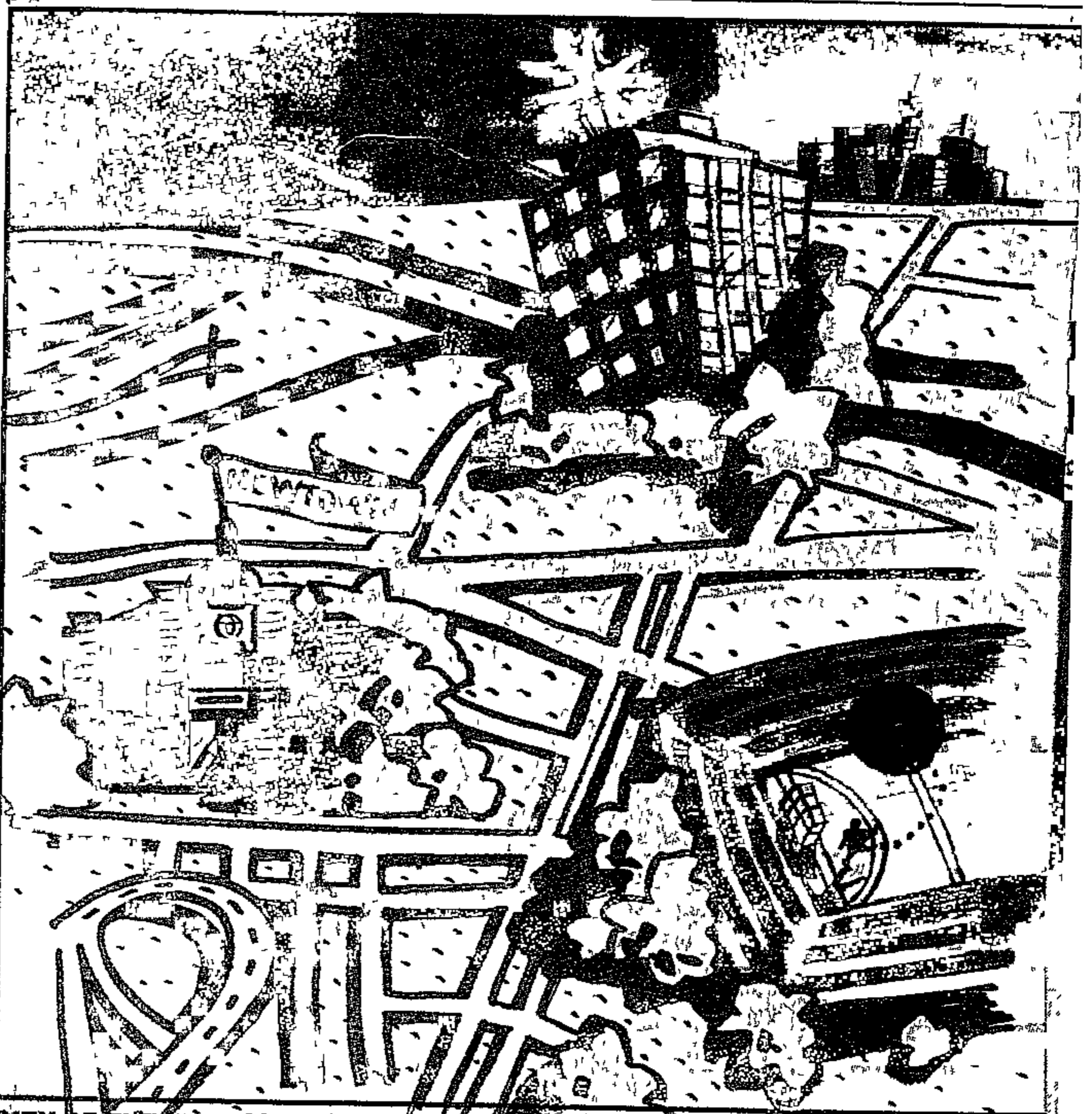


and growth.

Davidson said "The need for Johannesburg to embark on a growth-orientated strategy is vital

"With the council and private enterprise working together as partners, this city can and must pull itself up by its bootstraps

"Success in growing the local economy will help generate funding for social upliftment and stimulate job creation"



CITY OF THE FUTURE ... Plans are in the pipeline to turn Johannesburg into a world class city capable of hosting the 2004 Olympic Games. Graphic: ALEX RO

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Funds

Davidson emphasised that these projects would not entail an increase in capital spending, but rather a re-allocation of funds within the existing capital budget so as not to put extra strains on the city's rates base

There was also an ongoing drive to manage council costs and realign development financing for

Imminent change at local government level would in all likelihood impose more demands on Johannesburg's limited resources

"This makes it all the more important to divert emphasis and effort in order to grow the city's infrastructure and economy"

He added "A development approach is essential because the costs of reintegration and post-apartheid reconstruction can only be funded from a growing rates and tax base"

Grave issue gets council go-ahead!

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By **MONWABISI NOMADOLO**

MEMBERS of the Shalom Family Church will soon be parking their vehicles above the remains of buried bodies

The CP-controlled Springs Town Council confirmed that a black graveyard in the Bakerton area would soon be converted into a parking lot. There will be no exhumations, only a memorial plaque as a sad reminder of the people who are buried there.

According to council spokeswoman Lizz May, the parking area will be used by the church which is currently under construction and situated right next to the cemetery.

Monument

However, she said the cemetery in question was the property of Anglo-American Corporation's Gengold who were approached by the church in connection with their proposal for further parking.

Although the cemetery was initially used for mineworkers, men, children and women have been buried there.

The church's Pastor D Lazarus confirmed that they had applied for the property where the cemetery is

Without saying whether there was any moral justification for the action, Lazarus said the church

Tar over tombs has angered township residents

would go ahead with the plan

"There will be a monument with a worded plaque built in memory of those who died," he said.

Lazarus admitted that there were certain consultations underway and that he would not go against the wishes of the deceased's families.

The move is expected to evoke widespread protest from residents of the nearby KwaThema township.

Already, a fuming middle-aged woman, Elizabeth (not her real name), said: "They can't do that ... no they cannot. We were not even consulted on the matter"

KwaThema Civic Association leader Kenny Madalane said the news came as a shock to him

But the council has washed its hands of all responsibility

The council added that they had no objections to the cemetery being turned into a parking lot as long as certain conditions were adhered to.

These conditions stipulate that the necessary approval be obtained by Gengold, including statutory requirements, that the surface of the erf be levelled and covered with suitable hard material to the satisfaction of the council, and that a suitable memorial be erected for the deceased buried in the cemetery

Tombstones

About 1 560 people have been buried in the graveyard

The cemetery has been neglected for some time

However, there are still a dozen graves which are still well marked with tombstones.

The cemetery was commissioned by Grootvlei Mine in 1938. It started as a mine cemetery for migrant workers and mineworkers in the then Payneville district

As a result of forced removals under the now scrapped Group Areas Act, black residents were moved to KwaThema township while coloureds were relocated at Geluksdal, Brakpan

Bakerton is now an Indian residential area.

City council on a rocky road

Star 5/4/83

ROSETTENVILLE residents have delivered a hard blow to the dark forces of secret planning. They are taking the Johannesburg City Council to court.

At issue is a proposed highway that will inundate this quiet, stable area with regional traffic from Johannesburg's "new" south, Alberton and Katlehong en route to the inner city.

Residents are fighting a proposed highway passing through Rosettenville, reports CONRAD BERGE.

As a result of the denial, Rosettenville residents lost four priceless years in which they could have become meaningfully involved in the planning.

Professional planners involved They knew of another disability from the '80s era that Rosettenville did not have the community structures to cope with a whirlwind public participation programme.

In 1988, the residents spotted a furtive surveying in their suburb and got wind of a proposed highway. Immediately Councilor Les Dishy, now the Mayor of Johannesburg, asked the council's management committee formally if any highway were contemplated. The committee responded with an emphatic "No."

Last year they were bundled through a critically flawed "public participation" programme by the council and its consultants. In the end, the council failed to respond to the input it had requested from the residents, dispelling any lingering belief in its good faith.

The authorities continue to misjudge the human spirit. They were forced to retreat in the case of a major highway planned through Parktown and another across Randburg and Sandton. More recently, they ran into trouble in Vrededorp and Mayfair. What makes them think it will be different in Rosettenville? □

TPA is unprepared for the future

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), which announced its R6,7bn budget yesterday, was singularly unprepared for the future and was led by "maintenance men", MP Tony Leon (DP Houghton) told the extended public committee on provincial affairs yesterday.

Discussing the province's budget and policies, Leon said the TPA's forward planning was more superficial than substantive.

The TPA continued to fill posts, draw perks, persisted in bureaucracy and pretended that a regional dispensation would be a simple division of the old administration, Leon said.

With no representative basis, "the provincial administrations are a bizarre and anachronistic mutant of a highly disreputable system".

Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough said "drastic curtailment" had been necessary because of government's public spending restrictions.

But Hough said that with the exception of health services, no "insuperable difficulties" would be experienced in carrying out functions.

The 1993/94 budget of R6,756bn represented a net increase on last year of R753m or 12,54%, Hough said.

This excluded R268m provided by the National Housing Fund.

Expenditures included R472m in intergovernmental grants for black

local authorities, R315m for health services, R32m for libraries and museums and the greater part of R2bn for community development, social pension adjustments and the extension of welfare services.

Projected income had risen by R71m or 8%, mainly because of the "carry-through effect" of increased motor licensing fees.

"It is clear that persistent economising and ever higher productivity and the application of sound management principles will be the watchwords if an acceptable service is to be rendered," Hough said.

TPA MEC for physical planning and development John Mavuso told the meeting almost 500 000 sites were required to meet the Transvaal's housing shortage.

Mavuso said nearly 2 000ha of land was purchased for housing at a cost of R10m by the province last year.

More than R213m had been spent on 43 000 serviced sites for the lower income group, 72 tenders to the amount of R116m had been approved for installing services while the development of more than 100 000 erven and the planning of 237 000 erven had been started, he said.

Urbanisation could not be stopped, Mavuso said. "It must be provided for and planned. It will affect all of us."

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Local bodies are awarded extra land

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

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Four major municipalities are to divide the bulk of the land lying between the Randburg-Sandton complex and the R28 Krugersdorp-Pretoria highway, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has decided.

The decision confirms the recommendations of the Demarcation Board, which sat earlier this year under the chairmanship of J G Brand.

Announcing the awards of land to Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg yesterday evening, MEC for Local Government Burger Lategan made it clear that the TPA now expected these municipalities to move rapidly "to identify land for low cost housing".

Conflict generated by the need to find a permanent location for homeless people squatting at Zevenfontein was a major factor prompting the Demarcation Board hearing.

With one minor exception, the province has not acceded to any city's representations for land in the area north of the R28, extending almost to Hartbeespoort Dam.

Instead, it has decided to ask the Local Government Affairs Council to consult residents in this area on the form of local representation that would best suit them and to submit its conclusion to the Pelser Committee, which is investigating local government systems in rural areas.

This move would seem to accommodate the demands of some of the property owners' organisations which argued heatedly against urban development.

The exception to the principle of confining urbanisation south of the R28 is the area around Lanseria airport, which has been allocated to Randburg

TPA director-general Len Dekker explained this decision had been made in the light of the fact that "development

around Lanseria is of such a nature that it requires inclusion within the jurisdiction of a strong, existing local authority".

The municipal boundary recommendations made by the Demarcation Board, and endorsed by the province, are as follows:

- No additional land should be incorporated into Roodepoort and Krugersdorp although both municipalities made representations. Officials explained that the decision had been influenced by the fact that these cities had land available to the south of them for development.

- Randburg should be granted the area including Zandspruit, Nietgedacht, Lanseria Airport and Chartwell Agricultural Holdings.

- Parts of Diepsloot and the whole of Zevenfontein should be included in Sandton, except for the Johannesburg waste water works and the nature reserve.

- Midrand should gain Witpoort

- The southern section of Knopjeslaagte should be incorporated into Verwoerdburg

- Nootgedacht should become part of the Muldersdrift Local Area Committee.

It was also recommended that the areas of jurisdiction of the Central Witwatersrand and Pretoria regional services councils be extended to cover the areas earmarked for inclusion in Randburg and Midrand respectively.

Lategan said that the province had been guided by the notions of "balanced development to fulfil the needs of residents in the high, middle and low income groups" and "the protection, as far as possible, of existing rights of ownership and value of property"

He said the idea was to promote development in existing towns with strong local government and to achieve more dense settlement, which would ensure better use of "inadequately utilised infrastructure"

The boundary adjustments would soon be put into effect by proclamation

Durbanville races ended

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — There would be no more race meetings at Durbanville and the racing industry in the Western Province would not increase stakes, MEC in charge of horse-racing Dawie le Roux said yesterday.

These steps had been taken to make the industry stronger, and rescue it from its crisis, he added.

The industry was also considering the possibility of reducing stakes in the province.

He said the decision had been taken by the Western Province clubs as a move to limit overheads. The clubs had also decided that there would be fewer Wednesday meetings with races incorporated with certain Saturday meetings.

Le Roux said a new effective administrative foundation had now been laid. New staff were being trained intensively — and "I need not expand on how clean new brooms sweep".

The MEC said that good progress had been made with the amendment of the ordinance. Deadlines would be met with the draft ordinance ready on July 1. The final product would be ready at the end of the year.

He said that the recommendation of the Dinar Report on bookmakers and their activities in the four province, was being incorporated into the Cape's ordinance.

Bitter ending to TPA's 'final' budget debate

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — What was probably the final budget debate of the Transvaal Provincial Administration ended in acrimony yesterday when several CP MPs walked out of the Ou Raadsaal in protest.

The action followed a rebuke by the extended public committee on provincial affairs chairman Salam Mayet after CP members' comments on the fact that an Indian was now chairing what was once an "Afrikaner" committee.

Hatred and venom eventually consumed the hater, Mayet said, and the CP members left the chamber.

Douglas Gibson (DP Yeoville) said the meeting of the public affairs committee, which proposed a R6,7bn budget for the province, was probably "the last session of its kind". Regional government restructuring was expected to take place within the next year, with the incorporation of self-governing states.

TPA MEC Andre Cornelissen told the committee negotiations on new political structures and rationalised provincial administrations were well under way.

He urged government to proceed with legislation to permit bilateral agreements between the TPA and Transvaal's self-governing territories.

During the Cape provincial committee's budget debate in Cape Town yesterday, MEC for roads Frik van Deventer said export fruit farmers lost up to 5% of their crop — or R5m — a year because of badly tended roads. Money budgeted for roads fell far short of what was needed.

Roger Hulley (DP Constantia) said during the debate Table Mountain was in a disgraceful state. It was meant to be a fynbos showcase, but had become infested with hundreds of thousands of black wattle which would be expensive to remove.

In the Natal provincial budget debate in Maritzburg, MEC for Natal Health Services Peter Millar said outpatient fees for low-income families would be increased by one third at some Natal hospitals. This was part of a revised package which would result in uniform fees throughout SA.

Cabinet approves District Six plan

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Cabinet has given the go-ahead for the formation of a community land trust to redevelop District Six — 30 years after its inhabitants were forcibly removed.

The step could finally lay to rest government's most controversial Group Areas Act enforcement.

Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring announced in Parliament yesterday that a decision had been taken to launch the trust, which would take possession of the land and set development guidelines.

Meiring said a non-profit company would be responsible for the development project, while a third independent body

would handle allocation of housing units.

Meanwhile, a massive R500m housing project for 36 000 homeless families on the Cape Flats was announced yesterday, after two years of negotiations, by Community Services MEC Dawie Le Roux.

The Serviced Land Project was a true joint venture with the communities involved, he said during the debate in the joint committee on provincial affairs for the Cape.

Le Roux said 950ha of land had been identified on the Cape Flats for the settlement of 36 000 families — more than 200 000 people.

Dodo's extinction official

SUSAN RUSSELL

STEWART and Lynne Dodo's clothing company, S M Dodo Fashion Boutiques, was liquidated in the Rand Supreme Court this week with debts of R2,9m.

The company, represented by Stewart Dodo, brought an urgent application for its own winding up.

Stewart Dodo said in court papers that the company, which had four upmarket women's clothing stores under the name Elle, was commercially insolvent.

Dodo said the luxury section of the clothing market for which his company catered, had been particularly hard hit by the decline in the economy.

The company, he said, had assets of about R500 000 as opposed to liabilities of R2,9m. It had incurred losses of R800 000 since July 1 last year.

Dodo said he had also suffered a heart attack last month and was unable to attend to the company's affairs for an indefinite period while he recuperated. There was no-one else to run the company during his recuperation.

Dodo said the company had just been able to pay its March wages, but might not be able to do so this month.

A liquidator needed to be appointed urgently to ensure there was no pilferage in any of the retail outlets, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lascho Mining in liquidation

LASCHO Mining cc was placed in liquidation by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday with debts of R5,1m and assets of R1,3m. The application was brought by Lascho Mining. Lascho Mining's Terence John Otto Barron blamed the decline in the mining industry and the economy for the company's situation.

Shootout at Parkhurst bank

AT LEAST five people were injured yesterday when seven men armed with AK-47s started shooting during an abortive bank robbery in Parkhurst, Johannesburg. Police said the men arrived at the bank in a bakkie and confronted security guards unloading money. The guards refused to hand over the cash and the robbers opened fire before driving off.

Cape Deeds Office probe

THE report arising from the departmental investigation into alleged irregularities at the Cape Town Deeds Office had been referred to the attorney-general, Regional and Land Affairs director-general Coenie

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Urbanisation breakthrough

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

More than 200 farms in two known right-wing areas near Pretoria are to be developed into an urban area accommodating 370 000 people of all races.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration announced yesterday that Klipfontein and Kruisfontein, near Soshanguve township, north of Pretoria, would provide 65 000 residential sites.

Addressing a media conference, MEC for physical planning and development John Mavuso

so said the two communities were faced with huge urbanisation pressure and had agreed to make the land available.

Mavuso added: "This is the first time a community in the Transvaal has shown such a positive attitude towards urbanisation."

joint effort

The availability of an estimated 3 575 hectares of land south of and adjoining Soshanguve was made possible by the release of a marketing document drawn up as a joint effort by the TPA

and the Klipfontein and Kruisfontein communities.

The development project is expected to create job opportunities for many people in the area. Provision has been made for 130 primary and 46 secondary schools, as well as for primary health centres, community centres, churches and a central business area.

Among the people who played a major role in the negotiations for the urbanisation of the two communities is former Conservative Party MP Koos Botha.

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Monday's stayaway likely to hit refuse collection

Municipal Reporter

STAY 16/4/93

Refuse collection in certain Johannesburg suburbs might be postponed for a week as a result of the expected stay-away on Monday, the day of

the funeral of SACP leader Chris Ham

Only 39 out of 1 800 solid waste department workers turned up for work on Wednesday and only 61 of 160 drivers arrived, a council spokesman

said

"Garden refuse sites will be open on Monday should the public wish to drop off their refuse," he said.

- The Johannesburg City Hall, the Rates Hall in Market

Street, the Public Library and the Art Gallery will be closed tomorrow.

Payments for municipal accounts may be sent to The City Treasurer, Box 1450, Johannesburg 2000

Move to merge areas with Boksburg fuels outrage

By Cyril Madlala

A row is brewing between the Reiger Park/Delmore Civic Organisation and the suburbs unelected management committee over plans for amalgamation with Boksburg City Council.

A community meeting will be held at the Educate Centre at 7 pm today.

The committee's chairman, Charles Crawford, has been invited by the civic organisation to attend "for us to ask him for the last time to resign", said a spokesman for the civic organisation, Faried James.

Boksburg City Council met the Reiger Park management committee last week to discuss the amalgamation. Pro-

testers at the civic centre missed the meeting, which was held two hours before the scheduled time.

"The council must not think they have won the fight by doing that! An election must take place to avoid a possible disruption and a consumer boycott," James said.

Reiger Park management committee was appointed by the Administrator, Danie Hough, after the previous committee resigned.

National Party leader in the city council, Chris Smith, said he would propose at a council meeting on April 29 that Reiger Park be incorporated into Boksburg.

Crawford could not be reached for comment.



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Row over Katlehong council provident fund

By Jo-Anne Collinge

More than 400 Katlehong Town Council workers stand to lose thousands of rand each because the council has failed to pay into its provident fund money which it has deducted from workers' wages for this purpose

Now, Old Mutual, which manages the Kat-

lehong Town Council Provident Fund, is threatening to close down the fund at the end of this month

It has warned the provident fund managers that non-payment of contributions is a criminal offence

Katlehong town secretary Hennie Grobbelaar insisted that the bankrupt council was "pursuing each and every avenue" at its disposal in order to raise money to pay the arrears contributions

Although they had no written undertaking, council officials were hopeful that the Transvaal Provincial Administration would help them out

But Bennet Nzima, chairman of the fund's trustees, said "We are not as optimistic as the council officials

"In fact we are pessimistic about the TPA's ability to help, especially as they failed to report back to the members last week as they originally promised," he said

Grobbelaar argued that workers had not really lost any pay as provident fund contributions were nothing more than a "paper transaction"

But workers interviewed by The Star said bitterly that benefits had already been refused to

the dependants of three workers who had died during March

This position is confirmed in a letter to the trustees by Paul Platjies, Old Mutual's manager for the Katlehong fund

Dated April 1, the letter reads "Since the inception of the fund in July 1991, the non-payment of contributions has been an issue between the fund and Old Mutual.

"A stage has now been reached where the last contributions were for the month of August 1992, seven months ago"

Prejudiced

Platjies warns. "This non-payment of premiums has seriously prejudiced member interest since they are no longer covered for family, death and disability benefits

"Retiring and withdrawing members have to be content with a lesser benefit."

He states plainly that Old Mutual had decided that "the Katlehong City Council Provident Fund be given until Friday April 30 1993 to rectify all outstanding contributions

"Failing this, Old Mutual will have no choice but to discontinue the fund"

Negotiating forum meeting postponed

Star 21/4/93

By Cyril Madlala

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As residents of Vaal Triangle townships counted the cost of the latest Sebokeng massacre, a meeting crucial to restoring effective government in these areas was delayed because of the death of SACP general-secretary Chris Hani.

The Vaal Triangle Negotiating Forum — consisting of representatives of the Vereeniging, Meyerton and Randvaal city councils, the Vaal Civic Organisation, and observers from political, business, church and international organisations — was to have held its second meeting yesterday.

But, said interim chairman Andrew Feinstein, the forum postponed the meeting because the civic organisation had been involved in funeral arrange-

ments. A new date would be set within a month.

Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat director Peter Harris said that although peace structures in the Vaal were "fairly strong", it was almost impossible for them to prevent attacks such as those in Sebokeng

In all, 19 people were killed in Sebokeng and 21 injured when four men, armed with handguns, went on a shooting spree on Sunday night

The township has suffered a spate of such shootings in the past, and tensions ran high this week. Harris said he believed that the revival of the negotiating forum could reinforce efforts to sustain peace

"Co-responsibility and commitment in relation to the community must have an effect on reducing levels of violence"



Smiles all round . . . Nelson Mandela said the happy faces of children at this Hillbrow shelter renewed his hope in the resilience of the human spirit. Picture. Karen Sandison

Star 22/4/93
Local govt reforms 'urgently needed'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The aftershock of Chris Hani's assassination was felt in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last night, when the Civic Associations of Johannesburg (CAJ) said the crisis demanded accelerated action to dismantle apartheid local government

"We contend that the chamber needs to act decisively to catapult us into a qualitatively new situation instead of merely tinkering with changes that will be meaningless within the new conditions we are in," argued CAJ representative Cas Coovadia

Representatives could either be pushed forward by greatly accelerated reform at the national level, or they could retain their trailblazing record in local level reform "with added impetus and decisive action"

The action required, he said, was the rapid institution of metropolitan and local transitional executive councils. These non-elected structures would be local versions of the multiparty transitional executive councils proposed in the Codesa negotiations for the

first phase of interim government — sometimes termed the "pre-interim" phase.

Coovadia made it clear that, if the civics had their way, four coloured and Indian management committees would have no role in pre-interim structures. They should be sacked immediately (260)

While all existing local authorities were creations of apartheid and must in time be abolished, the white councils demanded different treatment from the coloured and Indian management committees because they played a different role

He said the management committees were not only illegitimate but also unrepresentative and blocked constitutional reform

CAJ proposed that in the case of the south-western management committee and the Lenasia management committee, Johannesburg should take over administration of the areas in the short term. In the case of Ennerdale and the Lenasia south-east management committee, it was proposed that Central Wits Regional Services Council step in to fill the vacuum

Later, local transitional councils could take over

The demand drew an outraged response from Mark Ramjee of the south-western management committee, who said he represented 250 000 people and the community's will should prevail

Doug Vermeulen, chief executive of Lenasia south-east management committee, gave notice that it would strongly oppose local and metropolitan transitional councils in the pre-interim phase. "The civics' claim they have presented a cogent argument for the removal of current office-bearers is evidence of a transparent attempt to get rid of opposition," he stated in a written response

But Johannesburg's Sias Reynecke upheld CAJ's argument that the recent political crisis imposed a new urgency. "We have to address the needs of transition, maintain the initiative and thwart any attempts at unilateral restructuring," he said

Extra time should be set aside by all parties, he said, "to thrash out on an urgent basis" the details of structures for the pre-interim phase of non-racial local government

Mistaken identity: boy of 5 shot at

A young Vereeniging mother apparently mistook her five-year-old son for an intruder before shooting and wounding him in the stomach at the family's Three Rivers home last night

The child is being treated in the intensive care unit at the Medi City Hospital in Vereeniging. According to Vaal Triangle police liaison officer Major Piet van Deventer detectives are investigating charges of attempted murder and the negligent handling of a firearm against the mother, whom he declined to name

Van Deventer said the incident occurred while the 23-year-old woman and her two children were alone at home. They were already in bed. At one stage the woman heard noises near her bed, and, apparently suspecting that an intruder was in her bedroom, fired a shot

Moments later she discovered that her son had been wounded and he was rushed to hospital

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Grants coming

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A R3 million grant for housing and a further R7 million for inner-city development is to be granted to the Johannesburg City Council, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council announced yesterday.

The Golden Housing Development Project is east of Eldorado Park on the West Rand, the RSC said in a statement.

The R7 million was for refurbishing buildings and providing financial assistance to groups of tenants, as Johannesburg's inner city was of economic importance and a decline in the central business district would undermine the city council's and CWRSC's tax base.

The decision to make the grants available came at a council meeting on Tuesday.

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Curbing corruption in the councils

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MANY thousands of tenants of council houses in townships country-wide have been given new security of tenure, following a test case in the Rand Supreme Court

The judgment specifies the circumstances under which the lease of a council house can be cancelled, and will help curb the power of corrupt officials.

The case involved Enoch Toho, who was allocated a house in Diepmeadow, Soweto, during 1978. In April 1989, the Diepmeadow Council cancelled his lease without warning. It allocated the house to his ex-wife who had left the family home some years earlier, and then sold it to her. Suddenly, after living in the same house for 11 years, Toho and his family were without a home.

Enoch Toho's situation was far from unique. About half of the houses in Soweto — more than 60 000 — are owned by the local city council. Nationally, the figure is more than 300 000. In many cases, the people concerned have lived in the house for decades and regard the house as the family home.

The regulations governing the townships were designed to give effect to

A court decision ensures that councils can no longer merely evict tenants — many of whom regard the building as the family home — and allocate the house to another person.

By **GEOFF BUDLENDER**

apartheid policies. However, they had an important benefit for residents because they gave some security of tenure to tenants of council houses.

In 1989 the regulations were repealed by a reform measure, the Conversion of Certain Rights to Leasehold Act. Many councils saw this as giving them the right to cancel tenancies, and allocate the houses to other people. They started doing just that, and soon allegations of corruption were widespread.

The case of Toho was the first in which the supreme court has ruled on whether the councils are entitled to cancel these tenancies.

Judge Michael Stegmann ruled that

the only grounds on which the council could cancel the tenancy is the tenant's failure to pay the rent. As the council had relied on other grounds in cancelling Toho's tenancy, the court ruled the council's actions were invalid.

The consequences of the case are important to the Toho family and many others whose leases are cancelled by a council. But the case has another even more important long-term result.

In response to the widespread demand of civic associations for the transfer of rented houses to the tenants, the government has announced a "sales discount" scheme. In effect, the scheme will allow most tenants to obtain ownership of their homes for free.

The result is the motive for corruption has grown. The allocation of a tenancy by the council amounts in practice to the transfer of a valuable asset, because in time the tenancy will be transformed into ownership of the house. If councils are able to cancel tenancies at will, one can expect this to take place on a large scale.

The judgment in the Toho case makes it clear that councils cannot act in this way. In limiting the grounds on which leases can be cancelled, the judgment will mean security of tenure to the vast number of tenants of black councils.

At the same time, work is proceeding on the "transfer of houses". This has been a central demand of the Soweto Civic Association. A sub-committee of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber has worked out proposals dealing with fair legal mechanisms for transfer of ownership of council houses.

The Toho judgment will help ensure that when township houses are transferred to the tenants, it is to the people entitled to them, rather than to those who are in favour with the councils.

Attorney Raymond Tucker and Legal Resources Centre staff appeared for Toho.

●Geoff Budlender is the national deputy director of the LRC.

A woman's place is in the home

Review (Law Suppl) to W/mail
THE case of Enoch Toho has had an unexpected but important side-effect that will bring great benefits for women.

Under the old township regulations it was almost impossible for women to have a house allocated to them. Virtually all township houses were allocated to men. Their wives were recorded on the housing permits as their dependents.

The result was that women had no control at all over the family home. In the Toho case, Judge Michael Stegmann ruled that the tenancy of a council house is an asset in the joint estate of a couple married in community of property. This means that on divorce, the wife is entitled to a share of this asset. The husband cannot simply dispose of the house. As most black marriages have been in community of property, the judgment will affect most rented township housing. Similar regulations apply to housing in the rural townships, and also to the allocation of land in rural areas. The Toho judgment seems to apply to these situations as well. The Toho case is therefore an unexpected but important victory for women's rights to housing.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Daggers are drawn as northern suburbs squabble over 'hushed-up' proposal to unite

Crossing the Great Divide

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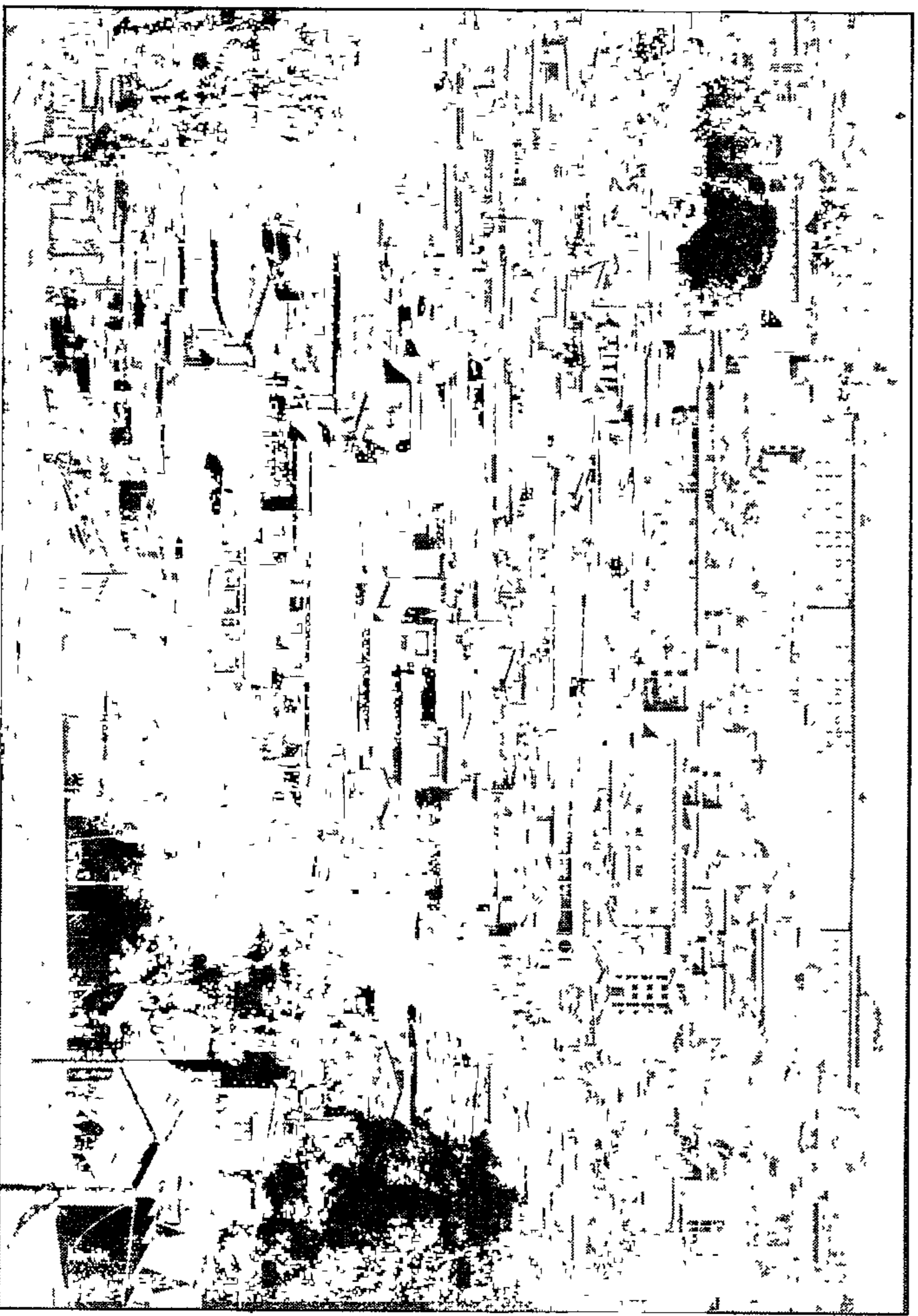
RANDBURG finds itself in a tight corner and comes in for a lot of flak over its plan to merge with Sandton and Alexandra.
LOUISE MARSLAND reports.

FUR is flying in the trunk and manure belt over proposals for new constitutional arrangements that involve the amalgamation of Sandton, Randburg and impoverished Alexandra.

At the heart of the controversy is Randburg's "vision" to merge with Sandton and Alexandra, which was announced in December in a closed-circuit live TV broadcast, via M-Net studios, to various Randburg venues.

Randburg claimed it had the full backing of the Sandton Town Council and Alexandra residents. Randburg management committee chairman Gary Cooney, described as the driving force behind the merger decision, is now being accused by his own ratepayers and Sandton councillors, residents and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) of taking a political decision without consultation.

The ANC PWV local and regional government department has warned that such decisions are not unilateral re-



ALEXANDRA AMALGAMATION: A plan to merge the councils of Randburg and Sandton with Alexandra township is running into opposition from all sides. The major criticism is unilateral decision-making without public participation.

own as it had no tax base. Sandton is, however, far from the stage of joining in the scramble for the prime northern suburbs. The recent change of management committee put the brakes on any deals that were made under the table with Randburg, and now Cooney accuses Sandton of "not coming to the party at all".

SANDTON'S new chairman, Stewart, says his town council has not rejected the merger option — it has simply never had the opportunity to consider it. "I think Randburg jumped the gun when they said Sandton was willingly part of their vision. It has created an unnecessary division between the two councils."

Stewart says a crucial issue, not addressed by Randburg, is the financial implications of such a merger. The Randburg Chamber of Business, which has criticised its town council for not making a full financial impact study on the proposed merger, produced a rough report which showed that Sandton would have to bear the brunt of the cost of any amalgamation.

David Ras, who conducted the study, says the business chamber remains unconvinced that such a merger is necessary, and urges that the financial implications be clarified before any commitment.

'Such decisions might be rescinded'

IN THE 1990s, the rates of Sandton's rates would rise by 51 percent and Johannesburg's rates would decrease by 3 percent in the event of a merger. If Randburg merges with Alexandra alone, business rates would increase in the town by 37 percent.

The creation of a powerful city to rival Johannesburg could have serious financial implications for Johannesburg — which will have to shoulder the burden of Soweto, and cannot do so alone without support from the metropolitan region.

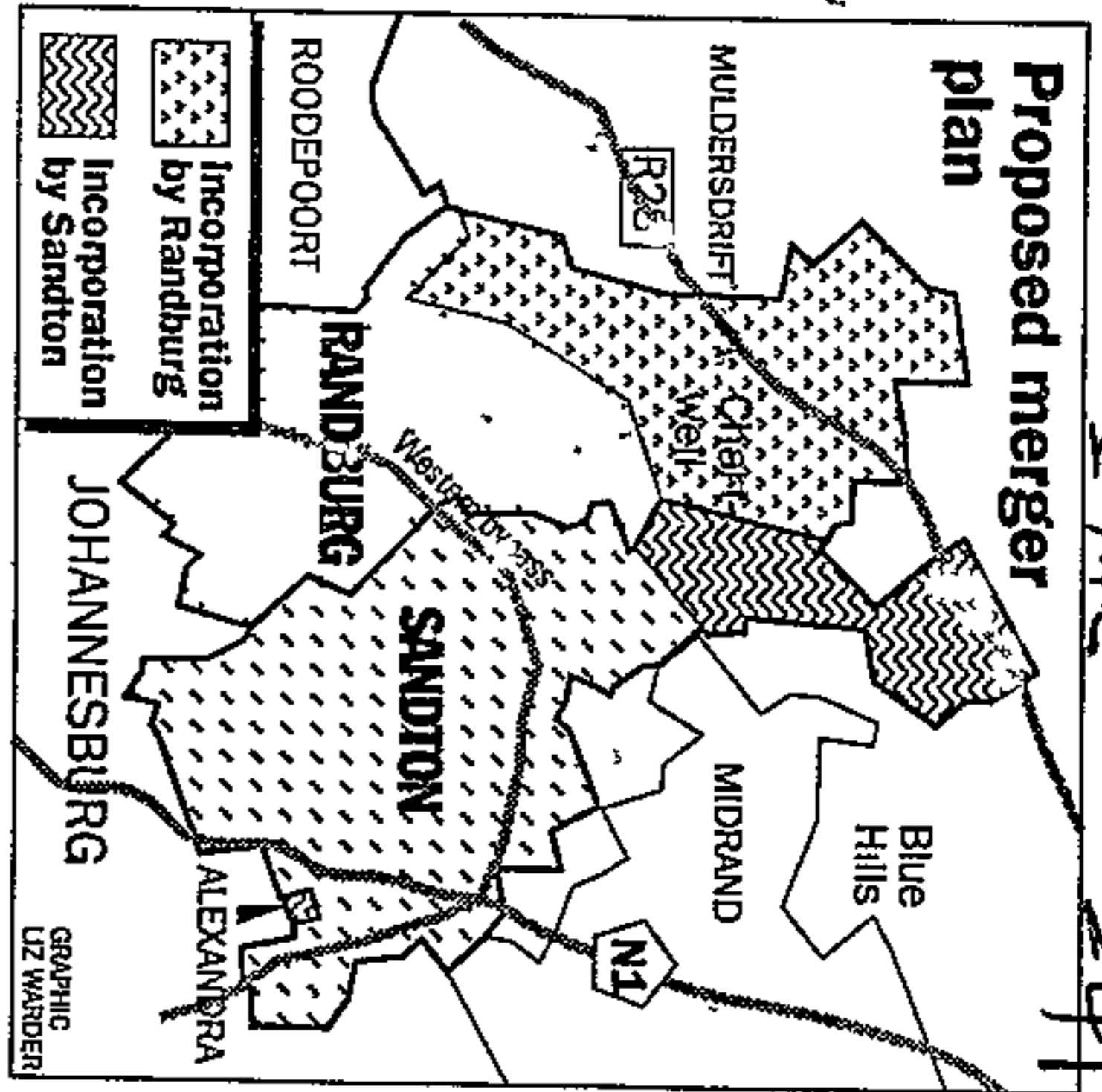
The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was established three years ago to investigate new, non-racial, democratic local government models for the central Witwatersrand and come up with interim structures during the transitional phase. Both the Randburg and Sandton town councils were founder members of the chamber.

Interim measures proposed by the chamber include the formation of an interim metropolitan authority to replace the existing Metropolitan Chamber and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, with elected representatives and delegates from the existing city and town councils in the region — including Randburg, Sandton, Roodepoort, Johannesburg, Soweto, Alexandra, Emmerdale, Lenasia South, Kiptown, Eldorado Park and Riverlea.

Randburg's insistence on its own agenda, while still participating in chamber decisions made by consensus, could seriously derail local government negotiations.

Civic Association of Johannesburg general-secretary Cas Coovadia says Randburg's plans amount to UDI. "We would have no problem if they brought those plans to the negotiation table. All the actors are part of the chamber, and the political parties will be joining us soon too."

An unprecedented backlash against the merger decision, which was taken unanimously by the full Randburg council in November, has come from bewildered Randburg and Sandton residents, who have been left in the dark by their town councils as to what future constitutional op-



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The ANC's position on such mergers and municipal boundary extensions was clear such decisions amounted to unilateral restructuring and might be rescinded by a new government, ANC PWV local and regional government deputy head Mahole Moshkega said this week.

"Changes to apartheid local government systems have to be nationally driven. Our position is that we have a local government system based on the Group Areas Act and Population Registration Act. The abolition of those acts has not changed the situation.

"If we leave it to the individual apartheid local authorities to do it, the majority will never change."

Moshkega said the ANC did not believe in coercion, and wanted all people to take part in decisions that affected their lives.

Local negotiating forums were the right vehicle for negotiation on new local government models. However, these forums had to make representation to the national local government negotiating forum, which in turn would present a package to a national multi-party forum for final approval.

Regarding the unilateral extension of municipal boundaries such as those of Randburg and Sandton he warned "We reserve the right to change those boundaries should they not fall in line with what is agreed to in negotiations."

Local government had virtually collapsed, he said.

It was hoped that when a transitional executive council was established, a sub-council for regional and local government would be created to supervise local transitional arrangements.

Independent Sandton councillor Liz Clogg, who is part of the section 59 committee, says it is "obvious" that Sandton is being manoeuvred by Randburg and the Transvaal Provincial Administration into forming a new sub-region. She says the rumours of Randburg's intentions regarding Sandton have been around for at least two years.

"This merger is being foisted on Sandton, and Randburg is not prepared to consider any of the alternatives. The establishment of a metropolitan region does not mean a bigger, more powerful Johannesburg."

Clogg firmly believes that the Randburg Town Council has been pulling the wool over ratepayers' eyes and ignored the recommendations of the Stan Evans report — the only investigation commissioned by both town councils to investigate the implications of changing constitutional models for the region. Evans recommended that the public be involved from the start because the issue was so sensitive, and recommended that financial and other impact studies be done with thorough consultation.

Stenner accuses the Randburg council of "cosmetic democracy". "It is making out that it is helping and assisting the people of Alexandra, as if the rest of us are not interested. Why rush through an amalgamation when, at the end of the day, an interim or new government could decide on a different system, and have the boundaries redrawn — once again?"

ations are available.

The Randburg council consulted local business leaders and informed the chairmen of ratepayers' associations of its decision before it was made public. Meetings to inform residents were, however, held only after the decision to merge with Sandton and Alexandra was taken — "as the only option" open to Randburg. In fact, last year, then Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs told the Metropolitan Chamber that it did not believe in public participation on issues such as this.

In Sandton, two section 59 committees established to look into constitutional arrangements disbanded without any decisions being taken or public participation initiated. After a year of infighting, the management committee led by Willem Hefer was dislodged and the new chairman, Bruce Stewart, established another committee to look into future constitutional arrangements.

This time, the local ratepayers' associations and business community have been involved and there is more optimism that a conclusion will be reached.

Despite the furor his council has created, Cooney is steadfast in his belief that a merger with Sandton and Alexandra is the only way to preserve the unique character of the northern suburbs.

"Our vision is that Randburg, Sandton and Alex should amalgamate by July 1994 because we believe it is in the interests of the northern areas that we have a strong sub-region. We are not ducking our metropolitan responsibilities."

Johannesburg and Soweto are very strong and we believe that their interests will be taken first, over that of the northern region, if we don't stand up now."

Critics, including the Johannesburg City Council, have accused Randburg of "plum picking" by taking Alexandra on and leaving Soweto to Johannesburg.

Not at all, says Cooney. "Nothing makes Alex attractive, it's a mess and we can't have a festering sore on our boundaries. It just makes the best sense, out of all the options facing us."

He dismisses talk of Randburg pulling out of the Metropolitan Chamber, but admits that it is possible that the establishment of a northern metropolitan chamber could be pursued. "Our conflict with the chamber is not major, but we will oppose any measures that we believe are not in the interests of the northern areas."

Cooney warns that "behind the scenes" he has heard, from both Government and ANC sources, that legislation will be introduced to force towns such as Sandton and Randburg to merge with satellite townships such as Alexandra. "We're not saying it is going to happen tomorrow, but let's start working towards it."

ACO general-secretary Richard Mdakane said the decision by Randburg was unilateral restructuring. He said, however, that the expectations of Alex residents were that a single tax base would be created in the sub-region with Randburg and Sandton, including Alexandra.

"A merger would spread resources and uplift standards. But it should be negotiated, we have not been involved in talks and the question of boundaries is very, very sensitive."

Mdakane emphasised that Alex could not continue to exist on its

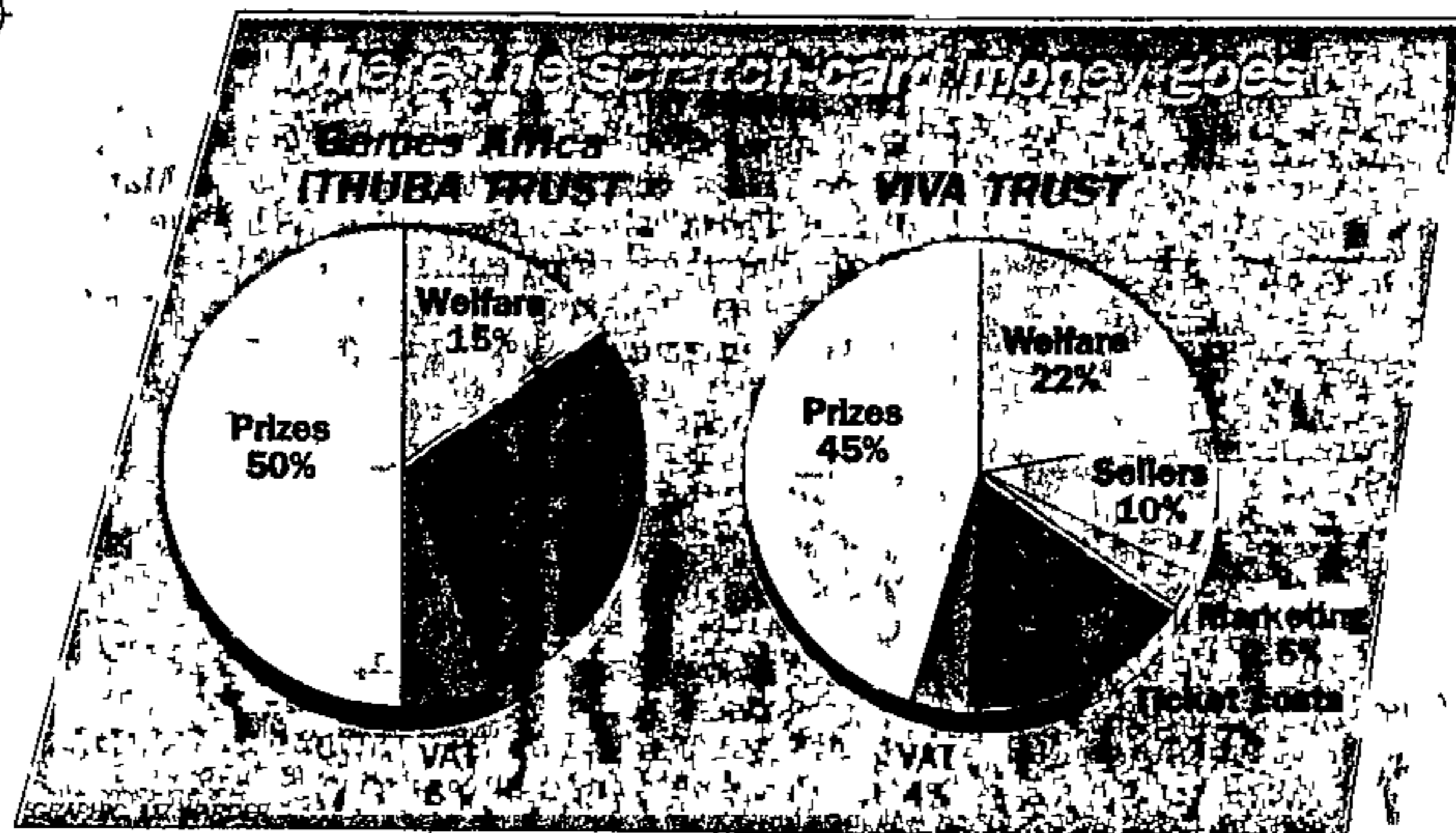
Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations (SANFED) chairman Gail Daus says that, for the first time, Sandton residents and ratepayers are being included in any decision-making process in the town.

SANFED is planning an education programme for all ratepayers' associations chairmen and a series of ward meetings to inform the Sandton public. Daus says "The effect of the December merger issue made people feel it was a fair opportunity to say 'no' if we don't want to."

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PO on winning ticket with Ithuba

By Shirley Woodgate

Post Office coffers have been boosted by more than R1,4 million a month from postage on Ithuba Trust ticket stubs — and the amount is set to increase with the recent price rise from 35c to 45c for standard local letters

Games Africa financial director and deputy managing director Richard Biesheuvel said stubs had to be submitted if people wanted to qualify for the million-rand draw every two months or the weekly Win and Spin television game

The additional postage adds 45c to the cost of a R2 Ithuba ticket available from Pick 'n Pay stores, post offices, Western Province Cellars outlets, cafes and pharma-

cies.

Between 1 million and 2 million stubs have been returned every week since the launch of Ithuba in August and the organisation has recently launched "drop-off" depots in Sandton, East London, Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth where people can hand in their stubs.

Viva Trust general manager Vincent Baasch said Viva tickets were sold from kiosks manned by 700 previously unemployed people who were paid 10 percent of sales

The aim of his organisation, which was based on the Spanish ONCE (Organizacione Nacional d Ciegos) lottery, was to provide work for the blind and disabled as sellers, and to raise money for welfare

According to the

Howard Commission, the combined annual turnover of the five major lotteries (Operation Hunger, Community Chest, Viva, Ithuba and Natal Lotto) was about R265 million, from the sale of about 127,5 million tickets.

The report suggested that between 22 and 27 percent of turnover should be paid to social causes, but Games Africa, which conducted the Ithuba Game for Ithuba Trust, was making "excessive profits" at the expense of social welfare.

Biesheuvel stressed that scratch-card games usually paid nothing to welfare when they started up, yet Games Africa had paid 15 percent from day one and this was set to escalate to 30 percent

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R235 million budget for East Rand

THE East Rand Regional Services Council has approved a budget of R235 million to be spent on upgrading "the quality of life for all in the region"

The biggest chunk of the money, R82 million, will be spent on construction projects and more than R40 million will be spent on treatment and disposal of waste water.

Presentation

Community projects have been allocated R19,9 million and development aid R41,5 million

In his presentation of the 1993-94 budget to

■ Bulk to be spent on construction:

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the recent full sitting of the East Rand Regional Services Council in Germiston, the chairman, Mr Leon Ferreira, announced that the council will not increase its levies in the coming year

●Meanwhile, Eskom will be repairing the electricity network in Diepkloof and Meadowlands in Soweto today. If you experience any power cuts, call Eskom's toll-free number 0800-11433

Business Day SURVEY

Pretoria is working hard to shed its image as a civil service city. A marketing directorate has been created to sell the city nationally and internationally as a safe metropolis with ample opportunities for development. **STEPHANE BOTHMA** reports.

Jacaranda City hopes to keep capital status

WHETHER you love the place or hate it, Pretoria should retain its status as the country's capital in a future SA.

Not only will basic practicalities such as established government departments and allied interests make decentralisation an unviable proposition for a future government, but city fathers are actively promoting the continuation of Pretoria as the administrative capital.

City officials, in close co-operation with the private sector, are painstakingly planning the future of the city — taking all aspects into consideration to meet the changes in store for Pretoria.

"It will not take a great effort to retain our city's importance as SA's capital," Pretoria marketing director Peet du Preez believes.

Reduction

However, the current emphasis on shifting certain state functions to regional authorities could result in a reduction of the city's civil service functions.

Referring to the large number of foreign embassies, including the new R50m American embassy and the planned Australian embassy, the large number of government departments and auxiliary services, Du Preez says Pretoria is too established as the centre of administration to change.

Those promoting Pretoria realise the Jacaranda City is perceived by some to be a conservative city with a small-town civil service mentality and lacking soul. But this is not the truth, they say.

Du Preez believes no need exists to change the "green, safe and clean" character of Pretoria, but only to change people's perception of the city.

Several experts are being consulted on ways to change Pretoria's conservative image, and a comprehensive marketing drive to bring this about will be launched soon, is all Du Preez is prepared to disclose at present.

CBD development will enhance city's appeal to investors

THE marked improvement in the degree of co-operation between the public and private sectors in the development of Pretoria's CBD will enhance the city's appeal to potential investors and the general public, property development experts believe.

On the other hand, the city has enjoyed one of the most stable residential markets in the country and no major changes in this sector are envisaged.

A balance exists between the plans for the development of the CBD and addressing the obvious demands of the retail public in Pretoria's expanding suburbs, says the E.G. Chapman Group, which has been actively involved in the Pretoria property market for the past 25 years.

With the high growth Pretoria has enjoyed over the past years, there has been an increase in the number of decentralised retail and office complexes in prime localities such as the eastern suburbs of Menlyn and Brooklyn.

However, to meet the demand for smaller commuter-orientated convenience centres close to the CBD and at key points on the periphery of the city, the Chapman Group is engaged in a development programme for such centres — the first being the Pretoria Gateway project, which was recently completed.

The growing black consumer market has also not been ignored, and in acknowledging the increasing needs and sophistication of this market, the Chapman Group has identified key locations, both in the CBD and in decentralised mainly black consumer areas. This includes the Centre Forum in Van der Walt Street and an imminent development at Kudube, where the Kopanong shopping centre will serve more than 60 000 day commuters and 40 000 residents in the Kudube, Hammankraal and Babelegi areas.

Specialising in property development, management, conversions, syndications and real estate sales, the Chapman Group says Pretoria will retain its status as the country's capital.

"We do not see a dramatic decentralisation of government requirements away from Pretoria.

"In addition, the availability of premises would make decentralisation an unviable proposition in terms of accommodation costs for any new government to consider as a major step," E.G. Chapman Property Development Holdings MD Arthur Barclay says.

"The group's continuing strategy is based on the assumption that from the growth of the country, its economy and its population, there will be an ongoing increase in the requirements for government offices and allied interests.

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Jo'burg plans boost for inner city

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THE Johannesburg City Council would spend an initial R45m on 10 major projects to boost the local economy and promote inner city growth, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

The projects included increasing housing in the inner city, setting up informal trading sites, a light rail system for the CBD, and a trade and tourist centre.

Soweto's social infrastructure would be upgraded in co-operation with the Greater Soweto Forum.

Funds would be allocated to the Newtown cultural precinct and to upgrade Ellis Park. A commercial theme park and an athletics stadium were also planned.

Davidson said that it was no longer possible to plan capital expenditure

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along traditional lines. Growing urbanisation and the reintegration of black local authorities would put pressure on the city's resources, so an entirely new capital expenditure philosophy had to be introduced.

The emphasis was on growth. The projects would contribute towards the city's economy, and ultimately the national economy. They would create jobs, improve the quality of life in the city and stimulate tourism.

Funds would come from council's capital expenditure budget, not from additional rates increases or cut-backs in other areas. The money would be available through a shift in strategy, rather than seeking additional finance, Davidson said.

Unlikely guide to city's future

Profile

Vic Milne, veteran of apartheid urban administration, works with commitment few could rival to help Johannesburg rise above its past, writes JO-ANNE COLLINGE.

THE MILLS of local government reform grind exceedingly slowly. And, one feels, they'd grind a lot more roughly in the Johannesburg metropolitan complex without the quiet oiling they get from Vic Milne.

As chief executive officer of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Milne spends long hours facilitating the dealings of local political leaders — from both establishment and liberation camps — as they grope their way towards nonracial city government.

He seems an unlikely guide through the minefield of dismantling apartheid. After all, for more than three decades, Milne applied himself with vigour to almost every permutation of apartheid urban administration — from Johannesburg's Non-European Affairs Department to the Bantu Administration boards and black development boards.

"I've always been one of those little idiots who feel that they want to serve the people," is the explanation he offers for his career. It may be deprecating, but it isn't apologetic.

When he first engaged with the civic negotiating team headed by Cyril Ramaphosa in mid-1990, Milne was not only the Transvaal Provincial Administration's chief negotiator on Soweto, but also headed the Soweto Joint Co-ordinating Centre, part of the National Co-ordinating Mechanism and a direct descendant of the counter-revolutionary joint management centres so hated by township activists.

Today, as he faces the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) delegation across the floor of the Johannesburg Council Chamber each month, there is not the slightest hint of rancour.

Quite the contrary. Civic members recognise in Milne integrity and impartiality, a sensitivity to political nuance and



Dedicated . . . Vic Milne is now a key player in dismantling apartheid.
Picture: Jacobus Rykliff

a sure touch in directing committee meetings.

This appreciation from the least likely quarter leaves one asking whether Milne was a closet democrat in the apartheid era, or if he recently experienced some sort of Damascus-road conversion.

The yardstick he employs is responsiveness and effectiveness in meeting community needs. "I felt about the (administration and development) boards the same as I do now — the work has to be done, you have to try to provide services. And it is better to have this done by people with their hearts in the right place."

He applies the same kind of reasoning to his involvement in the Soweto Joint Co-ordinating Centre (JCC). It promised to make resources available on an unprecedented scale to address the underdevelopment of Soweto, Milne says.

He quit the JCC not because of its tainted history with a "hearts and minds" strategy to undermine popular resistance, but because he had become convinced that Soweto's problems could never be solved in isolation from Johannesburg.

The only other mention of quitting dates back to 1973,

when Milne decided to get out of Soweto, turning his back on the tasks demanded of township superintendents and managers. "If you are a good superintendent you have to do some horrible things," he said, recalling the rent evictions and the enforcing of the pass laws.

He came into the Johannesburg offices of the administration board and began to learn the broader picture of township administration. When Soweto was burning in 1976 he was far from the scene, but later went to view the charred remains of what had once been his Mofolo office.

Without any hint at his political affiliation, Milne makes it quite clear that he did not get on with many of the apartheid bureaucrats with whom he worked.

Nobody would doubt Milne's commitment to the cause of public service, to improving in a real way the lot of ordinary people. Few of those he works with would know that Vic Milne, at the age of 16, chose to work in poor communities as a kind of secular option to the missionary calling of his father. Or that he was so fired up to get going that he started on December 28. But they probably sense it. □

Katlehong employees in arrears

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Katlehong Town Council has asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration for R2,9 million to enable it to pay various funds the money it has been deducting for months from the pay packets of more than 600 workers

It is not clear whether this will prevent the disbandment of the Katlehong City Council provident fund, which has more than 400 members

Fund manager Old Mutual has set tomorrow as the deadline for receiving the eight months' arrears contributions. Failure by the council to meet the deadline would result in closure of the fund, the company warned in a letter.

A TPA liaison officer yesterday gave details of the amount of money for which the Katlehong council had applied. She added that, since the application had only been forwarded to TPA head office this week, no decision had yet been made on whether to grant assistance.

Earlier, Katlehong town secretary Hennie Grobbelaar said the council simply didn't have the money to pay contributions to the various benefit funds

Although the provident fund presents an immediate crisis, pension contributions have also not been paid. In fact, it appears that only medical aid premiums were submitted on behalf of workers.

The Star attempted to ascertain from the Department of Inland Revenue when income tax deductions had last been paid to the Receiver of Revenue. Gerhard Keyter, deputy director of tax structure development, said such information was strictly confidential and no information could be disclosed.

Vision of Pretoria has lake at centre

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Proposals for the development of a R400m City Lake shopping and residential complex in the heart of the city were disclosed by the city council yesterday.

Prepared by seven companies, including M & R Properties, LTA, Ampros, Jooswald Construction and OZZ Ltd, the proposals would be considered by an evaluation committee before a decision was taken by the council, city planning director Fritz Kraehmer said.

Construction was expected to begin at the end of next year.

The project, which included a 6ha lake, blocks of flats, restaurants and shopping and recreational facilities, would be financed by the private sector, Kraehmer said.

"We know we live in difficult times but we are quietly optimistic and are satisfied with the response from potential investors."

A school and the Caledonian sports stadium would probably have to be demolished to make way for the 1,5m deep lake at the centre of the development, just outside the city's CBD at the confluence of the Apies River and Walkerspruit.

"The project was expected to attract international investment, Kraehmer said.

"We have a vision for Pretoria and the indications suggest that investors share our confidence in the city's future."

Council clarifies revamp

Municipal Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council has spelled out how it plans to set Johannesburg on course to world class status, without imposing additional burdens on ratepayers in the coming year.

The preliminary amount of R45 million set aside in the 1993/4 financial year for 10 major projects — ranging from an inner-city light rail system to the upgrading of sport facilities in Soweto — will be put together by

- Refocusing priorities in the capital project plans
- Applying "voluntary savings" in capital expenditure made by various council departments.

According to a management committee recommendation tabled before the council this week, the focus will be on bet-

ter co-ordination across the various directorates, rather than simply expanding projects.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson disputed yesterday that he had given a total cost estimate for the 10 development projects over a 10-year period.

When asked this question at a press briefing, Davidson mentioned a figure of between R3 billion and R3,5 billion.

In a statement released yesterday, Davidson said this figure had been "incorrectly mooted" as the 10-year cost of the selected projects.

He suggested he had not mentioned the R3,5 billion in the press briefing and ventured "It would appear that the figure was arrived at by multiplying R350 million (the rough average for the annual capital budget) by 10"

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PIETERSBURG AIRPORT

The great north's big hope

The former SA Air Force base at Pietersburg is up for grabs. The vast property has been handed over to the Public Works Department which is investigating other uses for it. One of the most convincing arguments for converting it into an international airport is that much of the region's fresh produce — subtropical fruit, vegetables from Tzaneen, and tea — is flown to Europe and the Arab Gulf states.

These goods are now transported 300 km by road to Jan Smuts airport (*Business & Technology* March 5). Opening Pietersburg for international flights would also encourage the exports and imports of other countries such as Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Kenya and Angola.

The base reverted to the department in March as part of the SA Air Force's rationalisation programme. The property has been offered to private developers for sale or lease for aviation purposes. Should there be no firm proposals the department will have to re-evaluate the use of the land, rezone and dispose of it.

A campaign, under the name of Gateway International, has been launched by Pietersburg town clerk Attie Vermaak to attract local and international airport developers. Two British companies, one is London-based air-traffic controller GEC Marconi, have contacted Vermaak. So has the projects arm of a well-known, Rivonia construction group which is proposing an industrial development in the airport's vicinity. Vermaak says he wants to lease or sell the property this year.

The airport is 5 km north of Pietersburg and easily accessible from the N1. It is served by road and rail, has a residential area, which is being retained, and the usual aviation infrastructure. This consists of two runways with taxiways and aprons which can accommodate large aircraft such as Boeing 737s and Airbus 300s, hangars, an operations complex, which includes a control tower, fire, rescue and weather stations, a fuel depot, security wall with access control and various administrative, technical and other buildings.

Vermaak says the council owns a large amount of serviced industrial land adjacent to the airport which is on offer at an average price of R10/m². This price compares with the average values of Pietersburg industrial land of R32/m² for 1 000 m², R31/m² for 2 000 m², and R26/m² for a 5 000 m² stand.

According to *Rode's Report* on the *South African Property Market* average prime industrial rentals are R6,55/m² for 250 m² units, R5,23/m² for 500 m², R4,26/m² for 1 000 m², R3,61/m² for 2 500 m² and R3,50/m² for 5 000 m². Rents for secondary

industrial space for these size units are R4,70/m², R4,18/m², R3,69/m², R2,85/m² and R2/m² respectively.

Moolman Group MD Jamie Moolman, the largest property owner in the Pietersburg region outside of the institutions, has about R3m-R4m worth of industrial buildings near the airport. The group also has industrial land in other parts of Pietersburg which at present has greater income-producing potential because it is closer to the CBD and forms part of the traditional trading area. Moolman says that the flow from the airport's being converted to commercial use would be immense — particularly if the area becomes an export processing zone.

"Pietersburg is not a large manufacturing area, though SA Breweries and SA Bottling are here. We are more orientated towards distribution, hence our name, the Warehouse of the North. Most of our industrial buildings are warehouses, either for wholesalers or service industries. More warehouse development could become an attractive proposition should the airport eventuate and the area become viable, via government subsidisation, for export processing businesses," Moolman says.

He adds that there is a slight oversupply of industrial and commercial space. Over the past year land prices have remained static and rentals for industrial space and offices have declined. The retail market has been stronger. In prime retail locations there is not

a lot of vacant space as trading is steady. Retail rents have kept pace with inflation and range from R15/m² to R25/m² for line shops in centres and up to R40/m² for strip shops.

An indication of the retail strength of Pietersburg is the fact that 50 000-70 000 people from Venda, Lebowa, Gazankulu and Zimbabwe travel daily to the town to shop. Pietersburg has a population of 47 500.

The Rivonia-based group says it is not waiting for the new airport to take off. "It is still very much a buyer's market. Pietersburg's cheap industrial land favours new development whereas in Johannesburg prohibitive land prices could kill new ventures."

It believes Pietersburg could be the gateway to Botswana and Zimbabwe in much the same way as Nelspruit is a springboard to Mozambique. ■

DURBAN OFFICES

Mutually bullish

FM 30/4/93

Durban's oversupplied A-grade office market — with 28,8% vacancies recorded by Sapoa in February — might have its problems compounded by the addition of a large complex in the heart of the city.

That will apply if office take-up, which has been good in the CBD in the past year, does not continue to swallow up the surplus. *The Property Economist* has noted that once

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PRETORIA OFFICES STILL GOING EAST

FM 30/4/93

A surprise take-up of office space in the eastern suburbs of Pretoria — the largest recorded countrywide in the year ending November — is attributed by Sanlam Properties GM Fanie Lategan to a flight by tenants from the CBD to more attractive localities.

The eastern suburbs-Pretoria CBD interplay is akin to that of Sandton and Johannesburg CBD. The decentralisation trend is merely taking place later, says Real Estate Surveys MD Erwin Rode.

The net take-up of 50 700 m², recorded by Rode in this area, passed even the total take-up in the Johannesburg metropolitan area in the same 12 months — an area which includes the CBD, Braamfontein, Sandton CBD, Rosebank, Parktown and Randburg.

Sapoa's latest office vacancy survey in February confirms a dramatic fall in va-

cancies in Pretoria's eastern suburbs, from 14,6% in January 1992 to 7,7% in January this year. Two large deals were struck in this period. Eskom leased about a third of Old Mutual Properties 21 000 m² Menlyn Office Park and Sanlam Properties, which owns several office blocks in the area, let 8 000 m² to Sambou in Saamboupark.

Pretoria's Mid-City Commercial Property Brokers points out that the three-phase 6 000 m² Attebury Park, owned by private investor Anton Hartman, on the corner of Attebury and Menlyn roads, is fully let bar 250 m² — even before completion. Across the road both first and second phases of the roughly 2 600 m² Podium building, owned by Herman Kroon, are also fully let. M-Net took the second phase. A third phase is under construction.

Randburg Star 30/4/93 challenge

on Alex (2db)

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Randburg town councillor Gary Cooney challenged Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) participants yesterday to commit themselves to a non-racial local authority embracing Alexandra

He was sick and tired, he said, of Randburg being cast as the Lone Ranger on this issue.

Sandton delegate Bruce Stewart said "I would like to make it quite clear that Sandton Town Council is quite prepared to get involved in assisting Alexandra"

He challenged the perception that a Sandton-Alexandra-Marlboro-Randburg merger was inevitable

"That perception should be disabused until such time as we, as a council, have adopted a position," he said

The matter is one of several being examined by a Section 59 committee in Sandton.

Cooney said Randburg was committed to the final goal of an economically viable, non-racial authority. His council saw multiparty negotiating forums as the way to get there

Randburg would consider itself bound by decisions emerging from the NJNF, the larger Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber and the Local Government Negotiating Forum, he said

R1-m indoor sports complex 'inadequate'

By Cyril Madlala

STC 3/5/93

The construction of a R1 million indoor sports complex in Newclare has drawn sharp criticism from the Westbury residents action committee, which says the project should be stopped because it is "inadequate and unacceptable".

The committee will take the matter up with the Johannesburg City Council on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the action committee, Cassim Petker, said that on examining the plans, they found that no provision had been made for clinics, a library, a store-room, parking and an administration block.

According to Johannesburg's executive director of culture and recreation, Dr Dean Myburgh, his department

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was involved in grass-roots development projects. Out of a R2,7 million budget earmarked for these projects this year, R1 million was being spent on the complex.

This amount would not be enough to provide immediately all the other facilities requested by the action committee, and these could be provided for as funds became available.

"We cannot do it all in one year, and people need to recognise that we are not building this complex to the exclusion of other projects," he said.

Myburgh added that he hoped the on-site meeting on Wednesday would lead to mutual understanding "that we would like to but cannot provide overnight".

Krugel recommendations soon

266 ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Recommendations on whether town and city councillors should take part in property development in their own jurisdictional areas will be made to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough within the next few weeks, says Krugel commission chairman Willem Krugel.

If accepted by Hough, the recommendations could affect the roles and responsibilities of local authority councillors and officials across the province.

The commission held its last public session in Pretoria last week.

Originally mandated to probe alleged corruption in Pretoria's city council, the commission was asked in February to consider all Transvaal local authorities.

Since local councils were given the authority to approve establishment of town-

ships in 1986, councillors who were also professional planners, architects, engineers, estate agents or developers had faced "real problems", Krugel said.

Vast differences of opinion over the ethics of councillors and developers taking part in property and development deals had been expressed to the commission.

Fuller disclosure of councillors' financial interests, a code of ethics, increased penalties for self-enrichment, the use of ombudsmen and a bigger role for township boards had been suggested.

Commission advisers RAU law professor George Barrie and Unisa law professor Gretchen Carpenter had already begun working on recommendations, Krugel said.

Plan to give Jo'burg a cultural heart

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By Cyril Madlala

Johannesburg is the financial heart of the entire southern African region — but it needs a cultural heart, says Christopher Till, the city's director of culture.

That is the reasoning behind the development of the Newtown cultural precinct to generate the activity necessary to make Johannesburg a 24-hour city which provides a safe and secure environment "to experience the cultural resonance of an African continent with all diversity", says Till

The project is part of a major 10-year development programme to turn Johannesburg into a "world class" post-apartheid city.

The steering committee responsible for this project has a vision

"Cultural organisations and related industries interacting around buskers, festivals and economic activities where theatre, music, film, art markets, museums, galleries, restaurants, jazz clubs, night clubs, food outlets, artists and craftsmen present a vibrant nucleus."

Add a multi-purpose exhibition centre, concert facilities looking out to a park environment, an amphitheatre — and the picture is complete

The area has a long history of cultural activity, with two museums and the Market Theatre.

"It has been in many respects at the cutting edge of social change," says Till of the Market Theatre.

Last year the city council had workshops with cultural organisations, and from that a design plan as a basis to proceed with planning emerged

Till said his department was examining use in the short term, of existing buildings to enhance the cultural profile of the area and to develop the site to accommodate activities that



Till man behind the Newtown precinct idea

support the overall objective.

"Input, suggestions and applications for the use of the buildings are currently being invited, as are proposals for development of the total area

"This would underpin the city's cultural precinct as a premier site to attract the local and international visitor and begin the process of urban renewal for the central city," says Till.

The establishment of a growth area which will encourage investment, and guide potential cultural and entertainment industries will, says Till, bring about not only demographic change within the inner city, but also major economic and social benefits to Johannesburg

The city council has accepted this broad concept to develop Newtown as a cultural precinct

The next step, Till says, is to present to the management committee and the council a detailed plan to endorse at the end of May

If they approve, Till hopes by July some of the cultural organisations will be accommodated in some of the buildings, and landscaping will begin.

The council is offering land, buildings and R20 million over the first two years of development. Investors will play an important role for the project, says Till

The area to be developed is bounded to the west by Gogh Street, West Street to the east, President Street to the south and Premier Milling properties to the north.

Its name is Tshwane

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It's a picture all too familiar to millions of television viewers. Angry mobs tearing down statues, ripping familiar street names, and changing the names of airports, schools or hospitals as well as those of cities and towns called democracy. It has opened in countries with names which have receded into history — the once-mighty Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, China, Malaya, Belgian Congo.

And now it may well be in Africa's turn as the transition period gets under way, rapidly in a scant few weeks, the appointment of the national executive council. Places named after politicians are almost certainly to be red by a new government in years ahead.

And towns such as Verdrburg, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Germiston, Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg or Pietermaritzburg are, all on the line, it would appear.

And then there's Louis Botha Airport, H F Verwoerd Airport, P W Botha Airport, Ben Schoeman Airport and a host of other similarly named landing fields. Even internationally-recognised Jan Smuts Airport, named after one of the four men who wrote the preamble to the United Nations Charter and who helped steer the world back to peace after World War 2, could be affected.

Lucie Moller of the United Nations Centre on Geographical Names at Pretoria's Human Sciences Research Council says before change is undertaken, there should be careful consideration of each name.

In a country such as South Africa, with its many different national groups from Zulus to Afrikaners, the choosing of a particular name could be offensive to one or other group.

And to chop-and-change at the whim of a political party or group in power is not only costly but downright confusing for the man-in-the-street. If, he

What's in a name? That's the dilemma facing South Africans, comfortable with place names, some of which are hundreds of years old, as the age of the New South Africa lies just over the horizon, says NORMAN CHANDLER of The Star Pretoria Bureau.

knows what street he is in ... Land Acts, municipal documents, deeds and a huge number of company and house addresses will all need to be altered, at a massive cost to the taxpayer.

Legislation is at this moment being prepared, says Moller, for the removal of offensive names, especially those of post offices, farms and geographical features.

Koffertvler and Boesmansriviermond are just two of a thousand names which are safe bets for alteration. "There is also the fear that anything to do with the Voortrekkers could be altered as well — even the Voortrekker Monument could come in for radical alteration unless wiser counsel prevails.

The swing of the pendulum is getting wider, however, and Moller notes that requests for name changes now include those of areas named after past and present leaders and cabinet ministers of the National Party.

The mostly hotly-debated are those honouring former prime minister Dr H F Verwoerd. Not only does Verwoerd have hospitals and airports named after him, but also the town of Lyttelton was renamed Verwoerdburg and a shopping centre in the town called Verwoerdburgstad.

The latter has now been renamed, probably because the owners are thinking ahead, to Centurion Centre.

"The removal of names that are potentially offensive to any specific group may be long overdue, but careful considera-

tion of each name is necessary, and the feelings and attitudes of the specific groups should be probed very diplomatically," says Moller.

Already, alternative names for cities and towns exist in South Africa. Even Soweto — once-upon-a-time known as South Western Townships — and other black residential areas have their Tambovilles, Mandela Parks, Hani Parks, etc., in place of names given to the areas by municipal authorities.

Cape Town certainly did not start out in life as "Cape Town". Moller points out that the Table Bay area was first known to the original inhabitants, call them Strandlopers or the San, as "Huiigas". Along came the Portuguese with their "Cabo de bona Esperanza", the Dutch with "Kaap de Goede Hoop", the British with "Cape Town" and the later Afrikaans translation of "Kaapstad".

Up the coast is Port Elizabeth, now known to Xhosa-speakers as "Bhayi", and then

there is Durban with its well-known Nguni name of "eThekweni".

It's a good bet that, like Salisbury in the former Rhodesia, which was 11 years ago renamed Harare after the city's adjoining black township, Bloemfontein will probably be called "Manguang" after its township.

Johannesburg has tribal names — the well known Nguni name of "eGoli" and the Sotho and Tswana name of "Gauteng" or "Rauteng". It is thought that the name Soweto may continue to refer to the predominantly black area south-west of the city, particularly as it is internationally recognised.

Will Pretoria remain the capital at least under the name which remembers Andries Pretorius, the Voortrekker leader?

There are indications that Pretoria may escape the axe but if it doesn't, stand by for "Tshwane" or, like Saigon became Ho Chi Minh City, it could end up as Oliver Tambo City or Chris Hani City. □



Pietersburg

council to *Star 4/5/93* integrate

By Dirk Nel *(266)*
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The creation of a new joint local authority to include councillors representing the Indian and coloured communities of Pietersburg was announced by the management committee yesterday

In terms of a proclamation signed by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, the new Pietersburg council will comprise 11 wards, two more than the previous whites-only council.

The suburbs of Nirvana and Westenburg would become new wards, represented by the new councillors.

Pietersburg mayor Thomas Pretorius pointed out that all members of the now-defunct Westenburg and Nirvana consultative committees would become councillors, but only two, Rashid Khan and Peter Verveen, would have voting powers.

Management committee chairman Lodewyk Snyman said co-operative links would be maintained with neighbouring black towns.

Woman guilty on

Johannesburg gets green light for Civic Spine plans

STEPHANE BOTHMA

JOHANNESBURG has been given the green light to establish restaurants, fast-food outlets and specialist shops at Library Gardens, core of the Civic Spine development.

Tenders would be called within the next two weeks for a variety of facilities to serve the community and attract tourists, Johannesburg management committee vice-chairman Eddy Magid said yesterday.

Rezoning approval by the Township Board followed a second public participation exercise as well as extensive investigation and consultation with experts and observers after the development project was earlier halted by concerns about the possible effects of trading in the area.

Investigations confirmed that people using the area daily wanted the facilities. They also showed that the project would not prejudice the character of the area between City Hall and the Central Public Library, Magid said.

The Township Board had rezoned the required spaces above the Harry Hofmeyr underground parking garage as public open space and areas for shops, restaurants and open-air exhibitions.

Magid said he was pleased that the scheme could now go ahead.

He emphasised that the rezoning involved only limited retail activity, but enough to serve the planning and development committee's goal of enlivening the area and meeting the needs of workers and shoppers.

Spaces over the parking garage ramps would be used to create 200m² of ground level trading area and 550m² of upper floor restaurant and outdoor terrace space.

Plans were for facilities such as a juice bar, restaurant with pub facilities, a sandwich bar, ice cream parlour, coffee shop, bookshop, record bar, curio shop, commercial art gallery and a Johannesburg Publicity Association information centre, he said.

The Cenotaph area would retain its traditionally restrained character. Trade would be limited to flower selling and charity bookshops which had been there for many years, Magid said.

LINDA ENSOR

Minister defends govt liquor policy

CAPE TOWN — The liquor trade should accept government's commitment to a free market economy and not focus its attention on how to protect vested interests, Deputy Trade and Industry Minister David Graaff said yesterday.

Addressing Fedhasa's regional congress in Caledon, Graaff said that together with its commitment to

deregulation, government would continue to control the industry as liquor was regarded as a potentially harmful substance. The unchecked distribution of liquor might negatively affect public interest and therefore the criteria used for assessing licence applications would remain unchanged. Graaff did not wish to

speculate on whether a future government would offer assistance to the liquor industry. "There can be no doubt, however, that the liquor industry with its excellent potential to create export opportunities and generate increased employment and wealth, should be given every encouragement to develop and grow," he said.

Graaff said government's deregulation policy was intended to facilitate entry into and participation in the economy for all people and to minimise state control over economic and business activities.

"All of this should be achieved without jeopardising public health and the public interest."

Disposal of certain non-performing subsidiaries

IB JOFFE

(“IB Joffe” or “the company”) (Registration number 66/07844/06)

1. The disposals

Agreement has been reached in terms of which IB Joffe has disposed of its interests in

— Joffe Saddlery (Pty) Limited, which is the holding company of Telek Manufacturing Company (Pty) Limited (“Telek”) and LLB Manufacturing (Pty) Limited (“LLB”);

— Telek, which is involved in the manufacture and distribution of kitchen furniture; and

— LLB, which manufactures and sells leisure laze chairs

to Mr Goos Lustig, with effect from 31 January 1993, for R1,75 million in cash, together with the release from certain guarantees, suretieships and undertakings given by IB Joffe. These companies will be under joint management until the implementation of the agreement.

2. Rationale for the disposals

Telek has not performed up to expectations since its acquisition in 1988. This, together with the difficult economic conditions, has resulted in the decision to dispose of Telek and certain non-performing subsidiaries. IB Joffe will be left with its core business of manufacturing and selling leather, camping, backpacking and outdoor products

3. Conditions precedent

The agreement is subject to the following conditions precedent:

— the purchaser must release IB Joffe and the



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Varsity education pushed out of reach - Wits prof

Staff Reporter 

University education was being pushed beyond the limits of many middle-class families by a combination of increasing fees matched with decreasing incomes, University of the Witwatersrand vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said in his annual report.

Outlining financial problems facing tertiary education, he said Wits had been forced to push up tuition fees for the fourth consecutive year in 1992.

The increases were above the inflation rate.

While many prospective students were prevented by financial stringency from starting university studies, the R40 million allocated to help students was insuffi-

cient and many who embarked on degrees were unable to complete their higher education, he said.

State subsidies to universities had been reduced in real terms again this year. To meet increased maintenance and administration costs, Wits had to make cuts and seek additional income.

Charlton said the university had once again been compelled to cut back on the staffing budgets of academic and support service divisions.

Despite the reductions, it was regrettable that certain courses had had to be phased out, departments had been closed or amalgamated and academic staff retrenched, a move which had also become necessary to redress imbalances in staff-student ratios.

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New forum to protest at merger

By Anna Cox

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Organisations opposed to the expansion of municipalities north of Johannesburg and to a merger of Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra plan to form a common front, known as the Northern Consultative Forum (NCF). The front will be launched on May 22 and will comprise ratepayer and landowner groups north of Johannesburg.

It is being convened by the Randburg Action Committee (RAC), which

has been vociferous in its stand against the Randburg-Alexandra-Sandton merger. This matter and the Transvaal Provincial Administration's plan to incorporate land up to the R28 into four existing municipalities will be the NCF's main concerns.

According to RAC spokesman Harry For-

manek, residents and community-based groups from areas between Johannesburg and Pretoria and between Lanseria and Alexandra have been invited to join.

He added that 18 organisations invited by the RAC to join the NCF would "unite voluntarily to protect the interests of their communities".

FOR THE RECORD

We have received no reports of factual errors in The Star for today's column.

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Call for
single city
business
chamber

Staff Reporter

One city, one unified business chamber was the plea made by Mervyn King as he took over the presidency of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry this week.

King argued that the rationalisation of organised business would make it that much easier for visiting trade missions, potential investors and developers to find their way through the maze of local business structures.

It would also ensure that resources were not spread too thinly and empower business to deal more effectively with business, especially if regional government were to gain greater powers.

"The JCCI of tomorrow will be the body dealing with local government matters that concern the Johannesburg businessman of tomorrow," King told the annual general meeting.

"I will endeavour to create a long-term vision of one chamber movement in the best interests of business in Johannesburg, in the knowledge that we will be representing business in the greatest city in Africa and will be dealing with the greatest local government in Africa."

The city, he said, already reflected the best and worst of what was to come. "The best is its infrastructure and its First World elements. The worst is its poverty, its distortion as the result of the system of apartheid, and the crime that has resulted from mass urbanisation."

But its nonracial composition and its black entrepreneurs were a foretaste of the South Africa of tomorrow.

Nominations pour in for talks sub-groups

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — Nominations streamed in yesterday for membership of the seven crucial mini-forums which negotiators hope will be established when public talks resume tomorrow in Johannesburg. *B/D/AM*

More than 60 nominations have been received for the 31 places available on the seven "technical committees" which will formulate proposals on seven issues identified by the negotiating council last Friday. *6/5/93*

Negotiators feel that a key indicator of the success of the talks will be whether or not these technical committees are formed. The seven issues they will discuss are violence, constitutional issues, a transitional bill of rights, the independent election commission, the independent media commission, the repeal of restrictive legislation and the Transitional Executive Council.

Since the technical committees only include on average four members each, negotiators will be hard-pressed to balance their composition politically.

The election date is the first substantive issue on the agenda, following a proposal by SACP chairman Joe Slovo that an election date should be set by the end of May. The second item on the draft agenda is "management and time frames", which specifies the rules agreed last Friday for the establishment of the mini-forums, and the third item is their appointment.

the nation in brief

Our exhibition

MORE than 50 000 people from around the world are expected to view an exhibition by *Sowetan* photographers which opened in Rouen, France, last night.

Sowetan chief photographer Robert Magwaza (35), who is representing the newspaper at the exhibition, has been inundated with questions from interested people about the newspaper's 45-picture exhibition illustrating conflict in the townships over the past few years.

Sowetan is one of 60 international exhibitors at this major European photographic festival, which is held each year in the province of Normandy.

Azapo indaba

THE Azaman People's Organisation will hold a special emergency congress tomorrow and on Sunday.

The congress is expected to deal with negotiations and the role of the armed struggle as a catalyst in the liberation of blacks.

At least 500 delegates are expected to attend the congress at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre, near Roodepoort. Azapo president Professor Itumeleng Mosala will deliver the main address. — *Sowetan Reporters*

Town council rapped over knuckles

Sowetan 7/5/93
■ Loss of over R13 million uncovered:

By Ruth Bhengu
Investigations Staff

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THE Auditor-General has uncovered mishandling of finances by the Daveyton Town Council, which has resulted in the loss of over R13 million.

The council, which incurred a deficit of R13 599 366 for the financial year 1990-91, was also rapped over the knuckles for "several highly unsatisfactory and disturbing financially related aspects of the council's activities".

"It is evident that a total lack of control exists over the financial administration of the council's activities," the Auditor-General said in his report.

He also hauled the council over the coals for what he described as the poor quality of auditing. He said this impeded the audit and prevented his office from carrying out a proper and meaningful audit of various transactions.

Daveyton town clerk Mr DJ Erasmus said the council had submitted a reply to the Auditor-General's report and was awaiting a response. He said he could not comment any further.

According to the report the council's transgressions included

- Unsubstantiated loans totalling R52 621 921,
- At least 871 missing receipts for the year under review, which were neither accounted for in the cash register audit nor in the relevant debtors accounts;
- Firearms not accounted for — of the 25 303 rifles in the Council's possession 19 were sold. The rest were unaccounted for;
- Unauthorised expenditure in excess of the approved budget amounting to R8 323 703 not yet submitted to the committee for approval, and
- Outstanding services and rent accounts. These debtors amounted to R30 788 781 in June 1991 as against R13 635 103 in 1990, an increase of 125,8 percent.

The auditor-general found four buses totalling R7 408 790 despite a council resolution in 1991 to dispose of the entire bus fleet. In addition, the council spent over R2,6 million on transporting employees who have not been working since May 1990.

"It is clear from the comparative data of estimated and actual expenditure as well as revenue that a sound basis for budgeting and control does not exist and that more efficient measures are necessary," said the Auditor-General.

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Union members to get jobs back

More than 1 000 National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members will be re-employed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration after judgment in a dispute between the two parties.

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In a joint statement

yesterday, the TPA and the union said that according to arbitrator J Gauntlet's decision, successful arbitration candidates had to be re-employed "in terms of the agreement of settlement".

"At this stage, 1 137

successful arbitration candidates will be re-employed at the relevant institutions."

The arbitration process was still in progress and was expected to be completed by the end of June, said the statement — Sapa.

Two tipped for council hot seat after resignation

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By Anna Cox

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Sandton Town Council insiders have named former mayor Peter Gardiner and newly elected Michael Cato as the councillors most likely to replace Bruce Stewart as management committee chairman.

Stewart's surprise resignation, a bare three months after assuming chairmanship of the management committee, plunged the council back into controversy yesterday.

A special meeting to choose his successor will be held on Monday. Gardiner is a member of the Democratic Party and Cato is an Independent Ratepayers' representative.

Several councillors believe Gardiner is more likely to succeed, as a

number of independents will miss the special meeting.

Stewart said yesterday that work pressure had caused him to quit. But fellow councillors were not sympathetic. They pointed out that his timing could hardly have been worse, with the annual council budget imminent.

Stewart was elected chairman in February after the resignation of Willem Hefer, who gave up the seat because of mounting pressure from residents.

It was Stewart's second stint as management committee chairman and his second premature departure on grounds of work pressure.

Councillor Jo Marais said "Stewart's resignation comes at a bad time.

There was no pressure on him to go. He undertook to see the budget through and could have waited another five weeks to fulfil his commitment."

Councillor Rick Ehlers echoed her sentiments.

Stewart served for a year in 1991 before resigning. "The position of chairman of the management committee is a full-time one," he said yesterday.

"I have a job as a town planner and have not been able to cope with both. It is in the interests of the council, my business and my family that I resign immediately. The budget is not the chairman's budget, but the council's budget. There are four other members of the management committee who can see it through."

The need is for money to fund development projects, writes Ian Davidson

Enlarging the Johannesburg cake

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THE Johannesburg City Council's development initiative to fund post-apartheid social upliftment by expanding the local economy reflects a paradigm shift with an emphasis on growth greater than at any time in the city's history.

Our aim is to ensure that local, metropolitan and regional government have the sources of revenue they need to meet growing socio-economic needs.

This initiative stems from strategic planning sessions in which management committee members and executive directors shortlisted 10 bricks-and-mortar projects at various stages of progress that support the council's vision to build a prosperous new Johannesburg — a world-class city.

The city's daunting challenges demand a bold, pro-active and imaginative strategy. Recession has impacted negatively on council revenue and the ability of ratepayers to bear rising costs. Immediate change at local government level will impose greater demands on the city's resources. The cost of post-apartheid regional integration is huge.

Levying progressively higher rates on hard-pressed businesses and residents is not a feasible option. Nor is cutting capital invest-

ment, which would compromise standards and lead to failure in meeting society's needs.

Confining ourselves to a maintenance approach is the treadmill option — doing the same things over and over, no doubt with static or shrinking income. This means cutting the economic cake into ever-smaller slices.

We must enlarge that cake by building our local economy to help generate funding for social upliftment and job creation. We have to expand the economy to boost city income.

In our strategic planning, we concluded that the council had to re-evaluate priorities and allocation of resources, refocus resources to address backlogs and meet changing needs, and undertake and support projects to meet needs and stimulate the local economy.

Transforming Johannesburg into a world-class city will stimulate direct and indirect investment, strengthen the city's role as the hub of the South African economy, and enable Johannesburg to come into its own as the financial and business gateway to Africa.

In selecting projects from a long list of possibilities, we took into account research which showed world-class cities typically have

The 10 projects set out in Johannesburg's development initiative are:

- City housing.
- Informal trading sites
- CBD Light Rail Transit (LRT).
- Johannesburg Trade and Tourist Convention Centre.
- Soweto link (upgrading social infrastructure in co-operation with the Greater Soweto Forum).
- Newtown Cultural Precinct.
- Grassroots sport facilities
- Commercial Theme Park.
- Athletics stadium.
- Ellis Park Precinct (upgrading).

- Basic infrastructure and facilities
- Efficient financial infrastructure and services
- Good or improving quality of life.
- A spectrum of people-oriented activities.
- High-quality public transportation and communication systems
- The right image

Selection criteria include the capacity of projects to generate income, their catalytic role in economic development, the need to re-integrate areas in the region separated for ideological reasons, multi-user and multipurpose value, contribution to stability, and acceptability. At its April 27 meeting, the council gave the go-ahead for ur-

Our strategy is a balanced approach which seeks to avoid the potential pitfalls of over-burdening council income sources or under-providing resources to meet basic community needs.

Because Johannesburg's CBD is the heart of the national and local economy — and provides the bulk of rates income — the initial focus will be primarily on enhancing the CBD economy. We aim to build from strength.

This is in line with the Johannesburg CBD Analytical Study which urged actively growing the CBD — as an "anchor in the country's most important industrial and economic region" — or seeing it become a second-rate centre or even a socio-political quagmire.

The projects listed support the council's three strategic thrusts of commerce and industry, culture, and sport. But the list is not written in stone. Some may make way for others better suited to the development agenda.

Each project will be subject to painstaking feasibility, financial and economic assessment, and none may go ahead without final council approval and consultation with stakeholders.

Yes, for many of us housing is number one priority and will help create social stability. But first

we must create an income stream to fund housing, and that requires a strong local economy.

Boosting tourism has a key part to play in economic growth. Spain, for example, earns more from tourism than South Africa does from gold mining.

Sport supports nation-building by bringing people together. By enhancing our facilities, we also improve our prospects of hosting the Olympic Games, a great opportunity given the valuable role the Olympics have played in recent years in boosting host cities by drawing visitors and spurring housing, transport and other infrastructure development.

The multiplier effect of sport was shown by the R17 million backing for the 1993 South African Grand Prix which injected about R241 million into the local economy.

Johannesburg can and must pull itself up by its bootstraps. By pulling together as partners, the business sector and the council will together create the dynamic economic force essential to build this nation.

● Ian Davidson is chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's management committee.

NEWS FEATURE *Swords are drawn as haggling begins over expensive Olympic rings*

EVERYONE KNOWS that Africa has never hosted the Olympic games. That may soon change. Early this week the Johannesburg City Council announced it was to spend R3,5 billion as part of a 10-year plan to bring the Olympic Games to South Africa in the year 2004.

The money, the council announced, would be used on such development projects as building a light rail system for Johannesburg, expanding the capacity of Jan Smuts airport and installing a digital telephone system and building an Olympic village.

On the face of it hosting the games would be a huge economic and moral boost for South Africa.

"The games are a great force for reconciliation and would be a force to provide facilities at grassroots level," says Johannesburg City Councillor Mr Cecil Bass.

Well spent

By the time the year 2004 rolls around the city will have spent R20 billion on development—and it would have been money well spent, Bass believes.

"Only 10 percent of that amount will be used for sports facilities while the rest would be for developing the city infrastructure," he says.

Quite convincing, but not so for some. The South African Council of Sport (Sacos), for instance, sees it all as part of a "process of political co-option".

Mike Davy of the Sacos-affiliated Amateur Swimming Association of South Africa (Asasa) says, "First, we know that sport unity international was engineered by establishment sports organisations or, to put it bluntly, white sports bodies. Yet you find the majority

R20bn — can Johannesburg afford it?

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years ahead of possible Games for SA:

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of sports codes are still struggling for development money even though unity was premised on development."

Sporting codes

"Only white sporting codes have benefited from South Africa's entry into international sport," reiterates Sacos national president Mr Reginald Feldman. Thus, in a resolution passed recently Sacos and 18 of its affiliates declared the Olympic bid "an affront to the majority of the oppressed".

Development may well turn out to be a chief issue in the Olympic bid debate. Acstop's Mr Cas Coovadia, who is a member of the Johannesburg Olympic Bidding Committee (JBC), the body charged with planning for the Olym-

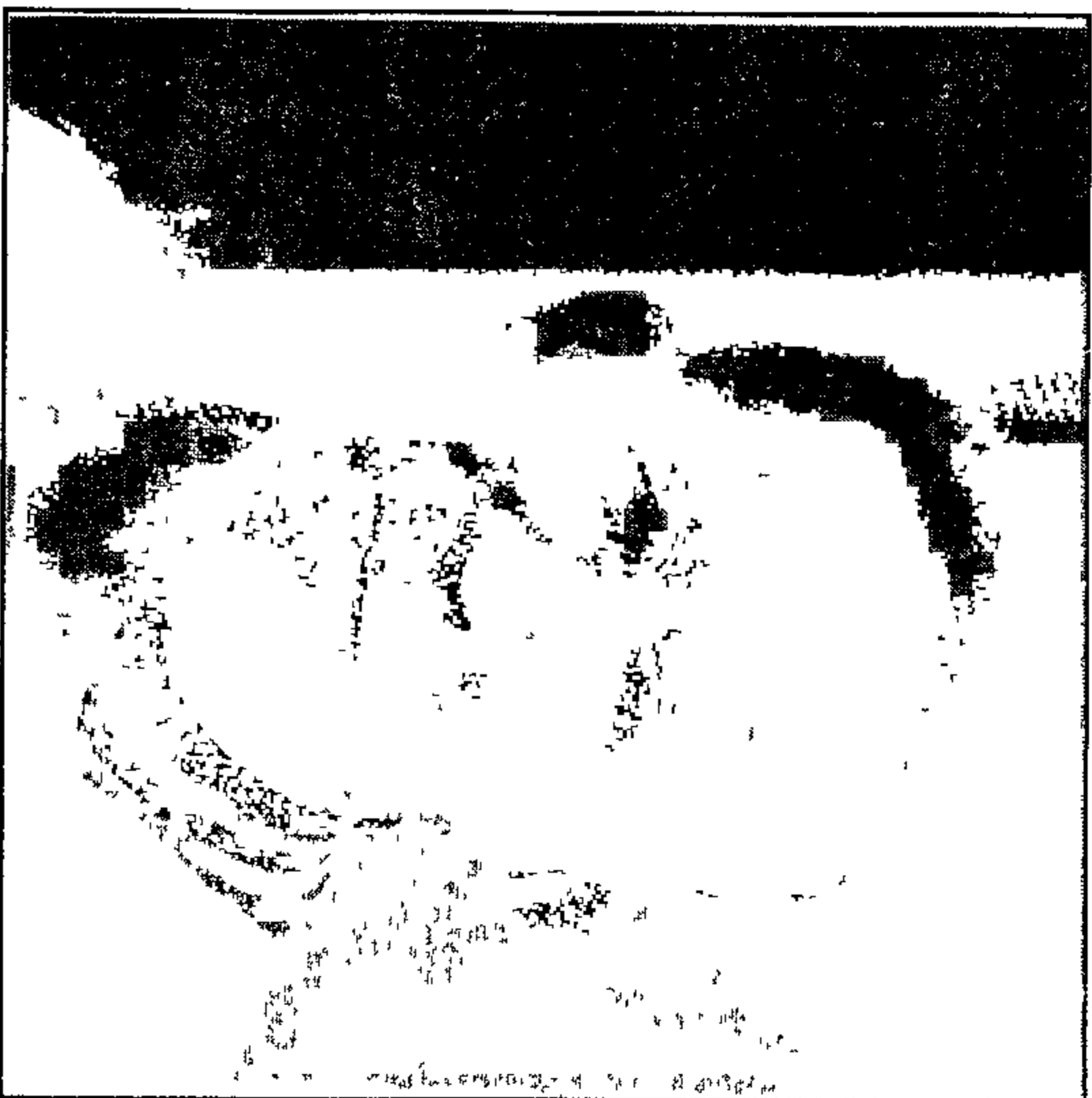
pics, says his participation is conditional on development being made a priority.

Development issues

"I made it clear to the committee that hosting the games would only make sense if there was concentration on development issues. Infrastructure to facilitate the games has to be planned within the context of the needs of the disempowered people," he says, "and the way we plan from now on will determine whether it will meet these needs."

For Soweto Olympic Sports Congress and fellow JBC member Junior Ramona, however, development is a foregone conclusion.

"My involvement in the committee is unconditional," he says. "The potential for development is great and we take it we are one city and one people. It is not



Reggie Feldman ... Olympic bid an affront.

possible to just build elite facilities." And so the see-saw argument goes. Trying to decide which argument is the more cogent can be a dizzying and sometimes numbing experience for the untitled. For every negative there is a positive.

For example, while Bass firmly believes in the development potential of hosting the games he readily concedes that some cities that have hosted the games have been left in debt.

"Montreal was too ambitious and spent too much on things that didn't

work," he says, "but there's also a lot of emotional rhetoric. Hosting the games is not about loss or profit, it is about serving a community purpose."

It is the same with Sacos' Feldman. "You can't think of the Olympics as only sport," he says, "it is also a business and marketing exercise. It throws the spotlight on the host country." Davy's pronouncements are somewhat more ominous.

"We in Sacos are out in the cold but we still maintain that it would be money misspent."

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Bekkersdal electricity

ESKOM is to take over the electricity supply to the Bekkersdal township on the West Rand. This has been made possible by an agreement which the utility has reached with the Bekkersdal town committee and the local civic organisation.

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INDOMITABLE SPIRIT is everywhere evident, with flowers and paint brightening the humble homes

Working for a better future

■ **New town, new dawn:**
And there is provision for Doornkop to develop into a more formal settlement

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Each site has its own chemical toilet and metal dustbin.

But there's only one tap for every 20 stands, and in most cases water has to be carried to the humble homes in buckets. Nevertheless, Doornkop has been planned in such a way that, in due course, the infrastructure and services can be upgraded to the standards of a formal town.

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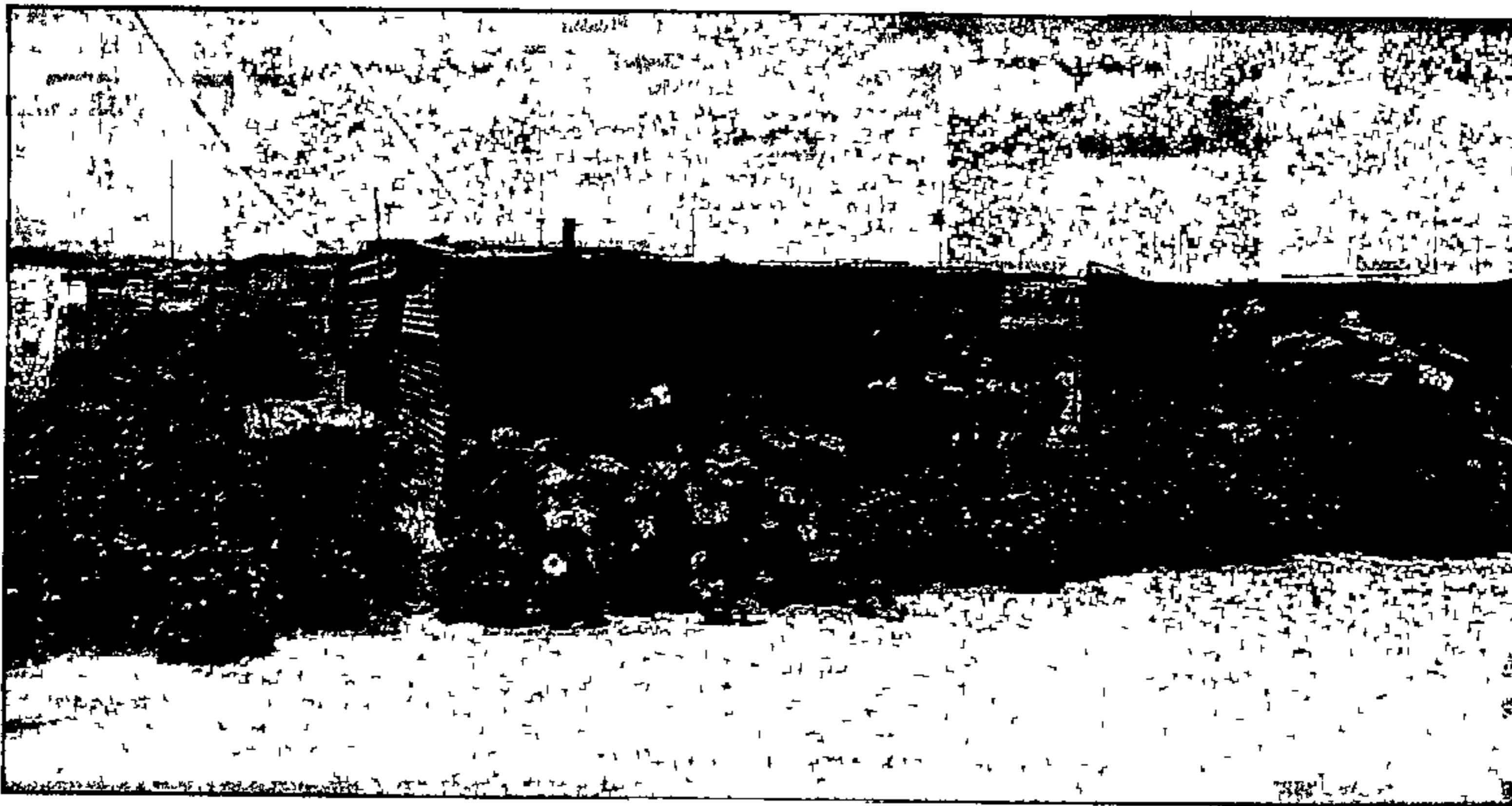
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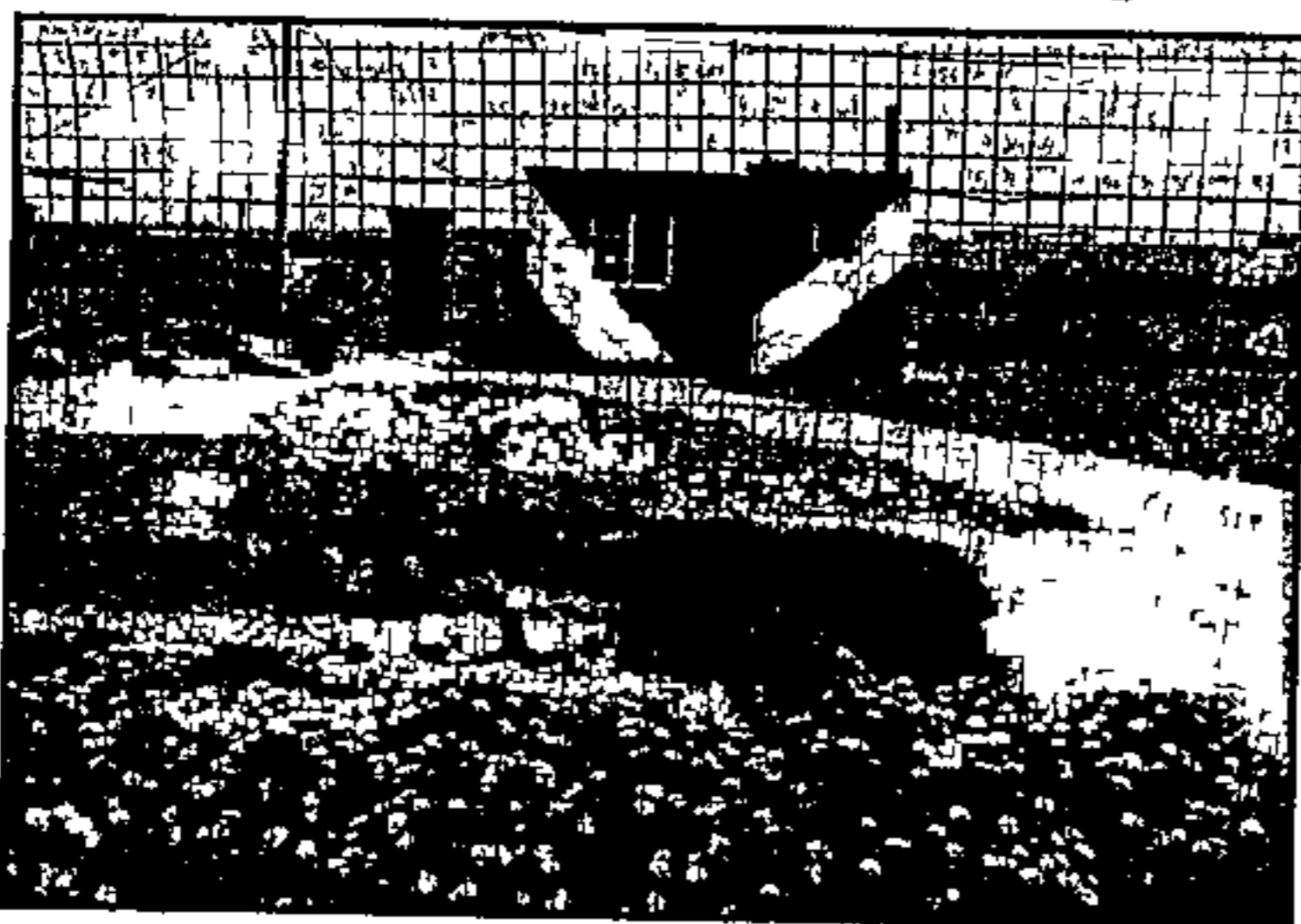
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Outside one shack a woman hoists a black plastic bag bulging with refuse on to her shoulder and heads for a nearby collection point. She calls a cheery greeting to a neighbour who is also gathering up scraps of paper and plastic and stuffing them into a bag.

Residents have been encouraged to clean up their environment by a scheme that provides food stamps



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for refuse

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One food pack can feed a household for a month.

At a creche built by local women, children laugh and chatter as they romp on brightly coloured swings after breakfast. Behind the con-

struction of the creche was Joyce Mako, leader of the Doornkop Women's Club. "One of our objectives," she says, "is to stimulate self-employment."

So the club's 70 members are busily training members of the community in activities like vegetable gardening, tree-planting, sewing and hairdressing.

Joyce Mako has now been employed as a community development officer by Urcon, the Regional Development Management firm that helps to manage Doornkop's affairs on behalf of the TPA.

But Urcon cannot act unilaterally. Before any major town development can take place, it must have the approval of the community, as well as the TPA.

The people of Doornkop are not only improving their properties every time they have a few rands to spare, they are also building a close community spirit. At the Town Office where the TPA, Urcon, Eskom and other agencies have their offices, inhabitants queue to use public phones. Stuck to one red phone booth is a notice inviting anyone who may be interested in acting to help form a Doornkop Dramatic Society.

The title of the play on offer is a reminder of a bitter past. "Forgive But Never Forget."

But when Eskom began providing pre-payment power to the settlement late last year, more fortunate Doornkopers put away their candles and sang, danced and braided into the night and into a new dawn.

Wealth of experience

ANY new government will have "a great asset" in the expertise and experience of Transvaal Provincial Administration officials, says TPA director general Len Dekker.

The TPA may not survive the new era in its present form, he acknowledges, but the scope of responsibilities it fulfills with a current budget of R7 billion and a payroll of 70 000 will not diminish.

In meeting the challenges of the new South Africa, continuity will be essential. He draws on an analogy: "When I became director-general of this administration, I found it of immense value to have a secretary who had worked with my predecessor and knew the ropes so well."

"Just imagine the value of our top structure, and the lower echelons, to a new government."



John Mavuso

They don't care!

WHEN we discuss development with the councils of the suburbs, Mr John Mavuso, MEC for Physical Planning and Development, asks them a question: "Do you ever wonder what distance and how long people who work in your suburbs have to travel to report in to work, your coffee shop?"

"They never do," he says. "Men and women get up at 7am to be at work four hours later. People living in Hammanskraal have to travel more than 100km each way to their jobs in Johannesburg. Yet, when new towns are established closer to work opportunities, there are frequently complaints, notes TPA chief director, physical planning and development, Bokkie van der Hoven.

When there is talk of phasing out bus subsidies, adds Mavuso, the consequences have to be borne in mind. "You have to choose between affordable commuter transport and an influx of squatters. Many local authorities have 'totally failed' to plan for the settlement of low-income people in their areas of jurisdiction."

"As far as they were concerned, that was something to be done by central government, which was ultimately responsible for apartheid."

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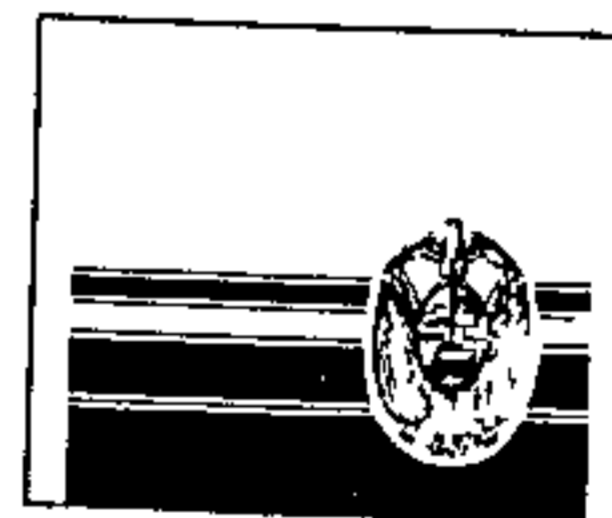
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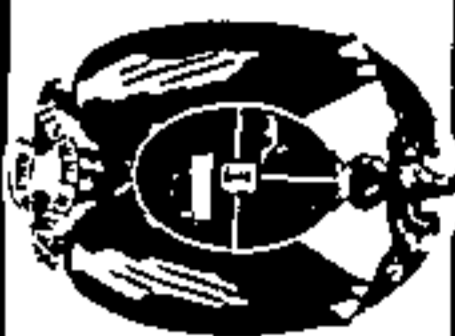
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TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

A Star and Sowetan corporate survey

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TPA's new policy

About 60 percent of the Transvaal's black households have a monthly earning of R600 or less. Providing stands for them with basic services is the main challenge for the province.

"The need in this category," says John Mavuso Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development, "is estimated at more than 483 700 stands."

The backlog in the PWV area alone is around 400 000 stands, says TPA director-general Len Dekker.

The central government's current policy, based on what the State can afford, is that homeless people should be provided not with a house but with a stand and "appropriate and affordable" services. Occupants should be able to afford not only the capital cost of the services but the cost of maintaining them as well.

Housing policy

But, says Dekker, the question of housing policy at all levels is being debated in a spirit of compromise within the National Housing Forum, where negotiators from across the spectrum are airing their views. "It's going to be give-and-take until we reach agreement."

As an example, Dekker cites the TPA's decision not to apply its "priority list" to R128 million in housing development funds allocated by the National Housing Commission for new projects this year. "We agreed to allocate the funds only through consensus in the National Housing Forum."

The NHF is considering whether the present site-and-service policy should be maintained, or whether more of the national budget should be allocated to housing.

And if the housing budget is to be increased, what are the options? One idea being mooted is to provide one "anchor wall" with a stand-pipe and ablution facilities on site.

Another is to provide a core house with four walls and a roof.

As the second tier of government, the TPA

seeks to implement national housing policy and, in certain circumstances, to assist local authorities. The administrator, for instance, acts as local authority in peri-urban areas that do not fall under an established local authority.

The TPA will also help a local authority which because of past policies has a serious "backyard squatter" problem. Dekker stresses that third tier governments (local authorities) are directly responsible for the planning and development of sites for the underprivileged within their own areas of jurisdiction. He draws support from a report of the Demarcation Board that recently made recommendations on municipal boundary extensions to the north and west of Johannesburg, which said: "Of the greatest importance is the role played by local authorities in urbanisation."

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The responsibilities of so-called white local authorities in their areas was given a boost last year when legislation for the first time gave them access to National Housing Commission funds.

Local authority

Where occupied land does not fall within the jurisdiction of a local authority, the administrator must still act as local authority. In this way overcrowding and backyard squatting in neighbouring areas can be relieved through development by the TPA of informal towns like Orange Farm, Ivory Park, Doornkop and Zonkerzwe.

Because of limited funds and low levels of affordability, says Mavuso, only basic services can be provided for people in the lower income group — such as graded roads, high mast lighting, a toilet on each site and one tap for every 20

■ BASIC NEEDS Putting a roof over the heads of low-income group is crucial.



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stands. Should higher standards be provided, fewer people could be assisted.

Money allocated to the TPA from the National Housing Fund for existing and new projects has been limited in the 1992/93 financial year to R400.2 million. Another R67.8 million was channelled to the TPA from the Strategic Energy Fund last October for infrastructure, sports and community facilities.

Mavuso reports that progress in 1992 included making available 43 000 serviced stands to the lower income group, developing more than 100 000 stands and making a start on the planning of another 237 58, buying another 2 000 hectares for R10.5 million.

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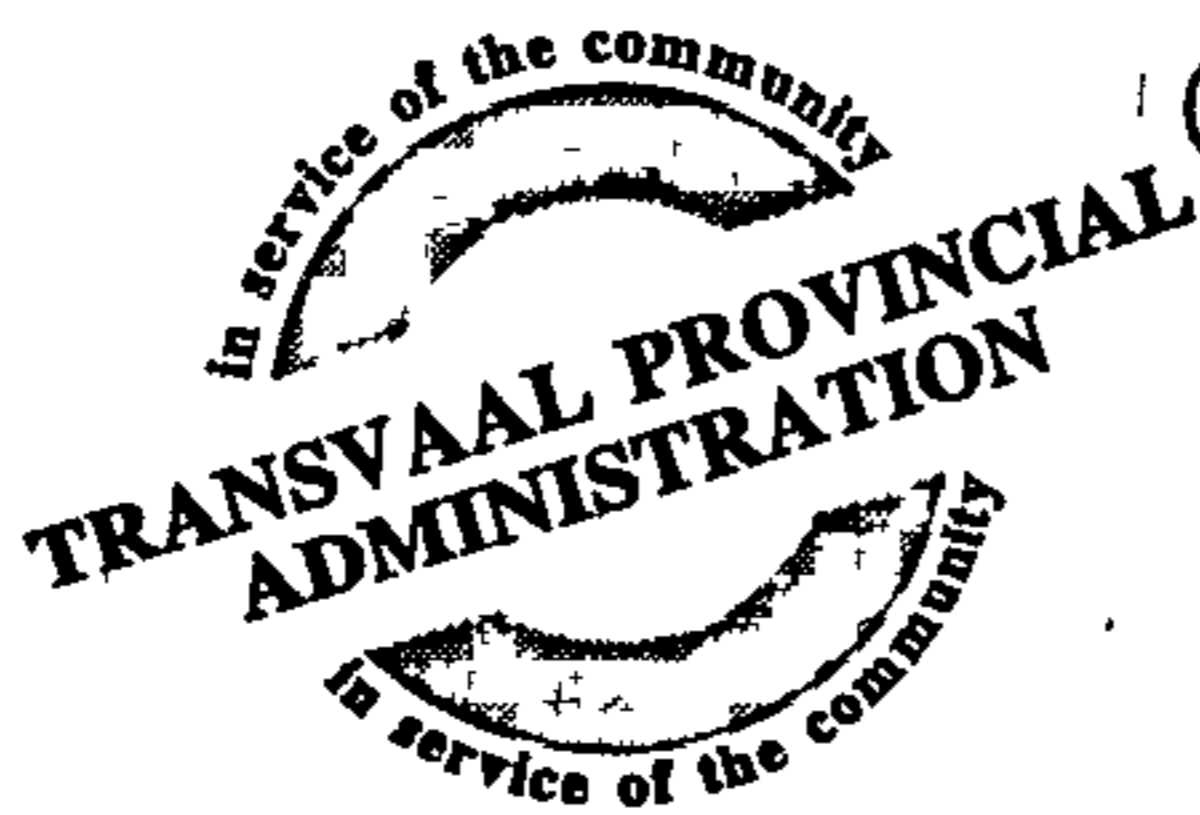
The Human Sciences Research Council's (HSRC) extensive grassroots research over the past years on health, education, community empowerment and development in townships around Pretoria and elsewhere in the country, has enabled them to advise clients, including community developers and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) on various development matters. Their approach has already resulted in development for by and through the communities concerned.

The HSRC's research in the Pretoria area increased significantly as a result of a new approach to development adopted by the TPA in 1991. Private sector development management consortiums were invited to submit tenders for development programmes to accommodate urbanisation. The HSRC joined such a consortium, DEMACON, which was appointed for the greater Pretoria area. The HSRC's first job as a member of DEMACON was to research and compile status quo reports on aspects of community liaison and involvement in nine townships in and around Pretoria. This information has already proved invaluable in facilitating community participation/promo-ment in development.

Community liaison and needs assessments were also undertaken as part of a programme aimed at the upgrading or conversion of hostels into acceptable accommodation, according to the so-called Short Term Guidelines of the National Housing Forum.

HSRC researchers investigated living conditions in the hostels, interviewed the occupants, surveyed township facilities, created close working relations with civic associations and other community structures, and provided support with the setting up of internal hostel management committees and community hostel development forums.

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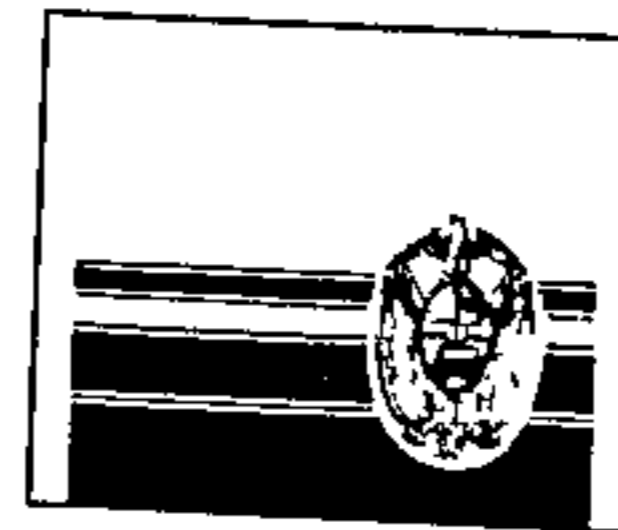
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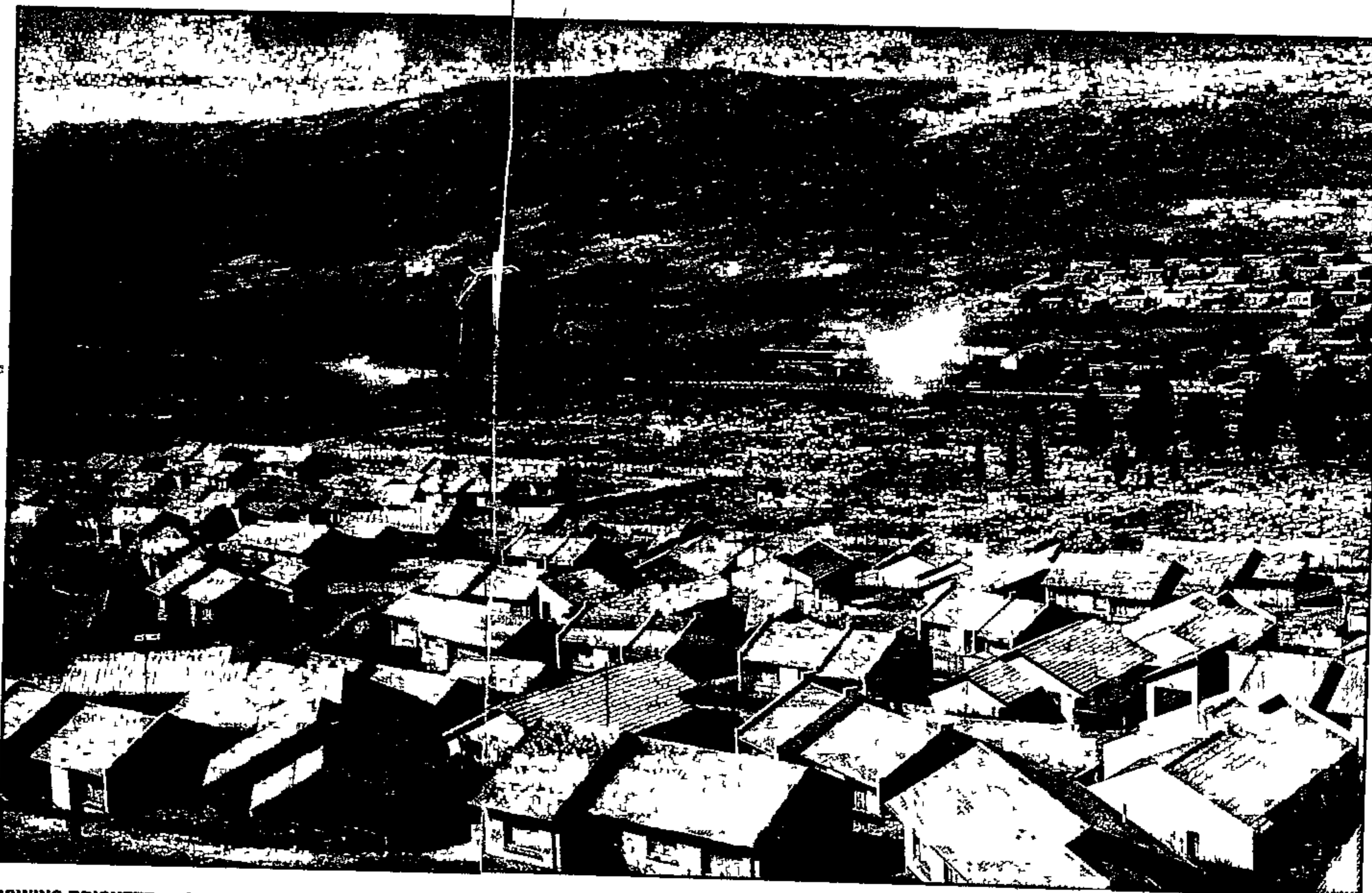
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TPA's choice was clear

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At present virtually all money received is allocated to town administration and development

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'No more funds for Soweto services'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

With only 5 percent of Soweto householders paying for municipal services, Transvaal MEC Burger Lategan has urged parties with a stake in the township to sacrifice party-political gains for the sake of residents.

"Even when inter-governmental grants are taken into account, it is no longer possible to finance the already very low standard of existing services," said Lategan. "There are also no other funds available from elsewhere to meet the shortfall."

The starkness of the Sowe-

to situation was underscored last night by Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, who disclosed that talks had been in progress with the ANC and IFP in a bid to find an "inclusive" solution.

All eyes are now fixed on a special meeting of the

Ad Hoc Committee on the Greater Soweto Crisis which will be held on Wednesday and attended by local authorities, civic structures and political parties.

The committee — a sub-committee of the chamber — devised a plan early this year for Johannesburg to provide services in Soweto

TPA SUPPLEMENT Stereotypes give way to flexible ways of thinking and planning

Looking beyond the talkings

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EXCITING TIMES Men of vision can visualise the new

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Waanders Into the negotiation melting pot have also gone the De Loor Report on Housing Policy and the President Council's second report on urbanisation

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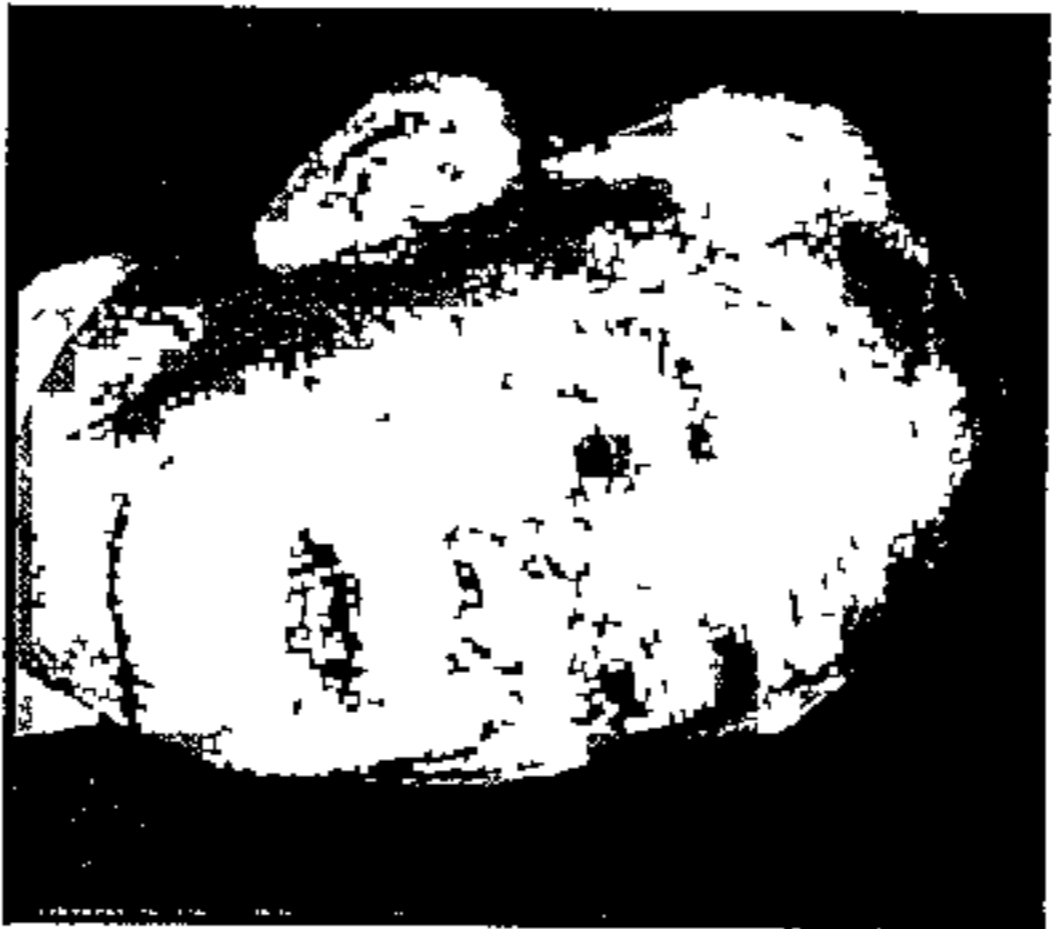
PRIVATE SECTOR becomes invaluable partner in developing new towns

Meetings a formidable challenge

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Expert approach:
Regional Development Managers bring skills to bear in battle against homes backlog

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clearly defined parameters. Tariffs are negotiated, and vary according to position, qualifications and experience. "Our contracts with them also clearly state that their services will not cost us more than if we had put in TPA staff."

The RDMS are required to interact with representatives of the communities they serve. Through inter-action they jointly arrive at financially and technically viable development plans for the new towns. "For example, if it is agreed with the community that the next step is to put in a water line, the regional TPA office



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Dirk Klengeld. These are

- Technical (fulfilling the role of "town engineer", specifically drawing up plans and providing and maintaining the required level of infrastructure)
- Administrative (acting as "town clerk" and seeing to the smooth running of local affairs)
- Financial (assuming the functions of "town treasurer", taking charge of all income and expenditure)
- Developmental (establishing and striving to meet community needs, such as schools and clinics, and developing skills so local people can play a part in their town's progress)

by the National Housing Commission. Typically, says Klengeld, a 200 sq m stand costs R5 000 to develop. Before a new town is proclaimed, residents rent their stands. After proclamation, stands can be purchased.

Other funds become available from time to time, says Klengeld. "In the past year additional financial assistance was received from the Regional Services Council, the Department of Health, the Strategic Energy Fund and a variety of private donors."

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The RDM project teams are directly accountable to the TPA. They work to statutory income scales and function within

usually through the National Housing Fund.

"We first look at what's to be done, the cost, the duration — and whether it can be done internally."

If the TPA does not have the resources to tackle the project, a list of suitably qualified consultants in the area is drawn up by the relevant regional TPA selection committee applying various criteria.

"As far as it's feasible we try to spread the work around. But the RDMs are specifically excluded in the Witwatersrand from project appointment." The TPA then recommends

contractors for the work to the town's management board, which makes the final appointment. Explains Wilkins: "The National Housing Commission makes the funds available to the town, not the TPA."

One of the appointed firms, Urcon, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Van Wyk & Louw group. Urcon (the name is an acronym for urban development and management consultants) is responsible for the northern and western PWV, where six new towns have already been developed.

Urcon has four basic areas of responsibility, says director

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wards, the cost of the services. Another R30 a month goes to wards town management and development, and services such as roads, water and sanitation at a rudimentary level. Where accessible for domestic use, Eskom electricity is available via pre-payment systems. In most new towns, notes Klein-geld, low employment levels are reflected in payments received for stands and services.

"But the 60 percent payment rate in Doornkop, for instance, compares very favourably with payments in some long-established formal towns such as Tembisa, Tokoza and Alexandra."

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He envisages that the TPA, whatever its future name, will be part of a new non-racial regional government structure responsible also for the areas of the existing self-governing territories.

Paul Waanders, TPA director, town and regional planning, Witwatersrand, adds:

"It's an exciting time from a planning point of view. With previous policies there was little flexibility. Now the interested parties are looking at the whole question of urbanisation structure, and debating all kinds of options.

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After the scrapping of the Group Areas Act and other apartheid laws, new legislation concerning physical development and housing was enacted. Among the more important have been the Physical Planning Act and the Less Formal Townships Establishment Act, putting the onus on local authorities to provide such housing in their areas of jurisdiction.

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"In the past," says Waanders, "we would have a nice plan on the wall and would say, 'This is how it's going to happen.' Now, through negotiation, everyone from the far Right to the far Left is having a say as we move from an urbanisation strategy to urbanisation management."

"Everybody thus becomes better informed and there is greater understanding of one another's views and problems."

"Finally, after all the talking, a plan can be agreed upon. It takes longer but produces an acceptable and legitimate plan."

A vital question, but very few know the answer

"WHEN we discuss development with the councils of the northern suburbs," says John Mavuso, Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development, "I ask them a simple question — 'Do you ever wonder what assistance, how long, the people who work in your suburbs have to travel to report in time to make your tea or coffee in the morning?' They never ask."

Men and women get up at 3am to be at work four hours

later. People living in Hammankraal have to travel more than 100 km each way to their jobs in Johannesburg.

Workers commuting from Mamelodi and Ateridgeville to Johannesburg face similar hardships. So do KwaNdebele people with jobs in Pretoria and Tokoza residents employed in Verwoerdburg. They travel long hours because they have no realistic alternative.

Either there are no suitable job opportunities closer to

where they live — or there is no suitable place for them to live nearer their place of employment.

Yet when new towns are established closer to work opportunities there are frequently complaints, notes TPA chief director, physical planning and development, Bokkie van der Hoven.

Orange Farm, say critics, is too far from workplaces in Johannesburg. "That is a misconception Or-

ange Farm started as a settlement for people at nearby Wheeler's Farm, who were there because it was convenient to job opportunities in the Vaal Triangle."

When there is talk about phasing out bus subsidies, adds Mavuso, the consequences have to be borne in mind. The choice is between affordable commuter transport and an influx of homeless people.

Many local authorities have "totally failed" to plan for set-

tlement of low-income people.

"To them that was something to be done by the central government, which was ultimately responsible for apartheid."

But things have changed. "The law now says the formerly white local authorities are now responsible for balanced development in their areas. If they need financial assistance they can apply to the National Housing Commission for funds. "That will help with distance from work."



John Mavuso restoring credibility

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TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION



A Star and Sowetan corporate survey

This special survey puts the spotlight on the Transvaal Provincial Administration's bold efforts to address, and solve, the issue of homes for the homeless.

A HUNGRY cry goes out in Soho "Sitsai" "Iszai!"

The echo comes back in Zulu "Iszai!"

Whatever the language, the yearning is the same. Families want a piece of land — a site they can call their own. Once people have a place under the sun in their own country, says John Mavuso, Transvaal MEC for physical planning and development, they will set about erecting a shelter — the best they are able to build.

That, he says, is the life experience of African people. "Demands for this or that kind of service, and demands for free houses — those are political gimmicks.

In African tradition land was never privately owned. It was

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communal land, and the king said, "I hold it in trust for the people." Yet in the new towns springing up as a result of rapid urbanisation, people are being given land they can call their own. And the responsibility for providing adequate shelter rests with the head of the family.

Mavuso condemns the paternalistic approach of past policies. "If you take away a man's responsibility for providing shelter for his family, you take away his credibility, you dehumanise him. One of the key reasons a woman agrees to a marriage is to have a shoulder to lean on."

He suggests, too, that loss of

respect by many young people for their elders can be traced to decades of paternalism.

Today the approach of the TPA, where there is no local authority responsible for providing land and services in a specific area, is to provide even of approximately 200 sq m — and rudimentary services that residents can afford. But, emphasises Bokkie van der Hoven, TPA chief director, physical planning and development, areas acquired for settlement by people of limited means are planned in precisely the same way as formal towns for people with higher incomes — and can be upgraded in time as resi-



Providing services. Bokkie van der Hoven, TPA chief director, physical planning and development

dents are able to afford improvements.

Land is set aside in exactly the same way for roads, open spaces, creches, schools, clinics, churches, community centres, shopping centres and sports facilities. Says Mavuso

"We provide for everything a community needs. Even people who are interested in agriculture need to be assisted to become self-sufficient in growing vegetables."

In all instances the infrastructure planning provides for eventual tarred streets, water-borne sewerage, and water and electricity services to each stand. "The golden thread in all this planning," he adds, "is that people must be able to maintain the services provided."

Over-provision of services is one of the reasons for serious backlogs in payments in some communities. Wherever possible, says Van

der Hoven, residents are involved in development of their towns from the first day.

What the TPA is doing today, he notes, is in line with urban development patterns throughout South Africa. In some rural towns people still depend on boreholes and generators.

"I can remember a debate in Potgietersrus in the '50s about the cost of bringing waterborne sewerage to the town, which then had a bucket system."

Urbanisation is going to continue, irrespective of the constitutional reform process or other changes, observes Mavuso. The rate of urbanisation is particularly high in metropolitan areas, and any delays in planning only make the challenge more difficult.

Serviced sites for the homeless



AN estimated 60 percent of black households in the Transvaal have monthly earnings of R600 or less. Providing stands with rudimentary services for such people is the primary challenge in the province, in terms of present national housing policy.

"The need in this category at present," says John Mavuso, Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development, "is estimated at more than 483 730 erven."

The backlog in the PWV area alone is around 400 000 stands, says TPA director-general Len Dekker.

The central Government's current policy, based on what the State can afford, is that homeless people should be provided not with a house but with a stand and "appropriate and affordable" services. Occupants should be able to afford not only the capital cost of the services but the cost of maintaining them as well.

But, says Dekker, the question of housing policy at all levels is being debated in a spirit of compromise within the National Housing Forum, where

negotiators from across the spectrum are airing their views. "It's going to be give-and-take until we reach agreement."

As an example, Dekker cites the TPA's decision not to apply its "priority list" to R128 million in housing development funds allocated by the National Housing Commission for new projects this year.

"We agreed to allocate the funds only through consensus in the National Housing Forum."

The NHF is considering whether the present site-and-service policy should be maintained, or whether more of the national budget should be allocated to housing. And if the housing budget is to be increased, what are the options? One idea being mooted is to provide one "anchor wall" with a stand-pipe and abutment facilities on site. Another is to provide a core house with four walls and a roof.

As the second tier of government, the TPA seeks to implement national housing policy and, in certain circumstances, to assist local authorities. The Administrator, for instance, acts as local authority in peri-urban areas that fall under no established local authority. The

TPA will also help a local authority that, because of past policies of containment, has a serious "backyard squatter" problem.

Dekker stresses that third tier governments (ie local authorities) are directly responsible for the planning and development of sites for the underprivileged within their own areas of jurisdiction. He draws support from a report of the Demarcation Board that recently made recommendations on municipal boundary extensions to the north and west of Johannesburg, which said "Of the greatest importance is the role played by local authorities in urbanisation. Without the total involvement of the local authority any housing scheme undertaken by higher authority is doomed to failure."

The responsibilities of so-called white local authorities for the accommodation of indigenous people in their areas was given a boost last year, notes Dekker, when legislation for the first time gave them access to National Housing Commission funds.

However, where land being occupied does not fall within the area of jurisdiction of a



Reaching compromises
Dekker places the emphasis on consensus

local authority, the Administrator must still act as local authority. In this way overcrowded and backyard squatting in neighbouring areas can be re-

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able funding and low levels of affordability, says Mavuso, only basic services can be provided for people in the lower income group — such as graded roads, high-mast lighting, an Aqua Privy toilet on each site, and one tap for every 20 stands. Should higher standards be provided, fewer people could be assisted.

Money allocated to the TPA from the National Housing Fund for existing and new projects has been limited in the 1992/93 financial year to R400,2 million. Another R67,8 million was channelled to the TPA from the Strategic Energy Fund last October for infrastructure, sports and community facilities.

Mavuso reports that progress in 1992 included:

- Making available approximately 43 000 serviced erven to lower-income people
- Developing more than 100 000 erven, and making a start on the planning of another 237 586
- Purchasing another 2 000 hectares for R10,5 million.

Furthermore, the National Housing Commission approved R116,5 million worth of tenders for the installation of conventional and rudimentary ser-

vices

The Department of Local Government and National Housing coordinated the implementation of a strategy, with community consent, to upgrade hostels for single persons or to convert them into family units.

A sum of R194 million was made available for the 1992/93 financial year to proceed with the project, involving 93 hostels. "The action is at an advanced stage," he says.

Home ownership was boosted by a government decision to grant tenants of houses under the National Sales Campaign discounts to a maximum of R7 500 on the purchase of their homes. Apart from bringing home ownership within the reach of many deserving families, says Mavuso, this step will contribute significantly to stabilising needy communities, alleviating rent boycotts and reducing the debts of local authorities.

But the discount scheme has given rise to "serious dissatisfaction" among participants in the Sales Campaign who paid cash for their homes. Some of these people now want recompense. Problems are also being encountered in trying to estab-

lish the names of tenants/occupiers and the addresses of hired units.

These issues are being investigated by the Committee for Housing Officers.

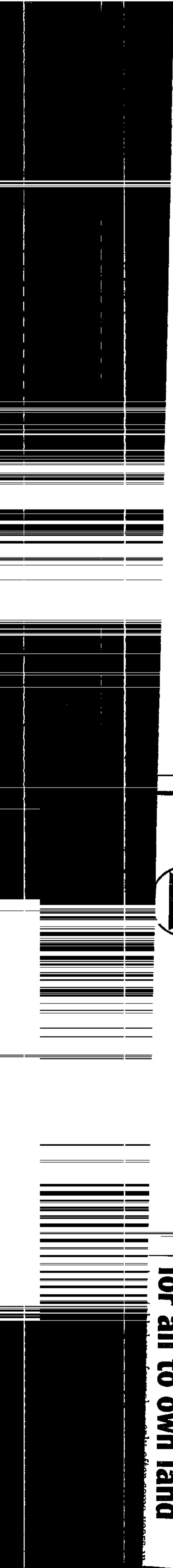
It is generally accepted, notes Mavuso, that the provision of sufficient housing is the only real solution to the problem of illegal squatting.

The TPA recently endorsed Demarcation Board recommendations that large tracts of land south of the R28 Krugersdorp-Pretoria highway should be incorporated into four municipalities — Randburg, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg.

The MEC for Local Government, Burger Lategan, says the province was guided by the principle of "balanced development" to provide accommodation for people in all income groups while protecting as far as possible existing rights of ownership and property values.

The rationale was that development could best be promoted within existing towns with strong administrations. Having more people settled within these boundaries would also allow more efficient use of infrastructure.

Creating a chance for all to own land



JO-ANNE COLLINGE and LOUISE MARSLAND

SOWETO, the sprawling complex of townships south-west of Johannesburg, is once again on the brink of ruin.

Just when it seemed as if the crippling rent boycott was about to be resolved, payments have dropped to a record low.

Residents are estimated to owe a total of R800 million in rates and service charges.

And there is a real possibility of the R32 million special Government package, designed to give Johannesburg a kick-start in Soweto, being withdrawn, according to Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chief executive Vic Milne.

Negotiations in jeopardy

Two years of negotiations to end Soweto's rent boycott and put it on a sound financial footing are in jeopardy, and the supply of services to the township is once again near collapse. Payments are now running at only 5 percent after reasonable levels of up to 30 percent were reached earlier last year.

Next week an attempt will be made to get major political parties on board in agreements to end the seven-year rent boycott, resuscitate services and restructure local government.

Members of the local structures of the National Party, Democratic Party, Conservative Party, African National Congress, Inkatha Freedom Party, South African Communist Party, Pan Africanist Congress, Azanian People's Organisation and the Sisonke Party were to be invited to become full members of the chamber after a meeting between some of the parties and chamber representatives last night.

The political parties will be entitled to representation on, and participation in, all of the sub-structures of the chamber, and will be kept fully informed. They will be entitled to vote at plenary meetings of the chamber on recommendations from working groups in which they participate. Participation in the deliberations will, however, not detract from the right of political parties to adopt an independent position after consultation with their principals.

The Metropolitan Chamber has its back to the wall. Its reputation as the most successful local negotiating forum in the country could be in shreds by the end of next week if Wednesday's crucial chamber subcommittee meeting does not yield significant progress.

It is the involvement of the political parties which has put the brakes on the implementation of an agency agreement which would see Johannesburg providing ser-

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● Boycott-hit Soweto On edge of collapse

Make-or-break bid to draw in ANC, IFP

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vices to Soweto with financial assistance from the Government and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council

Two months ago, everything was in place for the crippling rent boycott to end. Payments were up and Johannesburg was to move in on May 1. There was agreement on the writing-off of the R1,3 billion loan obligations of the three Greater Soweto local authorities at the beginning of March — and negotiations were continuing on writing off amounts owed by residents.

Now, two years of negotiations to introduce stable interim government in Greater Soweto hang in the balance.

At Wednesday's meeting of the ad hoc committee on the Greater Soweto crisis, the ANC and the IFP will pitch in for the first time — joining the Soweto Civic Association and representatives of the local authorities of Soweto, Diep meadow, Dobsonville, Johannesburg and Rodepoort — in the search for an urgent plan of action.

Any plan must find an effective way of ending the service charge boycott, and must move boldly towards the non-racial restructuring of local government for the

"pre-interim" period
"We are ready to go in and very anxious to go in," Johannesburg city councillor Sias Reyneke said yesterday. "If we manage to break the log-jam during the next couple of weeks, then I would expect us to be able to move in by July 1. The last door that needs to be opened is to get the political parties involved."

Developments this week left parties in little doubt of the urgency of their task:

● Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan disclosed that payment for services in Soweto had sunk to a record low of 5 percent of the billed amount. Lategan warned that there would soon be insufficient funds to run even the most rudimentary services in Soweto.

● The Soweto Civic Association this weekend embarked on a two-day "retreat" to thrash out the issues posed by the township crisis.

● Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert warned that a solid two years' work by the chamber could be rendered useless if parties failed in their primary task of solving the Soweto crisis.

Milne said the reason the Soweto Accord and the Soweto tariffs agreement of 1991 had not worked was because there was insufficient contact with people on the ground.

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TPA aid for Soweto's Star 18/5/93 retrenchment packages

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration has granted the Soweto City Council R1,8 million to cover the retrenchment packages for 117 former council employees, says Soweto town clerk Elizabeth Sithole. *[Signature]*

Rumblings of discontent were heard when those who had volunteered for retrenchment did not get paid out promptly.

The terms of voluntary retrenchment, generous by standards prevailing in the private sector, were

- Three months' salary.
- Six months' housing subsidies and travel allowance.

Sithole explained the delay in payment: "Because of the council's cash flow, which would not be enough to effect the payment of packages, a request was made to the TPA to assist in payment of these packages."

"A positive response has now been received and an amount of R1,8 million paid over to the council."

Cheques for those retrenched at the end of March were ready, said Sithole.

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Power charges despite write-off

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Soweto City Council is continuing to charge residents for arrears electricity payments despite the fact that Eskom wrote off millions of rands owed to it by the council.

Prior to Eskom taking over the supply of electricity in the township a year ago, it reached an out-of-court settlement with the Soweto Council in terms of which the council's debt was written off.

In return Eskom gained the right to use the local authority's electrical infrastructure in Soweto.

The benefits of this agreement have not been passed on to individual electricity consumers, who have accumulated considerable debts.

As a result, homeowners wishing to sell their homes find that they cannot obtain clearance certificates from the council without settling outstanding electricity payments, which often run to thousands of rands.

The Star spoke to an official in the council treasury department, who said there was no council resolution empowering the treasury to write off arrears electricity charges to individuals.

Since the council was sacked earlier this year, Soweto administrator Zakkie Lombard has the power to make policy decisions. The Star asked him whether he intended to write off the electricity arrears or to pursue their recovery.

Lombard, who is also a Transvaal Provincial Administration official, referred The Star's query to Soweto town clerk Elizabeth Sithole, who said: "Soweto City Council can only write off electricity arrears if the TPA so approves."

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Crucial meeting for Soweto today

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE ending of longstanding rent and service boycotts in SA's largest township hinges on today's meeting of the Soweto Crisis Committee in Johannesburg.

The committee is expected to review new proposals put forward by Soweto's civics, as well as suggestions by the major political organisations.

Payment levels in Soweto are less than 5% and residents owe R800m in arrears. Last week the TPA and Metropolitan Chamber issued warnings that unless the issue was cleared up soon, Soweto would not survive the transition to democracy.

Soweto stands poised on the edge of a "catastrophic" plunge into unrest and disease as services collapse.

TPA MEC Burger Lategan said last

week that even the most basic of services would come to a standstill because of the financial deficit.

The Soweto civics held a meeting at the weekend, and sources indicate that they have reached agreement on tariffs and interim arrangements for the overseeing of the township during the transition to new municipal structures.

Although the civics have remained silent about their proposals, sources said these would be put forward today, and would probably determine the outcome of the meeting. Also expected to attend today are the major political parties, the TPA and the city councils of Johannesburg and Roodepoort.

Quatro deaths 'in main from disease'

DIRK VAN EEDEN

MOST of the people who died in the ANC's notorious Quatro "rehabilitation camp" died of malaria and a lack of medical treatment, not torture, said former ANC security chief Joe Nhlanhla.

Testifying before the Motsuenyane commission into alleged human rights abuses in ANC camps yesterday, Nhlanhla said he only took over the security desk on the condition that Quatro and some other camps were to be upgraded.

Quatro had been primitive and too small. Inmates had to remain locked up for too long. Ordinary criminals, such as rapists, were kept in the same cells as security suspects.

He said the ANC's national executive committee decided to overhaul the camp and plans had been drawn up for a modern camp, at which inmates could be separated according to alleged crimes.

However, these plans were never carried out because the ANC did not have the funds to build the new camp

"In that light one cannot say that the delay in overhauling the camp was undue. But, it is true that many things would not have happened if we could build the new camp."

He said that immediately after he took charge in 1987, criminals were separated from political prisoners and the criminals were removed from Quatro.

Any death in the camps had to be reported to the ANC's secretary-general. If someone had died unnaturally, his death had been regarded as a criminal case, until proven otherwise.

If it was proven that any person was responsible for an unnatural death, the case had been handed over to the authorities of the local government.

"It was an iron rule that the ANC would not protect its members if they committed crimes."

He said the treatment of detainees had been a constant point of discussion within the ANC leadership.

Sewage works blamed for polluting river

MARIANNE MERTEN

GOVERNMENT is considering legal action against Johannesburg City Council's Northern Sewage Works for discharging high levels of chlorine into the Jukskei River.

The chemical - used in sewage purification plants as a disinfectant - was possibly related to the recent deaths of fish in the river, a Water Affairs Department statement said yesterday.

Water Affairs director of water quality management Sakkie van der Westhuizen said chlorine tests conducted on Friday had showed levels in excess of the Water

Act standards which applied to the Jukskei River. The test results would be sufficient scientific proof in court, if legal proceedings were initiated.

There was no direct link to the purification plant as the chlorine had been discharged over a sustained period.

Johannesburg City Council's deputy director water reclamation Tony Pitman said yesterday he was not convinced that the Northern Sewage Works' effluent had caused the deaths.

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Little progress on Soweto crisis

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Last night's meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Soweto Crisis failed to produce bold action to prevent disintegration and administrative collapse in the bankrupt township.

Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert emerged from the three-hour meeting saying merely that good progress had been made.

The ANC was not present at the meeting, although spokesman Mathole Motshekga indicated a week ago that the organisation would be there.

According to Slabbert, the meeting resolved to set up a working group to expedite negotiations on ending the rent boycott and setting in place ef-

fective service provision and government in Greater Soweto for the period before interim government.

Slabbert said all parties present last night would be part of the working group. The date of its first meeting would be set at a workshop on May 27

Until last night, the civic associations of Johannesburg and Soweto were the only non-governmental participants in the Ad Hoc Committee, a sub-structure of the Met Chamber

Yesterday saw the addition of several political organisations, including the NP, the IFP, the Azanian People's Organisation, Sofasonke and the little-known South African Residents' Association

Slabbert said the ANC had tendered apologies, indicating it

was not hostile to participation, it was simply not yet ready to join. The Pan Africanist Congress did not attend.

It was apparent that many long-standing members of the Ad Hoc Committee felt real frustration at the limited progress made yesterday

Earlier this year, the committee stood on the brink of agreement on a plan for Johannesburg to assume direct service delivery in Soweto and Diepmeadow, and for Roodepoort to do likewise in Dobsonville. A multiparty Greater Soweto Forum would have directed the process

In the interests of boosting the legitimacy of the plan, its finalisation was delayed and various political groups pulled into the talks.

'Catastrophe' looms in Soweto as talks falter

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

CIVIC affairs and essential services in Soweto are on the brink of total collapse after the failure this week of principal parties to reach an agreement on a package covering tariffs and service delivery.

The Soweto Crisis Committee met on Wednesday to discuss what has been called an "impending catastrophe". Tariff payments have dropped to 5% — the lowest level yet — and services are slowly grinding to a halt in the township.

The committee consists of the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils, the TPA, the Central Witwatersrand RSC and political parties such as the ANC, Inkatha, Azapo, the NP and DP.

In a terse statement yesterday, Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber CE Vic Milne said negotiations had reached a "sensitive stage" after "full and frank discussions". No agreement had, however, been reached on the package.

Milne said it was hoped that a solution would be found in the near future.

Sources said yesterday that while most parties on the committee were ready to implement the package, "certain" political parties were holding up the process.

These organisations wanted more time to study the package and to consult members.

Last week, sources warned that if there was no money to bridge Soweto's growing R800m deficit provision of basic services would soon stall and salaries of employees in essential services would not be paid.

Milne has said Soweto might not survive the next few months. Labour unrest, sparked by non-payment of salaries, would lead to an escalation of violence that would eventually spill over into Johannesburg. Health and sanitation services would come to a halt.

TPA MEC Burger Lategan said that unless the situation was resolved urgently, the consequences would be "tragic".

Couple die in 'planned euthanasia'

CAPE TOWN — A retired top city psychiatrist and his bed-ridden wife have died in a well-planned act of euthanasia

The bodies of Dr Montague Russel Clarke (79) and his wife Angela (54) were found in their Ednam Road, Newlands, flat on Wednesday. Both had been injected with an unknown drug.

Dr Clarke's son Tony said from his home in Constantia that his stepmother Angela had become disabled after undergoing several painful operations to her spine with limited success.

His father had recently had the battery replaced in his pacemaker and had been told by doctors that he would have to undergo serious cardiac surgery within the next four years. "They felt they had an unhealthy and painful life with little to look forward to," Clarke said.

"This is terribly sad for the family. However, if one looks at this as though the two of them have chosen euthanasia to move on to a better place, then it's wonderful."

The caretaker of the block of flats made the discovery after a note in a sealed envelope with his name on it was found lying next to his car.

The note, signed by the couple, apologised to him for his "grim task" and said they had "decided to end our lives in what you might call assisted euthanasia".

Police have opened two inquest dockets — Sapa.

Ampros to take hawkers under wing

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By Meg Wilson
Property Editor

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In a move with important implications for central Johannesburg, one of the city's largest property administrators has undertaken to provide proper trading, storage and toilet facilities for hawkers operating outside its buildings.

Anglo American Property Services (Ampros) says two precincts, outside the Carlton Centre along Commissioner Street, and the pedestrian zone adjoining 32 Diagonal Street, will be the first to benefit.

Consultant Monty Sack says the development has come about as a result of street-level negotiations with hawkers already operating in these areas.

These followed a Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) workshop at which representatives of formal business, hawkers and the city council were brought together for the first time.

Heeding hawkers' demands for relief from local authority harassment, Ampros has decided to lease the pavement space in front of its buildings from the city council, giving it effective control over these areas.

It has responded to other needs by agreeing to provide proper trading stalls, some with water on site, and arranging toilet access and convenient storage facilities.

Daily cleansing and security will be supervised by Ampros, although traders have accepted the need for "self-policing" and are hoping to employ their own cleaners.

In effect, says Sack, Ampros will be managing the process of upgrading — "not in an autocratic sense, but in the broader interests of Johannesburg".

Ampros, which is considering other sites in greater Johannesburg, including Braamfontein and Hillbrow, for similar upgrading, obviously hopes the initiative will catch on among other property owners.

This would give effect to the objectives of the CJP task group on informal trading, which include promoting more effective planning and design of informal trading pitches, and improving operational considerations.

The next step, says Sack, is to facilitate training for hawkers in such matters as bookkeeping and buying, marketing skills and environmental health, but this will have to be on a comprehensive rather than ad hoc basis.

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Fight fight for two Krugersdorp seats

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

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Eight candidates are vying for two Krugersdorp council seats in a by-election which is to take place in Krugersdorp West and in a section of Noordheuwel on Tuesday.

The seats fell vacant when former mayor, Alderman Sakke Nel, resigned from the council this year. A month later Dr Benoni van Graan resigned from the council after he had been appointed as the chairman of the West Rand Regional Services Council.

Six of the candidates are standing in Ward One, Krugersdorp West, while the seventh candidate, Clive Derby-Lewis, withdrew his nomination on May 5. Derby-Lewis was arrested on April 17 in connection with the murder of SA Communist Party leader Chris Hani. Johannes Adam Spruyt

Lategan, a broker, has stepped into the breach and is now the Conservative Party's official candidate in the area.

The only other organisation-affiliated candidate is Joey Swanepoel (42), who is described as a director of companies, who is standing as an AWB candidate.

Henry John de Beer, the ~~suspected~~ AWB "Wenkombando" colonel, is standing as an independent, as are Lodewyk Jan Hurter, who owns a scrapyard, Marie Louise Mourau, a company manager, and Johannes Jacobus van der Nest.

The two candidates for Ward 11, which includes a large part of Noordheuwel, are businessman Johannes Christiaan (Poen) Harding (62) of the Conservative Party and insurance broker Rayne Snyman (31) who describes himself as an autonomous Nationalist.

Weekly airspora count

Weekly airspora count for the PWV (current week):

Pollen: 2 grains/cu m.
Fungi: 1 000 spores/cu m.

These counts are typical of early winter conditions. When levels exceed 50 for pollen and 3 000 for fungi, all sensitive persons will experience allergic symptoms.



We have received no reports of factual errors in The Star for today's column.

Wrangle over toxic waste dumps on E Rand

By Shirley Woodgate

Dumping of toxic waste on the East Rand has come up against a wall of opposition from environmentalists and growing numbers of residents who claim hazardous substances pose a serious health problem.

The target is waste management company Waste-Tech.

The sites are located in disused quarries at Margolis I and II dumps, Rietfontein, the Old Howell quarry and Highway Hole, all situated near Corobrik in a triangle between the R22 and R24 affecting Bedfordview, Edenvale and Germiston, and a proposed landfill site at Chibokop, between Midrand and Kempton Park.

Backed by reports, Jane Grater, a member of Action for Environmental Protection and spokesman for residents opposing the existing

sites near Corobrik, said complaints of deteriorating health over the past three years included a higher incidence of upper respiratory problems, runny noses, stomach cramps, rashes, eye inflammation, itching eyes and skin, and hair loss.

Waste-Tech managing director Ken Bromfield warned that the environment would suffer if landfills were forced to move away from residential and industrial areas.

Some industries would dump industrial, and often toxic, waste into class-2 landfill sites not designed to handle hazardous products, and others would dump on uncensured factory sites, on open ground or in rivers.

He said those who wanted landfills removed would have to accept that professional waste management companies were part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Changing Sandton's guard

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PETER Gardiner, Sandton's newly elected management committee chairman — the third this year — may be sure only of six weeks in the chair, but he does have a vision to unite the sub-region.

Gardiner was elected chairman last week, stepping into the gap created by the sudden resignation of Bruce Stewart

Stewart took over from Willem Hefer earlier this year, and was supposed to see the municipal budget through until June 29, on which date councillors had agreed to review the management committee

Gardiner has just retired from his post as director of Anglo American Property Services and is keen to be more fully involved in the local government process. He will make himself available for re-election on June 29 provided he can sort out a tax difficulty involving his pension

There is no doubt that Gardiner is experienced enough for the job. He has been a Sandton councillor for 11 years, served as management committee chairman in 1989 and is one of the few councillors to have been elected mayor twice.

He was also chairman of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum, which was established to give Alexandra residents a say in the running of their town after Randburg and Sandton agreed

THE new management committee chairman has the credentials but does he have the time? LOUISE MARSLAND spoke to him.

to help with the administration and provision of services to the township.

Gardiner is clearly frustrated by the turmoil that has dogged the town council and by its image as a bickering body

"It is the most interesting period in local government. But there is a perception that we (Sandton) don't want to get our hands dirty, that we are not setting a good example to Alexandra. That era is past"

THE Section 59 committee investigating new constitutional options for the sub-region is working this time round, Gardiner asserts.

The community is involved and is looking at public participation, the division of non-residential rates revenue, and joint or single administrations

Gardiner admits that Randburg's vision of a united municipal administration for Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra upset a lot of people

He lists the goals of his vision for the region as a need for all resi-

dents to take pride in their restructured municipality; acceptance of joint responsibility and involvement by all in the running of their town; recognition of the necessity to pay for services, rentals and rates as well as maintenance of the town without the threat of boycotts "as a political tool", the creation of jobs, the urgent upgrading of Alexandra; and provision of housing

Also on Gardiner's agenda is achieving a secure environment throughout the town, enforced, if necessary, by a municipal police force

His most important and immediate task is to present a budget Sandton will make provision for funds for Alexandra from revenue collected from business rates.

The uncertainty felt by residents, ratepayers and municipal officials about their future must be addressed, he says.

Gardiner sees the growth of office space in Sandton, which has become a "decentralised office centre", as a major problem.

He intends hosting a public meeting next month at which ratepayers can communicate to the town council their frustrations and uncertainty over town-planning issues.

"Regional authorities for water and sewerage, town planning, work very well ... and we believe that whatever transpires in local government, it must remain close to the residents," Gardiner says

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Bloc to oppose councils and TPA

Star 22/5/93

LOUISE MARSLAND

AT LEAST 25 organisations meet this morning to form a power bloc to oppose "undemocratic" action by town councils and the Transvaal Provincial Administration on proposed mergers and boundary changes of the municipalities of Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra.

The bloc, to be called the Northern Consultative Forum, will be established by civic, community, business and ratepayer organisations from the

three towns and the northern "greenbelt" area who oppose the Randburg Town Council's decision to merge with neighbouring municipalities.

Other major issues to be addressed by the forum are proposals for local government constitutional arrangements and the extension of the boundaries of Randburg and Sandton.

● Randburg Town Council has been reported to the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat by the Randburg Action Committee for allegedly violating the terms of the National Peace Accord.

The committee accused town councillors of ignoring community participation in debate on the proposed merger and of misrepresenting Government policies.

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City Press 23/5/93
Drive for joint control over Vaal

BLACK and white organisations in the Vaal this week started campaigning for the formation of a broad forum which will bring the control of local government under joint control

TPA consultant Nigel Mandy told City Press the creation of the Vaal forum would ultimately result in the realisation of the goal of a "one city-one-tax base" in the area

Confirming Mandy's statement, VCA general secretary Jeffrey Rademeyer, said "We made it quite clear to delegates represented in our meeting with the TPA and other structures that we needed financial assistance to make the organisation financially viable"

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■ Reports by CP Reporters, Sapa, Reuter

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Star 24/5/93

By Meg Wilson
Property Editor

Millions for CBD projects

Hundreds of millions of rands are being poured into capital projects in central Johannesburg as the city gets to grips with its crime, congestion and housing problems

Obviously many institutional and private investors are of the same opinion as a panel of international business consultants, which recently placed Johannesburg fourth among 10 cities worldwide poised for most future growth and offering good investment opportunities

According to Ian Davidson, chairman of the city council's management committee, the value of major CBD building projects submitted to the council and now being built totals R392,5 million

And last month, he announced that the council alone would spend R45 million in the current financial year on 10 projects to boost the local economy and promote inner-city growth. These included increasing housing in the inner city, setting up informal trading sites, a light rail system for the CBD and a trade and tourism centre. Funds would also be allocated to the Newtown cultural precinct.

Private sector projects recently completed or still under way include

- The last section of Bank City, First National Bank's new headquarters
- A R36 million new block in the Standard Bank complex on Summerson Street.
- ABSA Towers East.
- R9,3 million worth of alterations to an Investec Bank building in Commissioner Street.
- The new Reserve Bank regional headquarters
- Gemmin's R138 million new headquarters
- R16 million worth of new parking at Samlan Centre.
- The R39 million Bridge shopping centre
- The multimillion-rand East India centre, to be built in the old power station buildings behind the JSE.

Other plans on the drawing board include a

R175 million Metro Mall which will transform the Newtown and Kasernie bus and taxi ranks into a retail cum transport centre, and the rest of a R1,2 billion trade and tourism centre in airspace above the railways from the Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street.

In addition, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment is planning a CBD "office park" called Main Place on a site bounded by Fox, Marshall, Alexander and Beaudenout streets

And Sanlam has plans to redevelop both the Anstey's site — the block bounded by Joubert, Kerk, Rissik and Jeppe streets — and Forum 66 site at the corner of Commissioner and Saul streets.

Several prominent people have recently expressed their confidence in the future of the CBD, among them Clem Sunter, renowned for his scenario presentations. He believes the odd, in the high-road scenario, in which CBD business benefits

from massive growth in black incomes) becoming a reality are much greater as the country completes its transition to democracy and renewed economic growth.

The CBD, he says, will be the "centre of gravity" for business transactions between the various communities that make up the dense, cultivated PWV area

A proper political settlement will encourage world-class companies to invest in South Africa and most of these, says Sunter, will regard Johannesburg's CBD as the ideal base from which to expand operations and open relations with the rest of southern Africa

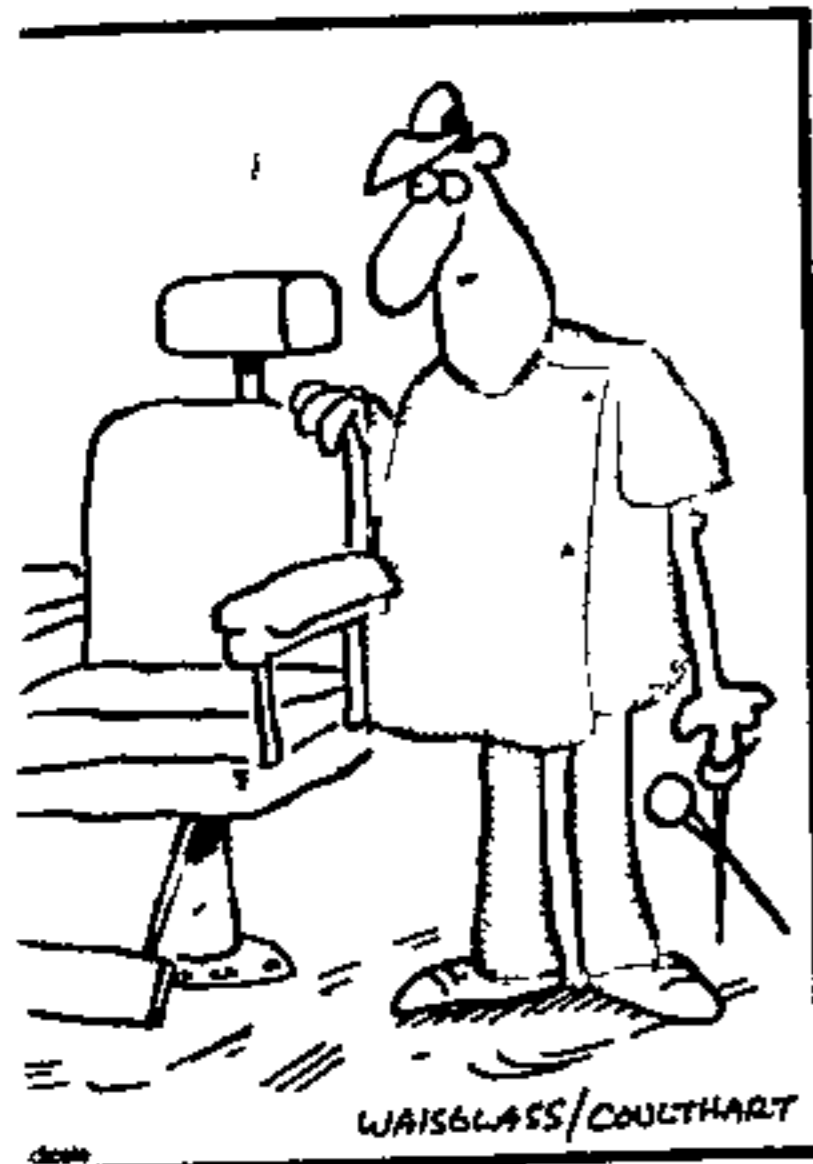
did not believe any prospect of the matter went

tie me up for another six months to a year in litigation — it's pure vindictiveness".

Lost City at Sun City, Congratulations

Association of SA, the competition is aimed at children from Grade 1 to Std 5

by David Walsglass
Gordon Coulthart

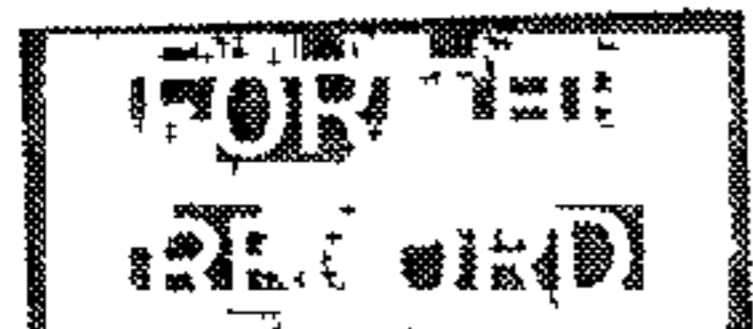


once you cut it, I have to come back.'

Girls missing

Police are still hunting for two Transvaal teenagers — one of them a CCV television presenter — who went missing from Margate on Friday. Lorna Karon and Cian Gray, both 17, left a note in the flat where they were on holiday with Lorna's family. Lorna presented CCV's *Maths No Problem*.

Both are about 1,6 cm tall and brown-haired. — Crime Reporter.



A report from our Durban correspondent on May 19 said a visitor to the United States would have to pay R102 to be inoculated against yellow fever and cholera. A spokesman for Turbo Travel in Johannesburg says neither inoculation is needed for a visit to the US. They are required for travel only to certain countries in South America. However, people travelling to the US via any of these countries would need the inoculations.

Commission will probe Lenasia corruption claims

Star 24/5/93

By Cyril Madlala

The Transvaal Administrator has appointed a commission of inquiry into alleged corruption, irregularities and maladministration in the Lenasia South East Management Committee.

Complaints to be investigated by the commission include allegations of mismanagement, theft, fraud, kidnapping, assault and grievous bodily harm.

A spokesman for a group of residents who have taken the matter up with various authorities said the alleged incompetence of the management committee was cause for "grave concern". This had reinforced the community's desire for amalgamation with the Johannesburg City Council.

He alleged that violations of regulations, unethical conduct and adoption of resolutions beyond the management committee's powers were being swept under the carpet "in order not to rock the boat" for fear of the management com-

mittee members losing their pensions and payout packages

It is understood that complaints, supported by sworn affidavits, have been lodged with the chief auditor of the Local Government Affairs Council in Pretoria, alleging:

- Misuse of management committee vehicles.
- Theft of its property, such as bricks and steel railway sleepers.
- Fraudulent entries in motor vehicle log-sheets by staff
- Staff being used during office hours to do private work at committee members' homes.

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- Non-compliance with industrial council requirements in respect of appointment and promotion of staff.
- Condoning falsified applications for employment.
- Appointment and promotion of family members.
- Allocation of properties to members of the management committee using fictitious and bogus

names and companies

Residents who have taken up the matter with the authorities have demanded immediate suspension of the entire management committee and senior officials, and the installation of a caretaker body or officials.

While calling for the appointment of a commission of inquiry, they want a moratorium on all town-planning matters and on the signing of all agreements, contracts and tender documents.

A notice in the official gazette named the commission members as J M Griffiths and P J Geers.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said the commission would start its investigations as soon as certain technical problems regarding its appointment had been resolved.

People wishing to submit evidence can write to the Secretary, The Commission of Inquiry into the Lenasia South East Management Committee, Box 1341, Pretoria 0001.

Mandela comforts bombing victim

Star 24/5/93

By Happy Nkhoma

The wife of an African National Congress official has described to Nelson Mandela the terror she experienced during two petrol-bomb attacks on her Soweto home.

On Friday Nomsa Mufamadi — wife of Peace Desk chief Sydney Mufamadi — was telling The

Star about the attacks last week, which had left her numb with fear, when Mandela arrived unexpectedly.

She told the ANC leader how, on the night of the first attack, she had run blindly to the burning lounge and been pulled to safety by her daughter, Lindiwe (12)

Lindiwe had then telephoned neighbours and

the police.

Mufamadi told Mandela she had been uneasy ever since an unknown person phoned the Alpha Page paging company about two weeks ago, saying her husband had been assassinated

Mandela told her the attacks were the acts of people who were against peace and progress in South Africa

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By Paul Bell

The ANC and IFP yesterday offered sharply different

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	Capital expenditure included	Capital expenditure excluded
*Public Schools	1 755	1 669
*Teacher Training Colleges	14 169	12 115
*Technical Colleges	5 287	4 825
*Technikons	5 559	4 540
Universities	8 913	7 656

* Based on information in respect of actual expenditures of education departments as submitted to the DNE within the SANEP information system

Dobsonville: payments to councillors

330 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government ⁽²⁶⁶⁾

(1) Whether an investigation has been undertaken by the Director-General Transvaal Provincial Administration in respect of certain payments made to councillors in Dobsonville, if not, why not, if so, (a) what did these payments relate to, (b) to whom were they made

- (a) Director-general
- Deputy Director-General
- Chief Director
- Director
- Deputy Director

This information does not include posts and incumbents that have been transferred from the House of Representatives to the Department of National Health and Population Development as a result of rationalisation with effect from 1 April 1993

(b) 1 April 1993

Schools in Departmental regions: number of teachers

351 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Region	(1) (a)		(b) 3 March 1992
	(i)	(ii)	
Diamond Fields	4 055	1 477	(i) 6 031
Highveld	7 223	3 734	(ii) 2 979
Johannesburg	4 378	3 040	4 344
Cape	6 957	3 051	2 397
Northern Transvaal	5 015	2 584	23 768
Natal	5 621	2 132	15 701
Orange-Vaal	6 288	2 816	2 065
Orange-Free State	4 913	2 050	54 306
Total	44 450	20 884	29 336

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B770E

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) No

The Director-General Transvaal Provincial Administration has no knowledge of any payments, other than normal monthly allowances, made to councillors in Dobsonville

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National Health and Population Development

346 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare

(a) How many persons from each race group occupy positions in the top five post levels of the Department of National Health and Population Development and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B786E

	White	Black	Indian	Coloured
(a)	1	—	—	—
(b)	2	—	—	—
(c)	11	—	—	—
(d)	30	1	2	—
(e)	86	1	2	— and

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

(1) (a) How many teachers are employed at (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools under his control in each Departmental region and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether he will furnish the information requested in paragraph (1) in respect of each of the self-governing territories, if not, why not, if so, what are the corresponding particulars? B820E

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

New body formed to fight amalgamation proposals

By Anna Cox

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Residents are greatly discontented with local authorities north of Johannesburg, says Dr Harry Formanek, convener of the new Northern Consultative Forum (NCF), inaugurated in Sandton at the weekend.

This was proved, he said, by the good turnout at the first meeting.

A total of 23 organisations representing ratepayers and landowners covering an area of 1 000 sq km attended.

The aim of the NCF is to unite all communities opposing decisions taken unilaterally by local authorities.

Concerns

The main concerns are the amalgamation proposals between Randburg, Alexandra and Sandton and the proposed incorporation of rural land north of Johannesburg into neighbouring municipalities.

The NCF constitution says bodies such as the new Local Government Negotiating Forum and the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum are unrepresentative and politically biased and should be abolished.

It also says the NCF does

not accept the Government, the TPA or town councils have the right to make unilateral decisions on community matters.

Peter Hewitt, chairman of Saturday's meeting, said "What started as a national reform process with the intention of meaningful participation by the people is now perceived by many communities of different colour and ethnic backgrounds as the unilateral restructuring of community affairs. This is opposed by every political party outside Government."

In the rural areas north of Randburg and Sandton, he said, the rulings of the Demarcation Boards were seen as "land grabs".

"In Randburg, the vision of the amalgamation of Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra has been proposed by the town council without a mandate by the affected communities. This has resulted in widespread discontent.

"At subregional level, the NJNF is perceived as unrepresentative — projecting Government and party-political interests." No independent organisation from Randburg or Sandton was represented on the NJNF, said Hewitt.

R300-m Star 25/5/93 budget for Randburg

By Anna Cox 266

Randburg residents will pay 9,93 percent more for household rates and services charges from June 1.

Residents living on 1 000 sq m stands will pay on average R30,75 more a month.

Announcing the town's R300 million 1993/94 budget last night, Randburg management committee chairman Gary Cooney said that, despite financial pressures, the council had managed to keep the increases to "a low" 9,93 percent.

An amount of R2 million derived from non-residential areas will be given to underprivileged communities and black local authorities. It is the first such allocation and was made because of the imminent amalgamation of Randburg, Sandton, Alexandra and Marlboro Gardens.

Cooney said part of the R2 million would be used on an affirmative action programme with a view to providing competent and skilled staff for local government in a new dispensation.

Security in Randburg also received a boost with the allocation of R650 000 for 60 additional policemen, which the council will finance.

A further R250 000 was donated to the Police Reservist Association for six equipped patrol vehicles and R345 000 will be spent on linking Randburg to the Sandton Crisis Control Centre by June 1.

Pelindaba Road will be upgraded at a cost of R3,3 million.

A total of R9,5 million will be spent on upgrading and expanding the town's electricity reticulation infrastructure.

Cooney also announced that low-cost housing and informal settlements would be established in the Nietgedacht area.

ensure that this document to which he referred cannot easily be forged. In the second place, it is procedure to make use of fingerprints

Any person can be bribed in any circumstances. No country in the world can prevent people from being bribed or forged, from taking place. We can introduce measures, however, to prevent this. I referred again to the document itself and to the fact that the procedures in all respects required fingerprints and also that we had made the legislation much stricter earlier this year. We increased penalties, from a fine to two years imprisonment, and six months' imprisonment was increased to five years' imprisonment. [Interjections]

I submit that it is very easy to present vague allegations here. Hon members should present more positive proof and solutions. I submit that this Government introduces the sternest measures to strengthen our identity documents.

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

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For oral reply

General Affairs

SABC: footage of Mr Han's death/funeral

*1 Mr J H W MENTZ asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) Whether the South African Broadcasting Corporation was requested by the Goldstone Commission recently to furnish full and unedited footage of video material in respect of the death and funeral of Mr Chns Han, if so,
- (2) whether this request was acceded to, if not, why not, if so, to what extent,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B810E

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes, all available material was furnished to the Goldstone Commission. The SABC does not keep all unedited ver-

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†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

†Mr Speaker, in opening, allow me to congratulate you on the fact that you are occupying the Chair on 26 May 1993, 45 years after 26 May 1948. [Interjections]

- (1) (a) March 1993
- (b) Councillor G C Cooney

- (2) Yes—Chapter III of the Municipal Elections Ordinance, No 16 of 1970, Transvaal

Traffic officers: remuneration

*3 Adv C H PIENAAR asked the Minister of Education and Training and of National Housing (Minister responsible for the Commission for Administration) †

Whether, in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 financial years, the Commission for Administration took steps to improve the remuneration packages of provincial traffic officers, if not, why not, if so, what steps? B812E

†The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Training and of National Housing (Minister responsible for the Commission for Administration))

Yes 1991-92 financial year. In addition to the incorporation of the 10% non-pensionable allowance, which had been payable to all Public Service Act personnel since 1 April 1990, into basic pensionable salary and the granting of a differentiated salary adjustment of 9,6% at the lowest level and 6,6% at the highest level, the following steps were taken

- A non-pensionable occupational allowance of R1 200 per annum was instituted for the four lowest post levels of provincial traffic officers
- The gradings of the remaining two post levels were upgraded by one post level each

1992-93 financial year. An average pensionable general salary adjustment of 9,2% was granted to all Public Service Act personnel

†Adv C H PIENAAR Mr Chairman, this question has arisen every year for the past three years now and I have also put it at provincial debates

Arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to ask why the remuneration package of provincial traffic officers, who make up the front line of law enforcement, especially on the roads, is still so far behind that municipal traffic officers generally get better remuneration packages than provincial traffic officers

Although these adjustments mentioned by the hon the Minister have been made, they are still so far behind that provincial traffic officers are some of the worst-paid law enforcers in this country. I want to know why attention is not being given to this

If one asks the question on a provincial level, they refer one to the central level. When one asks it on a central level, they refer the matter back and say that it has been attended to. Why are these people's remuneration packages not brought onto the same level as, for example, the SA Police? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the hon member may table the question so that the relevant hon Minister can reply to it for him

Slagboom: accident involving school cadets

*4 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Defence

- (1) Whether, with reference to an accident which occurred at Slagboom on or about 18 March 1993 and in which a number of pupils were killed and injured, school cadets attending cadet camps have the same status as do members of the public undergoing national service, if not, why not and (b) how does their status differ,

- (2) whether the South African Defence Force has paid or intends paying compensation in respect of each pupil killed or injured in the above-mentioned accident, if not, why not, if so, (a) what amount and (b) how is this amount calculated? B836E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Mr Speaker, before I answer the question, on behalf of the Government and the SA Defence Force I should like to express our sincere sympathy to the parents and family and friends of the three boys who passed away in this tragic accident

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such as the possible introduction of a capital subsidy coupon for first-time home buyers in South Africa

(2) No

Hindu Seva Samaj Temple: investigation

*6 Mr M RAJIB asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any progress has been made in the investigation into the bombing of the Hindu Seva Samaj Temple in January 1993, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D276E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) No

A reward has been offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person(s) No information has yet been received and the investigation is continuing

(2) No

Death of person at Pollsmoor: action

*7 Mr M RAJIB asked the Minister of Correctional Services

(1) Whether, with reference to information furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, any action has been taken by his Department against two of its officers who were allegedly involved in the death of a person who died at Pollsmoor Prison on or about 29 June 1989, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether he will disclose the names of the persons involved, if not, why not, if so, what are their names? D277E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(1) No

The matter was handed over to the SA

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Management committee: Police investigations

*9 Mr P PADAYACHEE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether, with reference to certain information which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of his reply, a member of Parliament has approached the Police in regard to police investigations into allegations relating to members of a certain management committee, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) what was the nature of the approach, (b) what is the name of this management committee and (c) to whom was the approach made,

(2) whether he will disclose the name of the member of Parliament in question, if not, why not, if so, what is the name of this member,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D270E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(1) (a) To enquire about alleged charges brought against a businessman, who appeared in the Protea Court on 5 March 1993

(b) Lenasa South East Management Committee

(c) Warrant-Officer D P Garnett, South African Police Liaison officer to the office of the Commissioner of the South African Police in Cape Town

(2) Yes Mr D K Padiachey

(3) No

WMA Affairs

Recommendations of Mall Committee

Mr M F CASSIM asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether any steps have been taken or are being contemplated to implement

the various recommendations of the Mall Committees, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) which recommendations,

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? D242E

Mr M F CASSIM Mr Chairman, I am willing to have the two questions on the Question Paper in my name stand down if precedence can be given to the last notice of motion printed in my name on the Order Paper

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member is willing to have these questions stand down provided that precedence is given to what?

Mr M F CASSIM To the motion printed in my name on the Order Paper, Sir

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I am afraid that unless such arrangements are made with the Whips, I am in no position to assist the hon member

Mr M F CASSIM Can we arrange for a speakers' list, Mr Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Furthermore the hon member must understand that he cannot come here and set conditions These arrangements ought to be made with the Whips

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes

(a) Since the handing of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Education Matters on 29 October 1992, the Department is implementing the recommendations

(b) Since the time allocated for this oral reply is very limited, I shall refer to a few of the recommendations to substantiate that the Report is being used by the Department

(1) 'It is recommended that the Department investigate and

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more for a plot than their houses are going to be worth It is a crying shame

*Mr M A HENDRICKSE Why do you not go to Belhar?

*Mr S SIMMONS I repeat that it is a crying shame and the hon member for Pniel, who unfortunately is not here today, should hang his head in shame at the terrible decision he took during his term of office as Minister of Housing

[Interjections] After all, he was the man who said that the country's housing problems were going to be solved within three years I want to ask him how many more mountians he is going to buy [Interjections] Less than 2 km away from the mountain is an empty town of the Department of Water Affairs The hon members for Pniel and Addo refused to purchase it, and the question arises what their share in the purchase of this mountain was? [Interjections]

*Mr C INASSON Mr Chairman, the people of Kirkwood are today paying the price for the Group Areas Act which was introduced and maintained by the NP Government [Interjections] This was the act which made it impossible for more suitable land to be obtained for the people of Kirkwood [Interjections] The department wanted to purchase more suitable land, but the farmers in the vicinity refused [Interjections]

In terms of the implementation of the Group Areas Act of the NP Government the portion of land under discussion here was the first that was available [Interjections]

*The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon members for Rietvel and Border must behave themselves There are other hon members who would like to hear what the hon member for Bokkeveld has to say The hon member for Bokkeveld may proceed

*Mr C I NASSON Mr Chairman, may I be given injury time? [Interjections]

The hon member for Bishop Lavis and the NP are making a mountain out of a molehill here today [Interjections] It is not a mountain that was bought I have established that it is a hill, and on top of the hill is a plateau which is so large and so flat that one can build approximately 200 houses on it [Time expired]

*Mr N M ISAACS Mr Chairman, I want to ask the hon member for Schauderville something

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†Does Strathsomers ring a bell?

Mr M A HENDRICKSE [Inaudible]

Mr N M ISAACS Bravo! That is exactly what I wanted him to do He put his foot into it Strathsomers rings a bell

Mr M A HENDRICKSE Bullshit!

*The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon member for Schauderville must withdraw that word

*Mr M A HENDRICKSE Mr Chairman, what did I say?

*The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES "Bullshit"

*Mr M A HENDRICKSE I withdraw it, Sir

*Mr N M ISAACS Thank you, Mr Chairman I hope I am given some injury time

Strathsomers rings a bell! Who had an interest in Strathsomers? Who asked for an eye to be kept on the development at Strathsomers? [Interjections] I shall say nothing further about it

[Interjections] Leave the NP alone! Look at that hon member waving his hands around! He is guilty! [Interjections] Why does he want to know nothing about Strathsomers? [Interjections]

*The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Does the hon member for Schauderville want to ask a question?

*Mr M A HENDRICKSE Mr Chairman, I am not afraid of anyone, except of [Interjections] Mr Chairman, on a point of order The hon member is misleading this House

*The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! That is not a point of order The hon member for Bishop Lavis may proceed

*Mr N M ISAACS Mr Chairman, that hon member can shout as loudly as he likes, but this afternoon I say that we are hanging Strathsomers around the necks of those hon members Why was an objection lodged against the group areas? It was because they had their eye on another place and did not want to buy the land which those hon members wanted [Interjections] [Time expired]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, the name Strathsomers does ring a bell [Interjections] The hon member for Schauderville

should listen to what I have to say I quote from the memorandum that was supplied by my department

Mr P A C Hendrickse, MP, was not in favour of development of the land in question and proposed the acquisition of a portion abutting the town, namely portion 42/53 Strathsomers Estate This proposal was not acceptable for the municipality as it is expensive and highly potential agricultural land which is used for the production of citrus It is also doubtful whether the necessary approval in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, 1970 (Act 70 of 1970) would have been obtained

I would just like to say that the hon member for Bokkeveld should make sure he has the correct information [Interjections] The department was never in the market to buy the land The Development Board, House of Representatives, was engaged in that [Interjections]

The memorandum goes on to say

Consultant Engineers of the Municipality indicated that the land in question offers limited development possibilities but was the most suitable land available for the extension of the area It is still the intention to utilise the land for housing purposes

Regional Town Planners of the Municipality supported the proposed extensions

The Bergsig Management Committee accepted and agreed to the proposed township development of the land in question

The Kirkwood Municipality also supported and accepted the proposed development

That is what the hon member for Schauderville did not say [Interjections]

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order!

The MINISTER OF HOUSING Mr Chairman, with regard to the question of what is to be done with the expensive land, I believe that the previous Minister erred, in that he delegated all his powers to the Development Board, which did not have to report back to the Ministers' Council [Time expired]

Debate concluded

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Donation received by former Department

*1 Mr A E REEVES asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether the former Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture received in or about 1989 a donation of approximately R800 000,00 for the benefit of the Ennerdale community from a certain service station, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, what is the name of the service station concerned,

(2) whether this donation was utilized for the purpose for which it was donated, if so, how was it utilized, if not, why not,

(3) whether the said donation was deposited by the Department's regional office in Johannesburg into a banking account, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, (a) in whose name and (b) at what interest rate? C107E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes, Scotts Garage R275 000 was received and R250 000 is still owing

(2) No, specific projects have not yet been identified

(3) No, the amount received was deposited in the Development Fund Interest at the Treasury rate of interest is applicable

Mr A E REEVES Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, has that money been transferred to Ennerdale? The donation was given to the Ennerdale Town Council, and I would like to know whether that money has in fact been transferred to them

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The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I think it is important to set the record straight at this stage. In 1989 a donation was promised to these people, if they negotiated to buy the land at a price of R550 000. That is the price that was negotiated at the time.

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There was a written agreement that half of that money, which was an amount of R275 000, would be given to the community of Ennerdale. The reply to that hon member's question is yes, that money has been handed over. In addition to the R550 000 which had been negotiated, they also promised to give a further R250 000. As I said, this happened in 1989. They have not yet handed over the additional R250 000 because they are still negotiating a loan with the Development Bank. As soon as that money has been received, the local authority and the Ennerdale community will get together to identify the projects on which that money will be utilised.

Retirement and/or phasing out of security personnel

*2 Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN asked the Minister of the Budget †

- (1) Whether his Department and/or the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives took any decisions in regard to the retirement and/or phasing out of security personnel, if so, when,
- (2) whether it is the intention to retire and/or phase out such personnel, if so, (a) why and (b) from what date,
- (3) whether all the parties concerned were consulted on this matter, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C105E

The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET

- (1) No
- (2) Falls away
- (3) Falls away
- (4) Falls away

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aged to make retirements applicable to officials, as for instance to his son who is in the employ of his Department, or whether it only applies to security staff

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†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, hon members heard in my reply to the debate on the Housing Vote that I said if the hon member could ask a decent question he would get a decent reply. I replied to his question. Had he asked me whether services would be phased out, I would have given him another reply. I have a reply in front of me, but he did not ask the correct question. He knows full well that one cannot phase out staff. One should phase out services.

†Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, will he please explain to me what he understands under security services and what the difference between security services and security staffs? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I need not reply to such a question, because it does not make sense. If a correct question had been asked.

†Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN But you are lying.

†Mr T R GEORGE Mr Chairman, on a point of order. May an hon member say "you are lying"? [Interjections] He is rude.

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Which hon member said that? [Interjections] Order.

†Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister was replying in such a way.

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Did the hon member say the hon the Minister was lying?

†Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN Yes, Sir, I did say that because he is evading the reply.

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon member may not say that. He must withdraw it.

†Mr S S OOSTHUIZEN I am not going to withdraw it, Sir, because the hon the Minister is misleading. [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Then the hon member must immediately leave the Chamber.

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†Mr J C OOSTHUIZEN Mr Chairman, on a point of order. Is the hon member for Bosmont allowed to tell another hon member he is rude?

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Did the hon member for Bosmont tell an hon member that he was rude?

†Mr T R GEORGE I did say that, Sir.

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon member may not say that, and he must immediately withdraw those words.

†Mr T R GEORGE I withdraw them, Sir.

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon the Minister may continue.

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the question asks whether his Department and/or the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives took any decisions in regard to the retirement and/or phasing out of security personnel. It does not refer to security services. [Interjections] I am trying to say that that is technically wrong.

Mr MA HENDRICKSE [Inaudible]

The MINISTER I know what I am talking about.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon member for Schauderville must contain himself. [Interjections]

The MINISTER If the question referred to services and not to personnel, I would have been prepared to answer it. [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon members for Bosmont and Swartland must contain themselves.

The MINISTER With regard to the first part of the question, I want to say yes, the Ministers' Council decided on 2 March 1993 to phase out security services.

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Differential rates to be applied

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JOHANNESBURG's City Council last night voted to introduce a differential rating system that would cut costs for occupants of flats and inner city landlords

The move would benefit people, mostly low-income earners, living in mixed-use buildings subject to business rates, which were generally higher than those levied in residential areas.

Rates assessments and water and electricity tariffs would be cut for buildings in Hillbrow, Joubert Park, Newtown and large parts of the CBD.

More than R10m was set aside to offset the loss of rates revenue

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the move would remove structural inequi-

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ties that had burdened those living in mixed-use property

The council would ask the Transvaal administrator to implement a rates remission for mixed-use properties

As valuations and rates levied were determined by the class of property, and because differential rates were not allowed to be applied selectively, the administrator had to classify areas where targeted mixed-use buildings were located as special development or housing enterprise zones.

It would also mean altering electricity meters so consumers were billed independently.

The short-term cost would be

offset by long-term savings, Davidson said

The council also approved a R3m grant from the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for development of land for low-cost housing.

The money would be used for drainage work southwest of the city on an 88ha site

More than 500 serviced stands would be developed

Several thousand more were planned on an adjacent property, Davidson said

The project would be managed by Newco, an Urban Foundation housing company, and Golden Highway Development Trust, a Section 21 company that included civics.

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Missing man's body found

The body of missing Camperdown farmer Alex Kalafatis was found yesterday. Police discovered the decomposed body in an abandoned house at Umgababa on the Natal South Coast. It appeared that he had been shot. Kalafatis's burnt-out car was found about two kilometres from the house. Three suspects have been arrested in connection with his death. — Sapa.

Spotlight on abortion deaths

Preventing deaths from abortions is the theme of this year's international day of action for women's health, which falls on Friday. To mark this day, the women's health project, a division of the Centre for Health Policy at the University of the Witwatersrand, is convening a workshop to discuss these issues. The workshop will be held on Saturday at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg. — Sapa

Constable shot in Daveyton

A 32-year-old policeman, Constable ZS Mudugwe, was shot dead in Daveyton yesterday. Police said the municipal policeman was walking with a female colleague at about 5 pm when three youths came from behind and shot Mudugwe in the back of his head. The killers grabbed the policeman's pistol and fled. The woman was not injured in the attack. — Sapa.

Scores flee after four slain

Scores of people are reported to have fled their homes in the Bulwer area in Natal after a series of violent incidents at the weekend in which four people, including a five-month-old child, were killed following a rally organised by the ANC Youth League. The Inkatha Freedom Party and the league accused each other of harassment before and after the rally. — Sapa.

Baby dolphin makes splash

The Seaworld Dolphinarium in Durban recorded a "splashdown" of a special kind at the weekend when Indian Ocean bottlenose dolphin Frodo gave birth at 3 pm on Sunday. Fathered by Gambit, it was the fifth calf born to the two dolphins. A special "maternity" net was used during the birth to shield the infant from the pool's hard walls. — Own Correspondent

Toddler drowns on farm

A toddler of 2½ was found drowned in a farm dam north of Pretoria yesterday. Police said Andre le Roux went missing about 8.30 am yesterday. After an extensive search, his body was found in the dam. — Sapa.

Two blasts rock Reef mine

Two explosions ripped through the Vaal Reef

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New rules for city's hawkers

By Cyril Madlala

Johannesburg's CBD pavements are to be leased to landlords in a bid to promote orderly hawking and overcome congestion and littering, the city council decided yesterday.

Leasing to landlords, including those in Hillbrow and Joubert Park, will be on a permanent basis with lease periods of at least a year.

Littering

"We sincerely believe that leasing pavements will lead to more orderly hawking in the CBD and that problems such as littering and obstruction will be alleviated," management committee chairman Ian Davidson said.

Before applications for sidewalk leases were submitted to the management committee, the urbanisation department would consult hawker associations, hawkers, and any other party whose interest might be affected, the council said.

Davidson said landlords would be encouraged to erect hawker stands on

pavements adjoining their properties

"It must be emphasised that the council is not attempting to discriminate against hawkers in favour of CBD landlords. We are in fact trying to improve informal trading so that everyone who shares the CBD can benefit," Davidson said.

Landlords leasing sidewalks would have to permit street traders to use a portion of the leased site free of charge, but the number of hawkers and the vending areas would be subject to approval by the municipality.

Although pavements would be leased to landlords only, hawker associations and consortia would be invited to lease identified market sites within the CBD.

Lessees would be required to upgrade the quality of hawking on the leased sites by providing temporary or permanent structures, refuse storage and, if possible, overnight storage facilities for the hawkers. They would be allowed to charge a nominal rental for the structures.

It was up to the landlords to ensure the sites were kept clean and traders did not obstruct pedestrians.

Cable theft hits phones

About 1 600 telephone subscribers in the Alrode industrial area east of Johannesburg will be without their services until Friday afternoon following the theft of cable on Monday, Telkom said yesterday.

A Telkom spokesman said three cables were stolen.

regularly stolen and the copper content sold to scrap dealers.

"Last year in the Witwatersrand region we had around R5 million worth of cable stolen."

Telkom hoped services would be restored to Alrode subscribers from about 4 pm.

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Sandton committee to investigate future local govt

By Anna Cox

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The Sandton Town Council has established a new committee to investigate aspects of future local and regional government

The leader is new management committee chairman Peter Gardiner. The other members will be representatives of the Sandton Civic Foundation, investigating constitutional models, the Sandton Chamber of Business, probing financial and

economic matters, and the Sandton Federation of Ratepayers, which will examine public participation

Gardiner has called a special council meeting tonight to consider proposals on Sandton's long-term role in local government.

He said it was time the town formulated its own ideas on local and regional government

"We are lagging behind other municipalities which have already decided their

ideas on government structures," he said. "We have been accused of not wanting to dirty our hands but, in reality, we have spent this time examining and studying various options.

"But we have now been overtaken by events at national level, so it is imperative we move on and determine our position"

He would not elaborate on what ideas would be presented to councillors.

● Sandton has formulated a

new set of guidelines for flea markets. The environmental control committee said in a report that in a time of increasing unemployment the council should encourage the establishment of flea markets

The report said markets near hotels could attract visitors, especially tourists, and increase the economic activity in the area for the informal sector. It would encourage entrepreneurship and employment

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Council lowers tariffs for inner-city residents

Staff Reporter

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paying business rates

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In another bid to rejuvenate inner city housing in Johannesburg, the city council yesterday announced the implementation of differential rates for flat dwellers and landlords in the CBD

The new tariffs will cost the council R10 million in lost income

The new rating system will reduce assessment rates and water and electricity tariffs in "mixed-use" buildings in Hillbrow, Joubert Park, Newtown and large parts of the CBD, where residents have up to now been

"We are tackling structural inequities that for decades unjustly burdened people who have directly and indirectly been paying rates and tariffs on the same scale as profit-making businesses," management committee chairman Ian Davidson told the council

Yesterday's rates and tariffs relief package follows implementation last month of the council's decision to stop charging the commercial sewerage rate for flats, townhouses and cluster homes. New refuse removal charges will be investigated

'Independents' elected in Krugersdorp wards

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

An "autonomous Nationalist" and a "totally independent representative of the people" won by-elections in two Krugersdorp wards yesterday.

Marie Mourau was elected councillor for Krugersdorp West — a ward that has been right-wing for many years.

She described herself as "totally independent" and said the result of the by-election proved people were "sick and tired of politics in council matters".

Mourau received 292 votes while the official AWB candidate, Joey

Swanepoel, got 207. Suspended AWB wenkommmando colonel Henry de Beer managed 27 votes, Lodewyk Hurter got 151, Johannes Lategan 183 and Johannes van der Nest 11.

Turnout in the ward was a modest 23,4 percent.

Rayne Snyman, the "autonomous Nationalist", beat Johannes Harding of the Conservative Party by more than 200 votes in Ward 11, which covers part of Noordheuwel. The count was 555-338 in a 24,8 percent turnout.

Said Snyman "I am obviously elated but my feet are sore from all the canvassing."

Govt pays R284m in property rates

CAPE TOWN — Details of government's 74 018-building property empire were disclosed in Parliament yesterday.

The government paid R284,86m last year in rates to local authorities for these buildings, the Public Works Department said in its 1992 report.

This was almost four times higher than the R78,15m government paid in rates five years previously in 1988.

Between 1982 and 1991 state property worth R182,5m was sold.

But in 1992 alone, government disposed of property worth R108,4m.

The department said government's policy was to sell any state property that could not be utilised in the foreseeable future.

"Property is usually sold on a competitive basis by tender or public auction, but can also be sold on application to bodies or persons who qualify to purchase government land out of hand," it said.

The latest statistics on sales indicated

there was "a significant increase in property sales during the year under review".

"This was due mainly to the highly successful marketing campaign for selling redundant movable property which was launched early in the year.

"The sale of these properties will naturally also result in considerable savings in the amounts spent annually on maintaining and caring for properties."

The state's property portfolio consists of 37 059 government dwelling units, 4 090 rented dwellings, 30 780 government buildings other than dwellings, and 2 089 rented buildings other than dwellings.

A computerised property management information system had been developed to create inventories of these buildings and integrate them with the Central Property Register, the department said.

Political Staff

Planning rules relaxed

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THE Johannesburg City Council has relaxed town planning regulations to allow property developers to exclude residential units from maximum permissible floor area calculations

This means developers will no longer be penalised for including living units in buildings zoned for business

The Town Planning Scheme has also been amended to exempt cinemas and theatres in Newtown from floor area calculations

Council planning and development chairman Eddy Magid said yesterday that the amendment would help preserve existing residential accommodation and stimulate the building of more living space.

The amendment would bring people back to the inner city, he said

"Downtown business development no longer has to be at the expense of living space," Magid said "Owners and developers who want to realise the full potential of their properties can simply apply for the residential floor area to be excluded from the maximum floor area allowed."

Police wait five hours for Winnie

Staff Reporter

Police who arrived at Winnie Mandela's Soweto house yesterday morning to search for an escaped suspect they believed had hidden there had to wait five hours for Mandela's permission to enter her property.

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said police arrived at the house at about 1 am with a search warrant, but Mandela said she could not let them in for security reasons.

"But police negotiated with her and, at about 6 am, Mandela opened the gates for police and co-operated fully during the search," Ngobeni said. He said no suspect was found. Mandela could not be reached for comment yesterday, but her spokesman said in a statement to Sapa that police had threatened to break down the gates to gain access to the house. Ngobeni could not confirm this. *Star 27/5/93*

Hold nonracial local polls soon - Sandton

By Anna Cox

Nonracial local government elections should be held at an early stage so that all representatives involved in further negotiations could have a clear mandate from their respective committees, Sandton management committee chairman Peter Gardner said last night.

He was speaking at a special town council meeting called to determine the town's role in future local government.

Ten guiding principles on the recommended future structure of government at regional and sub-regional level were adopted by a vote of ten to four.

Conditions of acceptance of the principles included:

- The legacy of financial backlogs attached to the old apartheid local government structures should be financed and

liquidated from national sources before new local government structures were created.

- Sandton considered it essential that local authorities should be entitled to raise and spend their own taxes.

The council also called for existing municipal structures to be retained until an alternative arrangement was made.

This would allow Alexandra to continue receiving rates and tax assistance and to continue to benefit from assistance agreements which were in force.

The council also rejected any form of nominated government, councils either as interim arrangements or at any time in the future.

It also called for flexibility to enable local authorities to enter into any mutually acceptable arrangements to co-operate or amalgamate.

The guiding principles include:

- Nonracialism in local government structures.

- Universal adult franchise based on South Africa citizenship, residence and registration in the area of voting

- Reappraisal of the fiscal base leading to an equitable redistribution of the rates and tax base.

- Promotion of administrative and professional skills and training in local government

- Local communities should retain the right to take part in negotiations of all structures of local government.

- Endorsement of elected local government representatives, accountable to their constituents, based on the fostering of community participation.

- Elected community representatives should have control over discretionary spending which may be allocated to individual communities

- The establishment and development of a legitimate three-tier structure.

'NO more testimony' on drinking

Court Reporter

Sandton bodybuilder Gary Beuthin told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he would not call more witnesses to testify about his "vast alcohol consumption".

The former bouncer had earlier decided not to call certain witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear in court. Mr Justice M J Strydom told Beuthin it was a waste of time and money to have witnesses summoned if he was not going to call them.

Beuthin, who is defending himself, has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and attempting to murder Johannesburg divorcee Jill Reeves on May 10 last year. He has pleaded guilty to five counts of theft.

The court has heard from several defence witnesses that Beuthin consumed up to 50 B52 cocktails the night before the alleged abduction. The hearing continues.

Documents 'may not be destroyed'

CAPE TOWN — No documents or electronic data controlled by the Directorate of Covert Collection of the Military Intelligence Division could be destroyed without permission from Lieutenant-General Pierre Steyn, Defence Minister. Kobie Coetzee said yesterday. In 1992, a previous Minister of Defence had ordered that Civil Co-operation Bureau documents under SADF control could not be destroyed — Sapa.

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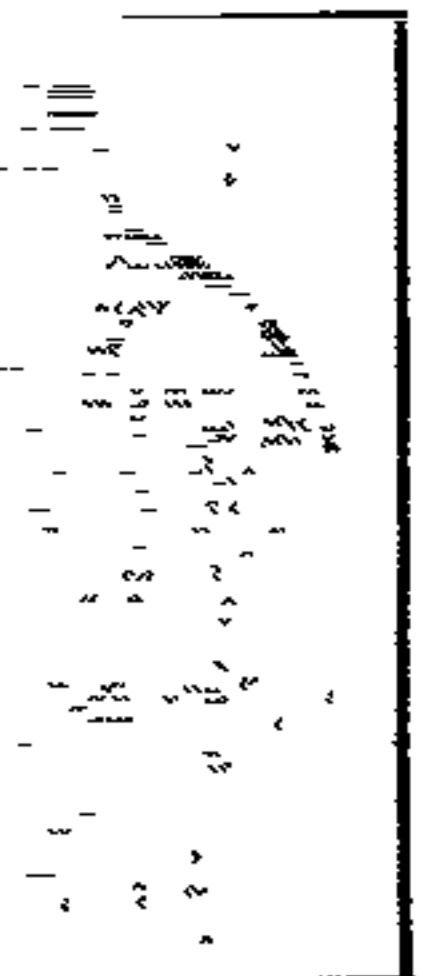
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Call to discuss Randburg post for Alex man
property values

By Bunty West

Randburg Town Council has invited residents of Chartwell Agricultural Holdings and Lanseria — the areas which were granted to the town by the Demarcation Board — to discuss their problems with the council.

According to management committee chairman Gary Cooney, property values was the issue. People had said they could not sell properties because of incorporation. — Staff Reporter.

Randburg Town Council has initiated its affirmative action policy taking on Willie Khumalo, Alexandra's town clerk, as Randburg's assistant town secretary (general).

His salary, that of an assistant head of department, will be R82 308 a year.

His appointment dates from June 1, and besides his normal duties, he will attend council meetings. Alexandra civic organi-

sations have been notified of the appointment.

Randburg set aside an additional R800 000 in its recent annual budget so that affirmative action could be implemented

Council management committee chairman Gary Cooney explained "Randburg should be proud of its foresight in implementing this strategy."

Councillor Andre Jacobs said: "By next year the face of Randburg will have changed dramatically"

20% increase in sewerage tariffs for Krugersdorp

A 20 percent increase in sewerage tariffs announced in yesterday's Krugersdorp Council budget, will cause the town to have one of the most expensive sewage services in South Africa

This was the opinion of the chairman of the management committee, Wessel Cronje, who said the council would have to look at the whole matter urgently

The total budget amounted to R260 793 861 with a revenue and expenditure budget of R199 419 622 and a capital expenditure budget of R56 071 239. The total increase in the budget is only

8,9 percent which is within the limit of 10 percent laid down by the Department of Finance and, with the exception of the sewage services, the increase in tariffs is below the inflation rate

The budget will be felt by the man in the street with the average services and water and electricity consumption increasing between 4,15 percent and 10,83 percent in an industrial area

Water and electricity tariffs increase by 6 percent

The council recommended that the tariff for rates and taxes be decreased by 3 percent — West Rand Bureau

Councillor's shock at flats' squalor

Star 28/8/93

Staff Reporter

A Johannesburg councillor this week came face to face with the squalid conditions in some of the city's flats occupied by desperate blacks who are exploited by unscrupulous landlords. Jack Bloom was shocked.

"It's appalling," he said after visiting Goldway Mansions, a block of flats in Jeppe Street.

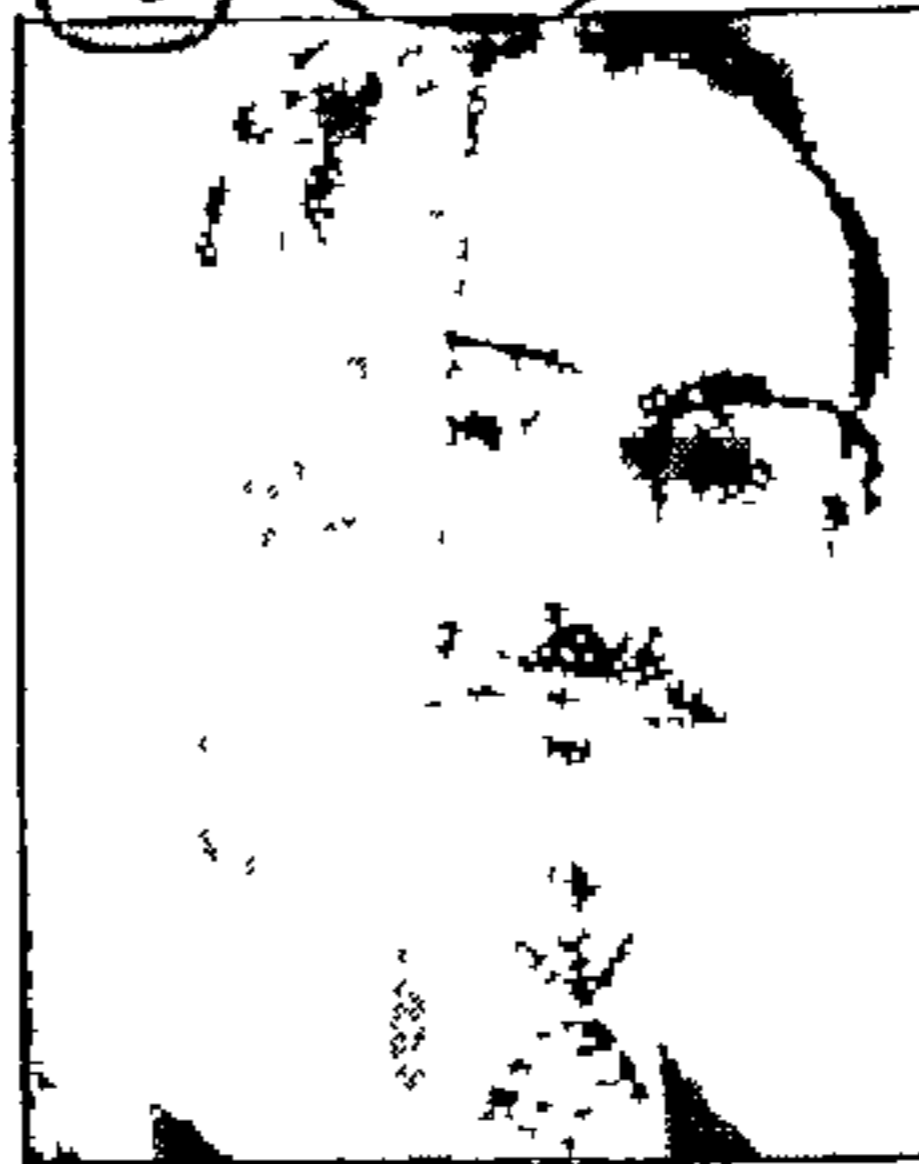
He was there at the invitation of the newly formed Johannesburg Democratic Residents' Association (Jodra), which has vowed to fight for the rights of inner city residents by working hand-in-hand with the authorities and landlords.

No residents could remember when last the lift worked, or when there was electricity. Bloom had to feel his way up to the fifth floor.

The rent is R300 a month; some flats do not even have doors.

Children ran along the passages. The fire escape had as many as six stairs missing. A foot wrong could have sent them crashing to the ground floor.

Most residents said they had



It is all irregular... said Councillor Bloom after his visit.

never met the landlord, but deposited their rents in a bank account.

"I am not an inner-city councillor and it is the first time I have visited a place like this. It is all irregular," said Bloom, who is taking the matter up with the municipality.

None of the residents knew where the owner of the flats could be contacted, and Jodra said the electricity department had told it the flats owed R24 000 for electricity.

Age before beauty as CP wins poll

Staff Reporter

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The National Party's youngest candidate in a Johannesburg municipal election, Paolo Andrade (22), lost to the Conservative Party's Wille van Jaarsveld in a low percentage poll vote last night.

Electoral officer Hennie Geldenhuys said only 22.3 percent of the voters in Ward 40 made their marks by the time the voting booths closed at 9 pm.

Van Jaarsveld garnered 556 votes in comparison to Andrade's 456, giving the CP man a majority of 100.

Ward 40, which includes the suburbs of Southdale, Booyens, West-Turffontein, Reuven, Glenesk, Pioneer, the central business district, and industrial areas like Ophirton and Selby, became vacant following the resignation of former-Johannesburg mayor Jan Burger.

A low turnout had been expected — the ward only registered a 30 percent poll in the 1968 general election.

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Council's *Star 3/15/93* decision

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Staff Reporter

Members of the Seven Buildings Residents' Association are congratulating themselves first and the Johannesburg City Council second for the council's decision to introduce differential property rates to relieve flat dwellers in the CBD.

"We in the Seven Buildings Project were the first to realise the impact of rates on the cost of living in flats. In fact, we even picketed the City Council last year about it," said Presage Nkosi, chairman of the association.

Previously residents in buildings that also had business tenants had to pay rates and electricity on the higher business scale. Last week the council announced a new, differentiated, scale would be in operation soon.

The Seven Buildings Project is a pioneering venture to enable low-income tenants in Hillbrow and Joubert Park to buy their flats. Not least of the problems faced by the project is the ability of prospective buyers to afford the crippling service tariffs and rates as well as mortgage bond repayments.

"Relief on rates is going to make a terrific difference," said Nkosi, citing a case where R380 of the R450 flat rental went straight to the municipality.

Private hospitals scrutinised

Buss. Day 116193

PRETORIA — A committee of inquiry had been appointed to investigate the workings of the private hospital industry, the National Health Department announced at the weekend. The committee will examine all matters relating to the control of private hospitals and will make recommendations to Health Minister Rina Venter.

It will also consider the enforcement of quality standards at private hospitals and the desirability of further deregulation and investment in the industry.

Health authorities and developers had experienced such problems implementing the industry's current regulations that an in-depth investigation could no longer be postponed, the department said.

It had been approved by Cabinet in April.

The committee would include Unisa professor Sas Strauss as chairman and

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UCT professor Brian Kantor, Public Enterprises and Privatisation Office CE Evert van Eeden and Health Department representative Hans van Heerden, the department said.

One committee member said problems which had given rise to immense dissatisfaction in the industry included the need for government approval before private hospitals could be established and restrictive regulations on the technical structure of hospital buildings and wards.

Individuals or organisations interested in submitting evidence or inputs to the committee were required to do so before July 9, the Health Department said.

It was hoped a final report with recommendations would be passed on to the health minister by the end of August.

Special offer for Welverdiend people

Buss. Day 116193

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is prepared to pay about R1m for the resettlement of the Welverdiend community near Lichtenburg in the western Transvaal, although the disputed land is on sale for about R78 000.

Transvaal Rural Action Committee western Transvaal fieldworker Andries Buffel said last week the land owner, Willem Mouton, was willing to sell the farm to the Welverdiend community.

A TPA spokesman said on Friday it had not been aware of this offer, but would "investigate the matter".

Action committee co-ordinator Theresa Plewman said the TPA had promised to give R8 500 to each of the 110 families in

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Wolverdiend. It would also pay for transportation to the nearby Boikhutso township and the new site. This would cost more than R1m.

In what could become a test case, 10 Welverdiend residents appeared last week in the Lichtenburg Special Regional Court on trespassing charges, but the hearing was adjourned until June 22.

The Welverdiend claim fell outside the Commission on Land Allocation's mandate because the land had been privately owned since 1989. The commission could hear only claims regarding former Development Trust land, Buffel said.

Lawyers denied access to land data

Buss. Day 116193

PRETORIA — Vital land ownership information collected by the now defunct departments of Development Aid and Co-operation and Development was not available for public scrutiny, the Legal Resource Centre was told recently.

The centre appealed to the Advisory Commission on Land Allocation yesterday to subpoena the department of Regional and Land Affairs for the files.

Representing a 90-family community from Doornkop, near Ventersdorp, which was forcefully removed in 1978, centre lawyers said the files contained land ownership deeds and papers vital to the full restoration of the community's properties.

The application by the Doornkop community for the return of its land is one of many being heard by the advisory commission as a result of the Abolition of Racially-based Land Measures Act of 1991.

Seven communities, including the Gama-puru, the Masha Tribal Authority, the Batlounge tribe and the Schmidtsdrift Tswana community, have successfully

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gained restitution through the commission. The advisory commission has agreed to look into the matter of the files.

Doornkop community council head Hendrik Motaung told the commission yesterday how 200 families were moved into Bophuthatswana without warning in 1978.

Stripped of arable land, livestock and farming equipment, the community was consigned to an existence of terrible poverty and hardship, Motaung said.

Motaung said the whole community was desperate to return to their homes.

Offers of financial assistance had been received from the private sector, dependent on the outcome of the application.

Also heard yesterday was a request for additional land to be returned to the Magopa community, which was forcefully removed in 1984. Having been the first community to have some of its land restored to them last year, the Magopa applied yesterday for ownership of the rest.

Star 116143
Council's wage offer may rise

By Jacqueline Myburgh SV

Johannesburg's Management Committee chairman, Ian Davidson, has hinted that the council's offer to municipal workers of a 5 percent wage increase may be upped.

Speaking at a pre-budget briefing yesterday, Davidson would not be drawn on negotiations between the council and its workers, but said the council had budgeted for a 5 percent increase ~~(25%)~~.

The council may face action from its 20 000 workforce over its offer ~~(26%)~~.

Davidson said "Last year the budget did not provide for salary increases, but the final increases were 7,5 percent. Never say never."

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Call for drastic restructuring of local authorities

By Jo-Anne Collinge
Metro Editor

Star 11/01/93

Influential municipal coordinating bodies have thrown their weight behind proposals to put appointed nonracial local and metropolitan councils in control when the terms of office of existing urban authorities run out in October, says Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson.

Presenting a R3 billion budget for Johannesburg today, Davidson called for a "drastic restructuring" of metropolitan government and disclosed that both the Major Cities Association (MCA) and the United Municipal Executive (UME) were ready to see the present structures dismantled.

"In the absence of early democratic elections, and accepting that the terms of the current local political structures end in October, the only feasible option to us would thus appear to be appointed local and metropolitan executive structures."

In taking this position, the UME and MCA are much closer to the stance of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) and the ANC than they are to the central government.

Despite this, the 1993-94 Johannesburg budget was still underpinned — apart-

head-style by the council's exclusive claim to the assessment rates of the city's commercial and industrial sector.

Davidson explained why there had been no attempt to share the pie with Greater Soweto and Alexandra.

"We fully accept that the solution to the long-term needs of our metropolitan region lies in the adoption of a policy of fiscal federalism," he said. "But we deny that such policy can only take the crude form of inter-fiscal transfer of payments."

Fiscal federalism implies the recognition of the common dependence of all governmental authorities within a region on the economic wealth of that region.

Nearly a fifth (R563 million) of Johannesburg's R2.4 billion operating budget is funded from assessment rates. Less than a third of this amount is contributed by private householders.

Township civic organisations, rallying behind the slogan, "One city, one tax base", have long campaigned for their areas to receive a slice of the rates contributed by factories and businesses where township people work and spend their money.

sentative bodies would be perceived as unilateral restructuring and could well derail the negotiating process," Davidson warned.

He also stressed that the sharing of tax revenue should embrace the entire metropolitan area. Furthermore, all entities should contribute fully — and this meant ending boycotts of township rates and services.

Davidson spelled out how the UME/MCA plan for interim local and metropolitan government could apply in Greater Johannesburg.

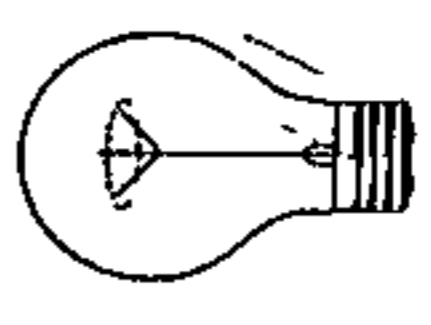
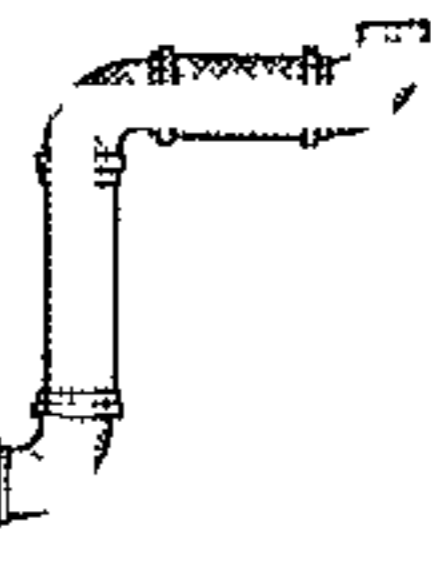

Interim executive councils would be appointed "by and from the parties represented in the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber", with equal representation for statutory and non-statutory bodies.


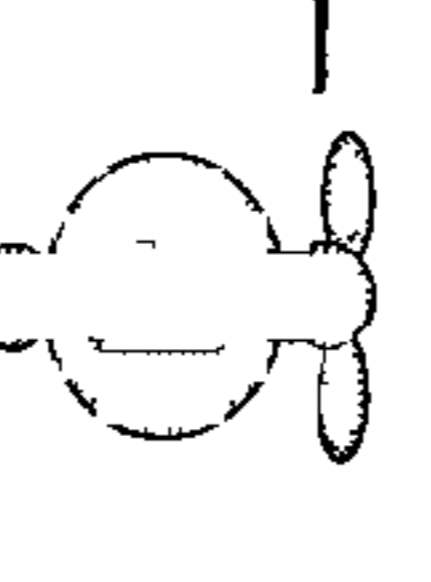
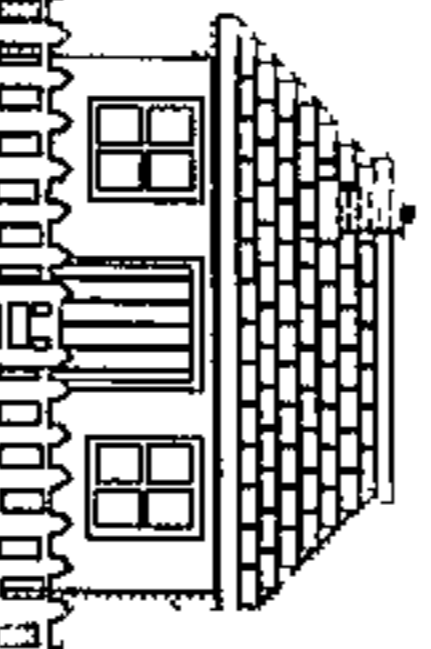
A time-frame for holding local elections would be specified, within a given period after national elections.

In the pre-interim phase, Johannesburg remained committed to the upgrading of conditions in Soweto, said Davidson, and would soon manage services there on an agency basis.

Average monthly tariff increases

To go up on June 1.

	ELECTRICITY: Up 11.5% for all consumers		SEWERAGE: Up 10.89% for domestic consumers Up 6.7% for business consumers		GAS: Up 15.1% for domestic consumers. Up between 15 and 16.7% for business consumers
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R10-m rates write-off to aid inner-city residents

Star 11/6/93

The income and expenditure columns of Johannesburg's budget make no dramatic concessions for political change. But a few relatively small entries do cater specifically to the needs of residents excluded by race from voting for the city council.

These include measures designed to assist residents of the inner city flatland forfeit R10 million in rates income in order to allow residents in mixed use buildings in the inner city to pay rates

Council's wage offer may rise

Star 11/6/93

Johannesburg's Management Committee chairman, Ian Davidson, has hinted that the council's offer to municipal workers of a 5 percent wage increase may be tipped.

Speaking at a pre-budget briefing yesterday, Davidson would not be drawn on negotiations between the council and its workers, but said the council had budgeted for a 5 percent increase.

The council has also channelled a R7 million Regional Services Council grant to the Inner City Housing Upgrade Trust, to serve as collateral in securing loans for tenants wishing to purchase their flats in the inner city.

It has assisted the first 500-unit phase of a low-cost housing initiative south of Johannesburg by donating the land, by participating in the Golden Corporation — a non profit company, and by channeling a R3 million Regional Services Council grant for servicing the land.

Fiscal discipline expected in budget

Buss. Day 11/6/93

JOHANNESBURG management committee chairman Ian Davidson is expected to present a R3bn city budget today that balances fiscal discipline with the need for development

He is also expected to provide a progress report on negotiations towards new local government structures and the issue of cross-subsidisation between Johannesburg and Soweto

(2bb)
With economic growth and development in mind, Davidson is expected to announce details of new socioeconomic projects and underline the benefits of the city's bid for the 2004 Olympics

Expenditures have been contained enough to allow Davidson to announce an increase of only 11% in residents' rates and tariffs. A major factor in containing expenditure is the pegging of municipal staff salaries at only 5%.

A spinoff of the fiscal austerity will be a lower budget "gap" — the shortfall between spending and revenue. A shortfall of less than R15m is expected, compared with a budgeted shortfall of R45m last year and more than R72m two years ago.

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Indications are that Johannesburg's capital market borrowings are also likely to fall, in spite of an increase in capital spending. Capital spending is expected to rise by more than 16% from last year's R527,4m to R614,15m. However, included in this total are spending commitments by the regional services councils and the state.

The "top 10" projects underpinning the bid for the Olympics will account for almost R45m of the capital budget. In line with a major cost-cutting drive, the overall increase in operating expenses is expected to be moderate, taking the overall figure to R2,4bn.

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Bold push for more housing

UPGRADING inner city areas like Hillbrow, Joburg Park, Newtown and the CBD - and rates and tariffs relief for living units in mixed-use buildings there - are among the most critical of the City Council's development initiatives.

"We believe the inner city should be developed to ensure a suitable mix of residential accommodation and places of employment," said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

"This approach offers a good solution to the problems facing older, decaying parts of the CBD." A strong and stable residential component in these areas would also attract the informal sector, and help alleviate unemployment.

Notable successes were achieved in the war on inner city crime. Figures for the first four months of 1993 showed a 33% drop on the comparable period last year. "Our target must remain the virtual eradication of crime in the area."

From July 1, the Management Committee was scaling down rates and tariffs for "mixed-use" inner-city residential properties, from commercial levels to those for ordinary residential flats.

Previous policy stymied attempts to upgrade living units in these buildings. At present rates and tariff levels, this will cost R10m a year, but the Council had to act decisively.

Another initiative was the establishment - through the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) - of the Inner City Housing Upgrading Trust (ICHUT), which involves the Council, residents and business. First on ICHUT's programme was the Seven Buildings Project for 400 inner city living units and 2 000 residents.

"The idea is to deliver decent and affordable housing to low-income earners in decaying areas targeted for re-development."

The Council became involved to help overcome declining, declining government participation in new housing and lack of investment appeal of these properties. Rising building costs and falling real incomes made this initiative imperative. By providing guarantees and so reducing credit risk, ICHUT made it possible to

Stringent city budget geared to development

FISCAL restraint is the keynote of Johannesburg's R3bn total budget - only 8,9% higher than the previous budget - at a time of recession and rising demand for services.

Stringent control of costs made it possible to limit the package of rates and tariffs increases to an average of 11,66% for all residents and consumers.

For domestic properties (ordinary residential dwellings, flats, townhouses), the increase will only be 11,27% on average (12,5% last year), and for all other properties 11,83% (13,7% last year).

"We are cutting our coat according to our cloth," said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

Despite the austere approach, to avoid overburdening ratepayers and consumers, the Budget geared toward fiscal, economic and social development.

The Council had reprimed and reviewed existing services and service levels to brace itself for the demands of a changing metropolitan Johannesburg.

The operating budget for the new year stands at just under R2 437m, an increase of only 7,4% (12,5% last year) on the revised original estimate for the present year - well below Department of Finance's recommended level of 10%. This is the lowest budgeted increase in 15 years.

The City Secretariat, Treasury, Culture and Recreation, Electricity, Planning, Roads and Transport directorates kept their increases below 6%.

Davidson said the Council had curbed expenditure despite inflation which was expected to average between 11% and 11,5% in the new financial year. Any remaining difficulties with the operating budget were due to recessionary pressures on the Council's revenue base.

Growth in the capital budget, excluding regional projects, was just below 6%, and the Council's share of this budget is 4,4% less than the estimate for the present financial year.

The capital budget for the new year amounts to R614,2m or 16,4% more than the original estimate for the present year, but the Council's own capital expenditure - the basic provision - amounted to only R333,9m, a decrease of 4,4% on the present year's figure.



Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson . . . meeting rising needs.

RATES/TARIFFS EXAMPLES

A sample of properties shows increases in the rates and tariffs package will below the 11,83% average. Variations do not appear to be significant, and are mainly due to the restructured flats and townhouses are clearly the major beneficiaries of the budget. The package, compiled with the new tariff structure

for sewage, has brought about modest increases in some cases (below 5%). In some cases, their aggregate municipal account is reduced.

There are also substantial reductions for certain inner city properties.

Representative examples for houses show an aggregate effect ranging from 11,33% in Eldorado Park Extension 2 (13,35% last year) to 12,4% in Ilwono (12,37% last year). Increases should be close to the 11,27% domestic average for

smaller residences, and a little higher for larger properties. This disparity is not caused by the rates and tariff increases, but by the restructured sewer tariff.

Non-domestic tariffs for cleansing services (solid waste) have been restructured, reducing the basic charge by about 20%.

A street cleaning tariff based on street frontages will make application of the tariff more equitable and in line with the principle of user charging.

The basic provision which included R44,6m for the Council's strategic projects was R57,6m below the 12% capital budget growth limit set by the Department of Finance for local authorities.

The rest of the capital budget consisted of R263,5m in regional projects, an increase of 60,2%

on the present year's provision, and R16,8m for schemes financed from State housing loans and grants (25,4% more than the present budget).

Johannesburg's share in funding regional projects amounted to only R40,5m, with the RSC undertaking in recent negotiations henceforth to raise its own

capital requirements, rather than relying as in the past on Council funding.

Additional contribution to funding regional projects would otherwise have been R200m.

The Council had managed to curb its operating budget despite the VAT increase adding about R7m and the recent fuel increase a further R3,3m.

The introduction of domestic rates and tariffs for mixed-use properties meant forfeiting R10m in revenues, and the recent Rand Water Board increase of 10,4% for its tariffs and the Lesotho Highlands Water Project levy had also added substantially to running costs.

"In bringing the growth rate down to this level, comprehensive reductions in existing expenditure levels were necessary. These have been achieved through reprimotisation of services and expected improvements in cost-efficiency," Davidson said.

The estimated deficit at the end of next year stands at R60,5 million, and the budget gap for the new year at R14,5 million - that is, respectively, 2,5% and 0,6% of next year's estimated operating income.

The total needed to balance the new budget was R222m which would have required an aggregate increase of more than 12,5%, but it was decided that the package of increases should not exceed 11,75%. Total additional income comes to about R207,5m - hence the budget gap of R14,5m.

Davidson said the Council could have closed the gap by simply putting up tariffs further. "But this would have added another 0,8 percentage points to the package of rates and tariffs." The Management Committee wanted to keep to levels proposed, and continue managing down the deficit.

A major thrust in closing this gap was the project which stemmed from the strategic planning session held by the Management Committee, Town Clerk and Executive Directors earlier this year.

"A multi-disciplinary committee of senior officials will be formed to consult with Executive Directors with a view to optimising the Council's existing income and expenditure and placing our administration on the soundest possible financial footing."

It was hoped to identify savings where assets could be put to more productive use, or a service provided more cost-effectively, not at present levels or even not at all.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

RATES

Rise by just over 12% (12,5% last year). From July 1, the new rate is 5,17c in the rand.

TARIFFS

■ **GAS:** Up 15,1% for domestic consumers (15,4% last year) and between 15% and 16,7% for non-domestic consumers (15,9% on average last year), bringing in an extra R5,2m.

■ **WATER:** Up 12,2% for domestic consumers (12,9% last year) and 12,35% for others (10,3% last year), bringing in an extra R22,9m.

■ **WASTEWATER:** Up 10,89% for domestics and 6,7% for others (20% for all classes last year) bringing in an extra R10,3m.

■ **SOLID WASTE:** Up 10,3% for domestic properties smaller than 500 sq m, but down by 2,6% for larger stands (15% increase for all classes last year), bringing in an extra R12,1m.

■ **ELECTRICITY:** Up 11,5% for all classes of consumers (11,25% for domestics and 13,5% for non-domestics last year), bringing in an extra R102,2m.

All set to serve

Soweto needs

Johannesburg is poised to provide major services in Soweto on an agency basis.

The City Council has succeeded in negotiating a commitment from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to provide an increased financial subsidy to Soweto for the present financial year, and the RSC's contributions have been secured.

All that was now holding up finalisation was the re-introduction of an acceptable flat charge to be paid by Soweto's residents, said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

Johannesburg would appoint a city administrator from among its officials, and its administrative infrastructure would be used to provide services in Soweto.

This entailed no current expenditure by Johannesburg, and had no impact on the 1993/94 Budget.

Challenge to grow Jhb economy

THE GREATEST challenge facing Johannesburg today is to grow its econo-

highlight of the cultural thrust, and several highly successful

Such a city had to have basic infrastructure and facilities assoc-

region and eliminate disparities caused by past separatist ideology.

Big leap towards

FOR GROWTH

Johannesburg's 10 strategic development projects

- City housing
- Informal trading sites
- CBD light rail transit system
- Johannesburg trade and tourist convention centre (tourism is a major potential source of local and regional revenue)
- The Soweto link (upgrading infrastructure in Soweto in conjunction with the Greater Soweto Forum)
- The Newtown cultural precinct
- Grassroots sports facilities
- Commercial theme parks
- An athletics stadium
- Upgrading the Ellis Park precinct

efficiency and dynamic fiscal base, good municipal services, a good and steadily improving quality of life for residents, a broad spectrum of activities geared to the social, cultural and recreation needs of the community, and excellent public transport.

Above all, the right image was needed that of a soundly managed, burgeoning metropolitan gateway to Southern Africa which would in time be recognised as the capital of sub-equatorial Africa.

"To achieve this, we need investment and development opportunities which focus on the growth of the CBD, with the attendant goal of ensuring the general upliftment of the entire metropolitan area.

Ten strategic development projects were identified on their ability to satisfy one or more of these key criteria:

- Capacity to generate revenue for the CBD, the city and metropolitan region,
- Potential to function as catalyst in economic development of the central Witwatersrand metropolitan area,
- Capacity to help re-integrate areas and communities into the metropolitan

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Fiscal federalism the key to regional funding

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THE SOLUTION to the long-term needs of the metropolitan region lay in a policy of fiscal federalism, not inter-racial transfer payments, said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

Presenting what he described as probably the last budget virtually entirely devoted to Johannesburg interests, he said, "We are on the threshold of a new constitutional arrangement which is likely to lead to a re-integration of the region, and make major demands on our revenue base."

"Johannesburg accepts it is morally correct to expect and encourage greater investment in the present black local authority areas. Cross-subsidisation is essential. All that needs to be discussed is how."

Injecting additional funds into disadvantaged areas could be effective only if accompanied by the establishment of a credible and legitimate mechanism to determine the nature and extent of cross-subsidisation and apply revenues to these areas. "Equally private is a decisive end to rent boycotts."

There was an urgent need for structural reform

lacking adequate fiscal resources.

Fiscal federalism recognised the interdependence of all governmental authorities in a region on its economic wealth. "Each authority is entitled to share in the common fiscal base according to its own needs."

The MCA report assumed that Regional Services Councils (RSCs) as currently constituted, would disappear, and their present levies - inadequate in the metropolitan context - would be replaced with more productive sources of local and regional revenue.

The financial model, based on democracy and local accountability, did not accept direct transfer payments between separate local authorities. The report envisaged these phases in local constitutional development:

- A pre-interim phase, with inter-municipal assistance in service provision,
- An interim phase, when new structures and administrations were established in a metropolitan context,
- A post-interim phase, when new functions were devolved to the local level (for example, health and education), with devolution of new revenue sources such as regional income and sales taxes, excise duties, betting taxes, motor vehicle licence fees and fuel levies.

Johannesburg will have no difficulty raising funds on the capital market in for some routine "topping up" in the new financial year.

"Excellent proof of the high regard in which we are held by investors is the double A rating which we have been afforded by Republic Ratings," said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

"This double A rating is the highest to which a local authority can aspire. It is authoritative proof of the soundness of our financial management, and represents a realistic and objective appraisal of our financial standing in the market."

"This is the highest rating yet accorded to a local authority."

JOHANNESBURG succeeded in managing down its budget gap and accumulated deficit over the past year despite the impact of recession which reduced its revenue base.

Although the focus of "rather exaggerated attention", the deficit position was at no stage very significant, said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson.

The original operating estimate for the current financial year was R2 264,6m, but this was revised to R2 268,1m after taking into account the net effect of the unbudgeted salary increases of 9,2% (effective from 1 October last year).

As a result, the revised budget gap stood at R45m (just over 2% of income), and the revised unmlative deficit at R81,4m (only 3,66% of

Black politicians on the non-statutory side must be able to assume their responsibilities in the decision-making process, and this entails their active participation in deciding how and where investments must be made."

Johannesburg and the Major Cities Association (MCA) had expressed reservations about the Messels/Delport proposals in their present form for cross-subsidisation between existing municipalities which had been referred to the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF).

"It is not what the proposals wish to achieve which poses a problem - on the contrary - but how they wish to achieve it," said Davidson.

An MCA financial working group had prepared a document for the LGNF, taking cognisance of the positive aspects of fiscal federalism. It proposed a simple fiscal model based closely on financial arrangements in metropolitan areas worldwide in which metropolitan authorities with a metro-wide revenue base vertically subsidised local authorities

in our case, this should happen in the spirit in which has prevailed during negotiations in the Metropolitan Chamber. They should be appointed by and from the parties represented in the Chamber, on the basis of proven local government experience, and preferably comprise local statutory and non-statutory members on a 50/50 basis.

"We need actual and visible sharing of political responsibility for the provision and financing of services in the period leading up to elections. Efforts simply to merge present unrepresentative bodies would be perceived as unilateral restructuring, and could well derail the negotiating process."

"We must ensure the widest possible local participation, accountability and transparency," Davidson said.

to meet the socio-economic needs of the post-apartheid era.

Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson said that the city's revenue base had to be firmly entrenched, developed and expanded.

Existing and planned strategic development initiatives aimed to uplift Greater Johannesburg and stimulate economic development of the central Witwatersrand metropolitan area and the PVV region.

Significant progress was achieved in the past year with the city's three strategic thrusts (commerce and industry, culture and sport) which the Management Committee identified for continuing city development.

"This progress will be consolidated and given substantial further impetus by our new strategic development initiatives," Davidson said.

The city was bidding for the 2004 Olympics which would bring a massive inflow of funds into the local and regional economy. The benefit of staging international sports events was shown by the Kyalami 1993 SA Grand Prix which generated for the local economy nearly 14 times the amount of sponsorship.

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Johannesburg is striving for a "quantum leap forward" to non-racial, democratic city government.

The goal in constitutional negotiations in the Metropolitan Chamber and nationally in the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF), is democratic metropolitan government metropolitan/local government model.

"We need to have a fundamental and drastic restructuring of local government and administration," said Management Committee Chairman Ian Davidson. "It is not enough just to tinker with the existing order to make it more politically acceptable to previously excluded communities."

"The only way to ensure our future is to build the political city on the foundation of the economic city," he said.

A strong, elected Central Witwatersrand metropolitan government would rationalise regional administrative and fiscal capacity and give communities maximum local autonomy and participation at metropolitan level.

United Municipal Executive (UME), Major Cities Association (MCA) and local government representatives in the LGNF believed democratic metropolitan structures could be achieved by holding non-racial elections as soon as possible, but demarcating electoral areas and preparing voters rolls took time.

The UME and MCA held that democratic local government and stability could only be attained if the transition was holistic, comprehensive and practical.

"We can only address issues such as rent boycotts, urgent upgrading of under-developed areas and continued provision of essential services if the transition process provides greater legitimacy and wider local accountability."

"At the same time, existing expertise and the continuity of local government must be preserved."

In the absence of early democratic elections, and given that terms of office of current local political structures ended this October, appointed local and metropolitan executive structures, with local elections within a given period after national elections, appeared to be the only feasible option.

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This was attained, despite salary increases which added R57m to expenditure, inflation of at least 11%, the VAT increase of about R2m; fuel price increases which added R1m; and the considerable cost of improving leave pay provisions.

The approximate result for the present year included an extra R14m for the remainder of redundancy costs flowing from the initial restructuring of council departments into business and service units. Only a ninth of the total cost was budgeted for, but the Treasurer advised the Council to redeem this commitment to the

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Remedial measures were being taken as it appeared recession was continuing, and the budget gap would not close itself as in past financial years through natural growth in major revenues.

These measures were mainly a reduction in spending and introducing tariff increases from June 1 rather than the traditional July 1 (rates only go up on July 1).

This earlier introduction of new tariffs reduced the present year's budget gap and deficit by about R13m. Had tariffs been increased on July 1, the package would have had to be 0,75 percentage points higher to attain the same final result in the new financial year.

A tour ng utility company was formed for project management. The upgraded buildings will be co-operatively owned, and residents trained to manage and maintain the housing units.

Cross-subsidisation will be encouraged between better-off residents and low-income earners to ensure affordability.

ICHUT guarantees were backed by a revolving fund established with a R7m RSC grant. This fund was boosted to R17m by local and overseas agencies, which showed the value of acting as a catalyst in upgrading existing inner-city housing - particularly if moneys were used for gearing rather than direct financing.

The Council donated the St Martins Trust area to provide affordable housing for low-income earners, and the Golden Corporation (a Section 21 company comprising Council, community and private sector representatives) was formed to oversee development.

A R3m RSC grant would finance infrastructure services, and the National Housing Commission was asked for a R4m loan for engineering services.

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The commerce and industry thrust resulted in the city being classified by a panel of international business consultants as fourth among the top 10 "growth and opportunity" cities, ahead of Barcelona, Houston, Atlanta and Munich.

"The breakthrough would clearly have been much greater were it not that the whole process is being hampered by lack of political stability and continued civil unrest," said Davidson.

Even greater commitment to development was now needed. The city had to throw its full weight behind a concerted and comprehensive development strategy.

"The aim is simple - to expand and strengthen Johannesburg's industrial and commercial base and to stop inner-city decay. We must actively create a climate for re-investment in the CBD."

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City council poised to service Soweto

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GRETA STEYN

JOHANNESBURG was poised to provide major services in Soweto on an agency basis, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday (266)

Presenting what is expected to be the last "white" Johannesburg budget, Davidson said the city council had succeeded in negotiating a commitment from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to provide an increased financial subsidy to Soweto for the financial year, and the RSC's contribution had also been secured

All that was holding up finalisation was the reintroduction of an acceptable flat charge to be paid by Soweto residents. The council has been negotiating with civic organisations and other interested parties in the Metropolitan Chamber to secure a call for an end to the payments boycott

Davidson told a news briefing that the support of "all the major role players" was necessary before Johannesburg could start providing services, and absolute certainty had to exist about residents paying for services. It is understood that the principle of payment has been accepted, but a flat tariff has not yet been put on the table

The Johannesburg budget makes no provision for cross-subsidisation of Soweto. Davidson noted at the briefing that cross-subsidisation by other councils had been "minute". He

acknowledged that structural reform could overtake the budget, which might force some form of cross-subsidisation. But government's proposals on cross-subsidisation, in their present form, raised questions

Davidson was opposed to a "crude form of interracial transfer payments". The Municipal Councils' Association had presented the Local Government Negotiating Forum with a policy document proposing a metropolitan fiscal model

Davidson made a commitment to the development of inner city areas like Hillbrow, Joubert Park and the CBD. He announced that from July 1, the management committee was scaling down rates and tariffs for "mixed use" inner city residential properties, from commercial levels to those for ordinary residential flats. The upgrading of living units in these buildings would cost R10m a year.

Davidson said he believed the city would have no difficulty in raising funds on the capital market this year. "Proof of the high regard in which we are held by investors is the double A rating which we have been afforded by Republic Ratings," he said

It was the highest rating of a local authority. The council was expected to raise about R100m on the capital market from about R350m last year

LABOUR BRIEFS

SABC strike

■ A SALARY dispute involving over 1 600 SABC employees continued this week. Members of the South African Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) stopped a transmission of *Madame Butterfly* when they walked out mid-aria, and disturbed transmission of the *Comrades Marathon* on Monday.

Talks broke down when the SABC refused to change its offer of a 7,5 percent wage increase this year. Sabsa has reduced its demand from 10,5 percent to nine percent.

SABC human resources general manager Christo Pretorius this week said the corporation was pulling out of negotiations until Sabsa came into negotiations with proper mandates

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

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For written reply

General Affairs

Public Works: closure of office

367 Mr A S BEYERS asked the Minister of Public Works +

(1) Whether he or his Department has decided to close the Department's regional office in Potchefstroom; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when will this office be closed and (b) for what reasons;

(2) whether any decisions regarding the present staff of this office have been taken, if not, why not; if so, what decisions;

(3) whether any irregularities in this office have come to light, if so, what was the (a) nature and (b) extent thereof;

(4) whether these irregularities have been investigated, if not, why not; if so, what are the findings;

(5) whether as a result of these irregularities and/or this investigation any prosecutions have been instituted against any persons, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? B860E

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) Yes.

(a) The Department decided during February 1993 to close the relevant sub-office which is a sub-office of the Pretoria Regional Office of the Department, with effect from 1 July 1993. I have in the meantime received representations about the Department's decision in this regard. In the light hereof I have requested the persons who had made the representations, in writing to submit their representations to the Director

also investigating the feasibility of devolution of the function of day to day maintenance to user departments. Should this eventually succeed, the continued existence of the sub-office will be even less justifiable.

(iv) The question of improvement of control and administration also played a role, although not decisive, in the decision to close the sub-office. In a report to the Director-General of Public Works the Auditor-General expressed concern about the lack of proper control in respect of the certification and payment of invoices from maintenance contractors and stated that as a result thereof the Department in all probability may have suffered severe losses. The Director-General of Public Works has already appeared before the Joint Committee on Public Accounts where he had to indicate what steps he intended to take to improve control measures.

(3) Yes (a) and (b). All indications are that irregularities did occur. As the South African Police are at present investigating certain aspects and the investigations have not been completed, the matter is *sub judice* and further particulars can at this stage not be divulged.

(4) Yes Investigations by officials of the Department of Public Works as well as officials of the Auditor-General's Office were instituted. As soon as the investigations by the Police, which have already been referred to, have been completed the matter will be referred to the Attorney-General who will decide whether anybody should be prosecuted.

(5) No As the matter is still under investigation by the South African Police no prosecutions have been instituted.

(2) Yes The following decisions have been taken in respect of the present personnel attached to the sub-office (i) Five officials have been notified in writing that they are to be transferred

(b) The reasons for the possible closure of the office are as follows: (i) Since 1992 the workshops of the Department of Public Works are operated on a commercialized basis in an endeavour to make them cost effective. This is however only an interim measure since in accordance with the Government's declared policy on privatisation, the objective is that most of the workshops should in due course be phased out so that the services presently rendered by the workshops will eventually be rendered by the private sector. (ii) The personnel attached to the sub-office are mainly involved in day to day maintenance of State accommodation, Defence Force bases, prisons and Police stations. However use is also made of the services of maintenance contractors to render similar services. Apart from the fact that the services rendered by maintenance contractors and those rendered by workshop personnel overlap, the Department can no longer afford the maintenance of a fully equipped workshop with accompanying infrastructures for the small amount of work handled by the workshop personnel. Prior to the recent personnel reduction the salary account for the workshop amounted to approximately R768 000 per annum. (iii) At present the Department is

SANDTON'S glitzy image as a shopping centre for the wealthy is set to change — culture is coming to town.

A town council decision to promote and encourage culture has led to plans for two theatres as well as a host of new developments designed to put Sandton on the map as one of the region's top cultural venues.

The move follows the establishment of a cultural committee three months ago to investigate a cultural policy for the town.

By far the most ambitious project is to build two theatres as part of the R350 million Sandton Square development next to the new civic library and art gallery.

Informal

Plans for a multipurpose sound stage with seating for about 600 people and a more informal supper theatre venue will be handed in to the town council soon for approval.

A cultural festival is also being planned for early next year to celebrate Sandton's 25th anniversary and the opening of the new art gallery, library and educational complex. Events such as art exhibitions, open air concerts and a Mardi Gras are being planned.

"People tend to regard Sandton as a shopping centre," said town librarian Johan Fourie. "We want to change that perception."

There are plans to transform the small theatre at the Balalaika Hotel into a supper theatre venue later this year, and the Sandown Hall — the closest Sandton has to a city hall — will also be renovated.

The new town council development will include a two-wing art gallery and new library

building with lecture hall and space for up to 200 students to study. Fourie said regular educational and literacy programmes were planned once the facilities were opened in September.

The art gallery will house the town council's substantial collection of contemporary South African art, never before displayed to the public as a whole, and there will be place in the smaller wing for one-person art shows, piano recitals, poetry readings and other events.

The Sandton Square developers intend it to focus on good eating and entertainment. A piazza the size of a rugby field will be built, in keeping with the European/Italian design of the development, where all kinds of events from opera to string quartets, tennis matches or show-jumping events could be staged.

Stocks and Stocks director Ricky Valente said the development would not be another shopping centre. "The square will be managed by a top promoter and will be used for cultural events and for the promotion of young artists."

Two hotels

The design has taken into account acoustics for musical events and lighting for other entertainment. A pedestrian bridge lined with shops will link the Sandton Square to Sandton City. Two hotels are also being planned.

If you feed any community with culture, they will respond, Linda Givon, art dealer and owner of the Goodman

Plans for theatres, host of other developments

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Gallery, believes. "Sandton has no cultural profile at present — no theatres, no jazz clubs. The cultural scene in Sandton has become moribund. The idea of promoting culture in Sandton is fantastic — provided all people have access to it."

"Everywhere one looks in South Africa, there is the basis for a cultural explosion — it takes creative energy and patronage to bring it out. One of the problems in Sandton is that people haven't learnt how to experience Sandton — because no one has made the effort to promote culture," Givon says.

Involved

Fourie says there is a real commitment to promoting cultural events in Sandton. "One of the things we have talked about is getting the business community involved in a sponsorship role. We are thinking of the theatre, arts and fine music and of involving the youth of Sandton and Alexandra."

"We want to create a vibrant cultural life in Sandton and we would like to involve the community as much as possible. Sandton needs to add new things to its image," Fourie says.

Sandton mayoress Bubble Burns emphasises that culture is not just about art, but about learning about each other's cultures. "We are reaching out to other communities as well as setting up a cultural programme. It is very true

ities who wish to attend cultural functions in Sandton

Sandton artist Louis van Heerden, who sits on the culture committee, says they could not think of developing any kind of cultural programme unless the people of Alexandra were included. "We need to get away from the labels of black culture and white culture."

Van Heerden warns that the process to promote culture in the town will be a long one and take a great deal of funding.

Sandton beckons culture vultures

Sowetans to pay electricity in full

Star 7/6/93

By Cyril Madlala

Residents in Greater Soweto will soon pay normal metered tariffs on electricity in a major breakthrough in the provision of services in the townships, which last year faced a staggering R200 million debt in unpaid bills.

At present only half of the residents are paying the flat rate of R33,80 while Eskom "normalises" provision and maintenance of the services.

"The normalisation period is coming to an end now, and we are entering a phase when normal electricity maintenance can take place," Eskom sales and customer service manager Paul Mare said last week.

When the giant electricity supplier took over from the Soweto Council in March last year after the municipality's failure to pay the huge debt, Eskom set off the debt against the value of the council's electricity assets.

"Electrically, Soweto was

very run down and Eskom had to apply itself to normalise the situation. For residents to be part of normalisation, we developed a plan in conjunction with local civic bodies and other parties," said Mare.

The plan set out what Eskom would do to "normalise" the maintenance of services in Soweto before residents would meet their full obligations.

As an interim measure, it was agreed that consumers would pay a flat rate of R33,80 while Eskom fixed vandalised installations.

After 15 months, 95 percent of the meters were restored.

As part of the agreement, about 9 000 meters were moved into township yards, he said.

Eskom also agreed to ensure that the technical quality of electricity was up to standard. This would be checked by the Soweto Civic Association's electrical engineer.

To make it easier for residents to pay their bills, 23 pay points were installed in Soweto and two in Johannesburg. A 24-

hour toll-free telephone service to report complaints and faults was set up, he said.

He assured Soweto residents that there would no longer be bulk cut-offs, and individual consumers who did not pay would be warned before their supply was cut-off.

The Soweto Civic Association recently decided to arrange a meeting with the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Metalworkers of SA to discuss the issue of "electricity wardens" to fix basic faults and act as block representatives.

The civic's branches will do random checks with Eskom to check the normalisation programme's progress before deciding whether the civic can "start engaging Eskom on metered tariffs or not", a spokesman said.

Mare said Eskom had accepted the civic's position that the new metered tariff charges should not be more than those of Johannesburg.

Writing on wall for Met Chamber

By Jo-Anne Collinge

There will be no solution to the financial and service crisis in Greater Soweto unless major political parties intervene decisively, says Transvaal MEC and negotiator Burger Lategan (266)

"As far as I'm concerned, the parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber do not have the ability to deliver the goods," Lategan told The Star

He added that he had already "sent a message" to the Soweto Civic Association, indicating that he believed further negotiations with them were a waste of his time, "so negotiations will have to be carried through at a much higher level"

For more than two years, the Met Chamber — which draws together local governments and civic bodies — has been the forum for negotiating viable service tariffs for Greater Soweto, new ways of rendering of services in the township and the restructuring of interim metropolitan government on nonracial lines.

Past agreements reached have proved impossible to implement. Conditions in the township have deteriorated steadily as the "rent" boycott continues and a temporary administrator holds the reins of government in Diepmeadow and Soweto.

A proposal to have Johannesburg step in and render services during the "pre-interim government" phase

is still being negotiated behind closed doors by a Met Chamber subcommittee, which included political parties just a month ago.

But Lategan said his hopes were now pinned on the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF), a national body comprising equal numbers of statutory and nonstatutory members. Although the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) dominates the latter group, its positions on the reform of local government have ANC and Cosatu backing.

Lategan said that the TPA had reached a good understanding with both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party. "One positive aspect in this whole situation is that we have managed to get our SOS through to the political parties"

He said that the TPA would be submitting certain proposals on pre-interim local government to the LGNF, since it recognised that there was "no way you can get to fully fledged local government democracy within the next few months"

The situation in Soweto was so drastic that council staff were sitting in their offices, doing nothing. There was no money for petrol for vehicles to do maintenance.

Asked whether the plug would be pulled on the township's administrative structure, Lategan answered evasively that he did not wish to think negatively. But he offered a metaphor: "We are sitting in a Boeing and the instruments are saying that the fuel is empty."

I'm lying,

Lenasia
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probe told

By Cyril Madlala

Lenasia's security services chief yesterday admitted several times to a commission of inquiry that he was lying in his evidence — but denied he was doing so to protect anyone.

Mahomed Hanif Osmany was testifying in Pretoria before the commission of inquiry into alleged corruption in Lenasia's management committee. It is investigating allegations of irregularities, malpractices and maladministration.

Osmany admitted he was lying, but when it was put to him that he was being untruthful because he was afraid of or trying to protect management committee chairman Thiru Chetty, he denied this.

Leading evidence on behalf of the commission, Renier van Rooyen said Osmany had been manipulated and used by certain people to acquire properties and business rights under his name.

Osmany was questioned about a bank loan which he obtained to buy property for his close corporation, Boo's Fencing and Construction, and was asked whether Chetty had put him up to it.

He denied this. But when confronted with the application documents, he admitted that Chetty's name appeared on them as a member of Boo's Fencing when he was not, and that the two had lied about this in the application.

The inquiry continues today.

report for work

Council sacks striking workers

■ Contracts revoked after strike:

Sowetan 10/16/93

THE Springs Town Council has sacked about 900 striking workers, *Sowetan* learned yesterday. A spokesman for the council, Mr Frans Swart, said the workers, members of the SA Municipal Workers Union, had participated in an "illegal" strike since June 2. ~~(S2)~~ ~~(S3)~~

He said the main reason for the strike was a demand for voluntary arbitration after the dismissal of four Samwu shop stewards. ~~(S4)~~ *(2.66)*

The union was also demanding the dispute be settled by an independent arbitrator instead of customary arbitration by the Industrial Court.

Swart said the council's management committee had agreed last Friday to the appointment of an independent arbitrator on condition the workers reported for work on Monday, failing which their contracts would be revoked. They did not return to work on Monday — *Sapa*.



Residential needs call for holistic approach to CBD

Bill Day 10/6/93

TALJAARD Carter's involvement with the Johannesburg CBD goes further than the projects with which it is currently involved. It is also lobbying for a holistic approach to the city.

The city structure has been determined largely by people who do not live or shop in it or utilise its recreation and entertainment facilities, says architect and urban designer Larry English.

Consequently, infrastructure required to support residential life in the city has been ignored.

Converted

The past 60 years have seen designated city parks, libraries and streets built upon or converted to busy stations, parking and the like. This has led to very little of its "life support structure" being left, says English.

Inner city housing cannot be considered as the simple conversion of vacant offices to residential units.

It must address the re-introduction of open space, recreation, education, community support structures, security and job opportuni-

ties, among other things.

The CBD is still physically the most accessible area of the metropolis and represents the highest concentration of job opportunities, says English.

For the majority, it is theoretically the most ideal place to live and work.

Taljaard Carter is working with the Central Johannesburg Partnership, the city council and with property owners in developing modes for converting office and public buildings, warehouses and disused open spaces in the inner city into places to sustain living.

The firm is also involved in investigations into converting buildings for specific institutions. However, this is difficult without a general restructuring framework or philosophy, understood and accepted by all property owners in the city, says English.

The economic structure of the city and metropolitan region requires a radical review of the current spatial structure which places the poor furthest from the centre of opportunity, he says.

"We are thus faced with a perpetual subsidy system amounting to hundreds of

millions of rands a year, no matter what mass transit system we employ."

"Inner city housing, on the other hand, reduces the cost of travel and adds about three hours a day for the average city worker.

"It will also enable money to be rechannelled from subsidies into job creation and capital projects in the city," he says.

Rates reductions for housing are also vital to create a multifunctional and more economic city.

Halt

Johannesburg is one of the least dense cities in the world, says English.

"Housing organisations, institutions and public authorities must halt uneconomic peripheral development and housing and begin to invest in a more compact, economically diverse and activity-rich inner city.

"This restructuring will require a positive appreciation of what is already happening to our city — as well as the will to see Johannesburg overcome its problems and move into the next century as a true world city," he says.

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Boost for East Rand townships

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Katlehong and Palm Ridge are to get a R12 million shot in the arm from the Greater Germiston City Council for the provision of infrastructure and services.

This was announced at a special meeting of the council when it tabled its budget for the 1993-94 financial year last night.

Management committee chairman Leon Louw said the Greater Germiston Council had been a reality since March 1 and had pioneered the

way to a new dispensation for local government in South Africa

This was the first budget since the three areas' councils had amalgamated

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Louw said the country was in the grip of a tough recession and announced "below inflation rate" increases in electricity (9,2 percent), water (7 percent) and environmental services (9 percent). Sewerage tariffs will rise by 13 percent

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Assessment rates — Germiston's greatest source of income — have been increased by 0,5c in

the rand with a special 40 percent rebate for those who own one residential unit on a stand

The city's expenditure for 1993-94 is estimated at R568,2 million with an expected revenue of R560,1 million. The budget has provided for a deficit of R8,1 million

For Katlehong, the picture is bleak as it goes into the new financial year with a water and electricity debt expected to be R38,4 million. Katlehong's financial loss calculated at a flat interest rate is estimated at R47,7 million

Met Chamber still seen as crucial forum

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Transvaal Provincial Administration appears to have abandoned its plan to bypass the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber in seeking a solution to the Soweto crisis — and local-level talks are back on track.

At last night's meeting in Johannesburg, Met Chamber chief executive officer Vic Milne said all parties to the Met Chamber had reaffirmed their conviction that the chamber remained a crucial negotiating forum.

The next round of negotiations takes place only on June 23.

In the past week, two crises rocked the chamber:

On Friday, vital talks deadlocked in the sub-structure charged with negotiating the Soweto issue, the Extended Ad Hoc Committee on the Soweto Crisis.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) rejected outright the modest local government restructuring which forms part of the plan for Johannesburg to be integrated into Soweto and restore services in the township.

Just four days later, Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan announced that he believed that parties in the Met Chamber lacked the power to resolve the Soweto crisis.

It is believed the key to the resumption of talks is a two-step approach. This would start with the original proposal, which builds in a multiparty policy-making structure for Greater Soweto. The second phase would see the dissolution of all racial local government structures and their replacement with appointed local and metropolitan transitional executive councils, as demanded by the SCA.

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Planning for future city will have to begin now

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PLANNING for Johannesburg in the year 2000 must start now, says Taljaard Carter architect Pierre Swanepoel, whose firm is already vigorously marketing in the city's CBD

The company is currently busy with five inner city projects including Genmin, Standard Bank and upgrading of Simmonds Street.

While the spotlight on Johannesburg tends to fall on issues such as the rising crime rate and the flight of business to suburbia, there is another side to the city, says Swanepoel.

Thus is the fact that it is becoming more cosmopolitan, increasingly reflecting the new SA Black professionals and businessmen and an increasingly sophisticated informal sector have breathed new life into the city

Spearheading

The city council is now spearheading a campaign to revitalise the city, linking it to a range of companies and organisations working together on issues traditionally neglected, such as security, housing and development.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson has called on the private sector and the community to assist the council in upgrading the CBD to prevent urban decay and business flight to the suburbs.

Swanepoel says the company is delighted the council is finally taking the initiative in planning for the city's future with the announcement of a R3,5bn 10-year restructuring plan

A preliminary amount of R45m has been set aside in the 1993/4 financial year for 10 major projects, including an inner city light rail system, a convention centre, inner city housing, a cultural precinct, an athlet-

ics stadium and markets for hawkers

Crime in the CBD has decreased by an average 33% in the first four months of this year compared with the same period last year, most significantly theft from financial institutions, which was down by 75%.

Swanepoel says the council seems serious about its bid for the Olympics and hopes it will lead to more facilities being centralised

"We are trying to see commercial projects as more public 'mixed use' projects, looking at them in the broader context of the environment, to get the city to work," he says.

"We try to take the opportunity to go further

than our brief by attempting to make projects more relevant in the context of the city," says Swanepoel.

He says much of Johannesburg's potential has been frustrated by development with a single-minded profit motive

"We would like to see developers co-ordinate their efforts with other organisations and companies to upgrade the city centre in the most viable way"

At present, commercial use of space and buildings has been the overriding factor because of its high return. However, Swanepoel says for the CBD to work, there has to be a balance between public and commercial facilities.

"The city has been impoverished for so long that its urban fabric has almost completely disintegrated," he says

To enter the future the city will have to change fundamentally to take cognisance of all the trends already emerging — a kind of European/African mix

The informal sector will make an impact on the city especially in terms of the transport axis "People are not going to live and work in Soweto any more if they can live and work in the same place"

"There is no precedent for Johannesburg — which makes its future so exciting", says Swanepoel

The Rand Club votes to pursue tradition

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By Day 11/6/93
Business Day Reporter

THERE might have been less public interest than last November when members were balloted, but yesterday afternoon a crowded Rand Club decided not to change. The club was founded more than a century ago as a meeting place for Johannesburg's business, civic and political leaders. It will, a majority of its members decided, remain just that.

Yesterday, 418 of the club's black and white gentlemen members voted on whether ladies should be admitted to membership. Six months ago, fortified by a lunch of heart-burning toad-in-the-hole and Bur-

gundy, 269 members of Johannesburg's most renowned club failed by one vote to win the required two-thirds majority needed to sanction the entry of lady members. Yesterday, with digestions rendered less dyspeptic by the internationalism of Wiener schnitzel and Chablis, a larger turnout of the club's members voted again.

Soothing smoked trout replaced last November's unseasonal minestrone. But that did not dampen the fire in the members' bellies. They were there to vote on the

future of their club. And members who dined from the menu were supported by those leaner and meaner who believed that a quick sandwich and small mug of beer were all the fortification needed.

The vote? Unconfirmed, but rumour has it that the ballot boxes contained one cheque deposited in error by a member who thought he was paying for lunch, two spoilt papers, 77 "no" votes by members with a profound sense of history and 339 "yes" votes by members who believed that tradition is not synonymous with opposition to change.

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Johannesburg's budget, just above R3bn for 1993/1994, is larger than that of several sovereign states — which is reasonable enough for the largest commercial centre on the continent. It reflects a delicate balance during a transitional period, for local as well as central government, at the end of which radically different arrangements might be established. After all, the present municipal boundaries on the central Witwatersrand reflect the Boer-Brit politics of a bygone era.

Total expenditure stands in the estimates of R3,051bn, while the deficit is R60,5m, compared with R81,3m for the previous year. Operating expenditure is R2,437bn and capital expenditure R614,15m.

City treasurer Willie Siebert says the three pillars of municipal revenue are electricity sales, rates and other services. Like other municipalities, Johannesburg makes a profit as retailer of electricity bought from Eskom at wholesale rates — a long-standing, even traditional arrangement. The budgeted income from electricity for 1993/1994 is R1,038bn (R934,4m).

Total income on treasury account is estimated at R644,9m, of which assessment rates are estimated at R562,9m. The balance derives from miscellaneous sources, notably nearly R26m from commissions on market sales and licensing fees of R25m.

Siebert says the city sets out to balance its books from all sources. It has to judge finely the ceiling percentage rates on valuations which will not act as a disincentive to business within the municipal area. The gap that remains has to be met through revenue from services, in particular electricity.

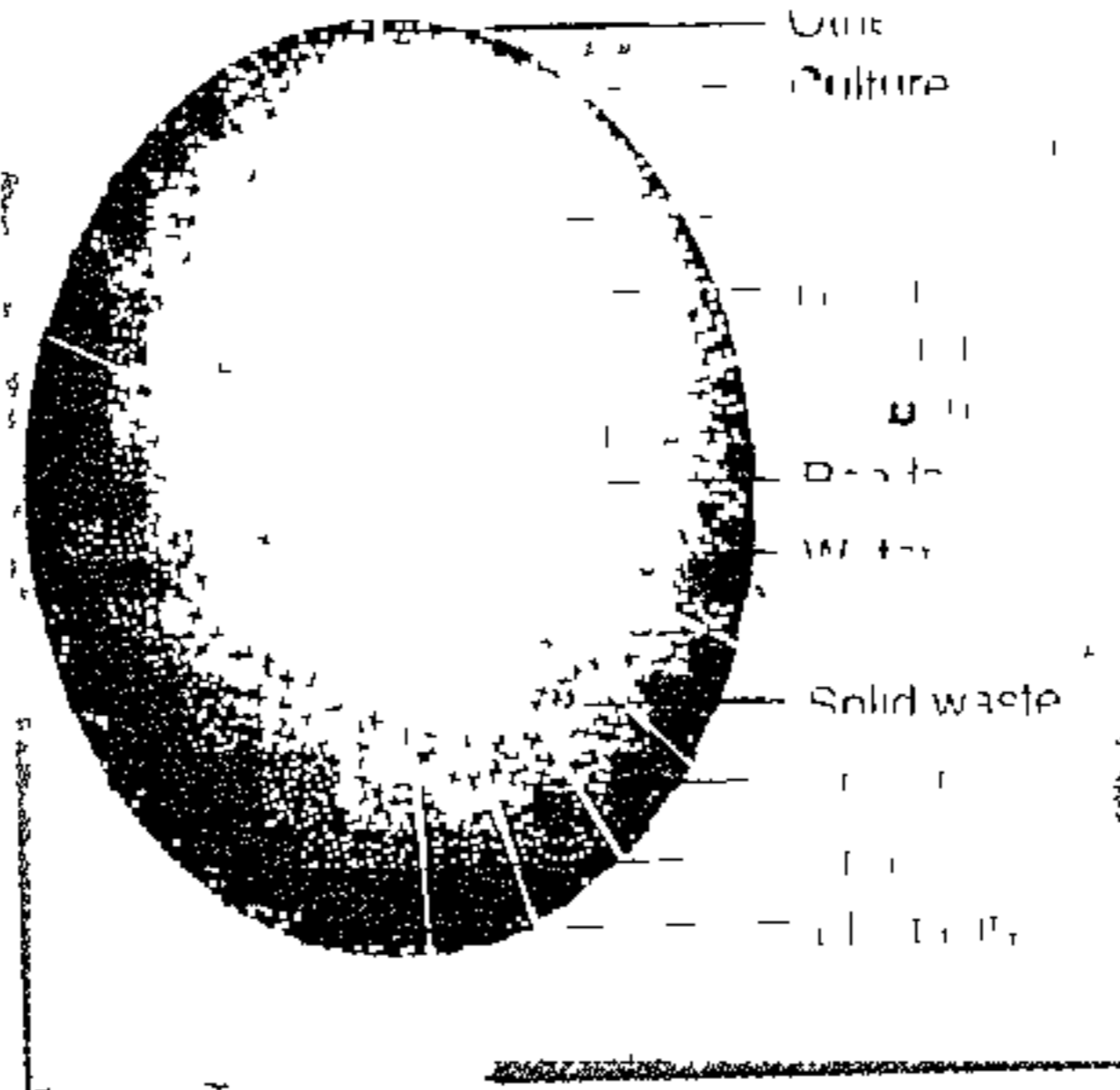
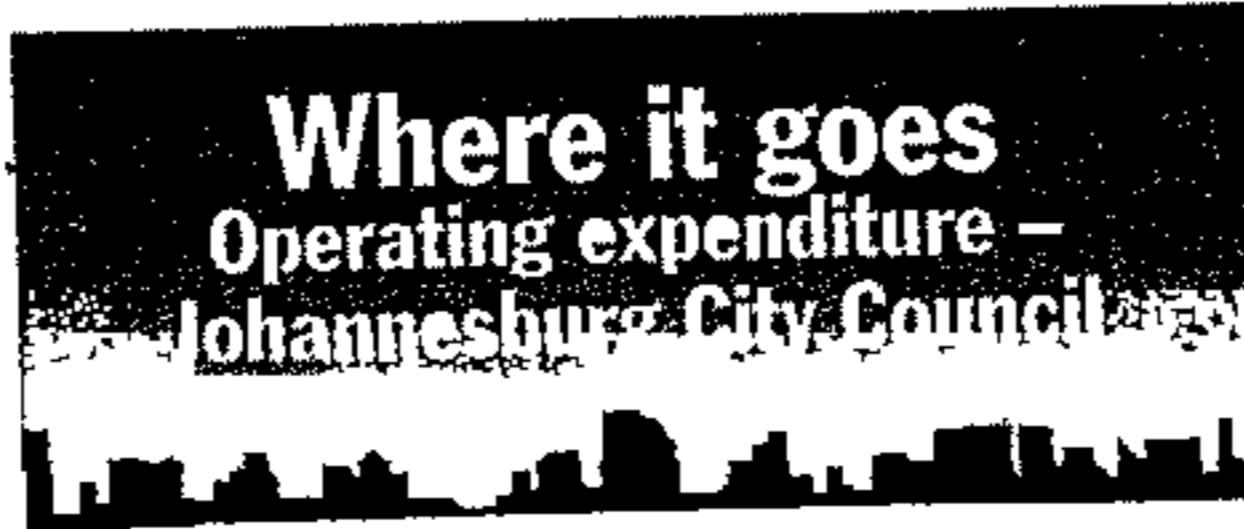
He notes Johannesburg, along with other municipalities, has been paying a small levy since 1989 towards the capital cost of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. He believes any possible increase in water tariffs, because of the higher cost of water from this source, is remote.

The city has provided for an increase of 223 posts for traffic officers. However, the urgency to fill these has diminished and, in

any event, the expansion of this force raises sensitive issues. Fortunately, the SA Police has rallied to deal with the crime crisis in the CBD by bringing in substantial reinforcements, and crime rates have dropped. The directorate of public safety has a gross budgeted cost of R172m, partly offset by income of R74m which includes fines and parking meter fees.

As for the CBD's other chronic problem of parking, there has been a major change of policy in the town planning department. Accepting that the car will remain the main mode of entry to the CBD, restrictions on the quota of parking bays per new building have been relaxed.

The initiative of black taxi associations to build a large terminal — on the north-west flank of the CBD — is likely to bear fruit. Feasibility studies have encouraged large groups, including Schachat Investments/Ampros to consider participating, with financial help from the city council. Plans will now be drawn for a centre to include shopping facilities.



The long-term constitutional relationship between Johannesburg and Soweto remain to be finally negotiated within the context of the Metropolitan Chamber. For the present, negotiations have reached an advanced stage for Johannesburg to provide all municipal services (other than electricity) to Soweto.

Longer term, various options are being analysed for the PWV region — the powerhouse of SA. They differ according to the degree of centralisation of present-day fragmented relationships. The council tends to favour the establishment of a single tax base, at least for the central Witwatersrand. Randburg has shown some reluctance to move in this direction.

On one point the council will stand firm. Any move to provide services for Soweto must provide for its residents to pay a reason-

able proportion of municipal costs, though the council accepts that their ability to pay is not as great as that of more affluent areas.

A controversial issue in the past, the cost of improvements to the Civic Theatre, is almost disposed of, says Siebert — with only some possible small adjustments not exceeding R1m still to come as the result of the possible liquidation of the main contractor and claims from subcontractors.

An important change has come about in the financial relationship between Johannesburg and the central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council. The RSC has made a contribution of just under R200m to the city council for 1993/1994, essentially to provide sewerage services to all regions within RSC boundaries (which include Soweto).

Previously, Johannesburg would have had to go to capital markets for this money, so there will now be a large interest saving.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry is satisfied with the budget, says president Mervyn King. The expenditure side was austere and revenue estimates conservative. The council had the difficult task of balancing the need for socio-economic spending with the need to cut aggregate expenditure — which was achieved by pruning operating expenditure. The budget recognises the CBD as the economic engine room of the country that needs to be nurtured and developed, and provides funds for its renewal.

King strongly commends the establishment during the past year of the Inner City Housing Upgrading Trust which committed the council as well as the business community and residential associations to join forces as a "Central Johannesburg Partnership". The aim is to facilitate the provision of finance for the provision of affordable housing in and near the CBD — areas which have been red-lined by mortgage lenders.

Considering the relative size of Johannesburg's municipal civil service, as well as its financial clout, it should be clear that the city will play a most influential role both during the period of restructuring and afterwards. This process of change will surely focus on the needs of urban blacks, both because of their rapidly growing numbers and their deprivation. The budget should be seen in the context of this crucial transition.

Tiff over rates decrease

GAVIN DU VENAGE

INNER city residents' association Actstop is to take action against the Johannesburg City Council for "unilaterally" restructuring rates — even though residents will be paying less

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Actstop representative on the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber Moses Moshoeshoe took the council to task at this

week's chamber meeting for "unilaterally" increasing rates for inner city residents

He accused the council of insensitivity, and warned the "people on the ground" would take action unless the council agreed to a moratorium on increases

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson pointed out that no rates increases had been set for inner city residents.

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Instead residents could look forward to a "substantial reduction" in rates, as most buildings would now have separate rates levied on their residential and business components.

Moshoeshoe nonetheless insisted that any unilateral restructuring would be met by mass action

Sandton meetings

SANDTON Town Council will hold a series of public meetings later this month, on possible future changes to local and regional government, a council spokesman said yesterday. *B/Day 11/6/98*

The council's section 59 committee, a constitutional advisory body to the management committee, and more than 20 ratepayer associations will take part. *(bb)*

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Pretoria tariffs up

THE Pretoria City Council yesterday announced a 9,5% across-the-board increase from August 1 in services tariffs as part of the city's R1,8bn budget (266)

In his budget address, management committee chairman Pieter Smith said the increases were necessary as the city was suffering from "fiscal stress".

Employers turn away from 'labour nodes'

THERE has been a marked move away from traditionally popular industrial areas near transport nodes and labour sources, agents say.

Seef Commercial Properties MD Colin Blacher says these areas have become high risk due to their close proximity to townships.

"The industrial market is definitely moving away from high-risk areas like Marlboro, Alrode and Kew. There are high vacancies in these areas and some space is almost being

given away at rentals of between R2/m² and R2.50/m²."

Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust director Nick Harris agrees, saying those areas that were traditionally popular because of their close proximity to labour sources are now seeing little or no demand.

"Areas like Alrode, Marlboro, Kew and Wynberg East are also experiencing difficulties, with many properties standing on the market for lengthy periods without moving," he says. The present trend among

industrialists is to locate the property close to the home of the senior directors. The network of black taxis has now made it possible for staff to travel to these decentralised areas, he says.

Edwards Mortimer & Associates MD Monty Mortimer says traditionally rights were granted by the respective city councils in areas near townships and labour sources. "The move is now away from these areas as the labour force is now able to commute more freely and

top managers want to reduce their travelling time as far as possible," he says. RMS Syfrets Industrial director Mike Brown agrees that there has been a shift away from industrial areas close to labour sources as violence escalates and security becomes more difficult to ensure.

Investment properties in areas like Wynberg are almost impossible to sell due to the crime and traffic congestion. But many tenants stay because the rents are generally low and it will cost them far more to

relocate

"This is an example of the complete turnaround that has taken place the past 10 years and reflects the fact that the council has failed to maintain the infrastructure, a direct result of increased security."

"The decentralised area has seen a take-up of 60 000m² over the past year, which is proof of the demand for new industrial areas. "While highway access is important, being close to a railway line or the airport is no longer essential."

sign their organisations or jobs, that international funding and training assistance be sought, and that the force initially serve as an adjunct to the SAP, and not to replace SADF deployment.

Cilliers said his institute believed full implications of the creation of such a force had not been investigated adequately. A force of 12 000 would be inadequate to deal with escalating violence in the absence of the SADF.

"There is little prospect of such a force

Warning on united SA army

DEMOBILISATION of SADF, MK and TBVC armed forces personnel should take place once a transitional executive council is in place and before any planned integration of SA's armies, says the Independent Institute for Defence Policy.

In a written submission to the multi-party talks' technical committee on violence, institute co-director Jackie Cilliers said SA could not afford and did not need the sizable armed forces which would result from integration of armies.

"The situation that has to be avoided is simply to open the doors to the absorption into the military of the sum of all armed formations in the country and then try to demobilise some afterwards.

"This will not only be extremely complicated, expensive and messy but will require also constant special dispensations in terms of the public service regulations," Cilliers said.

"South Africans should be extremely circumspect about integrating persons into the military who will inevitably have to be demobilised," he said.

messy and time consuming. The implications in terms of service regulations boggles the mind.

"Since the peacekeeping force would have to have powers of arrest, etc, the force would have to be formally constituted through an Act of Parliament. The sum effect would be a drawn-out process lasting considerably longer than planned.

"We are convinced that even after all these efforts, the SADF will still be in the townships," Cilliers said.

The institute suggested that formal criteria be negotiated, or at least approved at a political level prior to the institution of the transitional executive council, to define minimum requirements for integration into a future defence force.

It also submitted that assistance be sought from the international community, government departments and private sector, to assist in the reintegration into civilian life of present members of the armed forces not suitable or for whom there was no room.

Cilliers called for a freeze on military expansion and further training once the transitional council had been instituted.

The institute also proposed the establishment of a Council of Defence to advise the transitional executive council subcommittee on defence.

The institute has proposed a system of control points countrywide to establish a system of control and accountability of guerrilla armies by political movements.

Nonracial civic body mooted

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Civic associations and white ratepayer groups were discussing the creation of a nonracial organisation to represent all residents in the central Transvaal region, it was disclosed last week.

Central Transvaal Civic Association media officer Titus Matolo said common ground was being sought with traditionally white ratepayer groups with the aim of forming a unified body.

The initiative was the result of a decision by the civic association's general council last month to investigate the possibilities of unity.

Civic and ratepayer representatives had already met in the Greater Pretoria Metropolitan Forum, Matolo said, but extended contact was being sought.

Attempts in Johannesburg to create a similar body representing all residents, had failed in April after six months of talks.

Observers said the parties on the Johannesburg Forum had found little common ground.

Matolo was optimistic similar difficulties could be overcome.

One of Pretoria's largest ratepayer organisations, Queenswood Park's chairman F. Evans said discussions were under way.

"We have all got to get together and talk seriously," he said.

FW to lobby for IMF aid

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — President F W de Klerk has signalled that gaining access to IMF funds would be high on his list of priorities for his meeting with US President Bill Clinton later this month.

De Klerk sounded an optimistic note at the weekend, stressing the importance of IMF funding for SA's economic development.

The ANC has indicated that it would call for the lifting of remaining sanctions once agreement has been reached on a transitional executive council and the April 27 election date is confirmed.

De Klerk leaves for the US shortly after the plenary session of negotiations is scheduled to take place.

He and ANC president Nelson Mandela will visit Philadelphia to

receive an award in recognition of their contributions to freedom and liberty.

De Klerk said it was vitally important that SA gained access to the IMF if the country was to achieve the development intended.

Gaining access to IMF funding had always been one of government's priorities and he would be addressing the issue in America.

However, De Klerk added a note of caution, saying that he hoped sufficient progress would be made in negotiations.

He suggested that should the ANC's relaxed criteria not have been met, access to IMF facilities would not be possible.

Judgment on crash expected soon

MARIANNE MERTEN

THE case against two former Sanlam insurance agents charged with murder and fraud will be moved from the Middelburg Circuit Court to the Pretoria Supreme Court on June 22 and judgment is expected during the same week.

Isak Kruger and Lucas Loubser are charged with five counts of murder, three of attempted murder and 13 of fraud related to a minibus smash near Witbank in January 1992.

Five of the eight occupants died when the vehicle plunged over an

embankment. The State closed its case last week after leading evidence from police engineers who said the vehicle would not have rolled without 'considerable outside interference'.

During the three-week trial, it emerged that Kruger and Loubser recruited 13 men, who provided personal details for what they believed to be job applications. The two accused used the information to take out Sanlam life insurance policies.





Going, going . . . soon it will be gone. A mine dump which has been a landmark next to the M2 East motorway near the Cleveland exit in Johannesburg is in the process of being removed. Several old dumps are being processed to extract residual gold. Picture: Etienne Rothbart

Dumps go so gold can make SA richer

By Michael Sharlo

Faith can move mountains, so the saying goes.

For mine dumps, seemingly, you need a little more than faith — you need three or four earth-removal machines and a host of high-powered water hoses thrown in for good measure.

Among the less attractive of Johannesburg's heritages, the mine dumps that surround the city on its eastern, southern and western sides are systematically disappearing. It's a process all in the interests of making the country richer.

Traveling east from the city centre on the M2, just before the Cleveland turn-off, on the left of the highway is a typical example of a disappearing dump.

Moonscapes

Spectacular gouging of what was once a hillside of dun-colored grass has exposed the yellow mine-dump sand beneath. It might almost pass for a moonscape or an eerie-looking canyon.

Water pipes lie about the floor of the valley like giant skeins of black rawelled wool. Water from the hoses blasts at the ravaged hillside, creating slurry, which is pumped to a processing plant and from which residual gold is extracted.

What is left over is pumped to new dumping grounds on the East Rand, says a mining expert.

The land, owned by the individual mining houses, will be — or has already been — sold, thus clearing the land for future re-development.

As one informant put it: "The higher the gold price, the quicker the dumps will disappear."

Sandton sets R3-m aside for poorer neighbours

By Anna Cox

In preparation for the post-apartheid era, the Sandton Town Council, for the first time in its history, set aside R3 million to help underdeveloped neighbouring areas with their infrastructure.

Announcing the R321 million budget last night, management committee chairman Peter Gardiner said Sandton needed to take the lead in restoring

trust between communities seriously handicapped by social and economic injustice. He said political settlements could only be successful if they were underpinned by sustainable economic expansion.

The 1993-94 budget brings a rates increase of 13 percent to owners of 1 000 sq m stands, 14 percent on 2 000 sq m stands and 18 percent on 4 000 sq m properties.

The three-year revaluation of

Sandton properties increased its total rates base by 52 percent to R7 billion. Business site values increased by 47 percent and their contribution to the rates base is now 24 percent.

Private-sector investment, according to Gardiner, is on the increase with 3 000 building plans with a value of R597,7 million approved between July 1992 and May 1993.

"Rapidly escalating property values are in line with Sandton's

rating as one of the four fastest growing centres in the Republic," said Gardiner.

Among the major expenses are R22,3 million for parks, libraries and the art gallery, R24,6 million for health services, R146,5 million for engineering services and R30,6 million for ambulance, fire protection road safety, traffic control and the crisis control centre.

An amount of R20,3 million had been budgeted for develop-

ing the new civic centre.

Although the town's operating budget had increased by 21,9 percent, said Gardiner, the two main factors influencing this were the delayed payments for ambulance and fire services to Alexandra by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Regional Services Council, and the overreading of Sandton's water consumption by the Rand Water Board due to a faulty meter

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VIEWED from afar, the periodic near-collapses and revivals of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber are almost beyond comprehension.

But the Met Chamber is vulnerable to the political equivalent of a stretching on the medieval rack. As a local level negotiating forum it is simultaneously subject to vertical and horizontal tugs of war.

On the horizontal plane, the contest has played out among civic associations, racially based local authorities of all shades and the Transvaal Provincial Administration. These are the parties which formed the chamber more than two years ago.

Their political bargaining has been crisis-driven, fuelled by the collapse of services and the bankruptcy of black townships, particularly Greater Soweto.

In the search for ways to upgrade services and end Soweto's marathon rent boycott, the Met Chamber has been compelled to address the structure and financing of government across the metropolitan region.

In this region, at least, all local authorities acknowledge that,

however they restructure interim local and metropolitan government, nonracism will have to be the central principle and it implies an equitable sharing of the local tax base — a funding source long denied to the townships.

On specific issues, alliances have developed which have bridged the divide between governmental structures and the civic movement. For instance, when it came to a choice between retaining the councils of Soweto and Diepsmeadow, or meeting the continued demand of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) for sacking these councillors, the Province and some local authorities opted to satisfy the SCA.

But the zone of accommodation extends just so far. Beyond it is a fundamental difference which has undermined virtually every settlement "package" reached to date.

The white councils, on the one hand, show no desire to hurry the inevitable redistribution of income. They are happy to settle for cautiously phased change to governmental structures, which entails no drain on their coffers.

On the other hand, the township civic associations, without the

prize of a share of the rates income, are clearly not keen to campaign unequivocally for supporters to lay down the boycott stick with which they fought for "one city, one tax base".

When it comes down to it, both the councils and the civics still want to satisfy their constituents. And their constituents have diametrically opposed interests.

As if that were not tough enough, there is also the vertical tug of war.

Whatever plan the Met Chamber parties agree on for restructuring interim local and metropolitan government, this remains subject to review from on high. True, the chamber is dealing with a local crisis — but it is also a constitutional issue. So the chamber inevitably strays into the territory of the Trade Centre talks and the nationally organised Local Government Negotiating Forum.

At any stage, one of the national political players can be relied on to jerk the strings to bring its local level allies into line.

The SCA has been particularly subject to such influence. When in late 1990, the SCA signed the Soweto Accord, which gave rise to

the Met Chamber, it was running well ahead of the civic pack. At that stage, the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) was little more than a pipe dream and there was no single, authoritative civic movement position on local government reform.

As regional and local civic bodies were established in the ensuing years, it was clear that the SCA's ideas on interim local government were not always supported by the civic movement as a whole. The differences were usually tactical rather than at the bedrock level of principle.

Nonetheless, the SCA's attempts to reconcile with the positions of Sanco (which are also usually shared by the ANC) has caused it to stall negotiations at crucial points.

Recently, for example, the SCA suddenly turned its back on a form of pre-interim government which it had already agreed to and which would facilitate Johannesburg taking over services in Soweto. Instead the civic made a pitch for the immediate replacement of all elected local authorities with appointed nonracial interim councils, as advocated by Sanco.

The National Party's programme on local government has also penetrated and disorganised the Met Chamber. For instance, the chamber as a whole rejected the Interim Measures on Local Government Act as a framework for action. But two parties to the chamber, the Roodepoort and Dobsonville councils, made a separate co-operation pact in terms of the Act — which they eventually reversed under pressure.

In addition, the TPA's actions in the chamber reflected the NP's determination to retain segregated councils for as long as possible.

What hope is there for the Met Chamber if it is constantly pushed and stretched by forces beyond it? Can it produce a workable interim plan for Greater Johannesburg?

The hopeful indications are these. First, the alignment between Greater Johannesburg's negotiating parties and the national political players on the question of transforming local government seems almost complete. These two sets of negotiations are now much less likely to produce fundamentally contradictory processes, especially as the Met Chamber

has extended membership committees of major parties

Secondly, at the interim local government the subject of action rather than the rhetoric. It is possible that a blueprint could be within months. If it does not, it will be a repeat of what happened in 1987.

on the Trade Centre's Transitional Executive Authority, the local government blueprint could simultaneously be given force of law.

Thirdly, the Met Chamber's experience is likely to have given Greater Johannesburg the edge in its ability to move swiftly to implement any national agreement on interim local government. The local players have rehearsed the moves so many times already.

Finally, though the Met Chamber's course has been undeniably tortuous, its contribution to the practice of dismantling apartheid should not be underestimated. By experimenting while others were theorising, the Met Chamber changed the debate on local government reform even as that debate moulded the chamber.

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3 Tvl MECs appointed

The State President has appointed three new members to the Transvaal Provincial Administration's executive committee. Members who will be sworn in next Monday are Soweto National Party organiser David Chuenyane, MP for Springs Piët Coetzer and ministerial representative Lucas Nel. — Staff Reporter. (266)

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Springs approves budget

Springs Town Council has approved a R229 million budget, and the average resident faces a 0,36 percent increase in service charges in the 1993-94 financial year — East Rand Bureau

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Certain areas of SA are emerging as centres of property development despite lower levels of activity generally. These are the focus of this commercial & industrial property feature, written by SUSAN RAMWELL

BURGEONING NEW CITY situated at the heart of one of Africa's potentially largest business centres Midrand gets R1-bn build up

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NEW commercial development plans passed, funded, and either under construction or just beginning, amount to R1 billion over the next three years, says Midrand Properties' Rob Emmett.

The high level of infrastructure is justified, believe Midrand Town Council and planners in the area, by an all race population of about 750 000 people who live in or close to Midrand, as well as a larger commuter popula-

tion from both Johannesburg and Pretoria. That figure includes residents of Tembisa, many of whom work in Midrand, and some 28 000 Midrand rate-payers. New developments include the Midrand Civic Centre, plans for which have just been approved by Midrand City Council.

The Civic Centre will be adjacent to the ambitious new Meridian Midrand Shopping Centre to be built at a cost of about R500 million by a consortium of investors put together by Meridian. A number of anchor retail tenants are already lined up for the new centre, which is said, will be of a similar quality to Fourways Mall.

Three other major new developments are on the drawing board bordering the Civic Centre and the new shopping mall. It is earmarked for major branches for the country's banks, such as FNB, Standard, and possibly ABSA, but deals are not yet firm. Norwich Union has expressed keen interest in funding a major portion of CBD development.

An estimation of costs for the first phase of Midrand Civic Centre, to comprise close to 10 000 m2 of offices, Council Chambers and Mayor's office, as well as a clinic and lecture theatre, is R40 million. Parking will be provided for 350 cars.

The Centre will occupy the civic square as a focal point of the town centre, on the main boulevard of Midrand, which is to be renamed Grand Central Boulevard.

It is to the south of the new K101 access road now under construction. Two further phases of development are planned for facilities such as a town hall, an art gallery and a library. In terms of a planning report accepted by the council in 1990, it is expected the western side of the civic square will be used for retail development as well as entertainment facilities.

A total budget of some R33 million for the upgrading of roads in and around Midrand has been allocated, with two thirds of this sum from Pretoria Regional Services Council and the rest from Midrand Town Council.

The upgrading programme will support the increase in development and of traffic. The K101 route, adjacent to the M1, will be completed up to Church Street within this financial year.

than adequately address the current congestion problems faced in access to this burgeoning new city. An urban sculpture forming the centrepiece of the Boulevard in the town gardens, a cone-shaped late tower, is currently under construction and the cost of this is several million rand.

According to Emmett, "commercial development proceeded so rapidly in Midrand that rounded planning for supportive residential accommodation and schools got left behind". This is now being addressed with building well under way of Midrand High School, and plans to move the site of Midrand Primary School out of its now commercial CBD situation and adjacent to the High School.

This should stimulate knock-off residential demand arising from the growing business community of Midrand, particularly, believes Emmett, for townhouse and cluster home developments. New plans for 1000 housing units have just been passed by the council.

UNISA is at an advanced stage of construction of a post-graduate university supported by residences to accommodate up to 500 students on a site to the north of The Boulders shopping centre in the Midrand CBD.

The recently completed R70 million revamp of Grand Central Airport, which gives the airport international status, adds further to the viability of Midrand as a city which can stand alone as an important centre. According to Emmett, "huge corporate relocation is expected".

A further development drawing intense speculation is an office block/conference facility and hotel complex on the eastern side of the CBD being developed by Venter Odendaal. Informal estimates of the undisclosed cost of this development put it at about R220 million.

Speculation that the site could be earmarked for a new centre of government or perhaps for a new ANC headquarters to replace the organisation's current accommodation in Shell House, Johannesburg, are being publicly denied by the developer.

Emmett says, "Everything is in place to permit Midrand to take its place as possibly the new diplomatic centre for Africa."

Politico-economic analyst Clem Sinter has expressed his belief that Johannesburg CBD will be the business centre for Africa. The certainty would seem to be that institutions like Sarlam are not wrong to be making major investments to accommodate a growing population and long-term international interest in the PIVY area.

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Councils R2-b in

Soweto 18/6/93

By Joe Mhlela

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HE SOWETO COUNCIL's deficit has soared to a staggering R1 billion and with other black local authorities in the Transvaal, faces a crippling financial crisis

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday said the shortfall for all black councils in the Transvaal was well in excess of R2 billion

The spokesman said the Soweto Council was receiving a mere R600 000 a month in revenue, although it had the capacity of yielding R30 million if all residents paid their rates

The crisis was becoming worse by the day, he added

"At the moment only 35 percent of service charges levied in the Transvaal are being paid. The West Rand has received payments of only 15 percent, while the East Rand is contributing 27 percent

"Because of the poor payment by residents, existing services can hardly be maintained. At the moment many black local authorities face total collapse," the spokesman said

He cited Katlehong, Tokoza, Tembisa and other councils as being on the brink of collapse

because of nonpayment of service charges. The collection of rates in most councils had ground to a standstill

The spokesman said the TPA was left with no option but to scale down projects aimed at generating income

Making the situation worse for black local authorities was the mishandling of finances by several councils, chief of which was the Daveyton Council which incurred a deficit of R13 million for the current financial year, the spokesman said

The MEC for the Transvaal, Mr André Cornelissen, said that despite the provision of intergovernmental transfers, there was not enough money to pay wages or maintain services in the province.

Unless the situation improved, the authorities would be forced to go into "survival mode" by giving priority to payment of costs of water supply and of the operation of sewage treatment plants

"More staff will have to be laid off, even though there are no funds for retrenchment packages," Cornelissen said

At the moment many black local authorities face total collapse

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A case for class action

LRC Review in Witwatersrand 1816-24/6/93
ON behalf of a Mamelodi client, the LRC won an electricity charges case in the Appellate Division which has implications for all township residents.

But, because there is no provision for class action in South African law, this remains an individual victory. Every person in a similar situation would have to take action for his or her rights — which is not possible in practice.

The LRC, acting for Mr Setshedi, challenged the Mamelodi Council's practice of charging interest and also attorney and client costs on electricity account arrears. Judgment initially went against Setshedi, but his case was successful on appeal.

The next electricity account he received from the council, however, was for approximately R8 000.

When it was examined, it was found that he only owed R20 in arrears, due to a tariff increase he did not know about. The rest was for legal costs from his case in the Transvaal Provincial Division.

Fortunately, the AD had set aside that judgment, together with the costs order. Setshedi was lucky to have access to lawyers who could go through the account, understand it, and advise the council that he would not pay.

In the light of the AD judgment, theoretically all interest on arrears collected

between January 1987 and 1990 should now be repaid to residents.

The LRC sees many similar cases. This was just one example of widespread administration problems in black townships. The head of one household of four keeps paying monthly accounts of about R1 000 to avoid being cut off, after all attempts to resolve the matter have failed.

Many people are also faced with attorney and client charges on electricity bills, often without a judgment authorising the court order.

People often don't know what charges are for or how they arose. And their payments are often not reflected correctly on the accounts.

Consumer boycotts leading to negotiations which eventually "write off" arrears are seldom understood against this background — that arrears are often not even owed.

Residents have little incentive to pay when services are not efficiently provided or where accounts bear no relation to what is consumed.

There is also little pressure on the councils to improve their administration if residents find it impossible to calculate what they really owe, and they cannot take class action but must fight each matter individually.

IT'S fair to say rent boycotts have initiated the transformation of South Africa. By withholding their rents, the people of Soweto, Katlehong and almost every other black town have forced a cyclone of change at national level and have placed local government issues at the centre of that storm.

While national election plans simmer, local issues are coming to the boil. After three years of negotiations, the Soweto rent boycott remains in force, with payments of the meagre "service charges", down below 10 percent of expected. The signing of the Soweto Accord in 1989 was seen as a path-breaking step toward transforming city government and ending the boycott. The Metro Chamber was formed, in which all parties are working together to find solutions to problems which are beginning to seem insoluble.

For the first time the civic associations sat down with the government and their implacable enemies, the black councillors, and began to talk. All stakeholders began to tackle issues such as physical development, transfer of houses, constitutional, social and economic development, finances, disaster management. Experts from the participating parties formed groups to address these areas, and have made much progress.

An "interim strategic framework" has been developed to address physical issues. An agreement to transfer houses to residents of Soweto has been reached, a constitutional plan for an interim metro authority is under debate. A land audit has been conducted to plan for the housing of the homeless of the region. Civics and other members have participated in the drawing up of an innovative regional services council budget. An agreement was signed to upgrade the services in Soweto in parallel with a phased increase in the service charges. That didn't work.

The people of Soweto, represented by the Soweto Civic Association, accused the authorities of failing to carry out their side of the deal. Looking at the uncollected rubbish, the leaky sewers, the potholed roads, it's hard to say they were wrong. The authorities claimed that, without money, nothing could be done. Looking at the R500-million in outstanding service charges and the R1,5-billion in debt owed by the council, it's hard to say that they were wrong.

This is the dilemma facing the country. Until transformation to a legitimate government is achieved, no money will be collected from township residents and no services will be provided.

Conventional wisdom tells us that when democracy dawns, and new popularly elected local governments take their seats in city halls, people will flock to the payment offices to claim their civic birthright by paying their taxes. However, not only will residents, used to paying nothing, be reluctant to begin doing so, but the authorities will find it difficult to enforce payment without evictions and sales in execution.

The people of the townships are poor. An addition to their monthly bill of around R120 per household will hardly go unnoticed. Indeed, the impact on the national economy of a sudden shift in consumer spending of around R5-billion a year could be cataclysmic. The restoration of civic financial order will be slow and painful.

The capital cost of upgrading the townships to the point where services resemble what is appro-

The tough option of the 'soft top' and the 'hard hats'

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Last week major municipalities across South Africa met to pass what are likely to be their last "old South African" budgets.

DAVID SOLOMON examines the problems and options for future local government

prate for a city is astronomical. The World Bank estimates that the capital cost of upgrading Central Wits alone to be about R10-billion. Other regions are probably less expensive, but a national figure of R50-billion is plausible.

Creatively financed over several years with the help of sympathetic international agencies, it is just possible that the annual bill for this piece of the national reconstruction plan might be as little as R6,5-billion. An equitably progressive tax system would place this burden on the wealthier portion of the population, which numbers, say, 6,5-million people. The burden will be about R1 000 per person, or about R5 000 per high(ish)-income breadwinner a year. It might be possible to keep this down to R400 a month.

What is the solution? First, there is the grand panacea: national constitutional reform. This is vital for the reform of the cities, but there are many opinions regarding whether the cities must wait for a new South Africa or whether they should begin to create it. Most agree that the local level of government is the one which will ultimately address the development challenge. What structure will be best meet this challenge?

The "one city" option involves the amalgamation of black and white cities into a single unified city with a non-racial constitution, a voter's roll which includes all residents, and a single taxation system which applies to all. Supporters of this idea, largely the national civic organisation Sanco, point to the symbolic healing of the apartheid city that it represents, the redistribution of income, the empowerment of the masses. Opponents point to the loss of local decision-making power and the inevitability of the

metropolitan Leviathan running out of control.

Two alternatives are being discussed: the "hard hat" and the "soft top". The "hard hat" has support among civics and other community organisations. It consists of a metropolitan arrangement whereby the constituent local authorities remain in place and enjoy considerable autonomy, but are reduced in size and represented on a Metropolitan Authority with sweeping powers and the responsibility of delivering important services. Revenue will be redistributed among the authorities by means of a grant system, but the major mechanism of equalisation will be the expenditure programme for which the Metro Authority is to be responsible.

The "soft top" option, so named by those who consider it the property of the privileged few, gives much more power to the local authority itself. Taxing powers remain with the autonomous local bodies, although the boundaries and functions are subject to adjustment in the constitution-making phase. Equalisation between authorities is carried out by a negotiated revenue-sharing formula, in terms of which local bodies exercise their rights to a share of the regional purse. This is referred to as "fiscal federalism".

The proponents of this system are impressed by the limits it imposes on national government. Its critics point out that "local autonomy" could mean local parsimony, with powerful white local governments refusing to co-operate in the development of black townships. The ability it gives a local community to retain its own identity and, make its own choices, has its downside: it might prefer to remain white and rich. Revenue-sharing will make the process of transferring revenue from white towns to black ones very transparent, and therefore very contentious. Such, they say, is the price of democracy.

Political lessons from abroad teach us that central government seldom gives up power to local government. The "soft top" option is likely therefore to be soft-bottomed also, with weak disempowered local bodies, and a powerful interfering central government. "Hard-tops" around the world are the creations of higher governments, not of spontaneous amalgamations of lower ones. This option also involves a firm presence of central government in local affairs.

Paradoxically, the greatest hope for true local autonomy probably lies with the "one city" concept, which offends me as an economist and is the least elegant from a theoretical point of view. Political realities are, however, overwhelming.

A combined Central Wits city, or a Durban Functional Region could exercise the powers of a municipality and a province, be a credible adversary to central government in revenue-sharing negotiations, and retain its autonomy.

Individual identities of town councils like Sandton will be eroded, as will the ability of Soweto or Alexandra to assert their individual development needs in the grand budget. Accountability will have to be fostered, or it will wither away. In exchange, Central Wits and other cities will have the chance of a voice in national affairs, and will be able to control their own destinies. The price is high, but it's an offer we can't refuse.

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How much to pay is the question

By Cyril Madlala

To pay or not to pay for rent and services in Greater Soweto is not the question, rather it is how much to pay

That seems to be the issue most residents have to grapple with, if random interviews by The Star this week are anything to go by

The question of tariffs in the sprawling township that has a debt exceeding R800 million is one of the crucial issues in the negotiations in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

Agreement would pave the way for the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils to move in to restore and maintain services which have degenerated to alarming levels in some parts of Greater Soweto.

But would residents actually

begin to pay after a gap of up to eight years?

The Star randomly asked 18 people in Soweto if they would be prepared to pay for the services if a suitable political solution were found for pre-interim local government, and residents were asked to pay an initial flat tariff of R50 per month

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To encourage frankness, interviewees were not asked to identify themselves.

"I would be prepared to pay if they would fix my lavatory and collect not just ash, but rubbish as well. But R50? That is too much. I think we should pay R30," said an unemployed man in Orlando East.

"There is a culture of non-payment in Soweto, but if services are okay, R50 should be right. The problem is that you

pay, your neighbours don't and yet they also get the services. That is why people are asking why they should pay," said a professional man

He saw a problem. The timing might discourage political organisations from getting involved

"With the elections around the corner, politicians might be wary of being seen to be the ones urging people to pay," he said

One man was sceptical of The Star's interviews, saying they would "confuse issues"

For him, having in place structures which are accountable to Soweto residents would solve the problem

This could only happen once the country had a democratically elected government which would take the responsibility to provide essential services

Deadline set for changes

EXISTING apartheid local and regional government structures had to be replaced by appointed pre-interim transitional executive committees not later than July 31 this year.

This was one of the resolutions adopted at a summit of the ANC PWV local and regional government commission and its allies outside Johannesburg.

The weekend summit was organised by the ANC, Sanco's southern Transvaal branch, SACP and Cosatu to discuss the installation of interim local government structures, the relationship between local and national negotiations and proposals from the local government negotiating forum.

It was agreed that appointments to interim local and regional government structures be made by a committee of appropriate negotiating forums publicly and in consultation with the community.

The powers and functions of appointed interim committees would be determined by guidelines laid down by a national local government negotiating forum, provided these powers were not entrenched in the interim constitution.

Once appointed structures were in place, the negotiating forums needed to be restructured to include representatives of the local and regional government com-

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mittees and relevant civic organisations. The ANC-led alliance also demanded that existing local and provincial authorities stopped retrenchments and called for the reinstatement of employees who had already lost their jobs.

Participants agreed that a programme to deliver services efficiently and affordably had to be put in place with the establishment of appointed interim structures. They would take the resolutions adopted at the summit back to the constitutional structures of their organisations for ratification.

The ANC PWV region's deputy chairman and local and regional government commission head Mathole Motshekga said the summit had consolidated and demonstrated the unity of the ANC alliance and Sanco PWV.

It also laid a firm foundation for preparing the people for governance at local and regional level, he said.

Motshekga urged the regional alliance and Sanco to take this message of unity back to their local and subregions.

He also called on them to build the alliance and Sanco for the final assault on apartheid and the transfer of power to the people as a whole.

Russian firm dominates Paris air show

Creating a better city

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The Metropolitan Chamber is a forum for negotiating the restructuring of local government in the central Witwatersrand. JO-ANNE COLLINGE focuses on the challenges it has identified.

just as in the still pristinely residential suburbs. Achieving this end in the populous townships would require an injection of infrastructural and social development to meet demand in the suburbs, the design would include absorbing additional population to make full use of the "spare" infrastructural provision which exists.

The ISF report also makes special note of the need to highlight in the CBD and to preserve the city centre as an ecologically vibrant heart to the system.

The ISF approach is something of an achievement in that representatives of a range of establishments and non-establishment groups have agreed quite easily on which holy cows to up-end.

Phase three of the ISF project will develop strategies of implementation, which should provide more solid grounds on which to judge whether planners are equal to the challenge of rubbing the urban geography of apartheid off the map. □

work and resources which can be put to better use.

While change cannot be achieved overnight — and only a beginning can be made during this time of transition — it pleads for commitment to a change of direction in which the notions of urban complexity and compactness have pride of place.

It also insists on rescuing the urban poor from the fringes of the urban complex and their assimilation into the mainstream of urban life.

The complexity of the urban area has a lot to do with mixed land-use patterns. It is argued that not only do opportunities for interaction between the residential, retail, manufacturing, recreational and service sectors multiply when they are closely juxtaposed, but these

transactions become more economical.

New patterns of association develop and individuals are able to satisfy a broad range of day-to-day needs in a limited geographic area.

The Central Wits Region has some highly successful mixed-use areas. But there has also been a tendency to stifle the development of mixed-use zones and they are particularly scarce in the townships.

Further barriers to convenient and cheap access to a wide range of urban facilities

are posed by the fact that the Johannesburg metropolitan area is a sprawling, discontinuous urban system.

This means it is an expensive city — transport costs a lot, the infrastructure and maintenance of essential services is likewise inflated. A compact city is certainly more economical, the report argues, and it also gives citizens more equitable access to facilities.

In the Johannesburg region, not only do obvious breaks be-

tween town and township exist, but features such as the belt of mining land, the Braamfontein marshalling yards and the safety areas around Modderfontein's explosives plant create sterile zones which "divide the city into isolated lobes and tend to make the urban system operate as a fragmented assembly of parts".

The report argues that there needs to be critical investigation about which of these areas can be "reclaimed for infill".

Infill and the incredibly ugly terms "densification" and "intensification" are the catch phrases for using up spare space within existing urban areas — by subdivision, higher density planning and by revising zoning practices which stand in the way of this.

The ISF report promotes the notion that vacant land should be drawn into the urban area selectively. "Injudicious use of vacant land to simply give people access to shelter without reference to how they are integrated into the wider urban system must be guarded against."

The report deals extensively with transportation and the provision of infrastructure and social facilities in terms of balancing existing disparities and dealing with the virtual collapse of services in some areas.

Upgrading of the townships is always viewed in tandem with the integration of these areas into the urban mainstream.

Far from writing off the townships, the ISF report seeks to normalise them, aiming at mixed land-use patterns here

where people who need them

most are not, travelling is stretched to a maximum by the failure to integrate residential and work opportunities.

Much of this is the outcome of decades of strict racial zoning. But it is also the result of a planning approach which stresses order, uniformity and regulation, the report argues.

Which planning has tended to become like the person who goes to sleep worrying about how to keep tomorrow as it was yesterday, the document observes. "We seek rather to be the person who worries about how to make tomorrow better than it was today."

The working group accepts that no matter how distorted, unjust and inefficient the present Johannesburg metropolitan area is, it has elements which

ITS one thing to air ideas about the "new" South Africa. It's another thing to get to grips with the bricks and mortar legacy of apartheid and coax sprawling, divided cities into a pattern that the world recognises as normal.

The Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber has a working group charged with tackling this very issue during the period before the installation of elected nonracial councils at local and metropolitan level.

The jargonese description of the working group's activities is that it is formulating "an interim strategic framework (ISF)" to deal with immediate crises and to "restructure the metropolitan urban system into a sustainable future."

The second ISF report argues that the Central Wits area has an urban system that is fundamentally at odds with most people who have to use it. The four live furthest from places of work, infrastructural investment is greatest where population densities are lowest, social facilities are concentrated

Four new MECs given portfolios

Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough yesterday announced new responsibilities for the Transvaal Executive Committee, when four new members were officially sworn in in Pretoria (266)

At the inauguration ceremony for the four members — Lerate Chuenyane, Lesiba Mothiba, Dr. Lucas Nel and Piet Coetzer — Hough said the executive committee had been increased to 10 members

He said Chuenyane's portfolio was social development, welfare and pensions, while Mothiba would have the portfolio of road traffic and law enforcement. Coetzer's portfolio was urbanisation, land use and horse racing, and Nel's institutional development and negotiation, with emphasis on local government.

Hough added that MECs had been assigned to different regions of the province — Sapa

Removal of shacks postponed

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) had decided to postpone the removal of the remaining illegal shacks in the Ivory Park area, a TPA statement released yesterday said (266)

A TPA spokesman also denied that the shacks were occupied. He denied allegations of assault and arson (266)

The decision to postpone the removal had been taken because of "mounting tensions" following a call for a general stayaway and a march by the ANC PWV region in nearby Tembisa, the TPA statement said

The march to the local police station in Tembisa, attended by about 8 000 people and addressed by ANC regional head Tokyo Sexwale, had proceeded without serious incident, a police spokesman said. He added that fears of conflict with Inkatha members had not materialised

The march was planned to protest against continuing violence in the township, an ANC statement said

The TPA statement claimed that demonstrators had broken down shacks and erected barricades to prevent official vehicles from removing shack remnants

The statement also said some shacks had been set alight by demonstrators, creating the impression that TPA officials were committing arson.

About 20 shacks were still to be removed. The TPA said this would take place at a "suitable later date"

The decision to postpone the removal of these shacks had been taken in the interests of "general peace and calm" and not in response to yesterday's demonstrations or to claims on rights to the land

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Sacked workers return to jobs

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By Ike Motsapi

■ **NO MONEY** Council claims it has no funds to pay sacked staff:

ABOUT 413 members of the South African Municipal Workers Union and other employees who were sacked by the Dobsonville Council last year returned to their jobs this week.

This follows a successful court application lodged by Samwu in the Rand Supreme Court last Friday to have the workers reinstated.

According to the court order all workers are to be paid their salaries and benefits retrospective to the day when they were sacked

The council opposed the application and has now said it does not have money to pay the workers their salaries

In a letter to Samwu, written by city treasurer Mr Chris van Zijl, the council said it would have to approach the Transvaal Provincial Administration for assistance

A special council meeting was held this week to discuss the problem Van

Zijl promised to inform Samwu about the council's decision today

A TPA spokesman said the request had not as yet been forwarded to it

Mr Martin Sere, an official of Samwu, yesterday said all the workers who were sacked on November 2 after requesting the council to transfer them to other centres were back at work

They were employed near a hostel and feared for their lives.

Union to march on Sasol

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By Ike Motsapi

HUNDREDS of South African Chemical Workers Union members will march on Sasol's headquarters in Johannesburg at the weekend to demand the reinstatement of workers dismissed in 1987

Mr Cunningham Ngcukana, secretary-general of the National Council

of Trade Unions will be among those leading the march

Mr Joseph Maqhekeni, an organiser of Sacwu, said the march was part of an ongoing six-year battle by the union after the dismissal of about 100 employees — all members of Sacwu — by Sasol I when they campaigned for better pay and working conditions. Maqhekeni said "The union won the case in the Industrial Court

but that victory was overturned by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court following an appeal by the company. The dismissals led to a number of former employees losing houses and children being forced out of school because their parents could not afford to pay for them

"As a result we have a squatter camp near Zamdela because workers have no accommodation," said Maqhekeni



Good turnout at debates

Staff 2516193
More than 400 people have attended 10 meetings in Sandton suburbs in the past few weeks to debate new forms of local government.

Sandton Federation of Ratepayers chairman Gail Daus said "We feel we have achieved great success. It is the first step in real public participation."

"People have responded well because it is the first time their voices will be heard. They believe that democracy is at work" — Staff Reporter

Soweto ends its 10-year rent boycott

By EZRA MANTINI

THE 10-year Soweto rent and service charges boycott is over.

And, from Thursday, Soweto will be jointly administered by the Johannesburg and Roodepoort councils, according to Soweto Civic Association publicity secretary Pat Lephunya.

Mr Lephunya said the decision was taken at a meeting between the SCA and the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils, after which an interim agreement was signed.

"The boycott was started with the aim of bringing down the township councillors and ad-

dressing the hostel dwellers' issue," he said.

"The township councils have now been dissolved and the hostels are now being dealt with by another forum outside the civics," he said.

From July Soweto residents will enjoy the same services as Johannesburg residents.

A Soweto forum, consisting of representatives of all black political parties — including the ANC, PAC, and Azapo — will be formed to monitor services in all Soweto townships and liaise with both city councils, Mr Lephunya said.

The forum will meet once a month.

Mr Lephunya added: "In essence, we want to see a return to normal life where services such

as refuse renewals are restored.

"The idea is to rebuild Soweto after the services reached a crisis point and were almost collapsing."

According to the interim agreement, which will be effective until after elections next year, the government will provide 80 percent funding for the project.

Mr Lephunya said the SCA could not reach an agreement with the councils on arrears.

"We hope to resolve this matter next month and residents will be told how much they would start paying from August."

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OFFICIAL STAMP OF APPROVAL... An Ivory Park mother and child survey their bleak world after their filthy home was ripped apart by TPA heavies this week. The administration attacked 300 homes. Was it also necessary to burn the people's meagre possessions, critics have asked.

TPA's heartless solution: smash and burn

BY MOSES MAMAILA

"WE are being punished because we are poor"

These were the anguished words of Ivory Park squatter Sam Makgalela after TPA officials launched a brutal raid on their illegal sites

The officials spared nothing - not even the impoverished people's meagre possessions - which were set alight

Betty Phala, whose shack was demolished with more than 300 other shelters this week, said TPA officials gave her five minutes to leave the area

Phala is just one of scores of Ivory Park residents who were left in the freezing cold when their shacks were demolished

The TPA said in a statement that warnings could not be served to some of the Thembisa squatters because they were not in their dwellings

It added that most of the shacks were still empty and had been built over the past few days

An impoverished mother of six told City Press "At about noon on Tuesday armed men gave us notices to leave. Five minutes later, the men destroyed our homes, burning them and our property"

A week ago squatters, who were fed up with being boarders of other squatters at Ivory Park, occupied the land on the other side of the dusty road

The squatters said they had a paying R27 in rent to other squatter who had been allocated sites

On the legality issue, Phala said the law had "very little meaning" for people in their circumstances

She asked "Do we really have a choice? Do people really think we are staying in these terrible conditions because we want to?"

She said all her belongings had been destroyed by the TPA men who

had showed the people "no mercy"

"Those people were ruthless" But Phala, like the other squatters had refused to leave the area because they had nowhere to go

Squatters, most of whom were unemployed, said after they had been boarders of other people "for years" the time had arrived to "do anything necessary to find a place to stay"

The TPA action, which left hundreds of families homeless, was launched a few days after the residents had come to believe they finally owned their pieces of land

City Press visited the area on Wednesday. Dozens of women and

children were out in the open, guarding their small piles of belongings

Sam Makgalela vowed to leave the area only after the TPA had provided him with alternative accommodation. He said the people had slept in the open on Tuesday night

"The sky was our roof. We do not know for how long will this continue," he declared

The TPA said it was "forced to" take action against the illegal squatters

It said the administration would do "everything possible" to facilitate the acquisition of alternative accommodation for the squatters

They buried my house under rubble

By JAMES BRITAIN

WHEN retired farmer Colin Waddell went to the smallholding, where he planned to spend his twilight years, he drove right past it — it had been buried under tons of rubble from a nearby roadworks.

It was only when he turned back, looking for the house that had been there a week before, that he recognised a telephone pole sticking out of the rubble. It was the only signpost to the house.

That was a year ago, and Mr Waddell, 60, is now living in a caravan on top of the pile of rubble as he continues his fight for compensation from the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The rubble covered the fig trees and bluegums that surrounded his home in the mountains around Nelspruit. The borehole, electricity point and water-tank were also covered.

In the space of a week, while Mr Waddell was staying in town with his girlfriend, Hannele Nagel, contractors building a road between Nelspruit and Ngodwana had dumped the earth removed from a cutting onto his property.

Buried

"I was going out to see the place. We often came here at weekends to have braais. I'd been looking for a place like this for years. I love the view across the valley," said Mr Waddell. He telephoned the TPA in Pretoria to find out what had happened. More than a year later, he remembers every word of that conversation.

"Hello. Is that the TPA? Good. I'd like to make a complaint — you've buried my house. You've buried my house — the whole bloody thing," he told the TPA roads department.

He bought the property in January 1981 and was planning to live there. The house was unfinished — it didn't have a roof or doors — but the two buildings were in good condition, and he planned to open a shop and tea-garden to keep himself going.

"When I got there that Sunday afternoon, I got out of the car and I went back down the main road. But I

Farmer sees his dream

wiped out in

a week

couldn't see my property. Then I looked again, and I thought, where have all the trees gone?"

"All the trees had gone and everything was covered in earth, but I thought this must be the place. And then I tried to find something that would show me for sure."

"It was a huge house. Everything was there and it had all gone — all buried under two metres of rubble. All that was left was a telephone pole."

To date, the TPA has offered Mr Waddell only R5 000, although a spokesman admitted on Friday that the department had made "a big mistake".

Demolished

"Our workers were finishing off the road. They dumped the gravel and, in the process, demolished the house," said the spokesman.

"We had it in mind to make a lookout point there, overlooking the valley. I think the guys thought the land belonged to us, so they levelled it."

The spokesman said an independent assessor had evaluated the site and



BROKEN DREAM

Colin Waddell and a labourer sift over the remains of his retirement home, which was buried by TPA workers. Picture JAMES SULLIER

recommended that Mr Waddell be paid R5 000.

Mr Waddell, who claims a state attorney acting on behalf of the TPA had advised him to take the offer or go to court, is now seeking legal aid and advice to reclaim his dream.

For the moment, he has accepted his plight, and spends his days moving as much of the rubble as possible with the help of one labourer and a single wheelbarrow.

"I'm a farmer. All my life it has been one step forward and two steps back. Any farmer will tell you that's the way things are," he said.

Computers make designer drugs

By ROBERT MATTHEWS
London

DESPITE the high-tech image of the pharmaceutical industry, some of its greatest successes have come with luck — the Pill owes its origins to the chance discovery that Mexican yams contain the female hormone progesterone.

But British scientists are pioneering ways of taking the guesswork out of drug development, cutting the time needed to find new

Robson and colleagues at Proteus International of Machesfield believe they are close to producing their first computer-designed drug, a treatment for pre-menstrual tension.

Their approach may be the model for how the pharmaceutical industry develops cures for many diseases including AIDS.

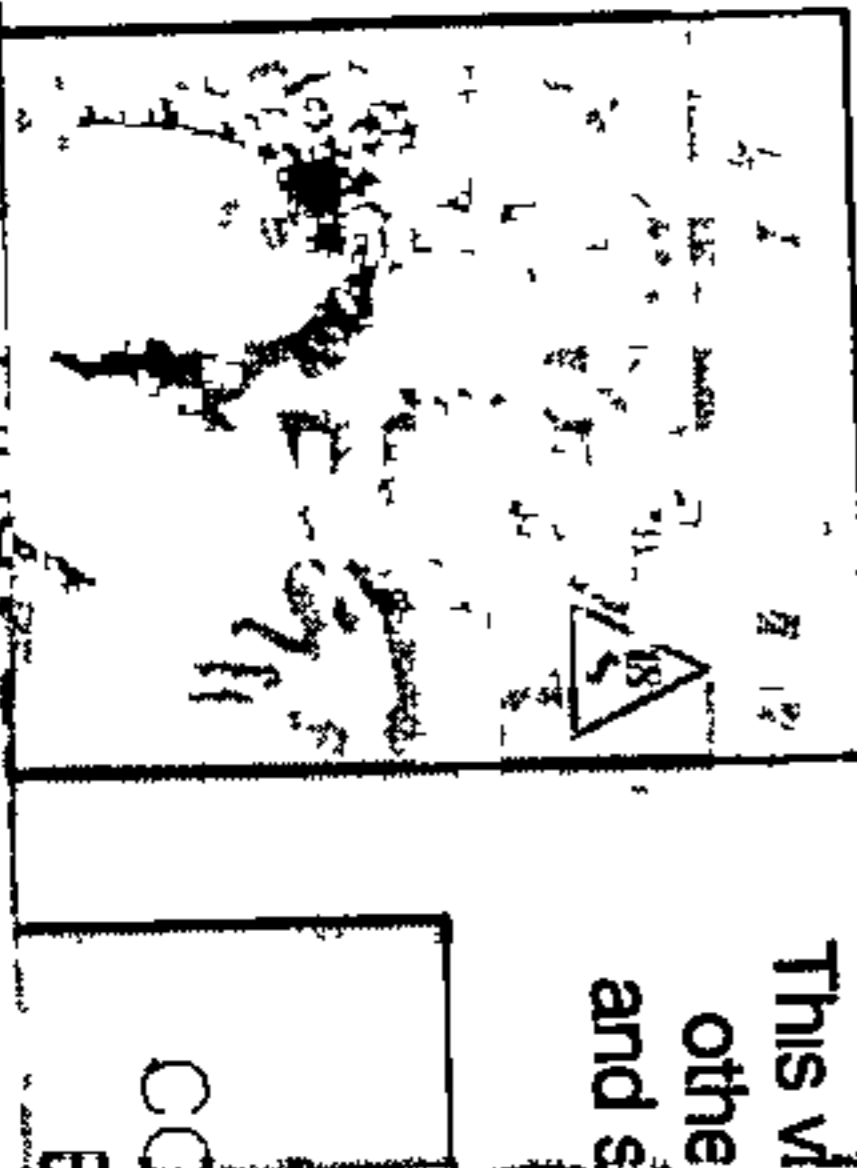
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Professor Robson and his colleagues are combining super-computers with breakthroughs in artificial intelligence to design protein structures from scratch, and predict their usefulness.

For the treatment of PMT, they are concentrating on the protein LHRH that controls the monthly ebb and flow of female hormones. PMT is thought to

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TPA demolishes shacks

STEPHEN COPLAN *Ed Day 28/6/64*

THE Babylon area of Ivory Park near Johannesburg... was again the scene of shack demolitions at the weekend as police and the TPA removed structures put up overnight, a TPA spokesman said.

An urgent application by 10 squatters was due to be heard on Friday by the Supreme Court but had been postponed, the group's legal representative said at the weekend. The matter would appear before the court on Wednesday, he said. A request for an interim order restoring possession of the site pending the outcome of the application had been turned down. *(2bb)*

The TPA started removing shacks in Ivory Park last week, saying that permission for their erection had not been granted. It said the structures were not being lived in when they were torn down, but this was disputed by the local civic association. *(270)*

Roodepoort to administer Soweto • Union hit by scandal

Winter blues for Soweto

Sowetan 28/6/93

Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa

■ DARK AGES Black council has run out of

money to pay its electricity bill:

JULY is the coldest month of the Reef winter and it is the month when Soweto's three million residents may be flung back to the Dark Ages, without electricity and other services

The Metropolitan Chamber, which has been funding the debt-ridden local authority, has run out of money to pay for electricity and refuse removal

A crucial meeting will be held tomorrow to adopt a package which attempts to resolve the protracted rent boycott, provides for upgrading of services and offers incentives to encourage residents to pay

If the package is accepted, the lights could stay on in the sprawling township Soweto Civic Association publicity secretary Mr Pat Lephunya was yesterday reported as saying Soweto would be jointly administered

by the Johannesburg and Roodepoort Councils from Thursday

Lephunya said the decision was taken at a meeting between the civic and the Johannesburg and Roodepoort city councils, after which an interim agreement was signed

Also facing a bleak future are the families of hundreds of council workers

Mr Vic Milne of the Metropolitan Chamber said there was no money to pay the workers' salaries, raising fears of retrenchments without financial packages

"We're trying hard to reach an agreement before Wednesday, the end of the financial year," Milne said

"From July 1, the council has no money to pay for bulk services, such as refuse removal and

salaries"

Staff had also been notified that there would be no money to pay all salaries.

However, Milne remained positive "I think that it might be possible to resolve the crisis Everything will depend on whether the package is accepted by every party," he said

Although details of the package have not been divulged, a rough spot remains the tariff for miscellaneous service charges Proposed tariffs range between R45 and R65 a month

Mr JNJ "Fiel" Booysen, assistant director of administration in the TPA, said they used to get R15 million from the TPA and the Regional Services Council — through the Met Chamber — to provide services



Picture: George Mashini

Sandton in the red but is owed millions

By Anna Cox

Sandton is not broke, says management committee chairman Peter Gardiner.

He was reacting to a local newspaper report which stated that the town was in financial difficulties. The report caused concern and questions among residents, he said.

Although, for the first time in the history of the town, the budget had shown a deficit of R5,3 million, the budget was a conservative one, said Gardiner. He said an amount of R15,4 million was owing to Sandton which would be recovered within this financial year.

This was made up from payments amounting to R5,1 million for ambulance and fire services rendered to Alexandra by Sandton which had not been paid by the Transvaal Provincial Administration but would be refunded, he said.

The Rand Water Board had overcharged Sandton for water consumption by some R5,6 million due to a fault in its bulk water meter. Additional sewage purification charges of R4,7 million

had to be paid to the level of water consumption had resulted, but would be repaid by the regional services council, he said. The benefits of the recovered money would be passed on to consumers during the next financial year. There was also R5 million which had been budgeted for salary adjustments, the capital development fund and the insurance fund, but which would probably not be used, said Gardiner. "The capital expenditure was down by 17 percent and operating expenditure up by 22 percent, bringing only an overall increase of 6 percent above the level of expenditure in 1992/93."

He admitted homeowners faced increased rates, but said this was due to an increase of 64 percent in the valuation of residential properties and a drop of 5 percent in the residential rebate from 60 percent to 55 percent. "But although assessment rates have increased by between 50 and 75 percent, water has not increased, electricity is up only 2,7 percent, refuse 10 percent and sewerage by 25 percent. This brings the cost of the package of services more in line with those of neighbouring municipalities. Sandton has always been cheaper.

"Sandton is by no means broke. It is one of the country's four fastest-growing towns.

"From July to May 1992, 3 000 building plans were approved at a value of R600 million. This is a major investment for the future of the town and important for the development of a non-residential rates base."

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Armed right-wingers bar blacks from town

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ABOUT 300 armed right-wingers stood guard at the roadside yesterday morning, barring black people from entering the conservative town of Koppies in the northern Free State.

A committee of residents and police were locked in talks throughout the day, trying to iron out the racial confrontation which began two weeks ago when the ANC Women's League was prevented from entering Koppies for a protest march.

A consumer boycott was subsequently called by the ANC's branch in KwaKwatsi, the township adjacent to Koppies.

Yesterday's action was part of an attempt to force blacks to end their consumer boycott.

Police spokesman Capt Johlene van der Merwe said yesterday police reinforcements had been called in and the situation was "extremely tense".

However, there had been no reports of violence.

Van der Merwe said the police team of negotiators also held talks with the residents of KwaKwatsi, and was trying to get the opposing groups together last night for joint negotiations.

The right-wingers took up their posts at 4.30am yesterday. They were mostly armed with sideguns, although a few had

shotguns, she said.

Koppies Action Committee chairman Louw Badenhorst, representing residents and businessmen of the town, said the action would continue until the ANC acceded to the town council's demand that the ANC abide by the peace accord.

The committee also distributed leaflets in English and Sotho, calling for an end to the boycott.

Badenhorst said that even though the roads were blocked, people in need of medical attention were allowed through.

A reported blockade on the road between Koppies and KwaKwatsi had turned out to be the result of municipal road workings. It had been removed, Van der Merwe said.

Badenhorst said that even though Koppies was home to a large number of AWB supporters, no single political party could be held responsible for the blockade.

The blockade of the town follows a similar one earlier this year in Vrede when a black consumer boycott of the town, which lasted nearly two weeks, was called off after meetings between the town's residents and those of the neighbouring township.

Investigation into shootings

STEPHEN COPLAN

POLICE are investigating alleged shootings in the Babylon area of Ivory Park at the weekend.

Squatters said they had been fired on by two white men travelling in a bakkie.

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday the bakkie belonged to the Transport Department, but the people using it on Sunday still had to be traced.

A spokesman for the local civic association said there were no injuries and no damage to property.

Local peace committee officials in the area said the TPA yesterday continued to demolish shacks in Babylon, near Midrand. Many had been re-erected at the weekend following the demolition of illegal structures last week.

Peace committee official Roger Oxley said hundreds of people had been left homeless.

An urgent application by 10 squatters to remain on the land was postponed until tomorrow. The land has been earmarked by the TPA for light industrial development.

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Shareholders' subsidiaries	20 000	20 000
Shareholders' funds	2	2
Liabilities	162 640	128 756
	31 320	34 784

Sandton's R3-m Star 29/6/93 won't go to RSC

By Anna Cox

The Sandton town council last night decided not to hand over to the regional services council the R3 million it had recently budgeted for its poorer neighbours.

Councillor Rick Ehlers said the RSC was not a "properly constituted body" and the money should be kept in a suspense account until a credible, representative metropolitan body was in place to receive it. (266)

If the money was handed to the RSC, it would be put into a kitty and used for communities outside the Sandton area, he said.

Management committee

chairman Peter Gardiner said the money was a provision for contingencies and agreed it should be paid to a "legitimate body".

● The council last night opposed an application for the construction of a public garage, offices and shops on Wilham Nicol Drive.

In a report handed to the council, the town planning department said most residents objected to the proposal because it was within the residential area of Glendrienne. The garage would generate non-residential traffic which would cause high noise levels after hours, the report said.



Move to alter medicine law

JONATHAN DAVIS

PROPOSED changes to the Medicines Control Act could allow pharmacists to prescribe and dispense a range of medicines previously available only through doctors 29/6/93

Proposed amendments to the Act, which appeared for comment in last week's Government Gazette, would allow pharmacists with approved training to prescribe drugs above schedule II for conditions including influenza, bacterial infections and inflammations. (15)

Pharmaceuticals Society of SA president Gary Köhn said the changes proposed by the National Health Department and the Medicines Control Council were part of an initiative to improve community access to primary, preventative health care. (15)

He said his society welcomed the move, which would increase the role of community pharmacists in treating illness

SA competitiveness rating falls — report

BIDAY 29/6/93

GRETA STEYN

SA has dropped from eighth to 11th place in the 1993 World Competitiveness Report's survey of 15 non-OECD economies.

SA was featured for the first time last year in the report, a joint venture by the World Economic Forum and a European business school. The 730-page publication is not yet available in SA, but a summary of key findings was released yesterday by ISG subsidiary Business Futures Group.

Factors pushing down SA's competitiveness included "harmful" international trade policies, protectionism, state involvement in the economy, "deterrent" taxation, low productivity growth and very low overall skills levels.

SA's weak spot remained its human resources. It was at or near the bottom of the non-OECD group in worker attitudes, competitive values, educational structures and availability of skilled labour.

Singapore was again the top non-OECD country, winning seven of the report's eight key measurement categories.

It analysed 37 OECD and non-OECD economies in terms of internationalisation, domestic economic strength, role of government, finance, infrastructure, manage-

ment, people and science and technology

SA scored a lower rating than last year in four of the categories — internationalisation, government, finance and science and technology. It remained stagnant in two (management and people) and registered a slight improvement in two (domestic economic strength and infrastructure).

Singapore's business environment outperformed the others in competitiveness, which was enhanced by socio-political stability, partnerships with foreign firms, education, in-company training, worker attitudes and "competitive values".

Hong Kong was second, followed by Taiwan and Malaysia. Brazil was second-worst and Pakistan last. Japan was the top OECD country, followed by the US.

World Competitiveness Project director Stephane Garelli said a key feature of the 1993 study was the increasing levels of structural blue-collar and white-collar unemployment in world economies.

"The prospect that a future economic recovery may not necessarily regenerate employment produces all the ingredients for a formidable social time-bomb," he said in the preface of the report

New tariff structure 'can reduce costs'

THE new refuse removal and street sweeping tariff structure could reduce costs to business by as much as 50%, Johannesburg City Council rates and services director Andy van Zyl said yesterday. BIDAY 29/6/93

The council is now charging separate tariffs for street sweeping and bulk waste removal. The entry for street sweeping appeared on this month's statement and has drawn criticism from businessmen who feel the additional charge is unfair.

Van Zyl said the new structure was intended to spread the cost of street sweep-

GAVIN DU VENAGE

ing more equitably and to reduce waste removal charges. (21)

Previously, council bulk waste disposal charges were used to subsidise street sweeping. However, as many businesses used private contractors for waste removal, they were getting the street sweeping service free. (266)

This also meant that businesses using council waste removal services were subsidising the street sweeping services for those using private contractors.

Rent action 'is still on'

GAVIN DU VENAGE

A REPORT that Soweto's rent and service boycott had ended was not true, Soweto Civic Association publicity secretary Pat Lephunya said yesterday. BIDAY 29/6/93

Lephunya was quoted at the weekend as saying the boycott was over, and that Soweto would soon be administered by Roodepoort and Johannesburg. (127)

He said negotiations still taking place were making progress, but agreement had to be reached on tariffs and amalgamation.

The Greater Soweto crisis committee is to meet today, although the ANC will not attend. ANC local government deputy head Matole Motshekga said the organisation had to clarify its position in the chamber.

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



FIRST-TIME CARD PLAYERS, SNOOPY AND WOODSTOCK, QUICKLY DISCOVER THAT THE GAME IS MORE FUN WHEN PLAYED WITH A DOUBLE DECK!

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Doubts about viability of R1bn air-rights project

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ANDREW KRUMM

CRITICS are wondering whether the planned Johannesburg Tourist, Trade and Convention Centre and associated projects — billed as a R1bn-plus air-rights development over the city's major railway junction — will ever materialise

“The idea is good, but the R200m required to finance a 2 500-seat convention centre, which will probably be in the form of a subsidy from the city council, may present a stumbling block,” a commentator said.

Should the council find the project acceptable, it would be difficult to raise finance in the present political and economic climate, he said.

Proponents of the project rejected the criticism

Consortium MD Johan de Ridder said: “Certainly a subsidy is needed as convention centres are mostly loss makers

“But the subsidy would not be wasted as the benefits of a convention centre lie in the economic spin-offs for city business.”

Kessel Feinstein Consulting direc-

tor Gilhan Saunders, who did the economic analysis for the centre, said the benefits included not only “direct spend” by delegates, who usually spent more than the average tourist, but also indirect and “induced” expenditure.

“A review of conference facilities in SA shows there is conservative demand for more than 2 000 conferences greater than 500 delegates, but we have few centres that can cater for such numbers.”

De Ridder said the finance issue was now out of the centre's hands. “The business plan, including economic analysis and other feasibility studies, was handed to the city council in April and it must decide.”

The convention centre was just one part of the project and the the feasibility of a R30m to R40m transit centre to augment the planned convention and hotel complex was being studied

Negotiations with tourist and transport companies on the feasibil-

ity of such a centre were continuing City Council planning director Japie Hugo said his department and others were examining the convention centre business plan and weighing up subsidy options

“The project can be subsidised in two ways — through a direct subsidy from the council, regional or even central government or by indirect subsidy, which involves putting up an adjacent development.”

However, he cautioned that a decision on the subsidy would not be taken until the council had voted to pursue the matter further

Johannesburg management committee vice-chairman Eddie Magid declined to be drawn on when the issue of the convention centre would reach council.

But he said that should council decide to “join the party” financial institutions would follow.

Echoing the view that the economic spin-offs were considerable, Magid said the convention centre had been identified as a “top 10” project in Johannesburg and would assist the city's bid for the 2004 Olympics



Star 30/6/93

Ex-Koevoet 4 aid police

Staff Reporter

Four former members of the notorious Koevoet police unit have been temporarily stationed on a plot near Midrand, police confirmed.

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abilities in support of SAP units.

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was assaulted by three men as he was leaving the restaurant with his family.

One of the men pulled a gun and shot McMaster in the stomach. Police are investigating. — Staff Reporter.

Star 30/6/93

Soweto talks fail

to solve crisis

By Jo-Anne Colling

Today marks yet another unmet deadline in the course of the Soweto crisis. Yesterday's talks between civic organisations, political parties and local authorities failed to produce full agreement on a solution.

Vic Milne, chief executive of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber, said: "Although progress was made, consensus has not yet been reached by all parties on a package agreement, including a (service) tariff."

The package includes political restructuring of the entire metropolitan region in the phase of "pre-interim" government; arrangements for existing white local authorities to render services in Greater Soweto in the short term; the financial contribution of central and regional government to running Soweto; and

the payments to be required of residents

It is understood the ANC sent a representative to the talks for the first time yesterday.

The meeting was adjourned to allow all parties time to consult their principals and constituencies, said Milne, and further talks would be held on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, negotiating parties committed themselves to finding a solution by June 30 in the belief that a solid agreement would free special government financing for Greater Soweto.

Cutting across the bitterly slow Soweto negotiations, the nationally organised Local Government Negotiating Forum holds its second plenary session today. The results of three months of behind-the-scenes negotiations on the reform of local government will be made public.

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Big cleaning bills shock shopowners

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Small businesses landed with street-cleaning bills for the first time this month are furious that they are being made to pay while big business appears to reap the benefit of restructured rates accounts.

(2bb)
The City Treasurer announced earlier this month that the new tariff structures would entail a new street-cleaning tariff for business and industry of R6 a metre — to a maximum of 100 m (R600) — and reduced water and waste tariffs of between 20 and 50 percent

A Melville shop owner, who did not wish to be identified, objected that while he was now being made to pay R360 a month for street-cleaning, a large building such as the Carlton Centre,

with many storeys, would pay a maximum of R600.

His rates bill has increased by more than 60 percent, from R488,20 in May to R802,20 this month.

The only saving, for refuse removal, was from R92 to R46.

John Kimber owns a screen-printing business in New Centre. His bill for street-cleaning in June is R480, with no saving on waste removal because he uses a private contractor.

Johannesburg director of solid waste Gys du Plessis defended the new tariff, saying it was a more equitable form of payment.

He said a large property such as the Carlton Centre would pay only R600 for street-cleaning, but that it contributed "tens of thousands of rands" for refuse removal each month.

Motorist held over shooting

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A 55-year-old motorist was arrested on an attempted murder charge after he allegedly opened fire on a policeman and two traffic officials in Vanderbijlpark on Monday night.

One of the traffic officers returned fire but no one was injured.

Police said the incident occurred in Playfair Boulevard shortly after the motorist was pulled off the road by a policeman in connection with a traffic offence.

Moments later two traffic officials arrived on the scene. The motorist allegedly started firing at the trio.

A Vanderbijlpark resident is expected to appear in court this week.

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Demolished shacks unoccupied - TPA

Star 30/6/93

By Jacqueline Myburgh

There is confusion over the repeated demolition of shacks in Ivory Park by the TPA, with the local authority insisting that the structures were unoccupied but community leaders saying 700 people have been left homeless.

(266)
Last Friday and on Monday, the TPA demolished shacks on a piece of land adjoining Ivory Park which they said had been earmarked for light industrial development.

(300)
Ten squatters have brought a court application to prevent the TPA from demolishing their shacks.

A church leader who helped to obtain food and blankets for the homeless in Ivory Park, the Rev David Monokoane, told The Star earlier that his workers had

noticed a difference between the number of people who slept in the area where the shacks were demolished, and the number who demonstrated there during the day. He intended to have the numbers checked by his staff.

But Paulos Sithole, a civic leader in Ivory Park, says people are sleeping in the veld because their shacks have been demolished.

He said these people, who had previously squatted in the back yards of Ivory Park, insisted that the TPA provide them with land.

Louis Venter of the TPA said the local authority had photographic evidence that the shacks were not occupied. He said between 50 and 70 shacks had been taken away on Monday, but he did not understand why they were erected when no one was staying there.

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Pretoria 'mixing it'

THE Pretoria City Council may disband before the end of the year to be replaced by an appointed non-racial council. Management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith said yesterday this was expected to happen as part of a countrywide disbanding of local councils, after which whites would in many cases be in the minority on the new councils.

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Walk-outs and chaos mar council meetings

Star 11/19/73

By Melody McDougall
Vereniging Bureau

Two meetings of the Vanderbijlpark Town Council last night ended in confusion when both the council's monthly meeting and a special meeting to vote on a motion of no confidence in the management committee had to be ad-

journal
The drama began when NP caucus members initially refused to enter the council chamber after a few armed men — allegedly AVF and AVF supporters — were spotted outside.

The confusion continued when virtually the entire rightwing caucus staged a walk-out shortly after all the councillors assembled in the chamber to vote on the motion of no confidence. (21/11)

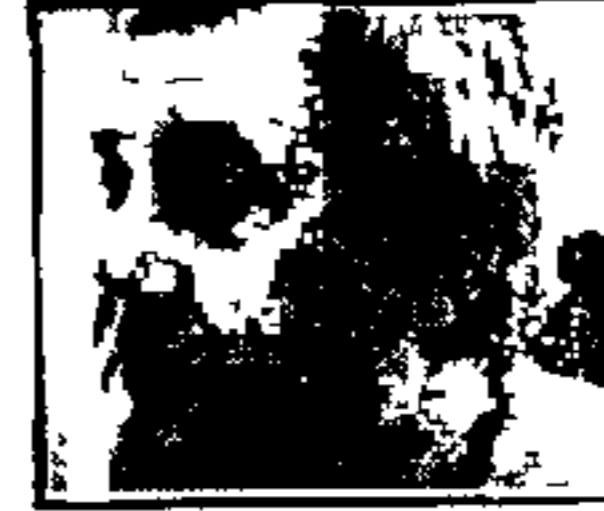
The NP called for the vote at the beginning of the month, accusing the right-wing management committee of being unable to negotiate a new dispensation with surrounding black local authorities.

Minutes later five NP caucus members also left the chamber, leaving only mayor Org du Plessis (NP) and management committee chairman Gerhard Smith (AVF). The meeting was adjourned.

About 30 minutes later the full council gathered in the council chamber for the ordinary monthly meeting. But NP caucus member Willie van Rensburg proposed that it be adjourned as the issue surrounding the motion of no confidence had not yet been resolved. Again the meeting was adjourned.

NP caucus leader Johan Kilian, later said he and his colleagues were initially reluctant to enter the council after they had spotted armed rightwingers outside the building. He said he also received an anonymous call from a man earlier yesterday who said "You f... Kaffir-boetie — put a foot in the council chamber tonight and we will silence your big mouth forever..."

Blackout threat



Zakkie Lombard

By Mzimasi Ngidle

SOWETO may soon be plunged into darkness following a decision by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to switch off all street lights

In a move to scale down services after Wednesday's talks failed to resolve the rent boycott, Administrator Mr Zakkie Lombard told Soweto and Diepsmeadow residents in an urgent alert yesterday that all street lights would have to be switched off. (266) (427)

Lombard said he was forced to take drastic steps due to the financial crisis caused by the prolonged boycott of service charges

He said refuse removals could not be maintained and that workers would not be available to clear out blockages in sewerage systems

Lombard also said municipal services would have to be drastically cut down

"These unfortunate and disrupting circumstances came about since all available funds to pay staff, bulk suppliers and maintenance costs have now dried up," he said

He said the decision was taken after a meeting held under the auspices of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last month failed to resolve the service charges boycott

The decision follows reports that the Govern-

(The TPA decision is reckless and will have the effect of torpedoing that agreement)

Kgabisi Musonkuntu

ment and Transvaal Provincial Administration were not prepared to write off a staggering R1,6 billion owed by Transvaal councils.

Lombard said the resumption of normal services would depend on the outcome of a meeting to be held on July 6

The South African National Civics Organisation yesterday said the decision was unacceptable and called on Lombard to suspend it.

"We have long warned that the Government's refusal to move swiftly to remove these structures would bring about the present situation," Sanco president Mr Kgabisi Musonkuntu said

He said Sanco and the Government agreed on a framework to establish nonracially appointed interim structures at a local government negotiating forum yesterday.

"The TPA decision is reckless and will have the effect of torpedoing that agreement"

Randburg call to name councillor turned down

The Jukskei Crocodile Catchment Area Landowners and Residents' Association has turned down an invitation to appoint a councillor to represent its region on the Randburg Town Council

In line with recent recommendations by the Demarcation Board that certain areas north of Randburg be incorporated into the town, the

Transvaal Administrator asked the council to meet residents and to nominate a councillor

Chairman Wessel Swart said his association had refused the offer because it was opposed to reincorporation with Randburg. It was prepared to take legal action to fight the Demarcation Board recommendation. — Staff Reporter

Bid to find Star 1/11/93 land for

squatters

By Susan Smuts

While thousands of Ivory Park squatters faced yet another bitterly cold night in the veld after moving on to open land almost two weeks ago, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has undertaken to meet local authorities in a bid to find alternative land. (2bb)

A Rand Supreme Court interdict brought by 10 of the squatters against the TPA was postponed yesterday for two weeks. Affidavits filed by the squatters and the TPA contained too many disputes of fact for the matter to be resolved on paper and Mr Justice P Bliden ordered that oral evidence be led.

One of the disputes concerns an undertaking the squatters claim the TPA gave them that shacks would not be demolished until the TPA and the squatters had met to discuss the situation.

Another issue is whether the squatters had been entitled to build shacks on the land, and whether they had occupied them by the time the TPA demolished them.

Counsel for the TPA, Peet Coetsee, SC, told the court the TPA was prepared to facilitate meetings with local authorities to find alternative land. (2bb)

A meeting had been arranged with the town councils of Midrand and Kempton Park for Tuesday.

The land the squatters occupied had been allocated for light industrial use.

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Move towards regionalism

Transvaal's attitude to a move towards regionalism in a new South Africa took a major step forward yesterday when the Provincial Administration appointed Jan Harm Opperman deputy director-general for community development — Pretoria Bureau.

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CP wins
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Boksburg
Ward 15

The Conservative Party yesterday won a municipal by-election in Boksburg by 78 votes ~~3271~~

CP candidate Jan Botha polled 438 votes compared with National Party candidate Willie Tredoux's 360 *(266)*

The percentage poll was 37,04 and there was one spoilt ballot

The Ward 15 seat became vacant with the resignation of former Boksburg mayor T J Ferreira of the CP, who resigned from the council for financial reasons

The NP has 10 representatives in the council
The CP has nine councillors and the Herstigte Nasionale Party one —
East Rand Bureau

Fragmented mess called Ennerdale

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IN EVERY community there are issues discussed on a regular basis in the bars and homes of residents. In Ennerdale, 30 km southwest of Johannesburg, people discuss the mess the township is in.

The most recent subject of discussion, and incredulity, was Hester Turner's R4 924 electricity account. A heart-stopping amount for the average user, but Turner's experience was unique since she doesn't even have electricity in her house!

Her story is one example of the administrative nightmare of Ennerdale, the dormitory suburb previously administered by the House of Representatives and now under the authority of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Since its construction, Ennerdale has lurched from crisis to crisis, with no clear solution to its complex problems.

Last year, violence related to a rent boycott erupted, this month the civic association is confronting the local authority on a number of issues including electricity tariffs and accounts such as Turner's, and, in the meantime, the water supply to Ennerdale is in danger of drying up.

Community leaders, politicians and residents agree that although Ennerdale is plagued by many problems, it is simply a reflection of the national political situation.

The solution, therefore, lies in an election as soon as possible, but an appointed metropolitan transitional executive council is demanded for now. Civic leaders say they are nearing agreements on this issue and the electricity crisis is once more under discussion after a temporary breakdown in

Political parties are vying for the hearts, minds — and votes — of the people of Ennerdale, the Transvaal's largest coloured township. JACQUELINE MYBURGH focuses on this fragmented community.

talks with the local authority.

The Ennerdale community must make do with a fragmented lifestyle. Most residents work in Johannesburg, obtain their car licences in Westonaria, get their tax forms in Roodepoort, go to the magistrate's court in Vereeniging and must use the public hospital in neighbouring Lenasia.

Mark Swilling of Planact, a group that has provided technical assistance to the civic association for some years, says Ennerdale is an "administrative mess".

However, the township is widely regarded as the political first prize in the Transvaal.

With one of the strongest civic associations in the province, any party wanting to make inroads into the traditional civic constituency on the Rand must win Ennerdale, observers believe.

Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association (Esca), led for the past two years by Farouk Jardine, has pushed political parties out of its ranks, and aims solely at uplifting and protecting the community.

"It's the best leadership Ennerdale has ever had, they have rooted themselves in the people's daily grievances," Swilling says.

Jardine says Esca's role is essential since the local authority — the TPA represented by the Ennerdale Local Development Committee (ELDC) — does not address the needs of residents, and instead misuses its funds.

"They built a taxi rank at a cost of R200 000. It's a white elephant. They spent hundreds of rands on improving the pleasure resort at Elandsfontein. It is used once a year on New Year's Day."

He says Esca enjoys the support of the majority of Ennerdale residents and has played an important role in unifying the community. "Up until three years ago, this was a very conservative area, but we have brought people together."

No credit for this goes to one of Ennerdale's more high profile residents — the PAC's secretary-general Benny Alexander, he says. Jardine remarks bitterly that Alexander "does not give any attention to the area."

Micky Abader, the chairman of the ELDC's management committee, says "money" is the root of Ennerdale's problems.

In the early days, residents had been given the opportunity to buy houses of their own, but as interest rates grew, they could no longer afford bond repayments. "Every day people lose their houses," he says.

He accused Esca of dishonesty in its efforts to find solutions in Ennerdale, saying that civic leaders merely wanted to force themselves into the council.

Abader said the solution to the problem in Ennerdale was the "building up of its economic base, and to create job opportunities" □

by appointed administrators to govern combined black and white local authorities. But these plans are likely to be rejected by more centrist interest groups (266)

There is, nevertheless, consensus on the need for an interim change before the national and local elections that are expected next year.

The reason behind the move is that, however swift the process of change, it is unlikely that fully representative local government will be possible for some time. Though it is impossible satisfactorily to solve the problems of "legitimacy and representivity" the system can be altered to make substantial improvements.

One of the objectives will be to ensure a more equitable allocation of resources between black and white areas in combined local authorities.

The appointment of administrators, however widely representative the selection process, smacks of pre-1990 Nat authoritarianism. It was, for example, PW Botha's government that appointed township administrators in the post-Rubicon Eighties emergency years. It could even be argued that he had greater justification, in view of the ungovernability of many violence-ridden townships then.

The forum carries no legal status but its deliberations are taken seriously by Local Government Minister Tertius Delpont.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Realistic targets

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Local government is hovering on the edge of radical changes. Proposals aimed at temporarily replacing town and city councils were due to be discussed at Wednesday's plenary session of the Local Government Negotiating Forum (the local government equivalent of the World Trade Centre multiparty talks at Kempton Park).

On the eve of the meeting it seemed that too many unresolved aspects would mean a postponement until later this month.

The most extreme proposal comes from an ANC/National Civic Association (Sanco) alliance. It would like to see, within 12 weeks, the abolition of racially elected city and town councils. These would be replaced

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The significance of the timing of the ANC/Sanco call for the establishment of the new authorities by September is that this is the earliest any enabling legislation could be enacted.

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber has also been debating the issue. CEO Vic Milne feels a more realistic target may be the end of October because of the many political and planning hurdles that must still be overcome. Much depends on what is negotiated at national level. Milne also stresses that the ANC/Sanco proposal is not the only one on the table. This is confirmed by Local Government Ministry spokesman Johan Oosthuizen.

Other options being considered by the working group, says Oosthuizen, include

- Equal numbers of statutory (already elected) councillors serving alongside equal numbers of people nominated by civic organisations,
- Just filling vacancies in existing councils with nominated representatives, or
- Reducing the number of councillors by half and filling the vacancies with nominated councillors.

Clearly there is a long way to go in negotiating these issues and it would be foolish to rush into appointing an administrator. This would simply be replacing one form of nonrepresentative authority with another — and, indeed, a less democratic one.

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merchandise at supplier/factory prices The first phase of the project will consist of 18 500 m² of lettable space and is scheduled for completion in March This will be followed by 34 000 m² which will open a year later,

□ An R18m interchange scheduled for completion in mid-1994 at the junction of William Nicol and Hendrik Potgieter drives The interchange has been designed to form a gateway to the city and is being substantially financed by the Regional Services Council,

□ A R385m project by Stocks & Stocks overlooking a man-made lake fronting on Hendrik Potgieter and William Nicol drives, the construction of which will be spread over several years The scheme allows for 85 000 m² of mixed-use space with the first phase being a retail/entertainment facility The site assembly for the project is being put together by local developer Con Annandale

□ A R50m high-density housing project of 400 units with associated retail facilities developed on a 12 ha site on Hendrik Potgieter Drive by Annandale,

□ A R10m Constantia Drive office park being put together by another local developer Timo Crous,

□ A R130m Mine Employees' Pension Fund mixed-use development called Constantia Park comprising an already-completed R30m first phase, consisting of an office and retail development on the corner of Hendrik Potgieter and William Nicol drives, plus a R100m second phase incorporating additional office parks, a health and racquet club and a Mine Employees' Pension Fund hospital,

□ A R60m-R120m expansion of the Technikon RSA on Christiaan de Wet Drive to be followed in the year 2000 by the extension of the campus to Ontdekkers Road at a cost of R500m, and

□ A R55m tourist centre near the National Botanical Garden targeted at overseas visitors This is being negotiated among private investors, including offshore companies, and will comprise chalets, conference facilities, a golf course and other recreational amenities

In addition to these projects, Treleven says there are a number of hi-tech and light industrial schemes being mooted on land south of Roodepoort

Commenting on his reasons for investing in Roodepoort, Stocks & Stocks MD Bart Dorrestein says the Roodepoort bowl probably is one of the most accessible commercial nodes in the PWV

"This is borne out by the fact that a number of the major institutional players, Sanlam, the Mine Employees' Pension Fund and JCI have acquired large tracts of land Roodepoort is also one of the garden cities of the PWV and has an excellent infrastructure"

He adds "Take-up in the market, however, will control the rate of development and if the growth in the residential market is any kind of benchmark — it is now one of the most brisk in the PWV — this particular area should be exciting in years to come" ■

ROODEPOORT

On a roll

The public and private sectors are making a capital investment of R1,8bn in the West Rand city of Roodepoort through several development projects These comprise an assortment of schemes either pending or completed

The figure was announced last month by Roodepoort management committee chairman Dave Treleven when he unveiled his R385m budget for the city Of this R65m will go towards new developments and infrastructure

Treleven says the establishment of a strategic planning committee for Roodepoort two-and-a-half years ago and marketing efforts, locally and overseas, has drawn developers He also cites the city's accessibility, particularly that of north Roodepoort where much of the activity is taking place, as a draw card The northern area is next to the N1 and Hendrik Potgieter Drive, which intersects the Krugersdorp-Pretoria main road

Treleven says Roodepoort's expansion can take place only to the north, in a bowl incorporating parts of Randburg and Honeydew, which has been identified as a development node

Major projects in the pipeline are

□ An R85m Hillfox Power Shopping Centre on Hendrik Potgieter Drive by Sanlam Properties, the first of its kind Like its US counterparts, it will offer a wide range of

Soweto faces TPA blackout

By BERENG MTIMKULU

CIP-head

4/7/93

SOWETO could be plunged into darkness at any time following the TPA's threats to switch off electricity

It has also threatened to halt municipal services such as refuse collection and road maintenance

The Soweto Council's coffers are empty - a sorry state of affairs resulting from eight years of rent boycott

Thousands of TPA employees could also find themselves forced to submit to voluntary retrenchment if the TPA and Soweto's civic organisations fail to reach agreement on ways to repay the over R800-million bill

A meeting has been set for Tuesday to discuss the crisis

TPA administrator Zakkie Lombard said the number of voluntary retrenchments would be determined by the number of services to be cut, should the matter not be resolved.

In January this year about 10-percent of the TPA staff had to take voluntary retrenchment which cut eight percent of the salaries' bill, said Lombard

Said Lombard: "We've been battling to reach agreement since January 15"

Lombard said the lights off threat was further propelled by the task of budgeting for R9-million in TPA salaries.

Roelf intercedes

in city council rumpus

By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

SUPER-Nat negotiator Roelf Meyer yesterday stepped in to reinstate four National Party members of the Johannesburg city council who were suspended for supporting a Conservative Party vote of no confidence in the management committee.

Mr Meyer, chairman of the NP in Johannesburg and Soweto, met his vice-chairman, Mr Andre Fourie, and the ousted councillors to determine how best to deal with the crisis.

The suspensions would have reduced the number of NP councillors to 15.

Coalition

The four councillors — Rupert Korb, Ernie Fabel, Theuns Oosthuizen and Eddie Venter — denied they had disregarded party policy by voting with the CP.

All councillors have been warned they are not to side with the Conservatives on any matters.

Yesterday Mr Kruger said: "There was a no-confidence motion against the NP management committee and we did not have an overall majority."

"The caucus decided it would not deal with either the CP or the DP. I felt that we should form a coalition

rather than become the opposition, and by dealing we got Marietta Marx and Jan Burger on to the committee

"It was obvious which way history was going and we wanted to be on the 'correct' political side," he said

"The leadership is self-serving and uninterested in the day-to-day running of things. All they want is to protect their jobs in the new dispensation. We are left to deal helplessly with our constituency."

Mr Korb and his colleagues saw their no-confidence motion as the "act of desperate men who want to be heard".

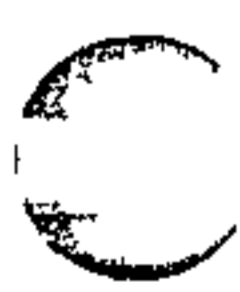
The caucus met on Friday. The four men were allowed to explain their action, but no decision was taken.

Then yesterday, after the meeting with Mr Meyer, it was announced the four members "unconditionally withdrew their motion of no confidence" and that their suspensions had been lifted

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ANC call against service cutbacks

THE ANC has described as "insensitive" the cutback in services to Soweto and Diepmeadow

The organisation said this would aggravate the crisis caused by the rent and service boycott rather than contribute to solutions

It called on the government to continue providing funding for services in Soweto until negotiations for interim local structures were concluded

Soweto and Diepmeadow administrator Sakkie Lombard announced on Thursday that street lights would be switched off and refuse removals reduced because funds had run out. Water and health services

would be maintained for the time being

The service cutback is a result of a deepening financial crisis caused by the protracted rent and services boycott

Agreement on ending the boycott could not be

reached at a meeting last week of the greater Soweto Crisis Committee. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday

The ANC said the ending of the rent boycott had to be linked to the creation of interim metropolitan and local councils

The creation of the Greater Soweto Forum continued to separate Soweto from Johannesburg and did not address the issue of a common tax base

"We believe people must pay once there is visible and measurable delivery of services"

Chief executive officer of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber Vic Milne said he hoped an agreement could be reached on ending the boycott at Tuesday's meeting.

The ANC is understood to be meeting Soweto civic organisations on Friday evening to discuss options for ending the boycott. — Sapa

TPA urges responsibility at Soweto crisis meeting

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Business Day Reporter

THE TPA yesterday appealed to Soweto civic leaders to act responsibly at tomorrow's meeting of the Greater Soweto crisis committee, at which finding a solution to the collapse of services in the township is to be addressed.

TPA director-general Len Dekker said yesterday the Soweto administration could resume services if there was agreement on economically viable tariffs and if payment of the agreed amount was resumed at a realistic level.

Services were drastically scaled back last week after funds dried up.

The services boycott has dragged on for nearly seven years.

Dekker said negotiations which began in 1988 had led to the signing of the Greater Soweto Accord in 1990, which in turn had led to the

establishment of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber which was meant to end the boycott.

And now, despite the negotiations in the chamber and the local government negotiating forum having progressed to an advanced stage, there was still no agreement on tariffs for services or the ending of the boycott, he said.

Dekker added that payments for services rendered had dwindled to less than 3%.

During the past year the TPA had provided R216m to Greater Soweto in the form of grants and the Central Witwatersrand RSC had given R144m. However, the money had already been used up.

Split emerging among city Nats

By Jacqueline Myburgh

A deep split is emerging in the National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council, after the suspension of four Nat councillors on Thursday because they had proposed a motion of no confidence in the management committee

The men have threatened to resign from the caucus because of poor Nat leadership

Sources said a caucus meeting on Friday to discuss the suspension of councillors Rupert Korb, Ernie Fabel, Theuns

Oosthuizen and Eddie Venter, was heated at times. The Star witnessed deputy leader Jan van Blerk storming out of the meeting room shouting "If they want to break away and form their own party, let them!"

The crisis has prompted the unexpected admission from another caucus member of his role in rigged management committee elections three years ago

In a letter to the meeting that was obtained by The Star, Nat councillor Hein Kruger revealed

that he, management committee deputy chairman Marietta Marx, and councillors Kevin Wearing and Robert Rousseau had struck a deal with the Democratic Party in April 1990. This was to ensure Nat representation on the city's management committee

Kruger said that if Fabel, Venter, Korb and Oosthuizen were now suspended for acting against caucus policy, then he (Kruger), Marx, Wearing and Rousseau should also be suspended

He said there was a lack of leadership in the caucus and called on the

meeting to reconsider the suspensions

Marx and then councillor Jan Burger were elected to the DP dominated committee in April 1990 as a result of the deal, the letter said

Nat leader Koos Roets said after the meeting on Friday the incident was "history". He would not take any action against the members

Neither Kruger, nor the three named by him in the letter would comment on the matter

The caucus will meet tonight to discuss the four men's suspension

Randburg writes off R91 000

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By Buntly West

Randburg council has written off ambulance and other debts amounting to more than R91,000, none of which is recoverable from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (266)

At a recent meeting it was revealed that a sum of R86,027 was owed by people who made use of the ambulance service. The council has been unable to recover the debts and the loss will have to be made good out of council funds. The other R5,209 was written off because of money owed by sundry debtors.

The council will apply to financial institutions for a loan of R25 million to finance certain capital programmes.

● The council turned down a request by Alexandra Business and Commercial College for bursaries because of the prevalent economic conditions, but added that if an application for a grant-in-aid were received before August 1, it would be considered.

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Township debts soar to R97-m

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Four Vaal Triangle townships owe R97 million in levies for municipal services provided to residents for a 21-month period ending in May this year

These services include water, electricity, sewerage and road maintenance as well as funds lent to residents to buy their houses

The townships concerned are Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong

Sebokeng administrator Johan Kilian said the culture of non-payment of accounts, the political climate and the state of the economy were some of the reasons for the unsatisfactory state of affairs. As far as he was con-

cerned, the answer lay in legitimate town councils, which were acceptable to residents, and in sound administration

No amount of threatening would provide a solution

Last week, the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) — a national body comprising equal numbers of delegates from statutory and non-statutory bodies — decided to tackle the legitimacy problem by making provision for appointed nonracial bodies to take the place of apartheid-style councils

Legislation providing for this will be drafted by the LGNF and tabled in Parliament in September

Kilian said that if 200 000 families in Vaal townships decided to start paying only R50 a month for services, this R10 million would go a long way to ease the situa-

tion

But, he said, it seemed people had become so used to not paying that they would not easily start doing so in the future

The authorities could threaten to cut existing services, but this was not a solution as municipal workers would then have to be retrenched (266) (427)

Kilian said that money, which could have been spent on improving the infrastructure of the townships, had been wasted over the years in consumable services such as water and electricity

He warned that there was no quick-fix solution to the problem. Leaders in the community should realise that the onus would be on them in the future to manage the areas which had been damaged — which could take years to restore

^{Biday} Inkatha lauds Buthelezi

BILLY PADDOCK

THE Inkatha Freedom Party's central committee has reaffirmed its loyalty to its president, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in stirring terms.

In a resolution passed on Sunday, the committee said "We profoundly respect our president for the courage he displayed over decades in opposing apartheid" ^{6/7/93}

The committee said Buthelezi had a deep conviction of what was right and wrong "Now that government and the ANC have come together to sell SA down the river, we thank God our president stands firm."

It said President F W de Klerk had retreated "into the ANC camp" and would fail to usher in democracy as promised.

The committee also expressed its disappointment in ANC president Nelson Mandela, saying it was "tragic that a man who came out of jail after suffering so much for us should take a course of action that divides the country" and could push SA to the "brink of civil war".



World Conservation Union representative Rupert, centre, and former union director - SA: A Strategy for Sustainable Living

^{Biday} Vaal townships owe more than R1bn ^{6/7/93}

TRANSVAAL's 85 black townships owe more than R1,3bn, according to TPA figures released by its communication department yesterday.

The largest chunk of the debt was rung up on the West Rand, which includes Soweto and Diepmeadow East Rand townships owed R450m

Central Transvaal townships were R117m in arrears, while those in the western Transvaal owed R42m The eastern Transvaal townships owed R46m, and those in the northern Transvaal R2m.

Most of these townships are now under administratorship (59) with another two about to be appointed Only 24 still have councils, according to the TPA

The Greater Soweto Crisis Committee meets today to discuss the decade-long rent-and-services boycott in the township, but was not expected to achieve much, sources said yesterday

Soweto's street lights were cut off last week Administrator Sakkie Lombard said staff would have to be retrenched and ser-

GAVIN DU VENAGE

vices cut back even further if the boycott did not end soon Payment levels have dropped to between 1%-3%. Tariffs are still the main point of contention

Sources said yesterday it was unlikely a workable solution would be found soon

The ANC has indicated it wants the rent boycotts and service provision to be dealt with at national level

TPA director-general Len Dekker said at the weekend that during the past year the TPA had provided R216m to Greater Soweto in the form of grants, and the Central Witwatersrand RSC had given R144m However, the money had already been used up Funds currently available were not enough even to meet the monthly R9m salary bill.

Sebokeng administrator Johan Killian was reported yesterday as saying that after so long there was a culture of non-payment of accounts

Aiming for top local govt post

Star 6/7/93
By Bunty West

Randburg's new assistant town secretary has his eyes fixed on a top position in local government and hopes his experience and hard work will get him there soon.

Willie Khumalo (42) took up his new post on Thursday last week, as part of the town council's campaign for affirmative action, but he would probably have got the job anyway, because of his wealth of experience, both as a magistrate and town clerk.

After eight years as a prosecutor and then magistrate in Gazankulu, he accepted a post as town clerk of Alexandra some five years ago. (246)

Traumatic

"There were days when I really felt like quitting my job in Alex," Khumalo explained.

"It was difficult to turn people away who had no roof over their heads, not even a shack. Widows and the aged came to me in tears and I could do nothing — it made me feel less than a man.

"It is a traumatic experience to have to do this day after day, and it never gets easier.

"Essential work could not be done because there was never any money in the kitty."

According to Andre Jacobs, a former administrator of Alexandra: "Willie Khumalo had to make tough decisions when he was town clerk, but he followed them through and will be an asset to Randburg."

Khumalo is married to Emma, a secretary to the Alexandra acting town secretary, and they have four children.

● Randburg has been asked by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to accept the administration of Alexandra for a further unspecified time. The present administration will expire at the end of July. Randburg has agreed to the proposal.

Boost for Marlboro under fire

By Anna Cox

Sandton councillors have criticised the Regional Services Council for allocating R2,4 million to sporting facilities in Marlboro. (266)

Rick Ehlers said councillors were of the opinion that this amount was disproportionate to the small number of residents living in the elite suburb while people in neighbouring Alexandra were starving.

The figure includes

R1200 000 for security, R600 000 for squash courts, R800 000 for sporting facilities, R350 000 for an extension to the community centre and R450 000 for a swimming pool.

There are only 3 000 people living in Marlboro who could very well use Sandton's facilities. There are 300 000 people living in bread-line conditions next door in Alexandra and it seems a little inconsiderate to be spending such large sums on luxuries when

people nearby are starving," said Ehlers.

Marlboro management committee chairman Yakoob Makda said the new facilities were not only for Marlboro but for the region.

"People from all over the Witwatersrand come to use our sporting facilities.

"Some of the money will be used for health, security and community projects and some will be used to extend the existing facilities by popular demand."

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Soweto crisis talks today

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The ANC continues to pin the lifting of the 10-year Soweto rent boycott to the creation of "credible and legitimate structures" in the central Wits area

In the face of Transvaal Provincial Administration warnings that electricity could be cut off and municipal staff reduced within weeks in Greater Soweto, ANC local government spokesman Mathole Motshekga said yesterday the ANC would resist piecemeal solutions and go for restructuring

His statement boded ill for a quick settlement of the crisis in

the bankrupt township. The ANC will attend today's meeting with political parties, civic bodies and town councils as an observer with speaking rights.

Motshekga backed last week's resolution by the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) that local authorities should be replaced by appointed non-racial councils

Until now, the Soweto Civic Association, the councils of Johannesburg and Roodepoort and other bodies have been negotiating an end to the boycott on the basis that

● Johannesburg and Roodepoort would take over servicing

Soweto, following the disbanding of all three black local authorities in Greater Soweto

● A Greater Soweto Council, with delegates from the two white councils, the SCA and political parties, would set policy

● A Soweto city manager would oversee administration

This system would be short-term, giving way to the LGNF's system of transitional local councils. Motshekga argued against this two-phase approach: "We don't see why the legitimacy question cannot be dealt with now. It can be done, as long as it is agreed by the parties."

Dispute over land Star 6/7/93 added to Randburg

By Anna Cox

Randburg's municipal borders were officially extended north by 5 000 ha by the Administrator of the Transvaal last Friday, infuriating residents living in the Jukskei Crocodile Catchment area

Chairman of the Jukskei Crocodile Catchment Area Land Owners and Residents Association, Wessel Swart, said the incorporation was done without consultation with the community.

Swart said his association was contemplating taking legal action to reverse the Demarcation Board's recommendations. The association would also refuse to nominate councillors to represent the areas on the Randburg Town Council, he said.

"Randburg has admitted that it has not planned for our areas. We do not want to be incorporated, so why are they forcing the issue? .. We have already formulated plans for low cost housing in consultation with civic organisations and political parties in the area.

"Randburg is a high-density area which contrasts with our rural way of living," said Swart.

The Randburg Action Committee, formed by residents who felt the town council was not representative of residents, said the incorporation move would be strongly opposed. Chairman Harry Formanek said the decision, which was taken unilaterally, faced strong resistance.

A meeting will be held tonight at the Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk Hall at 7 pm. Randburg management committee members will answer questions regarding the incorporation.

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**Squatters 'to
take action'**

The Ivory Park squatters whose shacks were demolished for the fourth time yesterday have threatened to take action against the TPA to strengthen their demand for land

Civic leader, Victor Mbulane, did not wish to elaborate on their plans.

Yesterday morning about 200 shacks in Ivory Park Extension 2 were again demolished and the materials taken away by the TPA.

Jeffrey Mkwakwa (32) told The Star he had watched his shelter being demolished four times. He said a lot of the original squatters had left — Staff Reporter

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Soweto rent boycott talks deadlocked

Soweto 7/17/93

DESPITE cutbacks in municipal services, the Soweto rent and services boycott is set to continue after a meeting to resolve the crisis ended in deadlock yesterday

After five hours of talks at the Johannesburg Civic Centre, parties represented in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber were unable to reach agreement on a tariff for services or, on the establishment of an interim structure to administer Soweto during the first stage of the local government transition (266)

Discussions were adjourned to July 20 when alternative arrangements for the administration of Soweto in the pre-interim phase of the transition would be considered. The Soweto Civic Association, supported by the African National Congress, yesterday rejected the establishment of a

■ **INTERIM STRUCTURE** Negotiators are to meet again on July 20 in new effort:

Greater Soweto Forum as proposed by the chamber. The SCA and ANC said the impasse could only be effectively addressed by the dissolution of existing racially-based town councils and the establishment of a single, metropolitan structure to administer greater Johannesburg. "The root cause of the crisis is the fact that Soweto is not viable administratively and economically. Even if payments were resumed tomorrow, Soweto will still remain unviable," ANC PWV deputy chairman Mr Mathole Motshekga said after the meeting. He said existing legislation — the Interim Measures on Local Government Act — provided for the establishment of a single

local authority to replace racially-based councils, but the Chamber appeared reluctant to accede to it.

Chamber chief executive Mr Vic Milne said arrangements for the urgent establishment of an administrative structure for Soweto would be finalised at the July 20 meeting. This structure would determine a miscellaneous service charge for township residents and would finalise the package agreement to resolve the crisis.

Motshekga condemned last week's "unilateral" decision by Soweto and Diepmeadow administrator Mr Zakkie Lombard to switch off street lights and scale down municipal services. — Sapa

Beware of self-interested politicians and hungry consultants in metropolitan governments, writes Conrad Berge

Building civic castles in the Witwatersrand

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A GAINST the tumult of national political negotiation, the Metropolitan Chamber — which is supposed to be piloting a new political system for local government in the central Witwatersrand — appears almost tranquil why?

It is because members of the chamber are politicians bent upon completing a house especially for themselves, in the form of metropolitan government

They intend doing this before a new regional government — as part of a larger dispensation — realises it has a rival on its hands

The "Civic Associations", which represent traditionally black areas in the chamber, claim they are grassroots residents' bodies while white town councillors

claim to speak on behalf of their ratepayers

Together they have become an unparalleled source of lofty expectations contained in an avalanche of busy-sounding administrative documents and reassuringly worded professional reports

There is at least one grouping which could have brought a cleansing fire to the situation — the very ratepayer associations that councillors insist are irrelevant because they claim to represent the ratepayers themselves

Unfortunately there is apparently no equivalent to these politically agnostic organisations in black communities and thus they were consequently barred from membership

Also, it is whispered behind palms in the chamber that ratepayer associations are inherently reactionary

The truth is that ratepayer groups have unique experience of established local politics — how easy it is for politicians to survive by sticking together under the cover of popular ideological arguments backed by coarse spending of public funds

If the whole central Witwatersrand is placed under metropolitan government with a single tax base, revenue would be globalised and the potential for its wholesale abuse maximised

On the other hand, if metropolitan towns remain autonomous but are bound together by a revenue-sharing formula, public funds will be contained in discreet bundles, its spending will be more refined and the politicians more visible



It is much more demanding for a politician to face a local constituency than to posture from afar

Traditionally white ratepayers are not the reactionaries that it has become expedient to call them. Generally they accept that their municipal taxes will double to help reverse the ravages of apartheid and that municipal boundaries cannot be manipulated to prolong their privilege

They accept that boundaries must be redrawn along more functional lines and that black voters will soon predominate.

The proof of this level-headedness is the opposition of credible ratepayer associations to the proposals of a cabal of white politicians, backed by bulles in the Cabinet, which wants simply to merge certain existing municipalities with the implied advantage that it will improve the odds of white citizens in the black-white numbers game

Ratepayer associations see this simply as a different attempt to secure political futures rather than constituents' interests

Backing both the metropolitan government and municipal merger models are technocrats who argue that the interdependence of metropolitan towns in the matter of services (transport, water, sewerage, etc) require single overriding administrations.

This argument persists in the teeth of the evidence of South Africa's bulging administrative edifice and the tax bill that maintains it

Why is it that the private sector functions efficiently through contractual interaction among autonomous entities while Government feels it must bring the world under one roof?

The answer is that politicians, and career administrators like big castles

The American experience testifies to the mobility of the capable middle class — that it will escape any attempt to trap it in punitive urban regimes

And the South African middle class is no longer white.

Conrad Berge is a leading urban activist and commentator

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Communities set for non-racism

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

Most communities in the Transvaal are "ready to jump" as soon as legislation tabled in September enables the formation of non-racial local authorities, according to the TPA's Directorate of Institutional Development.

Institutional Development director, Karel Potgieter, said in an interview this week that all but about 10 communities in the province were engaged in some form of discussion, which could form the basis of a new authority.

Last week the Local Government Negotiating Forum reached agreement on the formation of interim councils

later this year.

The move was opposed by the conservative Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) which predicted that it would lead to conflict.

A source close to the negotiations said that conservative councils that did not endorse non-racialism would basically have no choice but to accept the new dispensation.

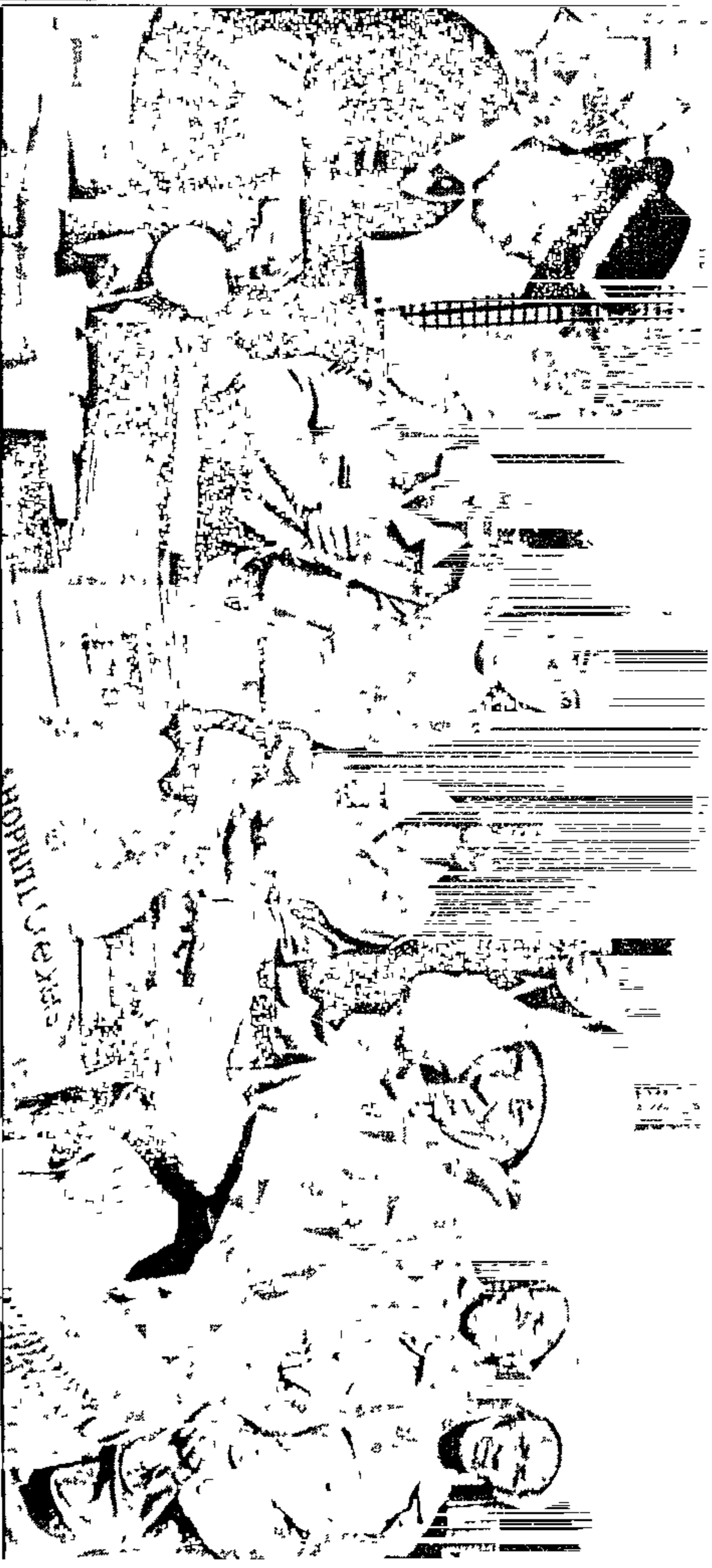
The September legislation is likely to offer local authorities about 60 days to integrate, "or otherwise the administrator of the Transvaal will do it for you".

Potgieter said a major stumbling block in the formation of new local authorities in the Transvaal would be the lack of information about the self-governing territories and uncertainty about their fate at the national negotiation table.

While white and black communities in the rest of the Transvaal could easily identify their twins and create negotiating forums, towns on the borders of the self-governing and independent states in the western, northern and north-eastern Transvaal, and in the PWV area, are finding it difficult to identify logical negotiating partners.

As far as the TPA knew, there were very few local government structures in the self-governing territories, but it was not a matter the TPA could explore until the national negotiators had decided on their future.

Potgieter said black and white communities that were engaged in talks or already working together were doing so on both a formal and an informal basis.



Good Morning Grandma . Soweto police greet the elderly with hot soup at the Traeli, Soweto, pension-payout station yesterday

Picture Peter Mogaki

Boumat man denies fraud and forgery

Staff Reporters

Dr Adam Klein, chief executive officer of Sandton engineering company Boumat, accused of, among other things, fraud and forgery last night denied he had done anything illegal.

In a statement Klein said "I utterly repudiate all the allegations that I perpetrated any fraud of theft or forgery to the prejudice of Boumat, Saficon (the parent company) or anyone else. I intend to defend myself to the hilt and to show, as I indicated at the bail application, that my actions were with the consent and the approval of the company's chairman and not calculated to prejudice the company," he said.

Klein, released on R30 000 bail, was arrested at Jan Smuts Airport on Tuesday when he arrived home with his wife, Lindsay, from a US business trip.

SAP shows it has a warm heart

By Happy Nkhoma

Attempts by police to improve their image in the township is often viewed with scepticism, but their joint feeding venture with a major chain store yesterday was accepted warmly by pensioners in Traeli, Soweto.

Hot soup and bread after hours in the cold came as a welcome relief to Josephine Dikelle (70), of Naledi, and many others.

"I got here at six in the morning and I wouldn't have had a meal until I got home at lunchtime," she said. Timothy Masasi (31), disabled in a train accident, brought his unemployed cousin for protection.

"The police here are different. The food was our first for the day after leaving home at five," Masasi beamed.

Police to swoop on reopened casinos

Police are to take action against casinos which have reopened in spite of tough anti-gambling laws, according to Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pleke.

At least five casinos are believed to be operating in Johannesburg, taking advantage of an apparent loophole in the law.

Gamblers who are lucky enough to build up a credit do not receive cash or cheques for their winnings. Instead, they receive a credit note which they later hand to a broker at the casino who hands over the cash.

"That whole process is being investigated," Pleke said yesterday. "We know which casinos are operating, and police envisage making arrests shortly — of the broker involved as well as either the operator or manager of the casino itself."

The matter would then be taken to court as a test case for similar action against other casinos, he said — Staff Reporter

Veteran sportman found dead

A veteran former Soweto tennis player and businessman, Richard Sitsi Mogoa (68), was found murdered in his Diepkloof home this week.

Mogoa, a father of 11, is believed to have been alone in the house at the time the killers struck and no one knows the circumstances surrounding his death. No arrests have been made.

Relatives said yesterday they had discovered his body with multiple wounds in a smoke-filled house, giving reason to believe that his killers wanted to burn down the house.

"The way he lay suggests that he had tried to fight back his attackers," said a relative.

He is to be buried at the Avalon cemetery on Saturday — Staff Reporter

Committee set up for Randburg

Randburg Town Council has established a special forum, known as a Section 59 committee, aimed at encouraging public participation on important issues.

The committee — especially wants to encourage partic-

'Punch drunk'

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THE move to dissolve existing city and town councils within three months and replace them with nominated councils has brought ratepayers and action groups to the point of revolt, LOUISE MARSLAND reports.

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MILITANT rhetoric is becoming commonplace at northern suburbs dinner tables, where terms such as "mobilise" and "boycott" are being bandied about in all seriousness.

Ratepayers organisations and action groups are urgently seeking representation on local negotiating forums to avoid being sidelined in the process to transitional town councils

In some areas, a ratepayers' revolt is being threatened following fears that traditionally white ratepayers' associations are being pushed from pillar to post by Government and political parties on the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF)

The LGNF last week decided that existing city and town councils would be dissolved and replaced with nominated nonracial councils within three months. Municipal elections are then planned for October 1994

Stand up

The speed at which decisions were reached at only the second public sitting of the LGNF has left many ratepayers' and residents' associations "punch drunk", says Sandton Federation of Ratepayers (SANFED) chairman Gail Daus

She said it was ridiculous that structures which were working should be replaced by something else. The surprise LGNF decision had pulled the rug out from under those organisations still involved in negotiating future local government structures

"So-called white ratepayers associations have to stand up and be heard now," she said. "We want to form part of the LGNF as we will be equal to the present civic associations in the new dispensation and we must be allowed to have a say in interim structures"

Daus admitted there was a real danger that input from ratepayers' organisations would be overlooked

The Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (JOMAG) has gone as far as sending a memorandum to 30 major cities and towns across the country to lobby support for ratepayers' groups and their demands

"JOMAG has been begging for an opportunity to address the LGNF. So far we have been cold-shouldered," JOMAG spokesman Conrad Berge said.

Berge explained that the worry among ratepayers was that metropolitan government would take over all key functions and local government would end up a little village. "It is

quite clear that the traditional white ratepayer is regarded as irrelevant — this is not a racial point — we have some experience of local government and we know its weakness"

Randburg Action Committee (RAC) spokesman Alicia Steiner agrees. "Residents associations are still reeling from the shock — we feel we have no say. This is not democratic, it's a dictatorship. I don't care about colours, there are decisions being taken by certain political parties and party politics has no place in local government"

The Northern Consultative Forum (NCF), to which RAC and 29 other community-based organisations in the northwest belong, has warned of nationwide rates boycotts as a result of the "undemocratic, top-down, unilateral restructuring" of local government

"The NCF calls for the dismantling of the LGNF as an undemocratic body without mandate from the people to appoint any local government councillors," Steiner said. She added that there are two very important principles ratepayers want written into a future constitution: "We want the local electorate to have the right to referendum on any matter the public deems necessary and the right to recall an elected official if he does not do what he was appointed to do."

The JOMAG memorandum asks who will fight most effectively for the well-being of neighbourhoods — "politicians in a remote metropolitan council who enjoy elevated political power, and are able to debate endlessly on abstractions, or local councillors who must answer for immediate, practical needs?"

Municipal by-elections

Another problem facing ratepayers is that town councillors in some areas are falling like ninepins — resigning before councils are dissolved to concentrate on their businesses or professions. In Johannesburg, there has been a series of municipal by-elections in the last year, and this week in Sandton, councillor Mike Burgess resigned

Randburg mayor Brian Crail said the disbandment of local councils had to be welcomed because the more representative councils became of their communities the better, but the process had to be managed properly or there would be chaos

"We are going to be faced with a steep hill — in no time at all we have to negotiate representation on the transitional councils. It will be a difficult period both locally and nationally until we go into elections — but let's live in the future"

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Mabiletsa brings hope

CHAIRMAN of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum Martin Mabiletsa has a dream for the residents of Alexandra, who live on overcrowded, underserviced plots in the dusty township north of Johannesburg. LOUISE MARSLAND spoke to him.

MARTIN Euchid Mabiletsa was raised in Alexandra when it still had big yards, fruit trees and a place for children. When he got married his house was one of the first to have electricity. Returning home to South Africa after more than 17 years abroad, he was shocked by the congested conditions.

Mabiletsa, an advocate and Premier Group corporate manager, was appointed chairman of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) last month.

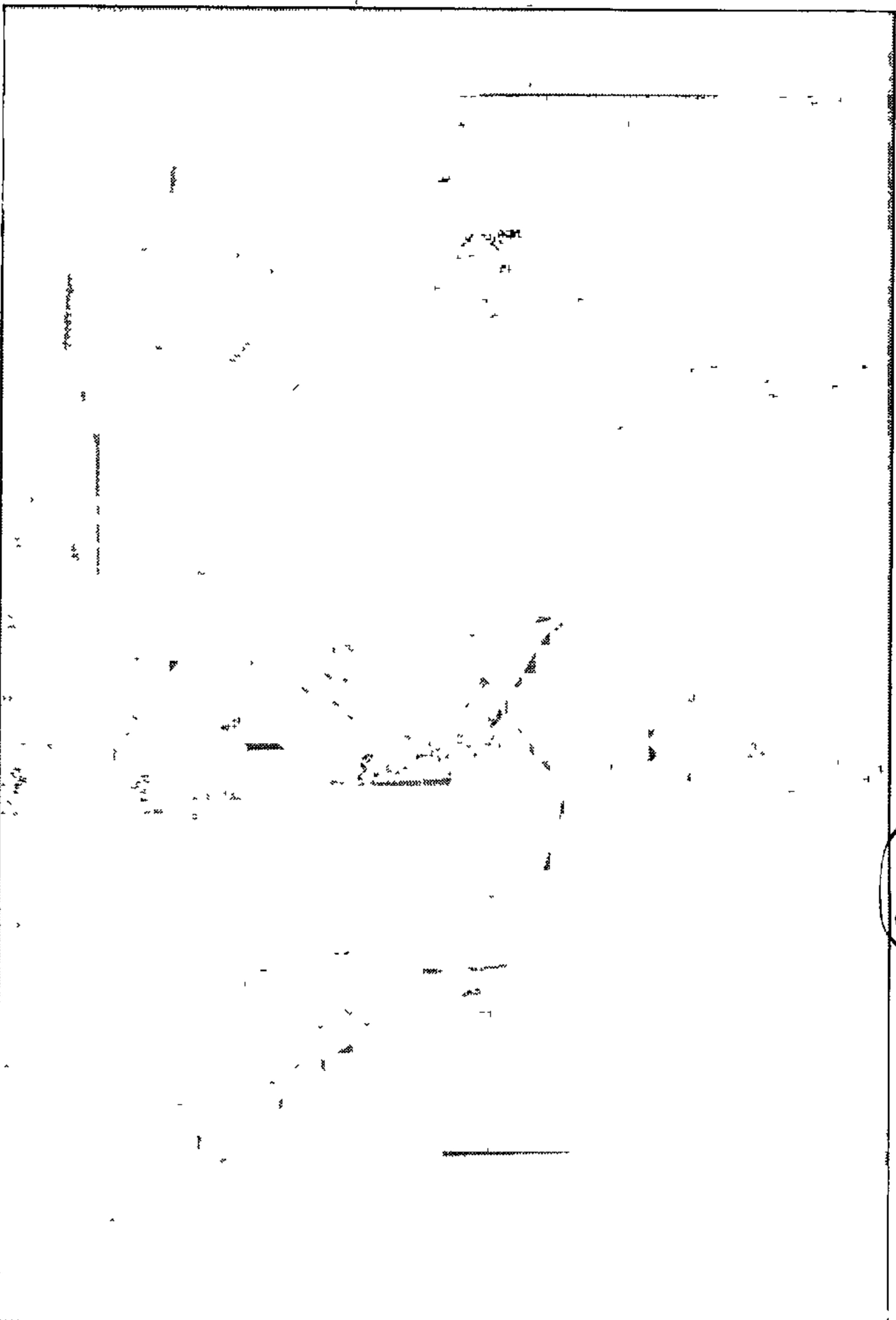
"The Alex I was born in was owned by the people of Alexandra. That introduced home-ownership pride. We had apple trees, some chickens and dogs in a mighty big yard. It was quite nice, although we did not have electricity or street lights and had to make do with the bucket system. That was the Alex of old."

"Then properties were expropriated. I came back and found these congested conditions. It was almost a nightmare."

Mabiletsa said this fired his commitment to help his community. "I fought against apartheid, for freedom of movement. But what you are finding in times of poverty is that people move to urban areas — the Afrikaners did it in the 1930s and it is the right of people to do that."

"It is a tremendous challenge. I get satisfaction, having been privileged with access to education and experience, that I can do something."

After obtaining an economics degree from Wits University, Mabiletsa began teaching history in Alexandra in 1956, and studied law part-time. He became an advocate in South Africa and was also called



TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE: NJNF chairman Martin Mabiletsa is putting plans into action to secure a better future for the many residents of Alexandra.
Photograph: MYKEL NICOLAOU

to the Bar in Swaziland where he was senior legal adviser to the Swaziland government. He also served as principal legal adviser to the Commission for Racial Equality in Britain.

Among the many top positions he holds are those of chairman of the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic, chairman of the Alexandra Development and Service Agency, and executive council member of the Alexandra Technical

College and Entokozwen pre-school centres in Soweto and Alexandra. He also serves as a director of the Beyers Naudé Foundation, represents Premier on the Consultative Business Movement, and is on the Alexandra and neighbouring areas Interim Crisis Committee.

Among major issues with which the NJNF — which brings the towns of Sandton, Alexandra and Randburg together in a negotiating forum — is concerned, is the

health and housing crisis. Mabiletsa and Sandton councillor Willem Hefer will soon be meeting the Minister of Health to try to have Edenvale Hospital made accessible to Alex residents.

The serious overcrowding in Alexandra is another issue. "The drought-hit rural areas have brought a flood of people to Alexandra. We need more land and more development to relieve the horrific situation."

Another priority area is the Beurrut squatter camp which forms a no man's land between Madala hostel and Alexandra. Pleading to Mabiletsa is the NJNF decision this week to demolish and restructure the area.

"On the NJNF, we are also looking at the services backlog, lack of educational services and a lack of every God-damn thing out there, combined with the unemployment and recession. If we address the priority issues with alacrity and urgency, then people will see there is some light at the end of the tunnel and it will give them some hope."

One thing to be avoided, Mabiletsa said, was a "dependency syndrome". "We need to set up the structures, but inspire the community to do things on their own."

ALTHOUGH the NJNF is often controversial, Mabiletsa says what matters is the commitment the councillors and rate-payers of Randburg and Sandton show in assisting the people of Alexandra. "There is a fantastic amount of goodwill. This is illustrated in the assistance agreement Sandton has with Alexandra, which came to an end in June. But Sandton is going to continue, until formal agreements are in place. That sort of willingness to give a helping hand counts."

Mabiletsa said the NJNF was a necessary forum for the new South Africa as all the structures to restructure were in place already. He will be meeting Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert on Monday to discuss the NJNF's relationship with the Metropolitan Chamber, and will be attending the next Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) meeting at the end of the month.

Mabiletsa says he is encouraged by recent events, such as the establishment of a development forum by the people for the community. All the local political organisations are involved. "It is something quite commendable, the forum will take the whole phalanx of problems and make suggestions to the NJNF. Brilliant!"

Ex-official says there is still hope for Soweto

By BERENG MTIMKULU

SUAVE and soft-spoken Elizabeth Sithole recently resigned from her post as Soweto's town clerk, a position she held for two years in an institution dogged by controversy for as long as anyone can remember.

Sithole had a vision that Soweto would one day not only be a tourist attraction but also financially viable.

Sithole has an MA degree in Social Sciences from Wits University, a National Diploma in Advanced Social Practice and a degree in social work from the University of Zululand.

When she joined the Soweto Council in 1991, her vision was limited by the financial problems plaguing the council.

So is there hope for Greater Soweto?

"Soweto is a sleeping giant, but all is not lost," says Sithole.

With its 2,2 million residents and 8 000 hectares of land, Sithole said Soweto was awash with human resources, but that opportunities were not forthcoming.

Yet she believes Soweto could be financially competitive if given the opportunity. "If the Roodepoort Council can make it why not Soweto?"

The assertion by residents in the early '80s that the Council was unrepresentative was the root cause of the rent boycotts that followed.

Taking a swipe at the Johannesburg City Council, Sithole said a "broomstick" excuse had been used to delay the alleviation of Soweto's living social conditions.

"The typical excuse used was that they were waiting for the outcome of the multi-party talks in Kempton Park before any action could be taken," she said.

Sithole added that a culture of learning had to be nurtured through compulsory education. This would help curb the escalating crime rate in Soweto.

Also, more land should be made available for people to build houses, she said.

Sithole, who is mother of two sons, Themba, 21, and Thulane, 17, was the first black woman to become a town clerk in the Soweto City Council.



RESIGNED ... Elizabeth Sithole.

Rival regions argue for control of Kruger Park

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The Kruger National Park has become the object of regional rivalry, with both the northern and eastern Transvaal claiming administrative rights over the territory

At stake is R130m generated annually by the park through tourism and trade, as well as millions more in provincial levies and spin-off benefits for neighbouring communities

With new regional boundaries currently under consideration by national negotiators and the delimitation commission, representatives from both the northern and eastern Transvaal submitted claims for the park earlier this month

Eastern Transvaal regional development advisory committee executive director Pieter Rootman said the park would make a significant contribution to the economic stability of one of SA's fastest growing regions

Contributing 10% of SA's GDP, with an annual growth rate of 5,5% and several major projects on the go, eastern Transvaal needed the park for the development and cohesion of a solid regional economic base, Root-

man said

"The Kruger Park is part and parcel of the eastern Transvaal and should be kept that way"

Northern Transvaal NP regional secretary Dame Botha said that the eastern Transvaal was a rich region and could look after itself without the park

At a meeting last week of the political forum for the northern Transvaal, which represents all parties from the NP and ANC to the Lebowa, Venda and Gazankulu governments, it was unanimously agreed that the park should become part of the northern Transvaal, Botha said

The income from the park would benefit development in the northern Transvaal, which was a poor region

While the incorporation of the park into the northern Transvaal was the "very strong view" of all parties in the region, "we won't make war about it", Botha said. Everything would be done, however, to convince the delimitation commission of the merits of incorporation

This included the hiring of a high-powered independent research team, led by HSRC constitutional development expert Bertus de Villiers, to present the region's case

Both regional lobbies were aware of the possibility that the park could be divided along the Olifants River, with the northern section going to the northern Transvaal and the southern section to the eastern Transvaal.

"The idea that the park could be cut in half for some or other bureaucratic reason makes no sense at all," Rootman said

A division would make administration of the park more difficult and, in any case, all the big camps were in the south, Botha added

National Parks Board liaison officer Thys Steyn said the board did not want to get involved in the dispute

"While we are quite sure the board will stay under the control of central government, there are definite benefits to be had with Kruger in your region"

Kruger was one of only four parks in SA which were consistently profitable, he said

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Negotiations in deadlock

Negotiations between the Transvaal Municipal Association and a working group of the Local Government Negotiating Forum ended in deadlock yesterday, with the parties unable to find "areas of common ground". — Metro Staff

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Smuts Airport.

The ground handling agreement covers baggage and cargo handling, ramp services, airline representation, technical assistance, communication, operations and full passenger handling

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ANC to protest killings

THE ANC alliance has called a consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Vereeniging to protest against continued massacres in Vaal township.

The latest killings were in Sebokeng on Monday night. The ANC further said the refusal by the Vanderbijlpark town council to be part of the Local Government Negotiations Forum made the town a particular target for a consumer boycott. *(266)*

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Steel men back at work

HIGHVELD Steel and trade union representatives returned to work yesterday after a one-day work stoppage by the whites-only Mineworkers Union and the National Union of Metalworkers of SA.

Both unions were dissatisfied with the way in which Highveld Steel management at Witbank handled the case of a white worker accused of assaulting a black employee. The white worker was dismissed but was reinstated on Monday after a successful appeal. *(183)*

Soweto services to be cut off

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THE cutting off of street lighting and stopping refuse removal and other services in Greater Soweto was inevitable, director-general of the Transvaal Provincial Administration Mr Len Dekker said yesterday

He said negotiations to end the seven-year boycott of paying for services had failed and no agreement could be reached on tariffs for services rendered (25) (266)

As a result of the boycott, the administration of Greater Soweto simply did not have the funds to continue providing these services, Dekker said

"The curtailment of street and high mast lighting, refuse removal and other maintenance services is inevitable," he said

Street lighting has already been cut off in some townships of Soweto.

Dekker also said the decision to scale down services in the area was made by the administration of Greater Soweto and Diepmeadow and not by the TPA — Sapa

NEWS TPA cuts Soweto lights, refuse removal ● Policeman allegedly commits suicide

Many parts of Soweto plunged into darkness

MANY townships in Soweto are without street lighting and residents are having to cope with reduced refuse removals

Transvaal Provincial Administration official Mr Johan Boozen confirmed yesterday that there had been cuts in services in Greater Soweto because of the financial crisis which has resulted from a 10-year rent and services boycott by residents. He said water and health services were not affected so far

The Soweto Civic Association, which has been trying to negotiate an end to the boycott, meets again on July 20.

Discussions on a new service fee and administrative structure for Soweto ended in a deadlock last week.

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chief executive Mr Vic Milne said he would report on the status of the SCA talks at Wednesday's meeting of the chamber. — *Sapa*.



JUST MARRIED ... The first three finalists of the Sowetan-American Swiss Bridal Couple of the Year have been announced. These are January, February and March 1993 winners. Pictured are (from left): Japhaline and David Ratsela, American Swiss area manager Mr Bruce Young, Jennifer Kubheka, Rouada and Franklyn Smith, Seyam and Osman Sahaboodien. PIC: JOE MOLEFE.

CP retains Springs majority

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The Conservative Party retained its majority in the Springs Town Council last night when candidate Boet White polled 317 votes in a municipal by-election, winning the Geduld seat by 103 votes. Delia de Jager, an independent with CP affiliation polled 214 and Petro Recchia, also independent, 151. The percentage poll was 27.
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Fingers in the cookie jar?

A commission investigating whether it is proper for serving city councillors to be involved in property development in the area of the council's jurisdiction will hear evidence at the Johannesburg Civic Centre on Monday, July 19.

According to commission chairman Willem Krugel, who led a recent investigation into the City Council of Pretoria, evidence from members of public and non-government organisations will be heard first.

"The issues centre around whether or not it is at all proper for a serving city councillor in the Transvaal to be involved, directly or indirectly, in property development within the area of jurisdiction of his or her own council."

The commission was appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal on October 12 1992 under Section 2(1) of the Commission of Inquiry Ordinance No 9 of 1960. The request for the commission was made by the Ombudsman, who had received complaints about alleged impropriety among certain councillors and officers of the Pretoria City Council and others.

The commission consists of Willem Krugel, a retired regional court president of the northern Transvaal, private attorney Eli van der Merwe and Ben Geringer, a secretary of the TPA.

The commission's mandate is to investigate and report on

Allegations of improper involvement of, and maladministration and self-enrichment by, serving council members and officials of the Pretoria City Council regarding applications for rezoning or land use which had been dealt with during the current term of office of the serving council members;

Allegations of corruption or bribery in respect of applications for rezoning or land use regarding the erection of filling stations in which members of the public, companies or their representatives and council members or officials might be involved, and

Whether it is at all proper for serving council members during their terms of office to be directly or indirectly involved in property development in the area of the council concerned.

The commission has investigated the first two issues and, in February 1993, brought out its first report.

The report recommended that people and organisations from all over the Transvaal should make their inputs on the third issue as, in the words of Krugel "This problem concerns not only the council of Pretoria, but all councils".

The findings of the commission concerning the Pretoria City Council was that with one exception, there was no cause for raised

eyebrows.

The exception involved city councillor Justus van Zyl, filling station developer Charl Nienaber and town planner Jan van Straaten. The matter was subsequently referred to the attorney-general.

The commission's recommendation to extend the inquiry for the purposes of the third mandate to the rest of the province was accepted by the administrator. So too was its recommendation that the commission be strengthened with people knowledgeable on constitutional and administrative law.

The reason for this is that the scope of the inquiry is wide-ranging, from the question of impartiality of any local government decision to the quasi-judicial nature of some functions and powers held by local authorities. The findings of the commission are, therefore, of import to current negotiations on constitutional and local government matters.

Prof George Barrie, of RAU's Department of Public Law, and Prof Gretchen Carpenter, of Unisa's Department of Constitutional & Administrative Law, joined the commission on February 15.

Inputs so far regarding the third mandate have been received at hearings in Pretoria. In the main, these have been from major cities. The commission's decision to also sit in Johannesburg is to facilitate access from extra-parliamentary bodies and other interested parties resident here.

According to Krugel, matters brought to the commission's attention which are deemed worthy of addressing but, nonetheless, fall outside the third mandate, will in the appropriate cases be referred to the attorney-general or other authorities. ■

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A giant step northwards

Liberty Life and its two consortium partners, the Eskom and Standard Bank pension funds, must be the happiest property owners in Johannesburg. Bar a decision on whether the site will meet its space and configuration requirements, much sought-after tenant Times Media Ltd has identified the consortium's Galleria site in Rosebank for its future HQ.

Its lease with Ampros in 11 Diagonal Street expires in September 1996, which will give the company plenty of time to develop its new property and prepare for the move.

The Galleria site, bounded by Bierman Street and Tyrwhitt, Bath and Cradock avenues — opposite The Firs shopping centre — has stood partially developed for the past

Bekkersdal anger at spending decisions

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

A winding concrete fence around the West Rand's heavily-polluted Donaldson Dam has become the target of the Bekkersdal Civic Association's frustration and anger

For the civic body, the fence — erected at a cost of R950 000 by the West and Central Wits Regional Services Councils — is just one example of an unacceptable spending pattern in the RSC

"We don't actually have problems with the RSC putting up a fence, but about 2 km away we have up to 6 000 people sitting without toilets and water," says Isaac Rungu Mathambo, chairman of the civic association. "The RSC has got its priorities wrong."

Washing

It is precisely this lack of services in the squatter camps of Mandela and Holomisa that accounts for the washing of human waste into the Donaldson Dam. With not a toilet in the camp, people simply use the veld. And two sets of four taps serve the entire area.

West Rand RSC chairman Dr Benoni van Graan argues that it is a bit late to be raising dust about the fence. "About

R700 000 has already been spent," he says. "The civic council should have been present in the council when that decision was taken."

And, if residents of black townships on the West Rand had paid their service fees they could have commanded greater voting power in the RSC and changed spending priorities, he reasons.

Mathambo and Van Graan are at least agreed on one thing. The total lack of services in the squatter camp poses a serious threat to public health in Bekkersdal.

With the onset of the rainy season the danger of disease will rise dramatically, as rain sweeps the waste down into the dam. Huge open drains incline down to the Donaldson Dam.

The danger was that people would begin fetching water for domestic use from the dam. Mathambo believes this is happening already.

Van Graan says a serious effort will be made to have some form of servicing in place before spring.

For the civic association it would be not a moment too soon. Mathambo says Bekkersdal residents have watched with amazement a new clinic complex taking shape in Westonaria, which already has a good clinic, while they are compelled to live in life-threatening squalor.



Pollution . . . open drains near Bekkersdal lead to the Donaldson Dam.

Picture by George Mashin

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But the move is being interpreted as a first step to reincorporating into SA the self-governing states and, down the line, the independent homelands

As Unisa political scientist Dirk Kotze points out, it is also a logical extension of the decision to abolish the distinction between "own affairs" and "general affairs" at national level. Kotze says that though the nominally independent homelands are not involved yet, this is the first practical step towards regional consolidation and broaching the sensitive subject of reincorporation.

"There are few doubts that these states will become part of SA again — under whatever structures are agreed on at Kempton Park," says Kotze. "Part of the rationale behind not abolishing existing structures now relates to the desire of homelands to hang on to powers which could help them in regional negotiations. Amalgamation with the provinces now would be seen as diluting their influence." Because of this, Kotze believes mergers are only likely to be on the cards once finality has been achieved on deciding regional structures and boundaries.

The advantage of this softly-softly approach is that it begins the process of change now as an interim measure, rather than waiting until the completion of negotiations, when changes would be traumatic.

Tackling issues on which easy agreement is possible boosts confidence for approaching problems later such as the surrender of power and autonomy. The self-governing states currently have greater autonomy than the provincial administrations. Homelands, accustomed to being lavished with money from central government, will have to get used to living more frugally on regional budget allocations. ■

REGIONS — 2 FM 16/7/93
Cutting the cloth

Provincial administrations and the self-governing states are inching closer to unification — though amalgamations, for now at least, are not planned.

According to Regional and Land Affairs Minister Andre Fourie, steering committees are due to report back shortly with recommendations. They were established to explore the practical implications of joint administration.

The primary objectives are to

- Eliminate administrative duplication;
- Improve the efficiency of services,
- Eliminate socio-economic backlogs;
- Integrate administration,
- Improve accountability, and
- Identify community needs.

Among the committees which have been established are: a multilateral body incorporating the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), Gazankulu and Lebowa, with observer status accorded to Venda; a bilateral committee involving the TPA and KwaNdebele, and a long-standing bilateral committee between QwaQwa and the Free State Provincial Administration.

Fourie adds that the TPA and KaNgwane have also discussed a joint steering committee, while Natal and KwaZulu established their Joint Executive Authority (JEA) in the aftermath of the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba in the Eighties. They are now seeking some executive powers for the JEA. Fourie stresses that in terms of the guidelines given to the steering committees, the existing political, administrative and budgetary structures will remain intact for now.

Appointed nonracial local authorities plan accepted

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PRETORIA — The Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF), representing the councils of Sandton, Randburg and the town council and civic bodies of Alexandra, agreed at the weekend to accept the appointment of non-racial local authorities in October.

Forum chairman Martin Mabiletsa said the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF) initiative to end racially-based councils had been accepted in principle by all parties. The LGNF proposed in July that current local authorities be dissolved and replaced by councils which would consist of equal numbers of elected and appointed officials. This arrangement would remain in place until full non-racial municipal elec-

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tions could be held after a general election next year. Clarity was still required on whether separate councils would be appointed for the three towns or whether just one was planned, Mabiletsa said.

Sandton town council representative Willem Hefer said the Sandton delegation had agreed with the forum's decision and were prepared to discuss the nominated council concept with a view to reaching consensus with other forum members.

This was in spite of the fact that the Sandton town council had voted to reject the LGNF's proposals earlier this month.

"The Sandton delegation did not object to the resolution," Hefer said.

Representatives from Randburg town council, Alexandra town council, the Alexandra Civic Organisation and other Alexandra-based community bodies had all accepted the resolution, he said.

Randburg Action Committee spokesman Harry Formanek agreed that the acceptance of the NJNF resolution would lead to the dismantling of local councils and the appointment of new councillors, probably by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. Formanek said the decision had led to the end of plans to amalgamate Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra and to the diminished importance of the forum.

The "defunct" forum had now accepted only an advisory role to the chamber, Formanek said.

For Sports introduces new housing system



Hard-nosed TPA slows up rents agreement

By MDUDUZI HARVEY
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BATTLE lines hardened again this week in Soweto's ongoing rent crisis, despite a promise that conditions would improve after Johannesburg and Roodepoort agreed to assume responsibility for essential services in the township.

Civic association leaders said they were sticking to their policy of "no rents without representation", while the Transvaal Provincial Administration played hardball with a threat to reduce services if residents didn't pay.

Rent and tariff levels for municipal services are still contentious, as are a range of proposals for alternative local government structures.

The Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber has tabled a three-phase proposal which will set tariff levels acceptable to a majority of residents as soon as possible. It is hoped that agreement will generate sufficient rental income to fill Soweto's coffers and ameliorate the area's debt crisis.

Phase two foresees the election of representatives by the residents of Soweto. Much like the multi-party negotiators in Kempton Park, it will be their job to create permanent democratic structures for the area.

Phase three kicks in when a national constitution is in place and envisages elections to all levels of local government — Diepmeadow, Soweto, and Dobsonville municipal councils, an overarching Soweto local authority, and the Metropolitan Authority, which will include Johannesburg, Roodepoort, and Soweto.

The civics have responded positively to the Metro Chamber proposals. But they still have a stomach ache about the TPA's current tactics.

Said Khabisi Mosunkutu, president of the southern Transvaal civics: "We have been sending our labour and money to the cities and it is now time for them to bring some resources back to the townships.

"If people were given the chance to elect their own local authorities ... there would be no reason for them not to pay rent and service charges."

Non-racial councils for Sandton, Alexandra

Own Correspondent

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It was not clear if just one council would be appointed for the area.

Staff Reporter

Rent and service boycotts in townships on the Witwatersrand are to continue, with the African National Congress and its allies planning to occupy local government offices in white areas to demand improvement of services to townships.

A regional meeting of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance and the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) resolved yesterday to participate in the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Chamber — but only if the chamber were restructured along national guidelines.

The situation in the townships had been caused by apartheid structures and the boycotts could not be lifted until democratic local government structures were in place, the meeting decided.

A statement said a "symbolic" occupation of boundaries between townships and white areas would take place. The protest would culminate in a march to Johannesburg's city centre at the end of the month, Sapa reports. (266)

The protests were also intended to highlight violence and "the regime's low-intensity warfare against democratic forces".

The meeting called for a restructured chamber to negotiate interim transitional structures in all metropolitan areas, towns and rural areas. It recommended the alliance and Sanco approve the establishment of joint structures.

The meeting resolved that the alliance and Sanco would form a joint delegation to take part in the restructured chamber and called on all local regions and sub-regions to form similar delegations.

It rejected the Metropolitan Chamber's draft proposal for a city manager to be appointed for Soweto and Dobsonville, and for the establishment of a Greater Soweto Forum, as "taking us back to colonial times".

The meeting called on the Local Government Negotiating Forum to adopt regulations to establish local negotiation forums and for a demarcation board to delimit interim metropolitan, town and rural boundaries.

It called for the removal of statutes which divided areas along racial lines.

Rent, service boycotts to continue

Star 19/11/93

TPA to face pressure over township services

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The ANC is to press the Transvaal Provincial Administration to tackle the question of township services and rent boycotts on a PWV-wide basis.

ANC local government expert Mathole Motshekga said that while the spotlight was fixed on the critical situation in Soweto, in townships of the Vaal, the East Rand and Pretoria services were also on the brink of collapse.

At the weekend, local government sub-committees of the ANC and its allies — the SACP and the Congress of SA Trade Unions — together with civic organisations decided to keep rent boycotts in place. They also decided on a campaign of protest action to press municipal councils to support radical reform of local government.

However, this decision did not mean an end to attempts to negotiate a "stop-gap" solution for deteriorating services, said

Motshekga.

"We do not want our people to suffer unnecessarily. We would be prepared to consider any measure that would arrest the decline."

The unpopular Interim Measures on Local Government Act might be used to give statutory effect to properly negotiated "stop-gap" agreements, said Motshekga.

The TPA's chief negotiator, Andre Cornelissen, confirmed that parties in the nationally organised Local Government Negotiating Forum were "floating around various ideas to speed up the process" of creating non-racial transitional local government structures.

He agreed that, where local negotiating parties were at one, the present Interim Measures Act could be used to give immediate statutory effect to negotiated agreements.

"But the problem with the Interim Measures Act is really that it's not compulsory," Cornelissen said.

Join hands, Steif 20/1/93 TPA urges alliance

Metro Staff

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has invited the ANC, Cosatu and the SACP to urgent talks to dispel "misunderstandings" after a weekend decision by the tripartite alliance to continue with rent and service boycotts in Rand townships.

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The alliance and the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) decided that the boycotts could not be ended until democratic local government structures were in place.

Yesterday, MEC for institutional development and negotiation (local government) André Cornelissen warned that such public statements did not "contribute in any way towards convincing well-disposed white authorities to follow the path of change". He appealed to the alliance to "rather join hands" instead of making demands

Sowetan 2017/193
Ward 5 postpones

THE Sandton Town Council will ask the Administrator of the Transvaal to postpone a municipal by-election in view of the proposed appointment of nonracial local authorities later this year. At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council unanimously decided to request that a by-election in Ward 5 be postponed until new local government arrangements in October. (266)

Sowetan 20/7/93

TPA wants talks

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday called for an urgent meeting with the ANC-SA National Civics Association alliance to discuss the ANC's plans to occupy local government offices to force improvements to services in black townships (266)

After a meeting on Sunday, the alliance announced plans to occupy local government offices in white areas to dramatise demands for the improvement of services in black townships

Star 20/11/93

Call to postpone by-election

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Flying school order

A PROVISIONAL liquidation order was granted in the Pretoria Supreme Court against the Wonderboom Flying School yesterday, one of the few in the country to train commercial pilots

In his application for liquidation, school head Johannes Olivier said his company had been rendered hopelessly insolvent

AWB general in court

AWB general Johann "Hägar" Thompson was among five AWB members who appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of public violence related to the right-wing occupation of the World Trade Centre on June 25. **21/7/93**

Thompson, 41, Chris Welgemoed, 50, Abraham Fourie, 42, Christiaan Potgieter, 33, and Frans Gericke, 38, were not asked to plead and the case was postponed until August 18.

Thompson, Welgemoed, Fourie and Potgieter were released on bail and Gericke on warning

Reporter faces charges

BEELD reporter Andries Cornelissen appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with his refusal to give the police a statement concerning ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba's slogan, "kill the boer, kill the farmer". **21/7/93**

Cornelissen, who could face up to five years in jail, told the court he wanted to protect Beeld, his career as political reporter and journalists generally.

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Call to ANC to take firmer stand on land

WASHINGTON — The ANC appeared too ready to compromise with government over the question of entrenching property rights in a new constitution, Legal Resources Centre director-designate Geoff Budlender said in Washington yesterday.

Speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, he suggested the movement take a firmer stand on the need for a reparations "levy" to help resettle black South Africans driven from their land under apartheid.

Such a levy would be an "equitable" quid pro quo for constitutional guarantees against expropriation without fair compensation, he said.

Without it, he suggested that property either not be mentioned in the constitution at all or that provision be made for the courts to determine compensation taking factors beyond market value into account.

Government's draft Bill of Rights, which would bar a future government from taking private land without paying market value for it and block expropriation through tax-

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ation, was a recipe for undermining the constitution and could end up threatening all property rights

Budlender, who has been involved closely in the Ivory Park squatter case and restoring the Bathleong tribe to its ancestral land, worried that the ANC was not pressing the land reform issue hard enough.

He attributed this to the movement's urban bias and to the deals it has felt obliged to cut with certain homeland leaders.

Citing a recent World Bank report, he said a massive land reform programme would have to be completed within two years if there were not to be violent seizures of land and civil unrest.

Although much land could be made available quickly if government refused to extend further credit to heavily indebted white farmers, government had already begun to thwart that option by forgiving Land Bank debts "under the guise of drought relief", Budlender said.

Talks on Soweto tariffs deadlocked

THE Soweto crisis committee deadlocked yesterday over tariffs and the replacement of local authorities by appointed interim structures.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne said the committee would meet again early next month.

Soweto has been subject to a large-scale rent and services boycott for the past decade. To break the deadlock, a basic ser-

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vice tariff of between R55 and R23 per household is being proposed.

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said yesterday that R55 was the minimum tariff level needed if Soweto was to receive an 82% subsidy, as included in the latest proposals.

The committee also failed to agree on appointed interim structures

Negotiations 'must involve' the community

LOCAL government negotiations will be left to national politicians "at our peril", Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Frederick van Zyl Slabbert said in Randburg yesterday.

Slabbert said that local negotiations had to be conducted by community organisations. The pace would be set by the multi-party talks, but could not be an exclusively national process.

It was not possible to arrive at a national political settlement without reaching accord in local politics

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Slabbert said that without local solutions, "all national plans will come to nought"

The metropolitan chamber served as a forum for diverse interests and allowed problems to be thrashed out so that a common solution could be found.

The chamber faced "enormous problems", particularly over the question of rent boycotts, but was still far ahead of any other such bodies elsewhere in the country

However, it was also necessary for local government leaders to communicate with their constituents. People had to be kept informed about changes taking place if their co-operation was to be guaranteed, he said

Without community acceptance, the proposed interim appointed structures could face a legitimacy crisis

At the same time, it was important that people recognised the inevitability of change. He said questions about a mandate for change should not dissuade politicians from moving forward.

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Sandton backtracks

Metro Staff

Sandton Town Council does not want the additional land allotted to it when boundaries were officially extended to include Zevenfontein and Diepsloot following recommendations by the Demarcation Board

Management committee chairman Peter Gardiner said Sandton had reversed a decision to extend its boundaries but the Transvaal Provincial Administration had unilaterally decided to proclaim the area

A detailed study would have to be carried out encompassing the whole

range of municipal services that would become involved in the demarcated areas

"We recognise that we may be called upon to play a positive role in the regional moves to identify land for a national housing initiative but we should not be called upon to bear the cost of elongated expansion with long lines of communication," said Gardiner (26)

Earlier this month, Randburg's borders were extended north, infuriating residents living in the Jukskei Crocodile catchment area who want to remain autonomous

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Cleaning tariff gets city rethink

Metro Staff

The Johannesburg City Council is reviewing its controversial R6-a-metre street-cleaning tariff which had small businesses up in arms when it was introduced last month.

The executive director of the council's Water and Waste Directorate, Melvyn Watson, said his department had been "rushed into" formulating a new tariff when the council decided to present its budget a month earlier this year, but would now look at doing it on a fairer basis.

But while "sensitivity studies" were conducted to formulate a new tariff, businesses would have to continue paying their bills, he said.

The new charge of R6 a metre of street frontage was criticised by small suburban businesses who said they would end up paying the same as multi-storey build-

ings in the city centre.

Watson said complaints about the new tariff had also been received from schools, churches and welfare organisations that were mistakenly sent bills which were only intended for business and industrial premises.

The new street cleaning charge had been accompanied by a reduction in water and waste removal, in order to receive payment for council services by companies that did not make use of council waste removal.

However, his department would submit a report on a new tariff to the management committee in August.

The most likely solution was that suburban business and industrial premises would receive a reduction and pay lower tariffs than premises in the city, where there was heavier "traffic".

Independent councillor Clive Gilbert called on the council to urgently clear up confusion over the tariff and avert a threatened payment boycott by some businesses.

Municipal union to hold strike ballot

ANOTHER Johannesburg City Council union would ballot members "with a view to obtaining support for the August 2 strike initiated by the SA Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Samwu) nationally", it was announced yesterday.

The Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union, which recently resolved to discuss a merger with Samwu and the Union of Johannesburg Municipal Workers, resolved on Monday to ballot members. In a joint statement, the three

unions claimed to represent about 16 000 of the council's 21 000 workers.

The unions were protesting against unacceptable salary increases and the council's attempt to link increases "with acceptance of the whole restructuring process, especially the new salary structure".

The council's unilateral decision to replace the existing structure with "a complicated matrix on an individual performance assessment basis" was unacceptable.

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Decision on rent boycott this week

By Sowetan Reporters and Sapa

■ SERVICES SITUATION Newly

appointed Soweto administrator to meet

ANC members and civics:

A DECISION to end the Soweto rent boycott may be reached at a meeting to be held this week

Newly appointed Soweto administrator Mr Steve Burger will meet an African National Congress and Soweto Civics delegation on Wednesday to continue discussions on the services situation in Greater Soweto

The parties, after a three-hour meeting on Friday, agreed to the switching on of street lights in Soweto as a first step to revive services in the area.

The meeting, held at the Johannesburg Civic Centre, included Burger, ANC leader in Soweto Mr Sydney Phuti and chairman of the Soweto Civic Association Mr Isaac Mogase

After the meeting Phuti said. "What we've done is to set a process in motion to address the deteriorating situation in Soweto. The lights were at the top of our

priority list but other services will also receive the same attention soon"

Electricity and the collection of refuse in Soweto were cut a few weeks ago

Asked about some of his objectives, Burger said "It is necessary for the community to realise that certain payments are necessary if we wish to establish a proper status for Soweto.

"I can contribute to negotiating an end to the Soweto boycotts. Under these difficult financial circumstances it might be possible to improve living standards in Soweto. But regardless of the financial crisis, the council will do its best to maintain services"

Deputy Director-General of the

Transvaal Provincial Administration Mr Jan Opperman yesterday denied that the TPA was delaying the negotiation process

The TPA was always prepared to discuss the possible solution of the services problem with any interest group, he said in a statement released in Johannesburg

"When agreements are being finalised, however, we prefer working through structures such as the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber," he said

Despite discussions with various role players, such as the ANC and IFP, some of them had continued with the service charges boycott, he said

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Sowetan 27/1/93

R70-m spent

A COMMISSION of inquiry into alleged maladministration in the Maritzburg City Council was told yesterday that R70 million had been misdirected over the past 10 years

Concerned Citizens Association chairman Mr Arthur Lees-Rolf said this had contributed to the R300 million debt the city was carrying ~~(300)~~

The commission, which is being chaired by former Attorney-General Mr Cecil Rees, will sit again on August 16. ~~(266)~~

Star 27/7/93

Many local authorities on verge of collapse

Metro Staff

Total administrative collapse threatens local authorities in at least 20 Transvaal townships, says Jan Opperman, the TPA's deputy director-general of community development

He warned yesterday

that, unless the financial situation of these authorities improved "drastically" before month-end, further cutbacks would take place (266)

"Due to the financial crisis caused by the prolonged boycott of service charges, all available funds to pay staff, bulk-

supplier and maintenance costs have dried up," said Opperman

There were no funds for additional assistance

He said the TPA had received the lion's share of central government finance for inter-governmental grants R472 million out of a total

amount of R793 million

Meanwhile, the new administrator of Soweto, Steve Burger, is scheduled to hold a second round of talks with the TPA, local representatives of the ANC-led tripartite alliance and the Soweto Civic Association tomorrow

Appeal To SA Municipal Workers Union

Sawetani 28/7/93

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The people of Johannesburg and employees of the City Council are deeply concerned about the threatened illegal strike which the SA Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) proposes to launch on Monday August 2 in support of its nationwide wage and other demands.

If SAMWU goes ahead with strike action, vital municipal services will be disrupted, and the wellbeing of the community will be severely prejudiced.

As it has been agreed to submit the major dispute over wages to arbitration, there is no valid reason why SAMWU should persist with its strike action.

There has been misinformation about many of the underlying issues.

The facts are as follows:

What is the Council's position on pay increases?

The Council upholds the principle of paying workers a decent living wage, but its ability to increase wages is limited by budgetary constraints.

To avoid overburdening ratepayers and consumers during the longest recession in South African history, the Council has a duty and responsibility to curb expenditure. By keeping rates and services charges as low as possible, the Council is playing a significant role in the fight against inflation.

Why does the Council not meet the minimum demand?

The Council already pays a minimum wage more than 50% higher than SAMWU's minimum national wage demand of R650.

Is the Council inflexible on a 5% pay rise?

No, the Council has not limited its wage offer to 5% of current wages, nor has it refused to consider increases higher than 5%. In fact, it has made an alternative offer of effective increases of 10% for certain lower-paid job categories.

Is the Council delaying settlement of the pay dispute?

On the contrary, the Council has shown its good faith and intent to resolve swiftly the pay dispute by agreeing to expedite arbitration proceedings, leading to a final and binding decision.

The Council has in fact asked that the dispute go to arbitration immediately and before the strike.

What pre-conditions does the Council have for pay talks?

None. In fact, the Council removed all pre-conditions for pay negotiations, and is still willing to negotiate on that basis.

Current wage negotiations have by mutual agreement been delinked from ongoing talks on job grading, salary structure and performance appraisal in order not to hold up pay increases.

The organisational restructuring is also not an issue in the current pay talks.

Why may municipal workers not strike?

The reason why municipal workers have no right in law to strike is that essential services should not be jeopardised by disputes between employer and employee.

Essential municipal services include health; public transport, water and electricity supply, public safety, cleansing and refuse removal and sewage disposal.

It is unfair for the union to put its own interests before those of the community.

What is the Council doing to avert a strike?

The Council continues to affirm its commitment to negotiation. When pay talks deadlocked, it agreed to submit the pay dispute to expedited arbitration and abide by the outcome of that arbitration.

In the light of SAMWU's stated intention to press on with strike action, the Council has offered to submit to immediate arbitration - prior to the intended strike - and stated its willingness to consider enhancing its pay offer.

Should its every endeavour prove fruitless, the Council may have to seek a court interdict to avert unlawful strike action. However, the Council will do whatever it can within reason to resolve the dispute through negotiation.

How would a strike affect arbitration?

Clearly it would be an act of bad faith for SAMWU to submit its pay demands to arbitration and then conduct a strike on those pay demands during or at about the time of the arbitration proceedings.

Why has the Council embarked on organisational restructuring?

The City Council believes that organisational restructuring is necessary to enhance its service efficiency and enable it to meet the increasing demands that will be made in future on its service capacity.

Is organisational restructuring unilateral?

No, it is anything but unilateral. Organisational restructuring has been discussed fully with the unions over the past two years.

It has been claimed that the organisational restructuring will lead to mass redundancies and/or retrenchments, but this is not so. Restructuring is not an exercise in redundancy or retrenchment.

In fact, out of a total staff of nearly 22 000 only about 200 people have been affected. The majority of affected workers were placed, with the involvement of the unions, in other posts in the Council's service.

Restructuring has in no way affected SAMWU members adversely. If anything, it has benefited many SAMWU members by moving them from the unskilled to the semi-skilled level. This has created opportunities for advancement.

There are no disputes or negotiations with SAMWU on retrenchments.

APPEAL TO SAMWU

The Council is indebted to those unions which have indicated that they do not intend to participate in the proposed illegal strike.

The City Council earnestly calls on SAMWU and its members to reconsider their position and return to the negotiation table in good faith for the benefit of the community which they serve.

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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% (*2bb*) (*Property April 23*). The first payments are due in October (~~7-10-93~~)

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 m² property (new land value R95 000) and 30% on a 2 000 m² 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. ■

TPA vows to develop site for squatters

The Transvaal Provincial Administration vowed yesterday to continue to oppose any legal action which aimed to prevent it from providing a permanent residence for the Zevenfontein squatters

The TPA has faced a spate of interdicts aimed at preventing it from developing the Diepsloot site, north of Johan-

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nesburg, which was earmarked for the settlement of the community illegally occupying land on the nearby Zevenfontein farm.

The Chartwell North Action Group has applied to the Supreme Court to have the Zevenfontein community removed from its temporary site, while no finality has been

reached on the site earmarked for permanent settlement

The TPA said it would oppose this application. The drawn-out issue began in 1991 when the Zevenfontein community was given notice to vacate the property. The community appealed for land in the same area for permanent settlement.— Sapa (216)

Transport Star 2/8/93 services hit hard by strike

Staff Reporters

Johannesburg's transport services were severely disrupted by the municipal workers' strike this morning, with only 20 percent of buses running on most routes (266)

Workers in the waste removal department turned up but were refusing to work, a council spokesman said. (266)

Only about 20 percent of buses from Johannesburg's two main depots — Milner Park and Village Main — were running. From the west, Roodepoort buses into Johannesburg were picking up commuters inside the Johannesburg area in accordance with an agreement between the two councils. (262)

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Traffic was not disrupted except for a major build-up in Heidelberg Road due to a shortage of buses, said the spokesman.

The bus service from Eldorado Park was operating normally and half the normal number of buses from Ferndale were in operation.

About 9 000 striking workers were expected to take part in a march through the city and the northern suburbs today, possibly joining National Union of Mineworkers marchers

The planned route of the march was from Fox Street between Krus and Eloff streets and north into Rissik Street past the Civic Centre, where a memorandum was to have been delivered.

Marchers were then set to move along Loveday Street, right into Hoofd Street and left into Joubert Street extension (Victoria Street). Then it was planned to move right into Oxford Road, left into Bolton Road in Rosebank, right into Cradock Avenue and stop between Bolton and Arnold where a memorandum would be handed in at the SA Motor Industry Employees' Associa-

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Transport strike hits commuters

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tion.

In major towns surrounding Johannesburg, a virtual total strike has been reported. Star

Vereeniging, Germiston, Witbank and Alberton said no workers had reported to work, and Middelburg, Brakpan, Bedfordview, Edenvale and Nigel were all expecting major stay-aways. 2/8/93

In Pretoria only about 5 percent of workers stayed away from work, contrary to an expected strike of 3 500, a spokesman said. (262) (266)

The Johannesburg City Council will today resume negotiations with Samwu and other municipal unions in an attempt to avert the Johannesburg strike. (266)

Samwu said yesterday its estimated 70 000 members countrywide would go on strike today.

There is a dispute over whether Samwu workers in Johannesburg have agreed to suspend their strike after today.

Samwu has about 9 000 members in the city, out of a workforce of 21 500.

Councils ready for PWV strike

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By Cyril Madlala
and Jacqueline Myburgh

Less than half the 19 major municipalities in the PWV area around Johannesburg expect a disruption of services by strikers today.

The Star spoke to representatives of these municipalities and was told that eight expected a strike; five were not certain whether their workers would follow South African Municipal Workers' Union action; and six were not expecting a strike.

Vereeniging expected a total strike with refuse removal and the sewage purification works likely to be worst hit.

Personnel officer Chris Steyn said the council would sit out the first 24 hours before hiring temporary staff.

In Pretoria, about 3 500 workers were expected to strike, but a spokesman for the municipality said all services would be manned by temporary workers.

In Middelburg, 459 of the municipality's 602 workers were expected to strike.

Council spokesman Gene Heydenrych said waste removal services were likely to be disrupted and that temporary staff would be hired if the strike was prolonged.

Germiston's Burger Hoffman, deputy head of management services, said about 1 100 workers were likely to strike, but it was not clear what services would be affected. Temporary staff were on standby to man the city's essential services.

In Brakpan, about 150 of the municipality's 900 workers could go on strike.

Town Clerk Thys Human said all services would be operating, with temporary staff manning the buses, waste removal and the sewerage plant.

In Alberton, about half the council's 1 550 workers had indicated that they would strike, mostly affecting refuse removal, said Town Clerk Lappies de Beer. Temporary staff were on standby, he said.

Bedfordview Town Clerk Anton Kruger said all the council's 300 employees were members of Samwu and a

These are the South African Municipal Workers' Union demands, and the Johannesburg City Council's offer.

NATIONAL DEMAND

- Monthly minimum wage of R650.
- 20-30 percent increase for those earning over R650.
- 26 working days' leave.
- Pension and/or provident funds for all.
- March 21 (Sharpeville) and June 16 (Soweto) commemoration days as paid holidays.
- 40-hour week with no loss in pay.
- Stop unilateral restructuring of public services.

LOCAL DEMAND

- Improved offer from Johannesburg City Council on its approximately 5 percent average wage increase: 12,5 percent for unskilled workers, 7,5 percent for semi-skilled and skilled workers.
- Renegotiation of the salary structure and the merit, as opposed to across-the-board, increases "unilaterally imposed" by the council.

COUNCIL'S OFFER

- A R40-million increase in the wage bill, offering an average increase of just more than 5 percent; but for workers in some categories, up to 10 percent.
- Expedited arbitration to speed up settlement.

100 percent stayaway was expected.

"Provision has been made to hire a minimum number of people from outside to ensure that essential services like fire and ambulance are carried out," he said.

A strike could be expected at Nigel, where Samwu organises some of the 500 workers.

It is understood emergency plans are in place but a spokesman for the council, Sam van Zyl, was not available for comment.

Some councils were not sure if workers would strike.

Edenvale Town Clerk Petrus Jacobs did not expect the 500 employees to join the strike.

"I spoke to them this morning (Friday), and they have not really decided what they are going to do."

Arrangements had been made with several companies to provide labour to carry out essential services should the men come out.

On Friday it was not clear if Kempton Park's 1 000 workers would join the strike. Samwu shop stewards were locked in negotiations with the manpower department, said town secretary Daan Swanepoel.

"We are prepared, but it will be a great pity if (the strike) happens," he said.

Temporary staff would be employed and key services

including sanitation, water and electricity would be manned, he said.

A Verwoerdburg municipal spokesman seemed uncertain whether workers would be striking. Residents had been asked to keep refuse on their property if services were disrupted.

At Krugersdorp, personnel officer Andries Lategan said 25 percent of the municipal workers were Samwu members. He was not sure whether they would strike.

Almost half the municipal workers in Brits were Samwu members but they had said they would not strike, said Johan Rosslee, assistant City Secretary.

Municipalities which said their staffs would not strike are Roodepoort, Randfontein, Midrand, Sandton, Springs and Benoni.

● Only two lowveld towns may be affected by the strike.

Spokesmen for the Nelspruit and Malelane municipalities said there were "definite indications" that certain Samwu members would be taking part in the strike.

Emergency plans in both towns will, however, ensure that essential services will not be interrupted.

White River, Barberton and Komatipoort municipalities said they did not expect strike action.

NEWS Taiwan trip a success - ANC

11th-hour talks to avert strike

Sowetan 2/8/93

By Tsale Makam and Sapa

REPRESENTATIVES of the Johannesburg City Council, the SA Municipal Workers Union and other relevant unions will resume negotiations today with a view to settling the wage dispute and averting a proposed strike by the SA Municipal Workers Union.

However, there is still some uncertainty as to whether or not the strike will continue after today.

It was agreed between the concerned parties on Friday that today's planned strike by an estimated 70 000 Samwu members would go ahead while negotiators tried to settle their differences.

According to Johannesburg's labour relations director, Mr Andre de Wet, it was also agreed that if talks continued beyond today the strike would be called off pending the outcome of the continued negotiations.

But Samwu's Cape Town head office

said on Saturday

"The question of suspending the strike, to allow for further talks on the days following Monday, has not been agreed to by Samwu."

Samwu said at the weekend municipalities in Johannesburg, Durban and East London and the Cape had won court interdicts to stop the strike but the workers would defy the ruling.

Samwu is demanding a R650 minimum monthly wage, increases of between 20 and 30 percent and a 40-hour working week for its members.

"Many workers are still earning less than R200 a month."

The bosses have hidden behind the 5 percent wage freeze announced by President FW de Klerk.

"They have also hidden behind the laws that prevent us from striking," Samwu said.



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Sandton row could resume

Another walkout by councillors could result when the Sandton Town Council's monthly meeting resumes tonight.

Last week six councillors took offence over Rick Ehlers's query why there had been no tender for the fire department's R1,5 million computer system. (2bb)

Tonight's meeting will start with the same question: A debate on the council's position on the demarcation and delimitation of regions will follow — Sandton Bureau.

Strong local bodies urged

By Bunty West
Randburg Bureau.

Delegates representing most of the 72 key municipalities in the PWV area have accepted that the future of local administration should focus on strong, autonomous local authorities rather than centralised metropolitan government.

The central Transvaal region's delegates met in Verwoerdburg last month to discuss imminent changes to local government structures. They were unanimous that the "bottom-up" option of strong local bodies managing their own affairs was the most sensible for viable areas.

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Pay pact ends Johannesburg council strike

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ERICA JANKOWITZ

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

In terms of the agreement split increases backdated to July 1 were granted

An SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman said grade one to three workers would receive pay hikes of 7,5% with an additional 2,5% in January, with other grades getting 5% and 2%. Merit increases would be discussed only at next year's talks.

But the strike is expected to continue in other areas, he added. (266)

Almost 60 000 municipal workers in 176 local authorities throughout the country took part in the first day of the strike yesterday, the union claimed. However, reports from individual municipalities suggested less enthusiastic support

Durban was hardly affected by the strike as only about 10% of its workforce belonged to the union. (152)

In Cape Town about 1 000 workers gathered but later dispersed peacefully. The council's executive committee will meet union representatives today

Samwu spokesman Roger Ronnie said other, smaller, municipalities had also agreed to workers' demands and negotiations had been reopened with most of the major cities. He hoped these would be successfully concluded this week.

However, he reported some cases of intimidation by employers. In Vanderbijlpark, 21 workers were arrested for trespassing and the union was raising bail.

GAVIN DU VENAGE reports Johannesburg was literally trashed by thousands of municipal workers, who strewed rubbish from Rosebank to the CBD. Police accompanied the marchers from the town centre to Braamfontein, where a memorandum was handed to town clerk Graham Collins and Soweto administrator Steve Burger

National Union of Metalworkers members, who also took part in the march, handed over a memorandum to the SA Motor Industry Employers' Association

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Strike goes on *Star 3/8/93* in many towns

Metro Staff

Municipal workers in several towns around Johannesburg were continuing to strike today, but councils kept services running using temporary staff.

The towns east of Johannesburg appeared worst hit, but some councils reported promising negotiations with the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu).

Bedfordview town clerk Anton Kruger said there was still a total stayaway in the town. Workers had been offered a similar deal as was clinched last night in Johannesburg, and would respond today. Essential services were being provided.

In Edenvale, services were disrupted as workers stayed away again today. But a spokesman was optimistic the union would react positively to an offer made by the council yesterday.

In Witbank, town secretary Pieter Rorich said the strike of almost all workers would continue today. There was virtually no communication between the strikers and the council because the union had not submitted any demands. Rorich said services were not disrupted.

The strike continued in Middelburg which yesterday reported a total stayaway by Samwu members (about 80 percent of municipal workers), said a spokesman for the town clerk.

Brakpan town clerk Thys Human said about 150 of the council's 900 workers were still on strike today, but that municipal services were hardly affected. He said strikers had indicated that they would not return to work until their demands were met. (266) (152)

In Germiston, there was a limited stayaway, and the council said it was negotiating with workers. (260)

Alberton staff reported this morning that the almost total strike in that town was continuing.

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Strike bites the dust

Sowetan 3/8/93

By Ike Motsapi and Sapa

MUNICIPAL workers in Johannesburg ended their strike last night after council and union negotiators reached agreement on wages (266)

A Johannesburg City Council spokesman announced that grade one to three workers would receive an effective 10 percent increase while grade four workers' salaries would go up by seven percent (354)

Council spokesman Mr Paddy Weech said the lower grade workers would get a 7,5 percent increase with effect from July 1 and a further 2,5 percent raise from January 1 next year (265)

Grade four workers' salaries would go up by five percent with effect from July 1 and a further two percent from January 1 next year

The South African Municipal Workers' Union called for a countrywide slyaway yesterday to support demands for a minimum monthly wage of R650

Although the lowest salary in Johannesburg was R1 037, some wages in smaller towns are R250

Weech said the agreement, reached after more than six hours of talks, would not affect areas outside Johannesburg. Yesterday morning thousands of Samwu members went on strike and disrupted services around the country

Johannesburg's transport services were severely disrupted with only 20 percent of buses running on most routes

In Pretoria services were "not affected at all" with only 150 of the council's 3 000 Samwu members supporting the strike, city council spokesman Mr Jan Bezuidenhout said. He said those

on strike represented five percent of the council's workforce.

Only about 150 municipal workers downed tools in Durban yesterday, with almost no disruption to services. But Samwu said the strike was affecting municipalities throughout the province

Durban Corporation spokesman Mr David Cloete said there had been "insignificant support" for the strike in the city

Samwu regional secretary Sakazani Magwaba said there were as many as 300 workers on strike in Durban

Several thousand striking workers gathered on the west side of Johannesburg's Civic Centre yesterday afternoon to be addressed by Cosatu assistant secretary-general Mr Sam Shilowa before a memorandum was handed to the town clerk

Strikers return but slow to start

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Staff Reporters

Johannesburg's municipal strikers turned out at their places of work this morning, following last night's breakthrough in wage talks, but they stalled resuming work pending a union report-back meeting.

The wage deal, struck after more than six hours of talks yesterday and ratified by arbitrator Professor Martin Brassey, does not apply to areas outside Johannesburg.

According to the the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), 59 000 workers went on strike yesterday in 180 local authorities.

While the union prepared for an ongoing national strike, the mood in Johannesburg City Council was jubilant last night.

"The city lights have been switched back on," a negotiator said following the Johannesburg agreement.

But Samwu organisers were less enthusiastic about the outcome. Samwu regional secretary Steve Shlangu admitted his union had been outsmarted in the negotiations and now faced the unenviable task of selling the agreement to its 5 500 striking members.

ing municipal bus drivers, cleansing department workers and other strikers had pitched up at various depots this morning. But, he said, they had not resumed work as a union meeting was scheduled to take place sometime this morning.

Bus services were running at about 75 percent normal capacity, said Duigan, but this was thanks mainly to volunteers.

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"At the moment, also, it appears that waste collection is not happening," said Duigan. "It will probably slowly get back to work in the course of the day. But no one really knows."

Shlangu's best guess at an effective return date was tomorrow morning. He said organisers would have a difficult time selling the agreement to members.

The agreement, focusing on wage issues, took more than six hours to hammer together. It provides for a 7,5 percent increase for unskilled and semi-skilled workers with ef-

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fect from July 1 and another 2,5 percent from January 1.

Skilled workers in grades four and higher would receive a 5 percent increase from July 1 and 2 percent from January 1.

Although the lowest salary in Johannesburg is R1 037, some wages in smaller towns are as low as R250.

Samwu's head office in Cape Town denied shortly after the announcement was made that an agreement had been reached in Johannesburg. But arbitrator Brassey then confirmed the breakthrough.

In Johannesburg, where council workers marched with members

of the National Union of Metalworkers, a council spokesman estimated that 5 500 of its employees had not reported for work yesterday.

About 7 000 people marched to the Civic Centre, and then on to Rosebank, where the SA Motor Industry Employers' Association has its offices.

Memoranda were presented to municipal and motor industry employers. The demands concern Numsa's prolonged dispute with the motor industry over wages and the future of this sector's industrial council. Yesterday the employers committed themselves to a further six months in the forum.

Samwu is demanding a national minimum wage of R650, and increases of between 20 and 30 percent for those above that.

For its members in the so-called Mayor Cities Group, Samwu wants a R150 across-the-board or 15 percent increase (whicheyer is the greater).

Other demands include a 40-hour week, at least 26 days' annual leave, pension and/or provident fund cover for all workers, and public holidays on the Sharpeville and Soweto anniversaries.

Samwu said last night that the strike had already forced some employers to rethink their offers. The union would hold a national meeting today to assess "the state of play"



Supreme test for a peace claim

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Schweizer-Reneke in the western Transvaal — which claims to have better race relationships with its black township than any town in South Africa — will have its claim tested on Saturday when Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise and AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche both receive the freedom of the town. ARG 3/8/75

ANC spokesman Rankoa Molefe said an invitation had been extended to the town clerk and the mayor for the 11am ceremony

The AWB Wenkommando parade is set for the same time outside the municipal offices.

A spokesman for the National Peace Secretariat said: "If this can be pulled off peacefully we'll all have something to be proud of"

Sandton yes to incorporation

The Sandton Town Council last night agreed to recommend to the Commission for Demarcation/Delimitation for Regions that Sandton be incorporated into a three-tier system of government.

The three-tier system will include Pretoria, Witwatersrand, Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, and Sasolburg as one region 3/8/93

The recommendation was passed with seven votes to four. (266)

Some councillors felt that the area was too vast and the Vereeniging area should have been excluded — Sandton Bureau.

CP to fight over councils

WHITE city councillors would meet in Boksburg on Saturday to protest against government's intention to "hand over local authorities' control over assets to the ANC/SACP", the CP said yesterday 3/8/93

Democratically elected council members of other population groups concerned with the "undemocratic" move were welcome to call the CP or the president of the Transvaal Municipal Association, CP local government spokesman Pikkie Coetzee said

Government, in co-operation with the ANC/SACP, had committed "the biggest deed of open theft in world history" by agreeing to hand over to the alliance local government councils' and management committees' control of the assets of towns and cities. This was done "without the consent of residents".

He termed as "weak" Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Fanus Schoeman's explanation of "how government planned to place the control of local government of cities and towns in the hands of civics" (2.66)

"It is well known that the civics are to a large extent responsible for the disorder reigning in black townships and it could not be expected to be different in white areas when they get control," said Coetzee — Sapa

Modise and ET get freedom of West Tvl town

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Sowetan Correspondent

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ANC Western Transvaal spokesman Rankoa Molefe said yesterday the residents of Ipelegeng township would confer the freedom of Schweizer-Reneke on Modise at the Ipelegeng Stadium at 11am.

"This is in defiance to the town council giving the freedom of the town to the AWB," he said.

He said all ANC members in the Western Transvaal had been invited to the occasion and an invitation had also been extended to the Schweizer-Reneke town clerk and mayor.

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Molefe said he did not believe the ANC was asking for a confrontation with rightwingers as the defiance "ceremony" was to be held in the township and the "other" parade would be in the town itself.

But a spokesman for the National Peace Secretariat was alarmed when he heard of the arrangements.

"If this can be pulled off peacefully, we'll all have something to be proud of," the spokesman said.

Pay boost for city workers

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By Paul Bell
Labour Correspondent

The two-day strike by members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) employed by the Johannesburg City Council has extracted an additional R10 million in wages for the council's employees in 1993-94.

Council human resources director Andre de Wet said the amount budgeted for increases had risen from R40 million to R50 million as a result of Monday night's settlement between the council and the unions.

In cash terms, the settlement gives the council's lowest-paid (Grade 1) workers an additional R78 a month between July 1 and December 31, rising to R104 on January 1.

Dissatisfied

The offer, based on a staggered increase of 7,5 percent, plus a further 2,5 percent in the second half of the wage year, moves the Grade 1 monthly minimum from R1 037 to R1 141 for the year. Grade 2 goes up from R1 090 to R1 199, and Grade 3 from R1 135 to R1 241.

In Johannesburg, strikers were expected to have returned to work this morning, following yesterday's meeting of about 5 000 strikers in front of the City Hall. There, as expected, union leaders had to sell the deal hard.

"We have achieved what we wanted to achieve," Samwu's lead negotiator in the city, Richard Spalding, told the crowd. This was greeted by a hubbub of dissatisfaction.

Taking the microphone from Spalding, Johannesburg Combined Employees' Union (JCEU) general-secretary Hassen Lorgat shouted: "There is no better deal in town. The union is not as

strong as when it started, because other workers have gone back to work."

De Wet said he thought the settlement was fair. Asked why, in that case, the council had waited until the city had been hit by a strike before making a fair offer, he replied that each party had used the pressure it could muster.

He acknowledged Samwu's "show of strength" but said Monday night's negotiations had been, effectively, an arbitration, given the presence of an arbitrator. This was a process to which the council had already agreed.

"Samwu forced that process into top gear, it expedited the arbitration. But the same result could have been achieved through arbitration. In general terms, it might have been expected that an arbitrator would have made that award."

The status in Johannesburg of Samwu, with its 5 500 members, has received a boost as a result of the union's role in organising the strike.

Failure

But a major disappointment was the failure of the Union of Johannesburg Municipal Workers (UJMW) to throw the full weight of its estimated 8 500 members behind the strike.

Union leaders were clearly annoyed at the UJMW's decision not to support the strike, leaving prospects for the three-way unity initiative between Samwu, the JCEU and UJMW in doubt.

But the UJMW was unrepentant. General secretary Hilow Maeko also said Monday's talks had expedited the arbitration.

Were they happy with the offer? "We cannot exactly be happy, what with inflation. Our last demand was for 12,5 percent. But some say it is better than nothing under the circumstances."

New bid to settle strike

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Staff Reporters

Municipal worker and employer representatives will meet in Kempton Park today to try to end the strike affecting at least 60 Transvaal local authorities.

They will be hoping to avoid the ugly turn the nationwide strike has taken in Cape Town, where workers clashed with police yesterday, leaving 10 strikers and seven policemen injured. Six strikers were arrested for public violence (266)

The strike by Johannesburg municipal workers ended yesterday after a settlement between the council and the SA Municipal Workers' Union (266)

Alberton town clerk Lap

pies de Beer said striking workers had until today to return to their jobs before the council would take disciplinary action.

Municipal Employers' Organisation secretary Peet Roodt was optimistic, saying the two parties were "not far away from each other".

Sapa reports that the Cape Town City Council has reopened negotiations in a bid to end the strike. (266)

A Cape Town police spokesman said yesterday's injuries occurred when police fired rubber bullets and birdshot at strikers. Police said strikers had stoned windows, cars and policemen.

In the Transvaal, Alberton, Bedfordview and Edenvale are staggering under a

total stayaway. About 90 percent of Brakpan's workers failed to report for work yesterday. Only 15 percent of Boksburg's employees stayed away. Kempton Park experienced a 45 percent stayaway, but this has been attributed to violence in Tembisa.

In the Vaal Triangle, Vereeniging had a 100 percent and Vanderbijlpark a 72 percent stayaway.

The strike did not affect Krugersdorp, Randfontein and Roodepoort, on the West Rand. Midrand and Randburg were also unaffected.

Durban municipal workers marched through the city without incident yesterday.

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Freedom of town for Modise and ET

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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Moves to halt crisis in Soweto

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After seven hours of talks by parties concerned with the Greater Soweto service and financial crisis yesterday, Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber chief executive officer Vic Milne said mid-August should see agreement on a plan to tackle the problem.

Participants emerged tight-lipped from the negotiations held at Johannesburg Civic Centre. Milne explained that the proceedings of the meeting were confidential, but added that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Soweto Crisis was to meet again on August 12 to try to finalise a package agreement for the resolution of the crisis.

Key players in the Ad Hoc Committee are the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the councils of Johannesburg and Roodepoort, and the TPA.

At a previous meeting, the SCA put forward the proposal that the Met Chamber should be restructured to fulfil various functions of government in the phase preceding interim local government.

Govt clamps down on funding for townships

Business Day 9/8/93

TIM COHEN

GOVERNMENT is to take a hardline stance on black local authority debt, ending all "bridging finance" and stressing the need for Transvaal residents to address their R1,3bn debt.

The TPA said at the weekend that only 35% of residents in the 85 black local governments in the Transvaal were currently paying for services and warned that about 20 townships would have to curtail services soon.

The cumulative debt owed by residents to their local authorities amounted to R1,325bn, with the bulk made up of R667m owed on the West Rand, R450m on the East Rand and R117m in central Transvaal

This figure excluded amounts local governments owed bulk suppliers

such as Eskom and the Rand Water Board, which were also the result of poor payment records of residents

Black local governments still faced financial problems because they did not have business and industrial districts, the TPA said in reply to questions. To address this problem, intergovernmental grants totalling R462m were paid over in monthly instalments during the 1992/93 financial year. The same amount would be paid during the 1993/94 financial year — but no more money would be made available *(266)*

The grants would not be scaled down, and grants would be paid in the course of the financial year as planned and according to the budget.

"No money is left for additional aid to black towns," the TPA said

The long payment boycott in the Transvaal had weakened the financial position of black local government to such an extent that more than 20 of them would have to make further service cuts. "Expenditure must be limited to revenue that is available," the TPA said

Municipal services and facilities ought not to be "the target of political gain" as they were essential to the wellbeing of the community.

"It is up to the residents of the black towns themselves to resolve the crisis. No local government can render any service to its residents if they do not pay for those services," the TPA said

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A Story of Steier 9/8/93 division, freedom

BY PATRICK LAURENCE

Two black policemen in plain clothes were racially abused and told to "voetsiek" when they got out of a police van to watch AWB zealots march through Schweizer-Reneke at the weekend.

A white police colleague did not intervene to protect their right to observe the columns of marching AWB commandos, even after the black policemen identified themselves as SAP members by showing their police identity cards. Asked by journalists why he had not interceded, the white policeman shrugged his shoulders.

When The Star approached the black policemen they were still seething with anger.

Before Schweizer-Reneke's mayor Joey Fourie had formally conferred freedom of the town on the AWB's Wenkormando, a member of the AWB had tried to persuade journalists that the AWB's quarrel was not with blacks per se but with "non-believers" who supported the ANC.

The black residents of Ipelegeng, hardly more than 2 km away, had a different, more ominous view of the AWB.

With the exception of the two black policemen — who were on duty and en route to another part of the town — and a solitary

BLACKS are clearly not welcomed in Schweizer-Reneke by AWB members — even if they are policemen.

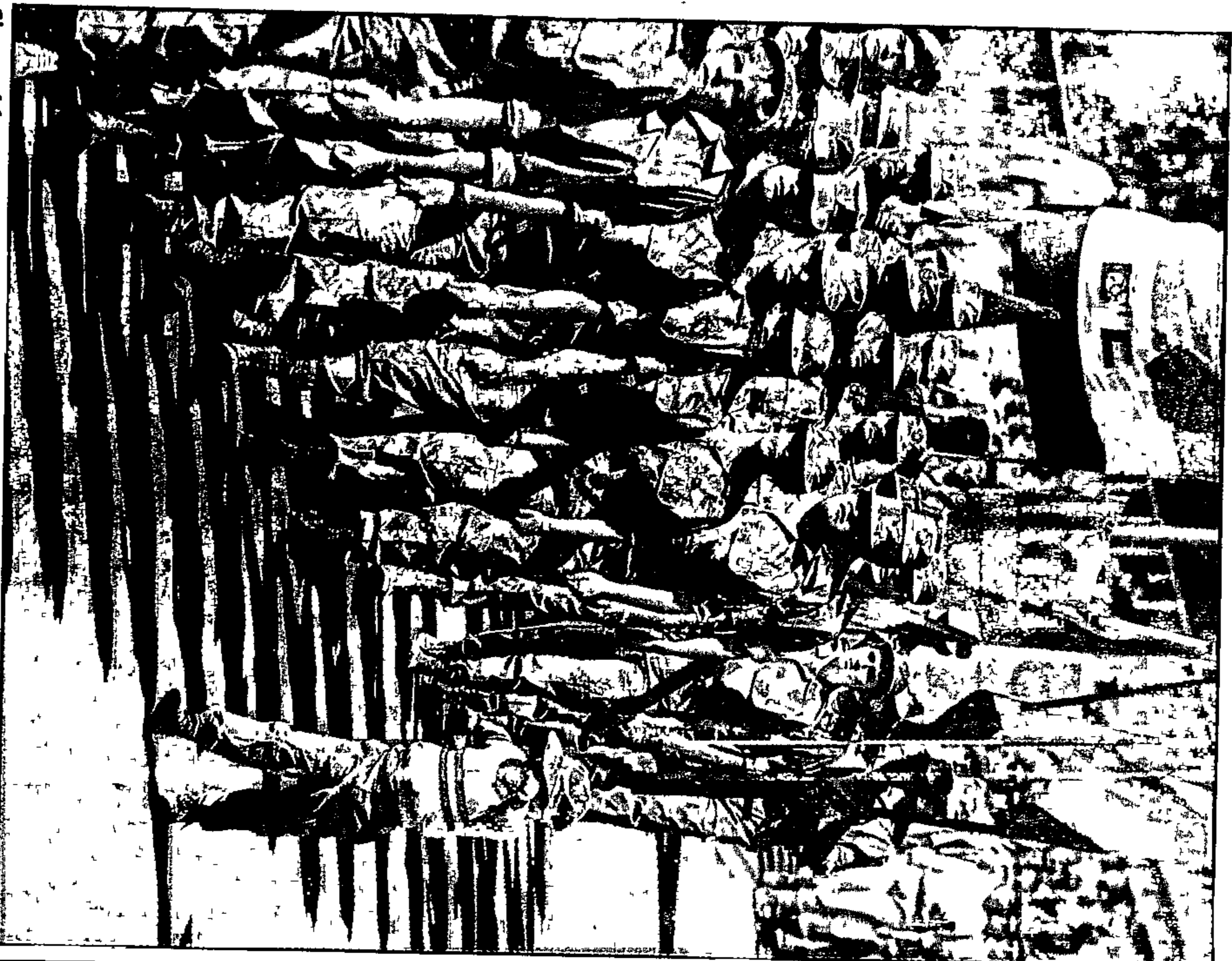
black employee at the town hall, black people kept well clear of the armed AWB militants.

In his speech replying to the granting of freedom of the town on the Wenkormando, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche told Schweizer-Reneke's town council "You have opened the road to Pretoria." (2/6/93)

The road to Ipelegeng, however, remained firmly closed. The 27 000 people there chose to confer freedom of the township on Joe Modise, commander of Unkhonto we Sizwe (2/6/93)

A crowd of about 2 000 residents watched a more modest parade by 32 members of the ANC army, led by a woman combatant, on the dusty field of the local sports stadium.

Accommodatingly holding the microphones of radio and TV journalists in one hand, Modise, who was garlanded, capped and gownned in ANC colours by his Ipelegeng hosts, adopted a generally conciliatory tone



Show of force . . . AWB members march through the town.

PICTURE KEN OOSTERBROEK

MUNICIPAL SHAKE-UP: The days of casting your vote once every five years, then leaving things up to your councillor, are over

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Ratepayers in the dark

THE battle to give the disfranchised majority a say in local government has left white ratepayers furious, reports LOUISE MARSLAND.

IN SEVEN weeks, existing city and town councils are to be replaced by nominated, nonracial interim structures. The proposal has left a trail of confused ratepayers in its wake.

The move will mean that the days of casting your vote once every five years in municipal elections and then leaving the rest up to your political representative for better or for worse are gone.

Legislation to replace the existing local authorities with appointed transitional local councils (TLCs) and transitional metropolitan councils (TMCs) will be tabled at next month's sitting of Parliament. The appointment of TLCs and TMCs by existing local negotiating forums are supposed to begin on October 1.

The TLCs and TMCs will be replaced by democratically elected interim structures during national municipal elections in about 14 months, and the interim structures will continue until a final constitution has been written.

The battle to give the disfranchised majority a say in local government has come full

roots democracy, but the lack of consultation before the June 30 agreement has raised questions about accountability, public participation and democratic values.

While most agree that some kind of more legitimate, interim system is needed to take local government to elections, the new proposals have left many councils and ratepayer forums floundering. Some municipalities are in the middle of local negotiations, while others have not yet begun.

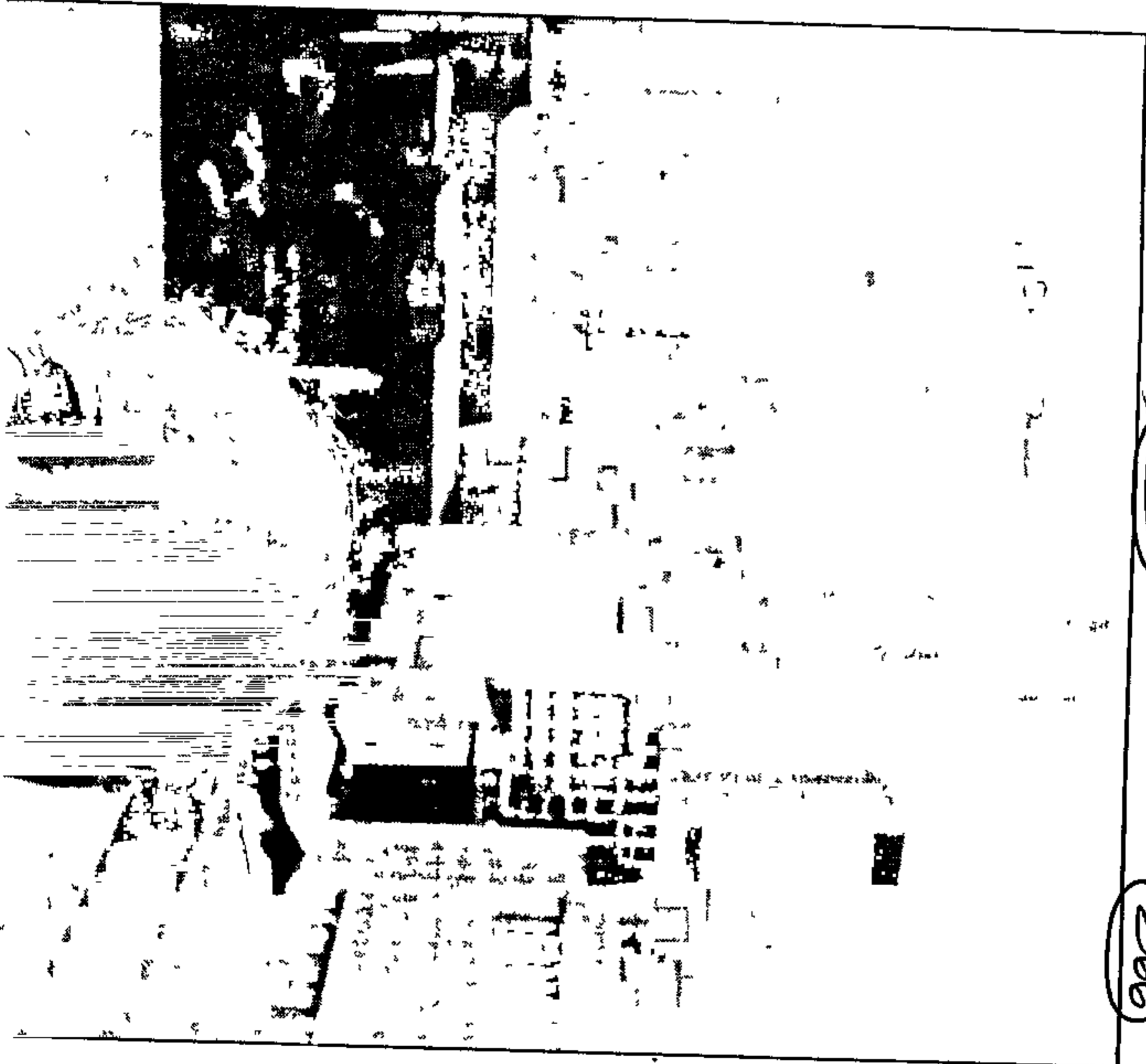
Some ratepayers' associations are now asking whether they should dig in their heels, wait for democracy and oppose the interim system with all the vigour they can muster.

The LGNF says its priority in moving so swiftly is to replace illegitimate structures with more representative ones, to try to end the eight-year rent and services boycott.

But fears are growing that certain stakeholders such as ratepayers, business organisations and political parties are being sidelined and that nominated councils will not be ac-

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countable to their constituencies. The Parktown Rating



as much reason to be there as the civics, and they are not. It seems to be pretty unbalanced — ratepayers' associations have a good chance of falling down the cracks in these new arrangements."

Simpkins blamed the Government for the present confusion, as it ran the existing system. What was also not clear, he said, was the relationship between the LGNF and the Kempton Park talks.

Atkinson said the LGNF was a valuable exercise, but it had not done its homework. "The participants must listen to the criticisms. The LGNF proposals will work in central Transvaal and the eastern Cape, as there are strong civics there and progressive councils. It won't work in the western Cape, as the civics are fragmented there, or in Natal, as Inkatha won't be dictated to, or in the northern Transvaal or Free State and western Transvaal because of right-wing opposition."

A week ago, rightwingers from more than 100 local authorities vowed to fight the LGNF decisions.

Atkinson warned that the system could not be imposed. "The LGNF cannot take Putsonderwater and make the AWB sit next to the ANC and force them to co-operate. They will kill each other."

Simpkins's advice to those stakeholders in local government who feel left out?

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The battle to give the franchised majority a say in local government has come full circle, with the traditional white ratepayer organisations now claiming they will be the unrepresented in the new, nominated "interim" councils.

While ratepayers accept that you can't have local elections at this time, we have to be involved, or else the nominated councils will not be answerable to anyone. So what credibility will they have?

Parktown's is the oldest residents' association in Johannesburg and she sees all the rights that ratepayers have campaigned for over the past decade being cancelled at the stroke of a pen.

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A groundswell of opposition to the Local Government Negotiating Forum has been gathering momentum since the LGNF agreement on June 30 to replace existing municipalities across the country with nominated councils whose members will come from existing councils (statutory) and the civics (non-statutory). This arrangement will take local government to democratic elections due to be held between six months and a year after central government elections.

The move away from segregated municipalities has been seen as very positive for local government reform and grass-

vigour they can muster.

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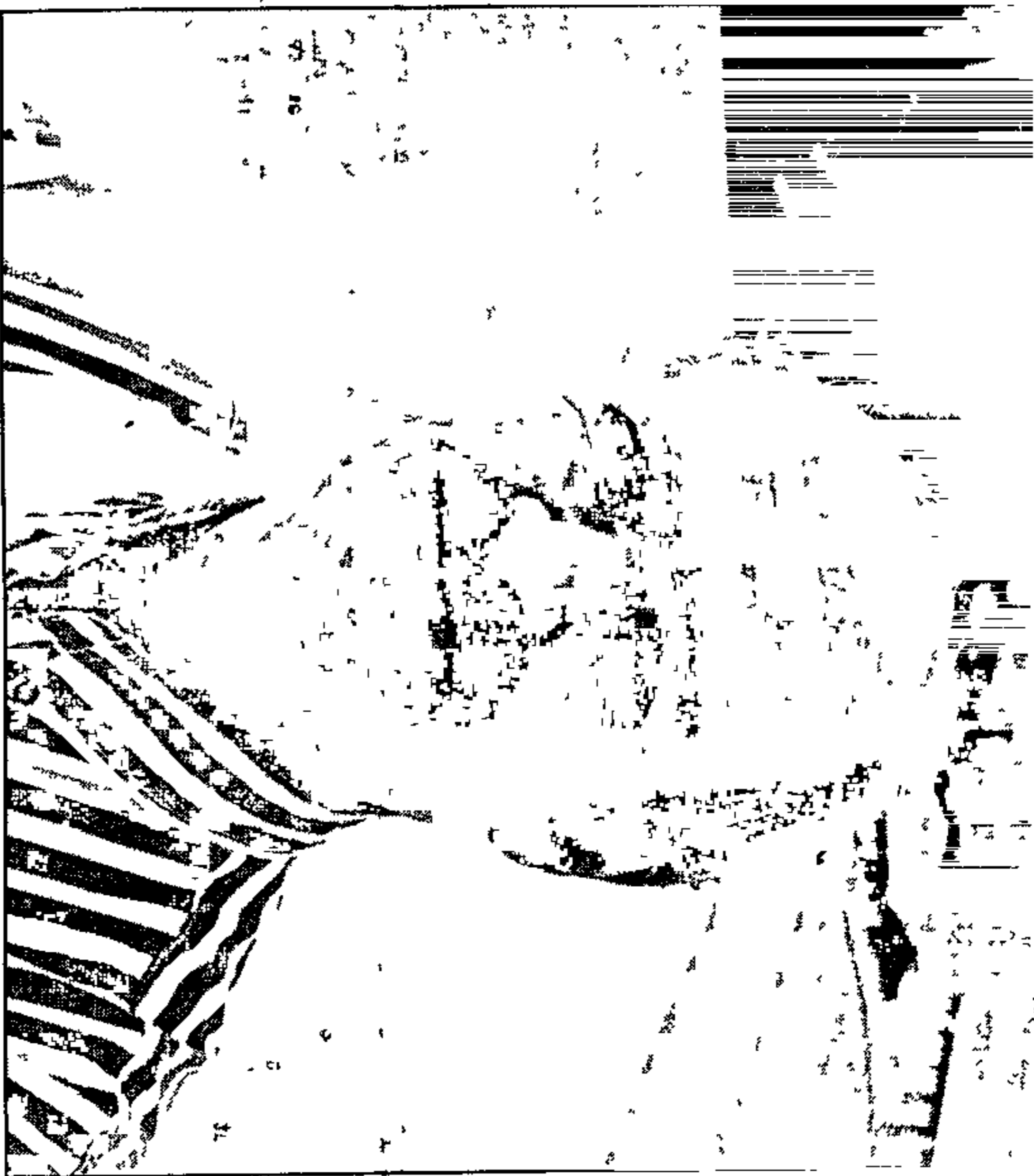
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The Parktown ratepayers, along with the Johannesburg Municipal Action Group (JOMAG), are among the founder members of the new Johannesburg United Residents' and Ratepayers' Organisation, which aims to address that fear and ensure a voice in local government negotiations.

"We want an opportunity to have some say. We want to make sure that the nominated councils are scrutinised because Johannesburg has done nothing to inform its ratepayers," said Bird.

When asked whether it was not too late to have any influence on the proposals for nominated councils, Bird replied curtly. "It won't be too late if we refuse to pay rates then they will come running."

Centre of Policy Studies researcher Dr Doreen Atkinson said many councillors had abdicated their responsibility. "What we are finding out in Johannesburg, and indeed in other places, is that councillors are not doing their homework and don't know what their constituents think. The end result is that white ratepayers will have no loyalty to either system — interim or pre-interim — if they are not involved. I think there would be a lot of goodwill out there among whites for reconstruction if the issues were explained to them."



THE BIGGEST ISSUE JOMAG chairman Conrad Berge says the competence issue of nominated local councils is the big one. Party faithfuls will be nominated to free advertising for the elections and they will be in the public eye for months — amounting to free advertising for the elections

Atkinson explained that there was a fundamental difference between white and black areas. "In black areas, politics is about principles, human rights and votes. In white communities, we had a government that met our basic local government needs, and therefore politics was issue-based — roads, refuse dumps. Now the debate is about local government principles, not issues, and whites have not been brought along with that shift in politics."

SHE warned, however, that one could not lose sight of the fact that the present system was unacceptable. "The reason we need an interim system, warts and all, is firstly to get the civics to condone paying

rates and services charges, as they will not pay to apartheid institutions. The second reason is because it will allow towns to start thinking about future structures. You need to set up democratic structures before people start behaving democratically."

JOMAG chairman Conrad Berge said the competence issue with the nominated councils was a big one. "People are going to be put in there because they are party faithfuls and the other side will be absolute novices. These people will have up to two years in the public eye that they never earned — free advertising for the elections it's wicked!"

"But having said that, everyone must accept that we cannot have municipal elections now. Really, we are caught between a rock and a hard place. We have to find a workable system between now and when the first

genuine elections are held."

There is conflicting opinion within the LGNF as to where traditionally white ratepayers' associations fit into the scenario. The civics and ANC say they are part of the statutory bodies and it will be up to the white councils to involve them in the nomination process to TLCs and TMCs.

The Government rejects this notion, saying ratepayer associations are community based and belong to the non-statutory grouping with the civics.

Political economist Professor Charles Simpkins, of Wits University, said the June 30 decision was poorly worked out. "We want to get to democratic local government within the confines of a well-functioning civil society. We are left with a certain amount of confusion at present. Residents and ratepayers' associations have just

position."

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RATEPAYERS had to be informed and organised. "Ratepayers need to widen their focus and keep an eye on what is going on in their cities — in general and regarding the residential land question and new settlements — because if that is done badly, there will be a backlash. They also need to know how city finances are worked, so they are not run by rates-and-taxes increases. More people should be making a fuss about this defective process."

Local government negotiators should also ensure that the interim arrangements had as short a shelf life as possible, that interim administrations were concerned primarily with the demarcation of boundaries, the devolution of power and the structures of a future system, rather than major physical planning.

Berge said there was light at the end of the tunnel. Democratic elections. He urged ratepayers and civics to begin concentrating on preparing for elections. He warned that a higher professionalism would be demanded of politicians and that those who did not deliver would be run out of town by the time elections come around.

Simpkins said he doubted whether the process would continue as envisaged by the LGNF, because, in the majority of areas across the country, there were no structures in place to facilitate the transition to the nominated councils. "Inkatha and the CP have signalled their intentions — there will still be many fights at regional level. The real storm is still coming."

SADF 'must help level playing fields'

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Peace force viable — Meirings

BY NORMAN CHANDLER
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A peace force to contain violence and be representative of all political groupings was viable, the Chief-designate of the SA Defence Force, General Georg Meirings, said in Pretoria yesterday.

In addition, the SADF would, in the run-up to April's election, continue to assist in "levelling the playing fields," so that there was a minimum of intimidation and a maximum of freedom of movement at the polls.

Meirings, who is due to take over from General Kat Liebenberg on November 1, said the SADF had made proposals regarding a peace force to the technical committee of the multiparty Negotiating Council in Kempton Park.

He told a media briefing

THE defence force must not be directly involved in politics, but must minimise intimidation, says general.

that talks were continuing "and to say too much about it at this stage would be pure speculation." He added "I think if (a peace force) can be done... of course it is a political decision."

Meirings said he believed the major component of the force would have to come from the SAP and the SADF, with additional manpower from participants at the multiparty talks.

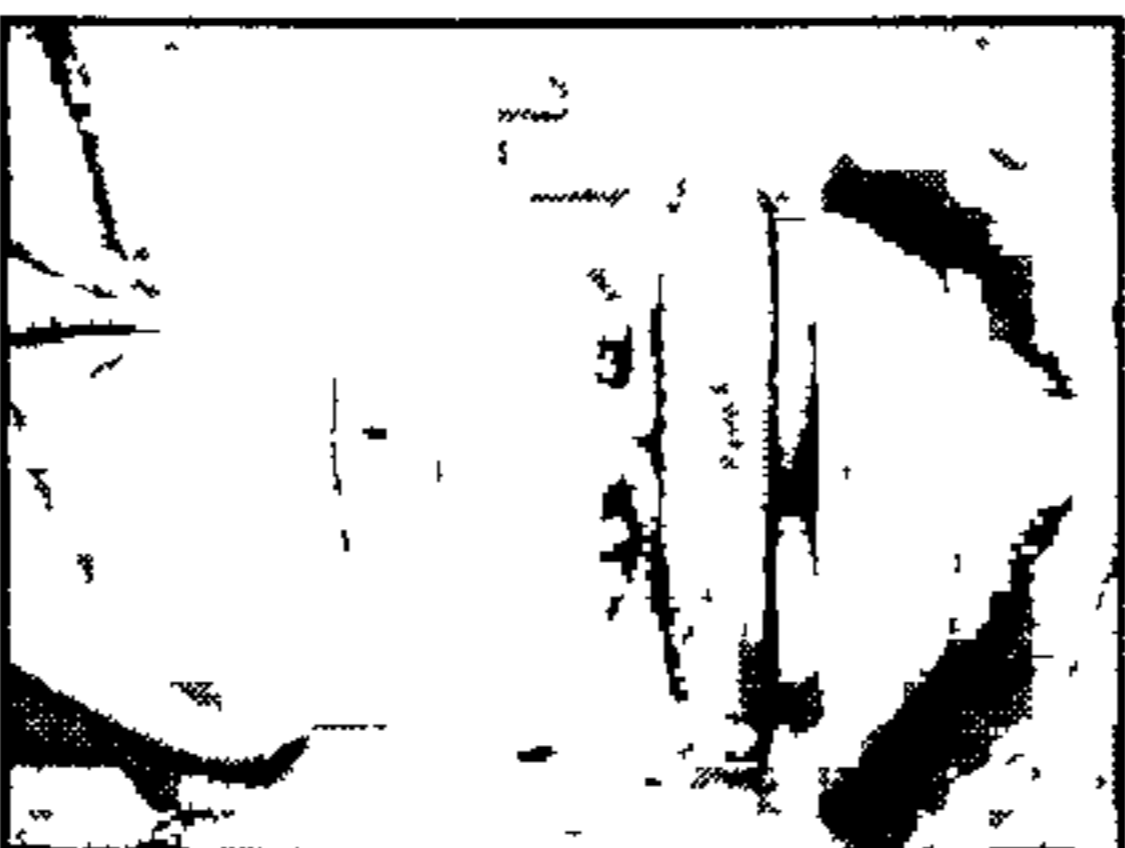
Stability in the country was the defence force's major concern, he added

As part of the security forces, the SADF had a duty to the country, which it served as an apolitical force.

"The SADF will not be directly involved in the election process... I think we must be seen to have enforced stability but not be said to be guilty of intimidation during the elections. There is a very fine balance in terms of security actions between doing too much and too little action," Meirings said.

The SADF also did not want to continue operations in East Rand townships for longer than was necessary.

Under his management — which is to straddle the period between the existing government and the installation of a new administration — the SADF would build on three pillars: the maintenance of an apolitical character, continuing to rely on part-time forces,



Georg Meirings... does not foresee major changes.

and the retention of high standards. Meirings said that if the SADF took sides in political developments, "then we may as well be a Bosnia or a Somalia."

BRIEFLY

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EC Commission official in SA

Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the Commission of the European Community, has arrived in South Africa for talks with political and business leaders. Brittan, who plays a cardinal role in formulating and implementing EC external trade policy, was invited to South Africa by Minister of Finance Derek Keys. — Sapa.

Council in charge

An agreement which appoints Midrand Town Council as administrator of neighbouring Ivory Park was signed during a short ceremony in the informal settlement yesterday. — Staff Reporter.

Choir cancels

The American Boy Choir has joined a host of foreign artists in cancelling performances in South Africa because of continuing crime and



Municipality to meet union

ERICA JANKOWITZ

PIETERSBURG'S municipality would meet the SA Municipal Workers' Union only on August 23, although it had dismissed at least 700 workers more than a week ago, Samwu's Jerry Man-yama said yesterday. *S/Da*

The municipality invited workers to reapply by the end of the week, but would not guarantee all would be rehired and would not restate, only re-employ, those who were chosen, Man-yama said. *S/Da*

The workers' support committee met the Pietersburg Chamber of Business on Monday in a bid to persuade "influential bodies" to intervene in the dispute, he said. *(266)*

Meanwhile, municipal workers around the country had returned to work by yesterday. *18/8/93*

Services in areas which had been affected were back to normal

TPA to lay off 2 000

Sowetan 18/8/93

MORE than 2 000 workers are to be retrenched at the end of the month by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's health services branch, it was announced yesterday.

TPA Director-General of Health Services Mr Len Dekker said 2 219 employees would be retrenched because of the effects of a strike last year.

He said during the strike a number of workers were discharged and others appointed in their place.

Subsequently, as a result of legal action, a large number of discharged workers had to be re-employed.

This had led to overmanning which could not continue because it was costing the TPA an additional R4 million a month.

"To limit the extent of the staff reduction, the TPA has made a new retrenchment package available to give all staff members in specific occupational groups the opportunity of applying for

voluntary retirement," Dekker said. "Should enough employees accept the package before August 18, the discharge of a corresponding number of identified employees would be avoided, he said.

The package, according to the Director-General, includes the payment of salary from September 1 to December 31 this year, a last working day on August 31 and payment of *pro rata* service bonuses and leave credit as at August 31. — Sapa. (266)



'Campaign of deliberate deception'

Whites 'will not pay more'

Star 19/8/93

■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER
PRETORIA BUREAU

The TPA charged yesterday that a campaign was under way to deceive the public about the nature of nonracial local government

The TPA's executive councillor for institutional development and negotiation, Andre Cornelissen, said allegations were being made that residents of white towns under a nonracial local government would pay considerably more for services.

He described this as "deliberate deception for

ALLEGATIONS that residents in white towns will pay more for services are denied

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the sake of petty-minded political gain"

Cornelissen said the matter had been brought to his attention because of a recent claim that Vanderbijlpark residents were to pay R457 a month more on their accounts. "The assumption is that Vanderbijlpark will be responsible for the

towns of Boipatong, Bophelong, Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Evaton," he said. "I wish to emphasise that stabilised communities will not be expected to pay for the cost of services rendered to other communities."

Cornelissen added that an attitude of goodwill was required

He disclosed that debts owed to white local authorities in the Transvaal amounted to R59 697 000 — of which R52,1 million was owed to the Pretoria City Council by Mamelodi residents. Negotiations about Mamelodi's service payments are continuing

Row over amalgamated council costs

B/Day 19/8/93

PRETORIA — Transvaal Provincial Administration for institutional development and negotiation MEC André Cornelissen hit out at the CP yesterday for exaggerating the possible costs to white ratepayers of amalgamating with black councils.

Claims by CP officials that residents of white towns would pay considerably more for services were deliberate attempts to deceive the public for the sake of "petty-minded political gain", Cornelissen said.

He singled out CP MP Pikkie Coetzee for aggravating white residents' concerns. Coetzee should be aware that in towns such as Middelburg, Transvaal, rates would have to be adjusted by only 5% to balance the

ADRIAN HADLAND

budget even if current uneconomic tariffs were taken into account.

"The CP is completely oversimplifying the debt situation regarding black local governments in order to fit its own political agenda."

The implementation of a new local government dispensation would lead to the normalisation of services payments by black residents, he said.

"Stabilised communities will not be expected to pay for the cost of services rendered to other communities, unless those communities also make a substantial contribution"

Sapa reports Cornelissen said claims that the accounts of Vander-

bijpark residents would increase by R457 a month were misguided.

"An assumption is made that the town alone would be responsible for the towns of Boipatong, Bophelong, Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Evaton. Whatever means Meyerton, Vereeniging and Randvaal may have are conveniently discounted."

"At the same time, it is assumed that no inter-governmental grants will be made, and that no change in payment levels will take place in the black areas" (246)

If residents of black towns should start paying it would be a manageable situation, he added. The sooner communities managed local governments jointly, the sooner services could be stabilised.

Municipal strike ends 19 18 1993

A TWO-WEEK strike by municipal workers in Petersburg ended yesterday when agreement was reached on the reinstatement of about 700 workers dismissed after their participation in a strike on August 4 — *Sowetan Reporters and Saps* 21/08/93

Sabta pulls Star 19/8/93 out of taxi conference

■ BY MOKONE MOLETE
SOWETO BUREAU

The Southern African Black Taxi Association has pulled out of a major taxi conference planned for next week.

The conference, convened by the National Transport Policy Forum (NTPF), will address violence in the taxi industry.

Sabta spokesman Paradise Mahlangu said Sabta had withdrawn because "although it endorsed the idea of a meeting of all taxi associations in the country to take stock of the continuing taxi feuds, the final agenda by the NTPF was distant from the original concept"

Mahlangu also said Sabta had never been invited to take part in the conference, even with observer status

Madam & Eve

Madam & Eve, our popular cartoon, usually on the Briefing page, is on Page 9 today.

Hospital 'scabs' Star 19/8/93 challenge TPA

■ BY PAUL BELL

More than 2 200 Transvaal Provincial Administration hospital workers, hired to replace those fired during last year's hospital strike, will challenge in court the TPA's decision to re-trench them at the end of this month.

The TPA hired the workers, brought in and organised by the Hospital Personnel Association of South Africa (Hospersa), to replace members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu).

But the TPA was recently forced by the Industrial Court to rehire the Nehawu workers, and now finds its monthly wage bill has been inflated by some R4 million. As a result, it has decided the new workers must go.

Hospersa spokesman Luke Rautenbach said the TPA had agreed to extend the retrenchment deadline by two months to August 31, and had made an improved retrenchment offer. But Hospersa was determined that the workers should remain on the payroll.

Nehawu assistant general-secretary Neal Thobejane was unsympathetic yesterday. His union regarded the workers as "scabs". Rautenbach countered that they had originally worked for nothing and that the accusations had offended many.

He said Hospersa had advised the TPA yesterday that it would go to court.

"If they don't agree to keep these people in employment, we intend taking them to court. We will apply for an interdict immediately."

"They started as voluntary workers, working for nothing. They were hired off the street without experience, and we had to give them on-the-job training. But they were very, very keen."

"Then the TPA agreed to pay them a nominal daily payment, about R5 a day. They looked very well after their jobs. Hospitals had never been so clean or so quiet," Rautenbach said.

"From June 1992 they were appointed to the payroll without conditions. They were under the impression that these would be permanent jobs."

We'll burn Delmas, say white residents

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By JOCELYN MAKER

RIGHT-wing residents of Delmas threatened this week to destroy the town's infrastructure rather than hand over to a multiracial town council.

"Before a black puts a foot into our council chamber we'll bulldoze the civic centre, wipe out our businesses and burn down our homes," said an angry resident.

War

The "scorched-earth policy" advocated by residents of the Highveld town is part of a right-wing master plan to stop multiracial councils. Opposition to the proposed councils is spearheaded by General Constand Viljoen's Volksfront.

And, they vowed, a "civil war" would start on the day multiracial councils were made law.

Delmas mayor Ria Kruger said she was deeply concerned over the looming crisis.

"If the government does not put a stop to forcing



RIA KRUGER
'Deeply concerned'

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integrated councils on towns throughout South Africa there is going to be war. We do not want blacks on our councils. We have made this quite clear, but no one listens.

"We will resist this move in every way we can, starting with public meetings and boycotts by white rate-payers," she said.

Mrs Kruger said the Delmas council, which has amalgamated with those of

two nearby towns, Sundra and Eloff, has already started spending surplus municipal funds on white schools, old-age homes and other facilities.

"We have not been reckless, but if we allow blacks to become the majority on our council the town will end up looking like a location. Rates paid by whites will be used to upgrade the township of Botleng, and Delmas will be neglected.

"We are prepared to help the black township run itself, but we demand the right to maintain our own identity," said Mrs Kruger.

Her husband Diek, vice-chairman of the management committee, said the council had already drawn up a contingency plan in anticipation of violence on the day blacks tried to move into the council.

Stockpiled

"Action drills are in place. Safe areas such as churches have been identified, where women and children will be protected by armed men.

"Generators will be provided if electricity is cut and food has been stockpiled," Mr Kruger said.

Businessman and AWB member Barry Mare, who has lived in Delmas for 16 years, said that with "few exceptions" residents were prepared to destroy all they owned. "The blacks can have the ashes," he said.

The Conservative Party's spokesman on local government, Mr Pikkie Coetzee, said: "We do not want war or violence, but neither do we want multiracial control of our towns."

"The government is asking the people to allow their towns to be run by the ANC and the SACP," he said.

news in brief

Sowetan 20/8/93
Volksfront to be honoured

THE Western Transvaal town of Bloemhof has decided, in principle, to grant the Afrikaner Volksfront the freedom of the town — a move the local African National Congress office deems “extremely provocative” ~~(SOPA)~~

ANC spokesman Mr Rankoa Molefe said yesterday the Bloemhof town council was following on the heels of its sister council Schweizer-Reneke and its decision could lead to racial confrontation in the town “At face value it appears that there is a discernible conspiracy among Western Transvaal town councils to forestall any move towards integrated municipalities in South Africa,” he said *(2/6)*

Brits 'no' to *Sowetan* council plan

27/8/93
RESIDENTS of Brits, northwest of Pretoria, have rejected the dissolution of white local authorities and declared their full confidence in the Conservative Party-dominated town council

The residents also demanded the resignation of those members who supported the "proposed appointment of African National Congress members" to the council — *Sapa* (266)

TPA offers R32m 'kickstart'

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration said it would make R32m available to Johannesburg as "kickstart" finance the moment Soweto residents ended the service payment boycott, TPA MEC for urbanisation Piet Coetzer said yesterday.

A similar grant would be provided to Roodepoort.

Coetzer said this money would be used to make "visible improvements" to living conditions in Soweto, as soon as the 10-year-old boycott ended. The money was proof of the TPA's commitment to finding a solution to the growing crisis, he said.

He was reacting to critics who accused the TPA of holding up a solution to the Soweto rent boycott because it was no longer prepared to force the Dobsonville city council to resign.

The TPA told a meeting of the Soweto crisis committee on Monday that it would not force councillors to resign. The meeting was supposed to discuss ratification of the agreement to end the boycott, but the TPA's announcement took up the entire afternoon and ratification was postponed.

The resignation of councillors was one of the main demands of the civics and political organisations within the Soweto crisis

committee.

The PAC, Azapo, Inkatha Freedom Party and the Soweto Civic Association reacted angrily to the announcement.

Coetzer said negotiating partners in the crisis committee had overreacted to the announcement. They had failed to take into account the positive aspects of the TPA's statement made to the committee, in which it had recommitted itself to "kickstart" finance. The TPA had also said it supported most of the elements in the package of agreements to end the boycott.

The TPA was supportive of the provisional agreement on a R45 tariff for Soweto. However, the TPA's refusal to meet the "politically inspired" Dobsonville demand had blinded other parties to the TPA's support for a solution, he said.

Coetzer added that he was concerned about the ANC and Sanco's refusal to participate in making the deal work. "It is highly unlikely that any agreement aimed at normalising the services situation in Soweto can succeed while major role players stay outside as potential spoilers," he said.

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Slammed TPA

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vows to reform

OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration — criticised by the Auditor-General for mismanaging its budget — has pledged to transform itself into a "streamlined institution functioning on the basis of healthy business principles"

The Auditor-General's report on the province's finances, released yesterday, disclosed unauthorised spending of more than R40 million

Reacting to the report, TPA director-general Len Dekker said the TPA's new mission, implemented last year, provided the administration with a "responsibility cost management system" intended to improve resource management.

Erroneous accounts

The report lambasted the TPA's health services branch, which overspent its budget by R36,5 million in the 1991/92 financial year.

It also rapped the TPA over the knuckles for submitting erroneous and incomplete expropriation accounts, financial statements and supporting returns even after being granted an extension until August 31 to file its accounts last year.

Difficulties in co-ordinating the TPA's "fragmented health structure" had led to "ineffective rendering of health services", the report said, criticising the branch for inefficient use of expensive equipment

Details of a TPA investigation into the branch's central hospital stores, which uncovered "serious

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irregularities", were not reported to the Auditor-General as was required by law.

The report criticised the TPA for "deficiencies and shortcomings" in its system of collecting monies due as a result of breach of contract, and of "fruitless expenditure" of almost R1,5 million on consultants for projects which were later scaled down or abandoned

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Dekker attributed the unauthorised health expenditure to an increase in "unrest-related injuries, unemployment and squatting", which had placed an "unavoidable further burden" on the health service's R2,6 billion budget.

Steps had been taken to rescue the branch's standard stock account, which, according to the Auditor-General's report, had collapsed and was unable to furnish financial statements for the audit.

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"I want to assure the residents of Transvaal that the TPA places a high priority on the way in which public funds are handled," Dekker said.

Violence blamed for overspending

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PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) said at the weekend the huge increase in unrest-related injuries, squatting and health service demands had placed an unavoidable additional burden on its finances.

TPA director-general Len Dekker was responding to a report by the auditor-general last week in which the TPA was accused of inefficiency and unreliability in the management of its financial affairs.

In a report, the auditor-general said the TPA had wasted millions of rands on a number of fruitless projects resulting in unauthorised expenditure of more than R40m.

The TPA's health branch, which overspent its budget by R36,5m, came in for particular criticism.

But Dekker said that the overspending had been unavoidable.

He attributed the rise in the demand for health services mainly to the increasing number of unrest-related injuries, which had cost the TPA an average of R19 000 a person, and unemployment and squatting.

Pharmaceutical products and food price increases of between 22% and 28% had further eroded the TPA's ability to meet its budgetary limits, Dekker said.

The waste of R52m on a new, though unbuilt, hospital was de-

fended by Dekker on the grounds that the project had been mothballed only after initial planning and preparatory work had been completed.

It was decided in March 1992 that a new wing of the HF Verwoerd Hospital would be built, at a cost of R350m, instead of an entirely new hospital for about of R800m.

The planning and preparation of the site could be used for the upgrading of the existing hospital and could therefore not be considered "a fruitless waste of money", Dekker said.

He conceded, however, that mistakes made in the administration of the government garage were "purely the result of ignorance" and that the Standard Stock Account of the Health Services Branch had been placed on an unsound footing.

Steps had been taken to rectify the matter, Dekker said.

The lack of financial control applied by numerous town councils and local authorities — only 10 of 85 black local authorities had submitted audited accounts, the auditor-general's report said — could be blamed on the various town clerks.

"I wish to assure the citizens of the Transvaal that we at the TPA put a high priority on the manner in which public funds are taken care of."

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news in brief

Town honours AWB

AN AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging ceremony at Sannieshof in the Western Transvaal — during which the ultra-rightwing group received the freedom of the town from the town council — went off peacefully *Sowetan 6/9/82*

"There were no problems. The AWB said they were going to have a braai after the ceremony," police spokesman Major Hannes Wehrmann said yesterday. Sannieshof mayor Mr Sieg Peters said on Saturday the decision to confer the freedom of the town to the AWB had been taken after five of six councillors on the pro-Conservative Party town council voted unanimously in favour of the conferral *(266) (268)*

TPA wants Soweto deal response first

Star 6/9/93

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Transvaal Provincial Administration will not reconsider its refusal to move against the Nat-controlled Dobsonville council until other parties to the Soweto crisis talks put their cards on the table, says Piet Coetzer, MEC for Urbanisation.

Last week, the TPA threw the Soweto talks into disarray when it stated bluntly that it would not remove the Dobsonville councillors — the last councillors remaining in office in Greater Soweto — nor would it attempt to persuade them to resign.

According to informed sources, councillors comprising Dobsonville's executive committee are all members of the National Party. One source ventured that it would be "political suicide" for the NP in this pre-election phase to have its members in the TPA putting its members in the townships out of office.

But the Dobsonville council has now become a major hitch to ending the Soweto rent boycott and upgrading services in the township. The majority of parties will reject a deal which keeps councillors in office

"We are willing to revisit the Dobsonville question," said Coetzer. "But I will not ask the councillors to resign in isolation, without every party's response to the total Soweto deal taken into account at the same time."

The TPA would not negotiate further on its stated position, until all negotiating teams had gone back to their principals and were in a position to indicate items of the deal where parties were in agreement and where they were in dispute.

The Soweto Civic Association held a council meeting late last month and apparently has a clear mandate from its members. Among the conditions set by the SCA for signing the package is that Dobsonville's councillors must go.

The ANC is due to put the deal to its PWV regional executive committee on September 14. Although the ANC has not been part of the negotiations, its approval is widely regarded as critical.

Other parties include local PAC and IFP structures, Sofa-sonke, the councils of Johannesburg and Roodepoort and the Greater Soweto local authorities.

Angry workers bring services to standstill

2 municipalities crippled by strike

Star 7/9/93

■ SANDTON BUREAU

Sandton and Randburg municipal workers have brought services in the two towns to a standstill because of strike action over a wage dispute

National Union of Public Service Workers (NUPSW) assistant general secretary Phambili Ntloko said a deadlock over wage increases had been reached last month and the only way left was for workers to express their dissatisfaction through strike action

He said the councils had offered a 5 percent wage increase for upper job levels and a

7,5 percent increase for lower job levels. The NUPSW was insisting on a 7,5 percent increase for upper job levels and a 12,5 percent increase for lower job levels

Sandton Town Council public relations officer Daleen van Wyk said residents should rest assured that everything possible would be done to ensure that services would be attended to as soon as possible

Sapa reports that the Sandton Town Council has already requested residents to keep refuse on their properties for collection next week and has promised to solve problems regarding other essential services soon

NUPSW spokesman Frans Sebane said the strike would spread to a host of municipalities in the Transvaal and the Free State.

The NUPSW, a National Council of Trade Unions affiliate with 50 000 members, had planned similar action in Kagiso near Krugersdorp, Parys in the Free State, Sasol, Klerksdorp, Orkney in the western Transvaal, Roo-depoort and Benoni.

The strike by municipal employees is the second since the beginning of August. On August 2, thousands of members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union downed tools to press for higher wages.

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Councils warned of long haul to unity

B1 Day 9/9/93.

PRETORIA — The full amalgamation of white and black local authorities was unrealistic in the short-term, regardless of any political decisions, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

Davidson told the annual conference of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants it would take at least two years to wind up the accounts of black local authorities and around 18 months to amalgamate the books of neighbouring councils in greater Johannesburg.

"There is no easy shortcut, not if the exercise is to be done professionally," he said.

Most local authorities had similar accounting practices and policies, but they also had many differences.

A wide range of policies existed regarding the income mix between assessment rates and tariffs and between non-domestic and domestic contributions which needed to be reconciled.

The introduction of a unified budget for Johannesburg, which would possibly include Roodepoort, Sandton, Randburg, Alexandra and Soweto, could be achieved only for the 1995/96 financial year, Davidson said.

"Full amalgamation or unification between and among local authorities is unrealistic in the short-term, regardless of any political decisions."

As a first step to establishing a one-city, one-tax base environment, property valuations

ADRIAN HADLAND

needed to be carried out as soon as possible in black local authority areas, he said.

Many logical reasons existed for the use of assessment rates as the one-tax base with service tariffs based on property valuation.

"Thus, the higher the property valuation, the higher the service tariff charged."

Davidson said the issue of local authority financing was being discussed within the local government negotiating forum.

However, no decisions had been made yet.

"The fact of the matter is, one way or another, at the local level we are going to have to determine a financing policy that best suits the members of our community."

The role of the state was crucial to the viability of local authorities and their ability to participate in redressing historic imbalances in the provision of services and infrastructure to different communities, Davidson said.

"The state has a clear moral duty to make good its years of neglect, and the oft-stated argument that the state cannot afford to assist in black areas cannot be fully accepted."

State welfare agencies should be responsible for the circumstances of unemployed or infirm individuals "and relief to supplement income in meeting basic needs must come from the state".

Broader local body may replace RSCs

Star 9/9/93

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber has put a plan on the table to replace the Regional Services Council with a 60-member transitional metropolitan chamber (TMC). (266)

Members of the chamber have until the end of October to debate the proposal.

The plan rejects "slavish" application of the principle that half the members of the TMC should be drawn from the "statutory" sector, that is, to represent communities now unrepresented in third-tier government.

But the plan stresses that this model should serve as a strong guide to the composition of the body.

The metropolitan chamber itself would be the vehicle for nominating and selecting members.

Functioning local authorities would be left intact, at least initially, according to the proposal tabled at a chamber meeting in Johannesburg last night.

But where no effective local government existed, for instance, in Greater Soweto, Alexandra, Ennerdale and Lenasia South East, the TMC would act as the local authority.

The proposal acknowledges that appointed local councils will also be needed in the phase of pre-interim local government. But it makes no concrete suggestions in this regard.

In addition to the existing functions and duties of the RSC, the TMC would have such powers as local authorities within the area decided to transfer.

It would also have the RSC's powers to raise revenue. The plan states "There must be an acceptable basis of distribution and collection of revenue in the region during the pre-interim phase, with due regard to where the need is greatest."

■ The chamber also endorsed a proposed all-day workshop to be held with ratepayers' and residents' associations to examine how these groups can be accommodated in the chamber.

Sofasonke Party 'won't be dictated to by civics'

Sowetan 9/9/9

THE Sofasonke Party yesterday suspended all its activities in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber because it did not want to be dictated to by the civic associations

The party has been involved in discussions on the restructuring of local government for Soweto (26)

In a memorandum to the chamber explaining the decision, the party's executive committee said it refused to be told "how to think, what to say and how to arrange our affairs" (26)

It said that during the past two weeks it had been under continuous pressure from the civic associations of Soweto to put the party's principles aside and conform to their ideas

"We understood their position and we respected their principles, and we even tolerated their obviously close relationship with the chamber, but we refuse to be dictated to and we take this opportunity to state publicly that we will not accept the attempts of the civics to dominate," the memorandum said.

"Within the boundaries of consensus decision-making in this chamber we will say no to any grant-in-aid to any civic association as long as they try to dictate terms to us.

"We were first branded as a political party, then pressurised not to participate in elections and lastly dictated to as to what we should do in our private affairs"

The party claimed its membership reflected a wide range of support from the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, Inkatha Freedom Party and Azanian People's Organisation.

It said it also had support from the National Party "but only in civic matters relating to Soweto" - Sapa



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Angry words on TPA's stance

Star 9/9/93

■ METRO STAFF

Words flew fast and furious in the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber last night as delegates from Soweto berated the Transvaal Provincial Administration for refusing to axe the Dobsonville councillors (266)

The Soweto delegates claim that the TPA's stance has become the biggest obstacle to a plan to resolve the Soweto service and finance crisis.

Soweto Civic Association (SCA) general secretary Pat Lephunya declared. "As much as they are digging in their heels, we're digging in ours"

His voice shook with rage as he accused the TPA of keeping Soweto's civic and political leadership "running from one meeting to another" while it intended to seek a real solution in some other forum

It was now "non-negotiable" that the TPA should provide residents of Soweto with a quality of life they should have had years ago, Lephunya said

Talks were set for September 22

DP councillors defect to ANC

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — The

names of six Randburg and Sandton town councillors who have left the Democratic Party to join the African National Congress were announced today.

They are Randburg Mayor Brian Crail, management committee chairman Gary Cooney and Councillor André Jacobs. The Sandton councillors are Willem Hefer, Mike Melunsky and Richard Cheary.

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Defectors to ANC urged to quit

ARG 9/19/93
JOHANNESBURG — The National Party has called for the resignation of three former Democratic Party Randburg councillors who have defected to the African National Congress.

The three are Mayor Brian Crail, management committee chairman Gary Cooney and councillor André Jacobs.

● The Argus Correspondents and Sapa

City ploughs through Olympic roads project

City bosses allegedly concealed over-expenditure in the roads directorate budget while asking council to approve R6,86-million for a pet Olympic project. **Iden Wetherell reports**

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JOHANNESBURG'S city bosses asked the council to approve expenditure of R6,86-million on roads for the proposed new stadium at Ellis Park — but omitted to inform councillors that roads department staff are under financial investigation

The management committee also concealed a decision that the official staff entrusted with expenditure of the

R6,86-million was to be released from his duties at the Ellis Park Sports Precinct while the investigation was carried out

The six-person management committee resolved on Tuesday August 31 to ask council for R6,86-million for roads projects at the Ellis Park site where a new stadium is to be constructed as part of Johannesburg's controversial bid to host the Olympic Games in 2004

At the same meeting on the Tuesday morning they asked the city treasurer to arrange for an audit team to "fully investigate overtime claims and the stock position in the roads directorate".

They also asked the town clerk to instruct the director of roads to "take immediate action in respect of official staff in the roads department referred to in an earlier undisclosed

discussion believed to relate to grossly inflated overtime claims and missing stock

They then instructed that the director of roads himself be "released from his special functions relating to the Ellis Park sports precinct"

None of this was disclosed to councillors meeting that same afternoon. They were asked to authorise the spending of R6,86-million at Ellis Park as an "urgency report" from the management committee proposing that "authorily be granted for work to be carried out departmentally or on contract at the discretion of the executive director, roads".

Non-disclosure of material facts about the roads directorate has infuriated councillors, who claim they should have known about the audit and release of the roads director before approving such a large

amount. Councillor Clive Gilbert has submitted a list of written questions to council asking what action is proposed in respect of roads directorate officials, and why the roads director is to be released from his Ellis Park duties.

He also wants to know why the management committee proceeded as a matter of urgency with the expenditure resolution when it was well aware prior to the council meeting that the director of roads was to be released from his special functions at Ellis Park.

"Does the management committee intend to proceed with its expenditure of R6,86-million on the Ellis Park precinct in view of this alleged over-expenditure in the roads directorate, and what steps does the management committee intend taking to protect the ratepayers' interests so as

to ensure that such alleged events do not re-occur?" Gilbert asked.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson described the audit as "routine" and said the roads director had been released because he was devoting "too much energy to special projects".

There had been "a little over-run" in the roads budget, he said, adding that the roads director had "a huge budget". "Just because he has over-run his budget shouldn't mean that all roads construction comes to a halt."

In a related development, rival contractors bidding for the lucrative stadium construction tender are complaining that the city appears to favour the Grinaker bid. Stocks & Stocks claim their bid's R10-million lower. The award, they say in a letter to Davidson, must be fairly adjudicated and "seen to be fair".

City step closer to new government

Star 10/9/93

■ BY JACQUELINE MYBURGH

The Johannesburg City Council in a special meeting last night took a step closer to local government transformation by ratifying decisions of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber on the transitional phases of local government

After almost three hours of debate and opposition voiced by the Conservative Party, indepen-

dent councillor Sam Moss and National Party councillor Eddie Venter, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said it was time for the council "to nail its colours to the mast"

Davidson and NP leader in the council Koos Roets spoke in strong support of the Metropolitan Chamber (266)

The resolution accepted by the council endorsed the phases of transition as proposed by the chamber, plus the plan to make

the chamber inclusive of all "relevant stakeholders"

The council also ratified the principle that revenue should be collected and distributed "with due regard to where the need is the greatest"

Councillor Sias Reyneke said it was in the interests of the city to demonstrate its willingness to contribute to the R50 million needed to improve services and to cover expected payment shortfalls in Soweto

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Soweto accord stalled by TPA

Sowetan 10/9/93

By Mzimasi Ngudle

■ **LEGAL REASON** TPA says it has no grounds for removal of councillors:

HOPES FOR THE RESOLUTION OF the Greater Soweto rent and services crisis were dashed this week after the Transvaal Provincial Administration refused to remove Dobsonville councillors

A spokesman for the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Mr Vic Milne, said yesterday a meeting of an extended ad hoc committee failed to take place on Wednesday because there was no satisfactory response from the TPA regarding the councillors

Milne said the meeting was to discuss a package agreement for resolving the

rent and services crisis in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

However, the TPA had not responded to the chamber's submission that it should reconsider its refusal to remove the councillors

No justification

The TPA's response was that it had no legal justification to remove the Dobsonville councillors from office and that it was not willing to bring any pressure to bear on them to resign

The chamber had resolved that "no purpose would be served in ratifying the package agreement in the light of the attitude adopted by the TPA in respect of the Dobsonville councillors"

The chamber said the TPA's refusal to remove the councillors was an obstacle to the approval and implementation of a package agreement approved by all the parties.

One provision of this agreement is the appointment of a city manager for Greater Soweto, including Dobsonville

Transvaal health care exceeds budget

Biday 15/9/93

PRETORIA — Transvaal provincial health care would cost R514m more than budgeted this year, provincial executive committee member for health Fanie Ferreira said yesterday.

Ferreira told a health management conference in Warmbaths the TPA expected to be R652m short on its health budget next year. This compelled the administration to look at more cost-effective and community-based health care options.

Violence, costing the TPA R19 000 a victim, increased life expectancy and the fragmented system of health care were among the contributors to escalating costs.

No country could afford to meet the total expenditure of health care for its citizens. It might be that the only services able to reach the whole

DIRK VAN EEDEN

population were low-cost ones, using front line staff with limited training and low technology. Such services could be effective if the tasks to be performed were properly supervised and the necessary supplies provided.

"The emphasis is shifting from high quality at any price to sufficient medical services in a cost conscious market," he said.

As the conventional patterns of curative, hospital-based, high technology medicine did not offer adequate solutions, emphasis was being placed on the promotion of health care, sanitation, education and community participation in health care planning. Communities had to accept responsibility for their own health.

Transport 'to address deficiencies'

CAPE TOWN — The Transport Department yesterday defended itself against irregularities identified in a special auditor-general's report, saying Cabinet had recently condoned past impropriety and given it more flexibility in the phasing out of bus subsidies.

Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed and director-general C F Scheepers highlighted Auditor-General Henri Kluever's finding that reports of large scale corruption in the department were "exaggerated" in the report. Procedural deficiencies highlighted would be addressed as a matter of urgency in conjunction with the auditor-general's office, they said.

But they also took a swipe at the office, saying: "It is heartening that the auditor-general has now found that his own official was mistaken in his assumptions." The comment refers to Press reports quoting a former member of the auditor-general's office who alleged large-scale corruption.

The report noted that bus companies received differing subsidies for identical routes and that subsidies had been increased in contravention of Cabinet directives. According to the Transport Department, it recently submitted a report on instances over the past two years where circumstances necessitated deviation from the Cabinet's guidelines.

A committee under the chairmanship of the Transport Department's director-general, appointed 12 months ago,

was attending to problems regarding public transport and the subsidisation of public transport passengers. The aim was to develop a better system than the existing one, the statement said.

Welgemoed said he had publicly committed himself to take action against any official who had committed fraud. No such evidence was presented in the report. Sapa reports that the CP called for Welgemoed's resignation yesterday.

CP transport spokesman Joseph Chole stated him for not exercising sufficient control over bus subsidies and questioned the wisdom of his decision to have airports managed by two companies instead of one. DP transport spokesman Wessel Nel said the report showed "astonishing incompetence" in the standards of the current government.

Expenditure on bus commuter services for 1992/93 alone was about R600m. "This is not petty cash and it is unbelievable that a department can run such a scheme without bothering to institute proper controls," he said.

Powerful councils mooted

THE CP-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association has proposed that executive councils be created with authority over all municipalities within their jurisdiction.

Chairman Koos le Roux said the plan was an alternative to the Local Government Negotiating Forum's call for interim appointed structures. The forum wanted all councils to be dissolved and replaced with nonracial appointed councils jointly controlled by civic associations and elected councillors.

Le Roux said the executive councils would consist of representatives from existing local authorities of all races, including representatives from the civics.

GAVIN DU VENAGE

The proposal was part of a package handed to Local Government Minister Tjerkus Delpoort on Friday. Le Roux said the executive councils would remain in place during the interim phase. These would be replaced by new structures that would emerge from a new dispensation, he said.

Yesterday government put its proposals for transitional local authorities to the local government negotiating forum. One suggestion was to set up executive councils if no agreement was reached, or if opposition prevented the implementation of structures.

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Town salute to the AWB

Star 16/9/93

■ CRIME REPORTER

The AWB is to be awarded the freedom of Delareyville, a tiny western Transvaal town, on Saturday, despite objections from the ANC and local white businessmen who fear their shops will be boycotted. (2bb)

ANC western Transvaal spokesman Rankoa Molefe said yesterday that "a storm is brewing" in the area and businessmen had petitioned the town council against the move.

He said a white businessman told the ANC that shopowners who signed the petition had received threats from the AWB and the council had apparently not consulted the business community on its decision.

Delareyville mayoress Annette Schubert told The Star today that it was the council's "privilege" to award the freedom of the town to whomever it chose.

ANC 'courts' councillors

ARG 15/9/92 (2bb)
JOHANNESBURG — The ANC was holding discussions with "a number" of Johannesburg city councillors considering joining the organisation. But, ANC local government spokesman Mathole Motshekga said "We are not in a hurry to sign up people."

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By RAY HARTLEY, Political Reporter

A PRETORIA city council suggestion that the city become the capital of an expanded Eastern Transvaal region, rather than form part of the PWV region, has been rejected in a HSRC report.

The report was commissioned by the Eastern Transvaal's Regional Services Councils *S. Times (266)*

Although the Eastern Transvaal does not have a logical capital city, this is not sufficient reason for the inclusion of Pretoria in the region — especially given the fact that the regional population does not want Pretoria included," it said

The HSRC report said initiatives were already under way to identify a regional capital for the Eastern Transvaal. "Irrespective of the sensitivity of the matter, there is unanimity that Pretoria should not be the capital," it said

HSRC Centre for Constitutional Analysis head Bertus de Vilhiers said the suggestion that Pretoria become the capital of an expanded Eastern Transvaal region was first mooted by the government's Constitutional Development Services in September last year. *19/9/93*

The government subsequently dropped the suggestion in favour of Pretoria forming part of the PWV.

Racist bid to halt change

By DAN DHLAMINI

C/Press
WHITE town councils in the western Transvaal are giving ultra-rightwing organisations the freedom of their dorpie in a bid to stop the envisaged mixed councils 26/9/93

So says the ANC after the AWB was handed the freedom of Schweizer-Reneke, Sannieshof and Delaraville

Now Bloemhof, which was recently paralysed by a consumer boycott, will award freedom of the dorpie to the Afrikaanse Volkunie. Needless to say, black taxpayers were not consulted on the move (26b)

The Conservative Party-controlled Stilfontein has also vowed it will not allow a mixed council to operate

ANC regional spokesman Rankoa Molefe said white councillors who feared change and wanted to cling to power forever were day-dreaming

The ANC has said white councillors should not retreat into their shells in the face of political change

Meanwhile white businesses suffering boycotts as a result of the councils' racist actions have already drawn up a petition against the various town councils to air their grievances

Joburg's next town clerk could be black

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
The first city to appoint
a black town clerk could
be Johannesburg

Town clerk Mr Graham
Collins goes on leave at
the end of this month
pending retirement later
this year

Sources said yesterday
it was quite likely a
black applicant would
be chosen

The council does not
limit applicants to offi-
cials registered with the
Institute of Town Clerks

The next council
would be elected on a
multi-racial basis

Qualifications for the
post would include a solid
legal background, as
the post requires inti-
mate knowledge of local
government ordinances

Sources said there
were many blacks in the
legal profession who sat
on the boards of major
corporations and would
be suitable candidates

"A town clerk has to act
as chief executive of a
R3 billion corporation"

Focus on union unity

Sowetan 29/9/93

By Ike Motsapi

THE Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees Union will hold a special general meeting next month which will focus on trade union unity with the South African Municipal Workers Union (266) (255)

The general secretary of JMCEU, Mr Hassen Lorgat, said the meeting, which will be held on October 12 at the Johannesburg City Hall, has been called in line "with the annual general meeting resolution which calls for the development of a process for unity"

He said "It is worth recalling that JMCEU was the only union in the Johannesburg City Council which took

solidarity with Samwu during the wage dispute.

"While JMCEU realise that all unions may be ready for unity now, it has nevertheless forged ahead with its intended objectives of getting JMCEU, the Union of Johannesburg Municipal Unions and Samwu together

"These three unions will represent between 16 000 to 21 000 workers in Johannesburg alone

"Unity is urgently needed especially with the envisaged formation of a major public sector union for all local government, civil servants and health sectors scheduled for May 1994," said Lorgat

Mr John Ernszen, general secretary of Samwu, confirmed that he will be addressing the meeting

**Municipal
unions to
discuss unity**

ERICA JANKOWITZ

UNITY between the three major trade unions representing 16 000 of the 21 000 Johannesburg City Council employees will receive a boost on October 12 when the three bodies meet to discuss a possible merger

Unity was agreed by all three unions at executive committee meetings held earlier this year.

However, logistical details still have to be finalised. Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union general secretary Hassen Lorgat said his union had arranged the meeting together with the Cosatu-affiliated SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and the Union of Johannesburg Municipal Workers.

Together the unions represented almost all the council's black - Indian, coloured and African employees. Lorgat claimed (2bb)

The Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Union, which organises semi-skilled and skilled workers had also been invited to attend

He said this was an important step especially in light of the planned launch of Cosatu's 500 000-strong public sector union in May next year

Speakers would include outgoing Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo and Samwu general secretary John Ernstzen

Curing failure of Daveyton services • Government, ANC agree on talks

Single municipal set-up the aim

Sowetan 1/13/93

(2/66)

By Joe Mdhlela

■ CRISIS MEETING Strategy to

counter disintegration of civic services:

CONCERNED about the breakdown of essential services in the township, the Daveyton Interim Committee will hold a meeting with political organisations in Benoni on October 6

The meeting, to be hosted by the Benoni City Council, will discuss strategies to counter the disintegration of services in Daveyton

Organisations expected to be represented at the meeting include the Azanian People's Organisation, African National Congress, Pan

Africanist Congress, Inkatha Freedom Party, National Party and the Democratic Party

Discussions will also centre on the creation of a single municipality for all the areas around Benoni. Areas under discussion will be, among others, Daveyton, Wattville, Actonville and Rynsoord

Chairman of the DIC Mr Mahlomola Skhosana said the need to set up an interim structure to look after the interests of the residents

could not be overemphasised

"What we are going to discuss is a crucial matter that needs the input of all political organisations

"Services in Daveyton are collapsing, with sewerage pipes bursting and causing the greatest of inconvenience to our community," Skhosana said

Benoni town clerk Mr Hennie Botha confirmed that his council was having ongoing talks with all civic bodies in Benoni

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Beware the bottomless pit

There's no such thing as a free municipal service

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The World Bank thinks it could cost between R16bn and R30bn to integrate black and white areas within SA's major metropolitan areas. That is why the state of the nation at local government level is as much cause for concern as at the first tier.

The Local Government Negotiating Forum is deadlocked. Publication of a Local Government Transition Bill has been delayed.

This is no surprise, considering the long-festering problems in black urban areas, the great sums needed to cure them and the burning question of where that money is to be found. There is as much pressure for redistribution at local as national level and this is the focus of the difficulties.

The key issues of desegregating and rationalising local government and methods of finance are interlocked. A two-tier system of local government for metropolitan areas is preferred to a multiplicity of municipal units operating without an umbrella structure.

That said, radicals evidently hope to achieve a powerful measure of redistribution through the amalgamation of existing white and contiguous black municipal units. Pushed to extremes, the economic effects of this would be destructive and out of step with ANC president Nelson Mandela's latest exposition of policy — which leans heavily towards the free market and nurturing of private enterprise. So much is at stake that the negotiations dare not be botched, however long it takes to reach consensus.

White municipalities function effectively while black verge on total breakdown, kept going by transfers of funds via RSCs and from government. RSCs are playing a major role in redistributing revenue from "white" businesses to black urban authorities.

The jurisdiction of the Central Witwatersrand RSC (CWRSC), far the most important, includes Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort, Alexandra, Soweto, Lenasia and Ennerdale. Total 1992-1993 expenditure was R530m, and R733m is estimated for 1993-1994. Revenues come from levies on business payrolls and turnover.

RSCs now have responsibility for bus transport. Responsibility for other commuter transport will follow. Last year, contrary to the original intention to use RSC funds primarily for infrastructural development, current assistance to local authorities absorbed R396m, or some 75% of revenue. Only R79m went on regional projects.

Over the past three years, the CWRSC alone has contributed over R500m to black

local authorities. This far exceeds the target of at least 15% of operating costs. Unfortunately, all this money went to meet operating deficits, not — as was the original intention — towards capital development.

Money is not the whole story. The collapse of services also reflects a deficiency in administrative and technical skills. Also needed is a reversal of the culture of civic disobedience and non-payment, which has helped to ruin the finances of black councils.

All this notwithstanding, white municipalities evince much goodwill and desire to help clean up the mess of black urban life — and accept that sacrifices will have to be made.

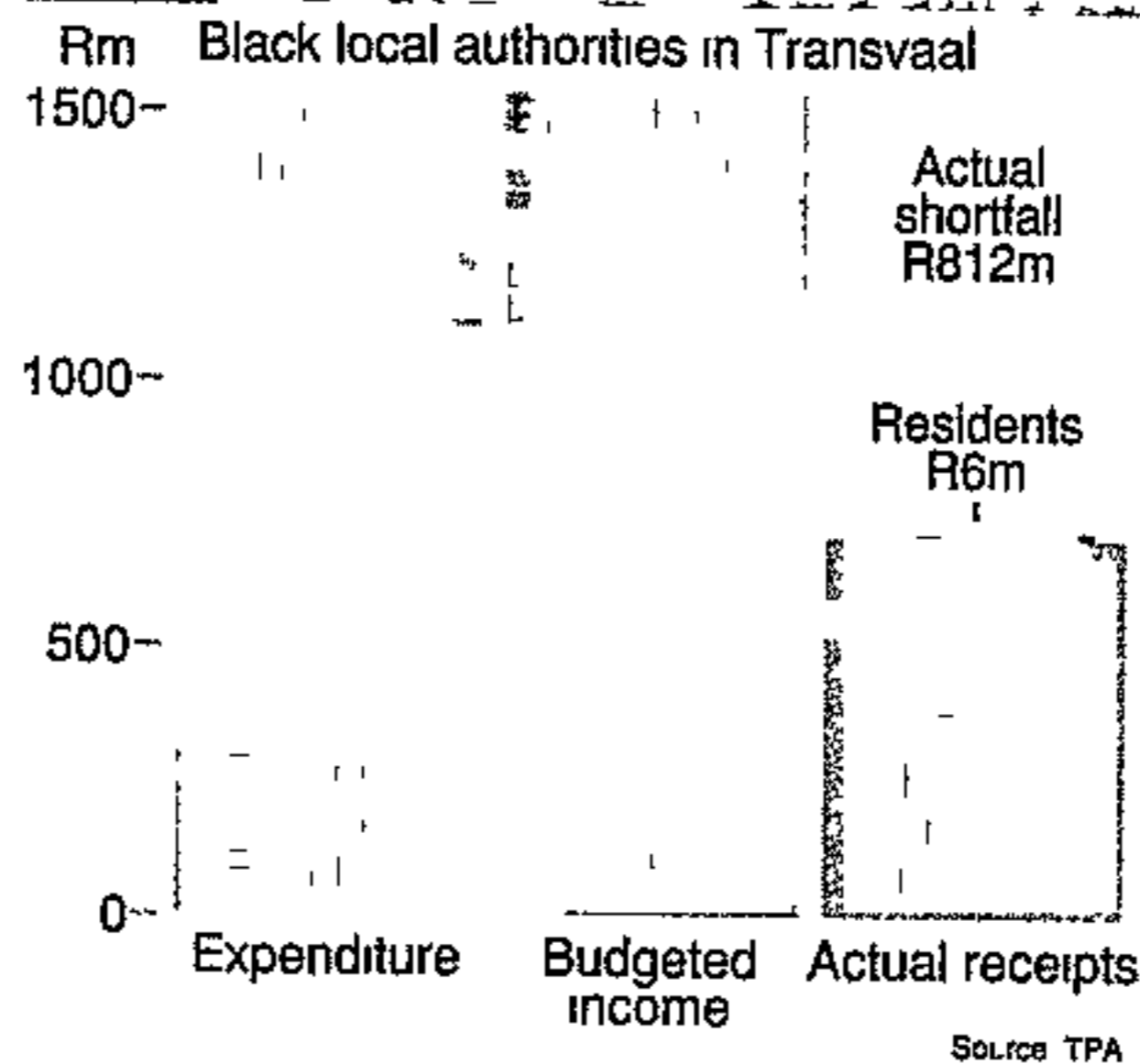
Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson has told the Institute of Municipal Treasurers & Accountants it would take at least two years to wind up the financial affairs of black local authorities. Before amalgamation can be addressed, fundamental decisions will have to be taken on revenue policies. Not the least problem will be to value properties in black areas.

He favours assessment rates as a "one-tax base" together with service tariffs also based on property valuations. The State must play a major role through the provision of finance and in other ways such as effort from State welfare agencies and should also assume the burden of assisting the unemployed. Davidson argues government created the problem it cannot now repudiate responsibility.

There are only four potential sources of revenue for black urban upliftment: rates on property, service charges, market-acceptable borrowings and subventions from central government or regional governments. All will have to be used, but the disparities

Where's the money?

Budgeted expenditure and income 1992/93 and actual receipts



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between white and black areas suggest that some constraint will have to apply to the raising of revenue through rates. A fifth could be RSC revenue, which could be retained if RSCs are replaced by metropolitan councils with the same taxing powers.

Department of Finance guidelines on percentage increases in municipal budgets must be retained. However, especially if the municipal franchise is to be based on residence rather than property ownership, there is a powerful case for effective constraints from above, most logically from the future regional governments, which presumably will, at least approximately, replace the present powers of the provinces.

Significantly, Local Government Minister Tertius Delport has said that inter-governmental transfers and grants will continue in the medium term, as white ratepayers won't be expected to shoulder the full cost of infrastructural development in neighbouring black communities. Government provided about R750m grants and transfers this year, over and above funds supplied by RSCs.

A constraint on increases in rates would presumably be the price to be paid for financial assistance from the national revenues. With the constitutional structure still in the melting pot, it is premature to argue how this constraint should operate. One possibility would be a veto at regional government level, but many others can be envisaged.

Market-acceptable borrowings should be used only to finance capital projects. If used for current expenditure, they would undermine the financial structure of local government.

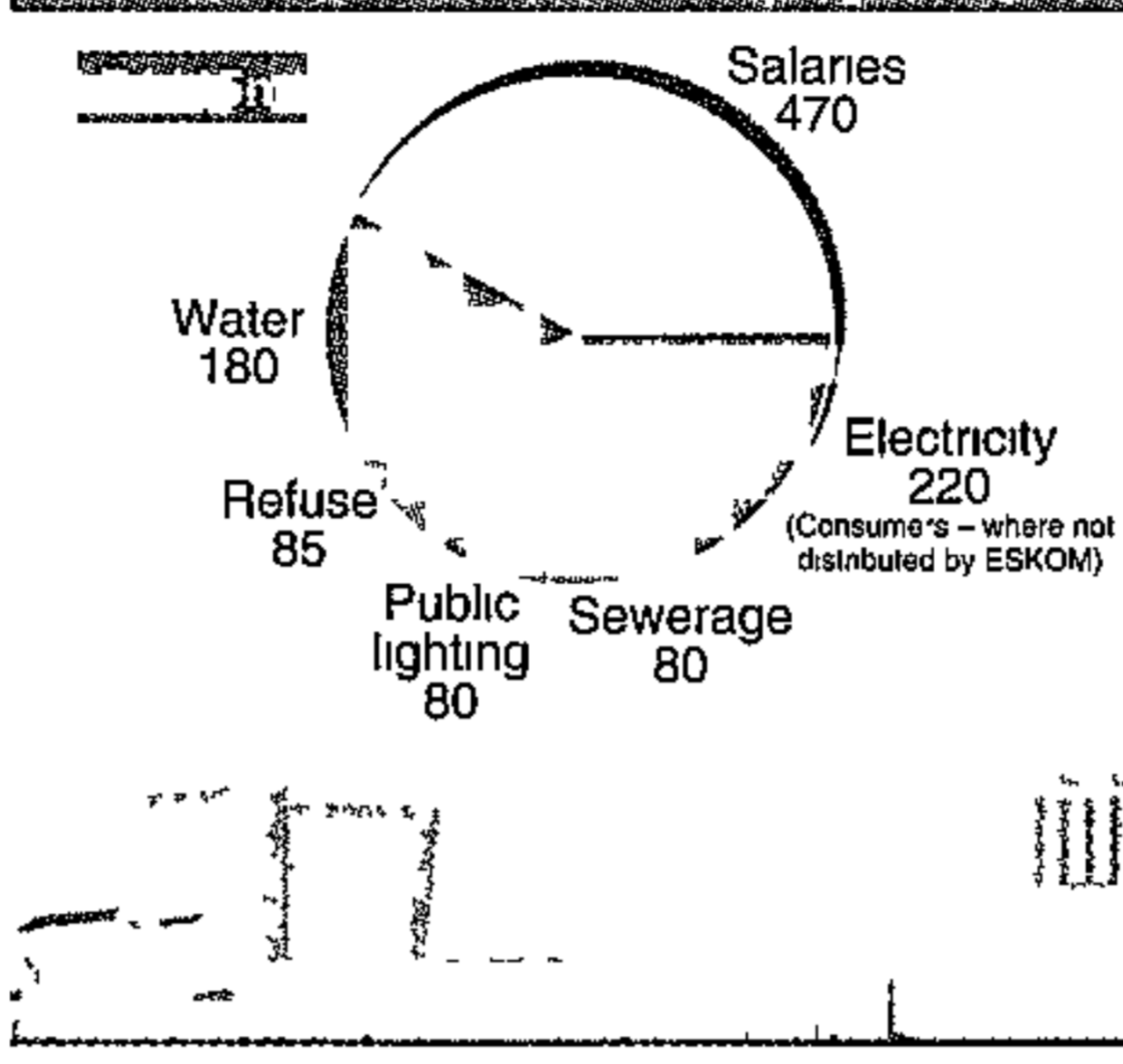
The apartheid theory — that urban blacks were "temporary sojourners", restricted to bleak dormitory suburbs, denied freehold and severely limited in business activities — fatally politicised and compromised the administration of local government in black eyes. Rents and service charges were low.

Only in 1977 was there recognition of the permanence of black urban communities, with the establishment of Community Councils, converted into full municipalities in 1982. Though their powers were theoretically extensive, they were crippled by a severe shortage of money. Groups such as the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) began to clamour for the resumption of subsidies from nearby white councils.

Even 10 years ago, the house rent for a typical Soweto household comprised only around 7,5% of the total charges levied of around R40 in money of that day (Table 1). Electricity was simply not provided. The rent was inadequate to amortise the loans raised to finance housing and provide for its insurance and maintenance. Residents, however, widely perceived the entire amount as rent.

The 1983 figure, if escalated at an average inflation rate of 13%, would now amount to some R126 per month. Even that would be inadequate to pay for the supply and maintenance of essential services, but the current monthly rental in Soweto is in any event little

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more than half — R65 — and is paid by fewer than 10% of householders. Since 1984, payments boycotts aggravated the problem. In Greater Soweto, by August 1990, payments had dropped sharply to an average of 20%, while intimidation spread and infrastructure was vandalised.

In 1990, increasing desperation promoted negotiations between the three city councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the SCA, which led to the Greater Soweto Accord in September 1990 and which included a commitment to end boycotts. The councils wrote off R516m in arrear rents and service charges. A Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was formed, including white local authorities and the TPA, with a mandate to work for a nonracial and effective metropolitan system.

Yet the problem of non-payment in black areas remained, for various reasons, while funds were never adequate, despite big transfers from the TPA and CWRSC. In April 1992, the SCA called for a renewed boycott. At present, the amount collected is a mere sixth of the cost of buying water alone.

Eskom took control of the electricity distribution network in payment of a debt of R240m. Consumer accounts for electricity in Greater Soweto are now payable direct to Eskom. Outgoing Eskom executive director for finance & services Mick Davis says taking over the supply has many facets, including rehabilitation of equipment. Most meters are now working accurately and there's

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an effective service for payments, queries and repairs.

The picture for all black local authorities in the Transvaal is equally dismal (table 2). In the 1992-1993 financial year, expenditure totalled R1,5bn, including R1,1bn on essential services and R424m on administration and sundries. Budgeted income was R1,3bn, a R183m deficit.

But this was far too optimistic, the outturn was a R812m deficit, even after R712m from the TPA, RSCs and subsidies. No-one suggests that services provided were lavish, yet the deficit was more than 50% of outgo clearly untenable, even short-term.

Durban management committee chairman Peter Mansfield says matters may not be so bad outside the Transvaal. In Natal, joint services boards (similar to RSCs, but operating in rural areas too) have not had to cope with non-payment, so have been able to focus revenue on development.

Nationally, black local authorities owe the provinces and other sources of finance some R3bn. Unpaid rents and service charges total R1,8bn, of which two-thirds is owed in the Transvaal. That any significant part of this will ever be repaid is unlikely. But there is no point in write-offs at this stage.

The slate should only be cleaned in a comprehensive settlement of political issues. This implies a re-legitimation of local government structures and a real commitment to abandon payment boycotts, which in turn will only happen with the deracialisation and rationalisation of those structures.

Johannesburg City Council has indicated that it is ready to help administer Greater Soweto, but first requires an adequate commitment to pay for services. Davidson argues that valuable assets must not be handed over to bodies which can't maintain them.

Sacrifices from the white side, sooner or later, are inevitable. But they must not take the form of pouring resources down a bottomless pit of deficits amid civil disorder.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Details	Revised estimate 1992/93 R000's	Estimate 1993/94 R000's
Operating expenditure	11 179	12 144
Jomet and technical services	28 943	16 569
Assistance to local bodies	396 332	402 922
-operations and maintenance	144 215	144 215
-projects	212 167	212 327
-consultants' fees	2 100	2 310
-Metro chamber operating expenses	1 500	1 500
-Metro chamber research	2 000	3 500
-Jomet roads	34 350	38 570
-Jomet urban traffic control	—	500
Regional projects	78 893	258 677
Payments on loans	14 537	42 501
Surplus (unspent funds)	197	279

Source: Central

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Township councillors still not fired

TPA accused of breaking its word

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BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Organisations as diverse as the Pan Africanist Congress and the Johannesburg City Council have accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of breaking its word in failing to remove Dobsonville councillors from office.

The continued tenure of the councillors has become the central stumbling block in the Greater Soweto crisis talks. The parties are trying to head off the total breakdown of municipal services in the bankrupt local authorities of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

In a prolonged debate in the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the PAC and the Azanian

People's Organisation said they would not sign any deal to suspend the rent boycott and restore services in Greater Soweto while any councillors remained.

The fact that the last councillors in the township were National Party members was repeatedly referred to.

The SCA's Pat Lephunya said they had been fooled when the TPA had "given the understanding that when the package was finalised it would remove the councillors".

Johannesburg's Ian Davidson also recalled that the TPA had indicated "some sort of deal" would be done. When an Azapo delegate suggested how the Black Local Authorities Act could be used to fire the coun-

cillors, the gallery — including northern Johannesburg ratepayers — applauded.

Transvaal MEC Piet Coetzer insisted that there were no legal grounds to fire them.

Before the debate began, he issued a statement stressing that Soweto was weeks away from "total disaster" and that "the TPA is not willing to be subjected to demands that it should now, again, by some miracle means or another, keep things going."

All parties agreed to meet again today.

Meanwhile, Met Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert announced last night that the ANC, which has long resisted joining the chamber, had asked him to convey its wish to do so.

Million-plus illegals live on the Reef

Star 15/10/93

BY CYRIL MADLALA

Police say there are more than a million illegal immigrants on the Reef and they are losing the battle to stem the flow.

"It's like pouring water through a sieve," said Sergeant Willem Lottering of the SAP's Aliens Control Unit.

This year, the cost of deporting these illegal immigrants is likely to surpass the R3,5 million which the Department of Home Affairs spent on deportations last year.

Most of the aliens are from Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

In a bid to stop the influx, the authorities have reopened a chapter of SA history. In scenes reminiscent of the old apartheid days, yellow police vans ply the streets of Johannesburg and surrounding suburbs and townships. People are arrested for failing to produce their identity books.

Over five years the number of aliens deported has increased by 87 percent, from 44 225 in 1988.

A sharp increase was registered between 1991 and 1992, when the figure rose from 61 345 to 82 575. By far the greatest number come from Mozambique (74 percent in 1992), followed by Zimbabwe (14,5 percent) and Lesotho (7,5 percent).

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Ben Schoeman now all lit up

More than half the people who died in freeway accidents were pedestrians, the MEC for roads, Achmed Arbee, said at the official switching on of new lights on the Ben Schoeman freeway on Wednesday night.

Arbee said the R3 million

lighting system between Corlett Drive and the Buccleuch interchange would help reduce the pedestrian death rate and prevent collisions. The upgrading of the freeway is nearing completion and will be open to three lanes of traffic in both directions

by the end of next month.

A new interchange is being constructed on the Katherine Street-Grayston Drive intersection in Sandton. The work is being financed by the Sandton Town Council. — Sandton Bureau.

Randburg defections spark no-confidence debate

Chairman is fired, re-hired in an hour

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■ BY BUNTY WEST
RANDBURG BUREAU

Randburg's management committee chairman Gary Cooney was fired and re-hired in the space of an hour at a special council meeting last night.

Cooney and the rest of the management committee were ousted by 12 votes to three in a no-confidence debate sparked by the defection of Cooney, Mayor Brian Crail and councillor Andre Jacobs from the Democratic Party to the ANC last month.

The council then elected a new management committee.

Cooney's vice-chairman, Alderman Frans Lourens, who instigated the debate and launch-

A SPECIAL council meeting sacks Democratic Party defector Cooney, then re-confirms his seat

ed a scathing attack on Cooney, failed to gain re-election to the committee.

Independent Cyril Ford was elected as vice-chairman, and the National Party's Dawie de Beer and the DP's Humphrey Farrer were elected as the other two members.

Afterwards, an elated Cooney said. "It's a very difficult time but we have come through it. I'm relieved it's all over."

During the no confidence debate earlier, Lourens said "a man (Cooney), who is in as much financial trouble — facing sequestration — should not be on the committee."

"Besides that I have no confidence in you as Manco chairman, because on very few occasions have you initiated guidance in council matters, relying on others to lead the way"

In response Cooney said. "I will not respond to Lourens' filthy comments. As for my personal affairs, suffice it to say that if I haven't acted in Randburg's best interest then the councillors know what to do when they vote in the new Manco committee."

NEWS 'Non-students' feted at festival ● Municipal staff's long wait for increases

Soweto council *Sowetan 21/10/93* workers strike

By Mzwandile Jacks

THE entire work force at the Soweto City Council went on strike yesterday in demand of a 5 percent wage increase which has not been paid to them since last year

This has added to the woes of Soweto residents, who have been threatened with the electricity cuts starting from yesterday

The 2 800 workers include the administration staff, nurses, social workers and blue collar workers at the council's premises in Jabulani

Workers, who are members of the South African Municipal Workers Union, downed tools after a series of futile meetings with the council's management over the money owed to them since July 1 1992

The salary increase was supposed to be effective from the end of July last

year and to this day none have received it

Addressing the workers yesterday, acting town clerk Mr Louis Geldenhuis said the council was in a very difficult financial position and thus could not pay its employees

"This situation is not of our making. We are not responsible for it and we are part of the staff," he said

Asked if he would sign a letter guaranteeing that he would pay the workers at the end of this month, he said he would not make promises that he could not keep

Mr Lathe Setlhapelo, a union spokesman, said the council was using "delaying tactics" and this prompted the decision to go on strike. Workers demand that they get their increased salaries at the end of this month and that Geldenhuis should sign a letter assuring workers that they receive their increased salaries, Setlhapelo said



Rates boycotts unlikely - town clerk

Stop spending, councils warned

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BY JACQUELINE MYBURGH

Local authorities have been warned to stop splurging millions of rands on capital projects, because future nonracial councils may not honour any debts incurred by their predecessors.

Moses Mayekiso, president of the South African National Civic Organisation, said "We cannot pre-empt (decisions) but there will be debts we will have difficulty in honouring"

The Star was told that conservative councils were spending surplus capital as fast as they could so as to leave the town coffers empty when the nonracial councils are introduced.

Condemning the continued "unilateral" spending by local authorities, Mayekiso said "If we want to build a new South Africa, we must not be hypocritical"

Future capital spending deci-

SANCO president Moses Mayekiso warns conservative councils that future debts for extravagant capital projects may not be honoured

sions would have to be biased in favour of disadvantaged communities, he said

According to sources in towns in and around the PWV, many local authorities have accepted as inevitable and logical that very few "nice-to-have" facilities would be developed in affluent areas in the next five to 10 years

Kempton Park town clerk Hans Müller said the discrepancies between affluent and disadvantaged towns were glaringly obvious.

Tembisa, for example, had one clinic for every 125 000 people, while the more affluent communities of Edenvale, Kempton Park, Modderfontein and Midrand had one for every 10 000 people

There was one library for every 500 000 people in Tembisa, yet one for every 17 000 people in the more affluent areas, he said

Another town clerk, who did not want to be named, said threats that ratepayers would wage a boycott against non-racial councils should not be taken too seriously

"People are not prepared for the hardships of a boycott. They will end up paying," he said

The difference between a township boycott and a ratepayer boycott was that ratepayers would almost certainly be prosecuted and their services suspended if they did not pay up, he added

quired confidence to 'put us back into a dream world'.

He reassured the privileged that the ANC would respect the right to private property.

Mandela said "We've shifted on

not allow the Natal-KwaZulu region to secede under Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

"It's not an individual who decides on secession; it's the people of SA," he

21 towns give notice of plans to remain white

TWENTY-ONE Western Transvaal towns indicated on Saturday they would defy the authority of the Transvaal Executive Council and keep their towns white.

Representatives of the towns handed motions of defiance to CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg in Ottosdal. Hartzenberg, who received the freedom of the town, described the move as a historic step, which he saw as the beginning of an Afrikaner Volk Republic.

Hartzenberg rejected President F.W. de Klerk's warning that action would be taken against leaders who would not accept results of a future election, and said the Freedom Alliance would never accept any election boycotted in current circumstances.

Addressing a meeting at the town's showgrounds after the ceremony, Hartzenberg predicted that more towns would follow the example of the 21 councils. "Those who go along will become part of the new republic and those who don't will fall prey to De Klerk's and (ANC president Nelson) Mandela's bleak future."

Hartzenberg said whites were not prepared to compromise their free-

dom and fight to self-determination and would fight with everything at their disposal if necessary.

He repeated that the Afrikaner Volkfront would next year establish its own transitional government of which AWP leader Eugene Terre-Blanche would be a member. "Then we can make arrangements to elect our own government."

Terre-Blanche said at the meeting it was meaningless to continue negotiations with Mandela, who was not prepared to grant whites their own volksstaat. The borders of a volksstaat would be drawn by war. "A country-wide full-scale war is on the cards. We will fight against you if you give us no land. We want a land where the farmer is boss."

About 2 500 people marched to the Bokshurg City Council on Saturday to demand the establishment of one town council embracing Bokshurg, Delmore, Vosloorus, Villarisa and Reiger Park Civic leader Danny Cassel said the marchers handed over a petition calling for one council and dissolution of the present management committee. — Sapa.

there are black leaders who are willing instruments of the diehard white right to prolong black suffering, deprivation and oppression," Holomisa said. — Sapa-Reuter.

Buthelezi lashes out at ANC leader

DURBAN — Angry Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi accused ANC president Nelson Mandela on Saturday of generating anarchy in the KwaZulu region one day and the next day turning to the people with "facile gestures of peace".

Addressing a gathering at Madadeni in northern Natal, he said this was hypocrisy and was recognised as such by the ANC in the region.

"The president of the ANC seems to be an expert in talking out of both sides of his mouth when he talks peace in one breath and in the next vilifies us by calling us all sorts of vile names."

"We have never answered him in kind in the interests of peace and reconciliation," he said.

Buthelezi said there was only one way to stop the ANC and government in their tracks, which was to demonstrate actively to SA and the world that there was a force powerful enough to oppose them.

"We will act under the banner of the Freedom Alliance and fight together for our demands for federalism and a strong democratic constitution before elections," he said. — Sapa

Bleak future forecast for 500 000 matrics

PRETORIA — Economists have warned that SA's unemployment will soar next year when about 500 000 matriculants try to find jobs in a still-stagnant market.

Economist chief economist Azar Jammine said the job market in 1994 would, at best, be marginally better than in 1993, when it was estimated that only five in 100 school-leavers would find jobs.

He said even if there was an economic turnaround, it would take time before new jobs were created in any number.

According to the DET, 360 000 pupils have registered for this year's matric examinations. Last year, 325 000 pupils wrote the examinations.

White pupils registered for this year's examinations total 67 549.

The DET said it was not possible to forecast this year's pass rate. Any attempt to do so would have to take into account the teacher strikes and stayaways by pupils. Last year, the pass rate was 43,8%.

GERALD REILLY

Although no figures on school days lost this year were available, educationists said disruptions had been more widespread this year. They said it was unlikely this year's pass rate would equal or surpass last year's.

Sapa reports that DET deputy director-general Dirk Meiring has said the examinations would start on November 1.

He said more than 5,4-million papers had been printed for 142 examinations in 81 subjects. The packaging and delivering of the papers to 2 325 examination centres had been done under strict security.

"So far, in spite of having to make alternative arrangements because of the postponement of the start of examinations, the procedure has been smoothly completed as a result of the co-operation and competence of those involved in the process," Meiring said.

Merger talks off between two top law firms

LAW firms Webber Wentzel and Deneys Reitz have decided not to merge, the firms said in a statement. They rejected some points made in Insider Trading on Friday.

"It is not true that a merger would have involved Deneys Reitz moving to Webber Wentzel's offices at 60 Main Street. Also quite untrue is the statement that the Re-

serve Bank's recent request to Webber Wentzel for assistance in certain client forex dealings had resulted in Deneys Reitz factoring this into their calculations regarding merger possibilities.

"For reasons entirely divorced from the Reserve Bank's inquiries, the firms' merger discussions are not continuing."

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Sandton sets up political forum

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■ BY ANNA COX

Sandton has launched its own new political forum, involving all sectors of the community, to bypass the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) which it says is unrepresentative

The Sandton Community Forum was formed on Saturday by the town council and the Marlboro Gardens management committee to address the many transitional issues in the changing face of local government

Invited to the launch were non-statutory bodies such as ratepayers' associations, church groups, political groups, taxi associations, service organisations and domestic workers' representatives

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Success

Sandton management committee deputy chairman Michael Cato said "The launch was a great success and we had representations from all sectors We

will be holding regular meetings in future and all resolutions taken will be submitted to Sandton's section 59 constitutional committee for consideration by the full council and then submitted directly to the authorities

"The establishment of the forum came as a result of a public participation programme which showed that residents and ratepayers wanted greater involvement in decision-making in issues which could affect Sandton's future," Cato said

Marchers: One council only

JOHANNESBURG —

CT 25/10/93
About 2 500 people marched to the Boksburg city council on Saturday to demand the establishment of one town council embracing Boksburg, Delmore, Vosloorus, Villa-Lisa and Reigerpark (24)

Civic leader Mr Danny Cassell said the march ended peacefully despite verbal battles between the marchers and members of the internal stability unit — Sapa

**Soweto to
get R32m**
BIDAY 25/10/93

THEO RAWANA

THE TPA had agreed to give the Soweto City Council R32m to solve its financial problems, which included salary increases due to staff since July last year, SA Municipal Workers' Union Soweto branch chairman Laiti Setlhapelo said yesterday.

Soweto administrator Steve Burger said last week the council, which had been able to pay the increases only since this May, was trying to get more funding through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (266) 322

Setlhapelo said the Metropolitan Chamber was due to meet on Thursday to ratify the 12th draft of proposals to end the Soweto financial crisis. If no agreement was reached, the TPA would unilaterally advance an initial R8.3m.

Move against nonracialism fails

Star 27/10/92
The Johannesburg City Council last night successfully defeated a motion by Conservative Party leader Jacques Theron that the council oppose the appointment of nonracial councils.

Only four CP councillors and independents — Sam Moss, Clive Gilbert, Barry Dunne and Mike Levin — supported the motion. (2bb)

The Local Government Nego-

tiation Forum earlier this year approved the appointment of nonracial councils to replace existing councils in the run-up to local government elections

Speaking in support of the motion, CP councillor Cecil Long said even the Minister of Local Government, Tertius Delport, was having second thoughts on this matter. This clearly indicated the Government had not resolved the issue — Metro Staff

No pay at Thabong

Sowetan 27/10/93

By Ike Motsapi

PROTEST THREAT Council

warned to pay workers:

WORKERS of the Thabong Town Council in Welkom have been told not to expect their October salaries because there is no money to pay them (266)

The South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) has meantime threatened mass action against the council if their members are not paid at the end of the month

In letters to the workers, town clerk Mr PG van der Merwe said the council's funds had run dry

He said: "As has been feared, the nonpayment of service charges by the

public of Thabong has resulted in a shortage of funds, with the inevitable consequence that virtually all services have to be terminated

"It must also be noted that the Government has also stopped subsidising the council. It is with regret that you are informed that all indications are that the Thabong Town Council can no longer pay your monthly salary after 30 September 1993

"If you wish to continue your services with effect from October 1 1993 it will be of your own free will. You will be kept informed of any further development in this respect."

Sowetan could not reach Van der Merwe for comment yesterday. Samwu spokesman Mr LM Monnelwa told Sowetan the union rejected the council's reasons for not paying workers.



CAPE TOWN
FM 29/10/93
Mind your backs

Cape Town City Council's DP caucus continued to self-destruct this week as the battle intensified for control of the council's powerful executive committee (2bb)

An election was due on Thursday to replace the executive committee that resigned this month after an outcry by residents over huge property rates increases. But the DP caucus, which has the majority in the council, could not agree on who should serve.

As the *FM* went to press, at least four caucus members had resigned rather than support the re-election of three of the five disgraced exco members.

This left the DP caucus with a majority of only one in the 31-member council. And independent councillor Arthur Wienberg was all set to challenge Clive Keegan, the mayor and caucus choice for the executive committee chairmanship.

The Wienberg group in council believes none of the former committee members should be re-elected because they are "tainted" by the rates debacle. But the DP caucus chose three of them, Neil Ross, Ian Iversen and John Muir, to join Keegan and Chris Joubert on the new committee. Joubert has since resigned from the caucus and it is not clear if he will stand for election. The two other former members, chairman Louis Kriener and deputy chairman Leon Markovitz, are unavailable for re-election.

One caucus member who asked not to be

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named says he has never come across as much "duplicity, lying and backstabbing" as has occurred in the council over the past few days. It's been "disgraceful and brings the city council and the DP into disrepute."

The full impact of the rates debacle has become apparent with the proposal by city treasurer Eddie Landsberg of a crisis management programme to deal with an expected cash-flow squeeze over the next four months. In a report to the committee Landsberg says the flow of funds is likely to slow down due to media publicity over the past month, the recent Supreme Court rejection of the city's new property valuation roll and the inevitable delay in sending out new rates bills (*Current Affairs* October 8).

Many ratepayers are so confused by the fiasco that they are not sure what they should be paying. Some are either paying too little or have decided not to pay rates at all until they receive new accounts. As a result, the council's cash flow has been significantly reduced (2bb).

Landsberg proposed various steps to minimise the flow of funds out of council accounts. These included the payment of creditors' accounts only when they are "realistically due," unless attractive discounts are offered for earlier settlement, and a review of capital spending to defer the start of projects if possible.

The overturning of the valuation roll also effectively invalidated Cape Town's budget approved earlier this year. The court action followed a public outcry over an average residential rates increase of 80%. Business rates decreased on average.

A new budget will now have to be drawn up, based on the old valuation roll. Landsberg has proposed increasing rates by 10,5% on last year, which will provide for a similar level of income as would have been the case under the invalid 1993 budget.

Ironically, the increased property values in the overturned roll did not mean a substantial increase in rates revenue. Rates income for the current financial year was set at R465m in this year's now-invalid budget compared to R415m for last year.

What happened was that the budget decreased the rate payable on residential property from 5,82c to 1,13c for each rand of value. The rate for commercial and industrial property was decreased from 7,86c to 1,74c for each rand of value.

Because residential property values on the invalid roll were increased by a significantly higher percentage than the decrease in the rate payable, residential property owners in general faced substantial rates hikes. ■

Star 29/10/93
**Homeland
fund spree
uncovered**

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

The QwaQwa government is ploughing millions of rands of unbudgeted funds into a pension scheme for members of the legislative assembly each year.

The scheme, now estimated to be valued at R30 million, covers 80 MPs and five urban representatives, a Sowetan investigation has revealed

The QwaQwa government confirmed that the fund exists, but denied that the large contributions last year and this year were planned to siphon off funds prior to the abolition of the bantustans

Finance department secretary W J Gazendam said contributions started in 1988.

However, recent contributions show a depositing spree with R17,6 million over the past 19 months alone. The deposits were in instalments of R7 million in March last year, R600 000 last June and R10 million in May this year

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**Boksburg walkout
by CP councillors**

■ ANNA LOUW (266)
EAST RAND BUREAU

Two Conservative Party Councillors resigned from Boksburg City Council last night

The walkout sparked a heated debate, with the CP insisting on the holding of by-elections to fill the seats

Twice during the proceedings, National Party Councillors walked out of the council chamber. And CP councillors stormed out once.

Pierre van Staden's resignation is effective from December 31, when he will take up a position as head of sport and recreation at the Phalaborwa Town Council.

Pieter Strydom's resignation is effective immediately and he will leave the council at the end of October, because he is moving away from Boksburg

Both councillors were voted in by CP supporters in the 1988 municipal election

When the CP insisted on holding by-elections, the NP said it was up to the Administrator to

decide whether to hold by-elections and walked out, leaving the CP without a quorum.

Another heated discussion followed over an 'Afrikaner Volksfront' petition, handed in at last month's meeting, calling for a referendum in Boksburg before any decision was made by the council to amalgamate with Vosloorus or Reiger Park.

Charles Hawkins, leader of the CP in the council, suggested that a public meeting or a referendum be held to test people's feelings on the issue.

The NP again walked out when the management committee suggested that Boksburg abide by government policy regarding the amalgamation of local authorities.

There are currently 10 NP, nine CP and one HNP councillor, who supports CP policy, in the Boksburg Council.

Of the 20 councillors, 17 councillors attended last night's meeting, with two NP and a CP councillor being overseas

Sandton Wins court battle over boundaries

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ANNA COX
and BUNTY WEST

THE Sandton Town Council yesterday won its battle against the Administrator of the Transvaal over the extension of its boundaries.

In the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Justice E L Goldstein declared the notice by the Administrator, incorporating certain areas lying to the north as part of Sandton, invalid.

The judge found that the obligation to carry out services to these areas lay with the Local Government Affairs Council.

Earlier this year Sandton contested the expansion to incorporate areas such as Dainfern, Diepsloot and Zevenfontein because of the financial implications of having to service these areas.

In June, the Administrator gazetted a notice extending the town's boundaries despite the town's opposition, but Sandton has since refused to take responsibility for these areas.

No funding

Management committee chairman Peter Gardiner said Sandton did not have the funding for additional infrastructural requirements. He said that while Sandton might be called upon to play a positive role in regional moves to identify land for a national housing initiative, the town could not be called upon to bear the cost of expansions with long lines of communication.

The judge awarded costs to the Sandton council.

In response to the court case, Randburg's management committee chairman Gary Cooney said "I'm appalled that the TPA lost this case on a technicality. We in Randburg now have to wait and see what the TPA will do about our newly incorporated areas."

"We are already committed to going ahead with an overall plan for the areas and have employed a consultant to organise public participation meetings. We will have to take legal opinion on the matter."

Gwala and Radebe top candidates

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Farouk Chothia

TWO African National Congress leaders — the moderate Jeff Radebe and the hardliner Harry Gwala — have emerged as the ANC's candidates for the premiership in Natal/kwaZulu's provincial legislature

ANC sources said this week that while Gwala commands immense respect at grassroots level, Radebe could still emerge top of the ANC list as he heads the largest ANC region — Southern Natal — in the province.

ANC sources said Gwala was nominated as the candidate for the premiership at a Midlands nominations conference last weekend while Radebe was nominated by the Southern Natal region at a similar conference.

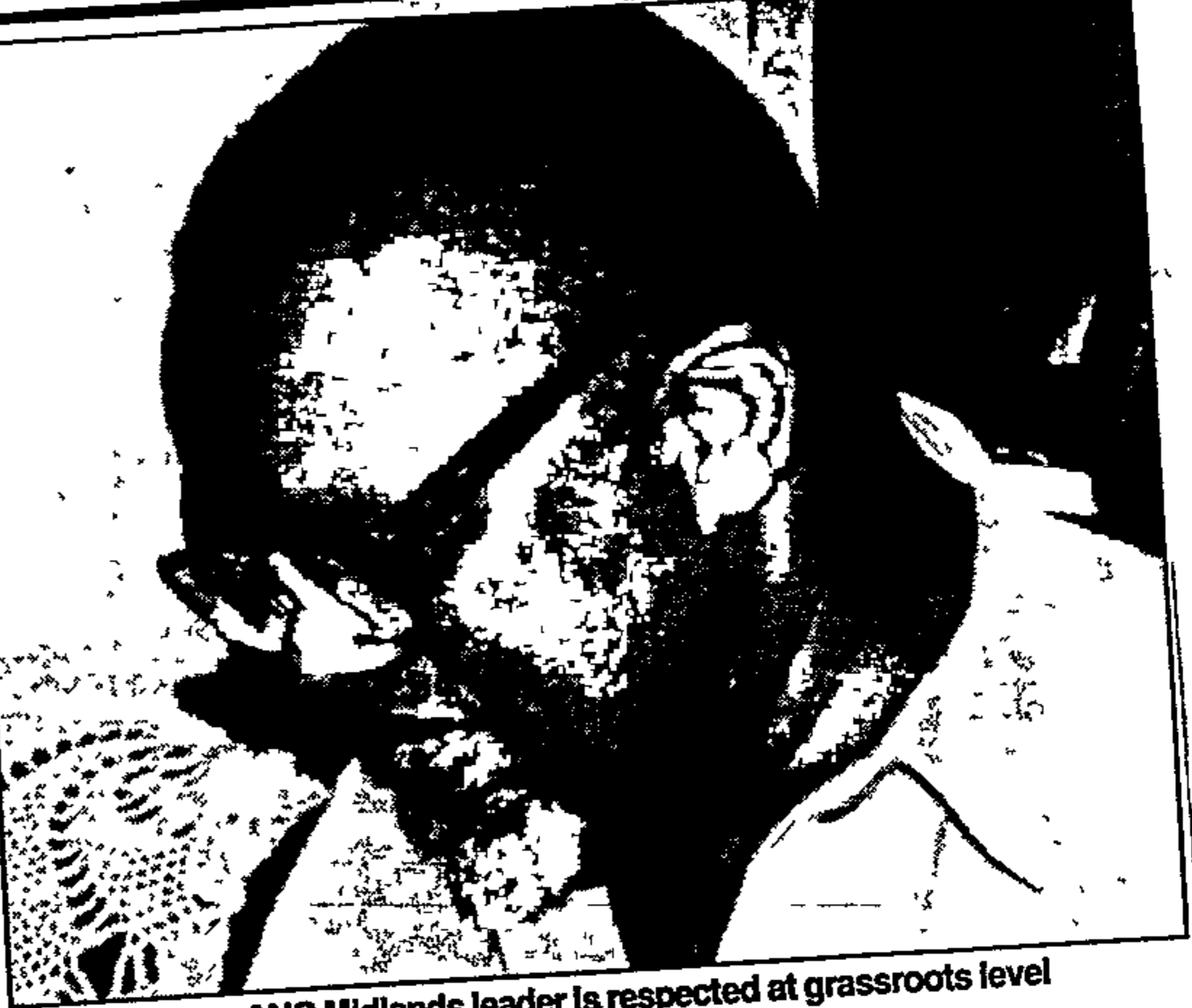
The Northern Natal region has nominated ANC deputy secretary general Jacob Zuma as its first choice and a member of the Zulu royal family, Senior Prince Mcwayeyizeni Israel Zulu, as its second choice.

ANC sources said Zuma was likely to pull out of the race to concentrate on a nomination for the national assembly.

They also doubt whether he has support in Natal/kwaZulu, as he is currently based at the ANC head office in Johannesburg.

He is also the least popular among ANC militants, who feel that he followed a policy of "appeasement" in peace talks with the Inkatha Freedom Party earlier this year.

Prince Mcwayizeni, who is a member of the ANC's national executive committee, stands no chance of



Harry Gwala ... ANC Midlands leader is respected at grassroots level

being nominated for the top job. He had neither a high-profile in the region nor a good grasp of the political situation in the country, one source said.

The sources said the two contenders were Gwala and Radebe. Gwala, a hardliner, is the ANC Natal Midlands chairman and Radebe, a moderate, the Southern Natal chairman.

The sources said elections for a single candidate would take place at a provincial conference — attended by representatives of all three regions — early next month.

Representation at the conference would be proportional, giving Radebe the edge as the ANC Southern Natal region is larger than the Midlands and Northern Natal regions, sources said.

"About 55 percent of the delegates at the conference would be from Southern Natal. The Midlands and Northern Natal would have to share the remaining 45 percent," said one source.

He added that if Zuma and Prince Mcwayizeni fall out of the race, Northern Natal is also likely to back Radebe, as it is controlled by moderates opposed to Gwala's hardline stance.

ANC sources said that also working in Radebe's favour is the fact that he could reach out to people across the spectrum from militant township youth to conservative businessmen.

"Once in power, the premier would have to relate to non-ANC people as well and this is something that Radebe, and not Gwala, would be able to do," said one ANC source.

But other ANC sources are confident that Gwala would win, as he is the longest-serving ANC member in Natal/kwaZulu and commands respect throughout the province.

"Gwala is a household name and contrary to the popular myth, he is preferred above Radebe not only among Africans but also among Indians and whites in Natal/kwaZulu," said one ANC source.



Abel Tshabalala ... Controls the assets of the Lekoa City Council PHOTO: STEVE HILL/TON-BAERER

The man who owns the council

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Court action has brought the infrastructures of four Vaal townships under the control of a paraplegic owed R1,3-million by their cash-strapped council
Mduzuzi ka Harvey reports

PENNILESS paraplegic Abel Tshabalala controls the administration of four Vaal townships from his hospital bed. When the Lekoa city council failed to pay the R1,3-million he won from it as compensation for the shooting that crippled him, Tshabalala had his assets attached and the council couldn't touch an item — from 122 vehicles to filling cabinets — without his permission.

The council dissolved in May 1991 covered the townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bojalong and Bophelong which are now run by appointed administrators.

Tshabalala won his damages action against the townships last month. He was paralysed from the waist down in 1986 when he was shot in the spine by a Lekoa municipal policeman. He gave the cash-strapped council 10 days to cough up, and when it failed to do so, he had all

its assets attached virtually paralysing its operations.

The council, according to Tshabalala, argued that it could not meet the claim immediately because of the rent boycott in the area, and offered to pay in instalments. The offer was rejected.

This week Tshabalala (33) accepted an immediate lump sum payment of R441 000, a further R5 000 a month until January 1 next year, with the balance of the R1,3-million payable at that date. However, the council's assets will remain attached until it pays in full.

It can use the assets, but a notarial deed has been registered on them and Tshabalala may seize them if the council defaults.

In a local newspaper, the council has tried to shift the blame for the services crisis in Lekoa on to Tshabalala's court action.

Interviewed this week in Johannesburg's Rand Mutual hospital, where he is receiving treatment, Tshabalala disputed the allegation. "This is all nonsense — there were no services in the townships before I sued them. If there were services why did the people stop paying rent?"

"I am not against the residents of the Vaal, but I am against the council."

Tshabalala told the *Mail & Guardian* how his dreams of becoming a bricklayer — he qualified

in GwaGwa, where he was born — were shattered by a bullet after a pre-Christmas drink. He had arrived in Sebokeng two months previously.

His nightmare began when he and a friend, Bazooka, entered a shebeen in Zone 7, Sebokeng, on December 21 1986. They were looking for a friend called "Z" and found him in the company of a municipal policeman, Leonard Oupa Kgabane.

"As we entered wearing our caps and dancing our way into the sitting room, the policeman in private clothes commented, 'You blokes in your caps, we are watching you.' He kept repeating this."

"We left at 5am and found Z, the policeman and another man standing under a tree in the yard. Without warning a bullet was fired. I was shocked, but I walked towards the tree asking the men why they were shooting at us."

"I then started fighting with the other man, while the policeman watched us with his gun in hand. As I was leaving the scene the policeman shot me in the back and left me on the ground."

Tshabalala said Kgabane had returned minutes later in the company of two other policemen, who asked him what had happened. "I told them to ask the policeman who shot me. Kgabane suggested they should dump me in their van and throw me into an empty space."

"The policeman took me to Sebokeng hospital. They told the doctor they had found me robbing a bank. Up to today no case has been opened against me."

Tshabalala was in hospital for eight months before being discharged. "When I was released the doctors told me three months had gone by and the police would not investigate my case. I then got in touch with my lawyers and in 1990 we took our case to the supreme court."

His initial damages action failed on the grounds that although Kgabane had shot him with a service pistol, he was not on duty. This was overturned by the Appellate Division.

On his personal life Tshabalala said "I feel fine, but my condition gets worse from time to time. I have no future and I need this money to secure a future for my 10-year-old son. I want him to get the best education. My mother is the only person who is giving me spiritual support, but what can she do? She is just a pensioner."

"I am fighting for this money to be able to stand on my own. I would like to build a home for my son. I would also like to buy a car so as not to bother people for transport when my health deteriorates. The rest I will invest, so that my son and I can live."

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Pretoria on firm course to nonracial govt

BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Pretoria metropolitan area is firmly on course to nonracial local government.

Last night the 72-member Greater Pretoria Metropolitan Negotiating Forum set itself the following tasks:

Demarcating the area of a metropolitan council and of new local authorities within that

area.

Structuring new councils, both at metropolitan and local level.

Defining the powers and functions of such councils and planning their financing.

With these decisions, Pretoria seems set to implement the appointed nonracial local councils that aroused such heated debate when announced by the Local Government Negotiating Forum in June.

In June.

The Pretoria forum comprises an equal number of delegates from statutory and non-statutory organisations.

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The former represent the councils of Pretoria, Verwoerdburg, Laudium and Esterhuysen, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Regional Services Council and various local affairs committees.

On the non-statutory side of

the table are delegates of the ANC-led Tripartite Alliance, township civic associations and suburban ratepayers' groups.

Donal Khumalo, leader of the non-statutory group, made it clear that they saw the forum tackling its brief with urgency. Asked to clarify a meeting in January, Khumalo said they assumed the forum would be redundant by then as the new councils would be in place.



TPA officials in huge pension cash scam

Star 3/11/93

■ BY ZINGISA MKHUMA

A number of TPA officials have been involved in widespread theft and embezzlement of pension money amounting to hundreds of thousands of rands during the past five years, TPA MEC for welfare and pensions David Chuenyane said yesterday.

The TPA could not supply exact figures for the amounts stolen dur-

ing this period, although Chuenyane said a number of employees had been arrested and some suspended.

He said the TPA was investigating theft in 165 cases. The cases would be handed over to the police after investigations had been completed. A total of 26 cases had already been handed over to the SAP.

Chuenyane said a special group of officers had

been asked to investigate all cases of theft and fraud without delay.

Some of the cases highlighted by the TPA are

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■ In March 1992 two officers at the Groblersdal branch office stole R10 000, but all the money was recovered.

■ In September 1992 there was a bank robbery in Secunda in which two TPA officers were involved.

West Rand town seeks referendum

Residents and ratepayers of Randfontein last night demanded a referendum on the establishment of one council for Randfontein, Mohlakeng and Tokomsrus. *Star 16/11/93*

This was one of the decisions taken at a public meeting of about 700 residents who are dissatisfied that the Randfontein council is taking part in a local multiparty negotiating forum without their mandate.

The meeting also decided that a committee consisting of ratepayers and councillors be established to deal with referendum arrangements. Lou Brits, town clerk of Randfontein, said the matter would be discussed and decided at the monthly council meeting. *(266)*

The possibility that two coloured councillors be elected on to the Randfontein council was, he said, sub judice, as the matter was being decided by the Provincial Administrator. The possibility that an administrator would be appointed for Tokomsrus had not been ruled out.

—West Rand Bureau.

Tokoza a disaster area

Sowetan 17/11/93

By Lulama Luti

Interim Local Government

IF all goes according to plan, the Tokoza-Phola Park region will be declared a national disaster area

This will comprise Alberton, Eden Park, Tokoza and Phola Park

Other resolutions adopted at the conference are (266)

This follows a decision taken at an Interim Local Government conference held in Vereeniging at the weekend

● To accept the new municipal area as the Greater Alberton area,

Delegates have resolved to petition State President FW de Klerk to declare the area a disaster area

● To set up a working group that will prepare a working document for the interim period establishing a single interim local government forum — the forum's first meeting to be held during the first week of December, and

The conference — attended by representatives of the ANC, IFP, business and commerce associations and civic organisations — was organised to map out a plan of action for the establishment of a single

● To convene an urgent meeting of the Peace Committee to address the underlying causes of violence

Three unions plan to merge

By Ike Motsapi

A STEERING committee elected to oversee the merger of three municipal workers' organisations in Johannesburg meets today to finalise plans for the launch of a single union this month

The three unions that have been involved in unity talks since the beginning of last year are the Union of Johannes-

burg Municipal Workers, South African Municipal Workers' Union and the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Union

Presently the UJMW has 9 800 members, Samwu 8 500 and the JMEU 2 500

UJMW general secretary Mr Hallow Maeko said yesterday "Trade union or workers' unity has eluded the three un-

ions for a long time

"A workshop on the merger was held on November 10 and 11 and was attended by executive members and shop stewards of the three unions

"Of great significance is that the people attending the workshop decided that the three unions will be part of Samwu's Johannesburg branch which will be launched on November 30"

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RIGHT MAN: Nicky Padayachee becomes Johannesburg's first Indian town clerk.

New town clerk breaks mould

Star 20/11/93
LOUISE MARSLAND

PROFESSOR Nicky Padayachee was yesterday chosen by the Johannesburg management committee to break the tradition of white town clerks. He is also the youngest person to hold the post. (266)

The 39-year-old professor, a world-renowned community health and AIDS specialist and honorary professor in community health at Wits Medical School, is currently executive director of the city's health, housing and urbanisation directorate and the medical officer of health.

Merit

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Padayachee had handled his present portfolio with distinction and was admirably suited to perform his new role. "This choice was based purely on merit and drawn from a shortlist of candidates of the highest calibre. Professor Padayachee has all the qualities we were looking for."

The present town clerk, Graham Collins, is on leave pending retirement early next year. The management committee decision has to be ratified by the full council at the end of the month, but this is expected to be a formality

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Town clerk

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Padayachee, who is fond of handing out condoms and AIDS literature to visitors to his office, is at present at a conference in Singapore.

According to a statement, his goal as town clerk would be to position sub-regional government as the focus of democratic government

Padayachee was appointed medical officer of health and executive director of the city council's new urbanisation, health and housing department in 1991

He is among those at the forefront of moves to decriminalise prostitution in

Johannesburg

Under his guidance, an outreach programme to address community health — "teaching people to treat themselves" — and a radical AIDS programme, including the first AIDS clinic in the country, were launched.

He matriculated with a first class in Johannesburg in 1973, obtained his medical degree in Cape Town in 1979, and then his specialist degree in community health at Wits in 1986. (266)

In addition, he has five postgraduate qualifications from Wits Medical School, and completed various studies overseas in AIDS, tuberculosis control, public health, healthy cities, urban development and urban city management in the US, Moscow, Mexico, the Far East, Canada, Europe, Britain and South America.

Deadline for signing of crisis agreement set

Star 25/11/93

Deal on Soweto within reach

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Barring last minute hitches, the Greater Soweto Crisis Agreement will be signed on Wednesday and a city manager will be appointed to direct the restoration of services in the country's largest township.

Johannesburg, which will temporarily take over the delivery of services in Soweto and Diepmeadow, is likely to nominate the

manager.

The signing of the agreement is due to take place in the council chamber of the Johannesburg Civic Centre at the first meeting of the Services Crisis Committee (SCC), a multiparty structure which will oversee the process of normalising services in Soweto and ending the seven-year service charge boycott.

All parties which participated in negotiations leading to the

agreement have until November 30 to register any objections.

The ANC and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) are understood to have launched a series of public meetings to explain the terms of the agreement to their constituencies. There is no suggestion that the ANC and SCA will turn their backs on the deal at the last moment.

In terms of the crisis agreement, Johannesburg will take

over the provision of services for Soweto and Diepmeadow on terms set out in an agency agreement. Roodepoort will fulfil the same role in relation to Dobsonville.

Earlier this week, the Central Wits Regional Services Council voted an amount of R500 000 for "a concerted communication campaign" to underpin the successful implementation of the package agreement.

Orange Farm protest hinders services

Star 25/11/93

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is to continue negotiations with the Orange Farm Civic Association tomorrow in an attempt to resume services to the 165 000-strong Orange Farm community south of Johannesburg, a spokesman for the TPA said yesterday. (2bb)

The civic association, staging a sit-in at the Orange Farm administration complex, has re-

solved to continue the action until the TPA upgrades services and develops the 4 000 residential sites to the association's satisfaction.

Head of the Witwatersrand regional office of the community development branch of the TPA Jeff Wilkins said the administration had been conducting formal bilateral negotiations with the association on a regular basis

Substantial progress had been achieved to date

"This protest action has made it impossible for the Orange Farm administration to render normal day-to-day services.

"The TPA is endeavouring to normalise the situation but is compelled to rely on the patience and understanding of the community of Orange Farm," Wilkins said. — Sapa

Roodepoort won't bail out Soweto

Star 26/11/93

■ BY GIEN ELSAS
WEST RAND BUREAU

The Roodepoort City Council decided unanimously at its monthly council meeting last night that it would not take part in resolving the services crisis of Greater Soweto.

The item, tabled without comment from any councillors, recommended the Metropolitan Chamber be informed that the council was not prepared to enter into the Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement.

However, it reaffirmed its viewpoint to assist Dobsonville with its administration and provision of services, as had been previously been agreed to.

The agreement is to be implemented on December 1.

It stipulates that "costs of administration and provision of services in Greater Soweto be funded by income from tariffs and service charges paid by consumers, by intergovernmental grants from the TPA, contributions by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council and contributions by the city councils of Johannesburg and Roodepoort as determined by negotiation" (266) (127)

The Metropolitan Chamber will be informed of the council's decision today.

Impumelelo's angry march

Sowetan 26/11/93

By Joshua Raboroko

THOUSANDS of residents of Impumelelo township, near Devon in the Eastern Transvaal, stayed away from work yesterday and marched to the offices of the local town council.

They were there to threaten mass action if the Transvaal Provincial Administration did not redress their grievances by today.

The mass action would include sit-ins, a boycott of community councillors' shops, a rent boycott and possible massive stayaway from work. (266)

Residents are demanding the resignation of five councillors of the Impumelelo Council and the town clerk Mr Phillip Bailane.

After the march, officials of the local civic association presented a memorandum to TPA (Nigel branch) official, Mr Adriaan du Plooy.

After receiving the memo, Du Plooy said

he would convey the message to the TPA.

Addressing the residents before presenting the memo, chairman of the local civic association Mr Ronny Borman said: "We as the community of Impumelelo are demanding the urgent resignation of the councillors and the town clerk because of their failure to administer the township."

"They have failed to give adequate services to the community and to develop the township. We therefore demand their resignation forthwith."

Among the grievances listed in the memorandum is an allegation that the town clerk was misusing the council's transport by taking his children to school.

There was a complete stayaway from work and school by the more than 25 000 residents of the sleepy Eastern Transvaal township.

Police kept a low profile during the march.

TPA probe into bribery?

Sowetan 29/11/93

By Abbey Makoe and Sapa

THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Transvaal has appointed a commission to investigate alleged irregularities arising from land transactions in Diepmeadow, Soweto, since October 1988.

Local Government and Regional Services Council MEC Mr Burger Lategan said yesterday that some of the allegations to be investigated included bribery and inadequate or total lack of land use control agreements. The commission will be chaired by Mr Peter Cohn, a councillor from Middelburg, Transvaal.

Among some of the irregularities in the Diepmeadow Council are allegations of 'sex-for-jobs' where female employees who rejected sexual advances from their male bosses were allegedly demoted.

Three years ago the council hired a private firm of attorneys to recover R37 million in rent arrears from boycotting residents. The move

failed and the cash-strapped council was left with a R2 million bill.

In September 1990 three blank cheques totalling R3,2 million went missing in the council's salary department. Two former senior council employees are presently facing charges of fraud.

They are Mr Frederick Phiri, former chairman of the management committee, and the council's former legal adviser, Mr Sello Monyatsi.

They are each out on R2 500 bail and their case has been postponed to February next year.

Other moves that have put the council into the spotlight were the mayor's sudden increase in insurance cover.

Towards the end of 1990 the mayor, Mr Joseph Khumalo, had his personal insurance cover for death or permanent disability increased from R150 000 to R400 000.

The rise in financial cover came amid an intense campaign by the local civic association to get councillors to resign.

TPA probes Diepmeadow

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The commission, chaired by Middelburg councillor Peter Colin, will also look into accusa-

tions of "sex-for-jobs" Female employees who rejected the advances of their male bosses were allegedly demoted

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Two former senior employees — former chairman of the management committee Frederick Phiri and the council's former legal adviser Sello Monyatsi — are on R2 500 bail awaiting trial for fraud (266)

Another irregularity was a sudden increase in the insurance cover for mayor Joseph Khumalo, whose personal cover for death or permanent disability rose from R150 000 to R400 000 in late 1990. Own Correspondent, Sapa.

Investigation into land deals

JOHANNESBURG

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Local Government and Regional Services Council MEC Mr Burger-Lategan said in a statement yesterday that some of the allegations to be investigated by Middelburg councillor Mr Peter Colin, included bribery and inadequate or total lack of land-use control agreements. Sapa

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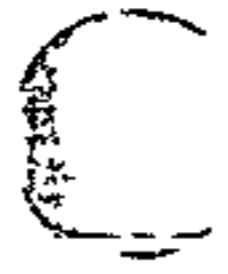
Reintegration of Soweto decided

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday ratified the Soweto services agreement aimed at reintegrating the sprawling township into Greater Johannesburg's urban economy.

Parties had until yesterday to ratify the main agreement before becoming signatories today

Supporting the council's decision, councillor Patricia Lion-Cachet said the agreement represented a "watershed", but she warned that success would depend on effective communication with the people of Soweto. — Metro Staff

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Sharing revenue equitably between town and township and overcoming apartheid's heritage of urban underdevelopment is hotly debated but poorly understood. Jo-Anne Collinge reports

Local equity is the hot topic

Star 11/21/93

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Johannesburg accounted for a hefty 63 percent of this year's combined running costs for local authorities in the Central Witwatersrand.

But, according to figures compiled by the Metropolitan Chamber, the three local authorities comprising Greater Soweto budgeted for only 13 percent of the combined spending for Central Wits municipalities, or one-fifth of the amount spent by Johannesburg (whose budget covers Riverlea, Eldorado Park and Lenasia).

Rooedeport, Sandton, Randburg, Lenasia South East, Emmertale and Alexandra made up the remaining 24 percent. In the north, Randburg and Sandton outspent Alexandra twofold.

These figures leave no doubt that disparities in expenditure for black and white areas are enormous, and they would be magnified if population size were taken into account.

They explain why, as preparations are made to merge town and township under new nonracial local authorities, Johannesburg's suburban ratepayers quake at the prospect of lower standards with higher property rates, and why Soweto residents are impatient for a slice of the CBD's property taxes and the dawn of decent services.

The principle that transitional local authorities will "utilise all resources within their area of jurisdiction on an equitable basis" forms part of the draft finance and services agreement concluded recently by Government and civic movement delegates to the Local Government Negotiating Forum (LGNF).

But it is clear that the levelling of standards of service across town and township is not simply a matter of pooling and dividing operating revenue.

It will entail massive capital investment to wipe out the development "backlogs" that built up in the townships under apartheid.

In many places, electricity, sewerage and water supplies will have to be laid on before they can be maintained.

Representatives of white local authorities have repeatedly stated that they do not be-

lieve it is fair that suburban ratepayers should carry the burden of lifting the townships out of the mire of apartheid planning.

The LGNF agreement also asserts that "in order to address historical backlogs, transitional councils will require fiscal transfers from other tiers of government".

But the World Bank has recently floated the idea that, in major cities at any rate, the financially stable white councils could, without too much strain, provide the foundation for upgrading and maintaining township services.

"Calculations show that with access to capital markets, white local authorities would be in a position to finance the capital costs and operation and maintenance for upgrading existing black communities to an intermediate level of service standard," reads a recent World Bank discussion paper, entitled *Financing the Metropolitan Areas of South Africa*.

"Such a policy would require both a pooling of resources by white local authorities within each metropolitan area and relatively small increases in property taxes and trading account surpluses, or reductions in current expenditures."

The World Bank proposes that upgrading be phased in over a number of years and the loans be repayable over an even longer period.

In this, it finds an echo in the LGNF agreement which envisages a gradual process in levelling standards of service.

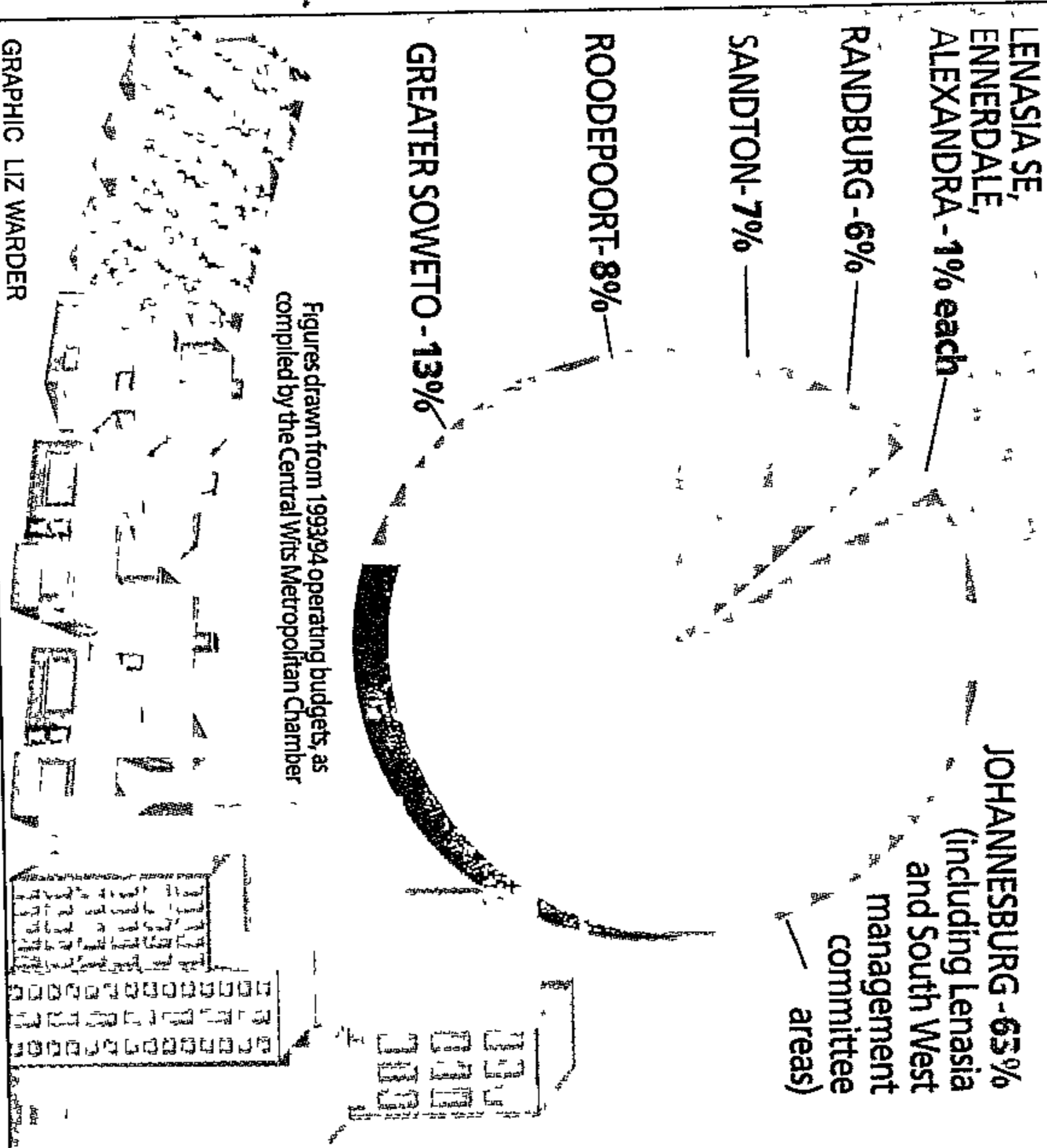
The immediate priority, LGNF parties agree, is to "provide services to a level that meets basic health and functional requirements for each resident".

The World Bank does not envisage that local financing of capital development schemes will eliminate the need for central government grants to local level.

"A simultaneous reduction of central flows (grants from central government) and the implementation of a public investment programme to finance the backlog may be difficult for the local base to sustain," the report says.

But, perhaps most significantly, the World

Municipal spending in the Central Wits Area How the R3,8 billion pie is cut



Bank insists that if third-tier government is to make a large contribution to eliminating the development backlog, local authority boundaries must be broad.

"The drawing of narrow boundaries, as proposed in the twinning option, would not provide a sustainable fiscal unit for financing the backlog," the report observes.

The result could be an unequal sharing of the burden, for instance, if Johannesburg

had to shoulder the cost of tackling underdevelopment in Soweto, while Randburg and Sandton focused only on Alexandra.

And this could give rise to a dynamic which increased inequality.

"Local areas that undertake the highest amount of redistribution may promote both a strong influx of poor households and the flight of wealthier residents and businesses, essentially destroying the fiscal capacity of

the jurisdiction," the World Bank argues.

One remedy, it suggests, is to make sure the revenue goes straight to the metropolitan level rather than to local structures.

The World Bank report is argued in the most technocratic language, free of the acrimony which has built up around service charge boycotts.

Its starting point is that apartheid made town and township fundamentally different economic creatures — the former containing virtually all significant productive and trading capacity; the latter still not much more than a "dormitory" for labour.

As a result, white local authorities are virtually self-sufficient. They generate about 97 percent of their revenue through well established property taxes and surpluses on services, and have the capacity to cross-subsidise residents by levying higher tariffs and taxes on the business sector.

Black local authorities, with their impoverished constituencies and shallow-rooted property rights, have weak fiscal bases. Their heavy reliance on transfers from central government is inbuilt, although it has been aggravated by rent and service charge boycotts.

When the World Bank lays the remedy for service backlogs largely at the door of white local authorities, therefore, it does so on grounds of their capacity to cope, not on the strength of morality.

Nor does it exempt township residents from making a contribution.

In fact, it suggests that a fiscal mechanism more reliable than rates and service charges, such as channelling a slice of VAT to the local level, could be used in the short term to ensure a contribution from township consumers.

However cool the reasoning, redistribution remains a hot topic which grows hotter as it gets closer to home.

Without a doubt, decisions on revenue sharing for urban development will run a long and tortuous course before nonracial transitional councils, due to be phased in from early next year, reach any implementable consensus.

Agreement would have ended tariff boycott

Roodepoort pullout stalls Soweto pact

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BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement stalled an inch away from implementation yesterday as the Roodepoort City Council stuck to its decision to refuse to ratify the deal.

The agreement, which involves local authorities, civic bodies and political parties, would have ended the seven-year Soweto service tariff boycott; involved Johannesburg and Roodepoort directly in the delivery of services to the township; and set up a multiparty Soweto Services Crisis Committee to oversee the process.

All parties except Roodepoort gathered in the Johannesburg City Council chamber yesterday and prepared to sign the agreement. But they turned away with their job incomplete. (266)

Roodepoort sent a letter advising that despite attempts by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to persuade it to change its position, the management committee stood by last week's council resolution.

In terms of this resolution, Roodepoort stated it was prepared to assist with servicing Dobsonville, but would not sign the agreement.

Central Wits Metropolitan

Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said that Roodepoort's stance came to him "as an extraordinary disappointment and surprise".

Since Johannesburg has always insisted that its own participation depends on that of all other major role-players, Roodepoort's decision automatically froze Johannesburg.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson, supporting the proposal that a delegation meet urgently with Roodepoort to attempt to resolve the matter, said: "For us to allow Roodepoort at this point to turn around and walk away is just unacceptable."

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Roodepoort slammed for quitting Soweto pact

THE Roodepoort City Council had disrupted two years of negotiations by pulling out of the Greater Soweto Crisis Agreement at the last minute, Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said yesterday

A meeting called to ratify and launch the accord yesterday heard Slabbert say he was "surprised, frustrated and disappointed" that no signing could be carried out because Roodepoort, which initially had accepted the terms of the agreement, was now opting out

The Roodepoort team did not attend the meeting at the Johannesburg Civic Centre.

And Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson called on the NP, which is the ruling party in Roodepoort, to "bring all of its influence to bear on them not to stand in the way of this epoch-making agreement"

The agreement provided for the temporary takeover of the delivery of services in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville by Johannesburg and Roodepoort. The two cities would also provide a city manager and a deputy city manager, respectively.

Slabbert told the meeting Roodepoort's objection was that its official would be a deputy manager, serving under the man-

ager from Johannesburg

Yesterday's meeting agreed to arrange for a delegation to meet the Roodepoort council, and the launch was postponed to December 9

Slabbert said what was most frustrating was that Roodepoort had agreed in principle to the terms and conditions contained in the accord.

He appealed to the delegation to impress on Roodepoort that the agreement had "no constitutional implications. It's just an agreement to fish Soweto out"

Davidson said Roodepoort's failure to attend the meeting and sign to finalise the agreement made it impossible for the parties to consummate an agreement that could make "a hugely positive impact on the lives of people living in Greater Soweto"

He said "They have been aware of this throughout the negotiations of all 12 drafts of the agreement. In August, the Roodepoort City Council endorsed the principles of the ninth draft, which are essentially the same as those in the final draft

"It comes as a huge disappointment to all of us that they have walked away on the eye of the final act of ratification"

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Bid to twist Roodepoort's arm

Delegates, council to meet on Soweto

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BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Delegates from the Soweto Crisis Committee will meet the Roodepoort Town Council today in an attempt to break the barrier to implementing the multiparty agreement which aims to restore services and end the "rent" boycott in Greater Soweto.

Roodepoort did not attend a meeting held in Johannesburg on Wednesday, at which all parties were to have signed the agreement and to have formally constituted the Soweto Services Crisis Committee.

The town clerk of Roodepoort indicated in writing that his council would ratify the agree-

ment only once uncertainty regarding the basis of its involvement in delivering services to Dobsonville — one of the three local authorities in Greater Soweto — was clarified.

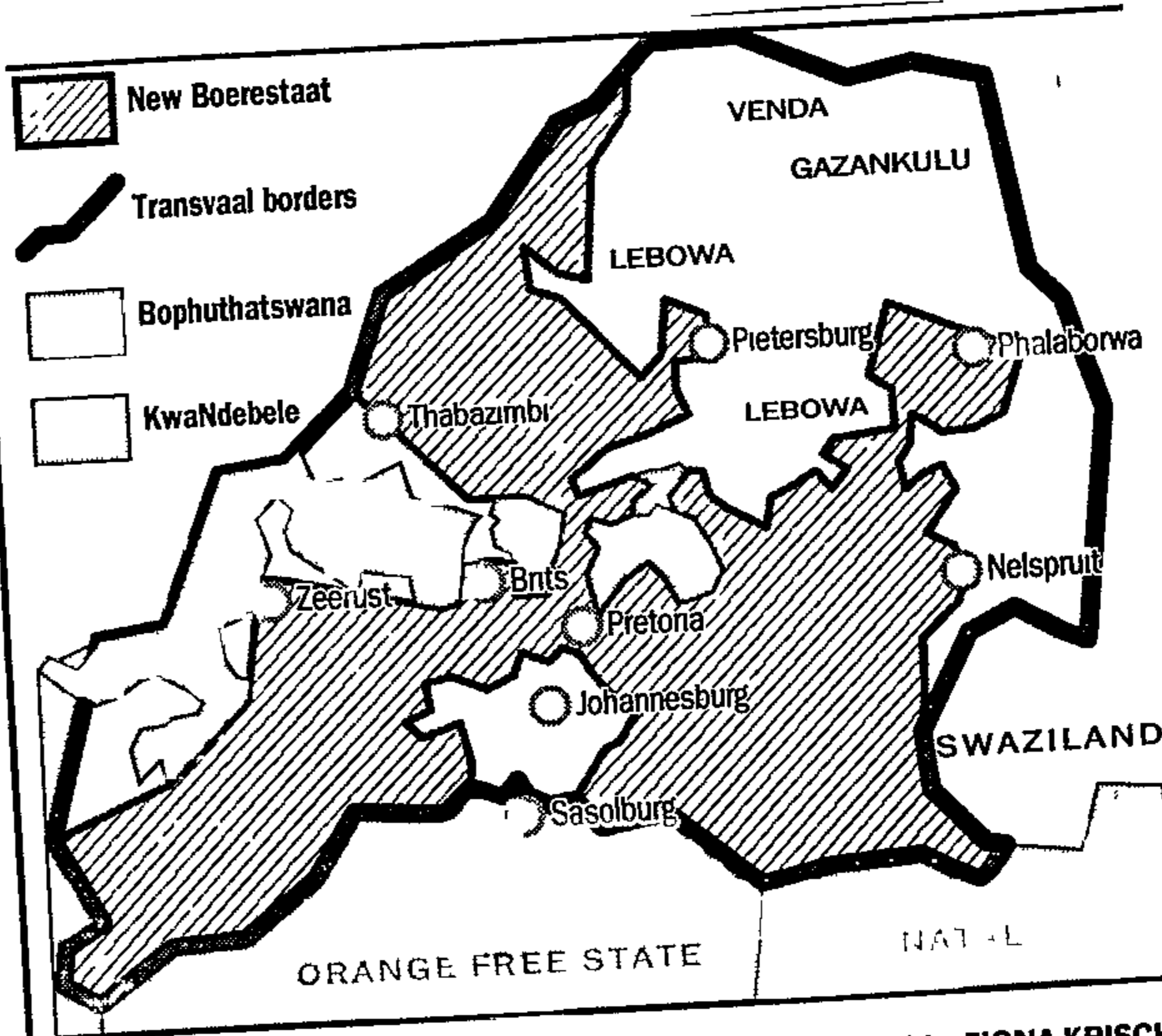
Vic Milne, chief executive of the Central Wits Met Chamber, confirmed that he and a delegation comprising a dozen parties to the crisis committee would meet the Roodepoort management committee today to discuss clauses of the agreement about which the council was anxious

One of these issues is the financial support Roodepoort can expect from the Government for its work in Dobsonville

While the Johannesburg City Council has been guaranteed an additional R32 million by the TPA to "kick-start" its work in Soweto and Diepmeadow, the agreement fails to make an equally specific provision for Roodepoort in relation to Dobsonville.

If progress is made in today's talks it is likely that Roodepoort will convene a special council meeting early next week to reconsider ratifying the deal.

If the matter is resolved, the formal ratification agreement will take place on Thursday, since no other parties have raised substantial objections.



AFRIKANERDOM . . . the Volksfront's homeland plan Graphic: FIONA KRISCH

Hopes for volkstaat are dashed

By JOCELYN MAKER

THE Afrikaner Volksfront's hopes of an independent homeland, with Pretoria as capital, have been dashed by the ANC and the Pretoria City Council.

But that hasn't stopped the Volksfront mapping out a proposed homeland and devising a plan to share the historic urban heartland of Afrikanerdom with the Ndebele and Tswana people.

But the plan is stillborn. On Friday, the Pretoria City Council agreed to the formation of the multi-racial Greater Pretoria Transitional Metropolitan Forum.

Management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith said that, until next year's municipal elections, the forum would serve as the local authority for Pretoria, Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Eersterust, Laudium, Rodeplaas, Verwoerdburg, Rantjesig, Knoppieslaagte, Midrand, Rabie Ridge, Ivory Park, Akasia and So-shanguve.

Meanwhile, Volksfront spokesman Mr Stephan Manninger said the final boundaries of the greater volkstaat would be drawn after referendums in smaller Transvaal towns to gauge the feeling of white residents on inclusion in an Afrikaner homeland.

He said 21 towns had already responded positively, including Middelburg, Standerton, Bloemhof, Sannieshof, Schweizer-Reneke, Ottosdal, Delareyville and Ventersdorp.

In the Free State, Viljoenskroon and Koppies also wanted to be part of the volkstaat.

But ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said: "Discussions between the ANC and Volksfront are continuing, but there is no chance of a volkstaat being agreed to. The very concept reopens the question of bantustans — and we will never agree to anything that requires people to be uprooted."

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End to rent boycott step closer

Roodepoort 'yes' to plan for Soweto

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■ BY GIEN ELSAS
WEST RAND BUREAU

The Roodepoort City Council decided last night to accept an amended version of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement, paving the way for an end to the rent and services boycott in the Rand township.

The agreement binds the signatories to provide financial, municipal and administrative services to the Greater Soweto area, including Dobsonville.

Involvement

After a three-hour debate the council decided by 13 votes to 9 to accept the agreement with certain amendments.

One was that Roodepoort's involvement would be in council services and administrative services for Dobsonville only and not for the Greater Soweto.

The council also stipulated that if Soweto residents did not stick to paying the agreed flat rate of R45 a month for services, Roodepoort reserved the right to withdraw from the agreement

CRISIS deal for services in West Rand townships is accepted with amendments over the extent of the council's involvement

after six months.

Roodepoort also expressed the hope that the signing of the agreement by all the relevant parties would herald the end of the services payment deadlock.

The council had decided at its monthly meeting last month not to sign the 18-party agreement and informed the Metropolitan Chamber of its reservations.

■ In another item tabled at the meeting, the council decided to support a recommendation that consultants be appointed to compile a report concerning the feasibility of Roodepoort being included in the western sub-region of the PWV area, with Krugersdorp, Randfontein, Westonaria and Carletonville.

The item will be discussed further at the January council meeting.

Slap in the face boosts tensions

■ **WATER RATIONING** *'Vindictive and downright arrogant action' by council that supports AWB:*

By Musa Zondi

ONE THING THAT strikes one on entering Boikhutso, a small town on the outskirts of Lichtenburg, is the three letters that have been superimposed on the sign directing you to the township

The three letters, written in black over the green signboard, are AWB. On its own this does not mean much. But in Boikhutso there are serious tensions at the moment over these three letters

The tensions arose after someone in the Lichtenburg Town Council leaked the information that the council had decided to grant the freedom of the town to the neo-Nazi movement's *Wenkommando*

The big day next week, December 15, has raised the level of tension to boiling point

Some township residents have threatened that in retaliation they will give the freedom of the city to Umkhonto weSizwe, as happened in Schweizer-Reneke

Total support for ANC

But leader of the pack Mr Koos Rampine says "the Boers are trying to break the township's back" because of the almost total support of the African National Congress and the fact that the township has appointed its own administrator

This was when all the trouble began. He says before this there was a council that was mismanaging the funds of the township and nothing much was being done

"Residents felt enough was enough and decided to expel these councillors," Rampine says

When they refused to budge, a rent boycott was instituted "as a strategy to

force these people out. Wyers (the then town clerk) did not want to go", says Rampine

Rampine speaks with the authority of a father, though he is still youthful. In his cramped offices, he tilts the chair backwards and leans the back of his head against the wall

He is a civic leader, but since the division between the Boikhutso Peoples Delegation (civic) and the town council have become so thin, there is actually no difference between the two

Council dissolved

After the boycotts, the council finally dissolved and the residents decided on their own administrator

"At first we wanted to appoint a black person

"But we also wanted somebody with credibility and did not want to scare off the Transvaal Provincial Administration, which is largely responsible for funding the township"

So, the appointment went to Mr Alf Beckly, an attorney in town — not without problems, though

Now the township has a white administrator, appointed by residents. According to Rampine, Beckly sits down with the civic and plans

"He does not take decisions on his own but consults with us"

But the decision-making has also come with responsibilities

For example, the civic spear-headed the rent boycott

Today, the roles have changed and the civic has to encourage people to pay their rent and, frankly, Rampine does not find this an easy task

He has to worry about water. He has to worry about lights

Above all, last week when *Sowetan* visited the township, he had to worry about the strike by "council" workers who demanded more pay in the face of bankruptcy

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"In the township itself there is co-operation

"But the town wants us to feel the pinch by trying to ration water," he says

They are behind with the payment of the water bill, but they are trying to pay

Residents now pay a flat rate of R30, which was decided on by residents themselves

The decision to ration water was taken by the same council that proposed giving the freedom of the city to the AWB

This he finds vindictive and downright arrogant because it does not recognise the feelings of other people who also pay taxes

History is in the making in this tiny township of just about 15 000 people

The step of appointing their own administrator and having the civic later run the township is unprecedented, reckons Rampine

It is when one ventures deep into the township that it is easier to appreciate the work these people are doing

For an inexperienced "council", the township, on the surface, is being run competitively

Clean township

The state of the roads is appalling, one must admit. But the cleanliness in the area will surely put to shame other townships on the Reef or anywhere else

Even in the homeless settlements, the area is spotlessly clean

The biggest achievement, says Rampine, is the total lack of violence in the area

"If you guys are tired of violence at Ejozi, you must come here and settle. You will find total peace and quiet," says Rampine

True, but we would also find the AWB, which he forgot to mention

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Threat to seize council offices

Ultimatum over Alexandra crisis

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BY ANNA COX

Alexandra hostel dwellers gave the Randburg Town Council — the acting administrators of the township — a deadline of this afternoon to address grievances placed before it

If residents are not satisfied with the reply to their demands, a march to take over the Alexandra council offices will go ahead as planned, threatened hostel Inkatha Freedom Party general secretary Simon Mlambo

Buffer zone

Residents are calling for the hostels and IFP areas to be urgently upgraded.

They are also calling for the township's hostels to receive

RANDBURG has run out of time to reply to demands by township residents to improve conditions in hostels and IFP areas

(266) regular maintenance, and for the immediate start to the reconstruction of the "Beirut" area, which is the buffer zone between the hostels and the rest of Alexandra township.

Residents claim that although emergency services have been carried out for the first time in three years, there was no maintenance and conditions were once again deteriorating.

Mlambo said the march was still a distinct possibility.

"We will wait until this afternoon to see if we get satisfactory answers to our grievances, and then, in consultation with our people, we will decide whether to proceed with the protest march," he said.

People angry

"Our people are very angry, and if the march proceeds there will be war in Alexandra."

Randburg's Alexandra executive committee chairman, Dawie de Beer, said a meeting would be held today to address the residents' grievances

He was confident the explosive situation would be defused.

TPA denies blocking funds to squatter camp school

PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday denied allegations that it was blocking funds to the Rutasechaba School at Weiler's Farm squatter camp in the Vaal Triangle. *Biday 10/2/93*

The school, which has about 400 pupils, operates from a brick building and four buses, which serve as classrooms.

The TPA said the Department of Education and Training (DET) had been unable to register the school because insufficient information had been supplied on application forms.

However, the DET had said the application for a state-supported school was being processed. If approved, the DET would provide teachers and equipment, while the building would remain the responsibility of the community.

The Weiler's Farm Civic Association had suspended negotiations, apparently

over the resettlement of squatters, the TPA said.

Residents had repeatedly rejected offers of sites near Orange Farm and Poortjie, where schools and improved infrastructure were available. *(2.66)*

The TPA was trying to resolve conflict between the civic association and residents of the surrounding communities of De Deur and Walkerville, who had pressed hard for the application of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act and would not oppose an application for the temporary operation of the Rutasechaba school.

In a memorandum to the TPA in May, the civic association had agreed that approval for the school would not be used to claim permanency for either the school or the squatter camp.

Based on this, the TPA had recommended the DET temporarily register the school. — Sapa.

Confused by plans to restructure local government? It's not surprising considering that the change will occur over two phases, the first of which makes different provisions for metropolitan areas and smaller towns, writes Jo-Anne Collinge

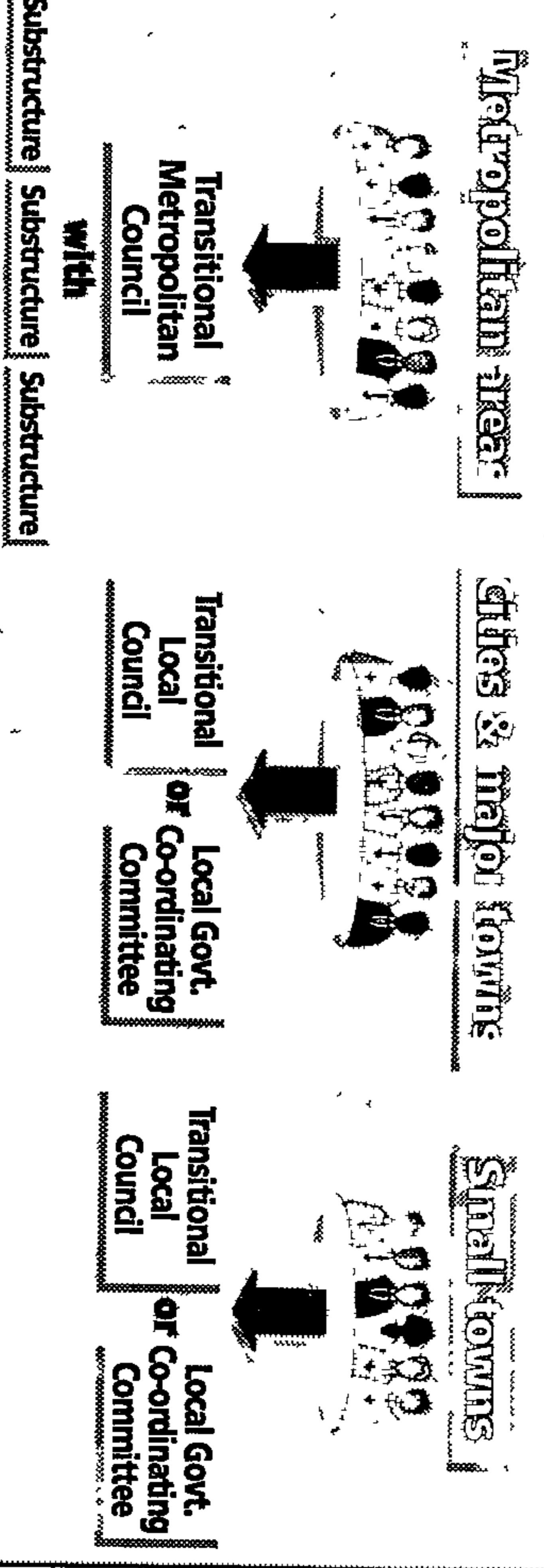
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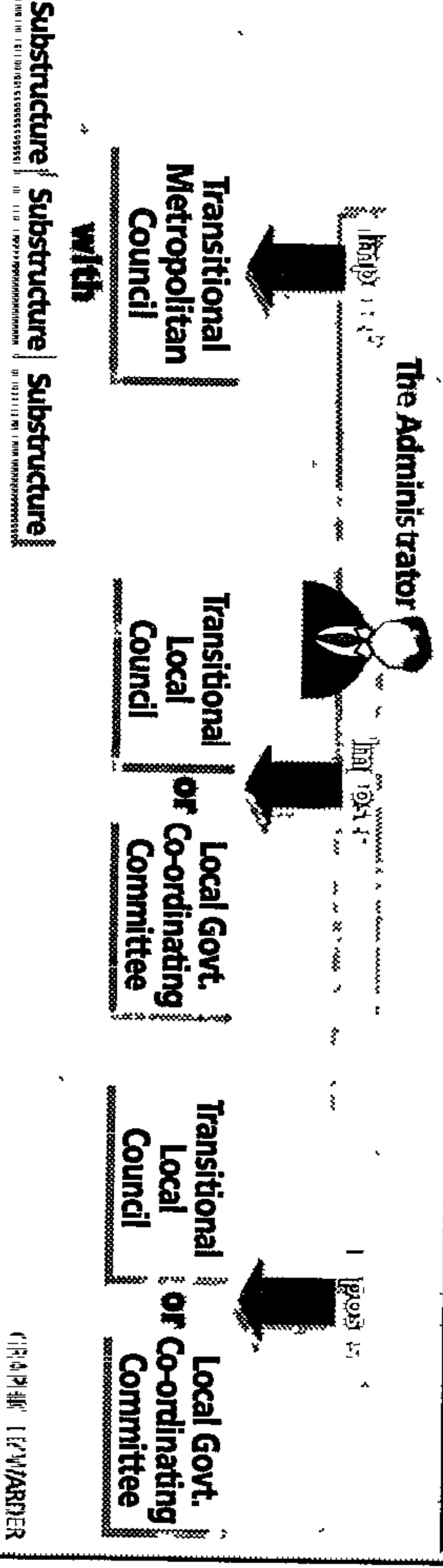
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

How Phase 1 works



IF THE NEGOTIATING FORUM FAILS TO REACH AGREEMENT



Metropolitan Chamber seeks status of a forum

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Metropolitan government is a new constitutional creature in South Africa. Some existing local authorities are overjoyed at the prospect; others view it as a necessary evil.

These differences will certainly surface as metropolitan negotiating forums decide not only on the nature of transitional metropolitan councils but also on the powers and functions of the substructures (or local authorities).

In the Central Witwatersrand, the three-year-old Metropolitan Chamber has decided to ask the Administrator to recognise it as a negotiating forum in terms of the Local Government Transition Bill.

But, as chairman Dr Van Zyl Shabert pointed out recently, the Met Chamber will have to take stock of itself and make some changes to meet statutory needs.

By April 1994 town and city councils which govern a large chunk of the population will be transformed beyond recognition. But in a host of small towns, the same faces will continue in their old town council places — although they will have to start talking across the racial gulf.

The Local Government Transition Bill is complex and has given rise to confusion. Not only does it provide for two phases, but during the first it makes critically different provisions for restructuring in metropolitan areas, in cities and larger towns, and in smaller towns.

No matter which model applies, however, the launch-pad for this first stage of reform is the negotiating forum. And there is some urgency in getting forums into operation where they do not already exist — they have a lot of work to do within 90 days of the commencement of the Act.

The Bill makes it quite clear that a forum has to be set up for every "economically and historically bound area, ranging from a stand-alone town, with or without satellites, to a complex metropolis".

The emphasis lies in creating a single forum to bind areas which are linked by economic and commuting patterns, or by the provision of services and which might have fallen under one municipality prior to 1971, when Bantu Administration

charged with setting up a non-racial transitional metropolitan council, with substructures for local government.

The Bill assigns many significant powers and functions to the newly created metropolitan government, including bulk supply of services, metropolitan planning and land use, transportation and the fiscal powers of regional services councils. But it gives metropolitan councils the right to delay taking over these powers and functions until it has the capacity to do so.

Both metropolitan councils and their substructures are created by nominating candidates according to the "50/50 formula".

For this purpose, the forum itself is divided into two sectors: the statutory sector which comprises representatives of apartheid local government bodies and political parties which have participated in elections in the past; and the non-statutory sector, which comprises civic and residents' organisations and political parties which have not been part of past elections.

Each sector completes a list of nominations and then a joint committee gets together to "attempt to reach consensus" on the final list. The Bill provides that at least half the persons on the final list should be acceptable to the statutory component, and at least half to the non-statutory component.

In addition, half the nominees should comprise members of the

Emerdale, Lenasia South, Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton and Alexandra.

The jurisdiction of the metropolitan council will not automatically coincide with the area of the forum. The provincial Demarcation Board will finalise this. But it is implied that forums will take working decisions on the areas controlled by councils. How else do they decide which existing local governments to include in the new structures?

In tackling the issue of the size for the metropolitan council, the Met Chamber is considering a 60-person body. Early next year it must set the process rolling for nominating members.

It aims to have a final list of prospective councillors ready by the end of March and to have agreed on the initial functions — and financing — of the metropolitan council by that deadline.

When it comes to setting up metropolitan substructures —

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The legislation describes forums as being inclusive and representative, open to members of existing local government bodies and to representatives of local organisations representing substantial sectors of the wider community having a vested interest in the political restructuring of local government". This includes civic associations, Residents' associations and branches of political parties.

But the failure of any group to participate in a forum will not be allowed to hold the process to ransom. By March/April each forum must have negotiated and reached agreement on the area which it will cover, the model of local government which it will adopt and membership of the new local government structure. In a metropolitan area, the forum has no "soft option". It is

old local government bodies, while the other half should be drawn from sectors which have not in the past taken part in elections.

The double "50/50" provision is not a belts and braces approach. It is quite possible, for instance, that organisations on the non-statutory side might have fundamental differences and, if each of these groups looked at their side of the table, they would not find half the proposed councillors acceptable. But, if they looked across at the statutory side they might find a number of acceptable nominees, people whose expertise is respected.

In selecting prospective councillors, the forum must attempt to be "equitable", allocating seats, as far as is possible, in proportion to the support parties commanded in the past. For in-

stance, if the National Party had 45 percent of seats in the old local authorities in a particular forum area, it should get 45 percent of the statutory nominations in the new metropolitan council. The proportions are clearly harder to calculate on the non-statutory side.

In cities outside the major metropolises and towns as big as Rustenburg or Middelburg in the Transvaal (Grade 9 and up, in terms of the classification used to grade the pay scales of town clerks), forums can set up non-racial transitional local councils following precisely the method involved in setting up metropolitan councils.

But, these intermediate urban areas also have a "soft" option which is not open to the metropolitan areas. They can leave the existing racial councils in

place for the next year or so and create a non-racial local government co-ordinating committee.

In contrast to a full merger, this committee would lead to the sharing of only a limited range of functions. At very least, however, the co-ordinating committee must take ultimate responsibility for ensuring all residents have access to basic municipal services.

And it must be able to appropriate from each local authority an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the total 1993/4 assessment rates of that authority. In addition, all grants from central and provincial level, as well as all Regional Services Council levies, will go to the co-ordinating committee, which is bound to allocate resources on an "efficient and equitable basis". The "50/50 formula" applies to

the formation of a co-ordinating committee just as it applies to a fully merged transitional local council.

To decide which of the two models to implement, the forum needs to get a concurrent majority of 80 percent in both the statutory and non-statutory sectors. If it cannot achieve this degree of consensus, after mediation has been attempted and failed, the Administrator — acting in concurrence with the Provincial Committee for Local Government — can impose either model and parties in the area.

In smaller and arguably more conservative towns, the system changes again. Not only is the "soft option" available, but the odds are stacked in favour of it. If a negotiating forum cannot achieve sufficient consensus on one or other model, and media-

tion fails to produce agreement, the Administrator has just one choice: he must go for the "soft" co-ordinating model.

This provision was written into the Bill at the last minute. It is the product of talks between the ANC and the right-wing Transvaal Municipal Association, designed to wean conservatives gradually from segregated structures.

The Bill provides that the above phase of transition, known as the pre-interim, will end with the holding of elections for a second generation of transitional metropolitan and local councils. No date for this is written into the draft law. But most stakeholders see the lifespan of the appointed councils and co-ordinating committees as very limited.

It will have to accord suburban ratepayers' groups full membership, alongside township civic associations and political groups of the non-statutory sector.

If will also have to develop rigorous membership criteria, taking account of the fact that membership will soon affect forum voting patterns. Under the new Act, the chamber will no longer take decisions purely by consensus. Instead, decisions will require a two-thirds majority of statutory and non-statutory sectors.

If it gains recognition as a forum, the Met Chamber will have to determine its area of operation. It looks likely to settle on the present area covered by the chamber — Johannesburg (including Lenasia, Riverlea and Eldorado Park), Greater Soweto,

equivalent to local authorities — the chamber's constitutional development working group conceals that the March deadline is unrealistic.

Until the substructures are established, it is proposed that white local authorities within the metropolis should continue to operate under their present councillors, incorporating Indian and coloured management committees in their areas of jurisdiction.

And for the black local authorities, Ennerdale, Lenasia South East and areas under the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the metropolitan council should take direct responsibility temporarily, the working group proposes. Ultimately, however, racially exclusive substructures are unlikely to emerge.

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MARIANNE MERTEN

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Residents boycott Brakpan shops

Sowetan 27/12/93

By Joshua Raboroko

■ **TOUGH ACTION** Residents are angry present over council's attitude'

RESIDENTS OF GELUKSDAL AND Tsakane townships have launched a consumer boycott of businesses in Brakpan in protest against what they say is the council's "racist attitude"

The protest action comes a week after Local Government Minister Dr Tertius Delpont announced that he would take tough action against racist town councils refusing to merge with their black counterparts.

Introducing debate on the Local Government Transition Bill, the Minister warned local authorities not to underestimate the powers given to provincial administrators by the Bill

Residents say the Conservative Party-controlled Brakpan Town Council had failed to resolve their grievances with the Geluksdal Action Committee and

the Tsakane Town Council. The residents are demanding that electricity be switched on in Geluksdal, which has had no lights for eight weeks.

Other demands include that:

- The sheriff of the court be banned for alleged harassment of Tsakane and Geluksdal residents failing to pay their debts, (2bb) (2bb)

- More police be deployed to fight the high crime-rate;

- Recognition of the South African Municipal Workers Union be recognised by the municipality, and

- Municipal bus fares be reduced and services be improved.

Geluksdal Action Committee general

secretary Mr Mike Moses said they decided to boycott Brakpan's central business district because business was contributing hundreds of thousands of rands to the town council in the form of tax, rates and other tariffs

"We want them to feel the pinch and to put pressure on the council to negotiate with other structures," he said, adding, "time is running out for people to be still having such attitudes"

He contended that Brakpan Council was one of the many council that historically benefited or favoured white communities. This imbalance had to be addressed urgently if peace, stability and progress were to be achieved

TPA bid

to solve

squatter

problem

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■ STAFF REPORTER

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering offering alternative land to 70 squatter families in the Nootgedacht area in Muldersdrift in a bid to defuse tensions between the squatters and landowners (3) (266)

The TPA announced it had persuaded the squatters and landowners' organisations to negotiate to solve their differences

The squatters have occupied land belonging to local landowner Pieter Fourie for the past four months. The TPA has said the land had been earmarked for a future road, and would not become available for other use

But Nootgedacht Residents' Association chairman Dr Bruce Finnemore said his organisation had not yet been formally approached by the TPA about the provision of alternative land

Crocodile Valley Rural and Civic Association chairman Greg Pickett said landowners had threatened to call in the AWB to assist with evictions if the squatters did not move voluntarily

Responding to this allegation, Finnemore said Fourie had been through the legal channels and was entitled to evict the squatters

Pickett said squatters were prepared to move to suitable land nearby. Squatters would be meeting on January 4 to discuss the issue again

Finnemore said legal action was pending against the TPA to prevent squatting in the area.

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Councils set to aid Soweto

JOHANNESBURG and Roodepoort city councils would get the all clear in two weeks' time to help with the rescue operation on services and administration provision in Greater Soweto, the area's city manager said yesterday **BIDOM**

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber has embarked on a publicity campaign to inform residents about the Greater Soweto services crisis agreement, which provides for the two city councils to help in the provision of water, sewerage, refuse removal, street lighting, public administration and community services

A meeting of the services crisis committee yesterday approved the transfer of about R70m to Soweto and decided that a debt of about R1,8bn would be written off

THEO RAWANA

on January 20

A pamphlet from the chamber assures residents of improved services **7/11/94**

The agreement, ratified by all parties in the chamber last month, also provided for the transfer of council houses to residents and the appointment of a city manager and two deputies to replace councillors in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville

Johannesburg City Council secretary Howard Veale was officially appointed city manager on Monday ~~(1994)~~ **(266)**

Speaking after yesterday's meeting, Veale said the two cities would begin their task after a meeting on January 19. A

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programme budget would by then have been worked out with government and the Central Witwatersrand regional services council **(266)** ~~(1994)~~

Residents would be expected to start paying the flat rate of R45 a month on February 7, Veale said

The chamber pamphlet informed residents that the total cost of services would work out at R305 a month a household But

through subsidies the cost had been brought down 83% to R45 a month.

A chamber housing task team was working on the transfer of council-owned houses to residents.

The chamber stressed that the agreement was a temporary measure to deal with the crisis before the election "It will remain in force until more legitimate government structures review it," it said

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Strike is on

Sowetan 17/11/94

By Mzimasi Ngudle
Political Staff

MUNICIPAL services are expected to stop in Diepmeadow today after more than 1 200 municipal workers decided at the weekend to go on strike until they were paid money they say is owed them by the local town council.

Workers' representative Mr Bheki Phakathi said the workforce — all members of the SA Municipal Workers Union — decided to down tools after the council reneged on its promise to pay back salary increases for two years.

Phakathi said MEC for Local Government Mr Piet Coetsee told workers last October that they would get their salary increases — which accrued to them after the upgrading of the council in April 1990 — after the signing of the Greater Soweto Accord in December last year.

"Coetsee told us the money would be released soon after the signing of the accord," Phakathi said. Instead, Phakathi said, money was diverted to capital projects.

"What incensed us most was the R2 million payment to lawyers for the prosecution of residents who defaulted on their payments for services," Phakathi said.

City Administrator Mr Howard Weale said he knew nothing about the promise and said the matter had been referred to the Local Government Negotiating Forum.

TPA and ANC meet on hospital closure

PRETORIA
CORRESPONDENT

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) officials met early today with ANC health officials in an attempt to negotiate the reopening of the strike-crippled Kalafong Hospital.

The meeting between senior TPA health officials and Dr Abe Nkomo, which was also attended by members of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) and hospital officials, followed the indefinite closure of the Atteridgeville hospital yesterday after hospital staff stormed out of wards in protest over a R500 bonus paid to Baragwanath staff.

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Following yesterday's closure Nkomo condemned the action by the TPA as "premature" and demanded the immediate reopening of the normally busy hospital.

"The community is up in arms about the transfers. They don't know where the sick are going, and many people are too poor to reach other medical treatment," he said.

At least 70 striking workers were arrested yesterday by members of the Internal Stability Division, who were called in to remove the strikers from the hospital and guard ambulances transferring patients to other institutions.

More than 520 patients were involved in a seven-hour evacuation opera-

tion, during which strikers petrol-bombed a hospital official's car and a man assaulted hospital superintendent Dr Julius Kunzmann.

About 90 ambulance-men crewing 32 vehicles from seven medical facilities operated continuously last night to relocate patients.

Kunzmann said late last night that the decision to close the hospital was taken following repeated refusals by strikers to return to work.

He said there were only two people in each ward to care for 45 to 50 patients. (2bb)

In a statement issued by the TPA, the evacuation was attributed to unacceptable behaviour by staff and stewards.

City battling to operate

Soweto asks for R35-m to keep going

Star 20/11/94

■ BY JACQUELINE MYBURGH

Soweto is bankrupt — in spite of a massive R35 million cash injection into the city by the Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday

City manager Howard Veale made the announcement while presenting a draft budget for Greater Soweto for the first half of 1994

Veale said about R70 million was needed to prevent an immediate crisis in Johannesburg's neighbouring city and to halt the decline in the standard of Soweto services

He suggested that a R15 million grant from Johannesburg could go a long way towards addressing Soweto's budget deficit

Veale hailed as "good news" the R35 million from the TPA. Of the remaining R35 million needed, he hoped that the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Coun-

cil would pay R11 million

He said the deficit of about R23,5 million could be balanced if Johannesburg and Roodepoort each contributed R15 million and R1 million respectively. Added to that, payments totalling between R5,5 million and R6 million from residents (due to start next month) "could balance the budget" (2/66)

Veale warned the SCC that Soweto was currently operating on a shoestring

Detailing the critical financial positions of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, Veale said Diepmeadow was accumulating a R2 million-a-month shortfall on salaries alone. Employees are owed about R16 million in salary arrears

Giving an example of the deterioration of the services, Veale said whereas at one stage 300 tons of refuse was moved daily, the current figure was 80 tons

TPA gives Greater Soweto R67-m lifeline

Soweto 20/1/94

By Glenn McKenzie

SHOESTRING Contribution not enough

To prevent essential services from collapsing:

SOWETO YESTERDAY RECEIVED a R67 million boost from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to improve its services.

But the contribution is not even enough to prevent essential services in Greater Soweto from collapsing, says the area's new acting city manager Mr Howard Veale.

"Soweto is operating on a shoestring. Its stores are depleted and staff shortages exist in critical areas such as water and sewerage reticulation," Veale said. "Unless financial aid is forthcoming, the area will collapse."

He said after accounting for the TPA contribution, Soweto would still operate at a deficit of more than R23 million a year.

The contribution follows an agreement by 18 organisations to end the six-year-old rent-bombing in Soweto. The agreement included a plan to

improve services before residents resumed payments. The first payment of R45 a house is due on February 1.

Despite the crisis, TPA representative Mr Peter Coetzer said he was optimistic the new rent agreement would succeed.

"No one thinks improvements are going to happen overnight. Everyone who claims to represent the people agrees that the situation should be normalised. That commitment is what will make things work," said Coetzer.

However, Veale said there were still some problems to overcome. R16 million was owed to workers of Soweto municipalities and there were serious threats of strikes.

"Threats of strike action occur daily. Productivity is poor, whereas at one stage 300 tons of refuse were removed daily, the current figure is 80 tons," Veale said.

In addition, Soweto's water and sewerage account had a shortfall of about R3,3 million. Veale said funding by the Johannesburg and Roodepoort municipalities could help prevent disaster.

"It is hoped that Johannesburg and Roodepoort will be persuaded to make a contribution to reduce the shortfall to manageable proportions," he said.

Johannesburg City Council official Mr Patrick Weech said applications for funding from the Greater Soweto Services Crisis Committee would be taken in the next few weeks.



ture, community organisations, non-couraged.

CP councils reject warning

THE Transvaal Municipal Association says ANC local government head Thozamile Botha's statement that dissenting CP-led councils will have a local government model forced on them is an "irresponsible, barely veiled threat".

Botha said on Wednesday CP-controlled towns which had rejected the decision approved by the Transitional Executive Council to integrate black and white local authorities would be given time to choose a model, but would later be "helped" to do so.

Association president BHJ van der Berg said yesterday the body would decide on February 5 whether to take part in the municipal structures agreed to by the Local Government Negotiating Forum.

The association had been forced to postpone the deci-

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sion after the ANC and its allies had reneged on an agreement that 15 CP-led towns would not be obliged to form co-ordinated committees. Until this agreement was honoured, it was impossible for the association to implement any local negotiating forum models.

He said the matter was further complicated by negotiations for an Afrikaner volkstaat. "The outcome of these negotiations will have a decisive influence on the association's resolutions on February 5."

Botha's reference to the co-ordinating committee as an "overarching" body was a misconception as it had no powers over the councils taking part. (2bb)

The TMA had succeeded in retaining the autonomy of traditional local government and the Afrikaners would have their own volkstaat, he said.

Botha's reference to a possible discontinuation of services such as electricity supply was "irresponsible".

Pretoria council ready for right-wing protest

PRETORIA The Pretoria City Council will take special precautions at its monthly meeting today because of a planned mass meeting by right-wingers to protest at the new joint nonracial local government.

The council said yesterday the public gallery at the municipal offices, Muntoria, would be closed to spectators.

Proceedings would be relayed outside by loudspeakers.

CP and Afrikaner Volksfront-aligned

STEPHANE BOTHMA

"burgerraad" supporters will start gathering at Muntoria at 4pm today. And Pretoria AWB Wenkommando members are to parade.

Pretoria burgerraad chairman Jan du Toit said on Radio Pretoria yesterday that the new local government structure would not be forced on them, Sapa reports.

A northern Transvaal police spokesman said police would be prepared for any eventuality.

Pay backlog 'could wreck services plan'

Star 27/1/94

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The failure to pay salary arrears totalling R16 million to municipal workers in Diepmeadow could wreck the plan to restore and improve services in the township, Greater Soweto city manager Howard Veale has warned.

"Services in Diepmeadow have in fact been brought to a halt as a result of wildcat strikes in support of claims relating to salary deductions and an Industrial Council pay award arising from a salary regrading in 1992," Veale said last night. (KSA)

Strike action could spread to the local authorities of Dobsonville and Soweto, where workers are owed R4,4 million and R6,7 million respectively. (2 jobs)

At the urging of the ANC, the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last night decided to make renewed representations to the Transvaal Pro-

vincial Administration to provide the necessary funds, in fulfilment of the national service provision pact signed by President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela last week.

In terms of the national agreement, transitional structures of local government will not inherit the debts of the black local authorities which they replace.

Veale noted that the government finance which formed part of the deal to end the seven-year services boycott in Soweto and upgrade services did not cover the outstanding salary contributions.

"To juggle funds specifically earmarked for essential running costs in order to meet arrear pay demands would drain the financial resources of Diepmeadow, making it impossible to provide basic services," the city manager argued.

FOR THE RECORD

ANC information and publicity department head Dr Pallo Jordan has pointed out that he is not a member of the South African Communist Party and never

has been one.

The Star reported incorrectly on Tuesday that Jordan was known to have once been a member of the SACP.

By Mzimasi Nguile

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Randburg council and Premier under attack

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HIV infection of pregnant Soweto women rises to 6%

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

AN ESTIMATED 6% of pregnant women in Soweto — about 60 000 women — were infected with HIV, SA Institute of Medical Research spokesman Prof Alan Fleming said on Friday.

Speaking at a report-back from the Africa AIDS conference held in Morocco last month, he said the figure had risen from 5% to 6% in the past few months.

Johannesburg AIDS centre head Clive Evian said the incidence of HIV in pregnant women had risen from one in 330 to one in 17 in the past six years.

The UN World Health Organisation warned at the conference that AIDS could hit harder in southern Africa than it had in east Africa. Figures for Kenya indicated that every hour there were 25 new HIV infections, six new AIDS cases and five deaths from the disease.

However, a number of prostitutes in central Nairobi had begun to show immunity to the disease. While about 90% in the city were infected, the other 10% consistently tested negative although they did not practise safe sex.

In other African countries the figure

seemed to be stabilising at an infection rate of 5% of the population. About 10 million people across the continent were infected with HIV.

"AIDS in SA was following the same pattern as the rest of Africa, particularly in the trend highlighted across the continent of an abnormally high infection rate among teenage girls.

Figures for Zimbabwe and Malawi showed five times more teenage girls were infected than teenage boys.

Fleming said there had been a long overdue focus on youth at the conference. Child abuse and rape was an important factor in the transmission of HIV, he said, adding that 5% of the 2 000 cases of rape reported in Soweto each month involved children below the age of five. Sex and AIDS education for children had to become a priority.

Experiences in other African countries also showed the pitfall of leaving health departments to manage the epidemic, and the conference emphasised the need for intersectoral collaboration.

Ex-Rhodesians to be shut out

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — Zimbabwe's Home Affairs Ministry has published a draft Immigration Amendment Bill which would finally slam the door on most of the 200 000 white Rhodesians who left in the wake of the 1972-80 bush war.

Far-reaching changes, which are likely to be put before parliament when it reconvenes next month, would remove all right of re-entry for those who were born or formerly resident in Zimbabwe.

Government-controlled newspapers have claimed more than 30 000 wished to return because of political and economic uncertainty in SA.

The draft Bill published with this weekend's Government Gazette also gives immigration officers the power to bar women whom they deem to have contracted "marriages of convenience".

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No one in to collect rent

THE eagerly awaited end to the 10-year rent boycott did not materialise in greater Soweto yesterday because residents who went to pay found the municipal offices deserted — the entire work force was striking over pay.

SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) members employed by Diepmeadow city council were in the third week of a strike while Soweto and Dobsonville workers began theirs yesterday.

The three councils owed staff about R25,4m because of the councils' failure to implement increases promised during the past two years, according to Samwu.

Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber CE Vic Milne said yesterday the breakdown of arrears was: Diepmeadow R21,6m, Dobsonville R825 000 and Soweto R3m.

He said the money was available but an agreement reached in the chamber during December, to advance the money to workers, had not been signed by all 18 chamber parties.

Efforts were being made to get the parties to sign the agreement. A letter had been written to the TPA asking that the money be released.

Milne said he hoped the employees would be paid by today.

Samwu Soweto branch vice-chairman Laiti

THEO RAWANA

Setlhapelo said the assembly of 2 000 strikers at Soweto city council's chambers ended with the union and council management agreeing that money owed would be paid by February 28.

The strike caused the indefinite postponement of the symbolic payment of a R45 interim flat rate by the Greater Soweto Services Committee.

Milne said a new date for the symbolic payments would be announced soon.

The few residents who answered the call to end the boycott yesterday found township administration offices closed, with some doors bearing messages saying that staff would be back later.

Some residents did not even know the boycott was over, indicating that the call had been poorly communicated in some areas.

President F W de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela last month signed an agreement heralding the end of the boycott, which had accumulated a R1,8bn debt nationally.

The agreement was also meant to usher in a programme to upgrade black municipal facilities and install multiracial local government.

Strikes hit Soweto

Sowetan 21/2/94

By Joshua Raboroko

■ BETTER PAY Council workers

demand "overdue pay" rises:

MORE THAN 2 500 Soweto Council employees joined their Diepmeadow Council colleagues yesterday when they downed tools in support of a demand for better pay

Meanwhile, a strike by 2 500 Diepmeadow Council employees entered its 16th day yesterday

The new development came as officials of both councils expected thousands of residents to flock to their offices to pay rent after an eight-year boycott of service charges

The workers, most of them members of the South African Municipal Workers Union, demand that the two councils grant them "overdue pay" rises retrospective to 1988, a 7,5 per cent increase for 1993/94 and an additional 10 percent for non-graded staff

There were fears yesterday that essential services such as refuse removal and sewage disposal would collapse as throngs of chanting workers gathered at the headquarters of the two

municipalities at Jabulani Civic Centre and New Canada ~~(Soweto)~~

Soweto town clerk Mr Louis Geldenhuys told the workers at a meeting that the council would pay them the increases they were supposed to have received from 1988 immediately ⁽²¹⁶⁾

Samwu's (Soweto) vice-chairman Mr Latu Sethlapelo confirmed the council had agreed to meet most of the workers' demands

Soweto workers may receive overdue pay

BIDAY 4/2/94

THEO RAWANA

GREATER Soweto municipal workers look set to receive their R26m in overdue salary payments at the end of this month after dissenting parties hinted they would sign a document to release the funds. 4/2/94

Parties in the Soweto Crisis Committee (SCC) had been embroiled in dispute over the signing of the Greater Soweto services crisis agreement, which government insisted had to be done before it would advance money owed to Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville

ANC-SACP alliance members said they would not sign until they were assured the money would be paid this week. (2bb)

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber CE

Vic Milne said a meeting yesterday had resolved that parties who had not signed the accord would do so at a meeting with the director-general of local government affairs in Pretoria "if they were satisfied that the workers would be paid at the end of the month"

Milne said a new claim from Soweto employees that they were owed money from as far back as 1988 would be discussed later.

Soweto Civic Association executive member Mohapi Thabedi said all the workers had resumed work and service payments were proceeding smoothly in the townships. (254/250)

Efforts to pay debt to workers

Star 4/2/94

■ METRO STAFF

Urgent efforts will be made to secure speedy payment of the multimillion-rand debt to Greater Soweto's municipal workers when Services Crisis Committee delegates meet top officials of the Province and Department of Local Government in Pretoria today.

ANC and SA Communist Party representatives have made it clear that they will sign the Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement only if they are satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. ~~(S)~~ (Job)

These organisations are particularly concerned that the Government should not delay in effecting payment and that all substantiated amounts owing to council workers in Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto should be covered by the grant.

Municipal workers in Greater Soweto have engaged in industrial action because of the failure of the authorities to pay.

There are grave fears that this heated issue could undermine the implementation of the Services Crisis Agreement, which binds parties to end the tariff boycott.

Star 7/2/94

TPA R21-m to pay workers

■ METRO STAFF

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) will hand over a cheque for R21 million this week to enable Greater Soweto's city manager Howard Veale to pay municipal workers monies owing to them from as far back as 1992.

The long overdue pay-

ments have caused industrial action which jeopardised the normalisation of services in Greater Soweto.

Vic Milne, chief executive of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber, said this had been agreed at a meeting held on Friday between members of the Soweto Services Cri-

sis Committee (SCC) and the directors-general of the TPA and the Department of Local Government.

TPA director-general Len Dekker had given the SCC a written undertaking that the cheque would be in their hands by Wednesday, Milne said.

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

CP rejects threat to councils

8/21/94

RIGHT-wing town councils would not be subject to state funding and therefore would not be vulnerable to threats to cut off revenue if they refused to subject themselves to local negotiating forums, CP local government spokesman Pikkie Coetzee said yesterday.

Local Government Transition Act, they could be deprived of funds. CP-run councils would be "relieved" of outside interference by appointed government officials when a volksstaat was established, Coetzee said.

Meanwhile, Transvaal Municipal Association president Prof Ben van der Berg said right-wing councils in the Transvaal would not recognise local negotiating forums or any decisions they made. The association would continue to hold discussions with the Transvaal Administrator, but would not subject itself to local forums. Van der Berg said the association's position was that any local government deal settled with right-wing municipalities had to be tied to the right wing's demand for a volksstaat. The TMA had taken part

in discussions with the local government negotiating forum last year. An agreement was reached that would allow right-wing towns to maintain autonomy while co-operating with surrounding townships. This agreement would operate until local elections later this year. However the association refused to take part in last month's summit on local

government, which was held to publicise the deal. Last week a number of right-wing councils received letters, purporting to come from the Afrikaner Volksfront, calling on municipal officials to erect banners proclaiming their towns as part of the volksstaat, and call on councillors to swear allegiance to the volksstaat. The municipal association had distanced itself from the letter, saying it could not expect appointed officials to rebel against the law.

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Rates gauntlet thrown down

Star 9/2/94

■ BY JACQUELINE MYBURGH

Businessmen in pin-striped suits and housewives in twin-sets and pearls were prepared to toy-toy down the street if their domestic rates rebates were threatened, Northern Areas Group chairman Magrit Wolff warned yesterday at a conference on local government in Sandton.

NAG represents 22 northern suburbs rate-

payers' organisations

Wolff said the man in the street could simply not afford any more increases (266)

She said it was believed that white ratepayers were expected to pay for the upliftment of township residents, but she did not know how this would be possible.

"They can't squeeze us any longer"

Wolff asked what had happened to "all the

money after the enormous rates increase in Johannesburg in 1991."

She said a new government would have to take a "desperate look" at the allocation of funds within local authorities.

"We don't need expensive civic spaces and glitz and glamour. We need upgrading, we need houses in the townships and we need transport. These are the things we want to see delivered," she said.

Apathetic white ratepayers coming out of the suburban closet

Municipal muscle

Star 12/2/94

RATEPAYERS and residents' associations in Randburg, Sandton and Johannesburg were this week given a seat and a vote on the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — giving them a direct say in local government through representatives.

When the Randburg Federation of Ratepayers and Residents Associations, the Sandton Federation of Ratepayers and Residents Associations (SANFED) and the four Johannesburg umbrella bodies from the north, south, east and west took their seats in the chamber on Wednesday, municipal politics changed forever.

The formerly apathetic white ratepayer is out of the suburban closet. He now has a direct vote and is being urged to sign up with residents' associations to influence that stake in local government. Residents' and ratepayers' associations are promising to look after the interests of their residents and be accountable — therefore plugging the gap between city and town councillors and their constituencies.

Plugging the gap

There do seem to be two camps emerging in the suburbs, though. One consists of the structured residents' associations which have been successfully lobbying for a say in the current negotiating process, and the other consists of newly formed action groups, such as the Randburg Action Committee (RAC), which have adopted a more confrontational stance to try to preserve their rights.

SANFED chairman Gail Daus said it was time for ratepayers to lift their eyes off the pavement and address macro issues. "We have to address bigger issues than traffic problems — there is the restructuring of the Constitution going on, and if we want to influence that we have to get involved."

Daus said whites deserved the government they had had in the past. "They sat on their hands and didn't vote. We took the position that though we don't agree with the present system, negotiation is the only solution. The new Constitution isn't perfect, but the more obstructive people are, the longer to democracy."

Northern Areas Group chairman Margrit Wolff, whose association represents all northern Johannesburg ratepayers' associations, said one of the greatest problems in local government had been the lack of information being fed back to the people.

At a recent Houghton meeting, she said, she had businessmen in their suits, accompanied by their wives in twin sets and pearls, threatening to toy-toy

TWO camps are emerging in the suburbs. One consists of the structured residents' associations and the other of newly formed action groups which have adopted a more confrontational stance, reports LOUISE MARSLAND.

down Market Street if their rates rose any higher. Wolff said white ratepayers' associations were the poor relatives of the civic associations, but both were watchdogs. "We can learn to toy-toy, and they can learn from us not to repeat the mistakes of the past. We need to form alliances."

Some Randburg ratepayers have gone for the civil disobedience option.

Arnold Meyer, a Randburg ratepayer and spokesman for the Ward 13 Community Council, said a sense of insecurity regarding the future had got residents out of their gardens and into the meeting halls.

"People know a little about what is going on at

national level, but zilch at local and provincial level. But at the end of the day their pocket is being affected, and they are worried and want a say."

The Ward 13 defiance campaign, strongly supported by the RAC, started last week with some ratepayers withholding rates until a solution is found to the Nootgedacht squatter issue. This week they informed their town councillor that he was no longer needed and said ratepayers would take his seat.

"The only thing to bring them to their senses is to show active defiance. We have entered new political ground here. There is no more space for the polite, Western style of accepting everything as it comes down," Meyer said.

The community council sees itself as taking the role of a civic association rather than a ratepayers' body. "The civics took up against dictatorial rule and we in our community also want to decide for ourselves and be involved. A rates boycott is the only way to hurt a town council or a governing body," Meyer explained.

Daus does not agree. She warned against misinformation being used to whip up emotions. "In terms of the law, we have now been given teeth. One shouldn't have to resort to rates boycotts."

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Boere 'capital' offices sealed

Pretoria Boerekommando members have placed razor wire and sandbags around the Akasia council offices to protect the complex "until Akasia's incorporation into a future volkstaat" (266)

Akasia management committee chairman Louis Meynardt said the offices were barricaded at 1 am this morning.

Akasia — a municipality north-west of Pretoria — is earmarked to become the volkstaat's capital should right-wingers relinquish their claims on Pretoria — Sapa

Theft, corruption discovered

Five Lenasia officials fired by TPA

BY NORMAN CHANDLER
PRETORIA BUREAU

All five members of the Lenasia South East management committee were dismissed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Friday after a commission of inquiry found they had abused their positions.

The five could also be banned from entering public office if the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, to whom the commission's report has been referred, decides on legal action.

The commission, which sat for 571 days, found the five responsible for theft, nepotism and corruption. The scope of the commission's recommendations was not disclosed to the media.

A further 71 local government workers in the area are also being investigated for their alleged role in the abusive practices.

The inquiry was held because of allegations lodged by various people against chairman Thirn Chetty and management committee members Ally Khan, Bala Naidoo, Ganas Naicker and Mathivan Ramsam (266)

Chetty was also chairman of the NP's Lenasia branch but no longer holds this position

Local government MEC Piet Coetzer told a media briefing in Pretoria that the TPA wanted "clean administration at all levels".

Coetzer said irregularities in local government could only be unearthed with the assistance of the public.

The commission — which consisted of John Griffiths, former MEC and chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, and former Verwoerdburg town clerk P Geers — cost the province R279 000, Coetzer added.

ANC hails defence force on East Rand

Star 14/2/94
ANC supporters, some armed with battle-axes, spears and fighting sticks, flooded into one of the country's most notorious killing zones yesterday to welcome the arrival of SADF troops with a mighty roar of "Welcome Defence Force!"

Under a peace plan hammered out by President de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela, soldiers were sent in on February 1 to townships east of Johannesburg, including Katlehong, to replace the Internal Stability Division, the SAP's riot squad.

Although the SADF was invited by the ANC to be present at the rally, troops kept a watchful distance.

ANC regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale said there had not been a single death since the troops were deployed.

The rally in Radebe section, described by one resident as "the place where people come to die", was staged within sight and earshot of the Kwesim and Mazabuko migrant workers' hostels, both IFP strongholds

The atmosphere yesterday was peaceful, with music blaring, giving the occasion a festive flavour — Sapa-AFP

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Township clean-up marks end of strike

A BIG township clean-up campaign marked the end of Diepmeadow city council workers' two-month strike over unimplemented pay increases, acting town clerk Dave Mabalane said yesterday.

When the strike ended on Friday the parties decided that the first task would be an "all-hands-on-deck" campaign to clean up the refuse built up over the period.

Diepkloof was tackled yesterday and Meadowlands would be handled today.

THEO RAWANA

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber Vic Milne said the success of the greater Soweto services crisis agreement, which was signed in December, depended to a large degree on a visible improvement in services. Greater Soweto city manager Howard Veale was still working out what services the municipalities of Johannesburg and Roodepoort should provide.

Volkfront

'No' to forum

BISSAY 15/21/94
GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Afrikaner Volkfront has rejected the planned local negotiation forum for local government on the West Rand.

A forum consisting of Roodepoort, Muldersdrift, Davidsonville, Fleurhof and Dobsonville is to be set up in the next few days.

Local authorities were given 90 days from January 31 to set up negotiating forums in accordance with the Local Government Transition Act. If they fail to do so forums will be appointed on their behalf by provincial administrators.

Earlier this week the TEC announced the appointment of nine provincial committees, which would advise administrators should they have to appoint negotiating forums.

The right-wing Transvaal Municipal Association has representatives on the provincial committees.

Report by G du Venage, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb

Church leaders

back foreign help

BISSAY 15/21/94

DAVID GREYBE

INTERNATIONAL mediation was still the best chance for breaking the volksstaat talks deadlock, Afrikaans church leaders said yesterday.

Government, the ANC and the Afrikaner Volkfront were closer to a deal than the public realised, but outside mediation was now needed to resolve outstanding differences, said Dutch Reformed vice-moderator Prof Johan Heyns.

He was optimistic a deal could be struck if the three parties were prepared to give such mediation a chance.

Church leaders had already approached some of the "high-profile" international politicians short-listed, who had indicated a willingness to get involved at a moment's notice if needed.

Leaders from five Afrikaans churches have been conducting secret talks with the parties during the past week the three reformed churches, the Apostolic Faith Mission, and the conservative Afrikaans Protestant Church.

A number of senior ANC members were prepared to consider international mediation, despite contrary indications in the media, Heyns said.

However, he noted that one of the problems the church leaders had encountered in their efforts was the absence of a common ANC position.

Talks were continuing with government and the ANC, though, to try to formulate a common bilateral position to present to Volkfront co-leader Gen Constand Viljoen

at talks tomorrow.

According to Heyns, Viljoen remained optimistic the volksstaat deadlock could be broken through negotiations, which could pave the way for Volkfront participation in the April election.

"He (Viljoen) is waiting for certain developments in the next day or two," Heyns said, saying he did not know what the Volkfront leader had meant.

International mediation was rejected yesterday by the AWP, Sapa reported.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche said the AWP had "noted with surprise" statements in the media attributed to Volkfront officials that the AVF wanted international mediation to break the deadlock at the talks.

The AWP regarded the reports as "mischievous" by the media, and aimed at causing a split in Volkfront ranks.

"The AWP is totally opposed to any form of foreign intervention in SA," he said. The Inkatha Freedom Party's rejection at the weekend of participation in the election was accompanied by a call for international mediation.

Heyns said there was no reason why, if international mediation resolved the volksstaat deadlock, it could not be attempted with the outstanding constitutional issues as well.

Report by D Greybe, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb

Door to compromise not yet closed, says Cronje

BILLY PADDOCK

NEGOTIATIONS for accommodating the Freedom Alliance were not yet a thing of the past as there were many informal initiatives taking place, alliance chairman Rowan Cronje said yesterday.

The alliance was meeting today "to look at scenarios and work out our options. Maybe the best thing is to pursue talks with the ANC on its own and cut out government," he said.

He had heard nothing from Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer since the passing of Thursday's 6pm deadline for responding to government's last offer for the alliance to spell out its position.

"I told him I did not have time to get an alliance joint position together for the deadline. I assume it is over between us until he gets back to me."

But a government spokesman said it was still waiting for the alliance to come forward with clear proposals and a mandate from its principals.

A six-man Bophuthatswana delegation was meeting an ANC delegation on Friday to work out its position in the new constitution and normalise relations with the ANC. Moves were also afoot between members of the ANC and the Afrikaner Volksunie in continuing talks on accommodating the idea of a volksstaat, Cronje said.

He said the pact that IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced at the weekend was merely a proposal and would be considered by the alliance today. "But things have to move fast if we want to get anywhere," he said.

The Afrikaner Volkfront has meanwhile reacted strongly to a call by the NP for Volkfront members to vote for the NP, warning its supporters that participation in the election would deny them a moral base in a subsequent struggle for Afrikaner self-determination.

If the majority of Afrikaners did not participate in the election, the Afrikaner nation could not be morally bound by its outcome, Volkfront leader Constand Viljoen said yesterday.

Report by W Paddock, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb, and E van Wyk and G van Oudshoorn, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb

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AVF resists talks idea

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■ FORUM PROTEST First move

towards 'forced amalgamation': (266)

By Joshua Raboro

REPRESENTATIVES of organisations involved in talks aimed at establishing a Roodepoort Negotiating Forum have agreed in principle to the idea despite protests from the Afrikaner Volksfront

After a meeting in Roodepoort on Monday, the representatives from Dobsonville, Muldersdrif-Fleurhof, Davidsonville and Roodepoort decided to go back to their constituencies to seek a mandate to go ahead with the formation of the forum

They have resolved to hold another meeting at the Roodepoort Civic Centre Hall on March 7, to report back on the decision taken by their members

However, the only organisation that did not attend the meeting, the AVF, has slammed moves towards the formation of a local government forum involving the councils

Not approved

West Rand AVF chairman Mr Martinus Joubert said the meeting was the first step towards what he termed "the forced amalgamation of separate local authorities" which had not been approved by white voters

He said AVF followers would resist any attempts to subject them to "undemocratic types of government"

Roodepoort management chairman Mr Pieter de Wet said the meeting was merely exploratory, to hear and accommodate the different views of the communities involved

Negotiating forum

Under the recently promulgated Local Government Transition Act, a negotiating forum must be established in economically and historically bound areas by April 20

De Wet said the meeting took place in "a cordial spirit" and all 150 delegates promised to come back to report on the mandate they shall have obtained from their constituencies

He said the councils would have to decide whether to remain in the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber or form a local sub-structure of the transitional metropolitan council

He was optimistic that the representatives of ANC, PAC, Azapo, National Party, Conservative Party, civic associations, trade unions, councillors, taxi and church organisations, would attend the next meeting

Witwatersrand RSC stops budget planning

GAVIN DU VENAGE

BUDGET planning by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, which should have begun earlier this month, would not go ahead, the RSC decided at its monthly meeting last night. *Biday 16/2/94*

The RSC would normally have begun its budgeting exercise for 1994/95 and it should have been completed by April. However, it was likely a transitional metropolitan authority would soon be set up. This body would take over most of the RSC's functions and would inherit its levy income. Funding projects would continue until the new authority took over. *(2bb)*

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber had no legal authority but had applied for recognition as a negotiating forum as defined in the Local Government Transition Act.

The chamber already had a number of working groups including one dealing with finance. If the chamber became a negotiating forum in terms of the Act one of its responsibilities would be to draw up a budget for the metropolitan region. This would not affect the budgets of the municipalities within the metropolitan region as the Act allowed them to keep control of their individual budgets and maintain their separate status within the transitional metropolitan authority.

The RSC recommended R814 000 for the first phase of the Baragwanath taxi and bus terminus.

Town in turmoil over volkstaat action

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BY NORMAN CHANDLER
PRETORIA BUREAU

Akasia, a Pretoria satellite town, is in turmoil over a decision by the Conservative Party-dominated town council to declare it part of the Afrikaner volkstaat.

Because of its proximity to Pretoria, Akasia is the most important urban area in the province to join the proposed homeland. It has been proposed as the volkstaat's capital.

The town council says that if industrialists in the area don't like the decision, "they can take their things and walk".

This has caused a storm in the powerful Rosslyn Industrialists' Association, which in-

cludes among its members the biggest brewery in the country, run by South African Breweries, as well as manufacturers and a host of smaller organisations.

This week, members of the Pretoria East Boerekommando brought in sandbags and dug trenches "to secure the Akasia Town Council offices" as part of the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) plan to ignore local government legislation which calls for multiracial local authorities. More "security measures" are expected soon.

Akasia, which is about 14 km from the heart of Pretoria, has followed a strong right-wing line of action for several years. The council decided last year to fly

the old Transvaal Republic flag, the Vierkleur, outside its municipal offices (2bb)

"The CP will fight to the death before it gives up Akasia," said an emotional Paul Fouche, TMA vice-president and CP leader in the Pretoria City Council. "The ANC will not set foot on ground governed by the CP."

The ANC's PWV region described the actions by the Akasia Town Council as "extremely provocative" yesterday and said they amounted to sedition.

It accused the Government of lacking "the guts" to take any action against rightwingers.

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Showing Soweto residents that they really do care

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Council workers clean up their act

BY MOKONE MOLETE
SOWETO BUREAU

Diepmeadow council workers have ended four weeks of toy-toying and fighting management with a gift with a difference for residents a clean-up campaign in the townships of Diepkloof and Meadowlands.

At the best of times, rubbish is collected erratically in Soweto and after a month without services, the area was in desperate need of a "spring clean".

Touring the streets of Meadowlands yesterday, Maurice Mbonani of the council's public relations department said workers from all departments felt that the least they could do was to show that they cared.

And a platoon of office workers, clerks, cleaners, managers — in fact everybody who could be roped in — took to the streets. Pens were exchanged for shovels, suits for overalls.

There was one snag, though, not enough tools. The council provided front-end loaders, trucks, lawnmowers, tipper lorries and refuse bags (some of which doubled as aprons). In Zone 4 we found a group

DIEPKLOOF and Meadowlands experience a sudden flurry of lawn-mowing and rubbish removal

resting under trees, waiting for the refuse truck to collect the rubbish the workers had neatly piled up in an open field.

"Where are the tools?" one called out. "We could have finished a long time ago if we had enough tools." (2/16)

Near the Zone 3 shops, the clean-up was complete and the group was considering moving to another area.

At the Meadowlands Cultural Centre two refuse trucks and a lorry were leaving with their cargo of rubbish.

Mbonani explained that the aim was not to clean up the whole of Diepkloof and Meadowlands, but to show residents that workers have pride in the townships.

"In Diepkloof we cleaned what we thought were the dirtiest areas. We aim to do the same here. The spirit is one of commitment," he added.



After the toy-toyi... Diepmeadow council workers take to the streets for a "spring clean". PICTURE PETER MOGAKI

Councils threaten to defy Act

RIGHT-wing town councils would use force if necessary to resist succumbing to the new local government dispensation which meant mixed councils, CP local government spokesman Pikkie Coetzee said yesterday.

Coetzee, speaking from his home in Middeburg, said more than 100 local right-wing councils — including 68 in the Transvaal alone — would resist attempts to enforce the Local Government Transition Act.

Towns that wished to be part of a volkstaat wanted to maintain their autonomy through peaceful means, but would resist if force was used against them, he said.

If government wanted to enforce the Act it would have to kill right-wingers, he said.

Coetzee said this week's blockade of the Akasia Town Council north of Pretoria was the symbolic forerunner of similar blockades in the Transvaal and Free State over the next few months to halt the Act.

Earlier this week the Akasia town council barricaded its offices for a few hours and proclaimed the town the capital of the volkstaat.

The Act orders white towns to form joint

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

negotiating forums with their black, coloured and Indian neighbours, and makes provision for appointed administrators should they fail to do so by the end of March.

A local government negotiating forum spokesman said that in terms of the Act, councils could be dissolved and replaced with administrators until local government elections. *(2bb)*

However, it was unlikely any action would be taken before the expiry of the 90-day deadline in May.

Coetzee said every CP council in the Transvaal, as well as many NP councils, would join a volkstaat.

He said people living in volkstaat towns who were opposed to the idea would have to either move or live with the idea.

Towns falling outside the volkstaat border could be accommodated through a system of cantons, Coetzee said.

Meanwhile, the Rosslyn Industrialists' Association, which has much of its membership in Akasia, condemned the Akasia council's decision to join a volkstaat,

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executive director John Toerien said yesterday.

At a meeting this week, more than 97% of the industrial interests in the area decided that "the establishment of a volkstaat in the Akasia area would have a devastating effect on industrial development in the area", he said.

Toerien said the association believed a volkstaat would financially ruin its members and impoverish the district.

Its members contribute 72% to the Akasia council's revenue, but may have to end the relationship should the council pursue its plans to form part of the volkstaat.

Rosslyn and Klerksoord would have to investigate their options to lessen the impact of decisions taken by the Akasia Town Council on the two industrial areas should the volkstaat plans not be shelved, Toerien said.

The meeting called on interested parties to base their decisions on rational arguments rather than emotive statements, and warned that decisions taken on the future of Akasia should be within the law

Report by G du Venage, TML, 11 Diegonal St, Jhb

Volkstaat 'capital'

Akasia is braced

Star 19/12/94 to face the worst

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FORCING the council to amalgamate with neighbouring Soshanguve will spark a second Bosnia, says an Akasia councillor. And when that happens, the boerekommandos will be called out. MAUREEN ISAACSON reports.

WITHIN the razor-wire spirals and sandbags surrounding Akasia Town Hall the lawns are trim. As the town prepares for war under banners that read *Die Boerevolk is hier te bly* and *Volkstaat, Vryheid, Voorspoed, Vrede*, gardeners plant new shrubs.

After Thursday night's meeting in the half-completed town hall, residents agreed to resist the Transitional Act of October, by means of which local government seeks to merge Akasia with the black township of Soshanguve, about 15 km away.

Akasia council management committee chairman Louis Meynhardt says he is overwhelmed by the support he has received from the more than 2 000 residents who attended the meeting.

"They said they would help to fill the sandbags that had been brought in to protect our town council. I was surprised that the response was so good, that the motion of full confidence came from the people. Six right-wing councillors were there and the three NP councillors were absent.

"Even though Pik Botha lives not 500 m from the town council, not one of his supporters was there. We received solidarity from the Mine Workers' Union and the Steelworkers' Union, as well as the AWB in Lydenburg. It was also decided that we would form an Akasia boerekommando.

"We are ready. But we are not the aggressor. The sandbags were put there by the Pretoria Boerekommando as an act of solidarity. Before the Akasia boerekommando was formed, we knew that the Pretoria Boerekommando would come in at very short notice — you can just imagine how ready we are now!

"I foresee that the Republic of South Africa will become a second Bosnia, if not worse. I must quote Mr Mandela when he said the world has to take note of the Right."

Meynhardt says these extremes made themselves felt in the 10-year-old town — which he refers to as an "industrial garden city" — when the Government tried to force the "50-50" amalgamation with Soshanguve.

"It is unfair to expect our 22 000 residents to take care of their 370 000. That's what the Government wants to force upon us. They want the Administrator of the Transvaal to get rid of our elected councillors. There are 68 councillors in the Transvaal with the same point of view as ours. I don't

think they will handle the chaos that comes down on them — everything will come to a standstill — lights, water, everything will seize up. It's all out of our hands, but employees at Eskom will give us solidarity in that they will cut the lights."

Outside this office, with its airconditioning and wood-panel wallpaper, its flags and statues of blesboks on podiums, its threats of war, life goes on. Small, barefoot boys; teenagers receiving traffic fines for riding motorbikes without licences. The Wonderpark shopping centre up the road is almost empty early on Wednesday afternoon. And no one wants to tell us how they feel about their town becoming the volkstaat's capital.

"Volkstaat, is that the bank or what?" says one. "No politics," says another, otherwise keen to talk.

Says veterinary homeopath Bob van der Ree: "Maybe the boerevolk deserve something of their own, but I don't mind sharing."

"Neither do I," says his wife Fatima.

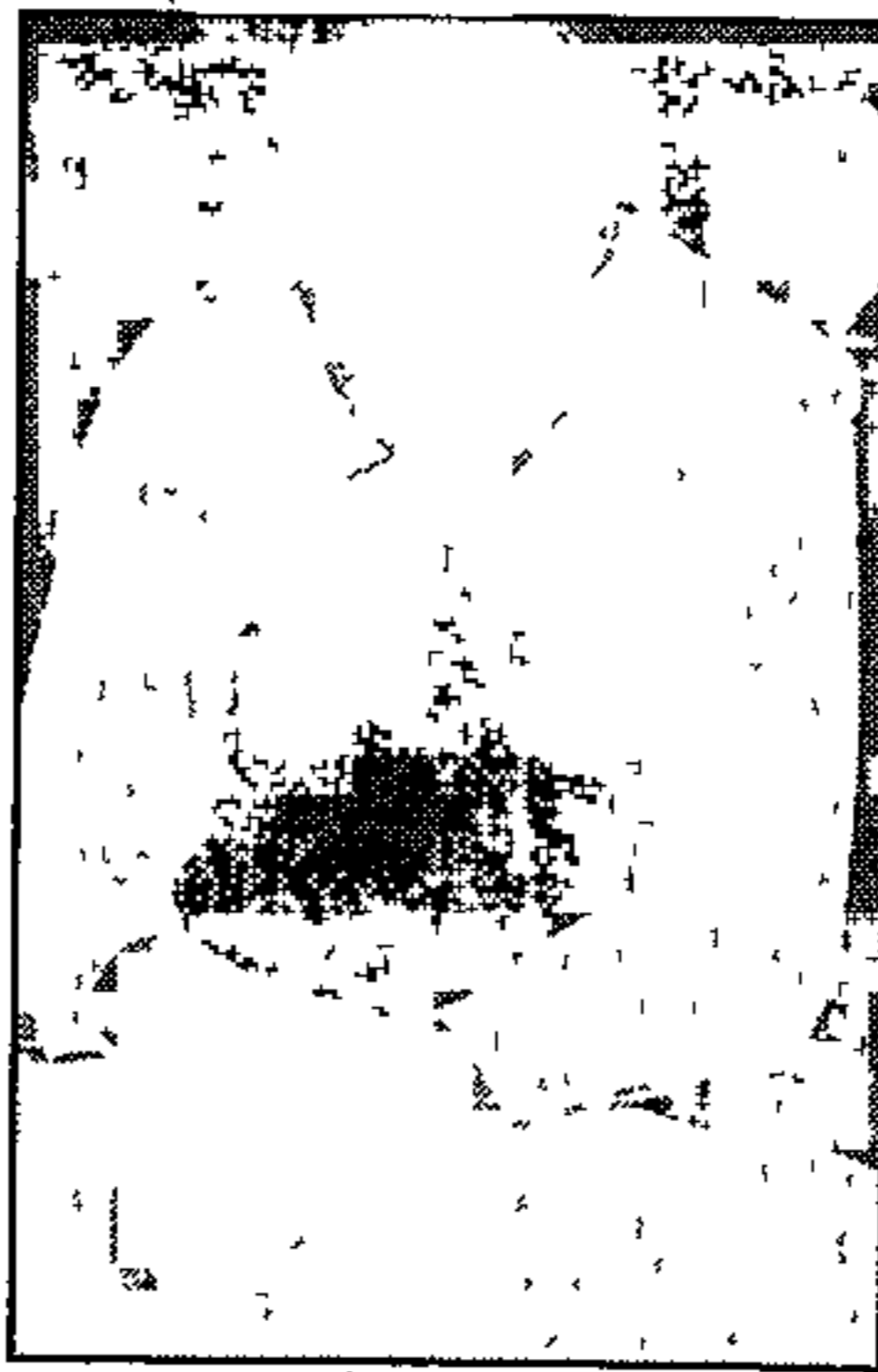
Meynhardt minds. "Unfortunately," he says, "one hundred blacks have moved in here, even since our announcement that it was part of the volkstaat — they keep coming in — they say they feel safer among the whites."

This is borne out by Akasia council spokesman Lynette van Rooyen, who proudly says plans submitted for January showed a growth rate of 700 per cent. "And there's our multipurpose town hall under construction — built on some or other Roman concept of an amphitheatre," she says, pointing to the half-completed building.

A pamphlet advertises the industrial potential of Rosslyn and its contrast to the tranquil setting of Akasia in the foothills of the Magaliesberg. The brochure refers to a "residential paradise", illustrated with photographs of streets in which white people walk.

Leaving behind the acacia and marula trees, the Sinkhuis restaurant — recently declared a national monument — and the suburban houses on the corner of the place that is marketed as "the industrial giant of the future", two notions stick in the mind.

One is Akasia's motto, *Development Creates Progress*, the other Meynhardt's threat: "The anthem of South Africa says 'We will die for South Africa'. There will come a day when we will face that fact."



MEYNHARDT: Overwhelmed by support.

Corruption probe's difficult customer

St Times 20/2/94

By MPH0 KOBUE

GETTING information from Mamelodi assistant city treasurer Larry van Zyl is like "flogging a dead horse", according to Mr Willem Krugel, chairman of the commission of inquiry into local town council corruption

A frustrated Mr Krugel said this while Mr van Zyl was being cross-examined by lawyer Nano Matlala

Mr van Zyl could not say why it had been impossible for the council to open an account for the Danneboom Gateway Shopping Centre, which has been operating for the past two years without being charged for water and electricity (2.66)

Mr van Zyl, who is in charge of the council's income division, gave long-winded reasons why it had been difficult to open the account, in spite of repeated attempts by owners of the shopping centre to start paying their water and electricity accounts

He said he was in the process of opening the account.

Meanwhile, earlier this week, the Krugel commission heard how the township's treasury cashbooks that went missing for three years were removed. The 1990/91 records ended at October 1990.

According to Mr Krugel, receipt vouchers were not available and there was an amount of R1,7-million unaccounted for

The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday

'How we will form volkstaat'

By ZANELE VUTELA

THE *volkstaat* will not be founded on a single piece of land but will comprise enclaves all over the country, City Press was told this week

Explaining this week's takeover of Akasia, north of Pretoria, chairman of the Akasia Town Council's management commit-

tee Louis Meynhardt said there were 68 more municipalities associated with the Transvaal Municipal Committee, "that are moving in the same direction as us"

He claimed some town councils in the Orange Free State and the Cape were on standby to declare themselves part of the *volkstaat*

City Press

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He said they had decided on this strategy because it would have been impractical to demand the whole of the former Boer Republics of the Orange Free State and Transvaal

The rightwing strategy seems to have been borne out by events in Standerton, when barely two days after the takeover of Akasia, the town announced that it

was ready to become part of the *volkstaat*

According to Meynhardt, Akasia's 150 black residents pose no trouble "because they are professionals"

He added, however, that although they lived in harmony now, he could not predict what would happen to them in future

Herman Mashaba, managing director of Black Like Me products and a resident of Akasia, said he would rather leave events in Akasia "in the hands of our capable politicians"

The Rosslyn Industrialists Association strongly opposed formation of a *volkstaat* that would incorporate Akasia

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Soweto workers down tools over wages

ABOUT 2 600 Soweto municipal workers yesterday downed tools to negotiate a date by which their outstanding wages would be paid to them, an SA Municipal Workers' Union spokesman said.

And as management did not respond to worker demands, the non-performance of duties would continue today and indefinitely until the issue was resolved, he added (BSP)

He stressed the workers were not on strike, but merely sought an

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agreed date by which their money, outstanding since 1990, would be paid. Thereafter, the question of the rent boycott could be addressed.

The workers tried to meet Howard Veale, appointed township manager by the Metropolitan Chamber, to put their demands to him (BSP)

The spokesman said Diepmeadow workers had been paid, but not Soweto workers, leading to widespread dissatisfaction (BSP) (2db)

TPA workers arrested

SIX TPA employees had been arrested on charges linked to the alleged misuse of pension payments, the TPA announced yesterday.

The officials, employed in the TPA's directorate of social development in Heidelberg, near Johannesburg, are expected to appear in court in Balfour today, the TPA said.

The arrests followed "a concerted effort by the directorate to address all forms of dishonesty at pension payment points", it said.

It added that the TPA would continue to strive to improve the pension payment system and welcomed the growing trend for pensioners to have their pensions deposited into banking accounts.

This system offered many security advantages to pensioners and the officials handling pensions.

Sapa (24b)

'Full force of state to coerce councils'

□ 'Rightwing resistance could turn violent'

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

THE full force of the state could be used to bring councils which resisted change into line, says Minister of Local Government Tertius Delport

Also, a complaint could be made to the Transitional Executive Council unless all signatories to an agreement to begin paying for services kept their word

Dr Delport told the United Municipal Executive congress today it was possible the R256 million debts owed by black local authorities could be "fully addressed" during this financial year

He asked white councils to write off debts owed by black local authorities, in terms of an agreement on finances signed this year by President De Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela

These debts, with rightwing resistance and power plays in local government forums, were the main obstacles to municipal reform

Dr Delport said the debts of black local authorities included R36 million owed to regional services councils, R600 000 on overdrawn accounts, R154 million owed to white councils,

R9 million for bulk water supply, R1,3 million to private contractors, R18 million to personnel and R37 million to other creditors

The R256 million did not include debts to Eskom, and the government had written off R419 million for development projects

There were also loans totaling R51 million to develop infrastructure which would be inherited by new local authorities because they were normal municipal responsibilities

The government had R211 million available from savings and unspent allocations which could be used for black local authorities' debts

Township residents owed debts to black local authorities, Dr Delport said

"Every day debts are being written off"

Dr Delport said he wanted to quash allegations that the government had reneged on the agreement on finance which provided for debts to be written off in turn for people starting to pay for services

The problem of non-payments would be submitted to the TEC's sub-council on regional and local government, and if necessary to the TEC itself

Dr Delport said it was unlikely new local authorities' books would balance without help from central government

Dr Delport said there had been indications that rightwing resistance to local government restructuring could turn violent

He said he thought the conservative Transvaal Municipal Association had been accommodated in a compromise on local reform.

But it seemed resistance at municipal level began in earnest only when the creation of a volkstaat looked impossible

He warned that cases where officials were told either to work for "burger-rade" (burger councils) or resign were a violation of the law

He said rightwing councils — even those who put up razor wire and sandbags at their offices — had not yet broken the law

Stunned by the attack by Dr Delport, the Transvaal Municipal Association said they were neither reactionaries nor revolutionaries

TMA president Ben van der Berg said Dr Delport's statement was irresponsible

The association had distanced itself from the forcing of municipal officials to swear allegiance to a volkstaat

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Jo'burg mayor refuses to give up his post

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

JOHANNESBURG mayor Les Dishy has refused to vacate his seat, challenging a tradition of one-year mayoral terms that stretches back to the turn of the century.

Every mayor since 1903 has stood down, usually in favour of the deputy mayor. The DP and NP caucuses, who have a working arrangement in the council, have asked Dishy to stand down in favour of deputy mayor Piet Pretorius, an NP councillor.

But Dishy, who is a DP councillor, has refused, citing a recent administrative proclamation that allows for mayors and deputy mayors to remain in their posts

until new local government structures are in place.

Sources said it would not matter if his post was extended by a matter of weeks, or even a couple of months. But slow progress in talks towards setting up a metropolitan council and reorganising local government in the region could mean that Dishy keeps his seat for up to a year longer than usual.

Sources speculated that Dishy may have been hoping to be Johannesburg's last mayor under the old system, and see in the

new from his position in the chair.

The job of mayor is mostly ceremonial and the mayor's tasks usually include representing the city at public functions. His political authority is limited to his position as a member of the city council and he can vote along with other councillors during council debates. The real seat of power in the council lies in the position of management committee chairman. (Zbb)

Dishy said yesterday he was merely following the proclamation. He refused to comment on speculation as to his motives.

Report by G du Venage, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb

Moratorium could cost TPA R123m

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration stood to lose the R123m it had paid for construction work on HF Verwoerd Hospital if a National Health Forum moratorium was enforced by the Transitional Executive Council, Transvaal health services head Fanie Ferreira said.

Ferreira said last week the TPA refused to recognise the moratorium placed on the R317m upgrading of the Pretoria hospital, despite threats from within the forum to take the matter to the TEC.

ANC health secretary and forum co-chairman Ralph Mngijima said the forum first declared the moratorium on the upgrading project early last month because its committee had found that running costs would outweigh capital costs if it was com-

BEATRIX PAYNE

pleted. The costs of halting the project now would be justified. *51004 713194*

Ferreira said total financial implications, including legal costs, if the moratorium was enforced would be R123,2m. But the TPA was contractually bound to the project and would continue construction. The upgrading was being financed through the National Health and Welfare Department by the State Expenditure Department. *(216)*

At a meeting between the forum and the TPA on Wednesday, the Patriotic Health Front — a body in the forum made up of health industry unions, civics and the ANC

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— said it would take the matter to the TEC. Mngijima said the forum would request the TEC to enforce the moratorium while the cost-effectiveness of the project was considered. He said it was possible the project would be scrapped as "the TPA hasn't done cost-effective studies". The decision to construct the hospital was a political rather than a financial decision.

Mngijima said the forum needed to consider the potential flow of patients through the hospital and health needs in the region. The National Health Forum was launched in September to examine govern-

ment restructuring and government's responsibility under a new health dispensation. Representatives include government, ANC, members of the Patriotic Health Front and the pharmaceuticals industry.

The TPA was also budgeting to build a new R90m maternity and child care hospital as the current building might have to be demolished. It lay in the way of a planned extension of Voortrekker Road. *(216)*

Mngijima said the forum was seriously evaluating a proposal to build a hospital in Cato Manor, Durban.

workers defy court order • Residents march on police station

Crisis in services looms

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STRIKE Soweto Services Agreement in 'serious jeopardy'

By Joshua Raboroko

THE Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement is "in serious jeopardy" following the two-week-long strike by municipal workers

A Soweto Council spokesman said the agreement would be 'irreparably prejudiced' if the strike continued. This would result in a service charges boycott and the entire breakdown of services.

Disruption of services, such as blocked sewerage and water supply networks, old age and other pension payments and the threatening of contract workers could lead to "major catastrophe".

Numerous diseases, such as cholera, could also become endemic in the area, a Soweto Council spokesman said yesterday.

Yesterday, the municipal workers continued their strike, defying a Rand Supreme Court interdict declaring their action illegal. The workers are demanding wages apparently owed them since 1988.

The council spokesman said an urgent meeting between the council and a delegation of the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) would be held today to discuss the crisis.

The extent of the crisis is detailed in an urgent Rand Supreme Court application filed by the council last Friday. The council was granted an interim interdict declaring the strike illegal.

The interdict also restrained workers from obstructing, harassing, threatening or intimidating non-striking staff, agents or members of the public.

The council's affidavit before the court referred to the killing last Thursday of an auditor, Mr Winston Lebenya, who was helping to calculate the arrear wage demands. He was shot dead in front of his wife at their child's creche.

The council said it appeared that the union and strikers "are bent upon creating a situation of near anarchy in Greater Soweto in an attempt to hold the council to ransom and to exhort undue benefits".

"It further appears to be of no consequence to Samwu and the striking workers that innocent parties are, in the process of their unlawful conduct, made to suffer dire hardship," the council said.

As a result of threats, a number of contractors have ceased operations and withdrawn workers from the area.

The council said the virtual total disruption of its offices and the extent of the crisis became apparent last Thursday when reports from contractors came to their attention.

Brakpan resigns from right-wing association

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Brakpan Town Council has resigned from the right-wing Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) because of a directive to CP councils to set up "burgerrade", or citizens' councils. *Bilau 9/3/94*

Council management committee chairman Stefan Kruger said yesterday the council could not support the TMA's call for councils to set up their own structures. A letter circulated to TMA members calls for the establishment of burgerrade by March 11.

The letter also says right-wing councils should not take part in local negotiations, and calls for their disruption where they have been established.

Kruger said the 10-man Brakpan council — previously CP-run and now a coalition of independents and NP councillors — could not support the position. *(2pb)*

He said the PWV region's economy was heavily dependent on blacks. It was densely populated and cosmopolitan, making it impossible to convert the Transvaal into a volkstaat.

Kruger said the council would remain part of the Transvaal Local Government Association, which represents 80% of the Transvaal town councils.

TMA president Ben van der Berg denied the letter had been issued by the association.

It had been issued by a subcouncil of the Afrikaner Volksfront, he said.

However, Van der Berg said, the TMA supported the establishment of burgerrade. The burgerrade were not to take over the role of established councils, but were to act as "shadow councils" in preparation for the establishment of the volkstaat.

They would not attempt to take over existing councils or work in direct opposition to them, he said.

Report by G Duvenage TML 11 Diagonal St, Jhb

Strike halts payments

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Soweto council workers' strike had disrupted the "promising" level of payments from residents who had heeded calls to end the debt boycott, a spokesman for Soweto administrator Howard Veale said yesterday. 913194

He said payment levels had risen to 20% from 8% during the first two weeks of February. However, the strike had forced the closure of municipal offices, making it impossible for residents to make payments. Projections showed payment levels would have reached 80% by May.

Sapa reports essential services were collapsing as the strike entered its third week. Traffic lights had failed and dirty water from burst sewers streamed down streets.

The strike continued in violation of a Supreme Court interdict granted last week, declaring the action illegal. (152) (266)

The spokesman said the council hoped to reach an accord to end the strike by the end of this week.

Strikers were demanding readjustment of salary scales according to Industrial Council rules.

WEST RAND Decision on claims 'crucial' • Tighter security at payout points

New dangers as

strike continues

TASK FORCE Essential services in

Soweto have broken down

By Joshua Raboroko

ESSENTIAL services in Soweto have broken down as the three-week-old strike by more than 2 000 municipal workers continues with no end in sight.

Dirty water from burst sewage pipes is streaming down the streets and traffic lights are not working. Rubbish bins have not been collected and refuse is piling up in yards and on the streets.

Other key services affected by the strike are graveyards, clinics and child-care services.

A task force formed to investigate the problem, including arrears pay claims by striking Soweto Council workers, is to submit its findings to the city manager, Mr Howard Veale, tomorrow.

The decision was taken after a meeting this week between the council's management committee and officials of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, which represents the work-

ers. A council spokesman said yesterday that Veale will study the report and decide whether the workers' pay claims are justified.

His decision will be "crucial" because it will determine the fate of the strikers. Sources said they feared there would be chaos and in further violence, harassment and disruption of services if the decision does not favour the workers. The strike stems from claims by the workers that they are owed R35 million in back payments since 1988.

The council had not met the demands and the workers were still on strike yesterday, despite an interdict by the Rand Supreme Court declaring their action illegal.

The workers' spokesman said it was vital that the parties explore ways and means of ending the dispute soon to avoid services deteriorating completely.

He said if the problem was not attended to immediately, the accumulating garbage and spilling sewerage could lead to the spread of diseases such as cholera.



Sit-in disrupts chamber meeting

A CENTRAL Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting was abandoned last night when about 400 Soweto municipal workers occupied the Johannesburg City Council chamber for several hours.

They demanded payment of salary arrears totalling R35m.

Shortly after chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert opened proceedings, workers — mostly SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) members — in the public gallery began chanting, demanding the TPA and chamber committee settle the debt affecting more than 2 500 Soweto employees.

However, Slabbert said in terms of the chamber's constitution the meeting could not continue and adjourned proceedings.

SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) southern Transvaal deputy president Richard Ndakane said workers' demands included the dismissal of Soweto city manager Howard Veal and Soweto town clerk Lous Geldenhuys, and the withdrawal of a court interdict against them.

"We are concerned that the upgrading of

JACQUIE GOLDING
and GAVIN DU VENAGE

services planned for Soweto will be jeopardised if management and the TPA fail to meet workers' demands," he said.

ANC provincial and local government affairs head Mathole Motshekga accused the chamber of being "incompetent".

He said workers were "deeply concerned" that the TPA had broken the Soweto agreement with Samwu which was intended to deal with the services and payments problem.

Slabbert said if the workers engaged in actions which made it impossible for the chamber to assist in implementing the agreement "the chamber can only observe proceedings without being able to do anything about it".

However, Motshekga said if the chamber could not do anything it had no business being involved in local government affairs.

Workers left the building after agreeing to meet city officials today.

Public works
^{3/Day}
strike ends

STEPHANE BOTHMA

PRETORIA — An illegal strike by employees of the regional office of the Public Works Department — responsible for the Union Buildings gardens and the cleaning of presidential and ministerial homes — ended yesterday. 113/94

A department spokesman said the strike, organised by the SA Health and Public Service Workers' Union, had been called on Wednesday following demands that members of the union be given their pensions before April 27. 113

The request for the payment of pensions was raised by union secretary-general Silas Baloyi on February 21. 113

After Baloyi was informed that the pension fund was administered by the Finance Department and not by the Public Works Department, he called for a strike. (266)

Strikers returned to work after discussions with the department, during which an undertaking was given that the department would take the matter up with the Finance Department and that the union would be briefed within a week. (357)

Soweto strike still on

By ZANELE VUTELA *CIPROD*

THERE is still no end in sight to the Soweto municipal strike that has crippled the township's services for the past three weeks.

The strike continues to disrupt many essential services in the township. Soweto clinics have had to shut their doors, traffic lights are not working, graves are not being dug and sewers containing dirty water are bursting open.

The deadlock has been prolonged by the postponement of a meeting that was to be held on Friday morning by the Soweto council management. *(266)*

Unfair

In a letter to SAMWU, Soweto manager/administrator Howard Veale told the union that the meeting had been postponed because SAMWU members had disrupted a seating of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber on Wednesday.

Hundreds of workers, in a bid to press home their demands, crowded the floor of the Johannesburg City Council chamber, toy-totyping and goose-stepping on the golden carpet. *13/1/94*

Veale told SAMWU that the union members' action of "attempting to intimidate officials of the council while good faith negotiations were in progress is unfair labour practice".

He also said that the council was also considering "remedies" to SAMWU's failure to comply with an court order which had granted the council an interim interdict last Friday, restraining the SAMWU Transvaal region from continuing with or in anyway encouraging strike action. *(13)*

Steven Sihlangu, SAMWU's secretary, said he was disappointed at the postponement because SAMWU had hoped to obtain, from the meeting, something that could have been used to persuade the workers to go back to work.

NEWS Working groups to speed up payments

Soweto services strike suspended

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By Ike Motsapi

TEC PROMISE R32 million in back pay for council workers:

THE strike by about 2 050 Soweto Council employees is over and workers are to resume duties on Monday

Workers went on strike in February to demand the payment of about R19,8 million allegedly owed to them since 1988. The strike was sparked by news that Diepmeadow Council workers had been paid money owing to them.

Mr Andrew Nkoanyane, general-secretary of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, which represents the workers, said yesterday that the strike was suspended after the Transitional Executive Council made an undertaking that workers would be paid money owed to them.

Samwu had approached the TEC on Wednesday as the strike, which entered its fourth week on Monday,

paralysed essential services in Soweto and surrounding areas. *(266)*

Nkoanyane said Samwu, the TEC and the Transvaal Provincial Administration had agreed to set up working groups that would speed up the payment of money to the workers.

Undertaken

TPA spokesman Miss Hanlie Delpor said yesterday the TPA had undertaken to make about R32 million available to the Soweto and Diepmeadow managements to implement the agreement reached between the parties.

"The TPA played a leading role along with representatives of all role players in Greater Soweto to reach the

agreement to terminate the services charge boycott and to improve services in general," she said.

Nkoanyane said the dispute resulted from upgradings within the Soweto Council in 1987.

"Surprisingly, only top officials were paid the appropriate salaries

Workers went on strike in 1988 around this issue because the ungrading only benefited senior personnel

As a result, several employees were dismissed and no attempts were made to resolve the problem. In 1992 the discrepancies were again highlighted to the council, which admitted it owed the workers but said it could not pay out because of lack of funds," he said



TPA 'not liable' for Soweto wage arrears

Friday 14/12/94

THEO RAWANA

THE dispute over unpaid wage increases was a matter between the Soweto City Council and its workers, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) could not be held responsible for money owed to employees, Transvaal MEC for local government Piet Coetzer has said

Coetzer was responding on Friday to allegations that the strike by about 2 500 Soweto workers had been caused by both the TPA and the council reneging on pay-rise pledges dating back to 1988, which had built up into a R35m backlog

About 400 workers caused a Soweto Services Crisis Committee meeting to be abandoned last Wednesday

when they occupied the Johannesburg council chamber, demanding payment ~~(R35m)~~ (R24m)

Coetzer said the TPA had complied with undertakings by the Greater Soweto Services Crisis Agreement and had made available a kick-start of R32m and advances on grants to enable Soweto and Diepmeadow to implement the accord.

"The dispute about unpaid increases in wages is a matter between the Soweto Council and the workers. Negotiations between the parties are in progress," the TPA said

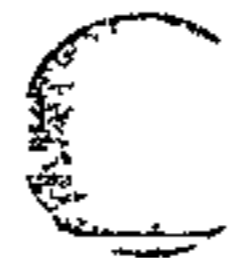
The TPA had taken a leading part,

along with representatives of all role-players in greater Soweto, in reaching agreement to end the service charges boycott and to improve services. ~~(R35m)~~

"I would like to make a call on the parties involved to spare no effort in reaching a settlement and in bettering the chances of success for the Soweto agreement," Coetzer said

Soweto council officials could not be reached for comment

SA Municipal Workers' Union spokesman Andrew Mkoenyane said a team set up by the crisis committee to look into the backlog and work out the exact amount owed would report back today



Bulk water price goes up 6%

WATER tariffs in the PWV area are set to increase following the Rand Water Board's announcement of a 6% price rise for supplies to municipalities and mines from April 1.

Rand Water Board CE Vincent Bath said on Friday the increase was well below the rate of inflation and was lower than in previous years.

Last year the increase had been 7% and in 1992 it had been 8,5%.

The new tariff also raised by 10c/kl a levy to finance the construction of the Lesotho Highlands Water Scheme.

The scheme to supply water from Lesotho to the PWV is expected to be completed by 1996.

Bath said the tariff increase had been kept low because capital repayments on Greater Vaal River infrastructure developments had been completed this year.

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MARIANNE MERTEN

For this reason the Water Affairs and Forestry Department had reduced the price of raw water supplied to the board (2/10)

He said the increase was a normal annual procedure as the board reviewed its expenditure and set tariffs for the next year to cover its costs.

Tariffs for bulk consumers would rise from 96,05 c/kl to 101,81 c/kl.

In response to the increase, Johannesburg rates and services director Andries van Zyl said the council would absorb the increase until the new budget on July 1.

A Sandton council spokesman said the council would decide at a full meeting at the end of the month whether to pass the increase on to consumers immediately or to absorb it until a new budget was finalised in July.

Asherson threatens to lead boycott

JOHANNESBURG city councillor Paul Asherson yesterday threatened to lead boycotts "on a scale never seen before" if the ANC went ahead with plans to cut rates rebates for residents. *Biday*

Asherson, who is a DP provincial candidate for the PWV region, was reacting to Civic Association of Johannesburg general secretary Cas Coovadia's statement that civics could advise the next government to scrap the rates rebate system.

A rates rebate is granted to residential property owners so that they do not pay as much property tax as businesses, which theoretically place a greater strain on roads and services

Asherson said the call showed that Coovadia and the ANC were ignorant of municipal financing and were "meddling with Johannesburg's paying taxpayers at their peril".

"The rebate is purely a mechanism

THEO RAWANA

that ensures residents pay a reasonable and correct rate, but allows the city to collect twice that rate from business. There is no pressure from business for any alteration of the system." *15/3/94*

To start a "typically ANC campaign" now to punish those who pay their rates and for water, sewage, garbage collection and electricity would be to "ask for bigger trouble than they know", Asherson said. *(266) (15/3/94)*

"I will personally lead a campaign by every Johannesburg resident (black, white, coloured or Indian) against any attempt to punish the payers. They will see boycotts on a scale never seen before in SA.

"If Coovadia wants the ANC brought to its knees he is embarking on the right course," Asherson said.

Report by T Rawana, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb

Call to revamp tertiary education

KATHRYN STRACHAN

NOTHING less than a radical reconstruction of higher education was needed to meet the developmental demands of the country, ANC education head John Samuel said yesterday. *Biday*

He told an Eskom education conference in Midrand there was an urgent need for a commission on higher education to be appointed after the election. *15/3/94*

The commission would have to analyse the structure of the sector, the balance between universities and technikons, and between science and technology on the one hand and social sciences on the other.

Samuel said the proposal that the structure and function of higher education should be related to the overall development and reconstruction of the country had implications for institutions' autonomy.

It would be necessary to increase immediately the intake of women, blacks and other disadvantaged students and to redress institutional inequalities through financial and other measures

There was no system of higher education in SA, he said, but rather an incoherent and fragmented conglomeration of sectors and institutions

National Education Minister Piet Marais told the conference that the maintenance of universities' autonomy was necessary and should be supported by adequate state financing

One option for improving access to tertiary institutions, while keeping within financial constraints and maintaining academic standards, was to restrict the state's subsidy for students to a specified maximum. Support mechanisms also should be provided for talented students from disadvantaged communities.

In this regard, an investigation had been launched into introducing community colleges which could offer students the chance to gain credits for tertiary study during bridging programmes

Report by K Strachan TML 11 Diagonal St Jhb

Inkatha

"implemented within the next... if we are going to have any... stressed the plan had to have operation of government.

President F W de Klerk also day he found Inkatha's decision to participate in the election "astounding" and warned of a volatile situation in Natal, even while he defended "democratic" right not to participate.

He assured Buthelezi that he would not suffer the same fate as deposed wana president Lucas Mangoshe when his government was trying to de KwaZulu region.

He called on Buthelezi to take measures to ensure other parties were not restricted from campaigning in Natal.

Meanwhile, the rift within the ruling Afrikaner Volksfront and the CP widened yesterday.

Sexwale

Sexwale batho to honour an agreement with president Lucas Mangoshe to protect the homeland from communist takeover. *(15/3/94)*

He claimed the AWB had been invited into Bophuthatswana by former Minister Rowan Cronje, whom he accused of betrayal.

During the day, Bophuthatswana administrator Tjaart van der Merwe addressed about 3 000 civil servants and promised them that their salaries and pensions would be safe and asking them to get back to Bophuthatswana running as soon as possible.

He also committed SA's government to bringing about salary parity between Bophuthatswana and SA civil servants soon.

Municipal strikes still unresolved

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■ SERVICES CRISES New

forum mooted to settle disputes:

THE African National Congress' PWV region and civic associations are to ask the Transitional Executive Council today to help in resolving the services crises in Soweto and Alexandra.

They said yesterday that steps should be taken urgently to establish the metropolitan negotiating forum provided for in the Local Government Transition Act because that was the only body that could solve the crises.

The groups said after a meeting yesterday that the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber were incapable of resolving the problems in the two areas.

The decision came after a meeting between the chairman of the CWMC,

Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, and trade unionists was disrupted by workers (~~266~~) (266)

Slabbert said those who wished to undermine the chamber and its attempts to play a constructive role in local government might succeed, but would inherit a "political whirlwind of unresolved issues" (~~152~~)

The parties met to discuss efforts to prevent the collapse of services in Soweto and Alexandra in the wake of strikes by municipal workers.

The Soweto strike resulted from claims by municipal workers that they are owed monies since 1988. In Alexandra workers went on strike last Friday claiming they are owed pay for

last July.

A spokesman for the Alexandra workers said yesterday the strike would continue until the Randburg Town Council had addressed their grievances.

The strikers include road workers, water works workers and personnel officers. Ambulance, traffic and cemetery workers were still working yesterday.

Randburg Council member Mr Gary Cooney said an urgent meeting was planned to discuss the dispute. He hoped the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber would also become involved in the dispute.

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Alex council strike ends

Alexandra council staff returned to work yesterday after a three-day strike over a salary dispute and power struggle with the township's administrators, the Randburg Town Council (254)

A spokesman for the Randburg council said the strike had

been resolved through the appointment of a task team to investigate the issues that led to the action (266) (152)

The task team is made up of five representatives each from the Randburg and Alexandra councils — Metro Staff

Doctors in bid to sort out overtime

Interns call for talks with chiefs

BY MICHAEL SPARKS

Overworked doctors have invited the superintendents of Johannesburg's five largest provincial hospitals — the Johannesburg Hospital, J G Strydom, Hillbrow, Baragwanath and Coronation — to a meeting on Wednesday to discuss overtime pay and excessive overtime.

The invitation was made by the Junior Doctors' Association of South Africa (Judasa), which has threatened legal action if the workload of medical interns is not reduced to acceptable limits and full overtime is not paid.

Interns claim they regularly work up to 120 hours a week. The maximum safe overtime recommended by the SA Medical and Dental Council is 80 hours. They also claim they are not paid for all their overtime.

OVERWORKED junior doctors invite hospital superintendents to discuss problems of long hours and insufficient pay

Judasa spokesman Dr Eric Hefer says the optimum work time for doctors is about 60 hours a week, but "doctors are regularly working more than double that".

If Wednesday's meeting does not produce an adequate response from the hospitals, Judasa intends taking industrial action, Hefer says.

Medical Association of South Africa labour relations manager Peter Brewer says the response by Johannesburg Hospital su-

perintendent Dr Trevor Frankish to the invitation has been "very positive". Dr Annemarie Richter, superintendent of J G Strydom and Coronation hospitals, has also agreed to attend.

Brewer is still awaiting a response from the other superintendents.

"We are not adopting a confrontational approach, but it is a disgrace that our members are subjected to these working hours," Brewer says.

One of the reasons medical interns work excessive overtime is a severe shortage of primary health care facilities, according to Frankish.

But the issue of primary health care centres is a broader health policy issue which will have to be addressed by the new government. In the meantime, he says, "I am not disputing the importance of the interns issue. It does have to be addressed."

Soweto workers end strike after pay deal sealed

Soweto council workers have agreed to return to work tomorrow, after the TEC undertook to persuade the Transvaal Provincial Administration that they should be paid the money owed

to them, SA Municipal Workers' Union shop steward Thembi Mahlangu said yesterday.

The workers will not work today, instead observing Sharpeville Day and attending rallies.

Mahlangu said workers had decided that they would suspend their seven-week strike after the TEC had given its assurance that it would intervene on the workers' behalf — Metro Staff

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TPA locks out workers after row

Star 24/2/94

■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

The Transvaal Provincial Administration locked about 100 workers out of their offices in downtown Johannesburg yesterday after a dispute between the workers and management.

National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) regional chairman Siphwe Mazibuko said workers at the Community Services and Pensions Department had submitted a list of demands to management in February.

Among the demands were a risk allowance for staffers working in dangerous areas, promotions for existing staffers and an end to the promotion of white workers who did not qualify for certain jobs, added security due to dangerous work conditions, and a minimum salary of R1 300 and an increment of R200 for those earning R40 000 or 10 per cent across the board (266).

Jeff Wilkins, head of the TPA's Witwatersrand Community Development Branch, yesterday said the workers were locked out because of unruly behaviour.

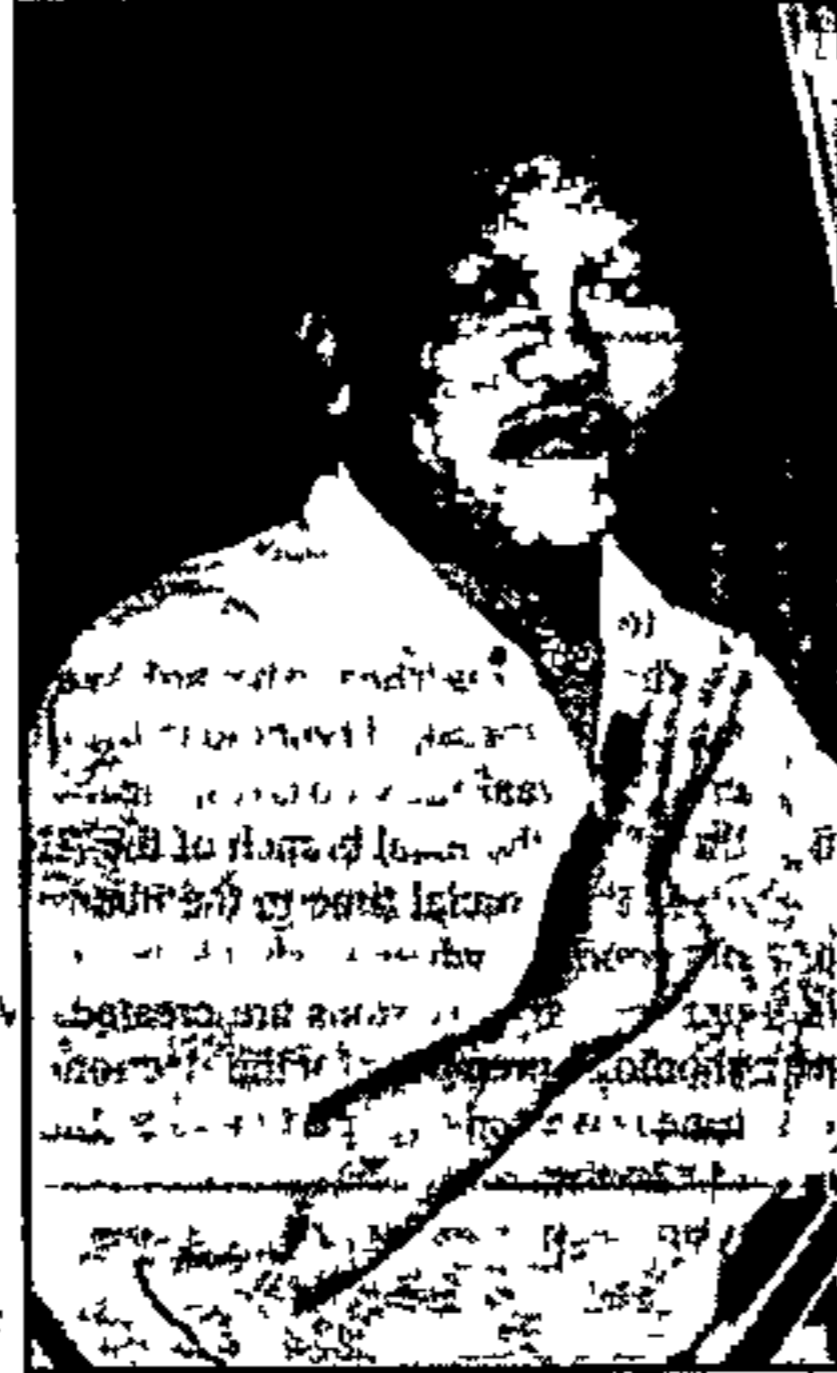
Late yesterday, a Nehawu official said workers were involved in discussions with TPA management to resolve the conflict.

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THE PWV REGION Major battlefield of big political guns in shaping nation's future



Zach de Beer... DP



Benny Alexander... PAC



Olaus van Zyl... NP



Tokyo Sexwale... ANC

Key Points

Composition: The PWV province comprises Alberton, Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Germiston, Heidelberg, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Nigel, Oberholzer, Randburg, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Springs, Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, Westonaria, Bronkhorstspuit, Cullinan, Pretoria, Soshanguve, Wonderboom

Population as at June 1993 Total (of persons 18 years and older) 6,7 million Whites — 2,1 million, Coloureds — 273 000, Asians — 159 000, Blacks — 4,2 million

● Figures supplied by Development Information Government. There will be 86 seats in the provincial legislature, a 10-member senate and a premier. The PWV provincial government will have considerable powers to make laws

Bidding for biggest region

By Themba Molefe
Political Correspondent

DAGGERS DRAWN Four parties battle for control of South

Africa's industrial heartland and economic nerve centre:

DAGGERS have been drawn in the biggest electoral region in South Africa, the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal, where the most important players each hope to win the biggest number of the over six million potential votes

The PWV is the most densely populated area in South Africa, with more than nine million people. It is home to 23 percent of South Africa's population

The parties bidding for control of the nerve centre of South Africa's economy are the African National Congress, National Party, Democratic Party and Pan Africanist Congress

With only 30 days left to election day the four most prominent parties in the province — one of the nine regions on the country's new map — are campaigning on the issues closest to the heart and are targeting the black vote

Although the April poll is not necessarily an issues campaign but a constitutional exercise, the four parties are focusing on violence, jobs and the much-needed houses

Figures show that the PWV has a potential labour force of 4,5 million and a participation of 70 percent

At least 200 000 houses will have to be built in the next 10 years to beat the backlog

The campaigns of the ANC and the NP are much the same

NP premier candidate for the PWV Mr Olaus van Zyl said in a radio interview yesterday that his party would provide 500 000 houses in the next five years. The ANC's Mr Obed Bapela said in the same talk show that the organisation wanted to eliminate the housing shortage which he said stood at 40 percent

The PAC's campaign is for what it says is the return of the land to indigenous Africans and as such does not focus on the same issues as the ANC and NP

The DP's campaign is pointed at human rights rather than material issues

One of its slogans is "We never killed people, only apartheid"

The PWV is an industrial complex where the illiteracy rate as a percentage of the economically active population of 12,5 percent is much lower than in other provinces (with the exception of the Western Cape)

This suggests that the PWV province has adequate human resource potential to sustain development. Also, it has a strong sense of identity as a highly urbanised region with a high level of language heterogeneity

The PWV contributes 40 percent of the Gross Domestic Product with economic activity centring on manufacturing, finance, commerce and mining

It has historically formed the backbone of other economic sectors

Politically, the PWV is where it's happening, as the saying goes, because it is where the most important electioneering takes place

For instance, the position of Pretoria caused some heated debates at the Multiparty Negotiating Council sessions at Kempton Park. Argument was that it was in the national interest to create as many economically viable provinces as possible and inclusion of Pretoria in the Eastern Transvaal would help in that regard.

Apart from the fact that the Independent Electoral Commission has allocated more provincial parliamentary seats (86) to the PWV than other provinces, the four contending parties have also fielded "giants" for their PWV premier candidates

The ANC's man is Tokyo Sexwale, the organisation's PWV firebrand chairman who is popular among followers and non-members alike

The ANC has fielded 86 candidates and should it win, it will fill all the seats in the provincial parliament plus the 10-member senate

The NP has an experienced government administrator in Olaus van Zyl. As a former MEC in the Transvaal and leading NP campaigner, Van Zyl is also in the party's election team that advises leader FW de Klerk

The DP has chosen youthful and flamboyant MP for Houghton Tony Leon. His slogan is "The Tony Leon team fights for you"

The PAC has its fiery secretary-general Benny Alexander as its man for the premiership, whose nomination for the candidacy was seen as an attempt to blunt Sexwale's thrust in the province

However, as about four weeks remain to countdown, the ANC is still ahead in the campaign and enjoys successful penetration of all areas, except in the farming

community. The NP, which ironically has not met fierce resistance in black townships in the PWV, saw De Klerk launch a successful campaign in the biggest township in the

area, Soweto, two weeks ago. The DP's campaign has met opposition wherever it goes in black townships. The PAC's crusade in the PWV has been, like in other areas, low key

The campaigns of the ANC and the NP are much the same

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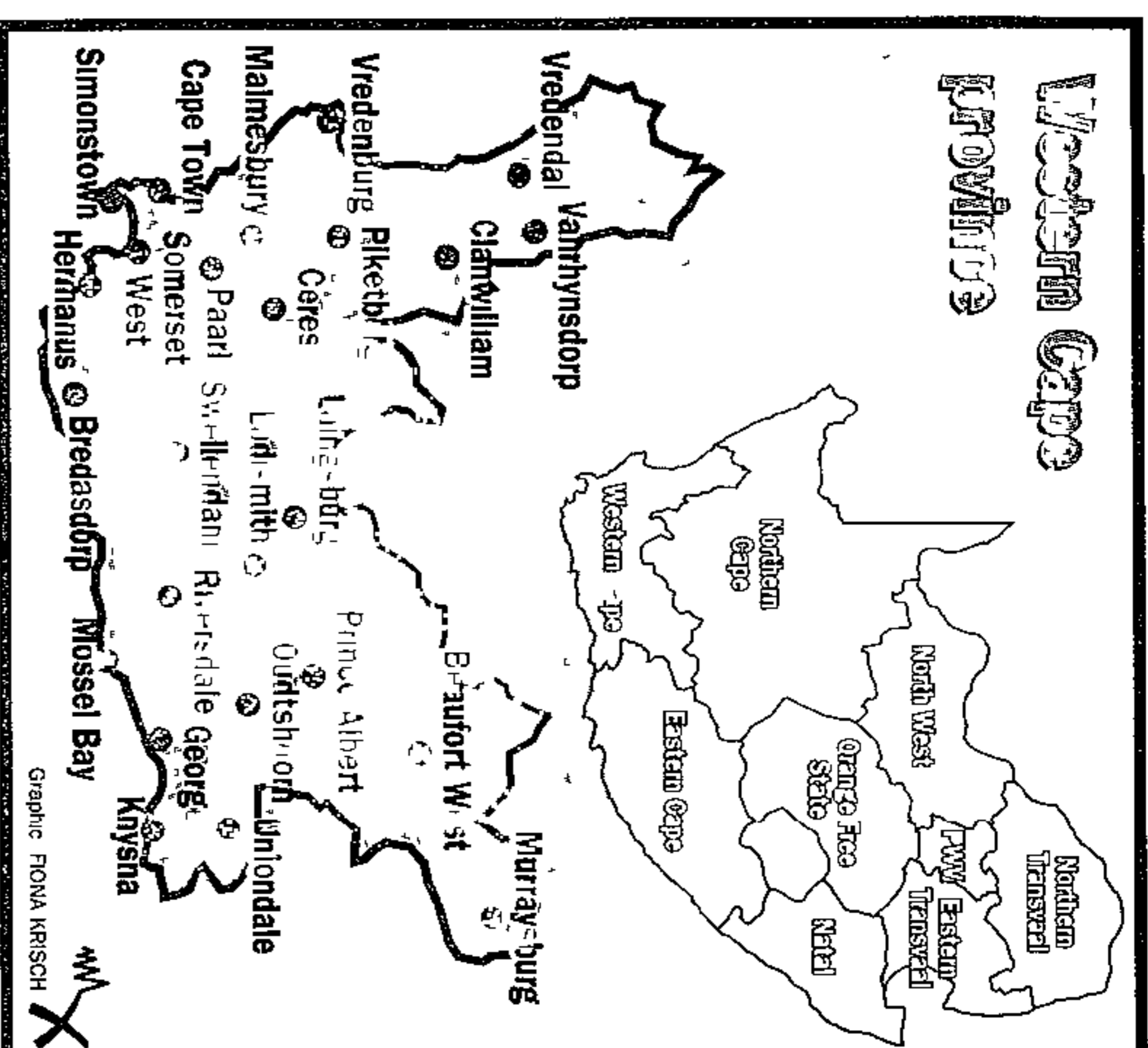
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NOW FOR THE CROWN

In the first two weeks of March, the Sunday Times conducted update polls in three of the country's most populous provinces — the PWV, Kwazulu/Natal and the Western Cape. We found not only that the situation in each of the provinces had changed dramatically since November when the first PULSE OF THE PEOPLE poll was conducted, but that distinctly different voting patterns were emerging in each of the provinces.

MIKE ROBERTSON and RAY HARTLEY report



Tokyo's still set to be premier

of new province

THE ANC's Tokyo Sexwale is still on track to become the premier of the country's richest new province — but winning the election might not be the pinch it appeared back in November last year.

Since the last pulse of the people poll, conducted in November, the final boundaries of the PWV region have been decided. Areas that have been excised which means that

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THEN AND NOW: HOW SUPPORT FOR PARTIES HAS CHANGED

PARTY	PWV		WESTERN CAPE		KWAZULU/NATAL	
	NOV 93	MARCH 94	NOV 93	MARCH 94	NOV 93	MARCH 94
ANC	57	49	14	15	38	41
NP	13	17	18	14	17	21
DP	3	8	2	2	3	7
CP	4	1	1	1	0	2
PAC	1	1	1	1	0	1
ACDP	0	1	0	0	15	2
IFP	4	0	6	6	2	1
UNDECIDED	4	9	42	5	5	5
	86	86			81	81

The table shows the projected composition of the three provincial parliaments

and conservative white voters in the PWV region

The March update poll in the region reflects this and shows that while the ANC is still heading for a comfortable victory it will not be by the massive two-thirds majority originally anticipated

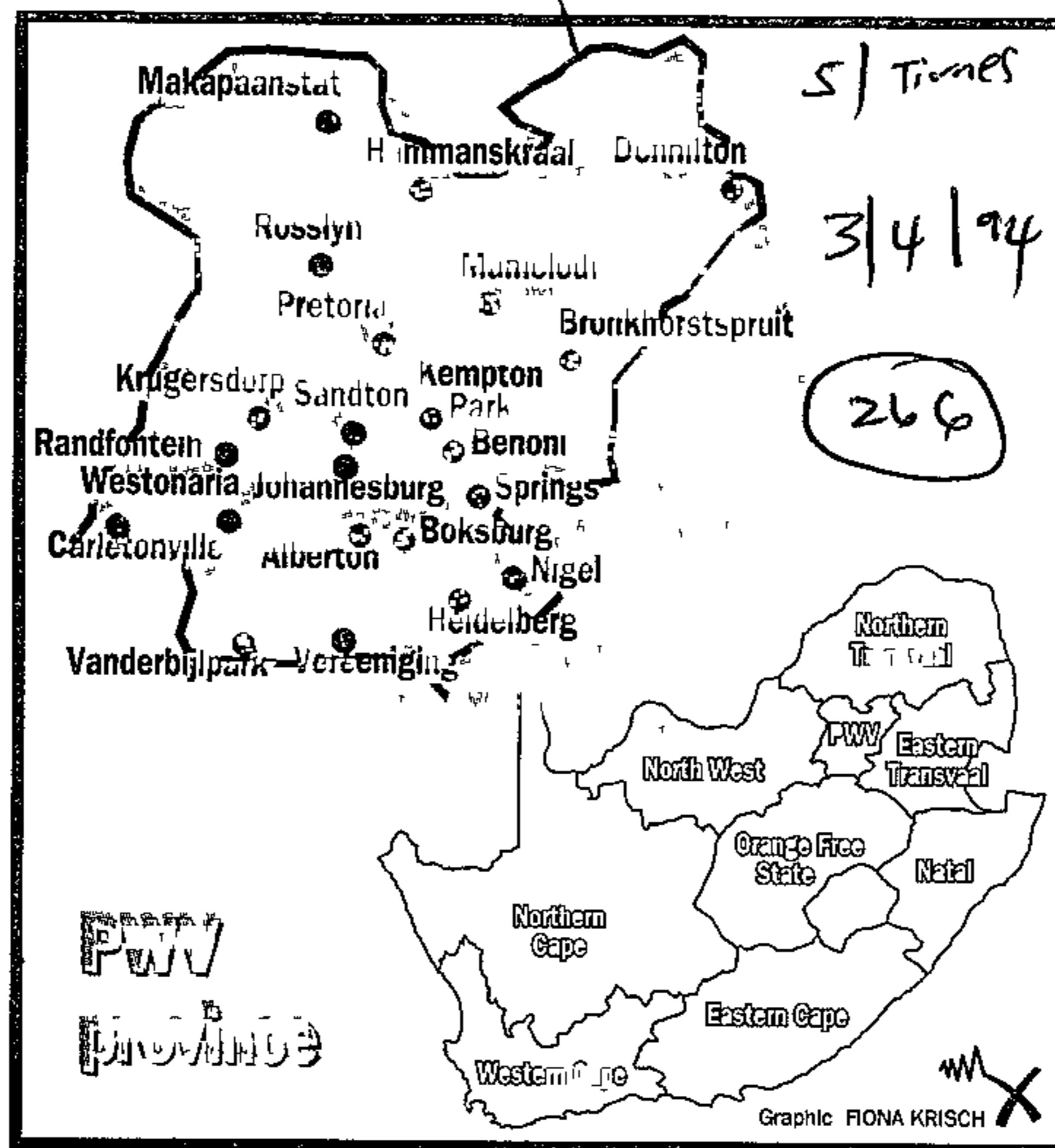
The poll puts support for the ANC at 56,5 percent (down from 65,9 in November), the NP 19,9 percent (14,5 percent), the DP 9,7 (3,2 percent), the PAC 1,4 percent (1,3 percent) and the right wing at one percent (five percent).

Two thirds of those polled rated the ANC as best equipped to deal with all the election issues they said were important to them, including — in order of priority — jobs, ending violence, housing, education, ending apartheid, attracting foreign investment and crime

Support among black voters in the PWV for the ANC in the national election has remained firm since November at about 80 percent. But about five percent of black voters have indicated they will make use of the introduction of a second ballot to switch their support to either the PAC or DP in the provincial elections

These switch voters are offset by white voters who indicated they would cast their second ballot in favour of the ANC while voting for other parties in the national elections.

Despite the best efforts of F W de Klerk, whose rating among voters has improved markedly, the NP has failed to make inroads into the black community. The increase in support for the NP is due to it attracting the support of white voters from



either the right or Inkatha

About 56 percent of white voters now say they will vote for the NP in the national elections as opposed to 40 percent in November

But the NP could also suffer from the introduction of the second ballot. Only 46 percent of white voters say they will vote for the NP in the provincial elections

Those intending to switch votes will back primarily the DP and then one of the multitude of smaller parties

The DP has undergone a rebirth.

Back in November Markinor estimated support for the party in the PWV at just 3,2 percent. Now it says the

DP has the backing of 9,7 percent of voters for the provincial elections.

The reason for this appears to be threefold. Firstly, whites who wanted to vote for the IFP are now backing the DP. Secondly the DP is succeeding in persuading some white NP voters to use the second ballot to vote for it. Thirdly, it has made minor inroads into the black community — the poll indicates it has the backing of one percent of black voters.

The number of people who think the DP is best equipped to deal with the major election issues has on average doubled since November to 10 percent. The improvement

THE Pulse of the People update poll was conducted from March 1 to 14. In all, 851 people were interviewed. The poll has a margin of error ranging from 2,5 percent to 5,7 percent

was most prominent in regard to those issues which whites felt were most important — jobs, violence, attracting foreign investment, education and crime. As a result, its support among whites increased from 9,3 percent in November to 23 percent in March

If the DP can see off the challenge from Frances Kendall's Federal Party and continue to attract votes away from the NP and from would-be Inkatha backers it could reach the 10 percent level which would qualify it for membership of the provincial cabinet

The poll shows the big loser in the PWV has been the right wing. Unfortunately, General Constand Viljoen's Freedom Front had not registered by the time the poll was conducted but support for the AVF/CP was down from five percent to one percent.

Whereas 20 percent of whites said they backed those parties in November, only four percent said they would vote for them in March. The biggest beneficiary has been the National Party.

These voters will have to decide in the remaining weeks until the election whether to stick with the NP or throw in their lot with the Freedom Front

(News by Mike Robertson, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg.)

Wavering voters hold the key in regional battle

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THE National Party has drawn ahead of the ANC in the race to control the Western Cape — but the ANC in the provincial elections. It would appear they want to ensure the ANC does not get a two-thirds majority nationally and are also impressed by President F W de Klerk.

Four months of bruising electioneering, including several apparent violations of the electoral code of conduct, appear to have shifted the allegiances of large numbers of voters, according to the latest Pulse of the People poll.

The poll also shows that, perhaps more than anywhere else in the country, voters in the Western Cape will make use of the two-ballot system to vote for one party for the national government and another for the provincial government.

On a national level, the NP has performed well with its support among willing and able voters increasing from 33 percent in November to 38 percent in March when the update poll was conducted.

On this level, the poll shows it has held on to its white support (about 40 percent) and increased its support

among coloureds by about five percentage points to 55 percent. (~~33~~ 21%)

But 14 percent of the whites and eight percent of the coloureds who said they would vote NP nationally indicated they would support the DP and, to a lesser extent, the ANC in the provincial elections. It would appear they want to ensure the ANC does not get a two-thirds majority nationally and are also impressed by President F W de Klerk.

Nearly 33 percent of coloured voters said they were in favour of Mr de Klerk whereas just four percent said the same of ANC president Nelson Mandela.

The dithering among NP supporters could also be the result of uncertainty over the choice of unpopular Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel for regional premier. A recent Marknor poll showed he was less popular than ANC candidate Allan Boesak.

Because of the vote switching, support for the NP in the provincial elections has remained static at 33,4 percent (33,3 percent in November).

Support for the ANC in the National Assembly elections in the Western Cape has dropped from 42,9 percent to 31,3 percent. It has shed significant numbers of coloured and white voters, but retains the support of a massive 94,1 percent of black voters in the Western Cape.

According to the poll, support for the ANC among coloureds and whites is higher for the provincial elections. But this is offset by the fact that about six percent of black voters who said they would vote ANC nationally are undecided about who they will vote for in the provincial elections.

As a result, support for the ANC in the provincial elections is at 31,1 percent — only just less than for the national elections.

Of all the parties, the DP showed the most dramatic improvement in the provincial elections, nearly doubling its support from 5,7 percent in November to 10,5 percent last month. This will give the DP five seats in the 42-seat provincial legislature and a place on its executive.

The poll shows the DP is winning back white voters from the NP. It now has the backing of 18,6 percent of whites as opposed to 11,3 percent in November. Its support amongst coloured voters has also improved marginally.

If this voting trend survives the last few weeks of the campaign, the NP, with 15 seats on the provincial legislature, will need the support of the DP and at least two of the smaller parties to assemble an absolute majority of 22 out of the total 42 seats.

But a high 12 percent of voters are undecided and they will determine the outcome in at least five seats. The trend in voting patterns so far favours the NP.

(News by Ray Hartley, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg.)

Services collapse in Reef townships

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Provision of essential services in many parts of the Witwatersrand had collapsed due to increasing levels of violence and crime, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said yesterday.

Other services could be threatened soon if the situation did not improve.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman said a private security company had been employed to guard pension payout points and armoured vehicles were transporting TPA officers to work.

More than R4m had been stolen from pension payout points, which had become a "favourite target" for criminals, while 60 vehicles had been hijacked just from the TPA health services branch (2/bb).

Hough said services in some areas had been suspended as workers, fearing for their lives, had refused to work.

"The situation surrounding the safety of TPA officers has deteriorated to such an extent that officers rendering essential services — such as paying out pensions, township development and welfare services — have had to be withdrawn from some areas." Main trouble spots included Sebokeng, Katlehong, Tembisa, Daveyton and Soweto. The TPA paid pensions to nearly 300 000 people every month at 546 payout points in the Transvaal, Hough said.

The TPA had tried to render essential services. But as the safety of its staff was a priority, the suspension of services was inevitable "if loss of lives continue".

EAST RAND Alarm at fly-by-night schools ● Rec

Sowetan 7/4/94

Forum on ER 'all set'

By Joe Mdhlela

THE Greater Germiston Local Negotiating Forum has complied with every legal stipulation and is convinced that it will get recognition from the provincial administrator this month (266)

This is the view of Mr Viv Morris, co-chairman of the forum

"When approval is obtained from the Transvaal Provincial Administration this month, Germiston and its people will have proved that they are acting proactively in reaching a better new South Africa," Morris said

The forum was still talking to Bedfordview and Edenvale to convince them that it was in the interest of both towns to be part of Greater

Germiston. He said because of the shared geographical area, and the contribution the residents of Katlehong, Palm Ridge and Germiston were making in those areas, it was logical that they be part of Greater Germiston

Organisations involved in the talks include Greater Germiston Council, the ANC, PAC, Sanco, SACP, NP and DP

Rent arrears written off

Sowetan 12/4/94

By Joe Mdhlela

THE Ratanda Town Council near Heidelberg has approved the writing off of all rent and other services arrears which accrued as a result of nonpayment. ~~(R2.7)~~ (200)

The arrears are in excess of R8 million, according to a town council official

Administration manager of the council Mr Siphso Zwane confirmed that all arrears up to December 31 last year would be written off.

But he warned that residents were now expected to update their arrears which could have accumulated from January this year

Zwane said the council's decision

was in line with a call made early this year by State President FW de Klerk and the African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela that all arrears be scrapped

"In terms of the regulations the committee approved that arrears as at December 31 1993 be written off," Zwane said.

Zwane urged residents who were in arrears to start paying "so that the council is in a position to render effective services".

He said the council had been in contact with the Local Negotiating Forum about the latest decision

"We are working hand in hand with the Forum which is composed of all structures," Zwane said.

Evictions protest

Stur 14/1/94
Residents of Eldorado Park have decided to stay away from work today in a bid to force the Johannesburg City Council to address their grievances (S) (bb)

Residents, numbering about 250 000, complain that their rents are too high and that some were evicted because they could not pay

Neville Stanbul, a member of the community forum launched two

weeks ago, said the situation in the township had reached crisis proportions. "Our people are evicted all the time and they have to go and live in shacks," he said.

"We have always taken memorandums to the council and we never burn things down and toyi-toyi, that is why they ignore us," Stanbul said.

The council has demed ignoring Eldorado Park residents — Staff Reporters.

POLITICAL ROUNDUP NP official says they won't win election in the Eastern Transvaal

All keen to go to the polls

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BEAUTIFUL AREA But blacks

Eastern Transvaal

By Tyrone August
Political Reporter

THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL has often been described as God's window to the world. But, if He had looked down on this area recently, He would have

wept. The area has all the splendour and majesty of what the Garden of Eden may once have looked like. But there any similarity ends.

Many parts of the Eastern Transvaal are backyards of poverty and suffering. Almost 40 percent of its workforce is unemployed, thousands are homeless, illiterate.

Poverty-stricken in Eastern Transvaal:

ANC, they will know, and these people will then lose their jobs. Yet despite the many difficulties facing it, Tolo is confident of an ANC victory.

The PAC is equally confident it will win the elections. A key principle in its election manifesto is land redistribution.

"If people put the PAC into power, that will amount to the return of the land to the people," said Bhekisiza Mchunu, the PAC's regional elections commu-

white party will hamper its ability to attract black voters.

"In the last few years, we've proved that we're no longer a whites-only party," said Snaddon. About half of its 4 000 members in the region are black.

The NP is realistic about its chances in the election in the region, but is still going all-out to attract voters.

However, because of intimidation, the NP has ruled out holding rallies, and confined itself to private meetings and



VITAL STATISTICS

- Population 2 921 559
- Voters 1 562 881
- National assembly 14 seats
- Provincial legislature: 30 seats

Graphic: J Thab

It is in this sector where the physical beauty and human suffering that the ANC, PAC, NP, DP, African Christian Democratic Party, African Democratic Movement, Regie Party and Freedom Front will contest the elections this month

And thus while the CP and the AWB lurk menacingly in the background, refusing to share riches of this fertile area

The ANC believes that, more than any other party, it will be able to address the area's problems. Its Reconstruction and Development Programme is at the heart of its plans

Tsetse Tolo, the ANC's regional publicity secretary, said they hoped to raise money for its development programmes from mining and tourism. There are many coal mines in Witbank and Middelburg, and the region is one of the jewels of local tourism

Redistribution of land

The ANC favours some redistribution of land, especially that in the hands of the SADF and homeland governments

"But we don't want to disturb the fabric of the farming areas, especially those that are producing," Tolo stressed

While the ANC is confident it has the support of people in the area, it is finding it difficult to reach them. "We don't have access to most farms," says Tolo

"Most of the farmers are rightwing"

He claims some farmers are also taking advantage of the illiteracy of people. "They say that if people vote for the

"People will have access to land, whether it is for residential or agricultural purposes. The PAC guarantees that every inch of the land will be given to the African people"

The PAC feels its position on the land will swing the election results in its favour. "We are the true liberators of the African masses," said Abel Dube, its regional chairperson. It also believes people are attracted to its support for socialism. "When we say we are going to provide socialism, it means the state will take care of those who cannot take care of themselves," says Mchunu

The PAC is convinced it will win the election despite limited resources, a lack of media coverage and intimidation (it blames the ANC for the removal of some of its posters in the area)

The DP is also putting up a brave fight in the Eastern Transvaal. It is concentrating on rebuilding the economy because of unemployment in the region

Bob Snaddon, its provincial secretary, said it would initially encourage foreign loans to kick-start the economy, but does not support an over-reliance on borrowing. Like the ANC, the DP regards the development of tourism and mining as a priority. "We should encourage the holiday industry," said Snaddon

Apart from its plans for the economy, the DP believes its major strengths are its past history and integrity. It does not believe its previous status as an all-

killed in the Nelspruit township of Kabokweni in February)

NP MP Dolf Mare claims his party has significant support from the region's black community. "The ANC has blotched its own copybook through intimidation, trade boycotts and mass action. People became fed-up with that."

Members not satisfied

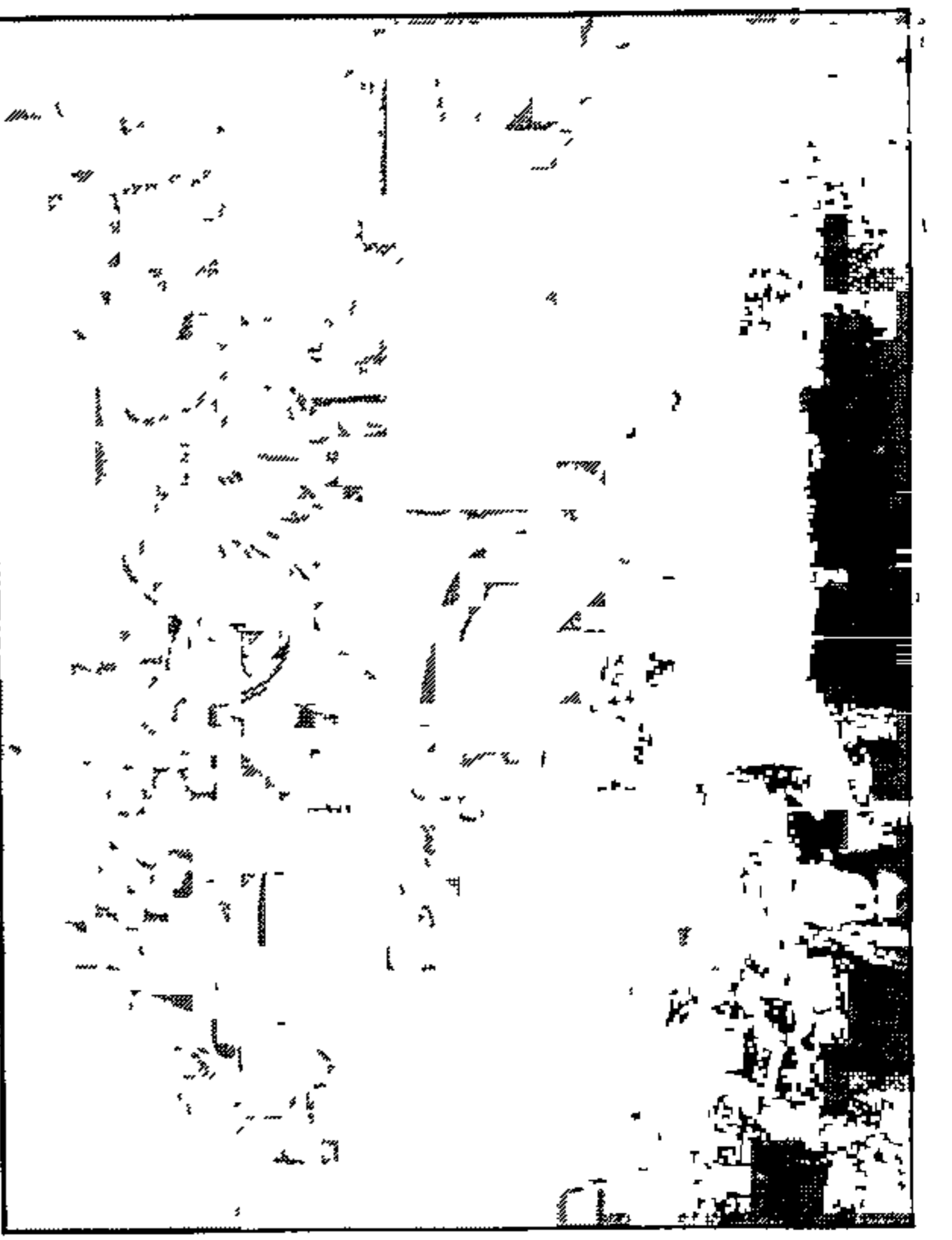
"And the grassroots members of the Inyandza movement are not satisfied with the top structure giving in to the ANC and not participating in the election." But Mare admits that the NP's past policies are its main weakness. He also does not think the NP will win the election in the region

But he remains convinced the ANC will not win a landslide victory. Eastern Transvaal, he predicts, may yet provide a bigger upset than any other area in the country

Yet, despite all the fanfare and excitement, Azapo remains unfazed — it is strongly opposed to the election. But, stressed its regional co-ordinator Mesh Makgoka, this is not a decision to disrupt the elections

"It is to advise the would-be electorate of the possible dangers of voting in this election," he said. "We don't believe anything new will come out of these elections"

Azapo has held several community meetings in the area to explain its decision. "The reception of the message was



Battle for survival ... Women selling fruit on the main road to Nelspruit near the township of Matsulu. Almost half of the Eastern Transvaal's workforce is unemployed and this is the only way many people can earn a living.

very good, especially on points of power-sharing and the return of the land." Makgoka said. "The NP, together with its newly found bedfellows, the ANC, are perpetrating the greatest fraud against our people," said Makgoka

"Nothing is going to change"

"What is going to change might just be the actual captans of oppression"

But, after a few days in the Eastern

Transvaal, it was clear that most people will be at the polls this month

On those election days, to them the sun may seem just a little brighter, and the lush vegetation just a little greener. And, if it rains, God may be cleaning His window — for a better view of a better society

(Report by Tyrone August, 61 Commando Road, Industria West, Johannesburg)

These cops just run

Council gives monster pay rises to 120

DAVEYTON is cash-strapped due to rent boycotts, and the TPA has ordered staff to be slashed. So the (remaining) typists are being promoted and will get R88 000 a year and traffic cops R96 000, reports ANNA LOUW of the East Rand Bureau.

THE Daveyton Town Council, although said to be strapped for cash, has promoted about 120 employees and given them huge salary increases which are likely to cost ratepayers millions of rands. The promotions and the salary increases have been confirmed by the township's deputy town secretary Big Moshoeshoe. Moshoeshoe said this week that the Transvaal Provincial Administration had instructed the council to reduce the number of staff members by 75 percent because of the rent boycott in the township. "Senior positions had to be vacated as a result. And quite obviously no council can operate without senior personnel. The people elevated to the positions have been vilified and the situation has been inflamed by the spreading of false information," said Moshoeshoe. "The promoted employees work in the departments of health, engineering, protection services, the library, and sport and recreation. It is understood that Daveyton town clerk R Ramahope is to get an astronomical increase at the end of April, when the other increases are expected to come into effect. Ramahope could not be contacted for comment."

Disappearing after election

Among those promoted were traffic officers earning R24 000 a year. They have been elevated to job categories earning salaries of R96 000 a year. Typists who previously took home annual pay packets of R24 000 will be earning R88 000. Moshoeshoe said he would be available on Monday "to put the issue into perspective". Daveyton Town Council is expected to disappear after the election, along with the Benoni Town Council, and be replaced by a new council representing Benoni, Daveyton and Wattville. It will be responsible for, among other things, the personnel bill. Benoni town clerk Henne Botha said Daveyton was, at this stage, an independent council and it was therefore not appropriate for him to comment on its activities. "But I don't think any council should be doing anything contrary to good management at this stage," Botha said. Meanwhile, a distressed pensioner contacted the WeekendStar and said pensioners were aghast at the salary increases Daveyton council personnel had allocated themselves. "We are all battling on, sometimes below the breadline. How are we expected to still pay rates? Where will it end?"

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Benoni forum Sowetan 19/4/94 to start work

By Joe Mdhlela

THE inauguration of the Greater Benoni Negotiating Forum is to take place at the Benoni Civic Centre on May 18.

At a meeting in Benoni last week, the forum was informed that the Administrator of the Transvaal had agreed to grant the body legal status.

The forum, which had its application to operate a full-fledged forum approved last week by the administrator, has equal representation from statutory and non-statutory bodies

Approval granted

A spokesman for the forum, Mr Henrie Botha, confirmed that an approval had been granted by the Transvaal Provincial

Administration, adding that he hoped the forum would address issues of the whole area

The forum's management committee is expected to sit today to look into the deteriorating conditions in the black townships of Daveyton, Etwatwa, Actonville and Wattville

The chairman of the Daveyton Civic Association, Mr Mahlomola Skhosana, said he was pleased that the management committee would be focusing on health issues

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"We as a civic association are particularly concerned about the level of filth in our black townships. Refuse which has not been collected for a long time is posing a health hazard. This issue has to be tackled at once," Skhosana said

... a proliferation of taxes that could be "manipulated and hidden" The proposal to place a surcharge on vehicle licence fees was rejected.

The chamber added that it was widely accepted that the subsidisation of rail, bus and minibus taxi transport needed to be contemplated out of additional resources.

... to underwrite the risks and impose any terms they felt necessary, the insurers' associations said
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Daveyton council 'gave huge pay rises'

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Daveyton City Council had promoted more than 120 employees and granted many of them huge increases that would cost the new local authority more than R1m extra a year, Benoni management committee chairman Vic Penning said on Friday.

The increases were passed in anticipation of the merger between Benoni, Wattville and Daveyton next month. Under the Local Government Transition Act, the merger of local authorities does not prejudice the salaries of officials working for newly amalgamated councils. Therefore, even if an official loses his rank in the merger he will not lose his salary or benefits.

The Daveyton council's decision was expected to tag at least an extra R1m to R1,5m on to the salary bill of the authority, which begins life as the Greater Benoni Forum later next month.

Penning said the "absurd" increases and promotions could result in Benoni and Wattville pulling out of the merger. He said a typist in Daveyton could now expect a salary of almost R90 000 a year.

If the move was accepted, it would cause labour problems as other employees working according to acceptable rates would demand salary increases.

Penning said repeated pleas to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for intervention had so far been fruitless. "Unfortunately the decision (to award increases) is completely legal," he said.

However, TPA PWV chief director Piet Wilken denied the claims. He said they arose from a misunderstanding about the filling of vacant posts in the council.

Wilken said the council had to clear promotions and increases with the TPA and that "there is no money for these things" at the moment. He denied that people had received massive increases.

Wilken added that Daveyton would make a formal response of its own next week.

NEWS Voters suffer from

Frustration as officials delay voting

Sowetan 27/4/94
By Joe Mdhlela and Tsale Makam

HUNDREDS of frustrated voters on the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday deserted polling stations after queuing for long hours in vain

At Tokoza Youth Centre, Natalspruit Hospital and DH Williams Hall in Katlehong, most people gave up attempts to cast votes because of "fatigue and hunger"

They claimed to have been queuing for more than eight hours. Some said they would return today.

Yesterday had been set aside for the disabled, the aged and pregnant women.

At Natalspruit Hospital a number of pensioners and disabled people left the polling station about 2pm.

"We have been here since 6am and I do not see any progress. Some people who came after us have already voted because they are known to officials," said one pensioner.

However, some were determined to brave the inconvenience and wait for their turn. Mrs Stella Malinga (80) of Katlehong said "I'm very excited. I am also tired and hungry but I'm not leaving. This is my first and maybe last chance to vote."

Polling officials said the late delivery of ballot papers at several stations was the main reason for the delays.

At Thembelihle Primary School at Mavimbela Section in Katlehong, hundreds of people waited patiently for IEC officials to arrive.

But it turned out the school was not designated for special voting, although normal voting would take place there today and tomorrow.