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They were responsible for the deaths of many innocent Malawians," said a al prime minister before the 1994 Reuter-AFP.

New services council heads

FORMER East Rand Regional Services Council chairman Leon Ferreira and SA National Civic Organisation official Mpho Mofokeng have been appointed chairmen of the new Eastern Services Council.

The council was established by proclamation in Gauteng's extraordinary provincial gazette on New Year's Day and will replace the East Rand RSC (266)

The new body will have jurisdiction over a much bigger area than the RSC. In addition to areas formerly under the RSC, such as Alberton, Boksburg, Nigel and Greater Germiston, the new body will be responsible for areas such as Bronkhorstpruit, Devaal and some parts of Cullinan.

RSCs are responsible for areas not falling under the jurisdiction of the transitional metropolitan councils.

The Eastern Services Council will be responsible for, among other things,

- The bulk supply of water and electricity;
- Emergency services;
- Passenger transport; BDB/11/95
- The upgrading of infrastructure; and
- Implementing the reconstruction and

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development programme in rural areas.

Ferreira said while the council came into effect on January 1 in terms of the proclamation, it still had to be formally inaugurated. This would happen soon after he and Mofokeng had received nominations to the council from the CEs of newly established local transitional councils.

He said each TLC would nominate two people — one from the non-statutory component and another from the statutory component. Non-statutory organisations are those which were not involved in local government in the past.

The North East Rand Transitional Metropolitan Council has also been established, bringing to three the number of such structures in Gauteng. It replaces the town councils of Kempton Park, Tembisa, Midrand, Edenvale and Modderfontein.

The newly established TMC will have three local authorities — Kempton Park/Tembisa, Midrand/Rabie Ridge/Ivory Park and Edenvale/Modderfontein.

Fund 'must be researched'

A NATIONAL health fund should be based on proper research and consultation, the Representative Association of Medical Schemes (Rams) said yesterday.

It was reacting to a statement by Health Minister Nkosazana Zuma that a committee appointed by her had, in principle, agreed to a national health fund. Another committee was investigating its formation.

Rams said planners should take account of the availability of funding, the scope of services the fund would finance, the provision of services and medical supplies, and money management. BDB/11/95

Rams chairman Keith Hollis said the fund should be subject to adequate control, independent audit and public reporting.

The fund should provide affordable health care without preventing access to additional paid-for services, and the medical schemes movement should be included. — Sapa.



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Cullinan holds out on local government decision

Gauteng goes to court

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

The Gauteng government goes to court today in the hope of settling a dispute regarding the Greater Cullinan Transitional Local Council (TLC)

Should the dispute be resolved, Gauteng will become the first region to solidify all its local government structures

So far Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale has promulgated 18 of the 19 approved bodies — Cullinan being the only one outstanding
Dan Mashitsho, a member of

the Local Government and Housing strategic management team, said the Rayton Town Council — which formed part of the Greater Cullinan Negotiating Forum — was granted an interdict on December 16 preventing Sexwale from gazetting the agreement.

He said Sexwale had already approved and proclaimed the agreement when the interdict was granted.

Mashitsho said the rebel council had complained that the forum was not recognised or well constituted. It had previously applied to the Cabinet for an exemption from the local govern-

ment transitional process

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act, the premier can exempt a council from the process if he is satisfied that the council is nonracial and democratic. Mashitsho said the council did not qualify.

The Gauteng Cabinet is expected to gazette the agreement as soon as possible if the court rules in its favour.

The North East Rand Transitional Metropolitan Chamber (TMC) — which has been locked in controversy over the inclusion of Midrand — was promulgated on January 1, bringing an end to

months of opposition

So far, the following TMCs have been proclaimed: Greater Johannesburg, North East Rand, Vaal Triangle and Greater Pretoria.

These TLCs have been promulgated: Greater Alberton, Greater Benoni, Greater Boksburg, Greater Brakpan, Greater Springs, Greater Heidelberg, Greater Nigel, Greater Devon, Greater Krugersdorp, Greater Randfontein, Greater Carletonville, Greater Westonaria, Greater Bronkhorstspuit and Greater Germiston.

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Rural councils go into action

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

Preparations for October's local government elections can begin in earnest in Gauteng's rural areas following the promulgation of two services councils on New Year's Day.

The Eastern Services Council (ESC) and Western Services Council (WSC) replace the former regional services councils which were dissolved at the same time.

Primary objectives of the councils will be to implement the RDP and to prepare for October's elections in rural areas, which have so far lacked representation on local government structures, said James van der Merwe, a Gauteng Institutional Development Directorate official

The promulgation allows 60 days for the establishment of four rural transitional councils (RTCs) in the ESC area and another four in the WSC area.

The ESC comprises the Alberton, Greater Germiston, Boksburg, Benoni, Brakpan, Springs, Greater Nigel, Heidelberg, Devon and the Bronkhorstspuit Transitional Local Councils (TLCs).

The Cullinan area has also been included. In addition to the Pienaar's River, Elands River, Blesbokspruit and Suikerbosrand River RTCs, it will comprise the Hammanskraal, Nest Park, Roodeplaat and Vischkuil local area committees.

The WSC comprises the Carletonville, Krugersdorp, Randfontein and Westonaria TLCs and four new rural transitional councils.

GREATER JOHANNESBURG TRANSITIONAL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (TMC)

Offices at Johannesburg Civic Centre



CHAIRMAN (Effectively Mayor)
Isaac Mogase (ANC)

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN
Koos Roets (NP) / Sam Moss (Ind)

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Exco)
Colin Matjila (ANC)

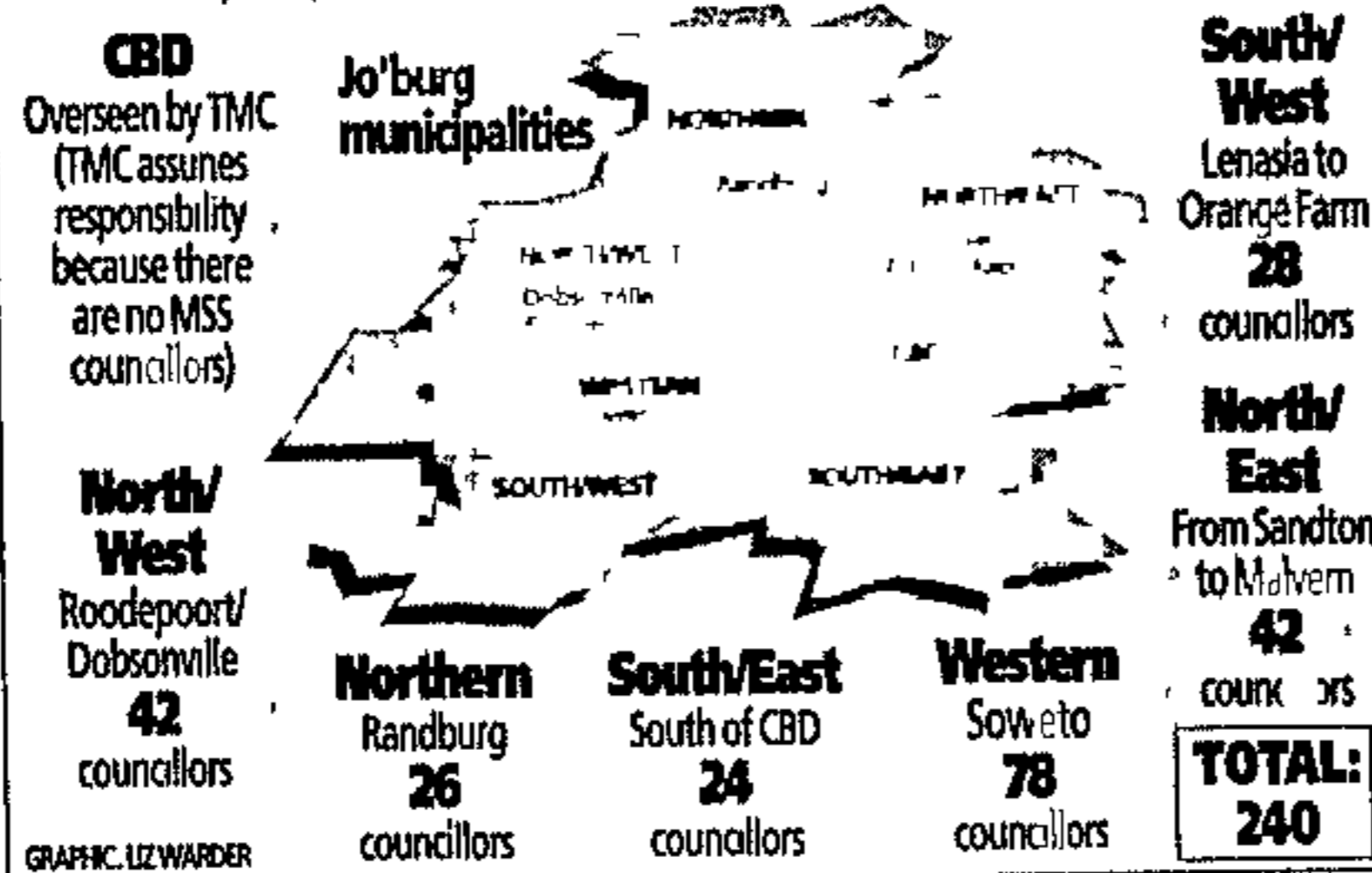
DEPUTY EXCO CHAIRMEN
Ian Davidson (DP) / Yacoob Makda (NP)

16 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(8 statutory, 8 non statutory)

81 COUNCILLORS

METROPOLITAN SUB STRUCTURES (MSS)

These replace previous municipalities (Office bearers to be decided at launch)



New civic bodies to meet for first time next week

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BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT and PAULA FRAY

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Bill to create more transparency

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The cabinet of Gauteng moved closer to creating what it termed greater transparency in government when it gave its approval for a provincial Public Protector Bill

The PWV government said in a statement yes-

terday the cabinet had approved the bill in principle at its first meeting for 1995 on Wednesday

"The cabinet believes the Public Protector Bill is a critical building block of transparent and open

government," the statement said

The cabinet also gave approval to a bill dealing with the payment of remuneration and allowances to members of the provincial legislature — Sapa

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Only Cullinan still outstanding

Most transitional councils are ready

BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

Virtually all the transitional local government structures in Gauteng have been launched — paving the way for full-scale preparations for October's historic local government elections.

Voter education programmes began at the weekend with a workshop in Midrand on Friday, hosted by the Gauteng Directorate of Local Government Administration. The workshop follows a widely expressed need for voter education, said a department statement.

"It is therefore necessary to launch a co-ordinated effort to democratise and empower communities to such an extent that they will be able to take informed and responsible decisions in the coming elections and to support local government institutions," it said.

"Gauteng now has 14 transitional local councils (TLCs) and four transitional metropolitan councils (TMCs) managing local government affairs in the province," said Gauteng communications director Chris Vick.

THE WAY has been paved for full-scale preparations ahead of Gauteng's historic local government elections

Only Cullinan near Pretoria had still to finalise its TLC and a dispute on the matter would be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court on February 14, he said.

"This means 18 of the 19 envisaged transitional structures are now in place — an achievement which will help to ensure the province can prepare adequately for full local government elections later this year," he said.

Today two substructures of the Greater Johannesburg TMC will be launched. These are the North Western Metropolitan Substructure (MSS), which includes Roodepoort and Dobsonville, and the North Eastern MSS, which includes Sandton, Yeoville, Alexandra and Malvern.

The remaining five MSSs will

be launched tomorrow, on Wednesday and Thursday and the new structures are expected to be fully functional thereafter.

Local government on the North East Rand is already up and running after the successful launch of the area's TMC and three substructures last week.

The North East Rand TMC replaces the dissolved municipalities of Kempton Park, Edenvale and Midrand. Three MSSs represent residents in Kempton Park/Tembisa, Edenvale/Modderfontein, and Midrand/Ivory Park/Rabie Ridge.

Last week NP member Fred Mitchell was the surprise choice for chairman of the Kempton Park/Tembisa MSS during a two-way contest with the ANC's Cyril Rammutla. The co-chairmen of the MSS's executive committee are Dr Pieter Kruger of the NP and Gregory Malebo of the ANC.

The 12-person executive committee consists of Kruger, Han Eybers, Alban Moathodi, Johan van Rooyen, Gerhard Wright, Roelf Verster, Malebo, Ralph Herzberg, George Billa, Bhekhi Khumalo, Macdonald Mthlaka and Constance Ngidi.

Exclusion dismays Alex group

BY ANNA COX

Alexandra organisations which have been excluded from the North Eastern Metropolitan Substructure which will be inaugurated today have threatened to "make life very difficult" for the new councillors if they are not given representation.

Eastbank Civic Organisation chairman Pule Phalatse said the only seats allocated to the township had been given to the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), which was not representative of all the people.

"We will be at the inaugural meeting on Monday to demand seats. If they are not given to us, our members will not recognise the councillors and things could get difficult. We will also take legal action," said Phalatse.

Alexandra Landowners' and Property Owners' Association spokesman Keke Koalepe said life would not be made easy for the councillors claiming to represent the area.

"ACO does not represent us. It represents mainly shack dwellers and informal settlers. We are law-abiding citizens and, as property owners, have fundamental rights to have a say in what will happen in our township. We want to know why we have been excluded," he said.

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ANC pulls out of top jobs in new local govt

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BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
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The ANC last night withdrew its members from all executive positions on the newly launched North Western municipality amid claims that the NP had reneged on a deal to form "a structure of local unity".

The North Western metropolitan substructure (MSS) replaces the Roodepoort and Dobsonville municipalities and includes parts of the former Johannesburg municipality.

Last night's ANC pullout followed yesterday's inaugural meeting of the MSS which voted in NP councillor Willem van der Schyf as chairman (mayor) of the region.

ANC councillor Phillip Basson was elected unopposed as vice-chairman (deputy mayor).

The NP then suggested that the ANC be allowed to nominate the vice-chairman of the MSS's executive council (exco) but would allocate only two seats on the body to the ANC.

The NP, he charged, was trying to create "a lily white" structure and was forming an anti-ANC coalition.

The disputed seats were left vacant and NP councillor Pelham Jones was voted in as exco chairman.

Agreement

Namse said there had been an agreement with the NP that the ANC would occupy the chairmanship of the MSS as well as its exco.

Van der Schyf said there had merely been "discussions" about this.

The North Western MSS is one of seven such bodies which make up the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council.

The main function of the TMC is to facilitate the process leading to local government elections due in October.

The establishment of MSSs leads to the dissolution of the old local government bodies — the city or town councils of Johannesburg, Roodepoort, Soweto, Diepsvlei, Dobsonville, Alexandra, Randburg and

Sandton, and management committees in some areas.

The function of the MSSs is to implement the RDP in their areas, and ensure maximum participation in government at grassroots level.

The TMC will dissolve after the local government elections due in October, and the MSSs will assume overall responsibility in their own areas.

The ANC, its allies and other organisations in the North Western MSS will meet tomorrow to discuss yesterday's clash before taking a decision on their future action to the TMC, ANC regional deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said.

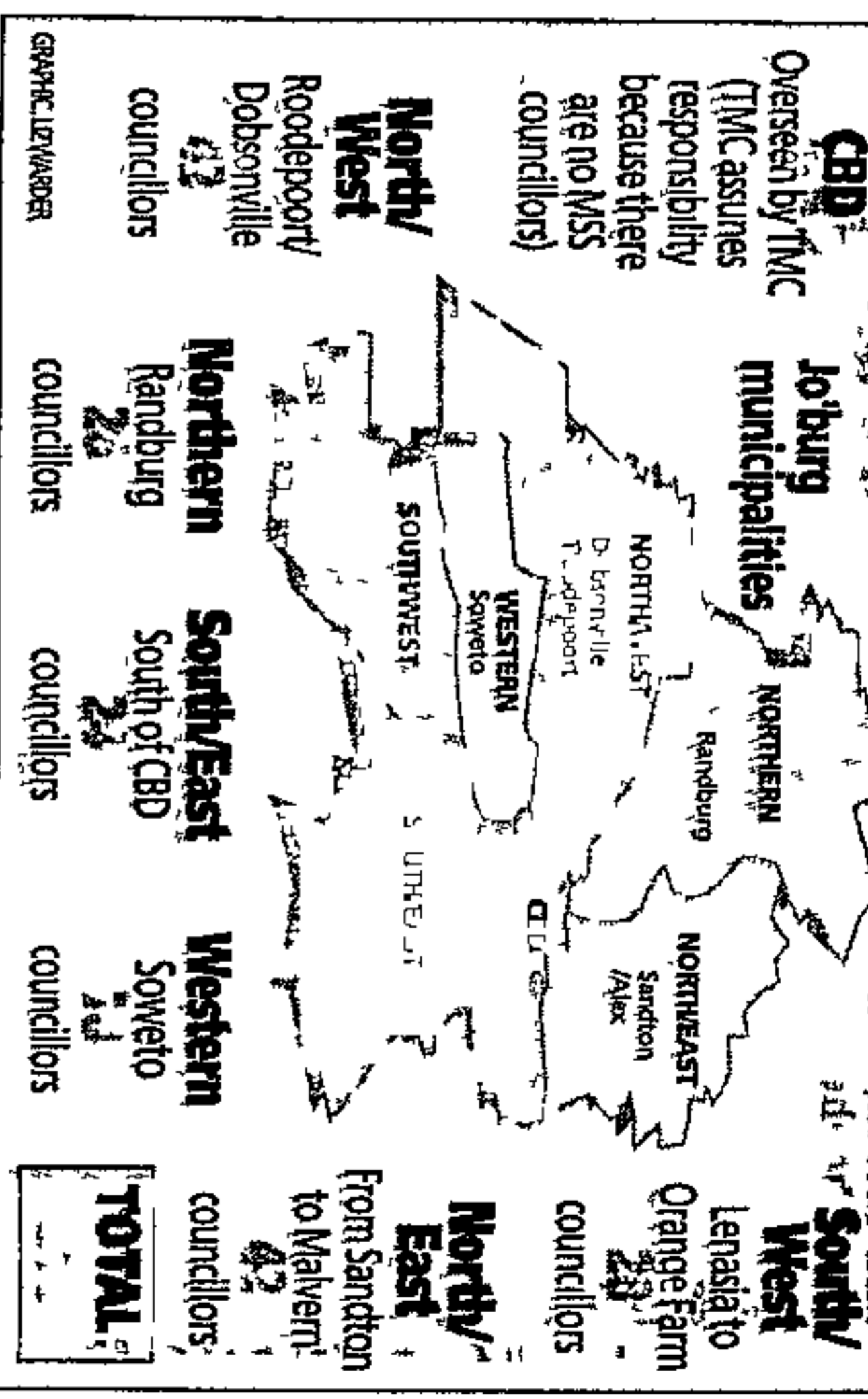
As it stands the exco membership includes Pelham Jones (NP), Andreas Celliers (NP), Lucas Mohagane (NP), Aaron Steyn (DP), Joel Moliso (PAC), Rita Felgate (IFP), Laurette Leibbrandt (Roodepoort Community Councils) and Jacobus de Larey (CP).

Smaller groupings last night expressed surprise at the "backroom" meetings from which they had been excluded.

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METROPOLITAN SUB STRUCTURES (MSS)

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Alex councillors named to key jobs

BY ANNA COX

Alexandra councillors have been appointed to key positions in the North Eastern municipality (formerly Sandton/Alexandra and Johannesburg North) which was inaugurated yesterday.

The North Eastern MSS became the first of seven metropolitan substructures in the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council to become functional.

Unity

Alexandra ANC chairman Justice Ngidi was elected chairman and will perform the function of mayor.

Ngidi said his main aim was to create unity between people living in the area.

At the same meeting, Alexandra Civic Organisation general secretary Nkehi Ntingane was

elected chairman of the executive committee (exco) which will perform similar functions to former council management committees.

Former Mariboro Gardens management committee chairman Yacoob Makda (NP) was appointed deputy chairman of the local authority.

Sandton councillor Michael Cato was elected deputy chairman of the exco.

Other exco members on the statutory component are Elizabeth Clogg (Independent), DP members Paul Asherson, and Claire Quail, and Arthur Mngwal from the National Party.

On the non-statutory component are civic organisation members Ben Domo, ANC members Ernest Ndlovu, Ohara Diseko, Sol Cowan and Christine Walters, and Inkatha Freedom Party member Ewart Mncube.

Govt tells Gauteng to trim its budget

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THE national Cabinet has told Gauteng to trim its proposed 1995/96 budget by a net 5%, raising fears of staffing cuts and reduced services in the province.

Gauteng economic affairs and finance minister Jabu Moleketi would not quantify the shortfall, which could be as much as R1bn. Finance Department sources said yesterday the overall shortfall between budgetary proposals by all nine provinces and final Cabinet estimates totalled R6bn.

Moleketi was particularly concerned about the health and education departments, which devoted 80% of their budgets to salaries and services. Education consumed the largest slice of the budget. "If every child is to have access to education, if there is to be free health care for expectant mothers and children up to six months old — and we are committed to these — the cuts have severe implications."

At a regional cabinet meeting last week, Moleketi asked all the departments to tighten their belts in response to the Cabinet guidelines communicated to Gauteng on December 16. The province has to re-submit proposals, with the Cabinet making a final decision next month, to be announced on Budget day.

The budgetary shortfalls highlighted the fact that the fiscal basis of provincial government was almost non-existent under the interim constitution, Moleketi said. Eight-five percent of provincial budgets

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emanated from the central exchequer. Among Gauteng's options were raising additional revenue through higher vehicle licence fees, a fuel tax and taxes on gambling, which would have to be negotiated with "all stakeholders". Horse racing already realised R100m a year.

Observers pointed out, however, that in terms of the interim constitution, new regional taxes had to be cleared by the Financial and Fiscal Commission.

The province would consider applying to the reconstruction and development fund

for bridging finance, Moleketi said. The need for "bottom-up" budgeting to eliminate waste had also become clear.

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports that Gauteng education spokesman Robinson Ramaite described the looming cuts in the education budget as "a nightmare".

The department was looking at ways "to survive the situation", including alternative sources of funding such as the reconstruction and development fund.

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Councillors elected unopposed

■ BY PAULA FRAY

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An hour-long break to "caucus" paved the way for the unopposed election of ANC councillors in the top leadership positions of the South West municipality launched yesterday afternoon

At an inaugural meeting which proceeded smoothly, ANC member Prema Naidoo was elected chairman of the South West metropolitan substructure, which includes suburbs southwest of the Johannesburg CBD such as Lenasia and Orange Farm and borders Soweto Most

of this MSS falls within the old Johannesburg municipality

DP councillor Mohamed Jogiat was voted in as deputy chairman

Both he and Naidoo promised that they would start working as soon as possible

An unopposed motion was put forward for a nine-person executive committee with the chairman not holding the casting vote.

ANC councillor Loretta King was voted in as executive committee (exco) chairman and an

eight-person list (four statutory and four non-statutory members) was unanimously approved by the councillors. South West management committee (MC) member Claude Jacobs was voted in as deputy chairman

■ The exco members are Rashida Ebrahim (Lenasia MC), Claude Jacobs (South-West MC), Farzel Areff (DP), Ranchod Daya (NP), Ben Mbovu (ANC), George Dixon (ANC); Willen Lucas (PAC), and Dr Punjie Lingham of Civil Society, whose nomination is still subject to the premier's approval

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Row erupts at launch of municipality

Tensions between ANC and civics

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

Deepening tensions between the ANC and civic bodies led to the controversy at this week's South East Metropolitan Substructure (MSS) launch, the man at the centre of the dispute said yesterday.

Gauteng ANC deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said Tuesday's confusion at the Civic Centre emphasised the urgent need for this weekend's ANC-alliance *bosberaad* to resolve problems between the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) and the ANC.

Jerry Tlhopane, initially a Sanco nominee for the transitional metropolitan council substructure, was included in the

list of ANC councillors until the launch on Tuesday, where the ANC announced he had resigned and would be replaced by the ANC's Sydney Phuti.

Tlhopane denied he had resigned. He refused to be replaced by Phuti, who is not on the ANC's alternative list of nominees.

While Tlhopane maintains it is not possible to get Phuti on to the council, Bapela said yesterday that it could be done.

Tlhopane said he was being sidelined because ANC members were personalising organisational differences with Sanco.

He claimed the ANC had attempted to replace him because Sanco's southern Johannesburg branch, of which he is secretary, had withdrawn from the ANC al-

liance in the MSS last Friday.

A letter to this effect, signed by Tlhopane, was submitted to the ANC regional leadership last Friday. It called for "the PWV ANC and Sanco" to "draft a letter of understanding outlining clearly the role of Sanco and the ANC and the role and identity of our representatives in all spheres of our operation".

Bapela said yesterday that Tlhopane had been discredited as an ANC leader in his area and, when he realised he was not being punted for any of the top positions — even though he was on the top of the ANC list — he took offence. Bapela added that the ANC, Sanco, Cosatu and the SA Communist Party would try to iron out problems in the alliance this weekend.

NEWS FEATURE Residents march on civic leaders' home to present a petition

ER civics clash for power

GRAVY TRAIN Some people will

go into elections for personal gain:

By Mkgadi Pela

THE MARCH ON SATURDAY by about 100 residents, among them ANC Women's League members, on the home of KwaThema civic leader Mr Kenny Madalane could be a foretaste of things to come.

With local government elections around the corner, Madalane can be forgiven for suspecting that "this is a strategy by the tripartite alliance and Sanco in Kwa-Thema to discredit me". This is the second recorded friction between ANC-aligned structures and civic leaders on the East Rand in the past three months.

Early in November last year, 13 civic leaders were attacked during a meeting in Tokoza.

The civic leaders accused the ANC of having masterminded the attack. For its part, the ANC said members of former Self Defence Units were behind the attack and that of disrupting a meeting at the old age home. While apologising for the incident, the ANC said the event was "understandable".

Madalane said KwaThema ANC allies "feel their authority is being swept under their feet. So in order to re-establish themselves in this area, they need a sacrificial lamb, and they chose the KwaThema Working Group which I lead".

The marchers presented a petition to Madalane stating that the KwaThema Working Group should disband and, I He must stop assisting youths with bail.

I He must distance himself from student organisations.

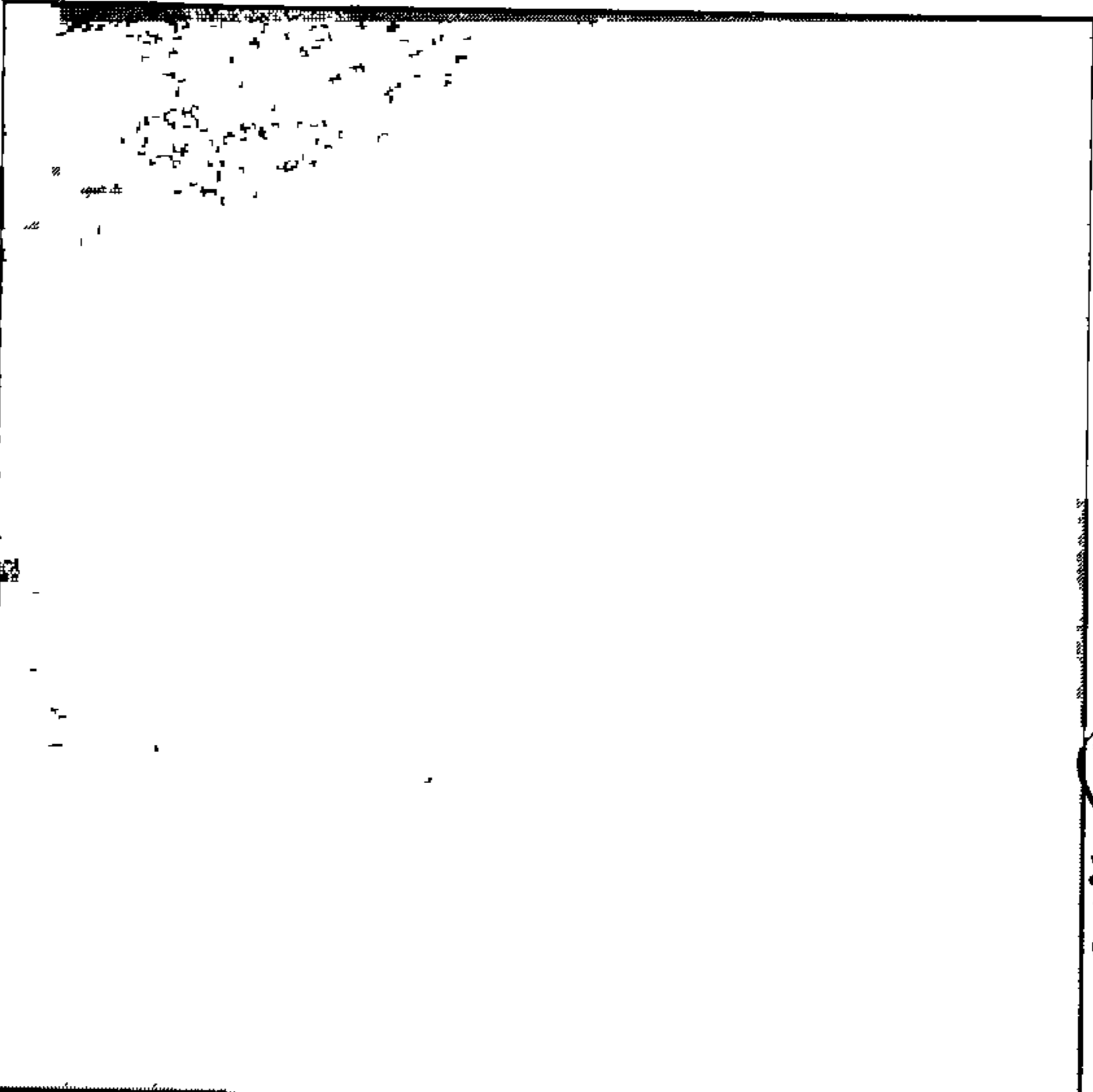
Spokesperson Ms Auntie Nyatela said although ANCWL members took part in the march, the event had been organised by KwaThema women.

General secretary of the ANCYL in KwaThema, Mr Keketso Mooketsane, accused Madalane of operating hit squads "We have asked our region to investigate this matter," he added.

ANC branch executive member Mr Tshisi Phasha said his organisation had nothing against Madalane. "He's no threat to us, so why would we go out of our way to discredit him and his group?"

Madalane says the alliance and Sanco have demanded the dissolution of the KwaThema Working Group, accusing it of creating "unnecessary duplication in the East Rand township."

He said the newly-formed body was "ineffective and had become a property of certain individuals in our area". Responding to these claims, Sanco



At the centre of a row...Kenny Madalane of the KwaThema Working Group.

East Rand general secretary Mr Mandla Zwane said "We don't want to see the community divided. We have never had intentions of discrediting Madalane and his group. All we have demanded is that they dissolve and join Sanco".

"People should stop forming new organisations when we have those that address similar issues. If they don't,

they will create confusion in the community".

Zwane also called on the KwaThema Working Group to "stop encouraging land invasion in the area as this obstructs the RDP".

He said it would also be difficult for the Transitional Lo-

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cal Councils to function properly. "We need stability within the township for the government to deliver on its promises". Observers believe that the strained relationship between ANC-aligned structures and some civic leaders could signal the beginning of a power-struggle ahead of the October municipal elections.

The view stems from the belief that civic leaders are more in touch with grassroots feelings and by the very nature of their job, entrenched in the community. "Judging by the lifestyles of our newly-elected Parliamentarians and their gravy train, we could be having a locomotive after the municipal elections." So it's clear everybody wants their share of the municipal cake," a caller to *Sowetan* said in response to the Tokoza incident.

All stakeholders will have to work round-the-clock to resolve their differences peacefully. Failure to do this will, in the opinion of many, frustrate the implementation of the RDP in their areas.

Row over Soweto councillors

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24/1/95

■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

Claims that some of Soweto's Sofasonke Party councillors should not have been nominated for the Western Metropolitan Substructure have been brought to the attention of Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale.

Sofasonke members approached Western MSS chairman Dan Kekane during the inaugural meeting of the organisation last week to highlight their dissatisfaction about some of the party's councillors.

They claimed that some councillors were not members of Sofasonke and had not been nominated by the party.

Disgruntled party member Brian Kubeka said the dissenting group had already approached the premier, and members were awaiting the outcome.

However, party councillor Milton Khanyile denied the claims that some councillors were not legitimate.

"The people who approached the mayor are just bitter because they are not part of the MSS. Most of them were seldom present at meetings and some had already joined the NP ... they were not aware of the latest developments."

IDT Soweto must develop at the same rate as Sandton

Time to rise above our problems

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By Joe Mhlehla

WORK TOGETHER South Africans

must join hands for a better future:

CHARLES Dickens' classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*, can be starkly contextualised to the South African situation

It is not even surprising Dickens' analysis of the French Revolution, which raged in that country between 1789 to 1799, has a somewhat similar ring to the situation in South Africa before the democratic elections of April 27 1994

In his depiction of France and its oppression, Dickens refers to a set of people moving in one direction, while another group of people in the same country, move in the opposite direction. Still on his subject, the author paints a picture of yet another set of people marching to heaven while another group march in the opposite direction, to hell

In South Africa, that is exactly how people of different backgrounds seemed to have been moving, at least until April 27 they lived in one country, yet in many senses, lived apart from one another as though they lived in different countries

The privileged, usually whites, were destined for heaven, figuratively and literally

The underprivileged, usually blacks, moved in the opposite direction to Hades, in hell where the gnashing of teeth took place

At 7 30 tonight on NNTV, the pro-

gramme *People* gives a vivid illustration on what the new society must do to improve the lives of all its people, especially the people who were disadvantaged by apartheid

In so doing, the programme hopes that people of all colours will begin to move together in one direction as they build the new South Africa

Scared black people

Former Soweto civic leader and now chairperson of the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council, Mr Isaac Mogase, says even though apartheid scared black people, it is time they rose above those "scars" and do something for themselves

Mogase says in the past it was right and politically correct to use all available means to crush to the ground apartheid structures

He recalls that the "civics" did so successfully by organising rent boycotts and generally mobilised black communities around all issues that dehumanised blacks.

"In order to fight apartheid we mobilised our people to crush apartheid," Mogase says

However, time was opportune that people began to pay for the services,

says Mogase

By implications, Mogase seems to be saying failure to pay for services will render democratic structures ineffective and therefore unable to deliver services to the community

He says people of Johannesburg, without consideration to colour, need to work together to build the city and the country

Mogase also cautions that non-payment of services by residents will be detrimental, and is a route not to be followed if development must take place

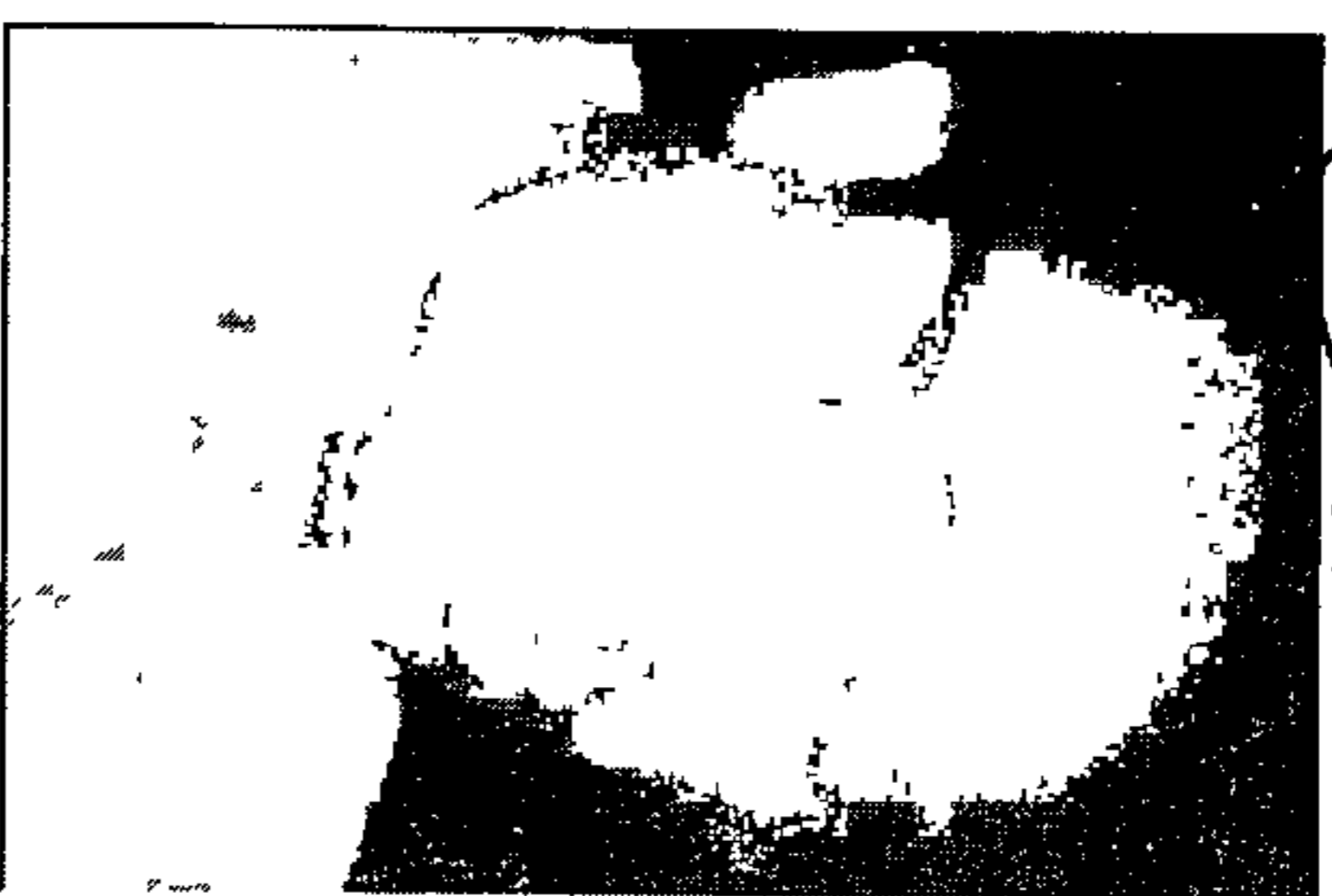
"Boycotts of services cannot go on forever. People must pay for the services they get," Mogase says

But Mogase attributes black anger, and the refusal by the township dwellers to pay for services, to the legacy of apartheid that denied them opportunities which they saw whites enjoying

Formal settlement

Mr Kista Moonsamy of Lenasia suggests that the squatter settlement of about 20 000 to 30 000 be integrated into a formal settlement in the area.

In so doing, argued Moonsamy, the two communities would get to know and relate to one another in a more



Mr Isaac Mogase, chairperson of Greater Metropolitan Transitional Metropolitan Council.

constructive fashion

He says his vision is to develop Lenasia to become a self-sufficient area which would develop its own resources to the full for the benefit of all

"My vision is that we should turn Lenasia into another Sandton," Moonsamy says

He recalls that the community now settled in Lenasia had been uprooted from Fordsburg and thrown into an area that did not even have proper infrastruc-

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"We cannot forget the terrible past — what the Group Areas Act had done to dehumanise the communities," Moonsamy says

Boycotts

Both black and white communities are agreed that a situation which allowed areas like Parktown to develop better than Soweto should never again be allowed to prevail

While boycotts should be discouraged, the authorities should be even-handed when providing facilities

Soweto should develop at the same rate as would Parktown and Sandton

The lessons of Dickens' story, with its guillotine and storming of the Bastille, are too gruesome to repeat

South Africa needs one city, one country, for all its people

Danny Kekana is in favour of self-help rather than dependency

Blind man shows his foresight

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BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

Danny Kekana's life has always been a struggle but he has emerged with a rich vision for the township he now leads

A head wound in 1977 left him without his sight but not without foresight the township he values for its resistance to apartheid is heading for a different life, says Kekana (40)

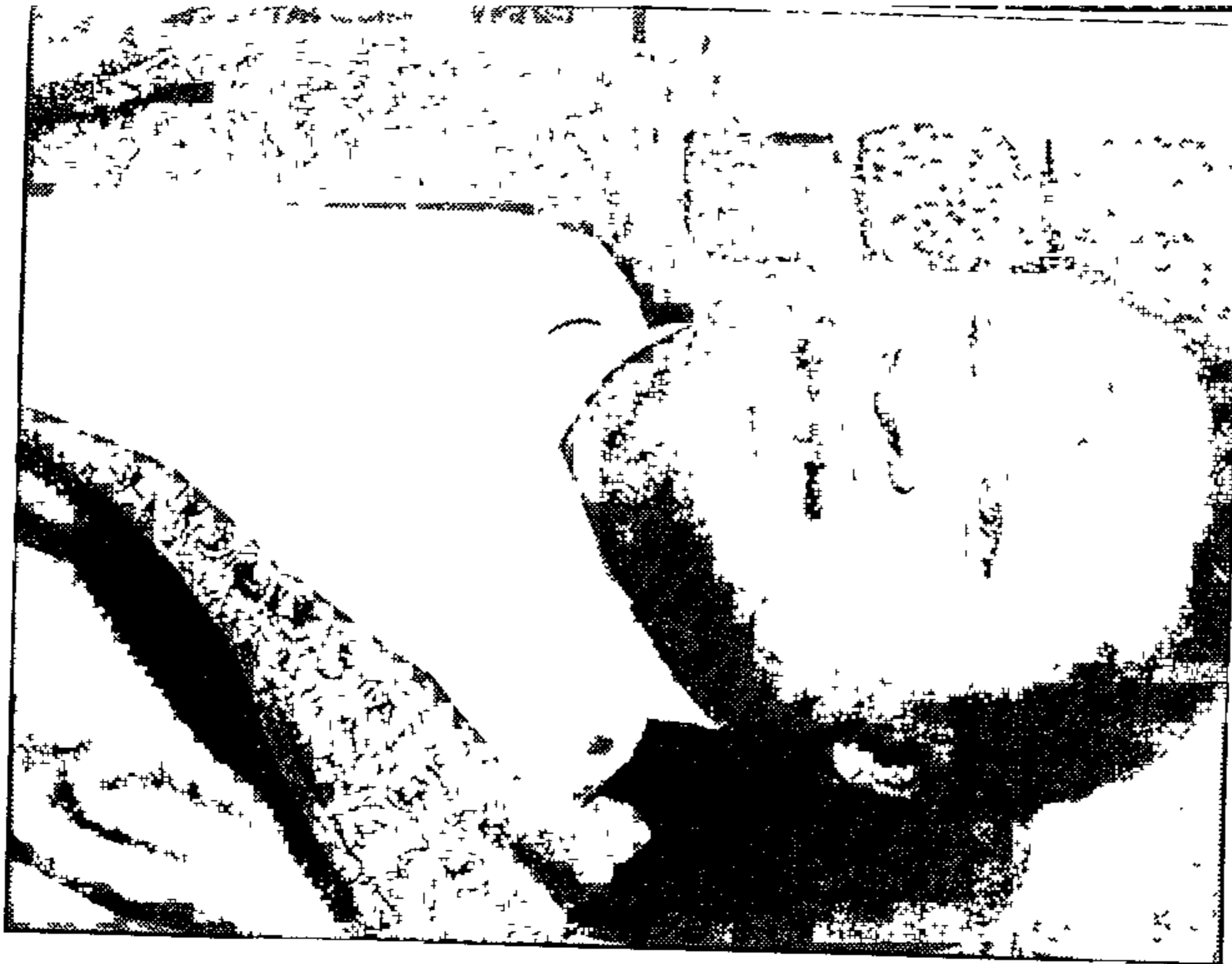
During his eight-month term as mayor of Greater Johannesburg's Western Metropolitan sub-structure, Kekana believes Sowetans will conceive a new suburb

Queer thing

"I want people of Soweto to take part in the development of their own area. They should understand that development is a queer thing — it needs participation from all sides for it to succeed," he says.

Kekana is sure about one thing — he will not tolerate a dependency syndrome from Sowetans. He knows that his council has to deliver but that will be done with the help of residents

Visionary . . . Danny Kekana has seen Soweto's future.



MAYOR finds allowing people to express themselves 'until they are exhausted' is the best way to leave them feeling free and satisfied and helps resolve council matters quickly

blindness to hamper his life and he abhors pity. Most of all, he does not want people to assume he cannot do things and recalls with humour how sometimes, when he is walking in town, "these grannies grab me, pull me aside and put 20c on my palm"

There is little privacy in this man's life. When you visit his home in Zone One, Diepkloof, which faces a noisy street and busy shops, there is an open door policy for residents seeking advice or checking if he is available for a meeting. The phone rings constantly and everyone is given equal attention

This manner is also evident at council meetings where he allows his councillors to thrash out each issue — sometimes for up to an hour — until they reach

an agreement
Kekana says it has always been his philosophy to give people a chance to express themselves until they are exhausted

Master's degree

"I always want people to feel free and satisfied. This has helped because our council is obviously different from others and it will always resolve its matters quickly"

Holding a master's degree in sociology from the University of the Witwatersrand, Kekana, at tributes his achievements to help from his family and friends

Before he went to Wits, he studied for a BA at the University of the North. Initially he wanted to be a lawyer but a lecturer discouraged him because of his blindness. His interest in the history of development steered him to major in international politics and political development.

After his degree he decided to go to Wits. "I was shocked to find out that white students' studies were different — we were not allowed to study Karl Marx in our university. I moved because I wanted to acquire the same education that whites had"

Kekana says his colleagues were worried when he moved. "They said I should not be fooled

by the white liberals, they said I would not get the same attention"

But they were proven wrong, he says. Both black and white students showered him with support

Since then Kekana sees no colour, even though his skin colour played a part in his becoming blind

A student activist at Morris Isaacson High School in 1976, he lost his sight in December 1977 after completing his matric exams in March that year

He remembers that moment of blindness with slight bitterness
"There was a curfew in those days and I was walking at night with my two friends when two strangers said we should stand aside and I was shot

Optic damage

"I fell down, tried to stand up but collapsed. At that time it did not occur to me that I was blind. I kept hoping for a long time that I would regain my sight," he says. His optic nerve and eyeball were damaged

As years passed, he realised that he would not regain his sight but gained more strength. He now believes that "sight or no sight nothing will stop me"

Media barred from meeting

■ LOWVELD BUREAU

Nelspruit — Journalists were yesterday asked to leave a meeting called to resolve issues regarding the future of the White River, KaBokweni, Hazyview and Nsikazi areas in the Eastern Transvaal.

At the start of the meeting, Local and Regional Government MEC January Masilela asked those present whether

they objected to the presence of The Star, the SABC, Beeld and The Lowvelder

White River mayor Johan Waldeck said the media should be allowed to attend in the interests of transparency.

Hazyview representatives agreed but councillors from KaBokweni and the Nsikazi area in former KaNgwane disagreed and Masilela re-

quested the media to leave and "wait outside until the proceedings had been completed".

The meeting was called to resolve problems resulting from a government announcement that KaBokweni and parts of the former KaNgwane would form part of White River's municipal area.

By late yesterday The Star had not yet been informed of the outcome.

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MSS battle for seats continues

■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

The Greater Johannesburg North-Western Metropolitan Substructure (MSS) can begin work after appointing Thys Oosthuizen as acting chief executive officer last night

The former Roodepoort town clerk's appointment — he was chosen from 12

applicants — came after the ANC refused last week to endorse a candidate before he had been thoroughly interviewed.

While the appointment of a CEO seemed to have gone smoothly, councillors continued their battle over the two open executive committee seats which the ANC rejected during the inauguration of the MSS last month.

The public was told to leave the chambers to let the councillors discuss the matter (2bb)

According to a source, the ANC wants to occupy three seats instead of two because it feels it has more support in the area than the NP

No decision had been reached at the time of going to press

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ANC takes up top-level metro seats

■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
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The ANC has decided to take up three top-level positions it surrendered during an acrimonious inaugural meeting of the Roodeport-Dobsonville Council last month

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Following long private negotiations this week, it was announced that two ANC members would join the North-Western Metropolitan Substructure (MSS) executive committee (exco) *SHOW 8/2/95*

Initially, the ANC withdrew its members from all key positions, claiming there was an "anti-ANC alliance".

The two are Simphiwe Namise, who will share the position of committee chairman with NP councillor Jones Pelham, and Roslyn Waldron

The third position of deputy mayor, not represented on the exco, will be filled by Philip Basson next month

Namise said the ANC would fill its committee seats so that the MSS could stop fighting and start working. "Our aim was not to stay out of the process, but to correct the prevailing problems and attitude"

The ANC accepted the positions despite its proposal for a 12-member exco and three seats on the committee. It was agreed that the committee would consist of 10 members.

Committee accused of clinging to power

Star 9/1/95

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■ BY CHARMEELA
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CITY REPORTER

Angry Greater Johannesburg councillors yesterday accused the executive committee of the transitional metropolitan council (TMC) of clinging to power and refusing to devolve any functions to its substructures.

At yesterday's TMC meeting the committee also came under fire for not establishing administrator bodies, required by the Local Government Transition Act and agreed to by the negotiating forum, to wind down the activities of the old local authorities.

According to Federal Party councillor Francis Kendall, the administrator bodies were necessary to ensure efficient services. These were now collapsing while the TMC clung to power.

Executive committee chairman Colin Matjila denied the allegations.

He said the devolution of powers to the substructures was being urgently addressed by the TMC's constitutional committee which met on Monday.

Matjila said the TMC refused to devolve powers to its substructures in a haphazard manner. He added there was great disparity in the capacity of substructures.

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Tapping Lesotho's vast source of water has proved to be a mammoth feat of engineering. Marius Bosch reports

Piping Lesotho's water to Gauteng's doorstep

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With a satisfied smile, Letuso Majalle closes the door of the underground hoist, deep in Lesotho's mountains.

"The generations that come will know their forefathers built this dam and they will be proud of us," Majalle said.

In an age when rapidly expanding populations are sharp-ening resource conflicts around the world, the Lesotho Highlands Water Project could be an interesting prototype of how to avoid them.

The \$5 billion (R18.5 billion) joint venture between Lesotho and South Africa will build a network of dams and channels in the remote mountains of Lesotho to funnel rainwater to the industrial heartlands of South Africa, which will soon be parched.

On the way down, the water will generate enough hydro-electricity to supply all of Lesotho's power needs.

"It sounds so impossible, but it is a reality. It is not impossible. We want to reverse the flow of water," said Les Fabian, Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) deputy chief executive for engineering and construction.

The dams will trap water which normally runs into the Orange River and west into the Atlantic Ocean, and instead turn it north towards Johannesburg. The key to the whole project is the 185 m-high Katise Dam,

scheduled to be completed in 1996 and situated more than 3 000 m above sea level in remote mountain terrain.

Temperatures there can switch from minus 10 deg C to plus 30 deg C in less than 24 hours, testing the endurance of any man-made structure.

Tunnels with a diameter of five metres are being cut through solid mountain rock for 82 km to carry the water into Gauteng.

By 1997, some 18 cu m of water will be delivered to South Africa every second, while another dam and a power station at Muela will generate 72 mW of electricity an hour.

Interconnecting

For the final stage, in 2020, three more dams are planned and a maze of interconnecting tunnels will deliver 82 cu m of water a second.

The power station at Muela could then generate 110 mW/hours of electricity — enough to supply all Lesotho, which currently buys its power from South Africa.

Each country is paying for its part of the project, which was first agreed on back in 1986.

South Africa is building the dams and channels, and Lesotho paying for the power stations and roads. The World Bank has financed some projects, while commercial South African banks have funded others. South Africa

will also pay a royalty on the water.

The area around Johannesburg is expected to grow fast, accommodating over 40 percent of South Africa's urban population by the year 2000 and over half its industry. At the moment, it relies solely on the Vaal River.

And Lesotho for its part, surrounded by South Africa and about the size of Belgium, has seen some of its most inaccessible terrain opened up by over 400 km of roads built from scratch or improved for the project.

"One of the benefits is the improved infrastructure. The interior is very remote and has been opened up," said LHDA chief executive Tsebeang Putsosane.

Ordinary cars now drive through some of Africa's highest mountains along the tar road to Katise Dam, an area previously only accessible by four-wheel-drive vehicles and tribesmen on horseback.

Tourists are also arriving in greater numbers and thousands of Lesotho's workers are employed on the project — 6 000 alone on the dam and power station at Muela.

"Clearly there are some other benefits, jobs have been created both during the construction of the infrastructure and also with the construction of the main works," Putsosane said.

"We are achieving what other people call perhaps the impossible," he added. — Reuters



Pumping . . . sub-zero temperatures and dramatic climatic changes will severely test the dam's structure

Mandela and Sexwale set to provide impetus

Gautenggers in no hurry to register for local elections

BY PAULA FRAY

Only 10 919 of Greater Johannesburg's estimated 3 million potential voters had registered for local government elections by Tuesday, according to transitional metropolitan council (TMC) acting head of communications Mojalefa Moseki.

New plans are being drawn up to give impetus to the registration process and Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale is expected to be joined by President Mandela in registering in the area next week.

Greater Johannesburg TMC executive committee chairman Colin Matjila yesterday also announced that an awareness campaign would be launched soon to motivate residents to register. Initial estimates showed at least 33 000 voters had to register each day — including weekends — if the process was to be completed within the statutory 90-days.

However, the slow start has pushed this estimate up to about 37 000 each day.

Democratic Party councillor Mike Moriarty appealed to the TMC to consider ways of attracting voters to register. "Surely we

can effectively reach hundreds of thousands of voters by drawing in business ... voters are not falling over themselves to get registered within a framework which makes it difficult to do so," he said.

According to Moseki, most of the Greater Johannesburg registrations took place in former predominantly white suburbs with the Northern Metropolitan Substructure (MSS) collecting 4 749 registration forms.

The North Western MSS, comprising Roddepoort and Dobsonville, collected 1 530 while 1 024 forms were collected from Soweto

(Western MSS) residents. Moseki said feedback from the initial thrust indicated that registration in some areas was going well.

"The overall impression is, however, that returns are slow and potential voters are again encouraged to register early in order to miss the last-minute rush. It would appear that people are still unaware that everybody needs to register to appear on the new, representative voters roll," he said.

About 127 registration points were in operation, he added.

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7 named for Gauteng body

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The Gauteng provincial government has announced a shortlist of seven names for the three positions on the Provincial Service Commission

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The seven are Lucy Abrahams-Nyembe, Jaya Appalrau, Patrick Fitzgerald, Walter Lulamile Mbete, Velle Siquane Mjamba, Papi Otukile Stevenson Moloto and Garth Granville Shenker.

— Staff Reporter.

Jo'burg to apply for more land

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■ CITY REPORTERS

Greater Johannesburg is to ask Gauteng's demarcation board to extend its borders into areas such as Edenvale, Midrand, Modderfontein and Bedfordview.

It will make the submission at public hearings at the Civic Centre on February 20.

According to a council report, these areas include undeveloped agricultural holdings northwest of Roodepoort and Randburg, parts of Midrand, Modderfontein, Edenvale and Bedfordview, and the informal settlement areas of Orange Farm, Weilers Farm, Sweetwaters and Poortjie.

Modderfontein and Midrand were incorporated in the plan in order to accommodate the burgeoning population of nearby Alexandra.

DP executive committee member Sias Reyneke said that if the TMC were awarded the land, it would have sufficient land for commercial and residential development and be able to create job opportunities for the city's residents.

Protest planned against town council

RESIDENTS of Cullinan and adjoining Rafie township are to stay away from work on Monday and Tuesday to protest against the Rayton Town Council's apparent reluctance to establish a transitional local council in the area.

Residents plan to march to the Cullinan magistrate's

ERICA JANKOWITZ

office to voice their disapproval (266)

They will also travel to Pretoria on Tuesday when the Rayton Town Council applies for an interdict to prevent the local council's establishment.

National Union of

Mineworkers regional chairman Obed Maila said workers from De Beers' Cullinan mine would join the march and would stay away from work next week.

He said the council had ignored "burning issues" such as unemployment and opening public facilities to all races. BD 10/2/95

Trust will train local leaders

THEO RAWANA

THE Community Development Trust is offering a comprehensive training programme to enable community leaders in Gauteng to implement the reconstruction and development programme in their areas.

A non-governmental organisation, the trust provides training, advice and consultancy services to community organisations with the aim of helping leaders of community groups to develop management skills needed to better serve their people, says the trust's national RDP training co-ordinator Lennox Garane.

He says the programme, which comes in seven two-day residential workshops, introduces the trainees to the RDP and its structures, and teaches them how to create a community development forum.

"The trainees will be taught how to prioritise community needs, focusing on areas such as health, housing, education, job creation and their requirements," Garane says.

More information can be obtained by faxing (011) 783-8387.

Sapa reports that UK Overseas Development Minister Baroness Lynda Walker said it was important to get to the "real" SA to see how provincial structures and development could be implemented when she presented about R6,5m to Free State Premier Patrick Lekota in Bloemfontein on Friday.

The money will provide funds for implementation of Free State rural reform and development.

Turok's 'arrogant office' under fire

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NOMAVENDA MATHIAME and ROBYN CHALMERS

GAUTENG provincial reconstruction and development programme (RDP) commissioner head Ben Turok came under fire on Friday from frustrated East Rand businessmen who said they wanted to help government rebuild the war-torn townships.

After hearing complaints, Turok decided to set up a delegation representing top business interests in the East Rand to facilitate the progress of government's R3bn Katorus (Kathehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus) project.

Among the complaints made by the angry businessmen were claims that Turok's office was difficult to contact and never returned their calls.

Turok invited them to partner government in developing the area and repairing railway lines, schools, sports fields and street lights, and rebuilding more than 1 000 houses destroyed in violence.

He said it was important to form a tripartite relationship of the government, business sector and the community for a "holistic development approach", particularly because the East Rand was the biggest industrial area in the country.

There were strong social, political and economic reasons for starting on the Katorus project, and it was up to the East Rand business sector and community to join in. **BD 13/2/95**

Businessmen said they were keen to take part in the Katorus RDP. But they said talking to the Gauteng RDP office was

frustrating because their telephone calls were never returned.

An irate businessman said the provincial government was "a discourteous, arrogant government".

Turok said the situation was impossible. Government could not deal with the problem because it was understaffed.

"The government is not properly established yet, but we have the enormous desire to move things," he said.

People at the meeting resolved to use the East Rand economic development forum to act as a channel between the East Rand business community, Katorus and the office of the RDP.

The committee to be set up would represent white and black business organisations. Turok said a single, co-ordinated group representing a broad range of business interests was the one way in which government could communicate with the myriad companies wishing to offer their assistance on projects.

The Katorus scheme — one of 22 presidential projects being implemented to launch the RDP — was evolved to stabilise, rebuild and develop Katorus.

"We need business to assist by examining how it can outsource its activities, train residents and form joint ventures with smaller companies as well as providing goods, services and sponsorship," he said.



Gauteng provincial reconstruction and development commissioner Ben Turok addresses businessmen on the East Rand about taking part in the development of the Katorus region.

Picture NICKY DE BLOIS

Wholesale Pharmaceut... subsidiary MCOH had merged with Premier

Court last week following claims the company was unable to repay Premier Group a debt of more than R11m

for attempting to "secure" Gencor of R2m, in return for information on the company's financial position on Friday.

Warning of conflict in local govt

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LOUISE COOK

THE Transvaal Agriculture Union has appointed a committee to probe participation in local government structures.

Chairman Dries Bruwer said the union refused to be "forced" into structures that would see farmers paying taxes for services not received, such as roads and a land tax.

He warned that the proposed local government structure held "great potential for conflict".

Sapa reports that the National Land Committee which organised the conference said it would propose to Deputy Constitutional Development

Minister Valli Moosa on Wednesday that the voters' roll resulting from the 90-day registration period ending on April 27 be considered a draft, allowing local authorities to demarcate wards and plan voting stations.

Voting stations should be opened for a week at the end of August or beginning of September so voters could check if their names were on the draft roll and add them if they were not. The amended roll could then be legally certified at the end of September for October's elections.

Court bid to dissolve metropolitan council

The Federal Party is seeking the dissolution of the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council's executive committee because it was not elected by proportional representation. (266)

Party leader Francis Kendall said the council's executive committee was elected by simple majority. BD 14/2/95

The Federal Party would apply to the Rand Supreme Court for the "reviewing

WILSON ZWANE

and setting aside of the executive committee's election", she said.

Summonses would be served today on 20 respondents, including the council itself and the individual members of the executive committee. They would have two weeks to indicate whether they intended contesting the case.

■ BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

Greater Johannesburg's Transitional Metropolitan Council faces yet another court case after papers calling for the setting aside of the election of TMC executive committee members were served yesterday

Federal Party councillor Frances Kendall is asking the court to declare null and void, or review and set aside, the election of committee members who came to office at the TMC's inaugural meeting in December

Kendall has also asked the court to direct acting chief executive officer Nicky Padayachee to take all steps necessary to convene another meeting to elect a new executive committee and, at a later meeting, a chairman and deputy chairman

The 21 respondents — including the TMC, executive committee chairman Colin Matjila, 16 committee members, Padayachee, TMC chairman Isaac Mogaase and his deputy Koos Roets, who was in the chair when the executive was voted in at the in-

Court case in offing ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ as Kendall fights TMC

augural meeting — have 15 days in which to respond

Kendall submits that the election of the executive committee and chairman was invalid by law and contravened the constitution and Local Government Transition Act, as committee members were not elected according to proportional representation

The election of Matjila was also unlawful in terms of the proclamation as it was done before the committee itself had been elected

Expert opinion from Professor Murray Faure, head of the Department of Political Science at Unisa, concurs *slon 15/2/95*

"The electoral system that was

used for the purpose of electing the executive committee cannot be described as a system of proportional representation in terms of either the procedures that were involved or the results that the system yielded"

Kendall also submits that if the election had been conducted lawfully, she and Northern Areas Group representative Bernard Lapidus would probably have been elected to the committee.

She warns that the procedure adopted by the respondents, if allowed to stand, will have a profound effect on local government

"In hundreds of other transitional local authorities currently being established throughout the country, majority-party coalitions will consider themselves entitled to impose executive committees by simple majority"

Already, she says, the election of the TMC has been used as a precedent for the election of executive committees in the metropolitan substructures.

"If this election is not set aside, a precedent will have been created whereby politicians are able to simply disregard the rule of law"

Drought and heat will push up prices across Gauteng

HARSH WATER CUTS

■ BY SHIRLEY WOODGATE

The current severe drought and accompanying heatwave is expected to cause a winter of higher costs for large-scale water consumers such as industry and homeowners with extensive gardens

They are likely to be hardest hit by a tough combination of higher water tariffs and restrictions which are on the cards for Gauteng and all other areas relying on the Vaal and Orange River systems

There is little chance of an early end to the drought that is a blight on the central, eastern and northern parts of the country

Claus Triebel, resources manager at the Water Affairs Department, says the curbs are inevitable unless the next eight weeks bring heavy rain to fill the dams and green the parched grazing lands

The signal for rain would be moist air moving south from the Equator. This has not occurred this year after the El Nino phenomenon resurfaced in the Pacific region

The water cuts are likely to be accompanied by increased tariffs, first hinted at by Water Affairs and Forestry Minister Kader Asmal last year when he suggested nationwide tariff rises which would force large consumers to pay more on a sliding scale for increased consumption, while the poor go on to a "lifeline" tariff

Letaba District Agricultural Union chairman Edward Vorster said any attempt to make irrigation farmers pay more for water would be resisted

Speaking for the drought-devastated Lowveld region where fruit and vegetable farmers have been forced to

RAINFALL has been consistently down in summer with dam levels countrywide at 44 percent

sink boreholes at great personal cost to compensate for the lack of supply from the empty Tzaneen Dam, he said additional water rates would cripple the agricultural industry

"Farmers are producing food for the nation and if we are forced to pay higher tariffs for irrigation water over and above what we are spending on boreholes, the cost of food will inevitably go up," he said

Triebel said that after ongoing discussions, municipalities would probably be asked to implement the new tariff structure, with the proviso that the system be introduced "carefully so that any resultant drop in consumption did not hit the various councils' income

Rainfall has been consistently down for the entire summer season (only 14,4 mm this month compared with 141 mm last year and a long-term average of 103 mm for February) and above average falls are necessary before May.

The Vaal Dam is being maintained at 15,9 percent by water released from the feeder Sterkfontein Dam, which is down to 76 percent

There is no danger that the Sterkfontein Dam will empty, as supplies are replenished by pumping water up from the Tugela River

The 139 major dams in South Africa are now only 44 percent full, compared with 62 percent in February 1994

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Subsidise services for indigent, says Sanco

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WILSON ZWANE

THE SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) has proposed that residents who can pay for rates and services subsidise those who are genuinely unable to pay.

An arrangement in this regard should be worked out between local authorities and communities, the organisation said.

Sanco general secretary Penrose Nloni suggested that mechanisms be set up for cross-subsidisation such as a community fund, to which a portion of payments from residents who were able to pay would be diverted. This fund would be used to service the debts of those unable to meet their obligations.

He conceded there might be opposition to the proposal from people who would see it as encouraging "irresponsibility and unemployment" among township residents. But the situation was "desperate and calls for desperate measures."

He stressed, however, that the cases of the "genuinely needy" should be thoroughly checked out by government in conjunction with community-based organisations. The process would not take long because the process would not take long because civic organisations had structures such as street, block and area committees.

Sanco suggested government could lessen resistance to the idea of the trust fund by providing certain incentives to people who paid their accounts on time. Deputy Constitutional Development Deputy Minister Valli Moosa said last week talks

Agency obstacle for investors

were under way with the Social Welfare Department to identify residents who were genuinely unable to pay. These would be the subject of targeted relief, either from local authorities or central government. Nloni said Sanco believed residents should be called upon to settle arrears only after the installation of transitional local authorities, visible improvement in services and agreements between municipalities and communities to end the boycotts.

Government's insistence that residents pay arrears accumulated from January last year was creating ill-feeling among people who maintained that there were not "legitimate structures to which to pay in January last year and that the services being charged for were not of acceptable standards", he said.

He also urged that efforts be made to formulate national guidelines on how tariffs should be set. This, he said, would ensure uniformity. Sanco has said the establishment of non-racial local authorities was not in itself sufficient incentive for residents to pay. Visible and efficient service delivery should take place before people would be convinced to pay.

Moosa said his ministry was holding discussions with police and the Justice Department on options for cracking down on rent, service and bond defaulters

Queen 'looking forward to SA visit'

LINDA ENSOR

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, are looking forward "greatly" to their historic visit to SA next month.

Informed sources said yesterday the visit was ranked equally with the state visits to Russia last year and to China in 1986 in terms of political importance, symbolism and significance.

It is also seen as one of the most important visits to be conducted by the queen during her reign. The "mould-breaking" visits to Russia and China were the first by a British monarch. "Every state visit is important but some visits have greater significance than others," a source said.

The queen would visit SA as Britain's head of state and as head of the Commonwealth which SA had recently rejoined. The queen visited southern Africa with her parents in 1947 for three-and-a-half months. Her visit from March 19-25

would be the first state visit of her reign and the first by a British monarch and head of the Commonwealth since last year's elections.

Apart from the visit to New Zealand in November to attend the biennial Commonwealth heads of state conference, the SA visit would be the only major royal excursion this year. She might also leave Britain for Second World War victory celebrations.

It was on her 1947 visit that the queen made a radio and television broadcast saying "whether my life be short or long it will be devoted to your service".

The queen's programme in SA was described as interesting and would give her a chance to see the new SA, visit townships and see the progress which had taken place over the past few years.

New forum to 'manage relationships'

WILSON ZWANE

THE Gauteng government has established a forum to ensure a "healthy working relationship" between itself and transitional local government structures.

The forum — the first of its kind in the country — will hold its inaugural meeting in Johannesburg on February 28. The meeting, to be opened by premier Seruwalde, will be attended by representatives of the Gauteng cabinet and the heads of the 20 transitional local government structures. Provincial communications director

Chris Vick said yesterday the forum's main objective would be to "manage the relationship between the Gauteng government

and the new transitional local councils." "It will provide a platform for discussion between the province and local government, and is intended to explore areas of common understanding.

"We hope it will facilitate the building of mutually beneficial relations between provincial and transitional local government structures."

Vick said although the forum was envisaged as a transitional structure "intended to assist the transitional local government structures now in place", it was believed the forum might have a permanent role.

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Call to cut luxuries and spend more on blacks (266)

The Gauteng legislature yesterday called on Pretoria's local government administrators to cut back on luxuries and spend more on black communities

The legislature said in a statement it condemned the city's central metropolitan substructures allocation of R175 000 to pay for a banquet for foreign delegates at the opening of Parliament in Cape Town today.

"According to our information . . . this forms part of an old tradition by the former (white) Pretoria City Council to host such events.

"We view this as a waste of money

"The task of the transitional local government structures is not to follow old traditions but to begin to divert resources to improve the quality of life for the victims of apartheid," the provincial legislature's statement said. — Reuter.

Up to R200-m wasted each year

Cutting water loss

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Municipalities in the Gauteng area are losing between R137 million and R203 million a year on huge quantities of water which are used without being accounted for.

A source in the provincial administration said that the equivalent loss in the reasonably well managed system in Europe would be about 50 percent to 60 percent of the Gauteng figure.

A number of factors contributed to this high level of wastage, he said.

Among these was the relatively cheap, uniform tariff for water — R1 a kilolitre — which gave

municipalities little incentive to save water

This, said the official, would change later this year when the Rand Water Board moved to introduce a sliding tariff, in accordance with the Reconstruction and Development Programme's proposals.

This will allow for every household to purchase an essential quantity of water at low tariff, but will load the price on consumption above the basic level.

Implementing the sliding scale would depend on good metering systems, both for bulk distribu-

tion and for individual useage.

The Rand Water Board has effectively been without any means of penalising water wasters and has not always had enough data to determine which municipalities are to blame

But, the provincial official said, information had been collected in recent years which would enable the board to distinguish the inefficient water users from the efficient local authorities.

There was also talk of legislation to compel local authorities to conduct water audits. — Municipal Reporter.

Council clears way for better ties

The leaders of Greater Johannesburg's Transitional Metropolitan Council and its sub-structures (MSSs) met this week to clear the way for a good working relationship between all TMC components

The meeting came after allegations that the council was intent on retaining as much

power as possible

In the past two weeks several councillors have criticised the TMC's executive for refusing to grant decision-making powers to the MSSs.

"The capacitation of the MSSs came under close examination and a decision to address the immediate needs

of the MSSs to get them up and running, was taken," said TMC executive committee chairman Colin Matjila in a statement

The forum also discussed ways of addressing urgent service delivery needs and said it would meet regularly

City Reporter.

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Council set to computerise billing system

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■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI

Greater Soweto residents could soon be able to pay for services at any administration office as the Western Metropolitan Sub-structure plans to replace its archaic billing system with an up-to-date computer network.

At yesterday's council meeting, councillors agreed that the existing billing system — which makes it impossible for residents to pay for services at any office outside their immediate area — should be changed.

Western MSS chief executive officer Denis Rogers said a temporary network system would be installed before the local elections so that there would be a reliable and clean data system for the incoming elected struc-

ture. This system could then be revised after the elections.

He said the old system did not have accurate data and caused confusion for the management.

It was suggested that information from various administration offices should be collected and be brought to the Soweto Chamber where it would be verified and computerised. Three tenders would be invited to make presentations to the executive committee.

The existing system — for Soweto, Alexandra and Diepsmeadow — cost the previous administration R450 000 a month but was inadequate for their needs, councillors heard.

It was decided that funds currently allocated for the billing system should be used for the new temporary system.

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Sexwale warns of draining Gauteng

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JOHN DLUDLU

THE Gauteng government has warned Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg and his deputy Alec Erwin that Budget cuts directed at the region could destroy its ability to be the heart of the national economy.

Premier Tokyo Sexwale was speaking at a businessmen's breakfast in Johannesburg yesterday which he had called in a new initiative to build a partnership with business on policy and project planning.

He said he had met the two on Wednesday to convey this message following disclosures that hundreds of millions of rands was to be redistributed away from Gauteng to poorer provinces in what was said to be a move towards greater equity. Education (a R500m reduction) and health services (R400m) would be particularly badly hit.

"While we understand that some of the wealth generated here should be used to develop other areas, this should not be done in a way which reduced the ability of the region to generate that wealth," Sexwale said, referring to the province's infrastructural capacity.

He pointed out that Gauteng supported many people from outside the region who came seeking better health care and housing.

Sexwale said Liebenberg and Erwin had reassured him that the matter would be addressed.

He called on business to assist government in the crusade against crime, which was discouraging investors and tourists.

He invited businessmen to join him

on a trip to Asia in April so that they could assist in discussing projects with prospective investors. "We don't want to return with protocols of understanding or government assistance. We want to return with tangible investment projects, and better trade and tourism relations."

The promotion of foreign investment should come on the back of significantly increased domestic investment. He called on business to "take up the mantle of economic patriotism by identifying viable, job creating investments."

He said support to small business was another crucial mechanism for the creation of meaningful jobs.

"Subcontracting and outsourcing, and partnerships and joint ventures with those previously excluded from the economy, might imply a short-term premium. But that premium will be nothing compared to the benefits of the increased stability, the growing domestic market and the buoyant, growing economy that it will engender."

He said the Gauteng government would initiate a public works programme in April to address socio-economic causes of crime, and the land affairs department would speed up a land development programme.

He told the briefing the government had embarked on several economic projects, including prohibition of tourism, small business, consumer rights, trade, investment and industrial promotion.



Katz commission chairman Michael Katz, top left, listens to Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale, top right, at yesterday's breakfast briefing at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg. Also attending the briefing were businessmen Abe Krok, below left, and Solly Krok.

Picture NICKY DE BLOIS

Metro (266) gets cash to start the big clean-up

THE BIG clean-up in the city begins next month!

The Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metro Council has approved a R92-million budget for an emergency service set to be launched next month.

The service priorities include a clean-up operation involving maintenance of services ranging from sanitation to streetlighting, road repairs, provision of emergency mobile clinics and upgrading the CBD.

A system to improve payment of rates and taxes to streamline the transfer of council housing stock is also part of the process — which will concentrate on disadvantaged areas of the metropolitan area.

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“Although specific amounts have not yet been budgeted for each project, we have identified savings of R92-million from the TMC’s capital budget,” said Councillor Colm Matjila, of the TMC Executive Committee.

According to Matjila, the project should be up and running by mid-March.

“The intention of the TMC is to fast-track these strategic initiatives.

“We are facing a situation in the Greater Johannesburg area where large sections of our people are living in unacceptable conditions which clearly were inherited from apartheid’s local government structures,” he said.

Cruising through Soweto in his flashy car and clutching a cellular phone, Denis Rogers is an obvious target

Unknown to the community, Rogers cannot speak any African language. But he speaks English of the township-slang variety and the councillors who appointed Rogers as the Western Metropolitan substructure acting chief executive officer are about him.

The metropolitan substructure (MSS) he oversees includes Soweto, Lepkloof and Meadowlands. Rogers is there to assist in making the township's dream reality.

Western MSS mayor Dan Skane said he was confident that they had made the right choice. "He is competent initially we were looking for a black acting CEO but we could not immediately find anyone for the job we believe this understands the needs

DENIS ROGERS MAY NOT FIT THE PICTURE OF A SOWETAN CEO, BUT HE HAS THE BACKING OF HIS MSS, WRITES BONGIWE MLANGENI

of the people". Rogers undoubtedly feels part of the community, although he is labelled an *ingamla* — meaning a rich, white man.

In the past month, he has identified what should be done to make this substructure economically viable.

"We have to bring industry back to this MSS. We have to put forward a

marketing plan and make the substructure attractive to local and international investors".

He sees his plan as a stepping stone for the substructure which serves more than 3 million people, but Rogers emphasises security as the key to economic development.

But he stresses that if all the necessary resources are secured, Greater Soweto will be peaceful enough for businesses to start investing in it.

Resources are also urgently needed to uplift all services in the area. The finance needed for upliftment will run into billions, according to Rogers. Yet, Soweto, excluding the areas which were formerly under Johannesburg, only received about R450 million a

year and had about 2 000 workers.

"When you compare this to Johannesburg which has 20 000 workers servicing a population of about one million, you see a massive disparity."

"Some of the extreme factors facing us from the financial perspective are that the council is only recovering rent payment of approximately 23 percent — which means we are getting in R2 million a month and have to spend about R70 million a month."

"In terms of the old budget, repairs and maintenance were about R150 000 a month but we actually need to spend about R5 million minimum for that."

Rogers says that if the area

is to function properly, it needs a budget of about R2 billion annually and not less than 14 000 workers. The current budget is only about R800 million a year and there are 3 700 workers for the entire substructure.

Finance will be a major problem for the area as the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council's (TMC) budget is approximately R6,3 billion for all seven MSSs, he says.

He points out that the Western MSS constitutes about one-third of the population of Gauteng.

"It undoubtedly has the largest voting population and it is one of the poorest."

But the MSS will not be able to survive on TMC funding only, he says, adding that that

the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) funding could alleviate some of the existing problems.

"The leadership has to concentrate on delivering service to this area in this country, at the moment, we are only applying lip service to the RDP. There are very few RDP facilities in this area."

Rogers admits that heavy work lies ahead and he is only beginning a process which will take decades to bear fruits.

About 17 000 tons of refuse is removed from Soweto monthly but the actual generation of refuse is in excess of 25 000 tons, which means every single month we leave 8 000 tons of refuse behind and this is

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'Ingamla' has future of Soweto in his hands

hands

extremely unhygienic", he says.

To reverse the existing state of Soweto does not only mean bringing industry into the area and creating jobs, it also means upgrading existing facilities available to residents.

There are only 10 clinics in Soweto, says Rogers, and they are all understaffed. It has only six council creches and they have inadequate staff and resources.

"The recreational buildings are severely lacking. They are just shells of buildings. The paint is peeling, the floors and walls are cracking."

Rogers says resources should soon be available to bring in computer-based training centres, libraries, proper schools, recreational fields and halls.

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Busy... 'security essential to success,' says Rogers.

sittings without a solid excuse

The legislature yesterday unanimously approved the Payment of Members of the Provincial Legislature Bill, which includes the new "penalty clause"

It not only compels members to attend all meetings, but also to stay to the bitter end unless excused by the chairman

Valid reasons for being absent include illness, the death of a spouse or child, an obligation to be in court or to perform any form of national

Mdakane said the clause would ensure that members gave priority to serving the electorate seriously "Popping" in and out of meetings was no longer on

The DP's Jack Bloom calculated that absences last year could have yielded as much as R145 000 in fines, assuming that none of the absentees had valid excuses

He proposed that fines go into a "Lazy and Distracted Parliamentarians Fund" for distribution to worthy causes

MPLs in slanging match after NP, DP criticism

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

A slanging-match developed in the Gauteng Legislature yesterday after the NP's Daryl Swanepoel criticised the organisation of the legislature as ad hoc, unprofessional and unproductive

He said inadequate administrative back-up left MPLs "running around like chickens with their heads off".

The debate rapidly deteriorated into personal accusations of unreliability (266)

Ronnie Masepa told Swanepoel his criticisms were an attempt to portray the ANC and the staff of the legislature as incompetent.

He pointed out that permanent staff were being interviewed and that a new multi-party Proceedings Committee was making progress in reorganising committee schedules and sittings of the House.

Only the DP supported the NP motion, with Peter Leon explaining that the "magnificent set of rules" which the legislature had framed could not be implemented because of ongoing shortages of back-up staff. Star 1/3/95

All other parties supported the ANC's position, insisting that the Proceedings Committee and not the House was the appropriate structure for working on staffing and scheduling problems.

The PAC's !Khoisan X pointed out that Gauteng had created committees with much greater responsibilities than those which had existed under the apartheid regime.

Swanepoel withdrew his motion after Paul Mashatile, Leader of the House, appealed very soberly for members to recognise their collective responsibility in building the legislature.

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20 years to recover costs

Gauteng govt set to stay in city hall

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The Gauteng legislature is poised to commit itself to spending the next two decades in the Johannesburg city hall so that its lease of the building will recover the R49,6million spent by the city council on renovating it.

Provincial secretary Stan Nkosi has reiterated that although the legislature has not yet signed on the dotted line, "there are no major problems around the lease for the city hall — just a few technical details that are being ironed out".

The precise period of the lease had not been finalised, Nkosi told The Star.

But he added: "The understanding between ourselves and the Johannesburg Council from the very beginning was that the period of the lease would be based on cost recovery and the calculations at the moment veer between 18 and 20 years."

The cost of renovating the city hall has run to more than twice the amount of R20,6 million originally estimated by the Johannesburg City Council.

The Gauteng legislature will pay rental at the rate originally quoted — R20 a square metre — but will be occupying substantially more space than initially calculated, thus pushing up the overall rent bill.

In the absence of a lease, a "gentleman's agreement" was reached between the parties and the legislature has been paying rent since December.

Johannesburg's director of strategic development Ian Symon this week supplied details of how the council had found the extra R30 million for the renovation.

A large amount, he said, had been diverted from the provisional budget for a light rail system. The council eventually rejected the light rail system and opted for a cheaper coach operation, leaving a surplus for reallocation.

More recently, he said, the new transitional metropolitan council had voted to divert R5,7 million from the Newtown residential project to the City Hall renovation. This amount would not have been used for its original purpose during the current financial year, Symon stated, since community consultation on the Newtown project was not sufficiently advanced for construction to start.

Elastic

The city council's estimate of the time needed to renovate the city hall has been as elastic as the budget. The conversion of the Selborne Hall into a new debating chamber (at a cost of R2,9million) was supposed to have been completed in time for the legislature's first sitting of 1995.

Nkosi said it was not expected that the debating chamber would be in use before June or July — "we have agreed that they should complete it at their own pace."

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Gauteng balances books

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

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The Gauteng government has balanced the books for its first challenging and uncharted year of operation.

MEC for Finance Jabu Moleketi yesterday laid before the Speaker the Adjustments Estimate of Expenditure, showing how finances inherited from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and special amounts from the national Government had been juggled to cover the new province's expenses.

Moleketi tabled documents showing that Gauteng had inherited about R4,41 billion from the old TPA, but that it had required an additional R530 million to cover the costs of its considerably wider operations.

Not only had the Gauteng budget to pay for a legislature, an executive council and a premier's office which had not ex-

isted under the old provincial system, but to cover reconstruction and development projects and central Government functions "handed down" to the new provinces.

Additional expenditure was covered by transfers from the national fiscus and the RDP fund; transfers from national departments which had been relieved of functions by the provinces; utilising funds "rolled over" from 1993/4 and shifting funds between departments in accordance with priorities.

Moleketi said the Gauteng government had not initially intended to table an Appropriation Bill for 1994/5 since it had not been part of the original budgeting process for the year.

However, when the issue was reconsidered in the light of Gauteng's own Exchequer Act it appeared necessary to formally appropriate the money and close the door firmly on any unauthorised spending.

Gauteng slates funds famine

GAUTENG finance and economic affairs minister Jabu Moleketi yesterday sharply criticised central government for a perceived lack of funding, saying the province's biggest challenge was getting its fair share of the revenue cake

Tabling the Provincial Adjustments Appropriation Bill before the legislature, Moleketi suggested national government's approach to sharing out revenue could contravene the constitution. (266)

As a result of the lack of funding, it appeared Gauteng education and health departments faced a shortfall of more than R1bn this financial year. Government's approach for the next three fiscal years had caused "severe problems" and was not in line with the role envisaged for the Fiscal and Financial Commission in the constitution, he said. BD 2/3/95

While the constitution provided for the "fair allocation" of revenue by the commission, recent State Expenditure Department documents indicated that function committees — consisting of departmental officials — would be debating and deciding on criteria for provincial allocations.

JOHN DLUDLU

"These criteria are being determined through majority consensus, and because the perception exists that Gauteng is rich it can be the province from which funds should be taken. The criteria being used are therefore biased against Gauteng," he said. Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale had already written to central government.

The commission, as an independent body, should arbitrate over the allocation of funds between the national and provincial levels of government.

Gauteng spokesman Chris Vick said discussions with central government would be held to address the province's concerns. Gauteng had to request nearly R539m from central government to avoid a deficit for the 1994/95 year. This sum, approved by central government, resulted from underallocations to nine departments.

These included the reconstruction and development programme (R240m), general provincial services (R123m), health (R67,5m), provincial ministers (R14m) and

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the premier's office (R5,2m). The R200m allocated for free medical services would help manage the health budget deficit.

Spelling out details of expenditure, he said of the R8,2bn allocated to the former Transvaal Provincial Administration for 1994/95, about R2bn was spent by the TPA between April and June last year, and the balance — about R6,16bn — was allocated to the four new provinces. Gauteng received R4,4bn.

The Bill has been referred to the standing committee on finance and will be de-

bated by the legislature later this week.

Gauteng was preparing its forthcoming budget, to be delivered on March 22, he said. The province had managed its affairs "well under the circumstances", but officials had warned of a struggle with central government. Over the next three months, the finance department would focus on establishing a treasury, planning taxes and revenue, appointment of state tender board members and formulating policy statements on the fiscal relationship between the province and local authorities.

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R1-bn Gauteng shortfall

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GAUTENG is expecting a shortfall of more than R1 billion in key social services in the 1995/96 financial year

Central government was likely to provide R653 million and R362 million less than what the Gauteng government would want to spend on health and education respectively, Gauteng finance MEC Mr Jabu Moleketi told the legislature yesterday

He was delivering the estimates of expenditure for the 1994/95 fiscal year which he said should see spending and revenue balancing at just less than

R4 955 billion

"Although the province is facing serious challenges financially we have managed our affairs well under the circumstances and should be able to balance the revenue and expenditure by the end of the (1994/95) year (ending March 31)"

According to the adjustments estimate for the current financial year, funds inherited from the former Transvaal Provincial Administration on July 1 last year were R537 848 million too little to cover expenditure

The TPA budget had not planned for spending on the Reconstruction and Development Programme (R240,5 million), the legislature R35,5 million, the executive council (R14 million) and the premier's office (R5,2 million)

According to the revised estimates, overspending occurred in five areas — general provincial services (R123,6 million), health services (R67,6 million), improvement of conditions of service (R28,3 million), roads and traffic administration (R18,9 million) and community development (R4,3 million) — Sapa

POLITICS

Gauteng chief executive sports legal sharpness

BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

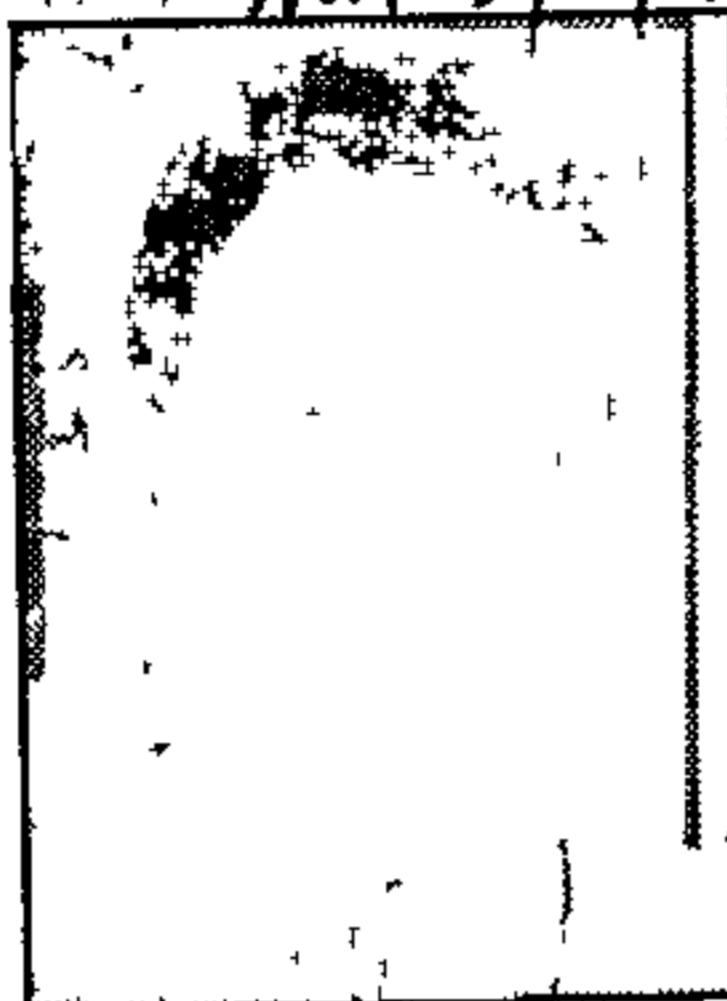
A transition-age trouble-shooter has been appointed chief executive of the Gauteng administration.

He is 37-year-old Vincent Zwelibanzi Mntambo, a lawyer with qualifications from the "bush college" of Bophuthatswana to the American Ivy League.

Mntambo is currently national director of the Community Conflict Resolution Service at the Independent Mediation Service of South Africa (Imssa).

His job has taken him as peace-broker to the hottest of spots, like Sharpeville, Vosloorus, Tokoza and Mmabatho in the fierce days after Mangope's fall.

Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale had long been searching for a director-general — the official title for the province's CEO — when Mntambo crossed the provincial cabinet's path early this year as facilitator of a two-day "bos-beraad" to chart the pro-



Vincent Mntambo

vincial government's course for the year.

He says he only learnt afterwards that the bosberaad and a similar workshop for top officials of the Gauteng administration were effectively his job interviews.

By the time he put in his application, it seems, he had won all significant votes. The liking was mutual.

"What I saw was a lot of talented people, dedicated people who really wanted to do the best possible for this province. They spoke about the things that I wanted to see happening for ordinary people," Mntambo says.

Before joining Imssa, Mntambo taught law at the universities of South Africa, Natal and Bophuthatswana.

His first two law degrees were taken at Unibo, where he worked in the administration, eventually becoming faculty officer for education.

A Sowetan by birth (and now a resident of Verwoerdburg), Mntambo was in matric at Musi High School when the '76 uprising took place. Amazingly, he held the unpopular position of head prefect and the popular position of representative to the Soweto Students Representative Council at one and the same time.

This and his successful career as conflict mediator speak loudly of Mntambo's ability to straddle worlds and situations.

But more than that, he insists, building a peaceful future depends on finding a process where people are compelled to look forward with concentrated purpose and forget about looking around with grievances.

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Gauteng poised ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ for admin overhaul ^{Stew 7/3/95}

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

A three-person Public Service Commission has been appointed for Gauteng and the scene is now set for a substantial overhaul of the top structure of the provincial administration.

Patrick Fitzgerald, director of the Graduate School of Public and Development Management at Wits University, is to chair the commission.

He will be assisted by Lucienne Nyembe, a researcher at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University, and Walter Mbete, a senior human resources manager with a major supermarket chain.

Both Fitzgerald and Nyembe were members of the strategic management team which was set up temporarily to advise Premier Tokyo Sexwale. All three commissioners will take up full-time appointments.

Announcing the successful candidates, a spokesman for the premier said the process had been "open and accountable".

More than 100 candidates had been nominated after advertisements appeared in newspapers

inviting the public to put forward names.

Thereafter a shortlist of seven candidates had been published and the public had had a chance to raise objections.

Finally, on the basis of interviews by a panel comprising the premier, his advisers and three MECs (from both the ANC and the NP), the three commissioners were chosen.

The spokesman said the new commission was expected to oversee the "building of a representative and people-friendly public service".

New blood

One of the first tasks of the provincial commission will be to finalise administrative appointments at the level of director. This move is likely to see a strong infusion of new blood into the former Transvaal Provincial Administration.

It will soon be possible to begin restructuring the provincial administration to suit the increased functions which were assigned to provinces under the interim constitution.

New names mooted for metro substructures

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

Tongue-twisting geographic names for Greater Johannesburg's transitional metropolitan substructures (MSS) could soon be a thing of the past

But indications are that residents might still have problems getting their tongues around the new names.

In a competition initiated by the South Eastern MSS ratepayers' organisation, residents suggested names such as Inthabayokhozi, which means Eagle Hill, Inyakatha Yegohde, which means Golden South, and Esperanza Ridge. The Bronx, Bellair and Golden Doons also found their way on to the list

North Eastern MSS deputy chairman Yakoob Makda said

yesterday that it was agreed last year to change the names of the structures once the transitional bodies had been created.

He expected the process to begin once the MSSs were granted their powers by the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC), of which he is also an executive committee member

"Communities living within the boundaries should have a direct say in the process," said Makda

South Eastern MSS councillor Michael Roup said the council decided at its last meeting to hire consultants to devise ways of finding a new name for their area

But Roup said his ratepayers' organisation took the initiative with the competition because they felt it was important for the

public to be involved in the process

Acting chief executive officer Rashid Seedat said the issue was definitely on the cards, but was not on the list of priorities

"Our priority right now is to set up the administration so we can apply for powers and functions in terms from the TMC in terms of the proclamation," said Seedat

North West MSS acting chief executive officer Thys Oosthuizen said his council had not yet discussed a name change

"We have so many other issues we are addressing at the moment that we have not paid much attention to the name"

No requests for name changes have been received by the TMC as yet

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Gauteng set to get more aid

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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LONDON: The Commonwealth is to increase its involvement with Gauteng in local elections, political training and public service administration after a meeting between Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale and senior officials of the Commonwealth Secretariat here yesterday.

Political officers from the Commonwealth will be placed in Gauteng prior to the local elections to help with preparations for the poll.

Also, a Commonwealth team arrives in SA next week to advise on public service administration training and capacity expansion.

The Commonwealth may also host a meeting in SA to explore relations between central and provincial governments.

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Jo'burg and NE Rand do battle over borders

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BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

Residents of some Greater Johannesburg north-eastern suburbs will have to wait until the end of April to hear whether their request for incorporation into the North East Rand metropolitan area will be granted.

In the meantime, the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council and the North East Rand TMC have gone in to battle over their borders.

Both councils have already made submissions to the Demarcation Board.

Greater Johannesburg is seeking parts of Modderfontein, Edenvale and Bedfordview, while North East Rand wants Linbro Park, Buccleuch and Kelvin.

Linbro Park, Buccleuch and possibly Kelvin residents want to leave Sandton and the North Eastern Metropolitan Substructure (MSS),

mainly because the Greater Johannesburg TMC has not devolved powers to its substructures.

Linbro Park residents decided they wanted to move after the Modderfontein/Edenvale MSS made submissions to the Demarcation Board requesting the three suburbs.

Defect

Soon after, Buccleuch residents followed suit and made their submissions to the Demarcation Board on Monday.

Kelvin residents were expected to hold a community council meeting last night to determine if the majority of residents wanted to defect to Modderfontein/Edenvale.

Yesterday, Peter Jakubczyk, chairman of the Buccleuch/Kelvin Community Council, told The Star a referendum in Buccleuch last week showed that the majority of residents wanted to be part of the Modderfontein/Edenvale MSS.

"Our TMC (Greater Johannesburg) has all those powers and are refusing to give them back to Sandton. We have 42 councillors, all being paid a salary, and they have no powers whatsoever," he said.

Jo Marais, TMC councillor for the area, told The Star that residents had to make up their own minds.

North East Rand TMC acting chief executive officer Hans Miller said yesterday that the Modderfontein/Edenvale MSS and his TMC had made submissions to the Demarcation Board because of requests received from residents in the areas.

He said if Greater Johannesburg's bid succeeded, the North East Rand would be robbed of a substantial part of its economic base.

But the matter will be settled only at the end of April, after the Demarcation Board has submitted its recommendations to the Gauteng premier for a decision.

Move to NP creates confusion

Councillors protest over defection

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■ **BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT**
CITY REPORTER

Confusion over a councillor's political allegiance in the Greater Johannesburg metropolitan council yesterday resulted in most councillors storming out of the chamber

The debacle started with the Liberal Democratic Alliance (LDA) within the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) requesting that councillor Norman Barlow be replaced on the tenders committee because he had defected to the National Party

At that stage, Barlow told the council he had never been part of the LDA.

To laughter and derisive remarks, Barlow — a former Davidson/Fleurhof local authority management committee member — said he had been mistaken for an LDA member because he was seated with their councillors at the time

Then a National Party member moved that Barlow remain on the tenders committee because he had been legally nominated.

This request resulted in the

council erupting in chaos.

Acting chairman Koos Roets put the LDA motion to the vote, but LDA lost and executive committee deputy chairman Ian Davidson threatened his group would "withdraw from every committee until the matter was rectified"

The council heard that Barlow could not remain on the tenders committee — considered one of the most powerful in the council — because the proportional representation formula required that the LDA have three people on it

When Roets called for a division, council adjourned for a few minutes to "caucus" and returned to even greater confusion

A suggestion by executive committee chairman Colin Matjila to withdraw the motion from the agenda to avoid "unnecessary conflict" failed and Roets called a further adjournment

The matter was later postponed to the end of the meeting "for the sake of progress". When it did eventually come up, however, the entire council walked out

R103 million for Greater Jo'burg

By Joshua Raboroko

THE Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council has allocated approximately R103 million for the maintenance of services in four black residential areas

Soweto will receive about R64,5 million, Alexandra R12,5 million, Diepmeadow R22 million and Dobsonville R3,7 million for the balance of the 1994-95 financial year. These allocations were tabled during the council's

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monthly meeting held at the Johannesburg City Council Chambers in Braamfontein yesterday

The council said allocations were to cover the shortfall on the operating expenditure of bulk and other services in the townships

The former Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council had made available about R547,6 million in the past four years. Chairman of the TMC Mr Isaac Mogase said money provided would not be enough to maintain the townships to the expected standards

Present tenant of official residence refuses to move

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Mayor may have to share home

BY NHLANHLA MBATHA

Soweto's new mayor is ready to move into the posh R150 000 mayoral residence, but the present occupant, an ex-councillor, won't move until he is given alternative accommodation.

New mayor Danny Kekana told The Star last week that he wanted to take occupation of the house because protocol required him to do so.

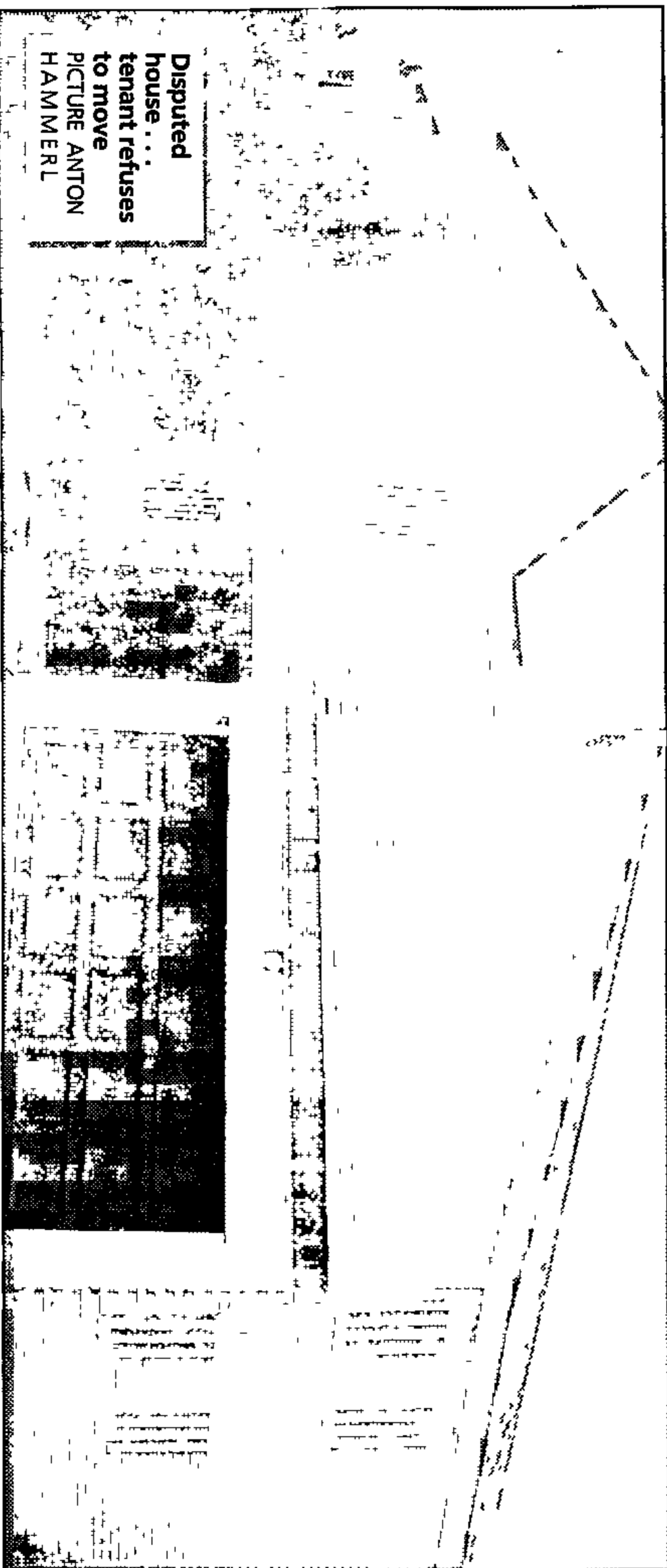
But Phillemon Mkhwanazi, a caretaker who is at present living in the house, told The Star that he was not vacating it.

Kekana said: "All that I am waiting for is for the caretaker to vacate. The council (Soweto Council) has made correspondence with him in that regard."

But Mkhwanazi, the 58-year-old former councillor and a Socialist Party member, is adamant he is "not going anywhere until I am given alternative accommodation."

"I have been to the local council office and have been shown the letter instructing me to vacate the premises by the end of February and have refused to accept and sign it."

"Let them give me a house and I will move out here any minute. Anything other than that will be confrontational."



Disputed house... tenant refuses to move
PICTURE ANTON HAMMERL

"If the new mayor moves in here without my having been given my own house, I am afraid we will have to live together," vowed Mkhwanazi.

An official at the local council's office in Pinville, who declined to give his name, confirmed the letter (and its contents) which had been sent to Mkhwanazi, but said it had since

been sent back to the Soweto Council's legal offices.

Mkhwanazi, who lives with his unemployed wife and four children, said he respected the new mayor and had no problem with him. "But, I would expect to be respected as well and told where to go when asked to vacate the house."

"I have lived, maintained and

looked after this house. That is why today I am called a caretaker and for all that I had to dig into my own pocket.

"I expect the council to meet all the expenses I incurred in living in, maintaining and caretaking this house since 1990."

Mkhwanazi said he took occupation of the house "in November of 1990 after several at-

tempts on my life and attacks on my property" by the residents of Emundeni where he lived before, when he was still councillor.

"It was decided by the council that, for my safety, I should move into the (mayoral) house as no one was staying in it anyway."

Immediately after having moved in, Mkhwanazi explained,

another resolution was taken by a full council meeting that he should be allocated a house in Power Park.

"But I could not make a move into that house as the council office responsible for that area was never made aware, nor given the minutes, of the council's resolutions."

Approached about the matter, Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council chairman Isaac Mogase referred the matter to Kekana.

The controversy-ridden 13-roomed double-storey mansion in Pinville Zone 7 was built in 1982 by the Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer and given as a gift to the then Soweto Council for use by mayors.

The house became controversial for its association with the council as councils were then detested by the community.

David Thebehali, Soweto mayor at that time, defiantly took occupation of the house but had to vacate it when his term of office ended.

Subsequent mayors Edward Kunene, Ephraim Tshabalala and Sam Mkhwanazi, fearing to be labelled sellouts, refused to take occupation of the house.

Vexation Over Budget

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THE National Professional Teachers Organisation of South Africa yesterday said it was "deeply disappointed" at the way the Budget will affect most teachers.

In terms of the "small surt" allocated for improvement of conditions of service, teachers were being called upon to make a "considerable sacrifice" at a time when their "in-pocket situation was getting worse", Naplora president Mr Leplele Taunyane said in a statement. He said it was "very difficult" to conceive how teachers would be able to bridge the following 12 months to the next Budget without a decline in their "already poor financial situation". Welcoming the introduction of tax

party for women, Taunyane said the new tax rates would, however, be "particularly punitive" for the middle-income group in which most teachers fell.

Chairman of KWV Mr Lourens Jonker yesterday said the "astonishingly" discriminating tax on wine products constituted discrimination against the country's wine farmers and their employees and families, who represented a community of more than 300 000 people. He said it was totally unacceptable to the wine industry that the tax on wine products be increased by about 25 percent, whereas the tax increase on other products amounted to an acceptable 8 to 10 percent.

"The wine industry's ability to contribute its share to the RDP is seriously hampered by this," Jonker said.

The Workers List Party said the Budget "conclusively" showed that the Government of National Unity was ruling in the interests of capitalists and did not provide relief for the jobless and poor.

The Azanian Students Movement said the education budget was insufficient to redress the imbalances of the past. "This also means that the educational struggle will still continue," Azasm deputy president Mr Kgomoiso Modiselle said in a statement.

"We further urge the Government to spend a large share of the R27,4 billion on black education" — *Sapa*

Council's high stakes

Sowetan 17/3/95

By Joshua Raboroko

THE Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council has recommended that its councillors receive allowances, of between R3 000 and R13 000 a month.

The recommendations have been submitted for approval to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, which in turn will forward them, together with those of 18 other Transitional Local Councils, to the Government for ratification. Gauteng Legislature spokesman Mr Chris Vicks said this week that the provincial government had received memorandums from the various local councils but no decision had been reached as yet.

The report was tabled at the monthly meeting of the GJTM Council and was submitted to the Gauteng Legislature. Some of the recommendations were that:

- The TMC chairman (mayor) and executive committee chairman be paid R12 833 a month;
 - Members of the executive committee receive R9 695; and
 - Ordinary members be paid R3 208
- Exco members receive travel allowances and cellular phones
- For their metropolitan sub-structures (MSS) counterparts, the GJTM Council has recommended that the mayor and the executive committee chairman get R10 238, executive committee members and ordinary councillors R2 559

News

Jo'burg council strike ends

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A two-day strike by more than 350 Johannesburg traffic officers, ambulance staff and fire brigade members ended yesterday after agreement was reached on the review of contentious salary grades

embarked on the strike because of the "unfair manner" in which a progression plan, aimed at bringing equity in salaries between members of the department, had been implemented.

The workers returned to work yesterday afternoon after a lengthy meeting between the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association, the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) and Johannesburg administration delegates. The strike began on Tuesday afternoon.

According to a letter drafted by the negotiators, a task team to investigate matters relating to the progression plan would begin work today and present a report to workers and management on Thursday.

Samwu negotiator Richard Spalding said the workers had

The task team would then submit the report to the transitional metropolitan council's executive committee by March 28. — Labour Reporter

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NP accused of helping Sowejoca

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The National Party's alleged connections with the militant South Western Joint Civics Association (Sowejoca) were under the spotlight yesterday during acrimonious exchanges in the Gauteng legislature

The ANC's Ignatius Jacobs accused two members of the NP — Juh Coetzer and Johan

Kilian — of assisting Sowejoca to organise and strategise.

Sowejoca has mounted protest marches and meetings, organised land invasions and last year it effected a partial stay-away in former coloured group areas.

Coetzer indignantly denied that the NP was organising Sowejoca, while admitting "Yes, some of us have been involved in

discussions with Sowejoca".

The purpose of these talks, she said, was to assist members of the civic body to express their unhappiness with the Gauteng government's "unevenhanded" approach to the question of homelessness

"The NP would like to find out what the grievances of the people are. We would like to help

them get their fair share out of the new Government"

Jacobs' allegation that NP members had been seen assisting Sowejoca members with taxi fares was neither confirmed nor rebutted.

Coetzer denied that a certain Lily Shingor, described by Jacobs as a Sowejoca member, was involved in NP structures in Johannesburg West.

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Attempts to be made to derail local gravy train pay scheme

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

It was highly unlikely that Gauteng would accept Greater Johannesburg's salary proposals which would result in certain councillors earning more than national members of Parliament, a provincial government source said yesterday.

Sources indicated that Premier Tokyo Sexwale was expected to veto the proposals made by the executive committee of the transitional metropolitan council (TMC) and would make a few of his own in an attempt to derail the local gravy train.

The executive committee proposed that councillors serving on metropolitan substructures (MSSs) and the TMC get paid full allowances for both structures.

Because all 100 TMC councillors also serve on the CBD MSS, the minimum each councillor will receive if the proposal is accepted is about R6 000.

The maximum a councillor serving on two MSSs, the TMC and the provincial legislature could receive every month is about R25 000.

However, an option being considered by province, said the source, was paying councillors who served on the TMC and MSSs one full allowance and then hourly rates or fixed meeting-allowances for the work they do on other structures.

If Sexwale accepts the proposals, the TMC salary bill could go up to about R2-million a month.

Irritation

"The proposal is completely out of line with Government thinking. The attitude is that we do not want R2-million a month going to salary bills, because money is needed for services, development and local government elections," said another source.

There seems to be growing irritation within provincial government with the Greater Johannesburg TMC, which broke its own negotiated agreement at the inaugural meeting in January when it voted in two deputy chairmen (mayors) and two deputy executive committee chairman after the NP, DP and ANC struck a power-sharing deal.

Sexwale turned down the re-

quest to create the two extra posts.

This time, the TMC has ignored provincial policy on the grading of transitional councils, which affects the allowances of councillors.

One source said provincial policy dictated that transitional councils be accorded the same grade as the highest-graded dissolved local authority in its jurisdiction.

The TMC, however, has proposed that all its MSSs — including the CBD, where there has never been a council — receive a grading of 12.

"Greater Johannesburg is just pushing it a bit too far," said the source.

The source said other transitional councils had not presented the province with extravagant proposals. The North East Rand TMC, for example, had opted to pay councillors serving on two structures the higher of the two allowances.

Acting chief executive officer Hans Muller said they were waiting for the province to suggest how councillors should be paid for additional work.

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Sowejoca deputy ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ ^{Sowetan} chairman ^{23/3/95} is 'fired'

SOUTH-WESTERN Joint Civic Association deputy chairman Shaiem Ismael had been fired from the organisation after being arrested on fraud charges, Sowejoca chairman Basil Douglas said yesterday.

The decision was taken at a special Sowejoca congress on Tuesday.

Mr Douglas also announced that Sowejoca would decide at a *bosberaad* in April whether to form a political party and contest local government elections. This was resolved at a special congress in Noordgesig on the West Rand, Douglas said in a telephone interview yesterday.

Douglas said he would not stand for elections and would instead "fight from the outside".

"I am a real revolutionary, not a shadow," he added.

Sowejoca also demanded the unconditional withdrawal of charges against the 77 people arrested for trespassing in Lenasia Extension 13 last month. They are due to appear in the Protea Magistrate's Court on March 28 and 30. Douglas said his congress also resolved to step up protests to force the government to deliver on its housing promises.

"This government is a government of Press conferences because it only delivers houses in the Press and not on the ground," he said. Action should be taken against certain policemen who, he claimed, made racist remarks to the illegal squatters who had been detained.

Sowejoca had affidavits to support its claims, Douglas said. The five-member Newclare Civic Association executive in Johannesburg had recently been dismissed for undisciplined behaviour at a rally at Coronationville, he said, adding that charges against them included drunkenness. — Sapa.

NEWS

State grant boosts Market's standing

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BY ANDILE XABA

Arts and Culture Minister Ben Ngubane has announced the first State funding for the Market Theatre, which now moves closer to becoming the country's national theatre company.

He said he had decided to grant R3-million directly from his budget and pledged to match "rand for rand" the R2-million he appealed for from public donations.

The minister received a standing ovation when he made the announcement on Wednesday after the opening of Shake-

peare's *Titus Andronicus* performed by South African actors and members of Britain's Royal National Theatre, with South African-born Antony Sher in the title role.

John Kani, executive director of the financially strapped theatre complex, was delighted.

"We have been operating as a small private company. Now we are going to have to restructure our board to be more representative of our immediate community... The Market is going to be fully accountable," he said.

Chairman of the Market Theatre Foundation Graham Lindop

echoed Kani's views: "In the past the Market refused grants from the government," he said.

He emphasised that the announced grant was made with "no conditions at all."

The grant has invited positive reaction. Tsheko Tshelana of the Gauteng Art and Cultural Alliance said that the organisation "is in full support of the grant, given the fact that The Market is supposed to service African theatrical groups."

The Market Theatre Laboratory, which is the developmental arm of the Market, is one of the projects likely to benefit.

Midrand town council chief suspended

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BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

Henry Lubbe, acting chief executive officer (town clerk) of the Midrand metropolitan substructure, has been suspended pending an investigation into alleged irregularities.

In a statement, the MSS said Lubbe had been suspended because a commission of R594 987 was allegedly paid to an intermediary on a council investment of about R14,8 million. Local gov-

ernment regulations prohibit the payment of commissions to officials or intermediaries in respect of council investments.

It is also alleged that guarantees were issued to financial institutions for employees' housing loans without the correct procedures being followed and without adequately covering the council's risk.

The MSS said it was also investigating "an irregular event... with regard to the proceeds of the town clerk's scrapped

motor car in August 1993" The MSS said, however, that the money had been paid back later.

The statement said that when Lubbe was informed of his suspension on March 9, he urged the executive committee to give him a day to furnish proof of his innocence.

However, after postponing the deadline three times, Lubbe was finally suspended on March 14 for failing to provide a satisfactory explanation, the MSS said.

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Demarcation bodies to meet

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GAVIN STAFFORD

THE demarcation committees of Gauteng and Eastern Transvaal will meet interested parties and organisations of Moutse, Moretele and KwaNdebele in southern Eastern Transvaal to decide into which province the areas should be incorporated.

Eastern Transvaal provincial spokesman Oupa Pilane said yesterday the issue was "getting out of hand" and people were becoming "emotional". He was reacting to reports of a campaign to collect 500 000 signatures to oppose the areas' reincorporation into Gauteng.

Sapa reports that campaign chairman SJ Mabena said the campaign was in response to a petition by the KwaNdebele ANC which sought to have the areas reincorporated into Gauteng.

Mabena said Phosa had undertaken undertaken to raise the issue with President Nelson Mandela in November and ask for a referendum on the matter, but nothing had happened.

Pilane said submissions had been made to Mandela, but he had decided a referendum was unnecessary as it would divide the community and would be too costly.

Pilane said ANC structures and most people in the area were in favour of reincorporation into Gauteng.

Mabena said concerned structures in-

cluded political parties, church groups and businesses.

Pilane could not give a date for the meeting, which would be held "soon", but said it would include all interested groups, with Gauteng and Eastern Transvaal regional political party organisations acting as facilitators. No final decision on the areas' status had been reached before last year's election, and it was decided the matter would be solved immediately after the elections. **BD 6/4/95**

The Gauteng government could not be reached for comment.

□ There was an urgent need to stabilise society so that banks would make more housing loans available, the Premiers' Forum said yesterday after meeting in the Northern Transvaal on Tuesday.

The premiers of the nine provinces said in a statement they were committed to the government's Masakhane campaign, aimed at encouraging a national effort to develop the country, ending lawlessness and encouraging payment for municipal services that residents received.

They said that public participation was essential to the success of the government's reconstruction and development programme.

Take Govt to court - DP

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

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Debate on the Gauteng budget got under way yesterday, with the NP leading the attack on the provincial spending plan because of its failure to provide for investment. *SAW 19/4/95*

Not to be outdone, the DP's Peter Leon contended that the manner in which the central government had allocated funds to the provinces was plainly illegal and unconstitutional. The Gauteng government had short-changed its people by failing to take Pretoria to the Constitutional Court, he said.

Daryl Swanepoel (NP) pleaded for a budget that would create growth and investment

"There is no investment provided for in this budget. The minister of finance has not had the courage to cut popular spending on social welfare items.

so that we can build up the infrastructure to provide the wealth that we are going to need in years to come," Swanepoel said.

The recipe he prescribed was to "create an investor-friendly market, give incentives, even reduce taxes for new investors, bring in the business, create the jobs, export the goods".

This was the way to "get more people to work, get more people to fund society — not a minority funding the majority".

ANC speakers such as Nomvula Mokonyane lauded the budget for its attempt to meet basic needs. Finance standing committee chairman Leon Cohen and public accounts standing committee chairman Mahomed Dan-gor acknowledged that the budget was a very serious attempt to balance the contradictory demands of fiscal restraint and re-

sponding to a tide of unmet need.

Leon's announcement that the DP planned to vote against the 1995/6 Appropriation Bill was linked to the notion that the legislature was no more than "a toy telephone" — 92% of Gauteng's revenue coming from a central government which did not play by the constitutional rules

Leon argued that the central government had not met the constitutional requirements of allocating provincial finances equitably, reasonably and in a way which would enable the province to perform its functions.

"Although the MEC (for finance) has, rightly, criticised the national government for failing to give Gauteng its appropriate entitlement, he has simply not faced up to the fact that the central government has in fact behaved illegally."

Expelled councillors refuse to quit (2bb)

■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

Four Soweto councillors, who have allegedly misused Sofasonke Party funds and have been expelled by the party, are refusing to step down from the Greater Soweto Council.

The councillors continue to be paid allowances of about R2 200, to the disgust of Sofasonke Party members who have demanded that they make way for other representatives

Sofasonke president Ephraim

Tshabalala, said the four members had been expelled from the party for allegedly misusing R125 000, which was paid to the party by the former metropolitan chamber.

Criminal charges had been laid against the four, who were part of a "breakaway by rebel members who still act in the name of Sofasonke", he said

Police confirmed that a charge of fraud had been laid against Hezel Nkosi, Sam Mkhwanazi, Milton Khanyile and Mandla Mazibuko.

A spokesman for the four councillors, who refused to be named, denied that they had misused the party's funds, saying "the money was given to us as an allowance for attending negotiation forums at the metropolitan chamber"

SHOW 19/4/95
The Gauteng government said the Local Transitional Act of 1993 did not allow members of the transitional local government structures to be fired even if they had been expelled by their parties.

NEWS Lindiwe Zulu beats off challenge

Chairwoman for local legislature

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GOOD FEELING Zulu says she feels elated at her appointment:

By Pamela Dube
Political Staff

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS member of the Gauteng Legislature Ms Lindiwe Zulu was yesterday elected presiding chairwoman of the provincial parliament.

Zulu beat the National Party's Mr Jacobus Bosman by 44 votes to 23

Delivering her maiden speech after her election, Zulu said although she felt elated, she still held sad memories of the past

She recalled days in exile in Angola "where we lived like animals. In those years, none of us knew we would be here in government today. I will always make it my duty to remember my comrades who died in Angola," she said

In another development, the Gauteng Legislature passed a motion to apply for membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Sapa reports that in another debate in the legislature, Democratic Party spokesman for health Mr Jack Bloom said foreigners accounted for as many as

four-fifths of doctors at some Gauteng hospitals, some of whom were unqualified and a possible danger to patients' lives. Gauteng Health MEC Mr Amos Masondo, in a written reply to a question from Bloom, disclosed yesterday that the province employs 500 foreign doctors in its hospitals.

"Very few such doctors are from the highly sophisticated countries of Europe or the Americas, most coming from the underdeveloped world not renowned for high standards in medicine," Bloom said

Pakistan and Zaire accounted for 55 doctors each in South Africa, with 49 from Bulgaria, 47 from Poland and 27 from Zambia and Bangladesh, according to Masondo's figures. Some hospitals, particularly those in predominantly black areas, showed a "disturbing reliance" on foreign doctors, Bloom said. Garankwa had 140 foreign doctors, Tembisa 59 and Sebokeng 40.

The foreigners usually had only limited registration with the South African Medical and Dental Council and were in most cases employed because local doctors could not be recruited to fill vacant medical posts

An insider's view of Tokyo's team

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The new Gauteng government has stamped its authority on the white, Afrikaner, male-dominated bureaucracy it inherited, writes **Mark Phillips**

THE nine new provinces created by the interim constitution are far more powerful and autonomous bodies than the four provinces of the old South Africa. They are able to develop their own policies, make their own laws, and develop unique styles of exercising governmental authority.

But, on May 11 last year, as the transition moved into first gear, the new provinces were still empty shells — paper creations of constitutional negotiators. On that day the shock troops of transition walked into empty offices at 30 Simmonds Street, the temporary headquarters of the Gauteng government, determined to make a success of a new government in a new province of the new South Africa.

Led by Premier Tokyo Sexwale and seven new ANC MEC's — most elevated from the ranks of civic, union and community activists — some 50 contract advisors moved in to confront the weight of apartheid bureaucracy inherited from the old dispensation.

Election promises were still fresh in everybody's minds. The politicians were confident and anxious to get moving. They faced a defensive and uncertain bureaucracy with which most had had no contact at all.

When Gauteng was carved from the heart of the old Transvaal, the Transvaal Provincial Administration — a huge bureaucracy of some 100 000 public servants — was also carved up among the new provinces of North West, Northern Transvaal and Eastern Transvaal. The rump of the organisation, including its top management, went to Gauteng.

Other instruments of the old order inherited by the province are four racially distinct education departments and large chunks of the police force. A provincial treasury and a department of finance and economic affairs — the heart of any government — had to be created from scratch.

The new politicians and the 50-odd advisors were hopelessly outnumbered and completely lacking in expertise. Most were in their thirties or early forties. But they had several

critical advantages: the moral high ground, the stamp of legitimacy, fresh ideas about policy making and transformation which they were eager to implement, the confidence to ride into the unknown, and a willingness to work around the clock.

These midnight cowboys and cowgirls confronted hundreds of top managers with entrenched interests and deeply ingrained habits of administration. But a critical decision made in ANC circles months prior to the election allowed the culture of the new policymakers to triumph remarkably painlessly.

The decision to move the Gauteng capital from Pretoria to Johannesburg created a relatively autonomous space in the new capital for a new style to emerge.

The 60km six-lane highway between the two cities became a chasm between the old implementers and the new decision-makers. It took the old officials months to negotiate their way into the new capital.

The new advisers had the ears of the new political leaders, who were often in the office next door. They set about establishing a new administration while integrating the old into the new, largely on their own terms.

The public service which the new government inherited is huge, rule-driven and almost exclusively run by white Afrikaans men. Asked during an early *bosberaad* convened by the Premier's transformation team to define "quality" in the delivery of public services, one senior manager responded "If you obey rules — that is quality."

This is not to say that the inherited public service is all bad. Many are professional civil servants, committed to the "loyalty to the government of the day" principle and with considerable expertise in their areas. Some of the best had served in junior or middle management positions for years. But they needed an example of "objects-driven" rather than "rule-driven" policy making and administration. This is what the new advisers provided.



No longer by the gun. Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale has led a peaceful revolution in the province's bureaucracy. PHOTOGRAPH HENNER FRANKENFELD

The rule-driven hierarchy was replaced by responsive and creative policy making in a co-operative spirit. Hierarchies were not only flattened, for a while they vanished altogether, as advisers and ministers on first name terms sat and planned together. As the new teams grew in confidence, the old officials were gradually integrated into them as *de jure* managers — but *de facto* apprentices to a new style of administration. At the same time the new advisers had a great deal to learn about managing large organisations.

The new policy makers were careful to avoid recklessness and ill-considered confrontation and to work within the framework of the law. But rules were no longer the starting point.

They searched for legitimate shortcuts, pushed for rule changes, suggested new approaches and lobbied hard for exceptions and flexibility. Gradually, they found their way around a wall of regulations which had stifled creativity for years.

Within the Gauteng cabinet a genuine spirit of national unity prevailed.

Despite sometimes heated debates between NP and ANC ministers, every decision thus far has been made by consensus.

This example from the top helped inspire advisers and officials to develop a constructive synthesis of experience and creativity.

One year into the transition, the province is facing new challenges. After months of complex planning and negotiations, and a year of shaking up the old hierarchy, a new top management structure is being put in place. Of 136 top posts, only 26 are automatically filled by former TPA incumbents. The other 110 — over 80 percent — have been advertised and former officials have to compete for them like everyone else. This process is set to undermine the culture of entitlement to promotion which had developed in the public service and to explode the myth that the interim constitution guarantees the jobs of all civil servants.

Unlike in the past — where few non-Afrikaans men would even have applied — a full rainbow range of applications for the new jobs poured in.

In a move replete with irony and symbolism, an appointment process based on merit (the province as yet has no affirmative action programme) will deliver a new top management dominated by blacks and women.

White men will still retain a disproportionate say, but once an internal affirmative action campaign is developed later this year, a programme will be in place to deliver the "broadly representative" public service at all levels of management and staffing that the constitution envisages.

Much of the small team that ran provincial policy making and management for the first year is going into the new management posts. There they will confront perhaps the most difficult task of all: to retain the co-operative, creative, energetic and flexible culture of equals which they brought in on May 11 last year, despite the new-found security of the new public services hierarchy they themselves have helped to create.

Phillips is an adviser to Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale.

Better links with civic bodies sought

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Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council is considering establishing local development forums in all its substructures to facilitate greater co-operation with civic organisations

The ultimate goal, however, is to create a metropolitan policy governing the relationship between the TMC, its substructures and civic or community bodies

At a council meeting last week, the council resolved to strengthen communication with civic and community bodies while mechanisms to create local development forums were being considered

Motivating the need for a uniform approach to dealing with civic organisations, the TMC's constitutional committee said in a report to the council that civic issues needed to be dealt with through a policy framework determined by the TMC

"In the 1980s civic organisations were seen as the mouthpiece of disenfranchised communities. Over the last couple of years there have been substantial changes in the situation regarding civic and community organisations," said the committee's report

There had also been an in-

crease in the number of such bodies and up to five civic organisations, all claiming to have substantial support, were operating in some parts of the metropolitan area

"In some situations the community organisations in an area are antagonistic to one another and would not like to meet together with the council. Therefore, rather than one meeting in an area of the city, officials may be drawn into multiple meetings with contradictory requests and demands," said the report

Populist tactics

It added that while some organisations delegated leaders to negotiate with the council, others opted for more "populist tactics to attract attention", making such situations extremely difficult for the council to handle

The committee said that because, in the past, requests and demands had been directed either to the council as a whole or to a particular directorate, there was a need to establish exactly how councillors and officials should deal with civic issues in a co-ordinated manner

The constitutional committee is to discuss the creation of the local development forums with provincial government after investigating suitable models

Cosas and Paso feud

Unity as two bodies merge

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By Mokgadi Pela

GAUTENG MEC for local government and housing Mr Dan Mofokeng has praised the Tsakane and "Vietnam" branches of the SA National Civics Organisation for shelving their differences and forming a single body

Mofokeng was speaking to about 400 people at a meeting in Tsakane yesterday. The truce followed behind-the-scenes efforts by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa.

"We were surprised to learn that there were divisions in Tsakane. We are very happy to find you discussing unity and the way forward in our townships.

"Now the new Transitional Local Council must clean our streets and provide us with electricity. We therefore appeal to you to register for the local government elections in your thou-

sands," Mofokeng said.

Sanco regional president Mr Dumisane Daniels said it was unconstitutional to have two Sanco branches operating side by side in the same area.

He said disunity in the township would frustrate the delivery of services.

The leadership of the "Vietnam" branch of Sanco argued that the move to go it alone followed "years of neglect by the local branch of the organisation".

They said because of the neglect, "Vietnam" did not have a clinic, a school and municipal offices or proper infrastructure.

On representation at the TLC, Imssa official Mr Thabo Ndabeni advised the leadership of "Vietnam" to meet with Tsakane's Sanco branch to discuss the mechanisms. He suggested that representation be proportional to units in existence in the area.

NEWS FEATURE *Gauteng's Vincent Mtambo well empowered to help his people*

Seeking sound administration

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ISSUE Making

Gauteng run

smoothly:

By Mzimkulu Malunga

As a young student activist in the mid-'70s, Vincent Mtambo made a conscious decision to empower himself academically so he could contribute to the development of his people.

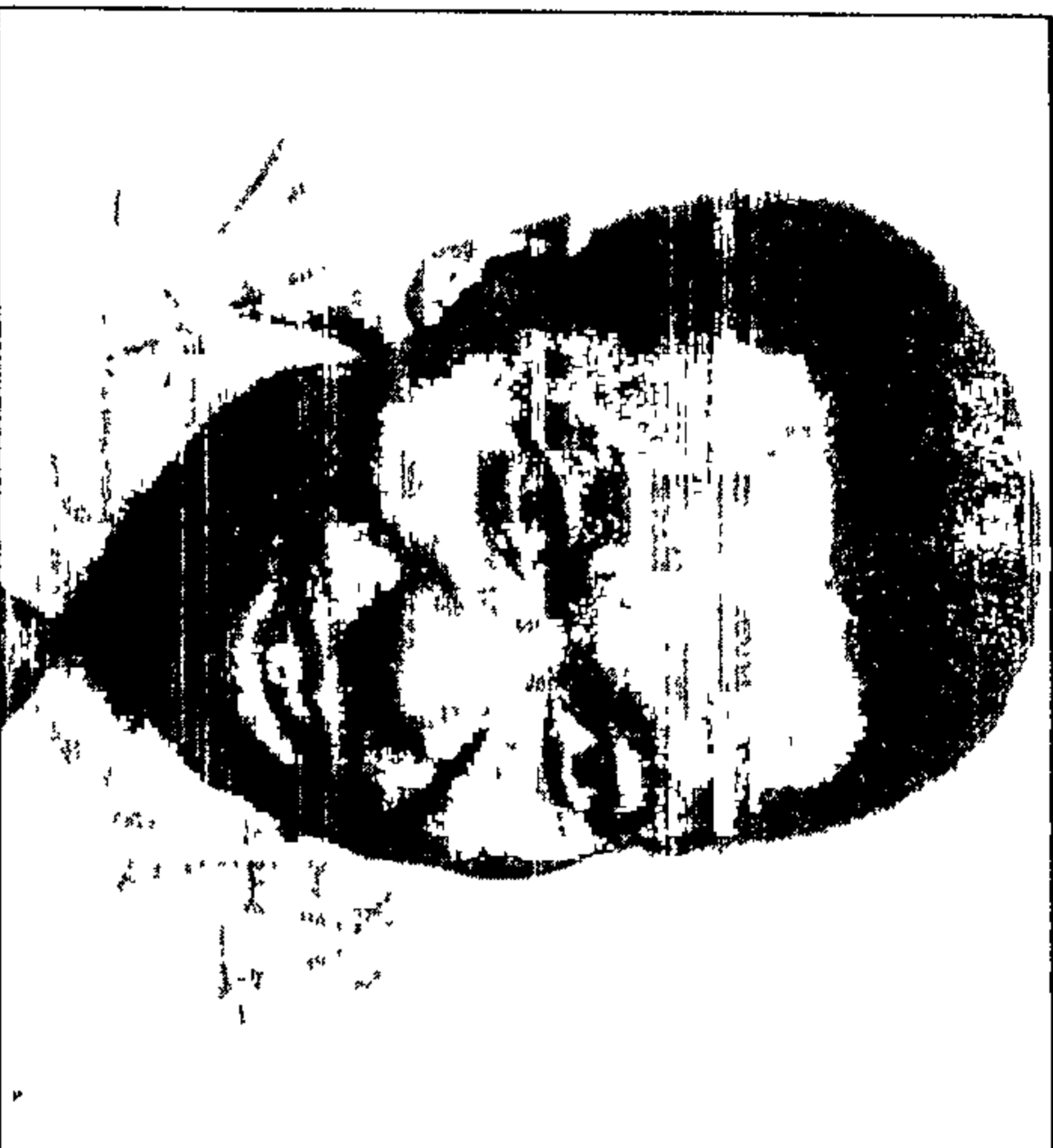
At the time, the academic had no idea that one day he would be the chief administrator of South Africa's richest province.

Mtambo (38) was appointed director general of Gauteng at the beginning of this month — a job which gives him chief executive powers in the "place of gold", as his boss premier Tokyo Sexwale prefers to call his territory. He has been charged with the responsibility of looking after the welfare of 130 000 people employed by the Gauteng province.

Efficient running
This position also entails setting up structures that ensure the efficient running of the province.

Things like staffing, training and ensuring that the province's workforce reflect the population demographics of the country fall within Mtambo's ambit.

"This administration has to be representative in terms of race and gender and



At the helm ... Mtambo promises an efficient and user-friendly administration.

I have to make sure that happens," he says, adding that he will not rest until this is achieved. Although the terminology is the same, Mtambo sees his position as being radically different from that of a director-general in apartheid South Africa.

The old directors-general, he argues, were not accountable to the legislature and he is "and that makes me totally different" from them.

By virtue of his position Mtambo is required to be present at every meeting of the Gauteng cabinet to enable him to provide feedback on government operations in the province and also to be briefed on new priorities.

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according to plan "If anybody is to make sure that the administration is lean and efficient, I am that person," he says.

Many people, he says, have a perception that government is a rigid and boring place to work in. This is precisely where the challenge for people like him lies, argues Mtambo.

"My challenge is to create an efficient government and demonstrate to society that I did not come here to be just another official," he says.

Like all other government officials — both provincially and nationally — Mtambo identifies the Reconstruction and Development Programme as one of his major priorities.

He chairs meetings of all heads of departments to oversee and coordinate RDP issues. "I have to ensure that the overall management complies with the policy prescription of the RDP."

Segments of priority

Getting the strategy right, putting systems in place as well as making sure the money is spent properly are some of the segments of this priority.

Mtambo has to coordinate the relocation of the administrative core of Gauteng from Pretoria to Johannesburg. The area around Rissik Street in central Johannesburg has been identified by the Gauteng government as the administrative heartbeat of the province.

Establishing sound labour relations between the government and its employees and creating a user-friendly administration are also among the issues

on Mtambo's agenda.

"My vision is that in five years time Gauteng should have an administration that reflects South Africa," he says, appealing to young blacks to study hard so that they can contribute to change in the country.

Mtambo says financial constraints are hindering the provincial government's ability to deliver on election promises, but adds that delivery is nevertheless taking place.

The problem is that such delivery appears overshadowed by people's high expectations.

For instance, there is the Katorus Project and school feeding schemes that are benefiting many people, he says.

Like many of his peers, Mtambo became a student activist in Soweto in the mid-'70s. He went on to graduate with two law degrees at the University of Bophuthatswana.

The Pimville-born Mtambo rounded off his academic career with an LL M degree from a United States university.

His working career began at his old university, Unibo, where he was a law lecturer before moving to the Kwazulu-Natal, where he became one of the few black lecturers at the University of Natal.

Later, Mtambo had a brief stint at the University of South Africa before becoming a director of the community-conflict resolution service at the Independent Mediation Service of South Africa.

THE GREAT GOVERNMENT

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Fraud claims in Greater Jhb Council

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By Joshua Raboroko

THE Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council is investigating allegations of fraud amounting to millions of rands

The council is also probing claims of intimidation of employees of the Western Metropolitan Sub-structure consisting of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

GJTMC acting chief executive Mr Nicky Padayachee said this week the council viewed the allegations of "milking of funds" in a very serious light

The allegations were highlighted by WMSS acting chief executive Mr Denis Rogers in a letter to *Sowetan*

Rogers, a self-confessed ANC supporter, claimed there was an attempt to assassinate him.

He alleged that shots were fired at him by people who apparently plotted to kill him and a colleague earlier this year. The two escaped the attack and reported the matter to the police, who are investigating the matter.

Rogers believed the attempts had something to do with the plan to introduce a new computer system in the Soweto municipal offices in a bid to stop the "milking of funds" of the council. He said the Soweto council lost about R450 000 a month because of the archaic system used.

Rogers also claimed there was a surge of about 40 percent in the payment of services by residents in 1993. The record has since dropped to 21 percent and Rogers did not believe it had dropped because politicians had been pleading with residents to pay for services.

NP rejects new Jo'burg boundaries

Mduduzi ka Harvey

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THE NP has rejected Gauteng local government and housing minister Dan Mofokeng's decision to divide greater Johannesburg into four metropolitan substructures, saying only the ANC supported this.

The move would ensure the ANC won the local elections, the NP said.

NP leader Olaus van Zyl said the decision, which marked the first major disagreement between the ANC and NP in the Gauteng legislature, was a majority decision, not a consensus decision. No effort had been made to find consensus. A multi-party caucus meeting was to be held last night to discuss the issue.

DP executive member Sias Reynecke said if Mofokeng's decision was accepted by the provincial committee, the only recourse for the other parties would be to take the matter to the electoral court.

The DP and NP were concerned that Mofokeng's proposal would put the CBD under the control of the southern metropolitan substructure instead of the greater Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council. This would mean the council would have no right to administer the CBD.

Reynecke said the proposal would destroy the metropolitan form of government, which would have as its focus the CBD, catering for all substructures. The fact that the proposal would combine Soweto

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with the CBD in a substructure created the perception that the CBD would become the milking cow of the southern metropolitan substructure, he said.

Investment would not be made in the CBD because of the impression money from the CBD would be used to develop Soweto. It also created the perception that taxes would be high in the southern metropolitan substructure.

At the heart of the NP's objection was the fact that after arbitration early this year, stakeholders had decided that greater Johannesburg would have to be divided into seven substructures, with the CBD a separate entity under the control of the transitional council. The NP said Mofokeng had reneged on the agreement.

Van Zyl said Mofokeng's decision disregarded good local government principles, and made a mockery of the national negotiations and legislation on the transition of local government, which intended to create consensus, safeguards and co-operation in the transitional period.

DP local government spokesman Ian Davidson said the demarcation was a crude attempt by the ANC to gerrymander the boundaries of the Johannesburg sub-

structures to improve its chances of controlling substructures after elections.

Mofokeng said his proposal had taken into consideration abolishing racially based councils, establishing a single tax base and spreading the capacity to deliver services. Demarcation had not been finalised, but he would look at a three- to five-year plan. He would begin delimitation of wards soon.

Local government elections task group co-chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said there would be an imbalance in the weight of white and black votes in some wards because of differing population densities. In some areas, like Johannesburg, the ratio would favour whites. In others it would be the reverse.

This would come about as a result of the schedule requiring half the wards in any local or metropolitan council to be from areas formerly administered by white local authorities and half from black local authorities, he said.

The lower the level of voter registration and the bigger the area, the bigger the probability of disruption and problems on and after election day. The higher the level of registration, the easier it would be to deal with problems.

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Row over Jo'burg split

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Political Reporter

■ **HAMPER VOTING** Legal action against

ANC may delay local government elections:

THE NATIONAL PARTY has threatened legal action against the African National Congress-led Gauteng government if the legislature proceeded with a proposal to split Greater Johannesburg into four municipalities instead of the original seven. The NP has also objected to a plan to merge the Johannesburg CBD with a greater part of Soweto.

The party said at the sitting of the provincial

parliament yesterday that if it went ahead with such legal action, this could delay the local government elections scheduled for November.

The proposal to split Greater Johannesburg into four municipalities and the merger with Soweto was made by Gauteng MEC for local government Mr Dan Mofokeng on Monday.

The Democratic Party yesterday brought a

new dimension to the argument.

The DP's Mr Ian Davidson said the ANC and Mofokeng's department had used the 1991 census figures of the Central Statistical Services.

The figures have been "questioned by many parties, including the ANC. And these are the figures upon which the delimitation will be based," he said.

No funds for environment in Gauteng budget

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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Gauteng budget has no money for environmental protection even though the function forms part of the portfolio of Sicelo Shiceka, MEC for Development Planning, the Environment and Works.

During yesterday's debate on the budget items which comprise Shiceka's portfolio, parties across the board stressed that only lip service could be paid to the environmental function unless it was

adequately funded.

The standing committee endorsed Shiceka's department's plea to Finance MEC Jabu Moleketi for additional funds to set up an environmental directorate.

"We believe that this request is not unreasonable in that the roll-over (from the last financial year) does exist, which is from this department and therefore should be used for this department," committee chairman Musa Myeni told the House.

"We can't run this most industrial province in Africa without a budget for the environment," he argued.

Failure to protect the environment would result in:

■ Long-term adverse effects on the health of the population from pollution.

■ A reduced ability to compete in international markets and to attract appropriate foreign investment.

■ Continued inequity.

■ The sustainability of the RDP being undermined.

During the debate Shiceka announced the launch of a new course, to be run in conjunction with Wits, to address the critical shortage of personnel qualified to implement development programmes.

The aim was to have 120 people complete the course, the Development Management and Facilitation Programme, each year. Candidates would be selected from the public service, local government, non-governmental organisations and community groups.

Parties up in arms over new borders

Demarcation plan slammed

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Opposition parties and ratepayers' associations in Greater Johannesburg said yesterday they would use every power at their disposal, including legal action, to fight the provincial government's plan to create four municipalities for the metropol.

But Gauteng Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng defended the controversial demarcation plan and said local government legislation did not allow "individuals and parties" opposed to the plan to take their disputes to the Special Electoral Court.

Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale was also unrepentant yesterday about the provincial cabinet's decision to overturn earlier recommendations by the Demarcation Board, saying: "Government decides, the board recommends"

A joint caucus meeting of opposition parties on the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) decided last night to "explore every avenue" to overturn what it termed the provincial cabinet's unilateral decision

Legal action is one of the possibilities being considered, they said in a statement. Present at the meeting were representatives of the NP, DP, IFP, CP, Freedom Front, Federal Party, ACDP and ratepayers' organisations. Also invited, but unable to attend, was the PAC

The Johannesburg Chamber

DECISION to split Greater Johannesburg into four municipalities instead of seven could be challenged in electoral court

of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) yesterday added its voice to the chorus of disapproval about the plan, which would reduce the seven municipal areas to four after November's community elections.

JCCI chief executive Marius de Jager said organised commerce and industry had not been consulted in the demarcation process although they had "an obvious interest" in the process

He added the JCCI was not satisfied that the new demarcation plan met the criteria of efficient delivery of services, promotion of development, functional viability and bringing local government closer to people

NP spokesman Yakoob Makda said the arbitrator's award of seven metropolitan substructures last year, which had been accepted by all parties involved in negotiations, showed that the model had components acceptable to everyone.

However, the "gerrymandering" of the borders, particularly the division of Soweto into three different substructures, had created unhappiness, he said.

But the greatest fear re-

mained the possible flight of capital from the CBD, Makda said, claiming its association with the south would prevent the equitable distribution of income from the CBD to the entire metropol.

Sexwale avoided saying how the regional cabinet would deal with the provincial committee on local government's failure to endorse the boundary plan.

The Local Government Transition Act states that if the cabinet and the committee on local government fail to reach concurrence on boundaries, the matter must be referred to the Special Electoral Court. Mofokeng, however, said the Act allowed the premier only to submit disputes over demarcation to the court

Sexwale was confronted in the legislature by DP MPL Ian Davidson, who asked if the cabinet would review its decision. Sexwale answered "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it"

Davidson, who is the deputy chairman of the TMC executive committee, said the political parties were examining the council's standing orders to establish ways of taking the issue to the council for a decision

Meanwhile, the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) has hailed the Gauteng cabinet's demarcation process as a milestone in boosting preparations for November's local elections.

"We therefore discourage objections to cabinet decisions on the matter, in that they will delay the planning, financial arrangements, personnel to administer the elections and also development," Sanco said.

Municipal borders approved

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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Gauteng committee on local government has given the thumbs-up for all the provincial cabinet's decisions on local authority boundaries except for the complex metropolitan plans, which will be reconsidered in a fortnight.

The picture that emerged during yesterday's committee meeting, in Johannesburg, was a far cry from the impasse painted by DP MPL Ian Davidson in the Gauteng legislature earlier this week.

Davidson, who is also a member of the committee, said the committee had been unable to concur with the cabinet's resolution on municipal boundaries. He wanted to know whether the cabinet was now prepared to "re-visit" its position.

The upshot of non-concurrence between the cabinet and the committee is that the

boundary plan would have to be subjected to a specially convened electoral court.

However, it emerged yesterday that there was still considerable room for movement in the committee and that it was premature to talk of a deadlock.

Committee members learnt from Premier Tokyo Sexwale's adviser, Mark Phillips, that they were not required to approve the report of the cabinet wholesale. They could consider it clause by clause, and approve the plan for some areas while reserving judgment on others or turning them down.

This clarification resulted in the committee's speedy approval of all proposals relating to urban and rural authorities outside of the four metropolitan areas — Greater Johannesburg, Greater Pretoria, the North-East

Rand and the Vaal.

The cabinet's proposals for these four areas depart quite radically in some instances from boundaries that were negotiated by local players and they have drawn fire from various quarters.

Phillips indicated that the premier was prepared to submit a full motivation for the cabinet's position on the metropolitan areas. The non-statutory half of the six-member committee argued that the cabinet's reasons might be compelling and that they must be entertained.

The statutory representatives, although clearly more dubious, agreed to getting all relevant facts before deciding finally whether to approve or negate any or all of the four metropolitan plans.

For the committee to concur with a proposal, it needs the votes of four members.

Discord in committee

Mduduzi ka Harvey

GAUTENG Provincial Committee members postponed the demarcation of the region yesterday, when parties failed to agree on the proposals approved by the provincial cabinet.

The parties will meet in two weeks' time after additional motivation has been provided by local government minister Dan Mofokeng — on his plan to demarcate Greater Johannesburg into four metropolitan substructures. This plan was rejected by the NP and DP on Monday, saying it was a ploy by the ANC to win the local government elections.

Sources said parties were split on party lines.

The business community was critical of the move to incorporate the CBD into one of the metro substructures. Norman Axten, FNB general manager, said it was common knowledge that the CBD had its own problems. Plans were underway to address these. For the CBD to keep its position as the central focus of business life, he said, its quality and standards had to be maintained.

Stayaway threat over Natal violence

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Cosatu would call a stayaway in KwaZulu/Natal if violence levels failed to drop in the next two weeks, Cosatu southern Natal secretary Paulos Ngcobo said yesterday.

Forty deaths had been reported in the province since Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi announced a crack-down 12 days ago, according to Human Rights Commission violence monitor Linda McLean.

Ngcobo said there had been no "tangible evidence" of troop deployment, despite an announcement to this effect.

"They are good at talking. When it comes to action, we see nothing," he said, warning that workers would be forced to "withhold their power" if the situation did not change over the next two weeks.

SANDF Natal command spokesman Capt Kim van Niekerk said Mufamadi's announcement had not led to an additional troop deployment into KwaZulu/Natal, but those on duty had been sent to nine identified flashpoints.

There were six or seven SANDF companies in KwaZulu/Natal, consisting of about 120 members each, Van Niekerk said.

Ngcobo said Cosatu had identified 10 flashpoints which it wanted to be declared

"unrest areas". The areas included the Port Shepstone area and the Mandini/Sundumbili area, site of last week's massacre of 11 people.

Ngcobo said that once unrest areas were declared, the security forces would have powers to confiscate G-3 and AK-47 rifles. The security forces currently needed the permission of a magistrate to carry out weapons searches in homes.

National police commissioner George Fivaz said recently he wanted police to be given more legislative powers to crack down on illegal weapons.

Van Niekerk said it was impossible for the SANDF to be everywhere, and it could not be expected to forecast where gunmen would go on a killing spree.

Ngcobo said even though the security forces had committed themselves to community policing, they were not consulting communities on the issue of deployment.

The Mandini massacre could have been avoided if community advice was taken. Soliders had been present, but they were nowhere near the areas of the massacre, he said.

Some violence monitors believed that the security forces, instead of stationing themselves most of the time in mobile police stations and casspirs, should travel in motor bikes, and also do foot and horse patrols, McLean said.

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Province on the hop: The Gauteng government was battling to attract skilled black employees, its MEC for economic affairs, Jabu Moleketi, said yesterday. Addressing Nafcoc's Gauteng branch, he criticised scarce black professionals for "hopping from one company to the next". He added that the province was committed to affirmative action, but job applications were "disappointing".

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METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
Dan the knife (266)

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 The Gauteng executive committee's new delimitation plan for the municipal subdivisions of Greater Johannesburg is

barefaced ANC gerrymandering on a scale not seen since the Nat heydays
 The move, if implemented, would virtually ensure ANC control of every one of the substructure councils as well as the overarching metropolitan council after the November municipal elections

The implications are grim for the voices of minority opposition in SA's largest and wealthiest metropolis — and those of the adjoining metropolitan areas of North-East Rand and the Vaal, which also face re-delimitation under the new scheme

The plan carves Soweto into three, combining a chunk with each of the substructures based on Randburg and Roodepoort and the rest with the CBD in a combined southern substructure. The north-eastern substructure containing Sandton, Alexandra, Hillbrow and Yeoville is unchanged

Local Government & Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng, who unveiled the plan on Monday, says it seeks to combine strong municipal substructures with feasible tax bases in a strong metropolitan union. He dismisses criticism as racist and contrary to the spirit of transition

But some city planners are alarmed by the political, rather than administrative, logic behind the re-delimitation, saying it could lead to a breakdown in services

Mofokeng's plan runs contrary to recommendations of the Gauteng Demarcation Board

"If carried out, this could seriously affect public administration in the substructures

and the provision of municipal services — it is a serious matter to cut up established communities," says Demarcation Board chairman Pieter Smith

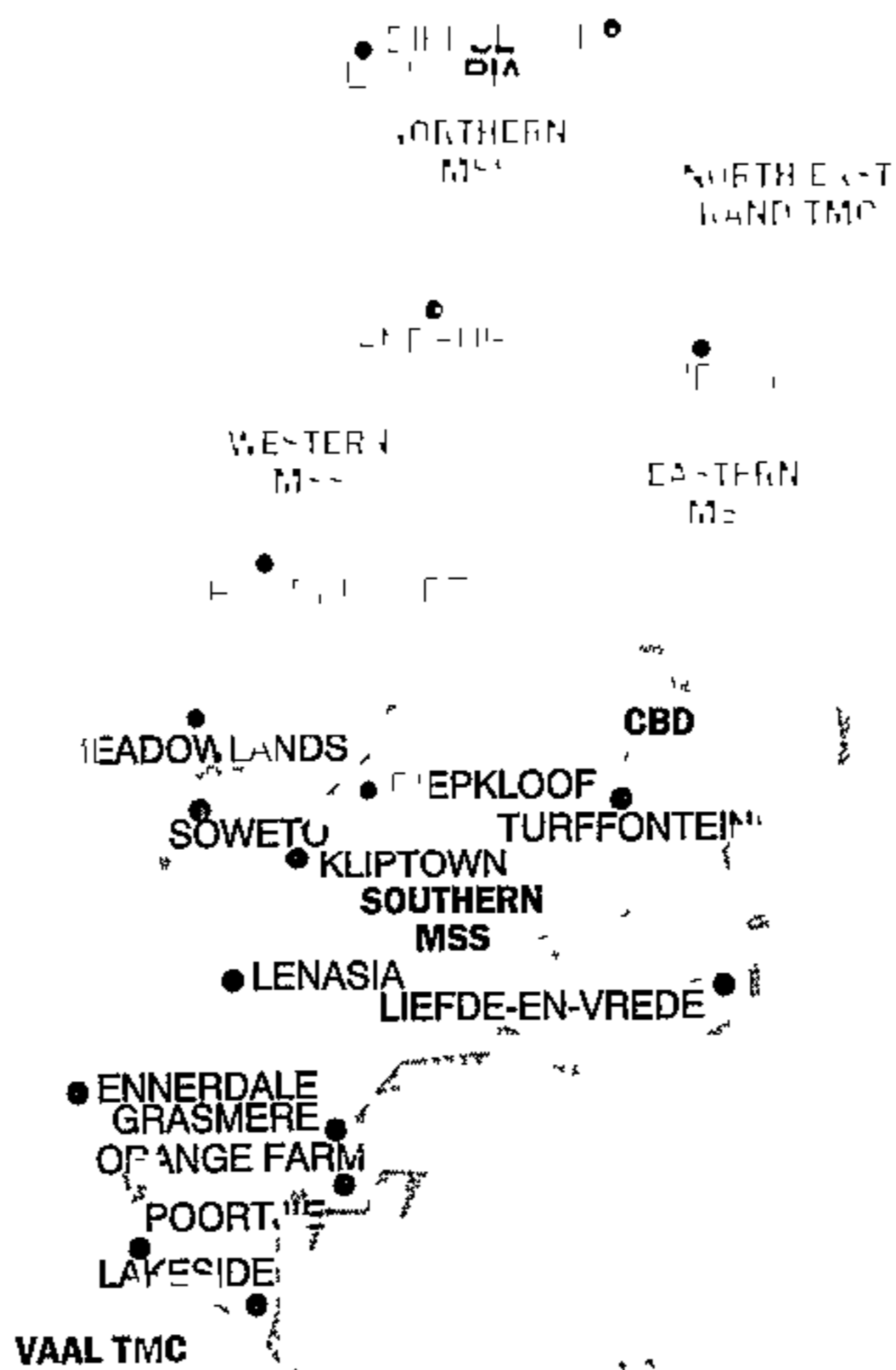
Smith says his board offered five options to the Gauteng executive. At no time did it suggest carving up Soweto

The closest to Mofokeng's proposal was to have four subsections: Randburg/Diepkloof (Northern), Roodepoort/Dobsonville (North-Western), Sandton/Alexandra/Hillbrow (North-Eastern) and Soweto/CBD/Lenasia/Ennerdale and the South-Eastern suburbs (Southern)

Nat and DP leaders said on Tuesday they were seeking ways to block the proposal and would go to court if necessary. But the matter is not yet resolved. The proposal must be ratified by consensus of the six-member Provincial Committee on Local Government before it can be returned to the Premier for signature. If the committee cannot reach agreement the issue must go to an electoral court, which does not yet exist

The committee initially rejected the proposal (5-0 with one abstention) on Monday and could not agree the following day. As the *FM* went to press, the committee was still in consultation and may yet return to the cabinet with a counterproposal

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URBAN RENEWAL

Imperfect, but a start

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The Gauteng provincial and Johannesburg local governments have tried to devise a renewal strategy for inner Johannesburg. With appropriate modesty, the authors of a hastily assembled report on this strategy have described it as a "first, imperfect step in a long process".

Business agrees the step is imperfect.

While welcoming the initiative to devise an urban renewal strategy, it has attacked government for not consulting it in the process that led up to the report and the summit on urban renewal held in Johannesburg last week.

The report titled *Johannesburg Inner City Urban Renewal Strategy* was released at the summit. Though it refers to future partnerships between the public and private sectors, the strategy presented was public-sector-driven and dominated, says Anglo American Properties chairman Gerald Leissner.

Invited to speak, a few days ahead of the event, Leissner said: "We are concerned that we do not repeat the errors of the past where initiatives were public-sector-driven with little or no consultation of other stakeholders, especially the business sector, resulting in little or no progress."

The business community is also worried about the content of the document. It refers to a "stabilisation" strategy to halt the social, economic, residential and (public) environmental decline of the city.

It proposes to achieve this in three ways.

The first is to seek finance from the private sector to match public-sector investment. The second is to establish a regulatory framework. New legislation may be passed or amendments made to existing legislation where necessary. The third prong of its approach is to set up institutions comprising key public- and private-sector stakeholders to develop policy. A common vision and longer-term growth strategy would emerge from this, it says.

These are all issues of interest to the private sector. But business criticises the concept of stabilisation. Leissner says the private-sector approach to the inner city is a positive one based on economic growth and development.

Government also aims to promote economic growth and development, as it states in the report, and its choice of wording is perhaps more at fault than its intent. The report is not well written and is ambiguous on many points.

Business decries government's proposal to establish more than 20 ad hoc task teams. "In our view, this approach lacks the coherence and integration to realise sound processes to revitalise the inner city and implies no limit to resources."

"Further, the proposed task teams appear to be a public-sector-driven approach rather than the required true partnership with the private sector," says Leissner.

Leissner is supported by an inner business coalition consisting of three broadly based business organisations. These are the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Johannesburgse Afrikaanse Sakekamer and the SA Property Owners' Association.

He says these bodies, together with the Central Johannesburg Partnership, which represents business interests in the city, will continue to focus on current and future issues affecting the inner city.



Limacher



Leissner

On a more positive note, he says the inner city business coalition is willing to participate fully in the "future of Johannesburg's inner city." This means, he says, it will contribute senior personnel and raise money for policy and project initiatives.

"But only if we receive a commitment from the public sector that any future policy-making or other interventions in the inner city are made after consensus is reached in a new public/private policy-making partnership."

The business coalition last Friday recommended to the Gauteng provincial government and Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council that a work group should be set up within two weeks.

The work group should be mandated to establish a new policy-making structure. This should comprise six members from the business coalition, six from the public sector (senior officials and political leaders) and six community leaders.

The work group should present its proposals to Gauteng's premier and the chairman of the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council by June 15.

According to TMC city planning director Jean-Luc Limacher, such a work group will be set up within two weeks to influence and prepare policy and initiatives for the inner city. But he says government cannot remove its ultimate decision-making power. ■

OFFICE RENTALS

Exit route

Brokers and developers are noting a swing away from office renting to buying. This is due to expected further rent increases on the back of building cost rises. Rentals in Rosebank are already around R43/m² gross in one new building and this level is now being sought in Sandton.

To peg occupation costs over the longer term, many tenants have decided to buy their own office buildings. This is initially more expensive because of high interest rates. But once these peak — possibly in two years' time — buyers will see the comparative benefits.

In contrast, renters will continue to be at the mercy of annual rental escalations, usually a few percentage points above inflation. Property economist Erwin Rode says rentals are likely to double in five years.

Renting is cheaper now. An example is to be found in Sunninghill, one of Sandton's fastest growing office nodes. Hilton Cohen is developing an 8 000 m² Sunninghill office park. He is targeting owner-occupiers, though half of his sales (around 2 000 m² of space) have been to investors. There could be as many as 32 buildings in the park when it is completed.

Sunninghill marketing agent Richard Webber of 5th Avenue Properties says that if the 320 m² office in Sunninghill Office Park were to be the monthly rental would be R9 296, including parking. By comparison, a buyer would pay a monthly instalment of R8 440 (This assumes an 80% bond of R566 000 at 17,25% interest). Add to that a further R1 500 for rates, insurance and maintenance and the total monthly payment is R9 940.

But Stan Arenson, director of Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust says the com-

The great Jo'burg battle over borders

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Gauteng's ANC-dominated cabinet has been accused of gerrymandering after rejecting municipal boundaries negotiated over three years, reports **Gavin du Venage**

It took three agonising years of squabbling between the municipalities and civic associations of greater Johannesburg to reach agreement on local government boundaries. This week, Gauteng's ANC-dominated cabinet changed the lot — and stood accused of gerrymandering the boundaries as an election tactic. The redrawing of the boundaries has ended the division between the black south and white north, and given Randburg something it never had — or originally wanted — a township

According to a map unveiled by Gauteng Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng earlier this week, Johannesburg will be divided into four municipalities, which in turn will be answerable to the present Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC). After the local elections in November, they will fall under the new metropolitan authority

Until last week it had been taken for granted that Johannesburg would be divided into seven units. Six of these would have been conventional municipalities and the seventh, Johannesburg's central business district, would have become a "ward" of the metropolitan council. It was felt the ailing business centre needed special attention in light of its economic importance to Johannesburg and South Africa as a whole.

Mofokeng's map substantially altered this picture. Randburg now stretches to include the heavily populated Soweto township of Diepkloof. And most of the south is now a single unit, up to and including the CBD.

The National Party says the new map is a blatant piece of gerrymandering to ensure the ANC has total control over the new metropolitan council. Gauteng NP Leader Olaus van Zyl said earlier this week that Mofokeng's map had "substantially changed the political face of Johannesburg"

Van Zyl says the NP would have won at least two of the seven councils. Randburg in the north, and the largely coloured south east. Also, the traditional alliance between Democratic Party and NP councillors would probably have ensured that Sandton — a possible DP seat — would have been a useful ally on the TMC.

Mofokeng counters that the new boundaries finally bring to an end the separation between the north and the south. "Parties objecting to the new changes are parties with a vested interest in maintaining the old status quo," he said at the launch of the new boundaries.

More serious are accusations that the ANC somehow bullied the Provincial Demarcation

Board — which presented a number of options to Cabinet — into redrawing the boundaries to suit itself. NP sources have suggested Mofokeng refused to consider variations of the existing seven municipal units and demanded something that would latch Soweto to the north

However, officials in a number of bodies such as the Provincial Demarcation Board, the TMC and even government were unhappy with the seven municipalities arrangement. For one thing, it was constitutionally questionable as the city centre would not have its own elected council, but be ruled rather autocratically by the TMC. More than 40 000 people live in the centre of Johannesburg, and would be effectively kept out of local government.

Another concern was that it still kept the south and north separate. As the separation of powers between the metropolitan and local authorities is still to be tested, a real danger exists that rich local councils would severely limit the amount of money that would be transferred south.

As one government official put it: "During the early days of negotiations, the northern suburbs wanted to incorporate Alexandra on condition that they have nothing to do with Soweto. Soweto is the major issue here because it is where most poor blacks live"

A final problem under the seven municipalities demarcation was the complex voting system that would have loaded votes against Soweto in favour of sparsely populated white areas.

Despite the NP's accusations, an obscure clause in the Local

Government Transition Act guarantees at least half of all ward seats to former local authorities. Ward seats make up 60 percent of all council seats, the remaining 40 percent being elected proportionally.

This would mean that whites, coloureds and Indians living in the Soweto municipal area would have been guaranteed a disproportionately large number of council seats.

This negates the gerrymandering accusation. "Reserved council seats mean the NP will get more than their fair share on the new structures," says one TMC official. "But the new boundaries ensure they are no longer guaranteed a cosy insulation from Soweto."

Technical officials who have to draw upwards are nervously contemplating the implications of this clause. "Nobody has really thought of what it is going to mean. Eventually it will be the source of many problems," said one.

Only recently has it dawned on Roodepoort councillors that the same system will work against them. Although Roodepoort is mostly white in proportion to Dobsonville, the loading will give blacks a greater say in Roodepoort civic affairs than would have been the case if all votes were proportional.



Dan Mofokeng: Fiddling with borders?



Delegates from the ANC, SACP and the SA National Civics Organisation yesterday threw their weight behind the Gauteng legislature's decision to demarcate Greater Johannesburg into four areas. The ANC's Paul Mashitile, left, and Mathole Motsheng said the boundaries represented a fair spread of developed and underdeveloped communities. Pictures: NICKY DE BLOIS

ANC and its allies back demarcation proposals

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THE ANC, SACP and the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) in Gauteng have thrown their weight behind the proposed demarcation of local councils, including cutting up Johannesburg into four metropolitan areas.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party's local government co-ordinator Gerda Bekker has criticised the demarcation process, saying Inkatha had sent recommendations to the demarcation board which were not considered. Further, Inkatha had no member on the board or provincial committee in Gauteng, despite approaches to have members on these bodies, which should be representative of all parties.

Bekker said the party had suggested that a commission or a firm of consultants undertake a cost/benefit analysis in co-operation with communities, rather than politicians, to solve the issue.

However, this had not been considered.

It was known, she said, that demarcation could be used as a political tool to swing an election result and that undemocratic decision making should not be allowed, especially in the run-up to local government elections.

Inkatha had objected to the provincial cabinet's decision to approve the demarcation on the grounds that it overruled agreement by all parties at the Greater Johannesburg level to abide by the arbitration proposal that there be seven substructures, dishonoured agreed processes, and apparently took unilateral decisions.

Yesterday the ANC said it rejected the insinuation that the boundaries had been approved to benefit the organisation. It described objections by the NP and DP as nothing but a smokescreen for the retention of white minority privileges, and that threats to take the matter to court were designed to undermine the democratic transition and subvert the reconstruction and development of underdeveloped communities.

The ANC said it was confident the new boundaries represented a fair spread of developed and underdeveloped communities, with the aim of ensuring economic and financial viability, proper functioning and rendering of services, and a move away from racially based local authorities.

Council sets out where money goes

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BY PAULA FRAY

About R328-million will be spent on bulk infrastructure and services in areas within Gauteng's Eastern Services Council next financial year, it was announced yesterday.

In announcing the R327,9-million 1995/96 budget effective from July 1, council co-chairmen Leon Ferreira and Mpho Mofokeng said levies on business enterprises, including local authorities, in the region would not be increased.

According to council spokesman Wanda Henning they have not been increased since 1992.

The regional council, however, has pledged to "address the most urgent needs in the region with the limited funds at its disposal" even though its boundaries were enlarged to include a huge rural area with the January proclamation of Gauteng's internal boundaries.

The recent demarcation proposals of Gauteng MEC for Housing and Local Government Dan Mofokeng would further increase the size of the area under the council's jurisdiction, she said.

Under the new budget, about R99-million will be spent on construction projects of which more than R56-million is budgeted for the treatment of waste water.

Businessman's idea cuts the crime rate

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

While entire communities appear paralysed by rising crime, a Linksfield resident has shown that one person can make a difference.

Joe Metrikin — a 55-year-old businessman and father of three — set off a chain of events which led to a 30% drop in crime in Johannesburg's northern suburbs in one week.

It all began with a letter to President Mandela.

Metrikin was soon contacted by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and SAPS commissioner George Fivaz.

Before long, acting deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries met Metrikin, who



Crime buster... Joe Metrikin's idea worked.



suggested using army and police helicopters and specially designed SWAT trucks with well-trained SWAT teams to combat crime in a demarcated area.

The police and the army were receptive to the ideas and after hours of planning, May 10 was set as the date to begin the exercise which was dubbed "Operation Safety".

In one week crime in the northern suburbs dropped by 30%.

"It is much easier if you say this is what must be done, instead of saying someone else must do something," Metrikin said yesterday.

He said too many people knew what had to be done, but expected someone else to do it.

Cape Town — Justice Minister Dullah Omar's denial that he intended to create a special category of indemnities for ANC leaders was yesterday swept aside by the ANC, which said it supported the "intention to indemnify a special category of people previously under temporary immunity".

"We unequivocally reject the opportunistic attempts by the NP

ANC supports special indemnities

By Star 24/5/95

and the DP to equate the role played by this special category with the role of certain elements within the security forces."

The category should include the late Joe Slovo and Oliver Tambo, as well as Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, Natal ANC leader Jacob Zuma and Defence

Minister Joe Modise.

"On the contrary, the 3 500 members of the security forces who had applied for indemnity had committed crimes in the course of the maintenance of a system condemned as a crime against humanity." — Political Correspondent.

METROPOLITAN BOUNDARIES

Cutting through the fog

It is time that reason prevailed over hysteria in the Johannesburg metropolitan demarcation dispute. While Gauteng Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng's new plan for the metropolis's municipal boundaries is untenable so, too, is the existing arrangement that seems to have found acceptance among many of his critics.

Mofokeng's four-way division contains blatant political gerrymandering for the ANC; but it is equally true that the current seven-part arrangement represents a form of gerrymandering in favour of the Nats and Democrats of the northern suburbs

It is no good arguing, as some politicians do, that the present arrangement was devised through years of multiparty negotiations, because it wasn't, it was the product of arbitrators who were called in because the parties could not agree. The fact is that Greater Johannesburg is so polarised between rich and poor, black and white, and that, whatever compromise is chosen, it will inevitably amount to gerrymandering to someone's advantage or chagrin.

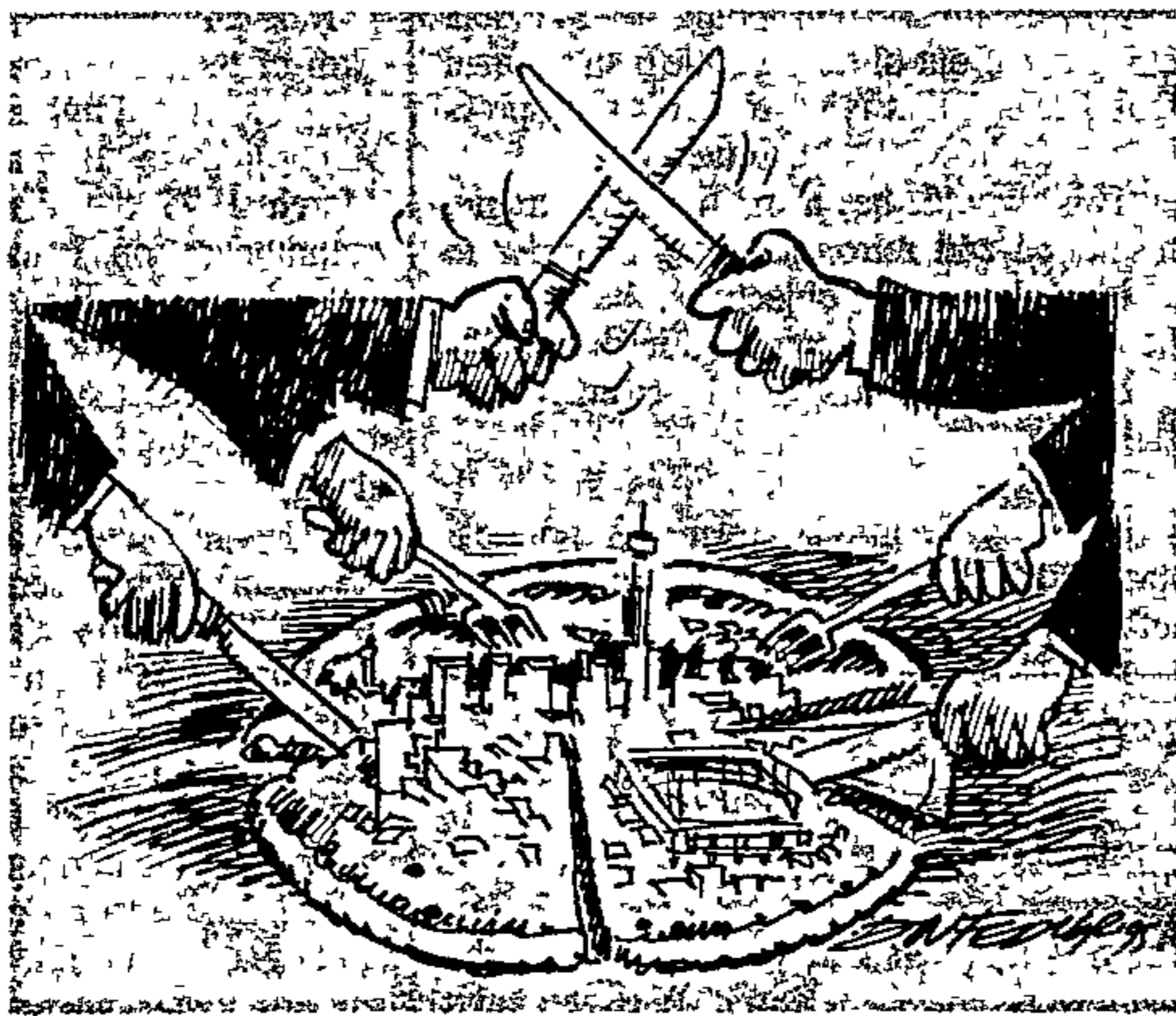
The most heated debate currently, however, has evolved around Mofokeng's plan to combine the CBD with most of Soweto, Ennerdale, Lenasia and southern industrial districts in a single southern substructure. The CBD is the city's primary revenue source — the "cash cow" that traditionally has subsidised suburban residential rates (mostly whites) via rebates of up to 55% for houses and 35% for flats and townhouses.

DP leader in the North Eastern metropolitan substructure (comprising mostly Sandton, Alexandra and Hillbrow), Claire Quail, says Mofokeng's plan, if approved, would isolate CBD revenues from the northern suburbs, prompting massive rates hikes in those areas. Other non-ANC parties express similar fears and say they will take the matter to court unless Mofokeng backs off.

But the Local Government Transition Act does not support the view that revenues raised by constituent municipalities in a metropolitan area will remain isolated from others in the same area. And local gov-

ernment experts describe as "exaggerated" the fears of a revenue cut-off to Johannesburg's northern substructures. Rates may indeed rise in these areas, they say, but would be a natural consequence of the greater metropolitan government redistributing funds to poorer areas. This would happen irrespective of which metropolitan substructure ended up controlling the CBD.

The Act empowers metropolitan councils to levy the same payroll and business taxes previously levied by the outgoing regional services councils. That alone entitles the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council to draw substantial revenue from the CBD (and other substructures) for the benefit of



all its constituent substructures.

Where Mofokeng's plan does pose a threat to metropolitan wealth is in lumping the CBD with a group of mostly poor and desolate communities, which could well provoke capital flight from the region. Instead of providing Soweto and the squatter camps to the south with a large tax base, he may end up throttling the very goose that lays golden eggs.

What, then, must be done with the CBD? Under the current arrangement it is one of the seven substructures in Greater Johannesburg. But because it does not possess a service and maintenance infrastructure of its own, it has not been given a municipal council, falling instead under direct control of the metropolitan council (which, incidentally, provides each of the 100 metro councillors an additional R2 500-R3 000 monthly stipend).

But the Act does not allow the metro to directly control the CBD. It stipulates that

each metropolitan substructure must have its own council. The CBD, therefore, must either be given its own council (impractical, because of insufficient services) or be combined with one or more of the metro substructures — which brings us back to the current dispute.

Mofokeng's proposal, already approved by the Gauteng executive committee, cannot be implemented unless it finds concurrence in the Provincial Committee on Local Government. The six-member committee has so far rejected the scheme (5-0, with one abstention), despite the fact that three of the members are ANC supporters.

The issue must be decided within the next few weeks. Undue delay could hold up the ward delimitation process and, therefore, the elections — not only in Johannesburg, but also across the province and, consequently, the nation.

"If this ends up in the Supreme Court," says Election Task Group co-chairman Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, "the elections will not be able to go ahead as scheduled on November 1."

Slabbert says he is convinced that the issue will not be resolved politically — it will have to be referred to an electoral court for a final decision. Such a court was dissolved after last year's April elections. It is understood Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer has already begun moves for the court to be reconstituted to settle the issue as soon as possible.

But resolution of the demarcation dispute is unlikely to end the electoral blues. Election officials are holding their breaths for further disputes after municipal demarcations have been finalised and the provincial demarcation boards begin mapping out the electoral wards. ■

THE ANC AND INKATHA

The two bulls

The contest for cock-of-the-walk is on, following President Mandela's notice that he will take on Inkatha's Mangosuthu Buthelezi on his own turf — KwaZulu-Natal. On the surface the two are moving closer to an accord on the vexed question of international mediation, with a possible meeting between party officials.

This should have cooled political temperatures. But Mandela/Buthelezi tensions are mounting as each aims vitriolic broadsides at the other over escalating political violence in the province, central government funding for KwaZulu-Natal, freedom of political association, and whether central

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Racial split in council over demarcation issue

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
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Acrimonious debate over Gauteng province's plan to create four municipalities in Greater Johannesburg resulted in a racial split in its metropolitan council for the first time yesterday.

In a heated debate which lasted almost three hours — and ended with the NP, DP, Federal Party and their allies walking out of the chamber — councillors were racially divided over the issue, with some black NP councillors inclined to support the province's proposal.

Earlier, the DP's Sias Reyneke asked the council to consider a motion, seconded by NP councillor Yakoob Makda, as a matter of urgency before dealing with other matters on the agenda.

The motion asked the council to reject the province's proposal, abide by last year's de-

cision of the arbitrators to have seven metropolitan sub-structures in the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council area and call on the provincial government to reconsider their proposal.

Among other things, the motion called on the council to institute urgent Supreme Court and/or Constitutional Court proceedings for the review and setting aside of the proposal and to prevent its implementation, if it is not withdrawn and replaced within seven days.

TMC executive committee and PAC member Bonga Majola said the attitude of opposing political parties indicated that while they were prepared to fund development in underprivileged areas, they were still "not prepared to be part and parcel of them".

After lunch, the DP and its alliance walked out of council, causing the meeting to be adjourned.

The proposed borders for Greater Johannesburg have caused an uproar. City reporter Charmela Bhagawat unravels the complex demarcation process and examines the rationale which underpins the Gauteng government's new plan

Carving up Greater Johannesburg

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The provincial government's proposal to reduce the number of municipalities in Greater Johannesburg from seven to four and to link the CBD with Soweto has met with cries of foul play and gerrymandering by the ANC.

A range of political parties, which rely primarily on support in Johannesburg's former white suburbs, immediately formed an alliance to vociferously oppose the plan.

At last Thursday's Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) meeting, they proposed taking the issue to the Supreme and Constitutional Courts if necessary, but walked out of the chamber before the debate ended.

There is some substance to their claims. If the province left the seven metropolitan sub-structures (MSS) untouched, the ANC could possibly have lost to the DP and the NP in at least three of these areas.

The new boundaries do favour the ANC and one can only speculate about the extent to which the ANC-led provincial government manipulated the borders to boost its performance ahead of November's local elections.

But the demarcation process is complex and the province did have other good reasons for changing the game plan.

To understand the rationale behind its proposal, it is important to look at the process which led to Greater Johannesburg being carved into seven metropolitan sub-structures (MSSs) and the Act which governs their

Negotiations over the number and shape of MSSs in Greater Johannesburg deadlocked during talks between all interested parties last year. The parties submitted to arbitration to resolve the issue and the arbitrators decided to divide the metropolis into seven areas.

It is the interpretation of this agreement that is now causing conflict among political parties in the TMC.

While the DP and NP say the arbitrator's award was binding and should be honoured by the ANC, the ANC claims agreement was never reached and the arbitrator's decision was valid only until the issue was reviewed by the Demarcation Board.

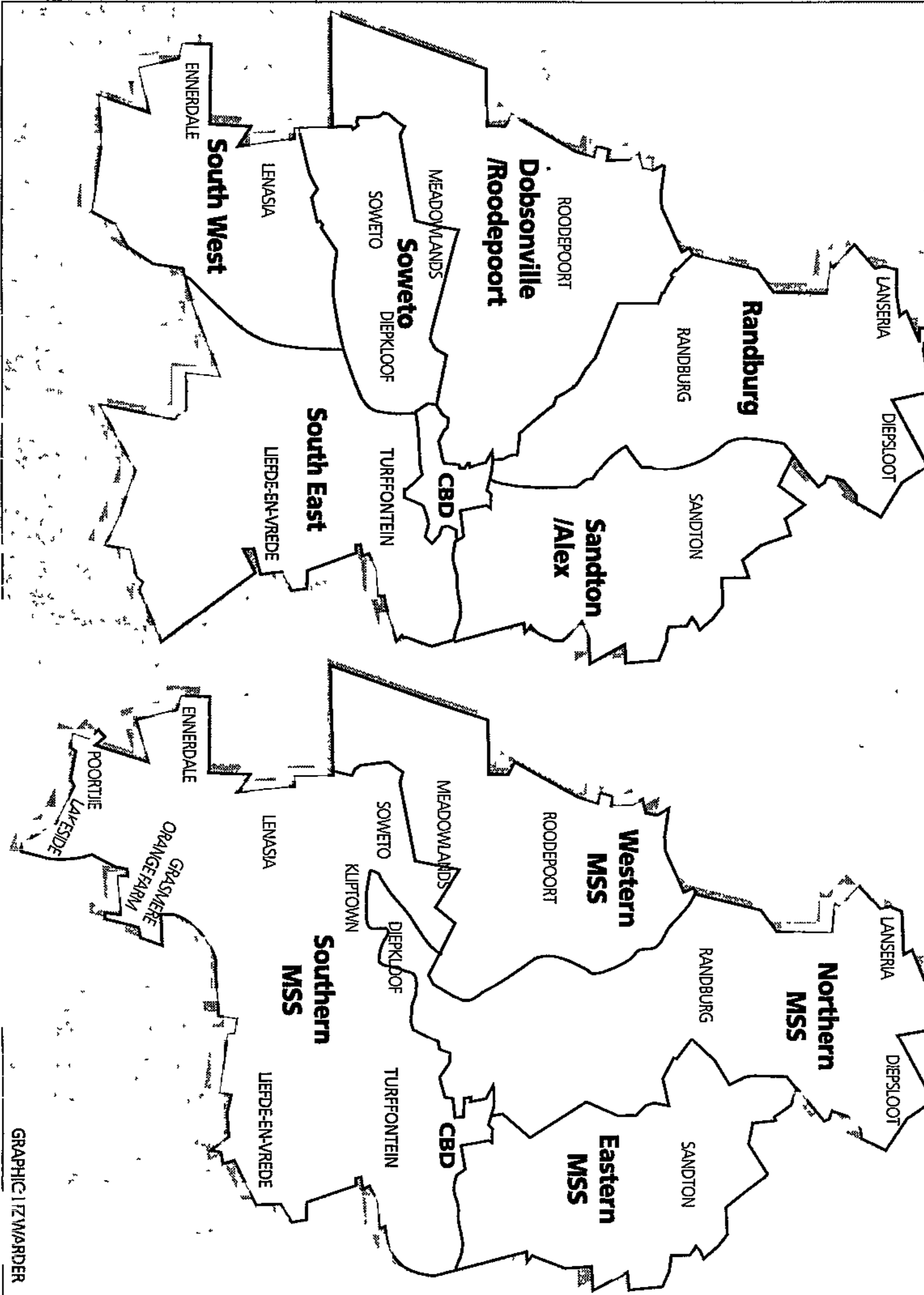
In any event, the arbitrated outcome did not comply with aspects of the Local Government Transition Act, which stipulates that transitional local authorities should merge black and white areas as equitably as possible.

The Act stipulates also — albeit in a vague and unsatisfactory way — that the number of wards has to be divided equally between the former black local authority areas and the former white, Indian or coloured areas which have been merged.

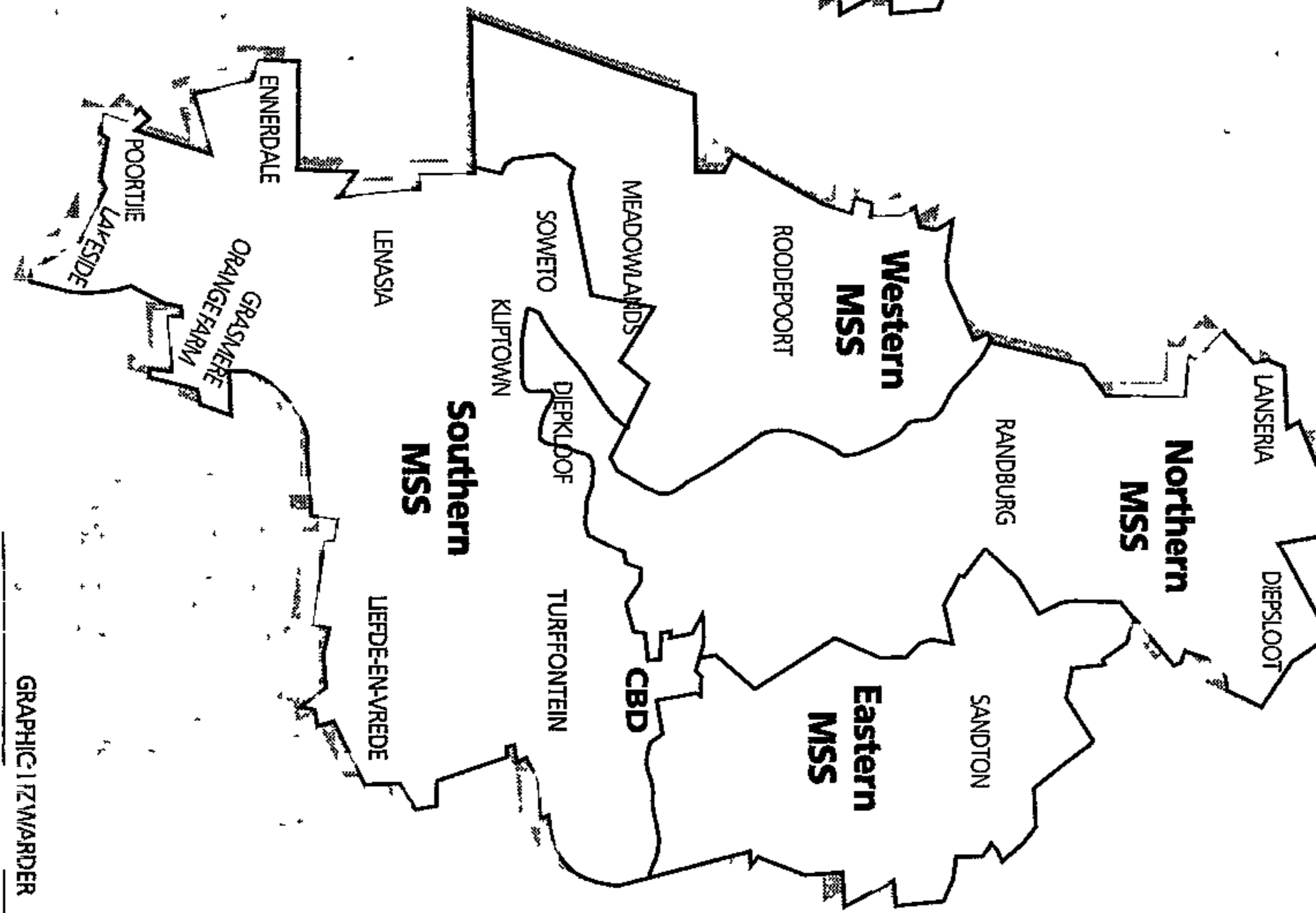
It stands to reason that the second requirement can only be met if the first has been done properly. In Greater Johannesburg, this was not the case. For while the process of creating the seven MSSs was democratic, the outcome was not conducive to conducting truly non-racial local government elections.

In the first instance, the sub-structure which included Soweto was completely black. The northern MSS (taking in Rand-

Present Greater Johannesburg TMC (Seven municipalities)



Proposed Greater Johannesburg TMC (Four municipalities)



burg) was — with the exception of one informal settlement — primarily white.

In the Soweto MSS, a small number of coloured voters would have had a disproportionate number of wards, and a similar situation would have prevailed in the northern MSS with a relatively small number of black squatters wielding excessive political power.

Another problem which the province had to address was the franchise of CBD residents who would not have been able to vote in their councillors directly.

When announcing the province's plan last week, Housing and Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng said the province's proposal, which was an adaptation of a Demarcation Board recommendation, was aimed at overcoming these problems.

A major motivation for the boundaries, he said, was to deracialise substructures for the election.

The new plan has managed to do this by merging parts of Soweto with Randburg and merging the rest of Soweto with Johannesburg's CBD.

The DP, NP, FF, Federal Party, CP and other opposing parties have expressed fears that the incorporation of the CBD into one substructure will prevent the TMC from distributing CBD revenue fairly throughout the metropolis. Actistop recently added its voice to the opposition to the proposal.

The DP's Claire Quall has also speculated that the move will increase rates in the former Johannesburg municipal area, where residents benefited from

rebates afforded by CBD businesses which pay higher rates.

But if the truth be told, elements of racism and fear seem to have clouded the issue for many people. Their objections leave one asking why it is acceptable for the CBD to subsidise a primarily white area, but not a township which is in dire need of development.

According to TMC executive committee chairman Collin Matjila, the new borders will have no bearing on the council's control over the CBD's revenue.

Since agreement has yet to be reached on the distribution of powers between the TMC and sub-structures, it is possible the TMC will retain enough powers to accrue and distribute the CBD or any of the sub-structures' revenues in a manner it deems fit.

In view of the fact that the TMC is moving towards creating a metropolitan tax base, it also seems premature to speculate about massive rates hikes.

Matjila said, "Rates and taxes increases must be seen in the overall context of continued service delivery and the developmental needs that exist in the disenfranchised communities. "We accept this dual responsibility, and will always strive to strike a working balance between development and equitable taxation."

In the final analysis, while the province's proposal might seem high-handed and far from ideal, it can be argued that serious intervention was necessary to correct some of the imbalances created by a flawed Act and a process that has been thwarted by conflict.

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TMC set to take control of city athletics stadium

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
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Johannesburg's city fathers are set to reclaim control of the athletics stadium in the Ellis Park precinct following strong criticism of the independence accorded the non-profit company managing the stadium.

It is managed by a Section 21 company, which has only two directors from the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC). The other four directors are not council members.

The TMC's plans to take control of the stadium and other city facilities managed by Section 21 companies were prompted by fears that it had no power

to influence the management of publicly funded projects.

The council's executive committee, on legal advice, recommended increasing TMC representation on the board of directors until the future of Section 21 companies had been decided.

It has also recommended the inclusion of five new councillors on the board.

However, in a report to the council, the committee said no new outside members should be appointed to the board in the meantime, or the council might lose control of the athletics stadium again.

The issue is expected to be discussed and approved at the next TMC meeting.

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NEWS

Keeping Randburg 'lily white'

Council still split over boundaries

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■ BY ANNA COX

The row over the demarcation of boundaries in Greater Johannesburg continued last night with some councillors staging a walk-out at a Northern substructure (Randburg) meeting.

The meeting ended without a final decision being taken because there was no quorum.

After a heated debate over demarcation, a vote was called for a proposal put forward by ANC councillor Brian Crail supporting the demarcation of Greater Johannesburg into four instead of the originally proposed seven substructures. The Northern substructure now include parts of Soweto.

The proposal was defeated with nine votes against it, seven in favour and three abstentions. When a division was called, which would have forced all councillors to vote, Democratic Party, National Party and Northern Areas Group councillors walked out.

Executive committee chairman of the Northern substructure Gary Cooney, in motivating support for the four substructures,

said anyone who voted against it would be giving a message that they wanted to keep the local authority "lily white".

"Randburg more than any other town in this province was developed under the old apartheid system. It has always had a proud tradition of being lily white with no townships in the area."

DP councillor Anchen Dreyer said the matter had nothing to do with racism or redistribution of resources.

"The crux of the matter goes to the heart of democracy. There was a negotiated agreement where all parties agreed to arbitration and agreed to abide by the decision.

Bad old days

"Now a different decision is thrown at us without consultation or public participation. We are back to the bad old days when the Ministers know better," she said.

In the North Eastern (Sandton) local authority meeting last night, DP, NP, IFP, independent and ratepayers' associations councillors won the vote on a

proposal by councillor Elizabeth Clogg for rejecting the unilateral restructuring of the boundaries without consultation.

■ The proposed demarcation of Greater Johannesburg would not lead to an increase in rates and taxes, Gauteng Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng said yesterday, reports Paula Fray.

Referring to Democratic Party warnings that rates were set to soar, Mofokeng said: "This is a blatant lie." He said the interim constitution provided for the introduction of rates, levies, fees, taxes and tariffs based on uniform structures.

Mofokeng said only the Johannesburg administration was to blame if rates did increase dramatically as it was empowered to establish and create valuation rolls from which rates were determined.

"The old Johannesburg city council has failed to implement the new valuation rolls," said Mofokeng. "The last one to be released was in July 1991 whereas neighbouring towns such as Randburg and others had done so in 1993."

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Accept new boundaries or face mass action - Sanco

■ BY PAULA FRAY and ADAM COOKE (266)

The South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) last night threatened large-scale mass action unless a provincial proposal to reduce Greater Johannesburg's metropolitan substructures to four was accepted.

In a Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) meeting earlier, the ANC alliance, IFP, PAC and ACDP walked out of the chamber before remaining councillors voted to reject the proposal. NP and DP councillors vowed to go to court to prevent the provincial proposal from being promulgated if the premier did not reconsider the decision within seven days. *Star 8/6/95*

Sanco's Johannesburg sub-region general secretary Siphwe Thusi said at a news briefing that the organisation's 42 affiliates in the area would be involved in the mass action.

"It is embarrassing to see white councillors speak of woo-

ing township communities, but when it comes to implementing a plan to address their problems they shy away," he said.

Councillors who walked out of the TMC meeting disputed its jurisdiction over the issue and questioned whether a quorum existed for the motion to be passed as only 50 DP, NP, CP, FF and ratepayers representatives were present for the vote.

Gauteng's demarcation proposal will reduce the number of Greater Johannesburg substructures from seven to four and join the CBD with parts of Soweto.

ANC leader and chairman of the TMC executive committee Collin Matjila disputed claims that the ANC had breached an agreement reached prior to the establishment of the TMC, saying this agreement only stood until the November elections.

A letter from Constitutional Development Deputy Minister Valli Moosa concurred, adding that legislation allowed the premier to demarcate boundaries for the elections.

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Sanco threatens mass action

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THE SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) has threatened mass action, work stoppages and strikes to bring Gauteng to an economic standstill if the NP, DP and other parties opposed to the demarcation of greater Johannesburg into four metropolitan structures do not accede to the proposed plan. *BO 8/6/95*

In another development yesterday, Sanco suspended Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia, claiming he was in favour of the plan supported by the NP, CP and DP to have greater Johannesburg divided into seven metropolitan structures.

Sanco would also decide whether Coovadia's behaviour warranted expulsion.

Sanco general secretary Sphiwe Thusi said the decision to suspend Coovadia was taken by 42 Sanco affiliates in the sub-region and was endorsed by the Sanco executive yesterday.

Mass action threats follow debates in the Gauteng legislature on the question of demarcation and whether it should be subjected to further provincial government

discussion or legal action should be embarked on by parties opposed to the four-structure proposal.

Thusi said the proposals should not be discussed further. Even though parties not in favour of the four-structure proposal won the vote, the provincial cabinet would overrule them.

When the issue of instituting legal action against the provincial government was put to the vote, said Thusi, the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party, PAC and other parties opposed to the seven substructures walked out of the legislature.

The mass action, Thusi said, would aim at ensuring the region's wealth was shared fairly and that local ~~all-metropolitan~~ ~~councils~~ were elected democratically.

Sanco would call an urgent meeting of all its affiliates at the weekend to formulate a mass action plan.

Those who were advocating a seven-substructure plan, he said, had benefited from apartheid and Sanco had no alternative but to engage in discussions with its allies in the tripartite alliance about a way forward by embarking on mass action.

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'We want to be part of Gauteng'

About 8 000 people marched on the Union Buildings in Pretoria yesterday to press for the incorporation of Moutse, Moretele and the former self-governing territory of KwaNdebele into Gauteng (266)

Protest co-ordinator Norman Mathebe said residents of these areas did not want to be part of Eastern Transvaal because most of them worked in Gauteng.

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers kept watch as the residents marched from central Pretoria to the Union Buildings.

Several streets were closed to traffic. Star 13/6/95

A memorandum outlining the demands of the protesters was presented to a government official at the Union Buildings.

It was addressed to Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and his deputy Valli Moosa. — Sapa.

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Jo'burg first for human rights

■ BY PAULA FRAY

Greater Johannesburg has set the pace for other local authorities and businesses in the metropolitan to follow with the opening yesterday of a Human Rights/RDP Resource Centre at Metro Centre in Braamfontein.

The centre was officially opened by Constitutional Court judge Kate O'Regan who described it as an important initiative to give effect to the constitution at local government level.

Acting chief executive offi-

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cer Professor Nicky Padayachee said: "The Greater Johannesburg TMC is not only the first local authority to open a resource centre of this kind, but is also embarking on a process of sensitising employees to their constitutional rights."

"It is not just the faces in Parliament which have changed but our whole way of doing things," he said.

The centre is set to become a hub of information regarding the Bill of Rights, the RDP and the constitution as they relate to the TMC.

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R92-m emergency services project 'going well'

Council initiative on track

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BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

Progress in the city council's R92-million emergency services initiative is well on track and the focus must now be sustained until delivery, says metropolitan service delivery head Dr Emile Horak.

The seven-pronged R92-million initiative was launched in February to target previously disadvantaged areas with emergency services.

In an interview with The Star on Tuesday, Horak said delivery of specific projects varied from between 30% (as in the CBD where tenders had to be sought) and almost 100% for the completion of electrical service repairs and delivery.

Forerunner

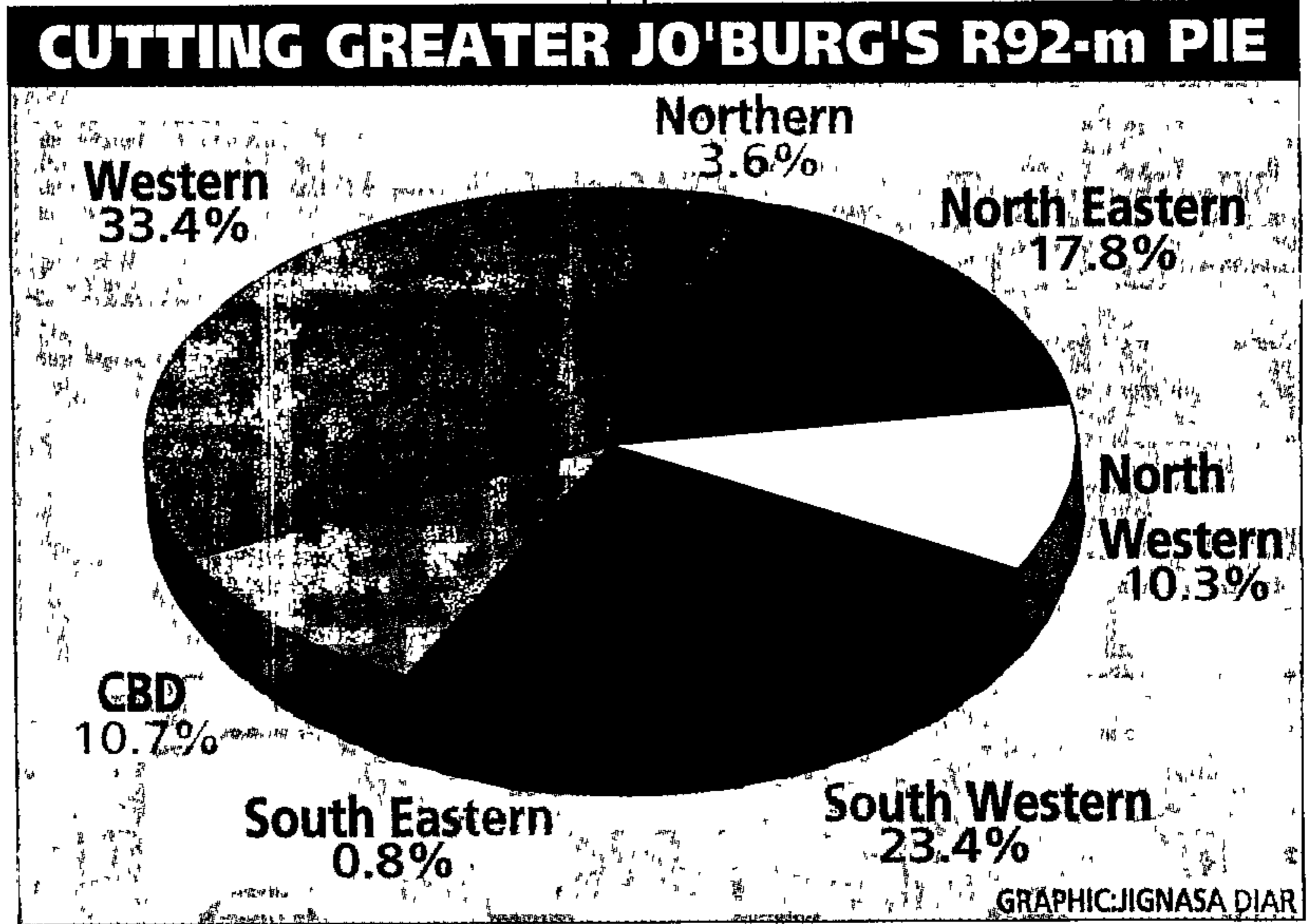
"There is recognition that we are achieving what we set out to do. Now, the focus is on sustained delivery," said Horak.

"The R92-million is, in a sense, just the beginning of things. It is just the forerunner to the big wave and was specifically allocated to normalise services and prove we could deliver," said Horak.

"We've got to prove we are capable of doing the right thing — not just to the politicians but to the community at large."

The problems of delivery were multifaceted and included the need to change the "business as usual" attitude of some council departments.

In this respect, the council was trying to ensure that service delivery budgets for the next financial year were not fragmented, Horak added.



But, redistributing finances and administrative abilities were not the only considerations which affect the success of service delivery, said Horak, citing Alexandra where the major challenge of delivery was being tackled head on.

Horak attributes the success of the initiative there to acting town clerk Sonnyboy Matsoso who, he says, linked into the community and proved an

ideal conduit for community-driven delivery.

Although consultation with communities was virtually non-existent at the start of the project, community involvement has begun picking up and in Alexandra "the buy-in has been tremendous".

As a result of community involvement in the monitoring of Alexandra's projects, at least one contractor's agreement

was cancelled due to non-delivery. This improved community involvement is expected to help sustain the long-term delivery of services, said Horak.

He refuted allegations that the shift in emphasis would result in the dropping of standards in previously advantaged communities. Instead, he contended that the more effective mix of resources had, for example, resulted in better ref-

use services in Randburg while services are being "normalised" in all areas.

"The R92-million is a wedge to open up service delivery in order for us to gear up and make it a major project. Providing basic service delivery is not the same as upgrading services... that is a much larger task and needs a lot of capital, proper plans and community participation," said Horak.

BRIEFLY

Man shot dead for ignoring order

Elias Kubhal (32) was shot dead by a man who accosted him and two friends while they were sitting around a fire at a firm in Maraisburg yesterday. The gunman opened fire when they refused to lie on the ground, police said. — Sapa.

Funds for primary health care clinics

Three non-municipal clinics serving communities in and around Sandton have been given R145 000 by the metropolitan council to continue providing basic and primary health care to thousands of residents. They treat patients at a cost of about R6,33 each. — City Reporter.

Postal strike delays mail in Transkei

The SA Post Office has asked people not to send mail to Transkei because of a postal workers' strike in the former homeland. Transkei's Post and Telecommunications Department has requested that post be withheld pending the outcome of the strike. Staff Reporter.

Heyns murder: bail

'Out with lily-white structures'

Demarcation wrangle sizzles in legislature

BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The ANC's attempt to get the Gauteng legislature to throw its weight behind the cabinet's demarcation plan for Greater Johannesburg provoked such acrimonious debate yesterday that two MPLs were ordered out of the House by the Speaker.

When the final vote on the issue was taken, the ANC and PAO backed the cabinet plan to create four primary municipalities within Greater Johannesburg. The NP, DP and FF voted against it, while the IFP and ACDP were no longer represented in the House.

NP leader Olaus van Zyl noted that Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng had said it was not too late for parties to negotiate on the plan. He urged local representatives to find a solution before an Electoral Court was compelled to impose one.

Several ANC speakers said any delay to the November 1 local elections should be avoided

by all means. But these occasional notes of reconciliation and reason were lost in loud, bitter exchanges.

Early in the debate, NP whip Derek Christophers was ordered out of the House by the Speaker for refusing to withdraw accusations that MPL Ignatius Jacobs was "a liar and a coward".

Later, the ANC's Nomvula Mokoanya was ejected for failing to heed the Speaker's warning that interjections should not drown out the debate.

The ANC's support for the cabinet plan was based mainly on the fact that it allowed for thorough racial integration. The seven-substructure plan in operation for the "pre-interim" phase of local government reform leaves Soweto out on its own and falls to twin Randburg with any township area.

In a speech before her ejection, Mokoanya put it plainly. The ANC wanted "no retention of lily-white structures anywhere in our province".

Joan Fubbs, also of the ANC, said her opponents were concerned that they would no longer remain isolated from Soweto.

NP and DP MPLs denied these charges and accused the ANC of autocratic behaviour.

Julia Kilian of the NP declared: "Whatever the power-drunk ANC majority pushes through today will be of no consequence and will not make the real issues disappear."

Ian Davidson (DP) said the restructuring process of municipal administrations would have to start all over again if the boundaries were redrawn and the ANC was attempting to "achieve by dictate what they were unable to achieve by negotiation".

The PAC's Ikhosian X conceded that certain procedural "oddities" had occurred, but argued that the cabinet's plan fulfilled all the fundamental principles for creating non-racial local government. Therefore it had to be supported.

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Gauteng dispute set for court

Row over boundaries will not delay
local government elections

By Joe Mdhlela
Political Reporter

THE DISPUTE between the Gauteng cabinet and provincial committee will not delay local government elections scheduled for November 1.

To confirm this conviction, Gauteng MEC for local government and housing Mr Dan Mofokeng has referred the dispute to the special electoral court

"We are sure that the court will understand the urgency of this matter and are hopeful it will make a ruling within a week to keep the election time frames on schedule," Mofokeng said

The disagreement between the cabinet and the committee is as a result of a squabble to resolve the issue of demarcation in the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan area

Addressing a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mofokeng also accused certain members of the provincial committee of wanting to ensure that Greater Johannesburg remained under the control of whites.

"Instead of the provincial committee exercising its statutory responsibility to make informed decisions on the grounds set in the Act, the provincial committee has made self-interested decisions to protect the narrow interests of members serving in the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council,"

Mofokeng said

The issues in dispute include the desire by certain white local authorities to have areas like Soweto fall outside the Greater Johannesburg for purposes of elections

The argument that has often been raised is that Soweto and other black areas do not have a solid economic base to sustain themselves, and will therefore remain the burden of the more affluent city centres

However, Mofokeng maintained that it would be unfair to expect areas like Soweto to pay the same rates as those paid by the more richer areas in Johannesburg

He said it was not out of choice that black areas remained underdeveloped

A new row

Meanwhile, a new row over the boundaries of the Durban metro area is likely to force a postponement of November's municipal elections in KwaZulu-Natal. The Inkatha Freedom Party, which controls the provincial government, has rejected new boundaries proposed by the multi-disciplinary Demarcation Board

Durban metro IFP councillor, Mr Anthony Grinker, said his party would use all constitutional means to oppose the proposed boundaries which he said discriminated against Indian residents of the metro and created economically crippled sub-councils.

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Deadlock over council sizes
halts delimitation process
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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Preparations for the November elections have been stopped in Gauteng because the provincial cabinet and the committee on local government are at odds over the future size of local councils.

Since there is no agreement on the matter, the Electoral Court will now have to make a ruling and, until it does, the process of delimiting wards will be frozen across the province.

The Gauteng cabinet convened in an extraordinary meeting early yesterday in a bid to settle the issue of the number of seats per council and to get delimitation moving.

Despite sharp divisions between ANC and NP MECs, the cabinet took a decision and put this forward to the provincial committee later in the day.

The six-member provincial committee then split straight down the middle over the cabinet plan, according to member

Frans Lourens: By law, two-thirds of the committee are required to endorse the cabinet decision.

According to a formal statement released after the cabinet meeting, "ANC members of the cabinet argued for smaller councils, with fewer representatives, saying there was a need for fiscal discipline." The NP, on the other hand, argued for a greater number of representatives.

Eventually the cabinet took a majority decision that local councils or substructures within metropolitan areas should vary between 10 and 70 members, depending on the voter population.

The minimum of 10 seats would apply to areas with fewer than 100 000 voters. An additional 10 seats would be allowed for every additional 100 000 voters.

For the metropolitan councils — Greater Johannesburg, Greater Pretoria, the Vaal and the North-East Rand — the cabinet proposed that the size vary between 30 and 60 seats.

Pretoria slots into growth

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By ROY COKAYNE

PRETORIA BUSINESS EDITOR

Seven industries within the Greater Pretoria area — including the motor, processed food and tourism industries — have been identified by the Central Pretoria Metropolitan Substructure as growth areas and potentially attractive to foreign investors

The other growth sectors identified are the plastics and rubber, chemical, pharmaceutical and service industries

Peet du Preez, director of marketing and communication for the Central Pretoria Metropolitan Substructure, said these industries would form the focus of their attempts to attract investment to Pretoria

Du Preez was part of a delegation of politicians and businessmen, headed by Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale, which recently returned from a visit to five Eastern countries

He said these growth sectors had been determined by evaluating the growth sectors internationally and nationally before analysing which of them were present in Pretoria

Employment

There are 15 growth sectors in the world and Pretoria has seven of them, he said

Du Preez said the motor industry in Pretoria — comprising the manufacturing facilities of BMW, Land Rover, Samcor, Mercedes-Benz's head office and only Nissan's Fiat Uno production facilities — provided jobs to more than 6 000 people

"There is great interest in particular in Malaysia and Korea in the support industry for motor manufacturing and I believe there is room for that in Pretoria

"We are in the process of analysing where the gaps are in the motor component manufacturing industry. A report will be drawn up identifying these gaps, which will be sent to potential component manufacturing investors," he said

Du Preez said more than

57 percent of South Africa's vehicles were made in Pretoria

He said in marketing Pretoria to investors, certain principles had to be addressed, the most important of which was clustering

"You cannot attract investment to an area if it does not have the supporting infrastructure

"For example, a clutch plate manufacturer would want to be strategically positioned as close as possible to the motor manufacturers, because that is their market. That is also why Pretoria is not a place for textiles

"The cluster effect is present with regard to the motor industry in Pretoria and that is why we are marketing Pretoria as the Detroit of southern Africa," he said

Du Preez emphasised that it was important that if component manufacturers were attracted to Pretoria, they had to attempt to supply local manufacturers as well as the export market, because economies of scale reduced the unit price

He said motor manufacturers interested in investing in South Africa needed high volumes and therefore had to be located in Gauteng, which was strategically positioned for the southern African market and its 150 million people

"But the buying power of this population remains a problem and the biggest market for vehicles in southern Africa at this stage are the governments," he said

However, du Preez expressed concern that South Africa's motor industry would not have the capacity to fulfil the needs of the market if there was rapid growth in demand

Turning to the high-tech manufacturing industry, du Preez said this industry in South Africa was not far behind most countries in terms of high-tech expertise. However, he said, there was a problem with the supply of certain components

There was a lot of interest in Korea and Malaysia to establish hi-tech manufacturing concerns in South Africa for appliances, such as fridges, ovens and other electrical apparatus, he said

Row erupts over IFP's rejection of new Bill

MD 23/6/95

Louise Cook

A ROW erupted in Parliament yesterday when Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom challenged the IFP to give reasons for opposing the Land Reform (Labour Tenants) Bill released for comment recently.

Speaking in the Land Affairs Budget vote, Hanekom said he "noted with disappointment" the IFP's "unexpected and incomprehensible" rejection of the Bill.

The Bill proposed to give land ownership rights to labour tenants on farms in the Eastern Transvaal and KwaZulu/Natal — with or without the owner's agreement.

But IFP Senator Geoffrey Bengu said labour tenancy was a system characteristic of Africa which "would not fade away overnight". He said there were differences between land use and land rights that needed to be recognised.

Bengu said the IFP was "very concerned" with government's drive to replace the labour tenant system with a freehold system.

He called for land reform to be handled by the regions. Hanekom warned that once passed the Land Reform (Labour Tenants) Act would apply retrospectively. This meant that farmers would be prosecuted

for evicting labour tenants even before the Act was passed.

He told the House "urgent action" in areas of tenure reform was needed.

This applied particularly to cases in the former homelands, where the system of land allocation had broken down.

Hanekom said "fundamental steps" towards a more comprehensive land reform policy included a White Paper on land reform by the end of October, a final report by the Katz commission on a land tax by end-November, draft legislation to protect informal rights and a new land-holding institution to hold land on behalf of members of a community.

Meanwhile, the IFP's call for the regions to handle land reform was supported by the Freedom Front, which warned that war would break out over land reform.

Freedom Front Senator Dries Bruwer slammed Hanekom for "planning land reform from Pretoria" and called for regional committees to be established.

Sapa reports that Hanekom said government was not considering expropriating the properties of absentee land owners.

Well managed, productive farms on which workers were cared for, were a national asset.

Poll threatened by NP court action plan

Mduduzi ka Harvey

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THE NP plans to take the Gauteng cabinet's local election seat allocation formula to court, threatening a further delay to the election process.

NP local government chief in the Gauteng legislature, Johann Kilian, said his party would ask Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer and his deputy Valli Moosa to intervene. If they failed to break the deadlock, the matter would go to the Special Electoral Court.

On Wednesday the ANC-dominated provincial cabinet adopted a seat allocation formula in terms of which 10 councillors will represent every 100 000 potential voters in the province. The decision was taken by majority vote.

Kilian said the cabinet standing committee had earlier negotiated and accepted a formula providing for 10 councillors to represent 50 000 potential voters. Local government MEC Dan Mofokeng had reneged on this.

Mofokeng's spokesman Thabang Mamonwana said the new formula would instil fiscal discipline.

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Pay cuts for Gauteng cabinet

Scwelan 27/6/95

By Pamela Dube
Political Reporter

THE Gauteng cabinet will discuss possible cuts on the salaries of the premier and members of the provincial legislature tomorrow

"The Gauteng cabinet may also discuss making these salary cuts retrospectively," the office of premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale said in a statement yesterday

Last week the legislature heard that the Gauteng government had not implemented the pay cuts ordered by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki last October

Mbeki's order followed an announcement by President Nelson Mandela of "belt-tightening" measures and pay cuts

for the President, his two deputies, Cabinet Ministers, provincial premiers, MECs and chairpersons of the standing committees

Gauteng premier Sexwale was still receiving his annual salary of R470 400 instead of the suggested R423 400 which Mbeki had ordered, the legislature heard

The 10 MECs in the Gauteng government still earn an annual salary of R372 000 instead of the suggested figure of R344 100 Mbeki had ordered that salaries of premiers be cut by 10 percent and those of MECs by 7,5 percent

Salaries of chairmen of the standing committees were to be cut by 2,5 percent

Roodepoort hit hardest

Uniform tariff system across the metropolis

BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

Greater Johannesburg's "compromise" budget was described yesterday as the best possible within existing constraints, but some residents can expect to dig deeper into their pockets once it is introduced next month

Despite areas of unhappiness, the R6,5-billion budget is expected to be passed after a second day of debate in the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) today

The new budget introduces uniform tariff structures for services across the metropolis — effectively scrapping the township flat rate — and payment for services in informal and semi-formal settlements

The introduction of "life-line" tariffs for minimum use, which benefits all residents, is expected to offset the impact of the introduction of consumption-based tariffs in townships

Electricity, however, will be charged at a single rate of 17,1c/kWh for domestic use

The impact of the new uniform charges will vary as the TMC's administrations have different tariffs at present

Residents who consume the minimum amounts covered by the life-line tariffs can expect service charges, excluding electricity payments to Eskom, of about R56. However, township residents who exceed minimum consumption will pay much more than the existing R45 flat-rate

Non-existent

Residents in informal, semi-formal and formal settlements where metered consumption is non-existent, will pay for average consumption

Among the former white councils, Roodepoort residents have been particularly hard-hit by the introduction of uniform rates, with average increases of about 22% for services.

Councillor Nick Gay said efficient administration in the previous council ensured service charges were kept low. But the uniform tariffs meant Roodepoort residents faced a higher hike than other administrations

TMC executive committee member Pieter de Wet said Roodepoort had become a milch cow for the council as its capital budget had been cut by 38%

Roodepoort ratepayers will also not benefit from their rates

payments — the highest in the TMC — as an across-the-board increase of 12% has been proposed until the new valuation roll is introduced next year

That is when, say many councillors, the real financial fireworks can be expected, as there are many anomalies in the current rates charges, with Sandton's rates pegged very low and Roodepoort's very high. The uniform valuations roll will also cover townships like Soweto and Alexandra, where residents are not charged rates

TMC executive committee chairman Collin Matjula said the real challenge would be to get township residents to pay

DP caucus leader Ian Davidson said this was a compromise budget to allocate limited resources among increased competing demands

"We recognise that while we are sensitive to the needs of those in the disadvantaged areas, we also need to be sensitive to the fears of those in the advantaged areas," said Davidson, adding that capital expenditure had shifted dramatically from the former white administrations to disadvantaged areas.

Workers angered by insurance fund

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By Sibusiso Mabaso

ABOUT 2 000 Soweto Council employees are in uproar over moves by their employers to transfer their insurance fund to another company without their consent.

Work in Soweto, where most of the council workers are employed came to a standstill yesterday when angry workers, including clerks, nurses and traffic officers, marched on the offices of the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council Chambers demanding that they be refunded their insurance money.

The decision to march on the offices of the TMC was taken at the Jabulani council chambers after a meeting between the Soweto Council management and the workers reached a deadlock.

According to workers, trouble started

after they had experienced many problems regarding their insurance fund scheme

The workers alleged that Kaap Trust, who brokered a group scheme introduced in 1990, had transferred their insurance funds held by Southern Life to Sanlam Insurance without their knowledge. They demanded that the now defunct Soweto Council refund them all their contributions.

A spokesman for the workers committee, Mr Shadrack Kapiwa, told *Sowetan* that they were not happy about the manner in which the whole matter was being handled by council management and Kaap Trust.

"We suspect mismanagement of funds here," he said.

The workers dispersed after they were told that a meeting involving all stakeholders would be held on July 5 at the Metropolitan Centre in Braamfontein.

NP is playing political games,

(266) Sowetan 28/6/95

Joe Mhlela reports on a dispute that could wreck elections

THE DISPUTE ABOUT how the Greater Johannesburg area should be demarcated is becoming an untidy and potentially damaging business. Severe tensions are building between the National Party and the ANC-led Gauteng government, which has launched a scathing attack on the NP.

The ANC has accused the NP of playing "political games" at the expense of uniting "all the people of this province".

MEC for local government and housing Mr Dan Mofokeng paints the Democratic Party with the same brush. The DP is hell-bent on preserving white interests, he says.

Mofokeng has proposed a "four sub-structure model" which will allow black areas to be integrated into areas that were previously designated as "white".

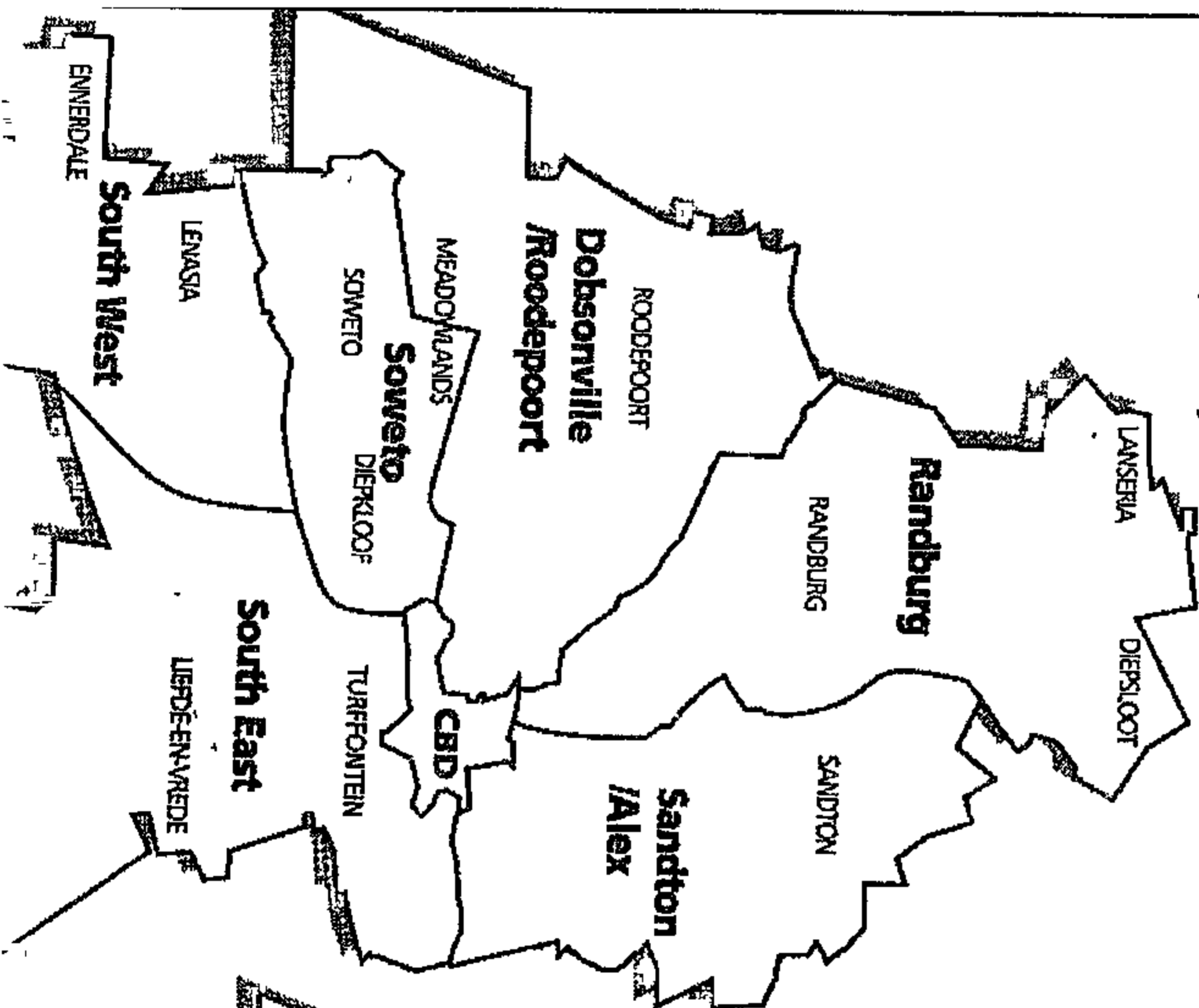
However, the NP proposed a "seven sub-structure model", which will in effect keep white areas separate from black residential regions, as they were before the April 27 1994 elections.

Gauteng government spokesman Mr Thabang Mamonyane argues that it was silly and illogical for the NP to want to press for a system that was aimed at perpetuating segregation.

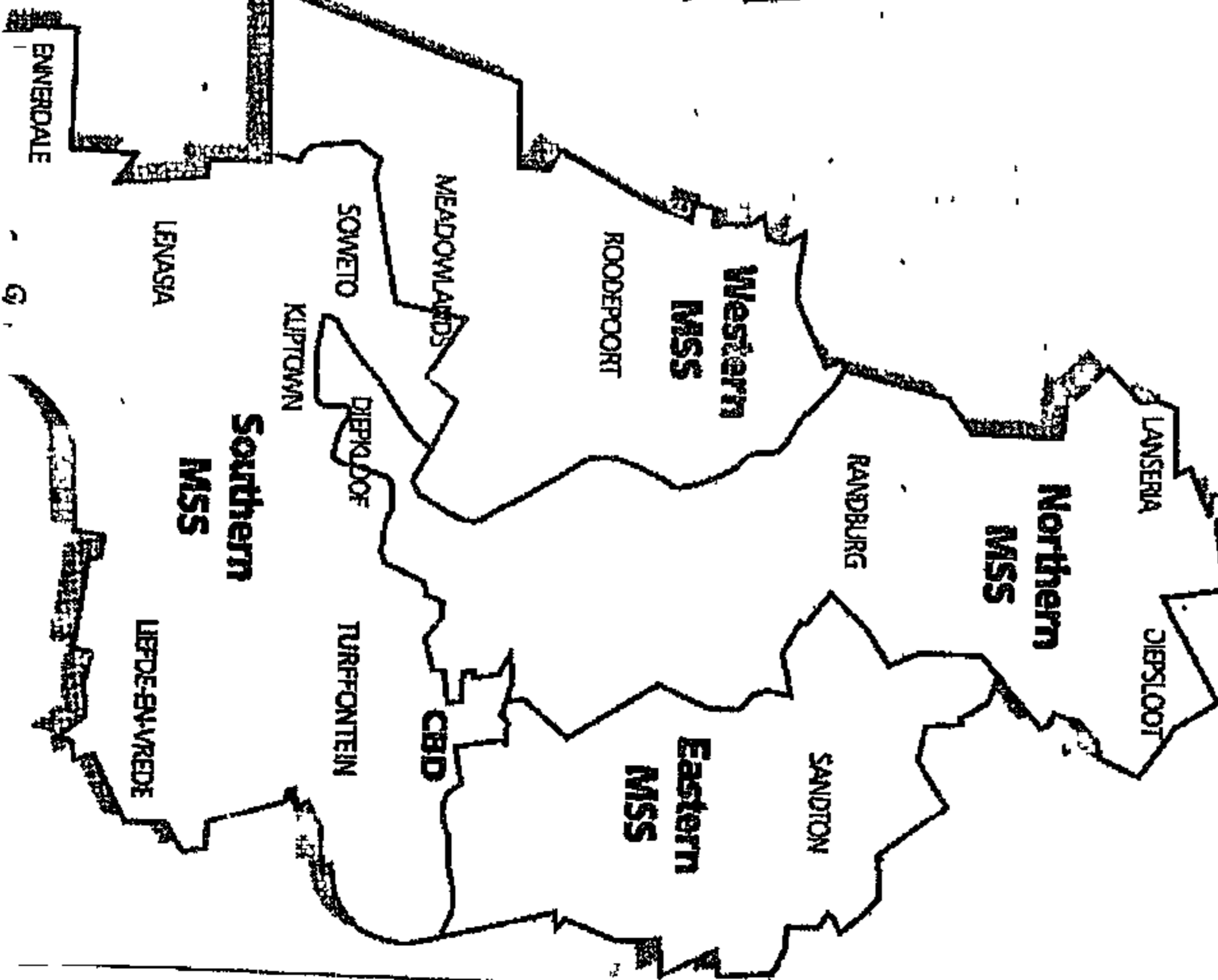
"The four sub-structure model is aimed at bringing to an end the racially divided Gauteng, and to create a single tax base in each of the sub-structures," he says.

At the economic level, according to Mamonyane, the system will maximise economic development and enhance the standard of living "not only of

Present Greater Johannesburg TMC
(Seven municipalities)



Proposed Greater Johannesburg TMC
(Four municipalities)



of apartheid, when black townships were designed to remain reservoirs to supply cheap labour for whites in the more affluent areas.

"I am afraid we are not prepared to allow whites to take us back to that unhappy era. We believe that our system augurs well for sound race relations, as it does for economic development."

"Our system will ensure areas such as Soweto, which the Nats condemned to the economic rubbish-heaps, will now be resurrected and become economically viable." However, the NP has accused the ANC of dishonouring agreements reached by all parties in the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council.

Last minute decision

NP spokesman Mr Daryl Swanepoel states "ANC Minister Dan Mofokeng has at the very last minute decided to redemarcate the Johannesburg area from the agreed seven metropolitan sub-structures to four, despite the demarcation board's recommendation."

Also, Swanepoel has charged the ANC with racism "because they continue to think in black-white terms". He emphasised there were no "whites only" areas left in South Africa.

"The ANC might take note that the Group Areas Act has long been removed and that so-called black people reside in all suburbs throughout the province," he says. The "four model" structure is made up of the

TALE OF TWO CITIES ... The two proposals for the demarcation of Greater Johannesburg. On the left is the proposal for seven sub-structures, and on the right the proposal for four sub-structures.

Northern Metropolitan sub-structure, Western Metropolitan sub-structure, Eastern metropolitan sub-structure and the Southern metropolitan sub-structure

Economically viable

According to this model, economically viable areas like the Central Business District will be integrated into parts of Soweto, Klipfontein, Lenasia, Grammer, Diepkloof, Emmerdale and the informal settlement of Orange Farm.

The Northern sub-structure will include the affluent Randburg, Lanseria and the informal settlement of Diepsloot.

The Western sub-structure is made up of Roodepoort and Meadowlands, with the Eastern sub-structure comprising Sandton and Alexandra. However, the alternative model as envisaged by the NP may be designed to maintain the status quo, allowing whites to hold sway in areas traditionally regarded as theirs under apartheid.

In the final analysis, this system will ensure that whites will continue to wield political power in their own areas, while blacks continue to exercise their power in black townships.

Soweto Civic Association president Mr Isaac Mogaase said his organisation is in full support of the Gauteng Government's attempt to deracialise Greater Johannesburg.

"We have been clamouring for a single tax base and an integration of the economy. The only way to achieve this is to ignore narrow white interests and by working relentlessly towards integrating the communities," Mogaase says.

He feels it is a great pity the NP and the DP are only concerned about losing votes rather than ensuring people of all colours enjoy a reasonable standard of living. However, Centre for Policy Studies director Mr Steve Friedman believes both the NP and the Gauteng Government have the right motivation for adopting the positions they have taken.

Disputes will ensue

But Friedman concedes that if boundaries were drawn up in such a way that they favoured one group over another, disputes will ensue. He suggests the demarcation board should draw up the final boundaries. Meanwhile, the boundaries

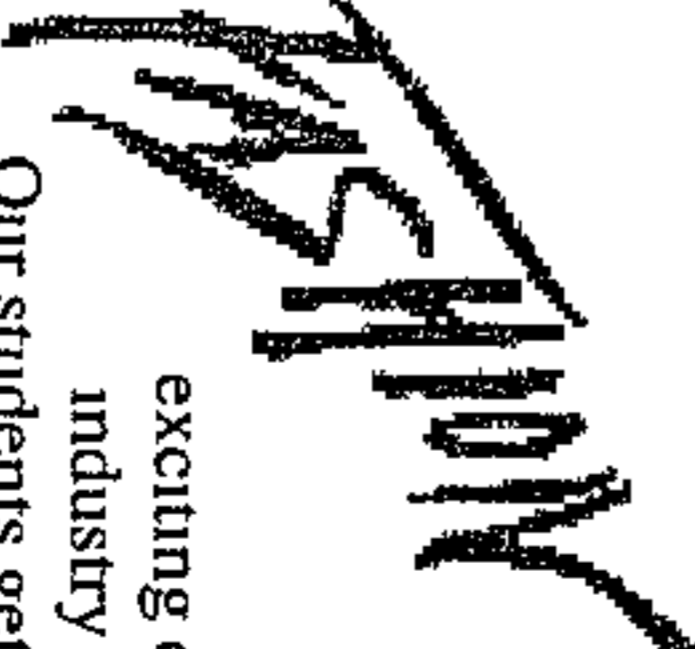
The NP wants to take us back to the dark ages of apartheid

issue could have a severely disruptive effect on the pending local government elections.

Already in the Western Cape, Premier Herms Kriel has threatened to go to the Constitutional Court over municipal boundaries. And in KwaZulu-Natal, a row has erupted similarly over the boundaries of Durban's metropolitan areas.

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2 Kilimanjaro	R2,70	R2,95	R2,70	R3,50	R3,00
3 African Life	R6,50	—	R6,50	R7,35	R4,60
4 Metropolitan	R36,00	—	R36,25	R37,00	R25,75
5 Corp Africa	—	R1,00	R1,00	R1,00	R1,10
6 Corp Africa Pref	—	R1,10	R1,00	R1,25	R1,10
7 Real Africa Investment	R2,00	—	R2,00	R2,70	R2,10

Glossary Buyer: Price at which the share was bought Seller: Price at which the share was sold Last: Last traded price on the share H: Highest level share reached this year L: Lowest level the share reached this year

Mofokeng denies any pressure

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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Gauteng MEC for Local Government Dan Mofokeng has emphatically denied claims by National Party sources that he has been pressurised by central government into opening negotiations on the Greater Johannesburg boundary dispute.

Mofokeng said yesterday that the only action the province had taken so far to break the deadlock over demarcation of primary municipalities within the Johannesburg metropolitan area was the filing of papers with the Electoral Court.

The MEC stressed that he would not rebuff any attempts to reach an out of court settlement.

"My approach — and that of the cabinet — has been that, if people have alternatives, let them come forward with these alternatives."

But he insisted that the plan for seven municipalities which was adopted for the first phase of the transition by the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) was not acceptable for the second phase.

He also said he could not negotiate with factions of the TMC, only with the council as a whole. Parties at that level would have to sort out their differences before approaching the province to negotiate.

This is highly unlikely because the great divide over partitioning Greater Johannesburg has opened up between parties,



Alternatives welcome
... Dan Mofokeng.

not between the second and third tiers of government.

Both in the province and the TMC, the ANC and PAC back the "Dan Plan" for four primary municipal areas. And at both provincial and metro level the National Party and the Democratic Party have led the fight against this plan.

Mofokeng said that documentation regarding a second dispute would be dispatched to the Electoral Court soon. This deadlock between the cabinet and the Provincial Committee on Local Government relates to the number of council seats in local authorities of various sizes.

The cabinet wants lean councils and the statutory members of the provincial committee have prevented the committee endorsing this view. The only way to break the deadlock is to refer the matter to the Electoral Court and cabinet is expected to take a final decision to this effect today.

MECs' and premier's salaries cut

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Gauteng cabinet has agreed — belatedly — to dock the pay of the premier and all MECs in compliance with President Nelson Mandela's request last year.

The cabinet appeared to have forgotten about the pay-cut request until last week when confronted with a question by MP Peter Leon of the Democratic Party who observed that the amounts budgeted for MECs' salaries were not in line with the Government's announcement.

Premier Tokyo Sexwale told the legislature this neglected matter would be dealt with at the next cabinet meeting and a proposal would be made that the cuts be made retrospectively.

According to the Gauteng communications director Chris Vick this is what happened when the cabinet met yesterday.

"Cabinet members' salaries will be cut by 7,5%, as requested by the President. The premier's salary will be cut by 10%. The cuts will be backdated to February 1." (266) (250)

Vick added that the premier and his MECs would not be "physically refunding" the provincial government. Instead they would forego a 5% increase which they had been due to receive on July 1 for about eight months, until they had "repaid" the government.

Chairmen of standing committees in the Gauteng legislature and the Speaker will also have their salaries reduced as a result of the provincial cabinet's decision to carry out the president's salary-cutting plan.

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Mass action in Jo'burg over demarcation (266)

The SA National Civic Organisation will this weekend begin a mass action campaign to force the Democratic Party and the National Party to accept Gauteng local government MEC Dan Mofokeng's controversial demarcation proposals for Greater Johannesburg.

Sanco provincial secretary Siphwe Thusi told a press conference yesterday that the campaign would begin on Saturday with a demonstration outside the Transitional Metropolitan Council offices, followed by pickets.

A few days later there will be a march in which "thousands of our people will show their anger" at the DP and the NP for refusing to accept the demarcation of Johannesburg into four sub-structures.

Thusi said the ANC, Cosatu and church groups had agreed to throw their weight behind the protests.

He accused the DP and the NP of racism for rejecting the proposals. — Political Reporter

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Gauteng MECs to have salaries cut

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GAUTENG premier Tokyo Sexwale is to have his salary cut by 10% backdated to February 1, while the province's MECs will accept a 7,5% pay cut

This was decided by the Gauteng provincial cabinet at its meeting yesterday

The pay issue was raised by DP member Peter Leon in the legislature last week when Sexwale announced that MECs' salary increases would come into effect from July 1. He asked when the pay cuts called for by President Nelson Mandela last year

In a statement from the premier's office, the cabinet announced the pay cuts and expressed its full support for Mandela's call for belt-tightening measures. "The provincial cabinet decision was taken in response to a national Cabinet request conveyed by the office of the President that political office bearers must build on the national mood to cut costs," it said.

Rather than physically refunding the provincial government, the cabinet members would sacrifice a 5% salary increase which was due to come into effect on July 1, until they had repaid government

Why elections may be delayed

LOCAL government minister Dan Mofokeng's determination to overturn a negotiated agreement sub-dividing greater Johannesburg into seven areas is at the heart of the boundary dispute in Gauteng.

Mr Mofokeng, the ANC and its allies advocate dividing greater Johannesburg into four areas, while the National Party, Democratic Party, Conservative Party and others want to retain the current seven-structure system — the result of protracted negotiations before the transitional metropolitan council was formed.

Mr Mofokeng wants to combine Soweto with the wealthy central business district and join former white areas with townships.

For example, he wants Roodepoort, which had no township in its area, to be combined with Diepsmeadow and Meadowlands.

At the crux of the dispute is the status of the Johannesburg central business district.

Under the seven-structure system, the CBD was kept separate because, with its commercial and business considerations, the negotiators felt it had different needs to predominantly residential areas.

They decided the funds the area generated would be divided throughout greater Johannesburg.

Opposition parties say Mr Mofokeng's proposal to link the area with Soweto is aimed at securing the R545-million the CBD generates in rates and services for the sprawling township.

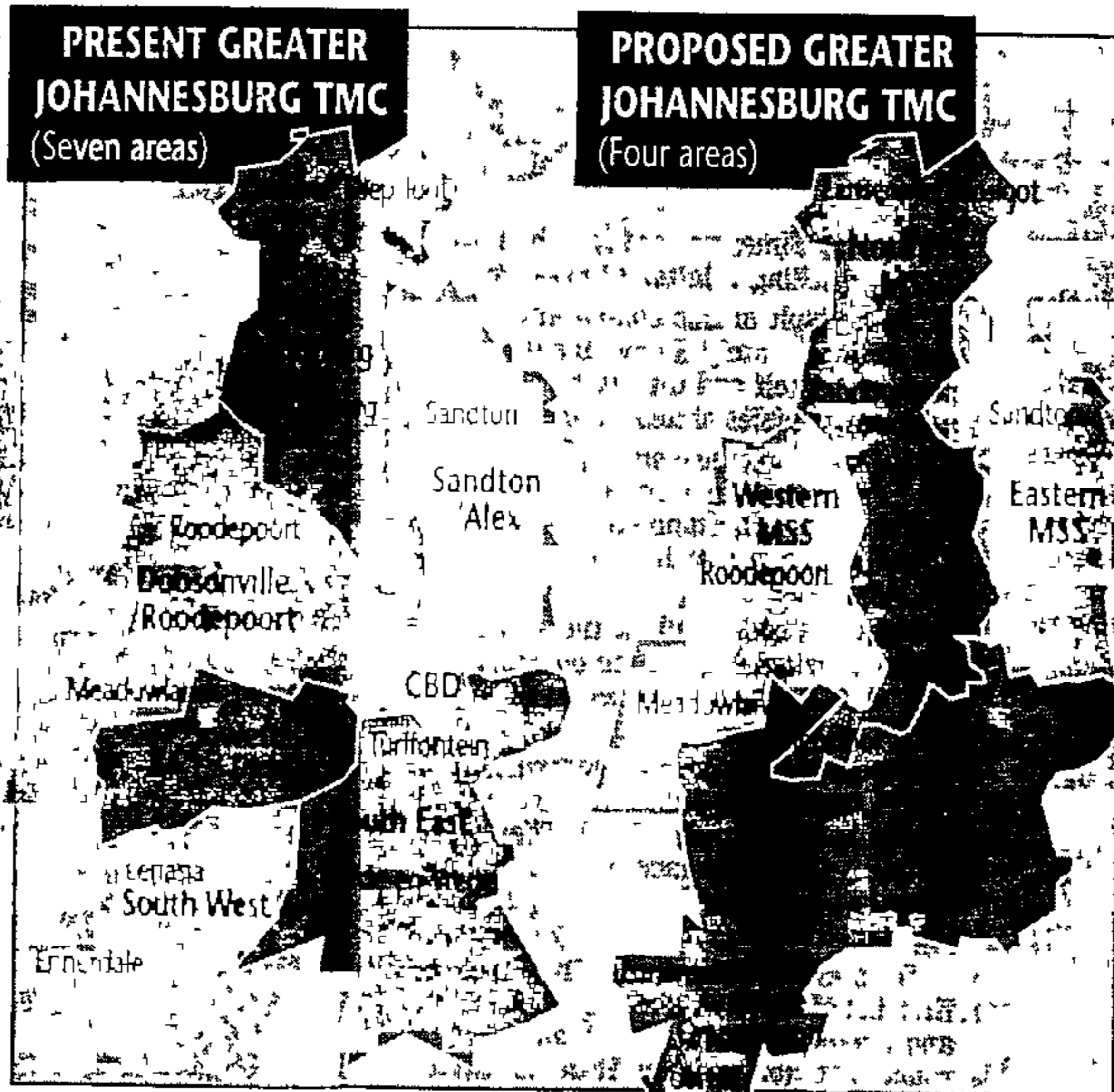
Mr Mofokeng maintains the seven-structure system isolates large parts of Soweto and creates financial, administrative and service imbalances.

He says the four-structure plan will result in a

Disputes over municipal boundaries in Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal and the Western Cape are threatening to hold up the local government elections. **ANDREW TRENCH, CYRIL MADLALA and KEN VERNON** report

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Areas dispute divides Jo'burg



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more equitable spread of resources in the area.

The DP claims his plan is a "cynical attempt to gerrymander" greater Johannesburg's borders to allow the ANC to control them after the election.

The opposition groups

also complain the agreement would negate the four years of talks leading to the seven-structure system.

But Mr Mofokeng says his opposition consists of those who wish to retain separate white areas

His arguments have not prevented a rebellion in the transitional metropolitan council against the Gauteng government.

During the most acrimonious debate the new council has experienced, opposition parties, led by

the DP, forced through a motion in which greater Johannesburg rejected Mr Mofokeng's plan and prepared to take court action if necessary.

The motion placed the ANC-dominated council in direct confrontation with the Gauteng administration.

The provincial committee also refused to ratify Mr Mofokeng's plan.

It has now been referred to an electoral court which has still to meet.

It is understood that talks are under way among parties in the transitional metropolitan council to try to reach agreement on a position which they can present to the electoral court to try to expedite proceedings.

But fears persist that the delays could force the local elections to be postponed. The wards cannot be demarcated until the dispute has been resolved.

Adding to the problem, the provincial committee has refused to approve a proposal by Mr Mofokeng for the allocation of seats in different areas.

This has also been referred to the electoral court, leading to further delays in the preparations for the local government elections.

CROSS-OVER 'THIN END OF WEDGE'

Top Nat defects to ANC

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"**THERE ARE** a lot of NP members out there — at the edges of the Rubicon" — defecting Nat Mr Lappe Laubscher claimed yesterday. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

FORMER Cape Town public relations consultant and sports journalist Mr Lappe Laubscher has caused a stir in the Greater Pretoria Transitional Metropolitan Council by defecting from the Nationalist Party and joining the ANC

His position as chief whip of the statutory component of the council makes it a coup for the ANC and their fellow non-statutory members, who described it as

the "thin edge of the wedge"

A buoyant Mr Laubscher, a former public relations consultant for Rembrandt in Stellenbosch, where he earned his degree, was a sports writer for the Rapport for 12 years and said yesterday "You can't be a rugby player and a sports journalist"

He was referring to the ANC "doing its damndest to govern the country with a partner who is their official opposition — an

untenable position not repeated anywhere in the world"

He said the NP claimed credit when things went right in governments of provincial unity and in the central government but would "have no part of it" when things went wrong

Mr Laubscher claims his close friends Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and Constitutional Assembly co-chairman Mr Leon Wessels would "dearly love" to emulate him

He challenged the ANC to change the constitution to enable

NP members at provincial and central level to cross the floor and "play a meaningful part"

(Any MPC or central MP who does so now must retire immediately)

"There are a lot of NP members out there at the edges of the Rubicon — I hope they realise the world will not tumble down — they can still be part of their heritage and contribute to a new and exciting South African future," Mr Laubscher said

Mr Meyer described defection rumours as "inconceivable and ignorant"

Leon spurs pay cuts for Gauteng legislators

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■ STAFF REPORTER

Gauteng cabinet meetings are getting to be an exercise in self-denial. Last week members voted to implement overdue pay cuts for the premier and all MECs and yesterday they decided they would have to forego any 1995/6 pay rise.

Both these belt-tightening measures have been preceded by verbal interventions by Democratic Party MPL Peter Leon in the Gauteng legislature.

On June 20, Leon revealed that pay cuts for premiers and MECs which the central government had recommended had not taken place. A week later the Gauteng cabinet decided to implement the cuts and backdate them to February 1, which President Nelson Mandela had recommended as the commencing date for reduced pay.

On Tuesday this week, Leon pointed out that the pay cuts had been implemented tardily and cabinet members were due to receive a "legally questionable" salary increase of 5% from July.

Within 24 hours of Leon's speech, the cabinet had decided that this year's increase was no longer on.

This means that MECs will soon be earning R344 100 a year (or 7,5% less than a year ago) and that the premier will be receiving R423 400 a year (or 10% less than this time last year).

"They will continue to draw their new — lower — salaries until further notice," the provincial government said.

Cabinet members have agreed to refund the six months overpayment over the next three months. Ordinary MECs will pay back R11 625, while Tokyo Sexwale will pay back R19 600.

Anger over councillors' expenses

By TROYE LUND (266)

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TMC councillor Liz Clogg

The Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council has set aside more than R2-million for food and recreation for councillors in its 1995/96 budget, angering members of the Gauteng legislature and some councillors

"We reject financial pleas from overcrowded, understaffed schools, but at the same time set aside over R2-million to feed and entertain TMC councillors," said

"We also see fit for R317 000 for flowers to adorn Johannesburg administration buildings

"Is over R1-million for entertainment and an R800 000 travel allocation for the executive committee members vital?" she asked.

"Our priorities weren't right in the previous dispensation, but they're certainly not right now"

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"Children are walking 15km to school, are not properly fed — but we have no money to spare to improve their education," said Clogg

She criticised the R900 000 budgeted for refreshments at committee meetings. The cheapest functions councillors will benefit from are tea parties at R53 a head. TMC councillor Harry Formanek supported Clogg and described R500 000 budgeted for hats, robes and regalia as "preposterous"

Peter Leon, DP member of Gauteng's provincial legislature, said entertaining guests was necessary and had to be accounted for, but believed TMC sums "had no place in SA's newly-fledged democracy"

He compared TMC allowances with the legislature's

Urged to save 10%

"We are extremely spartan, not even a biscuit with tea. Why can't TMC councillors pay for their own lunch? We pay for meals after meetings. It seems for these councillors nothing has changed from the old regime," said Leon.

In defence, NP TMC executive committee member Frans Lourens said total amounts provided for did not have to be spent — councillors had been urged to save 10% of all money set aside.

Johannesburg is the country's leading city and it is by the standard and professionalism of our conduct that we will get investment and attract other benefits to the region, he said.

Lourens said a "watchdog committee" would be established to analyse amounts requested for functions.

He was confident it would keep a close fiscal check and be able to intercept excessive expenditure. He invited "budget critics" to sit on this committee.

"It is very easy to pull any item on the budget up for criticism and demand it be cut. Figures have to be seen in context, they are for the whole metropole and the full amount does not have to be spent, and most likely will not be," he said.

Sit-ins pay off

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By JUSTICE MOHALE

SEVEN gruelling years of protest action paid off for former Soweto City Council workers this week when they were reinstated after being retrenched in 1988.

The workers had staged sit-ins and launched protests virtually every day at the council premises in Jabulani offices since the day of their retrenchment.

An agreement between the Transitional Metropolitan Council and the former Soweto Council resulted in the reinstatement

in January of 549 former employees who were among 600 sacked in 1988.

Among those reinstated this week were 63-year-old Elias Mosia and Ester Gwijini and Aaron Lebogo, both 60.

At the time of their retrenchment none of the workers received their pension funds.

"We knew that our resilience would some day pay off because we believed we were on the right cause," said Mosia.

Mosia, a father of five, said since the retrenchment he lived a miserable

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life as he could not feed his family properly. He said his children did not have steady employment, which is why he wanted his job back.

One of the protesters, Ernest Raiko, collapsed during the routine sit-in last week and later died.

Other casualties of the protest were twins Lindi and Lindiwe Madida, who were hospitalised in April. Lindi has since been reinstated.

Martha Shuping, executive member of the Soweto City Council Ex-Employees' committee, said she was glad the people had been re-employed.

Talks to resolve demarcation dispute

BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

Major political parties held top level talks this weekend in a new bid to resolve the Greater Johannesburg demarcation dispute

The issue is one of several demarcation disputes threatening to delay the November 1 local government elections

ANC, DP and NP representatives were locked in urgent talks until 2 30am on Friday and held weekend discussions in a bid to break the deadlock

At stake are the number of substructures within the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) after the elections.

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While party representatives negotiated seven substructures for the pre-interim phase until the elections, Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng has proposed four substructures for the interim period after the elections

But the provincial committee — a representative body of party members in the Gauteng Legislature — did not concur with the MEC's proposal and the matter has been referred to the Special Electoral Court

DP Gauteng legislature leader Peter Leon confirmed that the party had held discussions with the ANC on the issue

Discussions between the parties' provincial and council rep-

resentatives had centred on protecting the revenue base of the CBD as well as possibly increasing the number of wards in the metropolitan council, he said

"What the ANC didn't address was the number of (proposed) substructures. But, we appreciate the ANC approaching us my door is always open"

NP spokesman on local government and housing Johan Kilian said the NP and the DP and the NP and ANC had held talks late last week.

"All parties are committed at a top level to finding a solution. We are committed to try and save the day. At least we're talking to each other now," he said

Demarcation talks 'on track'

■ BY PAULA FRAY

Top level tripartite talks on the Greater Johannesburg demarcation dispute are producing results, according to Gauteng ANC secretary-general Paul Mashatile.

The talks are scheduled to continue tonight. (266)

Mashatile said the around-the-clock talks ending at 2.30am on Friday had resolved differences regarding Midrand and the number of seats for each of the transitional councils in the province.

He refuted NP accusations that the ANC was blowing "hot and cold" over the issue after cancelling a Saturday night meeting. Stan 11/7/95

He said the talks had been an ANC initiative and although it had agreed to meet on Saturday the party had to postpone in order to report back to its full provincial executive on Sunday.

Yesterday, the NP questioned the ANC's motives in first "saying it is urgent and then seeming to drag their feet".

NP local government spokesman Johan Kilian said the ANC had failed to turn up for talks on Saturday and had called to post-

pone the meeting 45 minutes after the scheduled start.

DP spokesman Peter Leon said there had been a "deafening silence" from the ANC after last week's rush to talk.

However, he stressed that while they appreciated the ANC's initiative, the DP was insistent that talks looked at "the number of substructures in Greater Johannesburg's TMC".

Mashatile said the ANC was prepared to get the dispute resolved so that it did not need to go to the Demarcation Board. This, he said, would depend on what happened at tonight's meeting.

Meanwhile, a date for the Special Electoral Court hearing on the issue is expected to be set only once all parties have sent in their submissions. A provincial official yesterday confirmed a date had not yet been set.

But time is running out for Gauteng's election preparations as the wards and seats have to be formally proclaimed by next Tuesday. Already, the July 4 deadline for the Demarcation Board to submit its report on ward delimitation has passed with the dispute unresolved.

Second housing bureau

■ BY BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

The transfer of state-owned houses in the Vaal area was put in motion yesterday when Gauteng MEC for housing Dan Mofokeng launched the second housing bureau in the region.

The first claim for home-ownership was submitted to the Lekoa/Vaal housing bureau which will transfer approximately 17 000 houses in Sebokeng, Boipatong, Tshirela and Bopelong.

This follows last month's launch of the Krugersdorp bureau which has to transfer 4 000 state-owned houses.

Speaking at the launch, Mofokeng said the housing bureaux would also be responsible for mediating on disputes related to home-ownership.

Mofokeng reiterated the Government's commitment to deliver houses to the community, adding that the community was also expected to assist in the transfer of ownership.

"Our right as Government is to make decisions, make laws and policies. Our responsibility is to deliver and ensure that there are health, education,

housing and economic opportunities for people," he said.

A R7 500 discount is offered to residents who claim home-ownership through the bureau.

The discount differs from the government subsidy as it assists residents to acquire the state-owned rental homes but does not help them to buy a new home, said Mofokeng.

Only residents who lived in low-priced houses and who moved in before July 1983 could claim ownership and get free transfer of their homes.

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Claims

However, residents who wished to take ownership of houses rented after July 1983 would get the R7 500 discount but would also have to pay the balance of the house's value. Such tenants could apply for the mortgage loan or pay off the house in instalments.

Mofokeng said the discount did not apply to residents who had already taken transfer.

Claims should be made within three months of the opening of the local bureau and every claim will be investigated through a public process.

Dispute for court

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER
CITY REPORTER

The Electoral Court will be faced with the task of ending the bitter demarcation dispute on municipal boundaries in Greater Johannesburg which political parties failed to resolve this week.

Both the ANC and NP have refused to review positions adopted earlier this week — the ANC's twice-modified three-substructure model, and the NP's altered four-substructure proposal — and the NP announced yesterday it was preparing a submission to the court.

The deadline for submissions to the court is tomorrow and both parties are working furiously to meet the date.

NP Gauteng leader Olaus van Zyl said yesterday that local elections would not be jeopardised if the court began hearings soon after this deadline.

He reacted strongly to the ANC's accusation that the NP had backed away from its own four-model plan. "The document referred to was no more than a sketch for discussion which both parties were to take back to their constituencies for investigation."

Van Zyl said the ANC's four-model plan had been based on political considerations, not practical ones.

At a later conference yesterday, ANC Gauteng secretary-general Paul Mashatile said the ANC remained committed to finding a solution with the NP.

"We reiterate our belief that the date for the November Local Government elections is cast in stone and no attempts at derailing preparations must be allowed to succeed."

He said the ANC's proposal remained the only viable option to ensure better local governance.

Jo'burg council staff get pay rise

JOHANNESBURG — Authorities have agreed to a minimum wage of R1 500 and pay increases of between six and 12 per cent from July 1. (266)

The greater Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council said yesterday the new wage structure, reached after eight weeks of negotiations with labour unions, would cost about R165 million.

The unions initially demanded a 15 per cent increase, which the council said would have cost R231 million.

Negotiators agreed to refer the transfer from pension to provident funds and the lowering of employees' pensionable age to a task team for investigation.

A process to address pay parity would be immediately implemented.

Salary increases ranged from six per cent for employees earning more than R11 000 a month to 12 percent for those earning between R1 340 and R2 500.

The agreement would be referred to the interim industrial council for ratification, the council said. Sapa

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Angry councillors talk up R62-a-head appetite

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CHERYL HUNTER
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Greater Johannesburg Council has approved a budget of more than R1 million for its "civic entertainment" before erupting into an argument about the cost of its numerous "finger-lunches".

The budget was agreed by all in spite of severe criticism in newspapers about the large sum — increased by R300 000 from last year.

Furious Democratic Party councillors who were quoted as criticising the budget refused to eat their words and came under fire from other councillors.

A heated debate followed while councillors accused colleagues of hypocrisy — voicing complaints about

the budget yet being in frequent attendance at functions where meals were served. One councillor referred to another as the "inventor of finger-lunches".

The budget specifies that R306 900 be paid to the chairman of the Transitional Metropolitan Council for expenses, including buying mementoes and gifts for cities which may be visited and functions for international guests.

The cheapest functions as outlined by the executive committee's report are cocktail parties which cost R50 a head for 40 people.

The argument seemed to stimulate council appetites and the meeting closed for an elaborate lunch.

According to their own report, the lunch probably cost R62 a head.

Public servants 'not doing people a favour'

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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Gauteng government is beginning to assert its presence in central Johannesburg

Yesterday the province's director-general Vincent Mntambo unveiled a large sign bearing the provincial coat of arms on the external wall of 30 Simmonds Street

The symbol — a shield, topped by a crown and flanked by two "lions rampant" — lends an official air to the otherwise anonymous Gauteng HQ

Addressing about 100 head office staffers, Mntambo said symbols were a fine way of promoting identity but "the true character of our government is contained in the people who stand here today"

In all walks of life, the public, experienced government Courtesy, efficiency and willingness to work "well beyond the sunset hour" when necessary were what he expected of provincial workers, Mntambo said

"We, as public servants, cannot continue to operate as though we are doing the public a favour"

The influx of an additional 3 000 provincial employees to Johannesburg is expected to gain momentum in the next few weeks

Transfers

According to Lentswe la Gauteng, the internal newspaper of the provincial public service, provincial staff who are based in Pretoria should know by August whether they will be required to transfer to Johannesburg

Provincial management has reached agreement with the unions about travel allowances payable to workers who will have to commute between Johannesburg and Pretoria for a period after job relocation

The Star understands that an amount of R150 a month will be paid out to each worker for up to nine months. Thereafter, if the worker fails to move home to Johannesburg, travel costs become his or her own concern

Overall, the establishment of Gauteng HQ in Johannesburg is expected to cost about R30-million

The Department of State Expenditure had been approached to help cover costs, Mntambo said



A sign of government . . . Gauteng director-general Vincent Mntambo outside the easy-to-spot provincial HQ.

PICTURE ANDREAS VLACHAKIS

Soweto Nats do the two-step

By WALLY MBHELE

THE DISPUTE over boundaries for the Metropolitan Substructures took a strange turn this week when four black National Party councillors serving in the Western (Soweto) MSS were nearly fired for opposing their party's regional position

The four councillors - including Soweto's deputy mayor, Vronda Banda - took everyone by surprise when they voted along with the ANC councillors for the four-member MSS. The NP demands a three-member MSS.

The NP councillor's vote for the ANC angered their regional negotiators who summoned them to a meeting on Thursday

where they were "reprimanded" and forced to reverse their "embarrassing" decision

The continuing demarcation dispute in Gauteng, the Western Cape and Kwa-Zulu/Natal may force local government elections to be postponed in these provinces if they are not resolved in time for the November 1 election.

The Kwa-Zulu/Natal ANC staged a walkout this week from a Greater Durban Metropolitan council meeting because of the continuing impasse while the Western Cape premier, Hernus Kriel, said he was considering taking the dispute in his province to the Constitutional Court.

The Gauteng cabinet has re-

ferred the logjam to the Special Electoral Court which will make a final decision on August 3

President Mandela has hinted at the possibility of postponing the election in the three affected provinces if demarcation disputes are not resolved

The NP's vote in Soweto this week has been seen as giving the ANC powerful ammunition against the NP negotiators in submissions to the Special Electoral Court in Bloemfontein

NP councillors who supported the ANC during the council vote told City Press they had supported the four-member MSS model because if Soweto was part of the central business district, the sprawling township would become economically viable

"We thought the four-model system will spread the budget equally according to the needs and aspirations of the people of Soweto," said the councillors.

At Thursday's meeting, City Press was told, the councillors were instructed to issue a statement reversing their decision as it had embarrassed the party

Subsequent to the meeting, councillor Thandi Msimanga issued a statement saying "The Soweto NP confirms their support for the National Party position of a three-member MSS"

The ANC said the vote by the Soweto NP councillors and their sudden "hauling into a meeting by their regional bosses shows the NP is not speaking on behalf of its Soweto constituency".

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The great Jo'burg carve up

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The Special Electoral Court sits tomorrow to hear oral evidence from various parties in the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC) as well as the Gauteng government on how the area should be carved up.

There are also as many views on whether the TMC can produce the logistical and political miracle needed to hold elections on the designated day as there are submissions for the court to consider

There are three major models on the table: Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng's four substructures, the NP's three substructures (originally proposed by the PAC) and the existing seven substructures' model which is supported by the DP and its allies

All parties expect a quick decision from the court to enable the preparations for the elections to unfold. Once the number of metropolitan substructures (MSS) has been resolved, wards must be drawn up, candidates nominated and the final voters' roll - already late - signed

Gauteng has drawn up a revised timeframe for Greater Johannesburg to meet the November elections but while the process seems simple, it needs political agreement and intense planning

This has already begun and

THE future of Greater Johannesburg's internal boundaries will be decided by a special electoral court tomorrow, writes Paula Fray

most parties have started calling for names for a candidates list which can only be finalised once wards have been demarcated

NP TMC leader Theuns Oosthuizen said the party supported three substructures as its main concern was service delivery. This model meant existing administrations were left intact

He said the model was supported by the PAC, ACDP and Sofasonke parties

As a political party, the NP was ready for early elections. Logistically, the date was still possible for Greater Johannesburg "if we still believe in miracles .. yes"

PAC TMC caucus head Bonga Majola said the party had initially proposed three MSSs last year and it still supported this model although it thought the four-part model was also viable in the long term

"In drawing up the three sub-

structure model, we took into account that, as a result of the old order, the metropole had been highly unevenly developed and that the economic weaknesses in the new order had been inherited

"To reverse this there needs to be sustained programme through integrated planning. Therefore, you cannot have a fragmented administration but have to take into account the entire inter-linked system and existing infrastructure," said Majola.

He said nearly all political parties were ready for a November 1 elections. "However we are already running late"

Majola stressed that Greater Johannesburg, as the economic heart of the country, could not afford mistakes in its handling of the elections

"The purpose of these elections is to give local government legitimacy," he noted

Sias Reyneke said the DP, along with major business groups and the Liberal Alliance, supported the existing seven MSS model

"All the other options are simply going to kill the CBD. They deny its role as the joint asset and responsibility of the TMC and place the CBD under the control of various MSSs which have different interests at heart"

Furthermore, the large structures were not conducive to local government being closer to the

people, said Reyneke

"I don't believe it is in the interest of anyone to delay the elections," he said, "(but) it was left too late"

IFP caucus leader Gerda Bekker said the party was not supporting any model. "Most, if not all, of these parties are using the demarcation issue to score political points and promote their self-interests"

Bekker said Greater Johannesburg was one metropolitan area and therefore the inner boundaries should be depoliticised

ANC caucus leader Collin Matjila said the party supported the MEC's four substructure model. "It has lots of advantages. It makes service provision very cost effective. It augurs well for administrative restructuring, it complies with the Local Government Transition Act and it addresses the question of integration"

Matjila believes Greater Johannesburg is on track for November 1. "We have already put into place the necessary organisation to enable us to proceed smoothly"

"There are no logistical problems, there are just procedures which have to be considered. The timeframes are clearly set out. Once the court has reached a decision, the process can unfold"

Border talks deadlocked

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LEGAL representatives for the main parties involved in the Greater Johannesburg ward demarcation dispute have failed to reach agreement, thereby obliging the special Electoral Court to rule on the matter.

Appeal Court Judge John Smallberger yesterday urged the parties to try to reach agreement because the matter was complex and threatened to derail plans for the local government elections on November 1.

However, Gauteng premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale's legal representative Mr Robert Wise said the case would have to continue. Arguing for a four substructure model, Wise said it was the preferable option in bridging the gap

between apartheid-based demarcation and the new government's racially integrated structure. It would allow all Johannesburg residents to share equally in resources, make service delivery more efficient and bring about a balanced voter distribution.

The model would preserve existing services like that of Randburg and Sandton by keeping those administrations intact. Wise urged the judges to give preference to the premier's proposed model should they find two models to be equally appropriate.

His request was based on the fact that the premier was a democratically elected official. The four substructure model includes parts of Soweto in the

northern substructure, and Johannesburg's central business district in the southern substructure. Mr Sias Reyneke, for the Democratic Party and businesses, argued for the seven substructure model which was already in place to be retained.

He said the joint negotiating committee representing the seven substructures had already decided on issues such as resource allocation, staff requirements and service provision.

These decisions would have been a waste of time if another model was chosen. Reyneke agreed that overcoming racial discrimination enshrined in the former Group Areas Act was important. — Sapa

Demarcation

in a wrangle

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BY PAULA FRAY
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Greater Johannesburg's Transitional Metropolitan Council had failed to take off in its present form of seven substructures, executive committee deputy chairman Yacoob Makda told the Special Electoral Court yesterday.

"We cannot make it work it has too many inherent problems," said Makda, adding that the TMC had failed to get off the ground in the past seven months, during which time 1 000 staffers had resigned.

An NP councillor, Makda was speaking in support of three metropolitan substructures (MSSs) for Greater Johannesburg after the November 1 elections. The model is supported by the NP, African Christian Democratic Party, PAC and Sefasonke Party.

Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale has submitted a four-MSS model — supported by the ANC alliance — while the DP and some ratepayers' groups support the existing seven MSSs.

The matter was referred to the Special Electoral Court after the provincial committee failed to

concur on the provincial model submitted by Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng.

At the close of yesterday's session, court chairman Mr Justice John Smallberger made a renewed plea for the various parties to attempt to reach a settlement.

Council officials have admitted that unless a resolution is found by early next week, the region will not meet the poll deadline.

During submissions on how many municipal areas Greater Johannesburg should be carved up into, judges Ismail Mahomed, John Diddcott and Piet van der Walt and advocate Jan Hennis often cut through arguments with biting observations.

Appearing for Gauteng, Robert Wise, SC, noted that the elimination of old group areas was one of the paramount issues at stake.

The four-MSS model complied with local government legislation. Unlike the three and four-MSS models, which incorporate the CBD into the Southern MSS, the seven-MSS model makes the area a separate entity.

In his submission on behalf of DP provincial committee representative Ian Davidson, advocate



Holding sway . . . a woman dances as the ANC Women's League protests in Johannesburg in support of the ANC's demarcation proposals yesterday. PICTURE THYS DULLAART

Sias Reyneke said the TMC's executive committee had agreed that the CBD should stay where it is.

This substructure brought in up to 85% of the TMC's revenue and should therefore be regarded

as "not just an asset of the metropolitan but of South Africa".

However, Judge Mahomed noted that the areas south of the CBD were poor. "There is a north which is rich and a south which

is poor — poor which is black and rich which is white."

In a demonstration outside the Rand Supreme Court, the SA Municipal Workers' Union pledged support for the four-MSS model

Court hears boundary dispute

Mduduzi ka Harvey
and Deborah Fine

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WHILE the Special Electoral Court was hearing its first case yesterday — the Johannesburg boundary dispute — stakeholders such as Gauteng housing MEC Dan Mofokeng and Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council (TMC) executive committee chairman Colin Matjila agreed to abide by the court's ruling.

Thus followed intimations by SA Municipal Workers' Union president Petrus Mashishi and Cosatu regional chairman Velaphi Mkosi that their organisations could resort to "pressure" if the court did not rule for the ANC's proposed four metropolitan substructures model.

Mashishi told about 1 500 supporters outside the Rand Supreme Court: "A court decision will not change our minds."

"We will dismantle all apartheid structures and make sure we get four substructures," he said.

Mkosi said while Cosatu would "respect" the court decision, the ruling "would not be the end" but part of a continuing process "until we achieve four substructures".

Meanwhile stakeholders presented their submissions to the court after failure by the provincial committee, the demarcation

board and political parties to agree on the city's inner boundaries.

Central to the argument for a four-substructure model proposed by Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale and Mofokeng was whether Sexwale had acted lawfully by endorsing the plan after the provincial committee failed to agree.

Advocate Dikgang Mosenke, for the ANC, asked the court to give more weight to Sexwale's model, because the provincial committee had failed to propose an alternative model.

Advocate Stas Reyneke for the DP, which wants a seven-substructure model, said for a balance of power to be maintained between TMC and substructures, the CBD had to be separate.

The DP plan entailed TMC control of levies and taxes under a single valuation roll, in turn allowing proper policy and planning controls.

NP councillor Jakob Makda said if a seven-substructure plan could work, it would be working now, but presently it had no powers and functions. The NP plan for three strong and independent substructures would ensure service delivery.

Sexwale urged political parties to respect the hearing's outcome, and have the political will to implement the decision.

ANC and ANC Women's League members gathered outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday where the Electoral Court will make a ruling regarding the demarcation of Greater Johannesburg

Picture ROBERT BOTHA



Ward disputes continue

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JOHAN F. BURG, legal representative for the party involved in the Cape Cod town dispute, filed for a writ of mandamus to obtain the Electoral Court to rule on the matter.

Appeal Court Judge John Smallberger issued the writ yesterday to try to reach a decision on the matter threatened to derail local government election plans for September.

But County Premier Mr. Robert Weiss said the

could be a continuation of the same model. Mr. Weiss said it could allow all towns to have equal resources and bring about a balanced distribution.

Mr. Smallberger for the party and by the court ruled on the case. The structure model which was adopted in place to be retained. A decision had already been made on resource allocation, staff requirements and other provisions. The

TOKYO WINS Battle for New borders

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By TROYE LUND

The ANC and the premier of Gauteng, Tokyo Sexwale, won their battle to divide Greater Johannesburg into four municipal substructures (MSSs) yesterday.

The five judges sitting in the Special Electoral Court ruled unanimously in favour of the plan. A packed public gallery erupted in jubilation.

The Democratic Party, which wanted to keep the existing seven-MSS plan, has opposed the move.

It is thought likely that the ANC will win electoral majorities in all four areas, and that it may gain an 84% majority on the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC).

Advocate Sias Reyneke, who presented the DP's argument, said the plan favoured disadvantaged communities to the detriment of economic growth.

"But it is not the end of the world," he said, confident a metropolitan system of government can still be achieved.

The carving up of Greater Johannesburg was referred to the court when Gauteng's provincial committee and its premier could not agree on how many local councils would best achieve reconstruction and economic growth for the region.

At a press conference after the judgment, Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng said "The impartial tongue of the law has spoken. After all the accusations about the ANC

Tokyo Sexwale's 4 MSS plan

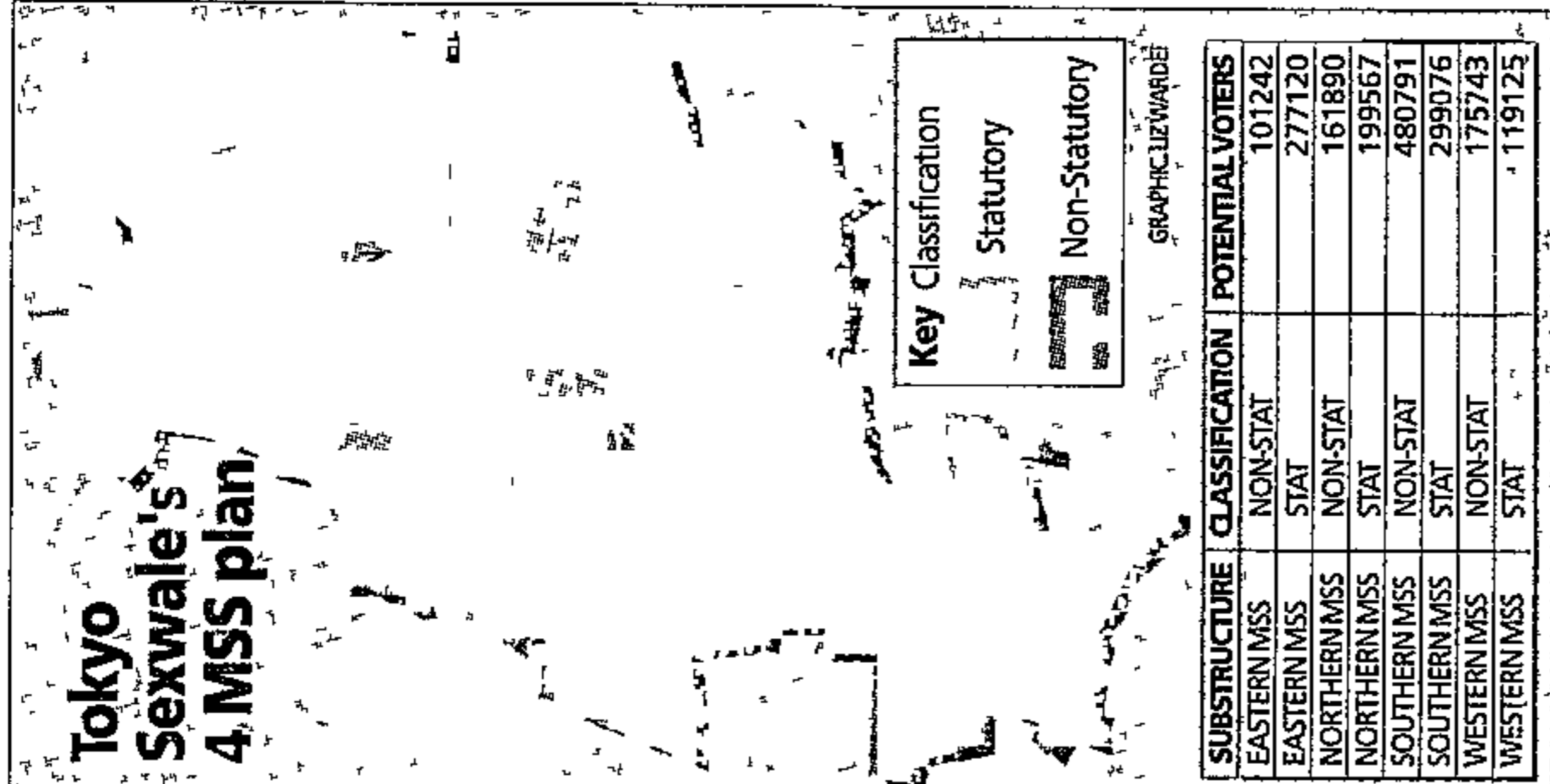
nation of old group areas. The existing seven-MSS plan, favoured by the DP, would not integrate races nor address the inequalities between them.

To divide the metropole into three MSSs, as proposed by the NP, ACDP, PAC and Sofasonke Party, was more viable than seven but not better than four. Judge Smallberger's main reason for disregarding three MSSs was that such a plan would combine Sandton and Randburg, two established working municipalities.

The DP argument for Johannesburg's CBD to be a separate MSS in order to retain its economic muscle was not relevant, the judge said. He found a separate CBD would allow a handful of voters, most of them businesspeople who did not live in the CBD, to make decisions that affected the whole metropole.

Mofokeng said he was pleased with the court's decision, not for narrow political reasons, but because it would benefit the people of Gauteng.

"It will lead to a balanced voter distribution between former black and white areas. It keeps a functioning and effective administration in each MSS - Randburg, Sandton, Johannesburg and Roodepoort. Each substructure will have a rates base and effective resources. And no substructure can dominate the other," Mofokeng said. Each administration had a former township to upgrade.



gerrymandering and making maps without expert studies, it is clear who the lions really were. But it is up to all of us to obey, abide by and implement this decision as we move forward to the local government election. We will knock sense into anyone who tries to stop elections."

In his brief judgment, chairman of the court, Mr Justice John Smallberger, said the four-MSS plan addressed the paramount issue at stake - the elimi-

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Most of all, he said, this meant prosperity and development for Gauteng and the smashing down of the barriers of the past.

Mofokeng said delivery of services was a priority and all problems that had been cited by opposing parties would be seriously considered.

"But no longer can one area enjoy top-class services while another area goes with none. We must give areas equal services. We have to redress the imbalances of the past," said Mofokeng.

As Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed noted during the hearing, "There is a north which is rich and a south which is poor. (a) poor which is black and rich which is white."

Sexwale said "Now it is all systems go for the local elections."

He has instructed the demarcation board to begin deciding on ward boundaries on Monday.

Mofokeng said the lesson to learn from the past dispute was that it did not pay to oppose and suggest foul play just because the majority party opposed the idea.

"A neutral body has decided on the best plan," he said.

Jo'burg all set for boundary reshuffle

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■ BY PAULA FRAY
CITY EDITOR

On the morning after the November 1 local government elections, Pimville residents will wake up in Greater Randburg, CBD residents in Greater Soweto, and Meadowlands residents in Greater Roodepoort.

Former Johannesburg residents in Melville will move from their temporary "home" in Roodepoort/Dobsonville to Greater Randburg. Only Greater Sandton residents will stay put.

It's not the Great Trek, merely the implementation of Greater Johannesburg's new internal boundaries to create municipal areas for the metropohtan.

The Special Electoral Court last week decided in favour of Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale's model of four metropolitan substructures (MSS) for Greater Johannesburg.

These are

■ The Northern MSS (about 360 000 voters), which incorporates, among others, Randburg, Diepsloot, Nietgedacht, Emarentia, Northcliff, Parkhurst, Linden, Westdene, Melville, Auckland Park, Coronationville, Riverlea, Orlando East, Diep-

kloof and Pimville into one municipal area.

■ The Eastern MSS (about 380 000 voters), which retains its old boundaries to include Sandton and Alexandra.

■ The Western MSS (about 295 000 voters), which has a reduced area of responsibility, but includes Meadowlands West into Roodepoort, along with Dobsonville.

■ The Southern MSS (about 770 000 voters), which represents the biggest changes by amalgamating the old Western, CBD, South Western and South Eastern sub-substructures. While it incorporates the prized Johannesburg central business district, it loses Diepmeadow, Orlando East and Pimville, and receives an increased constituency from the previous South Eastern and South Western substructures.

The boundaries will come into effect after the elections and will remain in place during the interim period during which South Africa's constitution will be finalised. The next national elections are expected to take place before 1999.

Gauteng Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng

believes the new internal boundaries for Greater Johannesburg will lead to the development of a "dynamic and integrated post-apartheid city which brings together the rich north and the poor south".

Mofokeng listed the advantages of the four substructure model as:

■ It would lead to a balanced voter distribution between former black and white areas.

■ It keeps a functioning and effective administration in each of the four substructures (Randburg, Johannesburg, Sandton and Roodepoort).

■ It requires that each administration take responsibility for upgrading former townships.

■ It gives each substructure a rates base and effective resources with which to work.

■ It ensures no substructure can dominate the other.

■ It will lead to effective metropolitan government.

The Demarcation Board has already begun work on the boundaries for wards within each substructure, and it is expected to have its proposals ready by August 18 for the Gauteng cabinet to consider.

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Demarcation model shown

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BY PAULA FRAY

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The Gauteng cabinet will review final ward demarcation proposals for Greater Johannesburg tomorrow.

The demarcation board's hearings were completed in Braamfontein yesterday and various proposals discussed.

Demarcation board acting chairman Mavela Dlamini said the board would meet with provincial officials prior to cabinet discussions.

Tony Thompson, elections preparations project manager for Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council, presented the four-substructure ward demarcation model. Consensus on some proposals had already been reached before yesterday, where alternative submissions on demarcation within the statutory halves of the Northern, Southern and Western substructures were made.

On the basis of a voting population of 1,81-million, Greater Johannesburg's four substructures will have 220 seats collectively. Of these, 60% (132) will be filled by ward representatives and 40% (88) by proportionally elected representatives.

The breakdown of wards is as follows:

■ Northern MSS (Greater Randburg): 50 seats of which 30 are for wards and 20 for proportional representation;

■ Eastern MSS (Greater Sandton): 60 seats of which 36 are for wards and 24 are proportional representation;

■ Western MSS (Greater Roodepoort): 40 seats of which 24 will represent wards and 16 are for proportional representation;

■ Southern MSS (Greater Soweto/Johannesburg) 70 seats of which 42 are wards and 28 proportional representation.

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Bar council is heading north

BY TAMSEN DE BEER

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The Johannesburg Bar Council has voted overwhelmingly in favour of establishing an arbitration and consultation facility in the northern suburbs.

The Society of Advocates in

the city decided last week to set up consultation rooms in Sandton to "provide easier access to counsel by those who need legal advice", according to council chairman Michael Kuper.

The Bar will, however, retain its presence in the CBD

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TMC freeze will 'cripple' Gauteng

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By TROYE LUND
and KURT SWART

The Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council has frozen some key decision-making activities until after the local government elections - a decision that businessmen say will cost Gauteng millions of rands.

The TMC has decided to halt the activities of 16 specialist working committees and to reduce decision-making bodies until the new councils are up and running.

The TMC executive committee decided on the "temporary paralysis" on Thursday but did not immediately announce the decision.

It expected the new body to be "functioning as normally as possible" by the end of January next year. The step was taken to allow councillors to start canvassing for the November 1 local government election.

Businessmen, astounded at the decision, said city government would come to a complete standstill.

The 16 "Section 59 committees" include a team of experts who advise the TMC on matters such as engineering services,

budgets and finance and human resources. They are each headed by a member of the TMC executive committee.

Both the Town Planning Tribunal and the Tenders Committee, which have decision-making powers, will continue at a "greatly reduced rate" until new structures are in place.

South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) spokesman Brian Kirchmann said: "This holds enormous implications for developers who have millions at stake and who have operations depending on council's approval to go ahead."

He condemned the move as "adding fuel to the fire", saying that industry had already been held up by delays caused by Gauteng's local government transition process.

Businessmen were infuriated at the council's decision.

"The city will come to a standstill for months. These committees run Johannesburg and include planning, transportation, housing, parks and recreation," said a leading property developer.

"Anything that needs a decision from the council, like a road closure, a sewer line, or a new

bus stop will be on hold. All applications - for subdivisions or rezonings, will have to wait until after the elections, because there will be no-one to send them to. This will mean an enormous backlog, which will cost millions. It is an amazing situation," he added.

TMC executive committee member Theuns Oosthuizen said there would be drawbacks for business but was convinced local authorities and their administration would not stop functioning.

"We will try and limit the impact as much as possible. The acting executive officers will have power to continue with day-to-day procedures. But as soon as something is out of the ordinary and raises difficulty that is not dealt with by existing policy, no-one will be able to deal with it until the next council has formulated the necessary policy," said Oosthuizen. The step was "unfortunate but necessary."

Kirchmann, however, was adamant: "A new council should not hinder business. Everything should continue as normal and the new authority just take over where the old one left off."

Proclamation not cast in stone

By PAULA FRAY
and TROYE LUND

A proclamation that heralds a dramatic power shift from the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council to its substructures is not cast in stone and could still be changed, it emerged yesterday.

The premier's Proclamation 35, backed up by the publishing yesterday of the proclamation of the local authorities for the post-election period, allocates Schedule 2 powers (previously given to regional services councils) to the metropolitan councils - effectively reducing the TMC to a co-ordinating body

The substructures are given all local government powers and duties

"The Greater Johannesburg TMC is the only metropole that has held all the power. This devolution puts us in line with the rest - Vaal, Pretoria and North-East Rand," said Gauteng NP provincial committee member Frans Lourens, who slammed those opposing the proclamation as wanting a mega-city to control

Some smaller parties and ratepayers' groups have welcomed the proclamation as a step towards "putting local government in the hands of the people who pay for it"

Though Greater Johannesburg has been known to be divided over the issue of allocated powers, executive committee chairman Collin Matjila did not elaborate, saying only that "the premier's proclamation is law and the GJTMC is bound by legislation legally enacted"

Asked to comment on allegations that reluctance to devolve power to the substructures was the result of "empire-building" by some Johannesburg officials and TMC politicians, Matjila said he was unaware of these allegations.

A Gauteng spokesman said yesterday the functions and powers allocated in Proclama-

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South Western council wants former committee members prosecuted

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Johannesburg's South-Western local authority wants the Witwatersrand Attorney-General to review his decision not to prosecute five former members of the Lenasia South-east Management Committee

The five were dismissed in February last year after a commission of inquiry found they had abused their positions

Committee former chairman Thru Chetty was found to be

responsible for theft, nepotism and corruption, the commission said

So were other management committee members Ally Khan, Bala Naidoo, Ganas Naicker and Mathivan Ramsamy

At its meeting last week, the local authority passed a motion asking the greater Johannesburg authorities take up the matter with the Attorney-General

Pretoria confident despite dented profit

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By ROY COKAYNE

PRETORIA BUSINESS EDITOR

There are signs of increasing confidence in the economy of the greater Pretoria area, but also clear indications of a reduction in the disposable income of consumers, according to a new survey

The profitability of businesses was deteriorating as a result and a degree of negativity about future profitability could be detected among a significant percentage of the survey respondents, said Deon van Zyl of the department of economics at the Pretoria Technikon

The survey is the 18th undertaken by the department, in conjunction with the Pretoria Chamber of

Business, to determine the state of the economy of the area

Van Zyl said the profitability of businesses in Pretoria was not rosy and 65 percent of respondents had indicated that their profit had remained static or declined during the past six months

"The expectation of the majority — 57 percent — is that this situation will continue," he said.

However, the inventory levels of respondents indicated that short-term confidence in Pretoria's economy had maintained its positive trend. This had also been noticed in the survey conducted in September last year, said Van Zyl

"Almost 45 percent of respondents reported that they had a larg-

er inventory than at the beginning of the year. One out of five respondents also indicated they planned to increase their inventory levels further in the short term," he said.

But a contrary trend noticed was that some respondents had their eye on inflation and were investing cash in stock

With regard to sales, Van Zyl said more than half of the respondents had reported an increase in turnover during the past year while only 18 percent had experienced a drop in turnover

Future expectations were also generally positive, with 65 percent of respondents expecting that the situation would improve in the short term, he said

Local government candidates in a tiff

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■ BY SHIRLEY WOODGATE

The gloves are off in Midrand where prospective local government election candidates traded words last week, well ahead of nomination day on September 22.

Independent candidate Patrick Kaye who plans to stand in Ward 1 (Kyalami/Crowthorne) accused Community Action Party (CAP) representative and Midrand councillor Athol Franz of threatening him while he was collecting signatures to support his candidature.

"He warned me that things could get nasty if I continued with my campaign as an independent," Kaye said.

Franz confirmed he was unhappy about Kaye's participation in

the election because he threatened to split the vote between a CAP and an ANC candidate, both with long histories of serving the community.

"Kaye made promises about housing and schooling that only a billionaire could fulfil. But CAP candidates under the non-party political banner of CAP previously worked together on the council to achieve great progress.

"I warned him not to make empty promises and questioned why he had not been involved in community affairs before and why he was now coming in with a Rambo-style operation," Franz said.

Nominations for local government candidates close on Monday, and nomination day is on September 22.

Posts 'set up to block minorities'

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Mduduzi ka Harvey

BY APPOINTING the greater Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council's executive committee from an ANC/NP-driven list of nominations, the council had acted in a majoritarian manner, the Johannesburg Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Former Federal Party leader Frances Kendall wants the court to declare the appointments invalid and has asked for an order setting aside the election. She has also asked for an order calling for a fresh election to appoint an executive committee.

Kendall's advocate, Norman Davis, said all council stakeholders should have been afforded an opportunity to present lists councillors would vote on. This, he said, would have been the hallmark of proportional representation as envisaged by the Electoral Act.

Kendall alleged the ANC/NP appointment of the executive committee

had been planned by the parties to ensure that minority parties were not represented at executive committee level.

Davis said that for the court to gain insight and to form its own opinion on whether proper election procedures had been followed, experts would have to be called in.

He contended that defence counsel had failed to bring the necessary experts to direct the court to a correct decision on questions falling within this specialised field.

The inference that no expert could be found to support the position of the respondents could be drawn because they had failed to secure expert witnesses, even after consulting two experts, he said.

Although the defence had promised to make available documents proving that proper proportional representation procedures had been followed, they had failed to do this.

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Von Lieres to defend IFP accused

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■ STAFF REPORTER

The case of five IFP and KwaZulu Police members accused of hit squad activities is likely to see a range of high-ranking individuals, including former defence minister Magnus Malan, being called to testify in the Durban Regional Court.

Malan, former chief of the Defence Force General Kat Liebenberg, and former KwaZulu police commissioner General Mac Buchner could be called as witnesses.

Former Witwatersrand attorney-general Klaus von Lieres is defending the five. He made his first appearance as the counsel for the accused yesterday when the five appeared briefly in court.

He quit his job as attorney-general this year for health reasons.

But his resignation came at the same time as his involvement in a dispute with Witwatersrand reporting officer Jan Munnik, who accused Von Lieres of blocking access to dockets. Von Lieres was then admitted to the Johannesburg Bar.

He is defending IFP deputy secretary-general Zakhele Khumalo and KwaZulu policemen Peter Msane, Sicelo Ndlovu, Prince Mkhize and Martin Khanyile, who were arrested in connection with the alleged hit squad murder of 13 people, including women and children, in 1987 at Kwa-Makhuthu on the South Coast.

TMC executive is tackled in court

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■ BY HOPEWELL RADEBE

Former Federal Party leader Frances Kendall yesterday resumed her Rand Supreme Court action challenging the legitimacy of the Greater Johannesburg Council's executive committee.

Kendall, cited in papers before the court as Frances Mary Kendall Louw, launched the application in July contesting the mechanism which was used to appoint the Transitional Metropolitan Council's executive committee earlier this year.

Kendall claims the way in which the executive committee was constituted prejudiced her chances of being elected. She claims her party had formed an alliance with small parties in the TMC in order to secure representation in the executive committee.

She said the major parties did not follow the constitutional requirement of ensuring fair proportional representation in the TMC and its executive committee

in particular.

The process therefore was not in accordance with the Electoral Act which affords smaller parties due representation, and should, for that reason, be declared "unconstitutional".

She further argued that, even with no alliance, she still would have secured a seat in the executive committee if the constitutional requirement of proportional representation was duly followed, and if councillors recognised the need to have smaller parties represented.

Legal counsel, R M Wise (SC) for the TMC, said in defence the executive committee regarded the alliance as informal since it was constituted by civics and rate payer's associations. Thus Kendall's alliance was not necessarily accommodated by the Electoral Act.

The alliance, he said, was formed merely for the purpose of election to the executive committee. The hearing continues.

Killer father gets seven years

Samson Motlhaka (25), the Diepkloof, Soweto, father found guilty on Friday of murdering his 3-year-old son and cutting off his thumb, was yesterday sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court to an effective seven years' jail.

Mr Justice D Marais sentenced him to 12 years, but suspended

ed five years of this for five years.

He said Motlhaka's murder of his son on July 14 last year was a "horrific crime" but he was under "emotional stress at the time".

Motlhaka cut off his son's thumb after strangling him and delivered it in a parcel to the child's mother. - Court Reporter.

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TMC election procedure ruled unlawful as Kendall awarded R200 000

By TROYE LUND

The Supreme Court yesterday declared the procedure used to elect the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council's executive committee as unlawful and awarded the applicant, Democratic Party TMC councillor Frances Kendall, about R200 000 in costs.

But Mr Justice Rex van Schalkwyk did not declare the committee null, and void — which Kendall applied for — and it will continue to sit until the local government elections.

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Judge van Schalkwyk found that the system used to elect the 16 exco members from the 100 TMC councillors did not follow the constitutional requirement for fair proportional representation (PR) and inclusivity.

"The election procedure was plainly defective and councillors acted opdurately and irresponsibly. They implemented a system they had been previously warned was unlawful. But setting their election aside will be severely destructive because all the decisions they have made over the past nine months would also

have to fall away," he ruled.

He said this ruling set a precedent of fundamental importance for future elections and acted as a lesson to politicians who believed they could act outside the law. "It is unfortunate the innocent ratepayer now has to bear the brunt and pay for this. Their only guarantee is that politicians will adhere to the law."

The respondent to Kendall's application — TMC exco chairman, ANC councillor Collin Matjila — said the judgment did not imply any negligence on the part of major partners as no

legal enactments had deliberately been ignored. "There are as many ways of interpreting the legalities and systems. The vast majority of the council agreed with the method we used to elect the exco."

Kendall said the exco had to reflect the parties represented in the TMC as it had important decision-making powers. During the hearing she argued that her 0,6% or 20 000 votes would have secured her a seat on the exco if the constitutional requirement for proportional representation had been followed.

Non-political civic party

for NE Rand

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■ BY ANNA COX

A new civic and ratepayers' party has been launched in Midrand.

The Community Action Party (CAP) is a non-political party which will contest coming elections in North East Rand areas of Midrand, Ivory Park, Tembisa, Edenvale, Modderfontein, Kempton Park and parts of Sandton.

The chairman of the party's umbrella body, Leroy White, said residents' associations and civics had always played an integral role in local government.

The party believed politics had no role in local elections.

"Community voices are those of the people and should not be drowned out because of political power struggles. CAP is involved in grassroots issues. All candidates have been selected by the people they represent."

Ivory Park community leader Sam Songo said CAP councillors would not have to deal with "distant masters" and would be able to address all issues immediately without reporting to, - and then waiting for approval from - the different political structures.

New funding formula will give more to Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal

Tim Cohen

CAPE TOWN — The Financial and Fiscal Commission has presented its provincial funding formula, increasing Gauteng's share from the national fiscus and giving all three Cape provinces proportionately less, while national government remains the major beneficiary.

After more than a year's work, commissioners have decided that provincial funding should be on a per capita basis, but that an extra weighting would be given to rural people and those requiring education and

medical care.

They said at the weekend that in 2000, Western Cape should get about 7,9% of the total provincial budget compared with its current 11,3% share. Eastern Cape would get 15,5% (17,6%), Northern Cape 1,6% (2,4%), KwaZulu-Natal 21,2% (20%), North-west 8,5% (8,3%), Gauteng 18,6% (14,9%), Mpumalanga 6,5% (5,8%), Northern Province 13% (12,8%) and Free State 7% (unchanged). Care was taken by the commission to ensure that no province's budget fell more than 4% in real terms in a year.

The commissioners assumed that all in-

come growth over the five-year period would be granted to the provinces, but that national government would remain the dominant partner at the end of the period.

The current national-provincial split is R86,5bn to R66,7bn. By the end of the five-year phasing-in period the gap would be decreased. Assuming a 2,5% growth rate and making provision for a decrease in the budget deficit, the national government's portion would be static in real terms. Provincial government revenue would increase to R79,3bn.

Presenting the recommendations, com-

mission chairman Murphy Morobe said the division was based on the constitutional allocation of functions which stipulated that delivery of major services was the responsibility of lower-tier governments. The commission recognised that all tiers of government had commitments which had to be honoured in the short term.

The commission indicated that apart from the weighting in favour of pupils, rural residents and for health care needs, the formula would also take into account a "tax capacity equalisation grant" that encouraged provinces to raise their own tax-

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government top-up

Despite the importance the commission attached to this element of the formula, it could not be introduced because it had to be done in conjunction with the granting of powers to provinces to levy their own taxes. The introduction of provincial taxes could affect the total tax burden, so this element of the formula would have to be introduced simultaneously with the granting of provincial taxation powers and recommendations on the level of provincial and national taxation.

Commission deputy chairman Antony Melck said he hoped this element of the formula would be included before the commission reviewed the figures in 1997

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The commission excluded compensation for provinces with large infrastructural backlogs, saying the backlogs fell largely within the ambit of the reconstruction and development programme fund.

It said no province should be allowed to make "special pleas" to overcome regional difficulties as this would undermine the new revenue-sharing system's credibility.

Morobe said the recommendations were being released in time for Budget discussions, which were to begin next month.

Western Cape finance minister Kobus Meiring said the proposals were impractical. A 3% decrease in the province's budget would require large-scale retrenchments and termination of certain services. The scaling down should take place over a decade, he said.

This would be done by supplementing the revenue of provinces that wished to raise their own revenue but could not because of limited tax bases.

The first function of the grant would be to fill the gap between what the province would have raised if it had national taxing capacity and what it actually raised. The second function would be to encourage provinces to raise their own revenues because if they did not do so they would forfeit the revenue raised and the national

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Bitter victory

The Supreme Court in Johannesburg has handed down a ruling of seminal importance to the way in which municipal councils across SA conduct themselves after the November 1 local government elections

In a 40-minute ruling last Friday, Mr Justice Rex van Schalkwyk delivered a scathing rebuke to leading parties and individuals of the Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council (TMC).

By their "profligacy, irresponsibility (and) high degree of obduracy" in defending an illegitimate cause, he said, the city fathers betrayed the public trust and saddled ratepayers with considerable legal costs. These are independently estimated to exceed R1m — mostly from their own legal counsel and the costs of hiring expert opinion (which was never used).

But the legal victory fails to conceal a bitter irony. For the main protagonists in this shameful bid to subvert democratic government in Johannesburg (they are named further on) will almost certainly be returned to metro government after the elections, as they are riding high on the ANC and NP party lists.

Meanwhile, the only metro councillor with the guts and tenacity to expose their duplicity — DP candidate Frances Kendall — has been consigned to a relatively low party listing (5th), which is unlikely to bring her back to the metropolitan council where she belongs.

Her only reward from the DP is a relatively safe seat in the Eastern metropolitan substructure, the Hyde Park/Parkmore ward. Could it be that the DP — which likes to present itself as "the party of principle" — is deliberately punishing Kendall for exposing its sorry part in the executive committee fiasco? She was not, after all, a DP member at the time of launching her action.

Kendall turned to the court after leading members of the newly appointed Johannesburg TMC ignored her protests at the procedure used to elect the council's 16-member executive committee (metropolitan "cabinet") at its first meeting on December 7 last year.

Kendall argued (rightly, according to the

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judge) that she had enough support in the council to warrant a seat on the executive committee. But leaders of the ANC and NP in the council did not want such a critical voice in "their" committee. Resorting to backroom negotiations among themselves, and the subsequent collusion of DP and Inkatha councillors, they drew up a list of names which they presented to the full council as a *fait accompli* for the executive, with which the council dutifully complied.

Judge Van Schalkwyk declared that the procedure used to elect the executive committee did not accord with the Local Government Transition Act's requirement of proportional representation and was therefore unlawful. He awarded costs of several hundred thousand rand to Kendall. But he turned down her further request to declare the committee, and all its decisions of the last nine months, null and void — reasoning that to do so would so disrupt the nation's largest city government that it could threaten the impending elections.

In seeking villains, we should turn to ANC executive committee chairman Collin Matjila, fellow member and party colleague Ivor Isaacs and NP member Theuns Oosthuizen, who were the prime movers in "fixing" the committee to suit their ends. At the same time, DP councillor Sias Reyneke must accept a share of the blame for meekly siding with the plotters. Independent councillor Rick Ehlers, a DP ally, should also hang his head for grasping so greedily at the offer of an executive committee seat for his support.

Reyneke has since shown regret, and even submitted an affidavit to Kendall's lawyers to this effect. But Matjila, tipped to return as executive committee chairman in November, is unrepentant. "There are many ways of interpreting the legalities and systems," he told *The Star* after the judgment. "The vast majority of the council agreed with the method we used to elect the executive committee."

On the face of it, it would appear that voters have no way of ensuring that Matjila, Isaacs, Oosthuizen and their ilk, are not re-elected, for they are assured of seats so long as their parties win a fair share of the vote, which is likely.

But if voters care enough, and are angry enough, they can threaten to withhold their votes from parties unless they change the lists to favour candidates of moral rectitude. It is time the electorate used its muscle. ■

Council in uproar over 'racist' remark

Star 15/9/95 (266)

■ BY CHERYL HUNTER
CITY REPORTER

DP councillor Frances Kendall was repeatedly asked to leave the chamber of the Greater Johannesburg Council yesterday amid raucous shouts from other councillors for allegedly passing a racist remark

The incident occurred during a discussion of the Executive Committee minutes pertaining to the Gauteng association of local authorities

The Executive Committee, in its minutes, recommended to the TMC that it nominate the chairman, deputy chairman and two

women councillors to represent the TMC at the association

While the majority of the council approved the recommendation, with much laughter about the emphasis being placed on women, Kendall and two colleagues asked that their vote against the recommendation be noted on the basis that it was sexist

This caused anger among women councillors and Kendall purportedly heard councillor Sizakele Nkosi say that "white, privileged women" could afford that attitude. Kendall responded by saying that the recommendation should read "black women" in that case

The chamber echoed with angry voices as PAC representative Bonga Majola asked that Kendall withdraw her statement. She protested and said that she was justified in having made her remark, but Nkosi denied the statement and claimed that she had said "advantaged women"

Kendall refused to withdraw her remark upon which councillors asked her to leave the chamber. Nkosi said Kendall would have to leave or all of the black women councillors would do so

Under such pressure, Kendall was forced to withdraw her statement, but said her vote against the recommendation remained

Council denies huge spending on foreign trips

(266) Star/6/9/95
By TROYE LUND

Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council chairman Collin Matjila denied this week that councillors had spent more than R1,9-million on overseas travel in the 1993/94 year.

He was answering questions at a council meeting on Thursday. The questions were tabled as a result of a press report based on information given by the previous Johannesburg administration.

Matjila did not say how much had been spent that year, but said R376 000 had already been spent of this year's R895 000 overseas travel allowance.

He provided a list of 18 TMC councillors who had travelled overseas and reasons for the visits.

Functions that councillors attended include a leader's summit on climate change, the World Athletics Championships, an official mayoral visit, transport and planning congresses, and economic forums.

Matjila said official visits overseas were approved when relevant to the activities of the local authority and when it was considered important for the council to be represented at the congress or meeting.

Minimum wage deal ends five-day strike

JOHANNESBURG. — A wage settlement had been struck between the Alberton City Council and the Alberton branch of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, council spokesman John Welman said here.

The agreement ended a five-day strike that put the city in disarray.

The council offered a minimum monthly wage of R1 204 to lower-

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wage earners and promised a 7,7 percent and 10,4 percent raise to two other categories. ~~(7,7%)~~ ~~(10,4%)~~ ~~(266,25%)~~

Mr Welman said salaries would be adjusted immediately and employees would get backpay from July 1. ~~(10,4%)~~

The settlement met Samwu's demand for a minimum monthly wage of R1 200 — Sapa

Striking municipal workers rampage through Johannesburg

Ingrid Salgado (26)



CHAOS erupted in Johannesburg's CBD yesterday as striking municipal workers took to the streets, overturning bins and damaging property.

At least two workers were injured when police used teargas and stun grenades to disperse the crowd, an SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman said.

Wage talks with employer organisations deadlocked last night, Gauteng local government and housing MEC

Dan Mofokeng had also failed to respond to union demands to repeal a provision in Local Government Proclamation 42, the spokesman said.

Workers allegedly damaged a bus and hawkers' goods were thrown into the streets. Nearby shop owners closed up after police and workers clashed.

The Johannesburg workers are striking to back wage demands by municipal workers in Mpumalanga, Northwest, Northern Province, and smaller Gauteng towns. Their own negotiations have been concluded. They

have also objected to the proclamation which stipulates there be separate wage negotiations and a separate tax base in greater Johannesburg's four metropolitan substructures.

Samwu general secretary Roger Romme said mass action would hit KwaZulu-Natal today but Free State, Eastern, Western and Northern Cape workers would not strike.

Romme said, although there was close agreement with employers on the issue of minimum wages, there was still a dispute about across-the-board

increases above the minimum wage.

The Gauteng government condemned yesterday's action. It had undertaken on Monday to look into Samwu's concerns about the proclamation Mofokeng said it was "regrettable that the union chose to respond to my unavailability for the rally by turning parts of the city upside down." They had refused to listen to his replacement, leader of the house, Paul Mashatile. He would meet Samwu leaders if members acted responsibly.

Romme said Samwu did not condone

criminal activities but the action had to be seen in the context of members' frustration at the pace of wage negotiations and Mofokeng's failure to address the crowd. The union had appealed for constraint. Four workers have been charged with public violence.

Samwu said the local government proclamation made centralised bargaining impossible. It could lead to centralised negotiations in greater Johannesburg being dishonoured.

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New parties rejected

(266) Sowetan 29/9/95

By Joe Mdhlela Political Reporter

THE Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council sprung few surprises when it announced this week that the newly established parties – the United Christian Democratic Party and the Homeless Party – had their applications rejected.

Although reasons for the rejection could not be fully established, a spokesman for the council, Mr Tommy Thomson, said. "as far as I can recall, one of the reasons the Homeless Party had its application rejected was that it could not raise the mandatory R1 500 deposit."

Asked why the application of the United Christian Democratic Party was rejected,

Thomson said. "I do not have details."

Parties that had their applications accepted included the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, Inkatha Freedom Party, Democratic Party, People's Progressive Party, Freedom Party, Conservative Party, Residents and Ratepayers Alliance, African Christian Democratic Party, Community Indaba Party and the Sofasonke Party.

Contesting the four metropolitan substructures will be 542 candidates spread across the Eastern Metropolitan Substructure (36 wards), Northern Metropolitan Substructure (30 wards), Southern Metropolitan Substructure (42 wards) and the Western Metropolitan Substructure (24 wards).

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Chaotic meetings and lack of commitment blamed for exco's dismal record

(266) Star 30/9/95

By TROYE LUND

The Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council's executive committee has been unable to make crucial decisions because it is unable to get a quorum.

Exco members, who stopped short of tabling an urgent motion at Thursday's meeting which would make the problem public and call on political parties to replace members, say this is a matter of acute concern.

"Councillors earn up to R16 000 (a month) for their exco

seat but cannot arrive for one meeting a week or, when they do arrive, sign the register and leave after one or two items," said independent exco member Rick Ehlers.

DP exco member Ian Davidson blamed the "chaotic manner" in which meetings were conducted.

Exco chairman Collin Matjila said complications arose when members "wore too many caps" to give exco adequate time. He said various disciplinary options would be considered if the situation did not improve.

R10 000 councillors jam up Joburg

Own Correspondent

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Because of insufficient numbers for a quorum of eight, the committee of 16 has been un-

able to finish previous meetings and has not yet reached last week's agenda.

"Councillors earn between R10 000 and R16 000 (a month) for their exco seat but cannot arrive for one meeting a week, or, when they do arrive, sign the register and leave after one or two items," said independent exco member councillor Rick Ehlers.

"It is the same for committee meetings for which some councillors get paid R450 for each meeting at which their name appears on the register." Ian Davidson, Democratic Party exco member, blamed the

"chaotic manner" in which meetings were conducted.

"We all have full diaries. Everyone sets aside the official time allocated for the meeting but when meetings amble on and on and are then postponed to the next day because only a handful of issues have been dealt with, it becomes problematic," said Mr Davidson.

He said some meetings went on for 10 hours without all the business being concluded.

Pan Africanist Congress exco member, Bonga Majola, said the worst offenders were those with "too many other commitments".

Budget crisis for council as debtors stall

(266) Star 4/10/95

BY CHERYL HUNTER
CITY REPORTER

The Greater Johannesburg Council is facing a financial crisis because it planned its 1994/5 budget on the basis of 100% payment for all services - levels which have not been achieved.

This is expected to plunge its coffers into crisis unless payment for local services reaches 95% within the financial year. The council has had to delve into cash reserves from capital and loans intended for establishing infrastructure in order to meet the costs of running the city's services because of low service payments.

Director of TMC Financial Services Lucas Opperman described dipping into reserves as an "unhealthy financial practice".

Opperman's deputy, Bethwell

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Budget crisis for Jo'burg council

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Jwili, said in an address at the Institute for Municipal Treasurers and Accountants yesterday that the payment level for services in Greater Johannesburg ranged between 12 and 98%.

Opperman said the council hoped to "normalise" payments to 95% in former white areas first, as those were its major sources of income.

Campaign manager for the Masakhane project (which aims to persuade communities to pay for housing and services), Chris Ngcobo, said yesterday

payment for services had dropped in the past month.

Jwili said. "The largest portion of the income of local authorities is derived from services rendered and charged for on a monthly basis.

"The budget of a council is prepared on the assumption that a certain level of payment will be forthcoming from tariffs and if this payment level is not attained, the council may be forced to cut down general expenses or only pay for committed operating expenditure like loan repayments and salaries."

Fighter to lose his title

Vuyani Nene, the Port Elizabeth boxer who won the IBF Intercontinental flyweight title in his home city in July, is to be stripped of the crown after having tested posi-

tive for being under the influence of drugs during the bout. It is alleged the fighter, who is also holder of the All-Africa title, had smoked dagga before entering the ring. - Sapa.

R29,4-m expenditure queried

■ BY HOPEWELL RADEBE
CITY REPORTER

The Auditor-General of the Metropolitan Council has filed a series of queries regarding R29,4-million unaccounted for expenditure and corruption by former Diepmeadow Council between 1987 to 1993.

According to the auditor's report to the TMC, these expenditures were incurred in excess of the approved operating budget and most of them were wasted on legal fees estimated at about R1,5-million.

The Diepmeadow Council had engaged in a power struggle which resulted in wrongful expulsions of councillors and the mayor, who were often reinstated by the courts at the council's costs. The council also hired expensive legal advisers who were paid exorbitant amounts.

The Auditor-General reported that some council members often used the council's official motor vehicle even though they received monthly travelling allowances.

The council also was defraud-

ed of about R500 000 in excess for municipal services rendered in 1993. An employee alleged to be responsible has been suspended since February 1993. However, his salary has been paid by the council for the past 20 months while the police made no progress in their investigations.

The auditor's report claimed that excess expenditure of more than R10-million in 1987 alone was used in salaries and wages, the salary of about R5,3-million and some funds were wasted.

The Metropolitan Council responded to the Auditor-General by defending the former Diepmeadow administration, saying that the 1987/88 financial year was accordingly not exceeded considering the aggregate approved operating budget of R63,7-million.

The Auditor-General's report also queried an amount of R6,2-million which was spent in the financial year of 1989/90 without an appropriate authorisation.

According to the report, a charge was laid with the police and statements from the deputy

city treasurer and assistant accountant who was responsible for the safe custody of the daily takings were taken about the shortage. However, police told the Metropolitan Council that a file on the case could no longer be traced.

The council has put the blame on the political events and industrial actions during the period in question, saying "pandemonium was reigning at all administration offices of Greater Soweto because of employee strikes".

The council argued that discipline, proper supervision of employees and general order could not be maintained because employees had prevented the officials from entering their offices at the time. Lack of funds also led to the council being unable to hire security firms to collect cash from the Diepmeadow Council's various collection points to be deposited at the bank.

At the time, the Deputy City Treasurer voluntarily collected the cash at the risk of his life. He was later accompanied by municipal police.

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Meeting 'could expose strains'

Renee Grawitzky

A MEETING between the Gauteng ANC leadership and Cosatu, called by the ANC in the wake of the recent municipal and other strikes, could expose strains within the alliance, Cosatu sources said yesterday.

This meeting comes after claims by the ANC's Gauteng leadership that a "hidden hand" and other forces were involved in efforts "against the democratic process" in the recent spate of strikes.

ANC provincial secretary Paul Mashatile said a meeting would be held on Tuesday with Cosatu and other allies to discuss the disruptive activities "which do not serve the benefits of the country." He said both parties needed to develop a common understanding of where they were taking the country and what was necessary to maintain a balance between entrenching worker rights and ensuring growth and stability.

He said "what is happening can only serve the interests of people who are bent on undermining the ANC government." Mash-

atile questioned the reason for Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council workers going on strike after they had already settled on wages. He said the demand for the repeal of Annexure J of Local Government Proclamation 42, which potentially would take power away from the metropolitan councils and give the structures more power, was used as a "smokescreen".

Cosatu general secretary Sam Shilowa said it was unfortunate the ANC Gauteng region took a position on this issue without discussing it with the allies. He said workers in Johannesburg embarked on solidarity action and it was incorrect to assume that the motive of workers was to ensure "no effective governance at a regional level".

Shilowa questioned how Mashatile could support the TMC's decision to lay charges against SA Municipal Workers' Union members when the ANC within the TMC had abstained from voting on this issue. Samwu organiser in the Greater Johannesburg region Weizmann Hamilton reject-

ed the allegations that a "hidden hand was behind the strikes" and that the repeal of Annexure J was used as a "smokescreen".

He said this was in direct contradiction with what the ANC said recently that annexure J sought to weaken the powers of the TMCs. Hamilton said the union was not prepared to accept the assurances from the ANC that the annexure would be repealed after the elections. He said that throughout the dispute, the ANC leadership was more concerned with the concerns of the white middle-class at the expense of union members who came from hostels and townships.

He said the ANC represented conflicting class interests and recent developments would seem to confirm statements made by Thabo Mbeki that the ANC will split into two — one group representing the interests of workers and another the interests of the bosses. He said these sinister statements would indicate the preparation of a witch-hunt within the ANC and it would appear that the ruling party has quickly acquired the habits of the old regime.

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Our cartoonist Jonathan Shapiro is on leave. Veteran cartoonist Len Sak will be standing in for him until he returns.

500 days in Gauteng

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TODAY MARKS 500 DAYS that the Gauteng government has been in power – and premier Tokyo Sexwale and his team of 10 Members of the Executive Council pride themselves on having worked as a united front to attract much-needed investors to the crime-infested region

In his assessment of his government's achievements, Gauteng MEC for economic affairs Mr Jabu Moleketi told *Sowetan* much has been achieved on the economic front

He says the province's economic growth – which is estimated at six percent since May 1994, twice the country's growth which stands at 2,6 percent – is an indication that the province remains a force to be reckoned with

When Sexwale's government was instituted on May 10 1994, he says, "there was nothing to start from. We had to establish a government from scratch"

Firstly, the provincial government and legislature had to hunt for offices and manpower. The legislature transformed the old City Hall into their parliament. Civil servants had to make do with another old building in downtown Johannesburg

Existing personnel at the disposal of the Gauteng government are the 3 000 former Transvaal Provincial Administration employees based in Pretoria

Three weeks ago Sexwale announced that several buildings were located in the Johannesburg city centre to accommodate former TPA employees. However, the relocation will not be all that smooth

Moleketi says "Of course there were tensions. But, in the final analysis, we gave the workers two options to relocate to Johannesburg or commute daily from Pretoria

"We will subsidise their transport for the first six months, but after that they will have to see to it themselves"

Yet relocating civil servants and restructuring the civil service was not the major challenge for the "fresh" governors. Many of the new members of the legislature and cabinet had no experience of how to run a government

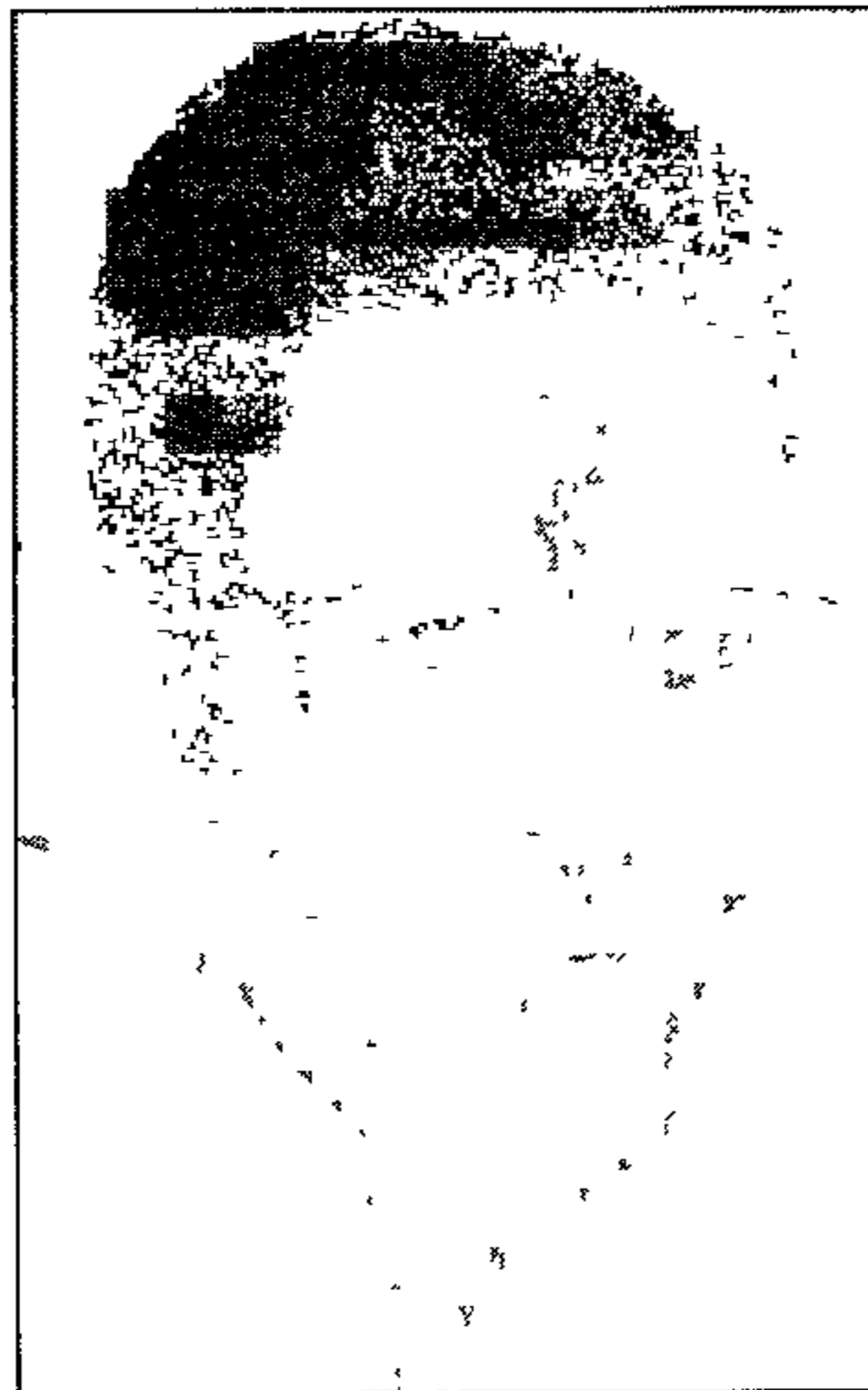
However, compared with some of the other ANC-led provincial governments, the Gauteng leadership has displayed a united front in the 500 days it has been in power

Moleketi adds that a united front does not necessarily reflect the absence of debate. Every Wednesday ANC members in the legislature meet in caucus

"These meetings can be stressful. We can go on for hours tearing each other to pieces. The trick here is that we have created avenues to let off steam, and at the end of it all we come out united," Moleketi explains

Serious challenges come up when legisla-

The province's new government has had its up and downs – but there have nevertheless been significant advances, writes Political Reporter **Pamela Dube**



Economic Affairs MEC Jabu Moleketi .. optimistic about Gauteng's economic future after 500 days in office

tion has to be passed. After months of deliberations, the Gauteng legislature passed the most crucial aspect of running a government – the budget

Despite having a R10,7 billion budget for the government departments and R59,5 million for the legislature, some of the political parties – particularly the Democratic Party – were not impressed

They argued that the over R5 billion deficit in the budget did not reflect the province's 40 percent contribution to the national Government's Gross Domestic Product

The budget shortfall did create problems for the departments. Moleketi says 80 percent of the department's budget was for recurring expenditure, and the balance for capital expenditure

"With what we had, we could not even think of renovating schools, clinics and buying new equipment for those departments"

Other major problems faced by the provincial government were those of security, violence

influx of job-seekers and land invasions

Safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte became the busiest MEC in Gauteng. Political violence, particularly on the East Rand (a spill-over from the pre-election period), continued to be a thorn in the Government's side

Sebokeng hostels continue to be a base for warring political and tribal factions. In places like KwaThema, Thokoza and Alexandra, armed forces cause a lot of "tension and interference from political parties"

These armed forces included the ANC-led self-defence units, Inkatha's self-protection units and the Pan-Africanist Congress-aligned Revolutionary Watchdogs

However, says Moleketi, "we can safely say that this is becoming a resolved matter"

But the mushrooming of informal settlements and forced land invasions remain a problem. "What people need to understand is that this is an old problem. It is a result of socio-economic problems which one cannot resolve overnight"

Crime also remains a monstrous problem for Gauteng. Only two months ago, Duarte took the media to crime-infested Hillbrow, which has become a haven for drug trafficking, organised crime syndicates and prostitution

Duarte does not seem to have achieved much in "cleaning up" Hillbrow. In fact, crime seems to be on the increase – a worrying factor to foreign investors

However, Moleketi says the economic growth in the province is an indication that big business is not only concerned about crime and labour unrest, "but is also aware of our first-class infrastructure". There is an influx of major international corporations to the province

Sexwale's visit to South East Asia three months ago, Moleketi says, bore fruit. The construction of a new shopping complex in Midrand, a collaboration between Malaysian business and South African companies, "shows that we did achieve something on the trip"

Gauteng also recently won a bid to host the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad). By hosting next year's conference, which will be attended by more than 5 000 delegates, Gauteng will be Unctad's base for the next four years.

"Gauteng's economic growth is going to play an important role in the development of the country and the region as a whole," said

Bam 'has a right' to his seat

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■ BY SUSAN MILLER

An application by the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) for leave to appeal against a decision by a judge to reinstate Dr Thamsanqa Bam into the party and give him back his seat in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature was turned down with costs on Friday.

Mr Justice G Leveson, presiding in the Rand Supreme Court, initially refused their application for a postponement and also refused them leave to appeal as the two laymen representing the party could not continue.

The ACDP was represented by Izak Labuschagne and Paul Ramafo, who took Bam's place in the legislature after his expulsion from the party.

The two men had also applied for Judge Leveson to recuse himself from the case

on the grounds that he was biased.

Delivering his judgment, Judge Leveson said that while he understood from Ramafo that applications for his recusal and to set aside the court proceedings had been made elsewhere, including the Constitutional Court, he could not consider them as they had not been placed before him.

Judge Leveson said the ACDP had applied for the application for leave to appeal on June 7 and were represented by layman Labuschagne.

"He had no right of audience in this court and no authority to appear for the party. The case was therefore postponed in order to allow the ACDP sufficient time to get proper legal representation," said the judge.

Judge Leveson said the representatives for the ACDP were still not adequately pre-

pared on June 23 and did not have legal representation.

The dismissal of the application for leave to appeal effectively means that Bam has the right, in theory, to take his place in the Gauteng legislature.

Bam, the former chairman of the Gauteng ACDP, was accused by the party of embezzling funds and his membership and right to his seat in the legislature were rescinded.

He took legal action against the party, Dr H Sanderberg, party leader Kenneth Meshoe, Louis Kritzinger and Paul Ramafo, who took his place.

Mr Justice Leveson ruled in his favour in September last year.

Labuschagne said the party intended taking the appeal to a full bench and even the Constitutional Court and wanted a ruling by an "independently constituted forum".

Accumulated council leave pay could be a financial disaster

Nov 7/10/95

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By TROYE LUND

Business has warned the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council that the R96-million in leave pay that officials have accumulated may prove disastrous if resignations and retirements increase as expected.

"Accumulated leave on a balance sheet is always a liability. It is not prudent financial management," says Gerrie Bezuidenhout of the South African Chamber of Business.

According to Sacob legal director Ken Warren, "this could create a cash-flow crisis if the number of resignations and retirements increases, as they have in other local authorities with the advent of new administrations.

"The Johannesburg administra-

tion would find itself liquidating assets to cope if there was a sudden increase in leave payouts.

"Although accumulated leave is not unusual in the public sector, it does have its dangers."

Warren says public sector fringe benefits have always been higher to compensate for remuneration packages that are lower than those in the private sector.

"This amount of leave owed to officials is not particularly desirable. But in the light of public sector fringe benefits having always been higher and considering that the Johannesburg administration has the fourth largest government budget in the country, R96-million is not out of the ordinary," he adds.

However, the TMC's acting town clerk, Mel Watson, is confident there

will be sufficient cash reserves to pay out accumulated leave. "This is not a matter of concern and is not peculiar to the public sector," he says.

Watson explains that although accumulated leave is paid at the rate of the highest position reached by the employee, the conditions of service force employees to take a certain amount of their leave allocation within a year.

"If they fail to do so, they forfeit such leave. Only the balance can be accumulated," says Watson.

He says the auditor-general has set down stringent requirements for adequate cash reserves to allow the administration to meet the cash value of leave owed.

The TMC has budgeted R30,5-million for leave payouts over the 1995/96 financial year.

Local government 'phones tapped'

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BY BRONWYN WILKINSON

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The telephones and offices of some local government officials have been bugged, the Saturday Star has been told

Edited transcripts of their conversations, circulated in the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council, have strained relationships in the run-up to next month's election.

The Saturday Star has a copy of the edited transcripts.

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They relate to several office and telephone conversations in the finance department of the TMC.

Hilow Maeko, the acting head of the TMC's metropolitan administration, said the executive committee had no knowledge of the bugging. However, an investigation would be instituted urgently.

Several copies of the transcript are in circulation among councillors.

Lucas Opperman, the head of finance and services, who features in most of the more than 10 conversations reflected in the document, said he recalled the discussions, but added that the edited transcript did not accurately reflect them. He said some had been telephonic and others had taken place in either his own office or in the offices of his colleagues. The conversations were in March and April this year.

He has since had his office swept and the listening devices removed. "This is going one step too far," he said of the bugging. He added he had sought legal advice on the matter, particularly since the editing and selection of the conversations in the transcript lent an apparent racial overtone to his discussions, and was designed to show him up as a racist who insulted his black colleagues.

And Dennis Rogers, who is the subject of many of the conversations, said he had not given anyone instructions to place the listening devices, although he had heard a tape, read the transcript and was "glad to know how much people hate me, judging by what they say about me".

Asked about the transcript writer's steadfast defence of his reputation, Rogers reiterated that the bugging and the transcript had not emanated from his office. He said he believed the bugging was being conducted by one of the intelligence offices and that he had found listening devices in his own office.

Taxpayer must foot council bill, says JCCI

Beatrix Payne

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ALL taxpayers, rather than just business, should pay the levy which raises about R700m a year for Johannesburg's transitional metropolitan council, says the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI)

JCCI, which will table the proposals at the SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) annual convention next week, said yesterday the system stunted economic growth and job creation

The burden should instead be shifted to the general taxpayer "This would be the fairest and simplest system," JCCI president Marius de Jager said

"It is not that business shouldn't be taxed, but we are looking for better alternatives" Sacob said JCCI's Cape Town branch supported the proposal

At this stage the suggestion was merely a proposal and was intended to encourage debate around the issue

The final decision would be up to government's financial and fiscal commission which, De Jager said, also believed the system should be changed

The levies were introduced in the mid-1980s by the regional services councils to finance infrastructural development But De Jager said that in the Johannesburg region the taxes had been increased by 15% this year to cov-

er the shortfall in the council's budget

He described the system as inefficient and complex, and said it was not being accurately complied with The services levy was based on an enterprise's wage and salary bill and as such encouraged labour saving mechanisation The establishment levy was based on turnover which was not an accurate reflection of ability to pay

Previous suggestions that the levy be "piggy-backed" onto VAT had been shown to be impractical, De Jager said "A surcharge on personal income tax could, however, be an acceptable alternative, provided the overall tax burden is not increased"

Union agitates to reduce power of substructures

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BY TROYE LUND

The South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) is agitating for changes to local government legislation that would take power away from Johannesburg's four municipal substructures (MSS) and concentrate it in the hands of the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC)

Samwu is adamant that primary fiscal powers must not be devolved to the municipal substructures and will consider resuming their strike if annexure J of Proclamation 42 - which devolves all powers except bulk and metropolitan services to the substructures - is not repealed.

ANC provincial legislature members agree that fully self-determining local authorities may jeopardise the ANC alliance's policy which guarantees redistribution of wealth. The ANC provincial caucus has appointed a committee to investigate whether the annexure needs to be removed or adjusted.

According to Samwu spokesperson Hamilton Weizman "Empowering each local authori-

ty to do its own thing will mean the rich metropolitan substructures will remain rich and apartheid will continue. Resources must be pooled and redistributed equally"

General secretary for the ANC provincial committee, Paul Mashatle said, "The process of deciding powers and functions of substructures is just beginning. Annexure J is just an interim measure. After being advised on if and how the annexure hinders equal redistribution, we will present it to the full provincial committee. Centralised bargaining and redistribution cannot be compromised"

Responding to the possible removal of annexure J, DP TMC councillor Francis Kendall said "We may as well not have local elections for the MSSs because councillors will have absolutely no power. The unions are being used to bring to fruition what certain ANC councillors wanted all along"

Gauteng MPL for the NP, Yakob Makda said "If local government gives in to unions, it will be destroyed"

Previously undetected 'Gauteng islands' found

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GAUTENG may be SA's smallest province, but it has previously undetected outposts in Mpumalanga.

A special Gauteng gazette published on September 1 reveals that there are 16 "Gauteng islands" in former KwaNdebele, now part of Mpumalanga. A Development Bank source estimated their total area at about 50 000ha.

Gauteng government spokesman Jo-Anne Collinge said the islands were a hangover from the apartheid era, when portions of Transvaal Provincial Administration-land had been surrounded by the KwaNdebele homeland. When it was incorporated in Mpumalanga, the land was included in Gauteng "possibly as a result of a drafting oversight".

The 16 portions were serviced by Mpumalanga on an agency basis for Gauteng, Collinge said. Despite their anomalous position as Gauteng residents in exile, they would be able to vote in Mpumalanga in the forthcoming local government election, as services were rendered there.

Earlier this year, Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale and his Mpumalanga counterpart, Mathews Phosa, struck the deal on disputed border areas of KwaNdebele, Moretele 2 and Moutse. These will remain in Mpumalanga, while residents' demands for services in Gauteng will be addressed by the provincial directors-general.

Collinge said there were a number of similar "irregular situations" across the country. In some cases, functional urban areas had been dismembered by the new provincial boundaries. Bronkhorstspuit, for example, was part of Gauteng, while its biggest township, Ekangala, was in Mpumalanga. Soshanguve, on former trust land, was in Gauteng, while its sister townships of GaRankuwa and Mabopane had been included in Northwest.

Absent councillors cause expensive delays, says DP

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■ BY SHIRLEY WOODGATE

Failure by councillors to attend important committee meetings at the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council is hampering decision-making and costing developers and ratepayers a fortune, according to DP leader Anchen Dreyer.

Absenteeism from meetings over the past three months had led to the cancellation of 13 out of 69, or about 18% of meetings, she said.

In July, at least nine meetings had to be called off. This meant that no recommendations were made to the executive committee (Exco) and important matters were temporarily shelved.

"Many of the meetings that do go ahead are being delayed by up to half an hour while councillors are rounded up to make up the quorums.

"Others are only being attended by the bare minimum number of members needed to obtain a quorum.

"In some cases unofficial recommendations are being handed over to the executive committee

merely to keep the official wheels turning," Dreyer added.

A multi-million hotel and conference centre in Randburg was one example of projects held up by TMC delays, she said.

The Section 59 committees each comprise 17 councillors and are chaired by a member of the executive committee but - unlike the two Section 60 committee meetings which councillors are paid to attend - the former receive no extra money in addition to their R5 000 monthly salaries.

Section 59 members meet to debate reports drawn up by municipal officials on a vast range of subjects, from town planning to transport, health to electricity. Their recommendations are passed on to the Exco which may veto the suggestions.

Councillors are nominated to the committees in proportion to the strength of the various parties in the TMC.

"The main culprits are the bigger parties while the smaller ones usually manage to attend," Dreyer said.

"A worrying problem is that we are actually encouraging peo-

ple to act illegally as they cannot afford to wait for council decisions. With lots of money at stake, they simply go ahead, hoping to get council approval at a later date."

A council spokesman said that some absentee councillors had applied for leave of absence and others might be occupied with other council business.

Dreyer said she had raised the matter at a TMC meeting when the absenteeism surfaced. At that stage, in April, executive committee chairman Collin Matjila had said the council was waiting for recommendations from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, and its proposals could include a penalty clause.

But two of the six meetings by this Section 59 Committee chaired by Matjila were called off in the last three months because no quorum was raised.

Asked this month what action was contemplated against absent councillors, Matjila said the acting chief executive officer had been asked to investigate the conduct of the absentee members and take the appropriate action.

Council inquiry approved

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GREATER Johannesburg councillors have voted unanimously for the establishment of a commission of inquiry into the legality of R160 000 which was paid to DP councillor Sias Reyneke from council coffers.

At a Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council meeting yesterday, ANC councillor Eugene Robson tabled the motion for an investigation into the alleged misuse of finances.

Robson provided a letter written by DP councillor Ian Davidson, informing former central Wiwatersand CEO Vic Milne that Reyneke had been appointed negotiator of the old Sandton, Randburg, Rooderport and Johannesburg councils at an informal meeting.

This happened during last year's chamber meetings which put in place the transitional metropolitan council

The letter also instructed Milne to release funds budgeted by the council.

Audited reports indicate R100 000 was deposited for Reyneke on July 27 last year and R60 000 in August.

In a letter clarifying the allocation of the funds, Milne said the claims were incorrect that the amount of R100 000 was paid to Reyneke over two months for loss of income. It was in respect of loss of income for the whole year, he said.

Independent Sandton councillor Rick Elhers said councillors had agreed that the different councils would have to pay their own negotiators, while others had to be paid R150 per session.

This amounted to R15 000 for the whole negotiation process.

After August 23 last year councillors had felt there was a need for negotiators to continue their work

TMC to probe huge payment to DP councillor

■ BY TROYE LUND (266)

Greater Johannesburg's TMC has launched a commission of inquiry into the payment of R164 000 to a DP councillor for three months of negotiating on the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The ANC tabled an emergency report at yesterday's TMC meeting, which revealed the payment to Sias Reyneke and called for an investigation.

Reyneke was adamant that the CWMC had resolved to compensate non-statutory as well as statutory members last year.

"When it became apparent what an immense workload went with negotiations, I told the statutory side I would not be able to run my legal practice and commit myself to the position of chairman," said Reyneke.

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NP beats ANC in race to win over Vaal voters

Nomavenda Mathiane

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THE NP has made inroads into Vaal informal settlement areas, beating the ANC in the race by promising to provide water and housing for the homeless in the area.

The two parties are fighting over Sebokeng Zone 12 extension and the area's adjoining squatter camps.

Candidates contesting are former Robben Island prisoner Ace Motaung for the ANC, who is running against former ANC member Norman Posa, now standing for the NP, and Peter Tladi who is an independent candidate.

Both parties are campaigning around providing essential services and building houses.

The Vaal complex is divided into two metropolitan substructures — east and west. In some formerly white areas, the NP was fighting against the FF and the DP. The Rate Residents' Association of SA is also campaigning in the area, as are a few independents such as former Delmas trialist Jerry Tlhopane, who is standing in ward 14 in Sebokeng.

Tlhopane is campaigning on the delivery of services, and the high rates introduced in July.

Intolerance has surfaced in some areas where parties have accused each other of tearing down posters. The ANC has also accused NP candidate Posa of campaigning as an ANC member, saying it planned to take the matter up with the electoral committee. But NP Vaal representative Johan Kilian refuted the allegations.

ANC sources in the area fear the "hostel warlords" from KwaMadala hostel, scene of ongoing faction fighting, who failed to be nominated, might intimidate residents against voting.

Council 'allowance' gulf widens

Business Day Reporter

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THE new mayor and executive committee chairman of Johannesburg will receive a maximum monthly salary of R11 209 on taking office after the election — while their counterparts in tiny Cullinan will get a measly R616.

This is the implication of schedules for Gauteng council "allowances" released by the province's local government MEC Dan Mofokeng yesterday.

The schedules, in line with the representatives' remuneration commission recommendations, reflect the widely differing payments between management committee members and ordinary councillors on the one hand, and between big and small local authorities on the other.

In Johannesburg's metropolitan council, classed as a grade 15 council, the mayor and executive committee chairman will get R11 209 a month, other executive committee members

R8 407 and councillors R2 802. In the smallest grade one councils, the rates are R616, R462 and R154 respectively.

Allowances were increased by about 5% in July this year.

Mofokeng said the schedule gave the maximum payments permissible and that councils which could not afford them could pay less. He stressed that allowances would come from council and not provincial coffers.

With the advent of provincial government, council allowances were indexed to the salaries of provincial representatives, rather than being a percentage of the earnings of national MPs, Mofokeng said.

Allowances paid to grade 15 authorities' mayors and executive committee chairmen were equivalent to those of provincial legislators.

Johannesburg management committee DP member Sias Keyneke said that all council jobs had become full-time commitments.

Tokyo wants poll delayed in rural areas

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Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale has asked Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer to postpone local government elections in the province's rural areas, in the interest of good governance.

It is understood Sexwale proposed that elections in these areas be held before March 31.

Sexwale's spokesman Chris Vick confirmed yesterday that such a request had been made.

He said the affected local area committees in the Eastern Gauteng Services Council were Hammanskraal, Roodeplaat, Vischkuil, Devon/Impumelo, De Deur/Walkerville, Eikenhof, Randvaal and Vaal Marina.

The transitional representative councils in the Eastern Gauteng Services Council which could be affected by such a move were Pienaars River, Elands River, Bronberg, Bleskopspruit and Suikerbosrand River.

In the Western Gauteng Services Council, the Magaliesberg and Vaaloeier local area committees could be affected as well as the Crocodile River, Gatsrant, Magaliesberg and Vaal River

transitional councils.

Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Valli Moosa said yesterday that the proposal was still under consideration.

Last night Meyer and Gauteng Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng met on the proposal.

It is understood Sexwale informed Meyer that the largest part of the province was well prepared to hold successful

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Call 339-6141 or 403-3433**

elections on Wednesday, but an investigation into the affairs in rural areas pointed to the need for a postponement.

The premier was apparently concerned that in the rural areas, voters rolls were published late and not widely available. He noted that access to voters rolls by voters in rural areas was difficult.

In several areas under the Eastern Services Council, voters appeared on the wrong voters

rolls. This was due to apparent administrative errors, late demarcations and voter ignorance.

In practice this had meant that candidates were nominated for the wrong councils and candidates of all major parties had been disqualified in rural areas.

Further, the voters rolls for several rural local authorities were not available for inspection in stipulated time frames.

Sexwale was concerned that registration forms were returned to the wrong authority and voters roll officers apparently did not ensure voters were correctly registered on the list.

Problems in rural areas were compounded by communication difficulties. Communicating by mail had not proved successful.

Sexwale was understood to have told Meyer that the holding of elections in rural areas on Wednesday would not contribute to the restructuring of local government or the building of stable, legitimate and representative structures.

The premier also told the minister that his proposal was not linked to party politics but was in the interests of stable local government for all areas in the province.

Independent views emerge in Gauteng race

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Nomavenda Mathiane

INDEPENDENT parties and organisations aiming to address community interests at grassroots level have emerged in the election race in Gauteng.

Former activist and civic leader Olga Lutu, who led the squatters from Weiler's Farm south of Johannesburg to relocate in Orange Farm, is standing for the Women's Voice Party which, focusing on development, is contesting three wards in Orange Farm. Lutu says the Orange Farm community is projects- and development-orientated because of high unemployment.

"We are going to focus on getting residents to take charge of these projects and get the government and the community working as partners. We want to change the mindset where people think government has to do things for them."

Another new contender in the election race is the Community Indaba, which has forums in the southern and eastern

metropolitan substructures in Gauteng which stretch as far as Secunda and Brits, and is fielding 43 parties in the election.

Forum co-ordinator Richard Theron said political party candidates mostly got their briefs from Pretoria and Cape Town, and had no idea what the community's needs were. The Community Indaba will make its councillors accountable by making them sign an undertaking to meet it monthly to give report-backs.

Theron said the organisation had a long-term plan to put together 132 Community Indaba forums to service the Johannesburg metropolitan structures.

They had also been invited by organisations in KwaZulu-Natal to assist them with next year's local government elections.

The Residents' and Ratepayers' Alliance will contest four seats in the eastern, six in the southern and three in the northern metropolitan substructures.

Transitional metropolitan council councillor and alliance treasurer Bernard

Lapidus said it was a non-political organisation serving ratepayers' interests.

His constituency was Houghton, where he would represent residents such as President Nelson Mandela, Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Labour Minister Tito Mboweni.

His organisation stands for open and clean governance, opposing rate increases for financing big schemes such as the Johannesburg civic spine and the encroachment of developers in commercial ventures in open areas.

The Merit Peoples' Party in Lenasia would contest two seats in the southern metropolitan substructure.

It wanted more hospital facilities, more jobs and affordable housing in the area, lower rates and taxes and more police.

The Homeless Party operating from Soweto will contest three seats and the Soffasonke Party, which is also based in Soweto, 16 seats in the southern metropolitan substructure.

■ BY TROYE LUND

The DP has been vindicated of allegations that DP councillor Sias Reyneke was paid an "unlawful and secret" R160 000 for his role in negotiations of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (CWMC).

This follows the findings of an independent commission of inquiry, launched by the ANC and NP three weeks ago. These parties objected to the fee. They claimed that only political parties, not individuals, qualified for remuneration from the CWMC. It was also alleged that none of the transitional metropolitan councillors had condoned or known about the "secret" payment.

The commission announced yesterday that no law or ordinance was transgressed by Reyneke. It found the R160 000 allowance was "not improper".

Independent inquiry finds DP innocent

It also states that Reyneke's fellow DP councillor, Ian Davidson, had not acted unlawfully or made any misrepresentations when he ordered the payment from the CWMC.

"The ANC and NP behaved like a kangaroo court, for election purposes, prior to a proper independent investigation," said Davidson, who is now calling for a retraction and public apology from the ANC and NP.

But the ANC and NP agree that a retraction and apology are not warranted. They believe the inquiry was "procedure in line with good governance".

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Hassles hamper smooth flow at Gauteng hustings

Theo Rawana

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BLACKS came to vote in such great numbers in the Halfway House substructure that the voters' roll had to be split into two at one polling station to accommodate those whose names began with "M".

Presiding officer Peter Molo said the turnout had been high. There had been some hiccups, such as voters turning up at the polling station while they were registered at another. And that was the general pattern in the north-east Rand metro area, with Community Action Party candidate Fienie Janse van Rensburg saying many people registered in her ward could not vote because addresses reflected against their names did not exist.

Independent candidate Erna Stolp said about 80% of the estimated 1 500 voters expected from the suburbs of Glen Austen Ext 3, Austin View and President Park did not go to cast their votes at the Rabie Ridge polling station for fear of crime. Residents said car hijackings and murder were rife in Ivory Park and Modderfontein, through which they had to pass to get to the polling station.

"They did not come even when they were assured that security was tight," Stolp said.

There were other minor problems, such as at Sethokga Hostel in Tembisa where 2 000 people had to stand in queues in the sun because the low rate of literacy in the area held up voting.

Long queues were a source of discontent for many voters. The Kempton Park/Tembisa substructure reported that voting was slow in Tembisa because many people who came to vote had not registered.

IFP hostel dwellers are accused of intimidation

Ingrid Salgado

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IFP RESIDENTS from George Goch Hostel, just south of Johannesburg, allegedly intimidated election officers at the hostel's polling booth yesterday, demanding that IFP officials assume responsibility for processing votes.

Election officials said voting was delayed for nearly four hours as they negotiated with the IFP. It was agreed finally that half the voting staff at the makeshift station would comprise IFP leaders, southern metropolitan substructure deputy returning officer Basil Conway said.

But the IFP hit back yesterday, alleging that the voting station's presiding officer, a hostel resident himself, had "disappeared".

IFP local leader and candidate on the ward's proportional representation list, Mteleni Buthelezi, claimed the "bungle" was the Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council's fault as it had not provided the IFP with voter information and was uncooperative.

"They want to do the IFP down by not bringing the presiding officer," he said.

The voting station was set up near the Benrose hostel to allow more than 3 100 people to vote close to their living quarters.

Many voting staff were wearing IFP stickers in the polling station just before voting began. However, Conway said, these had been removed when voting commenced.

A police presence ensured the procedure ran smoothly throughout the day.

About one-fifth of hostel residents were not listed on the voters' roll, according to the presiding officer.

The votes of those who claimed to have registered were placed in separate ballot boxes if surnames and valid identity documents were provided, he said.

In nearby Denver, another temporary voting station was erected to accommodate about 3 500 Denver Hostel residents.

The ANC accused the IFP of also disrupting voting at polling stations in Jabulani, Soweto and Thokoza where shots were fired, scaring away voters.

IFP spokesman Anthony Grinker claimed last night that ANC leaders and election officials in Mpu malanga had intimidated voters and told them who to vote for on polling station grounds.

He said many ballot papers in Soweto had displayed no IFP emblem, indicating "either incompetence or a deliberate attempt to undermine the IFP".

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Elections in Orange Farm marred by tension, chaos

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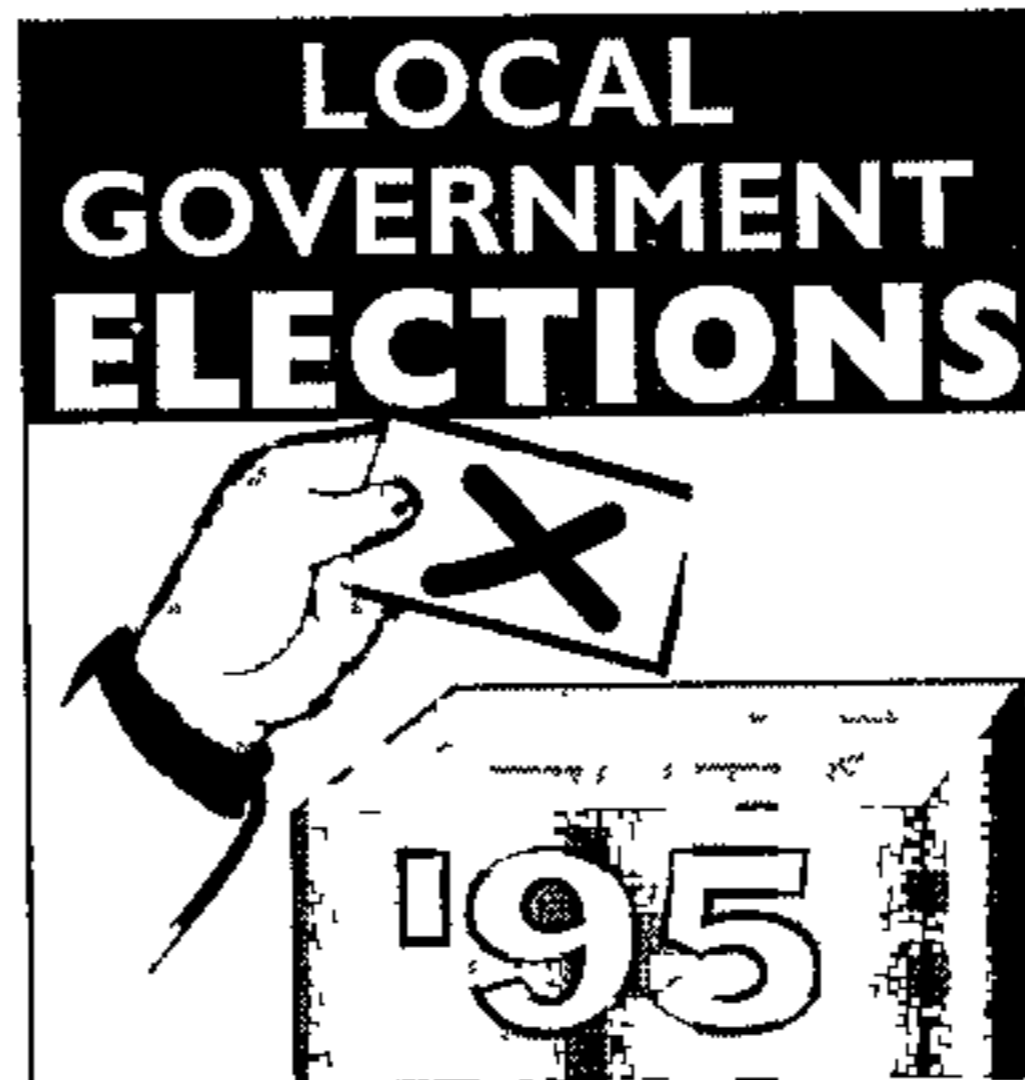
Ingrid Salgado

A HEAVY police presence in Orange Farm marked a tense election day for residents in this large squatter camp south of Johannesburg yesterday.

Chaos erupted after an undisclosed political party failed to hand in the names of its election observers to one of many polling stations in the area, southern metropolitan substructure deputy returning officer Archie Green said. Party members allegedly incited the crowd after its observers were denied entrance to the station at Thamsanqa Secondary School in Extension 7.

Police were called in to patrol the areas between voting stations, but tension was still running high by late afternoon.

A compromise was reached when returning officer Danny Moodley instructed officials to allow the party one representative



He said this was done in the interests of a fair election, as all parties were entitled to observers.

Green said the incident at Thamsanqa Secondary School had created a backlog at all voting stations in Orange Farm. Voting got off the ground only at 10am, but some stations were forced to wait until early afternoon.

"Thamsanqa has by far the longest queue, but problems there caused a chain reaction in other stations," Moodley said.

Voters yesterday complained of the long wait under a hot sun, urging officials to speed the queue up.

Green said only 27 764 Orange Farm residents were registered on the Johannesburg transitional metropolitan council's voters' roll.

The recent dispute over the council's boundaries had left many voters not knowing whether they were in the Vereeniging/Western Vaal metropolitan substructure or in the Johannesburg council. As a result, an unconfirmed 72 000 residents did not appear to be registered, Moodley said.

Vaal had given the Johannesburg council an incomplete list of registered voters. Those who were not registered had been allowed to vote but their names were put on the unplaced voters' roll.

No major voting problems in Johannesburg east

Ingrid Salgado

IGNORANCE of who candidates were was the main problem facing voters in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs yesterday.

Some voters even asked reporters how many ballot papers they would be using and whether they would be voting for parties or candidates.

"The problem is, we don't know the people or how to vote. I haven't seen any candidates but I know which party I'm going to vote for,"

a Kensington resident said.

Another Kensington resident complained that one polling station officer was allowing scores of senior citizens first place in the queue while other voters were pushed back. She had been waiting almost four hours to vote.

In neighbouring Malvern, more than 1 000 voters waited patiently for their turn to vote. One resident said this indicated the new SA had arrived, with blacks and whites queuing amicably together.

Many residents had flocked to

the Malvern polling station because they heard operations were running smoothly there, the presiding officer said. Only disabled people were being allowed to skip the queue.

Most polling stations in Johannesburg's eastern areas experienced no major logistical problems, with voting starting at 7am or shortly after.

A Troyeville voter described the elections as "a farce. But I will see what happens, this is the first local election."

Violence in Soweto and Tokoza mars day for residents

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POLITICAL STAFF

Sporadic violence in Soweto and some East Rand townships - caused by followers of rival political parties - marred the local elections yesterday

In Jabulani, Soweto, trouble started at 7am when an elderly woman went to vote and realised the ballot paper had no IFP emblem next to the candidate

According to Bantubonke Phephu, public relations officer for the ward, IFP members went to all 13 voting stations asking to see the ballot papers

"We were under the impression the candidate was participating as an independent," said Phephu, who said the Gauteng government would be requested to look into the matter. A source close to the election organisers said the candidate's registration form had been checked and he had definitely registered as an independent, not an IFP candidate

In Nancefield (Ward 16) voters had to wait for hours while the IFP argued its logo was not clearly printed on the ballot, and a provincial government spokesman yesterday hinted at the possibility

of a by-election in Jabulani

In Khumalo Street, Tokoza, gunshots brought voting to a halt, and one person was injured, after IFP supporters closed the gate to the Ward 7 polling station. They claimed the ANC was busying in voters from other wards

More than 500 people fled the polling station just before 4pm, closely followed by police who were firing teargas and buckshot in an attempt to disperse the agitated crowd. Police said several people were injured

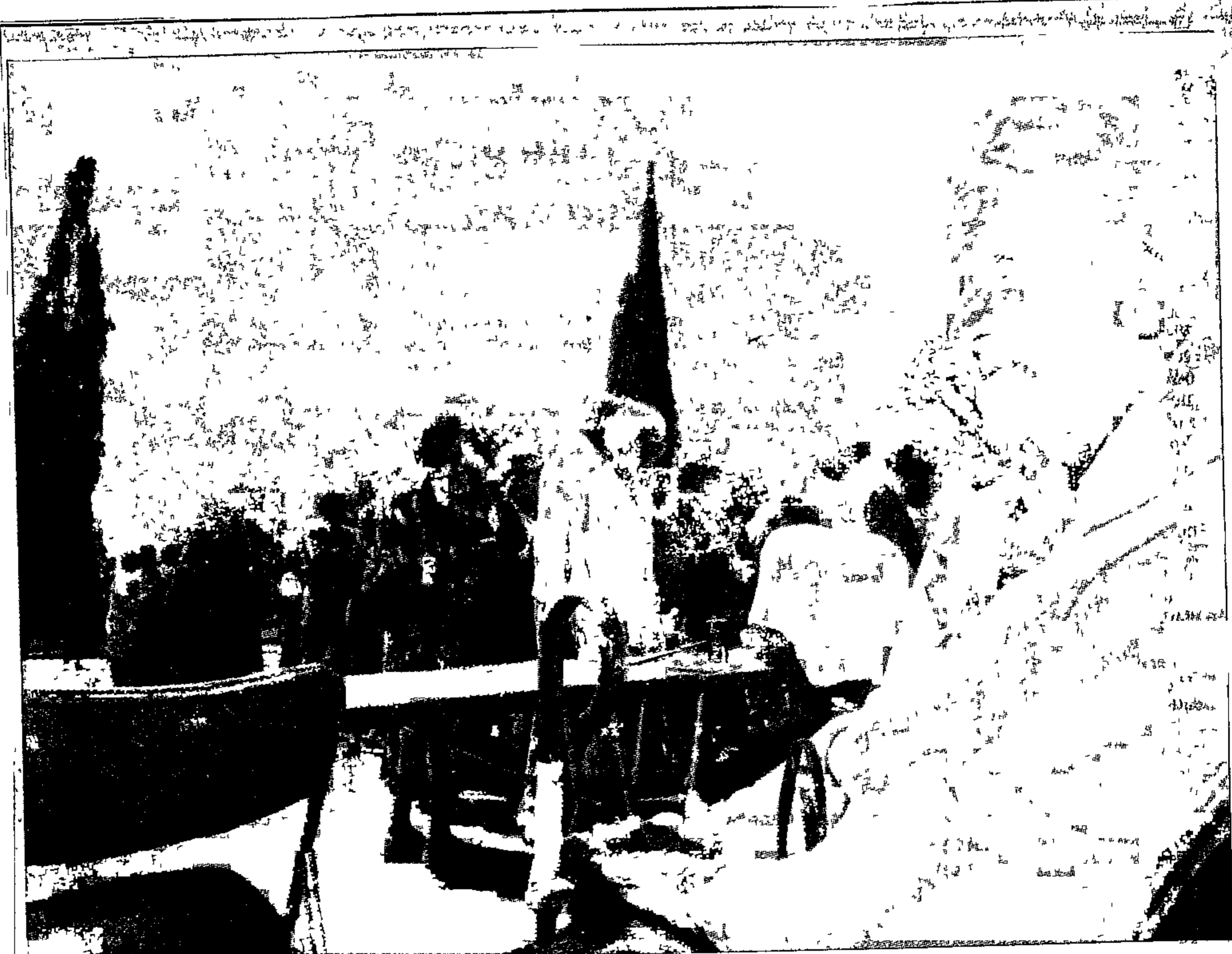
The East Rand Stability Unit and SANDF troops barricaded

Khumalo Street in front of the polling station to separate the two factions

In Daveyton, a petrol bomb was thrown by a member of a crowd at a polling station

In Tokoza, a SANDF soldier's body was found stabbed and stoned to death. Police arrested four 18-year-old suspects a few hours after the soldier was found in the Katilehong Section, Voorpos at about 5.30pm, Lt Jan Combrinck said

Police doubt, however, that the incident was linked to the elections



Waiting game ... 91-year-old Mrs E F Hill waits to vote in Krugersdorp on the West Rand.

PICTURE DEBBIE YAZBEK.

Turnout in Gauteng disappoints

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that the poll figure of 30% for Johannesburg was a "guesstimate" and that a final figure would only be available later in the day.

In Johannesburg's four sub-structures the poll estimates were. Eastern MSS 30%, Western MSS 27%, Southern MSS 28% and Northern MSS 35%.

In local authorities outside of Johannesburg some of the closing figures were Alberton 20%, Greater Benoni 55%, Boksburg 40%, Bronkhorstpruit 61%, Carletonville 51%, Cullinan 50%, Germiston 50%, Springs 60% and Krugersdorp 50%.

With the exception of Jabulani

where violence erupted after a dispute over ballot papers, the voting in Soweto and the rest of Johannesburg went off relatively smoothly.

Polling stations remained open until midnight in line with a decision to allow voters who had joined a queue by the official close of voting at 10pm to cast their ballots.

The last polling station to close in Gauteng was at Kattlehong where the station closed at 2 20am this morning.

According to officials manning the control centre at the Johannesburg Metropolitan Council, confusion arose when TMC officials decided to centralise the counting process and ordered

that ballot boxes be redirected to a central counting station in Soweto.

When the polls closed, presiding officers and party agents were left stranded with sealed ballot boxes for several hours before police came to collect them.

At other polling stations ballot boxes were locked inside and guarded by police throughout the night because there were not enough police vehicles to collect them.

At about 2am presiding officer Jane Mongatane of Mahon Evangelical Church polling station was preparing to spend the rest of the night in the church guarding the ballot boxes with her team of

watchful party agents and members of the SAPS.

"We are waiting for a vehicle to transport the ballot boxes to Nka-Thuto primary school, for ward 21 counting centre - a distance of less than 500 metres," a police officer said.

Presiding officer of Tshudmiso Primary School, Timothy Khumalo, was also puzzled by police not showing up to collect the ballot boxes.

"These small problems are outweighed by the many positive things we witnessed," Mofokeng added.

Local Government Election Task Group co-chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said there was no chance of voting continuing today.

Gauteng poll disappointing

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■ BY PATRICK BULGER
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KARIN SCHIMKE
AND NORMAN CHANDLER

Millions of people turned out to vote in the first democratic local government elections yesterday, but so far only a few results have been released since counting started during the night in some areas

The elections went smoothly around the country, but teething problems and hiccups were experienced at some polling stations during the first hours of voting. Provincial Affairs and Local Government Deputy Minister Mo-

LAST STEP to
democracy largely
peaceful, but in
apathetic Jo'burg
only 30% showed up

hamed Valli Moosa called the elections "a phenomenal success"

"Everything indicates a massive voter turnout throughout the country, constituting an unprecedented interest in local government," he told a media briefing

He said more than 90% of voting stations had experienced no

problems and paid tribute to the "incredible display of patience and discipline" by voters forced to wait in long queues because of the complicated voting process

Election results for Greater Johannesburg were not expected until later in the day, after a last-minute change in procedures delayed the start of counting in Soweto by up to 12 hours

But the turnout was much lower than expected by politicians who had denied reports of voter apathy and the ANC had claimed there would be a poll as high as 75%. Election officials said an average of only 30% of Greater Johannesburg's voters had cast their votes

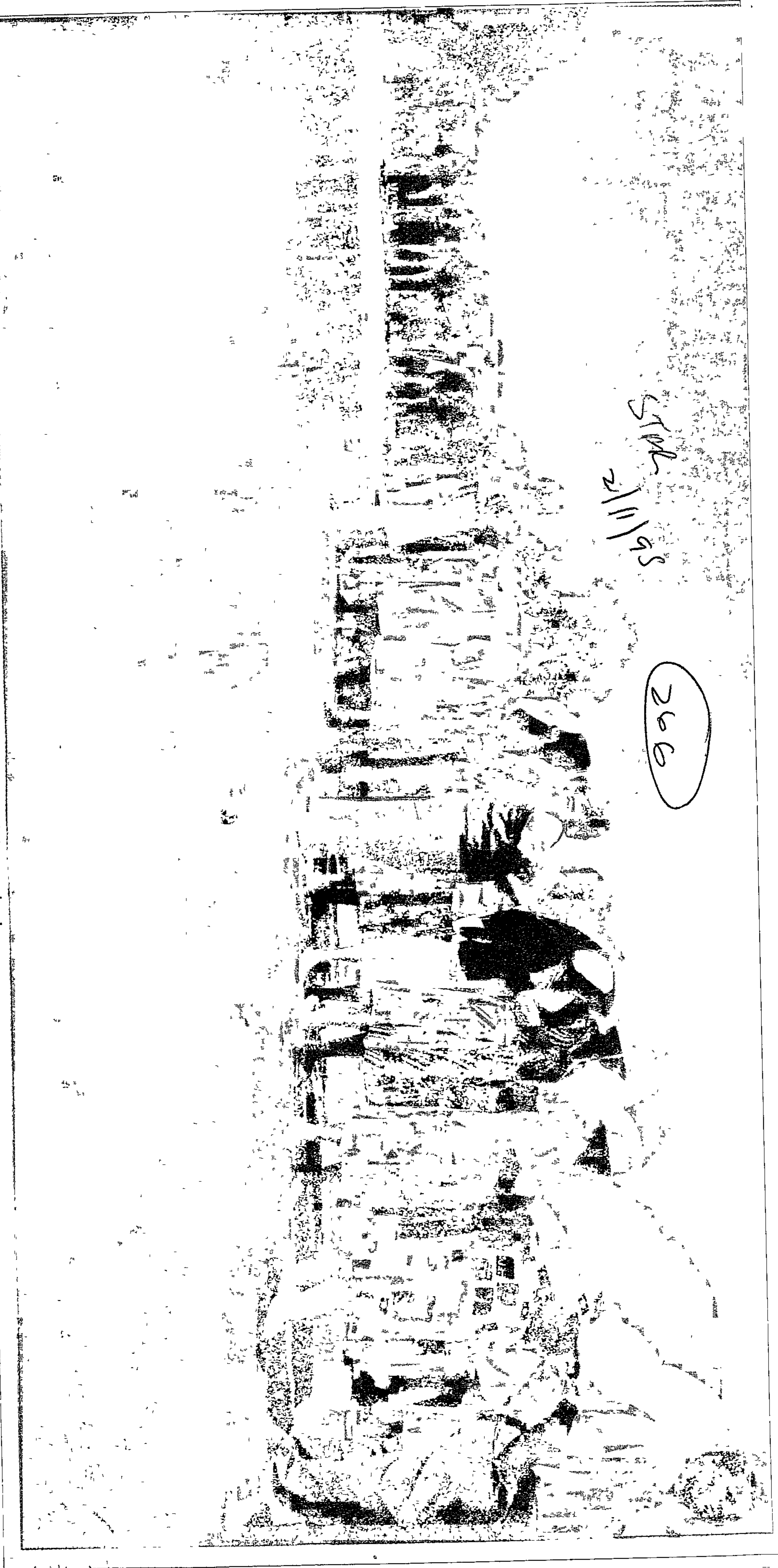
About 700 000 of Johannesburg's 1,5-million voters were registered to vote in wards in Soweto and the outcome in the township's 43 wards was expected to have a decisive impact on the overall Johannesburg result

By 8am this morning the results of only six Johannesburg wards were known. They were all Western MSS wards in the traditionally conservative western suburbs and they were won by the NP

Gauteng Housing and Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng told a media briefing early today that the poll figure of 30% for

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Rainbow of Xs across SA



Reflecting on their future voters gather in Alexandra yesterday, braving the baking sun but more than willing to have their say in local gov-
PICTURE MOTLHALEHI MAHLABE





ANC wins support of rural Afrikaners

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THE ANC has made inroads into conservative Afrikaner rural areas in Gauteng, winning seats that were once held by NP and CP candidates

Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale said there had been fundamental shifts in voting patterns in the rural areas. The shifts were not only among political parties, but also in the way voters were thinking.

Previously residents thought in terms of black and white, township and suburb, but the trend had changed. This was better for the ideals of free thinking.

In the Bronkhorstspruit area, the ANC had a clear majority. On the ward vote the ANC and NP each won three seats, while on the proportional representation vote the ANC won three seats and the NP one.

The ANC won 11 of the 20 seats in Springs, seven of 10 seats in

Randfontein, seven of 10 seats in Gatsrant, four of five seats in Magaliesburg, four of 10 seats in Crocodile River and six of the 10 seats contested in Vaal Rivier

Deputy Constitutional Affairs Minister Valli Moosa said the ANC had won these seats despite the fact it had accepted it would concede 50% of the vote in traditionally white areas.

The party was surprised to find its support in rural areas had not been confined to black voters only.

He said the ANC had been the only party to put forward a vision for local government in rural areas. Other parties had concentrated on grievances and pointing fingers at non-delivery.

Large-scale intimidation by white farmers had been reported, but this had not blunted voters' determination.

Moosa said the ANC support had always been strong in rural areas.

Farmers misled farm labourers - claim

■ BY PATRICK PHOSA

Builder Peter Ndlovu was unable to fulfill his dream of voting this week, not because his name was not registered, but because white Vereeniging farmers allegedly told him the turn for blacks to vote had not yet come

Ndlovu (45) yesterday claimed that farmers in Ward 1, Meyerton, told workers that voting in the local government elections on Wednesday was exclusively for whites and that blacks would vote in the blacks-only elections on November 29

"They know that we outnumber them in this ward and that we

were not going to vote for them.

"And we could have outvoted them and installed a local government that will look after our interests and improve our living conditions," he said

Ndlovu, who is a bricklayer, bitterly said he had "lost a golden opportunity to put the final brick on the house that was begun last

April"

"How do they expect me to pay for services when they denied me the opportunity to put the candidate of my choice into power?"

"I will not accept the new local government in my area because they excluded us from the voting process," he said

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Escaping the sun ... these two Highlands North voters needed a respite from the blistering sun while waiting in the queue to vote.

PICTURE NATASHA PINCUS

Death threats: Ballot boxes moved

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JOHANNESBURG — Death threats overshadowed the counting of votes in greater Johannesburg's Southern metropolitan substructure

Returning officer Danny Moodley said threats of violence had affected counting in Soweto particularly

Mr Moodley said it was decided to transfer ballot boxes from Soweto and other counting stations to metropolitan offices near the city centre because of threats to disrupt counting and harm staff

This took from early on Thursday until late that afternoon

While discussing how to proceed with counting, especially votes from Soweto, political party representatives and agents had become unruly and threatened officials, he said

His deputy, a Mrs Mazibuko, was accosted, according to reports he received. His life and those of electoral officials were threatened, Mr Moodley said

He did not want to identify the political parties responsible as this would create a volatile atmosphere

Police yesterday secured the metropolitan building in view of the threats

Problems in the Southern MSS, the largest local-authority area in the country, included a high level of voter illiteracy and ignorance, he said. Many voters had not appreciated the difference between a ward and a residential area, arriving at polling stations nearest where they lived but outside their ward — Sapa

It's a record turnout, says Mofokeng

By ADRIAN HADLAND and KURT SWART

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Local election results from around Gauteng continued to trickle in last night but the final tallies from many areas were still outstanding, according to election officials

While the indications remained firmly in the ANC's favour, even without final figures from predominantly black areas in the province, the National Party and the Democratic Party did well in several Gauteng wards

The National Party secured the Pretoria Metropolitan Substructure by a narrow margin, it was announced yesterday afternoon. The NP won 10 seats,

followed by the ANC with nine, the Freedom Front with five and the Conservative Party, the DP and a ratepayers' association one each

The NP also took control of the Centurion Metropolitan Substructure, where it won 10 seats to the ANC's two, while in Greater Boksburg the ANC took the honours

Other areas won by the ANC include Hillbrow, Yeoville, Berea, Joubert Park, Braamfontein, most of Alexandra and, still subject to confirmation, probably all the wards in Soweto

In Johannesburg's Western Metropolitan Substructure, the NP took 10 of the area's 24 wards while in the Eastern

MSS the DP had secured the most wards

More than 60% of registered voters had cast their votes, making Wednesday's first democratic local government elections a success, Gauteng Local Government MEC Dan Mofokeng said yesterday. Speaking at the Gauteng legislature, he said reports of a low voter turnout were incorrect

"Figures show a turnout of more than 60% of the 73% who had registered as voters. The turnout was very good and pleasing

"Compared to the days of whites-only municipal elections, it is a record turnout"

Bra Solly on a voting day walkabout among the people of vibey, (266)

By KURT SWART

Municipal candidate Solly Rametsi, survivor of a sleepless pre-election night, gazed wearily at the line of voters waiting in a winding queue outside the Hillbrow Recreation Centre polling station early on Wednesday.

"My team, the managers and party agents have been going flat out for 24 hours, but the spirit was so high. Everyone was motivated. I haven't slept. Two hours ago I had to remove all my posters within a 500m radius of the stations. That's the regulations, but I see the opposition has not done that," he said, pointing to a poster of another party.

Rametsi, cutting a dashing figure with his hair in a ponytail, a stud in his ear, wearing a flowing black suit, white shirt and explosively coloured tie, was standing as ANC candidate for

Ward 14 (Hillbrow)

A former disc jockey at Cape Town nightclubs, he is now the owner of Johannesburg disco Razmatazz, which has increased his popularity with the Hillbrow voters.

"Hey, Sol," "Hey, Bra Solly," came shouts from people in the queue. He answered with a smile and a wave.

He expressed great love for Hillbrow and its people. "It's a vibey place that goes on for 24 hours a day. The population is mixed. There are some outrageous people living here."

"The people are real, not plastic. They are not snobs. We have all types elderly white people, young couples who have just got engaged or married and have moved away from their parents for the first time, and young lovers. There are Chinese, and black people from all over. It is

an all-colour suburb. This is one of the beauties of Hillbrow.

"The only problem is drugs and crime and the plight of the street children, but I know we can beat it if we have a councillor who cares, a committed constituency like the people themselves. I try to give as much help as I can to the constituents as they are more important to me than anything else," he said as he shook a voter's hand.

Some voters asked whether their names were on the voting roll for Ward 14. Rametsi scanned the register for their names. The knot of people around him grew in size. "I live in Pretoria Street," said an old white woman. "Yes, mama, if you live there, you can vote at this station," Rametsi said.

Rametsi continued helping would-be voters to find the correct polling stations but then

another group descended, led by a polling officer and a burly white policeman, who abruptly snatched the register from Rametsi's hands. The National Party had complained that he was illegally canvassing support within sight of a polling station.

The people Rametsi had been addressing leapt vocally to his defence, telling the polling officer: "Don't be a victim of propaganda. He was simply telling people where to vote."

The argument grew more heated, but the polling officer was satisfied there had been no transgression and Rametsi had already moved away from the crowd to the opposite street corner.

Rametsi climbed behind the steering wheel of a dilapidated VW Microbus, bedecked with ANC flags and posters, its interior covered in flyers and newspa-

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pers. With the *Saturday Star* team as passengers, he put the bus in gear and moved off to the next polling station.

But soon a dreadful clanking noise emanated from the rear of the vehicle, which wheezed to a stop outside the Christ Church polling station.

"Now there's trouble. I know nothing about cars. I just know how to put in petrol and water."

He whipped out the cellphone. "Hello, the car is in trouble. Send the mechanic to the corner of Twist and Caroline. Something's loose. Something snapped or something."

An ANC party agent approached.

"For five hours we have been waiting. Some of us have left. This is supposed to be the new South Africa. Our people cannot stand here like stones," she said, informing Rametsi that the

polling officers had insisted on processing voters in alphabetical order.

Rametsi, with a disbelieving, despairing look, tried to contact his election office, as an old man stopped and complained that he had been turned away. "I am Abraham Mitchell Ziman. They told me to vote in Braamfontein, but I am a Hillbrow man."

"Maybe the comrade candidate can help," the party agent said. To herself she muttered "I wish I wasn't here today."

Ziman's name was not on the voters' register. Rametsi and his party agent could not help him, and it upset them.

Rametsi said "People are in queues which aren't moving. I can't believe this. Whoa, I have a headache now," he added, clutching his forehead. "This is Solly here, come," he said into his cellphone. "How are things on that

side? We have a crisis here. These people are discriminating. They want to frustrate everyone so that they can go home without voting," his last words drowned out by a Harley Davidson roaring down Twist Street.

A white man in blue overalls arrived. "Where's the problem, Solly?"

While the mechanic inspected the van, Rametsi forgot his headache to talk to a mother and her child on the pavement.

The mechanic reported: "CV joint is gone. I would not advise you to drive the van any further."

Rametsi shrugged and walked to the queue, which was moving forward at around 10m an hour, apologising to voters for their predicament.

By the end of the day, Rametsi was tired but triumphant and confident of victory.

"I have a lot of people to



SOLLY RAMETSI: Well liked by Hillbrow residents

thank, especially my party agents, and we have some celebrating to do. Hillbrow will be a better place now," he said as he strode off to the car his mechanic had left for him on the corner of Twist and Caroline.

■ Rametsi won the election

Leon roars as DP reclaims heartland

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By ANDREW TRENCH

THE Democratic Party has clawed itself back from the brink of extinction by winning back its English-speaking middle-class voters in Johannesburg who deserted it last year for the National Party.

"We have recaptured lost ground," said a jubilant Tony Leon, the DP leader. In last year's general elections, the NP obtained more votes than the DP in Johannesburg's eastern and northern areas, including the former stronghold of Houghton.

If Mr Leon's party was to have any future, it had to recapture its traditional heartland, and it did so.

In the east, the DP reclaimed suburbs like Houghton, Sandton, Orchards and Hyde Park.

In the northern areas, it regained control of Randburg's Ferndale and parts of Bryanston, Fourways, Blairgowrie and Greenhill.

Party members attributed this success to the DP's strong anti-crime platform. They said the DP also succeeded in showing that it was a more effective opposition than the NP.

Despite the DP's success in recapturing territory back from the NP, any post-election jubilation is likely to be tempered by some sober soul-searching.

The DP will be asking why, despite its gains, it lost the Eastern Metropolitan Substructure in Johannesburg to the ANC when the odds were in its favour. There were more than twice as many voters registered in traditionally white areas as there were in Alexandra, the only traditionally black area in the structure.

When the votes were finally tallied, the

DP had won 51 705 votes compared to the ANC's 63 450.

The DP simply failed to get enough of its supporters to the polls.

As a result it has lost possibly the only opportunity it will get until the next general election to govern a small, but important, part of the country and to put its policies into practice. Instead, the DP is left with a strong but modest platform from which to work.

The DP won a seat in Johannesburg's western substructure — an area where it has not done well in the past.

And with two seats in Germiston, one each in Benoni, Edenvale and Kempton Park, the DP has managed to establish a tiny but important new presence on the East Rand.

The party estimated that it has increased its percentage of the poll on the East Rand from 3,6 percent in last year's election to 6,2 percent.

By winning seats in Pretoria and Centurion, the DP showed it was able to attract support, albeit limited, among Afrikaans-speakers.

Mr Leon's aim for this election was to rebuild the DP, to win back support from the NP and to expand the party's base to position itself as a force for the future.

"All this is helpful," he said. "We have re-established a base. After the last election we had no base."

Mr Leon said the DP's focus now would be on gaining ground in black areas. He spoke of "realignments" to mount an "effective challenge."

The DP has a long way to go in township areas. Its most significant showing was the 500 votes DP candidate Lindah Rammutla won in Alexandra's East Bank ward.

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NIP marches off with Pretoria

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By RAY HARTLEY
Political Correspondent

IT WAS the day after the battle for Pretoria and the Constitutional and Provincial Affairs Minister, Roelf Meyer, allowed himself the faintest smile. For the first time in months, he was the purveyor of good news: his provincial party organisation had a victory under its belt.

In an extraordinary switch in political allegiances at local government level, the NP snatched no fewer than 17 seats from the Conservative Party, leaving the right wing, including the Freedom Front, without a single representative in Pretoria.

Western Cape power base But, for Mr Meyer, the victory was nonetheless sweet, vindicating the enthusiasm with which he has embraced the new South Africa. "Maybe the CP shot themselves in the foot when they didn't participate in last year's general election," he said. "It shows that it's absolutely fatal to boycott.

support for them," he said with feigned remorse. Although technically controlling Pretoria, Mr Meyer said his party would not try to run the city on its own. Instead, in an extension of his brand of reconciliatory politics, the city would be run as "a government of local unity".

Unlike his colleague Western Cape Premier Hermus Kriel, Mr Meyer has doggedly stuck to the theory that the NP benefits most from co-operating within the government of national unity rather than taking on a high-profile opposition role. Superficially, at least, his theory seems to have paid dividends, with reconciliatory NP members in Gauteng, led by Olaus van Zyl in the provincial legislature, attracting back white voters who deserted for

Thursday morning, Mr Moosa explained the ANC's success. "The NP-dominated Western Cape government is generally not perceived to be constructive." "The NP made the fatal mistake of not presenting a vision of local government. It conducted a negative campaign aimed at pointing out the inadequacies of the ANC," he said. Pressed on the Western Cape switch to the ANC, Mr Meyer changed the subject. "Let me give a general perspective without focusing on the Western Cape," he said. "What we have seen is that we are still linked to the political formations of the past. The country has changed, but the political formations remain the same." What irks Mr Meyer is the failure

of the NP to make any inroads into African areas in the 18 months since the last election. The NP's Pretoria victory was, in fact, a double-edged sword. While it decimated the NP's right-wing opponents, it also signalled that the party was returning to its pre-transition white power base, a move that could limit its ability to attract the black votes necessary for success in national elections.

"The last thing that I would like to see happen is that the NP would now be seen as only standing up for the rights of white voters. That perception must be rooted out," he said. Should the rooting out not take place before next year's Cape Town metropolitan election, the results could severely damage the NP's hold on the only province it controls.



VINDICATED . . . Roelf Meyer enjoys the victory

'Councils don't measure up in the water works'

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BY TROYE LUND

The Auditor-General is likely to intervene in the water affairs of Gauteng's town councils after reports that they are not measuring their own monthly consumption, Rand Water confirmed this weekend.

Penalties for exceeding water quotas went up by 100% this month which means consumers will be paying close to R5 for each kilolitre by which they exceed their quota. While town councils are adamant they apply the same restrictions

on themselves as they impose on the public, only one of seven councils asked could give the exact number of kilolitres they use and save each month.

Rand Water spokesman Archer Davis said "Like a household, councils should be able to say exactly how much water they use a month. Generally they can't because their consumption is not measured and is included in the unaccounted-for water - that monthly percentage which is lost through leakages, bad accounting and theft"

Davis added. "Municipalities need assistance. They should be running their own ships like their consumers are expected to."

A water engineer, who does not want to be named as he does contract work for various councils, is adamant. "Municipalities have no clue how much they are using and what they say they are is a thumb-suck and a manipulated guess. Water used by the council's various departments is lumped into the vast amount of unaccounted-for water. Treasury departments will manipulate

late the figures to suit wastage. When parks are watered, for example, they just plug into a hydrant, nothing is measured," he said.

The engineer added "One council has just paid me R10 000 to locate a leak. I discovered this is a major leak which is costing the council R80 000 a year."

"Because it would cost too much to access and fix, that water department decided to leave it. Water departments have no incentive to save water or minimise loss. They are given a budget and have to spend it

if they do not want it reduced the next year. It is the treasury that saves money from more efficient water consumption," he said and then defined anyone to "put sand over a council water meter, it will remain covered for months"

When asked how many kilolitres it was using and saving each month, the only reply the Alberton Town Council was prepared to give was that it was saving an average of 30% a month.

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Alberton's water engineer Willie Neethling said all council departments have been instructed to save 20%. It would take "two or three days" before he could say exactly how many kilolitres was being used.

But he said "We have exactly the same restrictions as households and also have to meet a quota. Except for small trees, we do not water our internal gardens. Bowling greens, parks and cricket pitches are (watered) we cannot let them die"

Boksburg's treasury department said households were on restrictions, but council buildings and parks "do not operate on a savings quota". Water savings figures, however, "need to be worked out and are not readily available"

Jan Sittig of Boksburg said "Quite a bit of water is being saved." Parks were watered twice a week.

Edenvale was the only town council able to give figures. It claims to use an average of 8 380kl a month.

Randburg water engineer Dirk Gresse said the council was "saving far more" than it was supposed to. But, "the treasury has switched to another computer system and we cannot give the statistics"

ANC secretary general for Gauteng legislature Paul Mashatile said the government would be making decisions to strengthen local councils' water saving efforts this week.

"We are committed to finding any loopholes"

Jo'burg Metro poll results out

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Election regulations demand that
new councillors be sworn in today

By Joe Mdhlela
Political Reporter

SOWETAN TODAY PUBLISHES the results of the local government elections for the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan area, which have been filtering in since voting started last Wednesday

As all the results are made available, so *Sowetan* will keep its readers informed about the outcome of results in 42 other wards in Greater Johannesburg

With the African National Congress already having asserted its authority in the country - with the exception of KwaZulu-Natal, where elections are still to be held - a clear picture is now emerging that the ANC's lead is unassailable

Co-chairman of the Election Task Group Mr Khehla Shubane said the outcome of the elections, and the way "our people understood

this complex process" must serve as a comment on the electoral process

"I am actually relieved that it is now over and one must hope that the outstanding provinces, like KwaZulu-Natal and part of the Western Cape, will also experience similar success," Shubane said

According to the election regulations, councillors who have won the elections in their wards are expected to be sworn in today and ceremonies are expected to take place throughout the country

Popular ANC activist and former mayor of the outgoing Greater Johannesburg Transitional Council Mr Isaac Mogase is expected to retain his position as mayor of a more democratic council

Mogase has been vocal in agi-

tating for more democratic structures "because it is such structures that will encourage our people to begin to pay rates and services"

Mogase, as president of the Soweto Civic Association, is one of the few civic leaders who has been vocal in calling for the payment of services "We now have a democratic government and must assist it to succeed," Mogase told *Sowetan*

Meanwhile, *African Eye News* reports that the National Party in Mpumalanga has called on the provincial legislature to launch an investigation into election irregularities in the province

The statement also claims that ANC members intimidated voters and members of the security forces
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Squatter now controls millionaire suburbs

(2EL) Sowetans 8/11/95

By Charity Bhengu

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He has been unemployed for some time and became an ANC branch organiser for Zaventfontein and Diepsfontein in 1991.

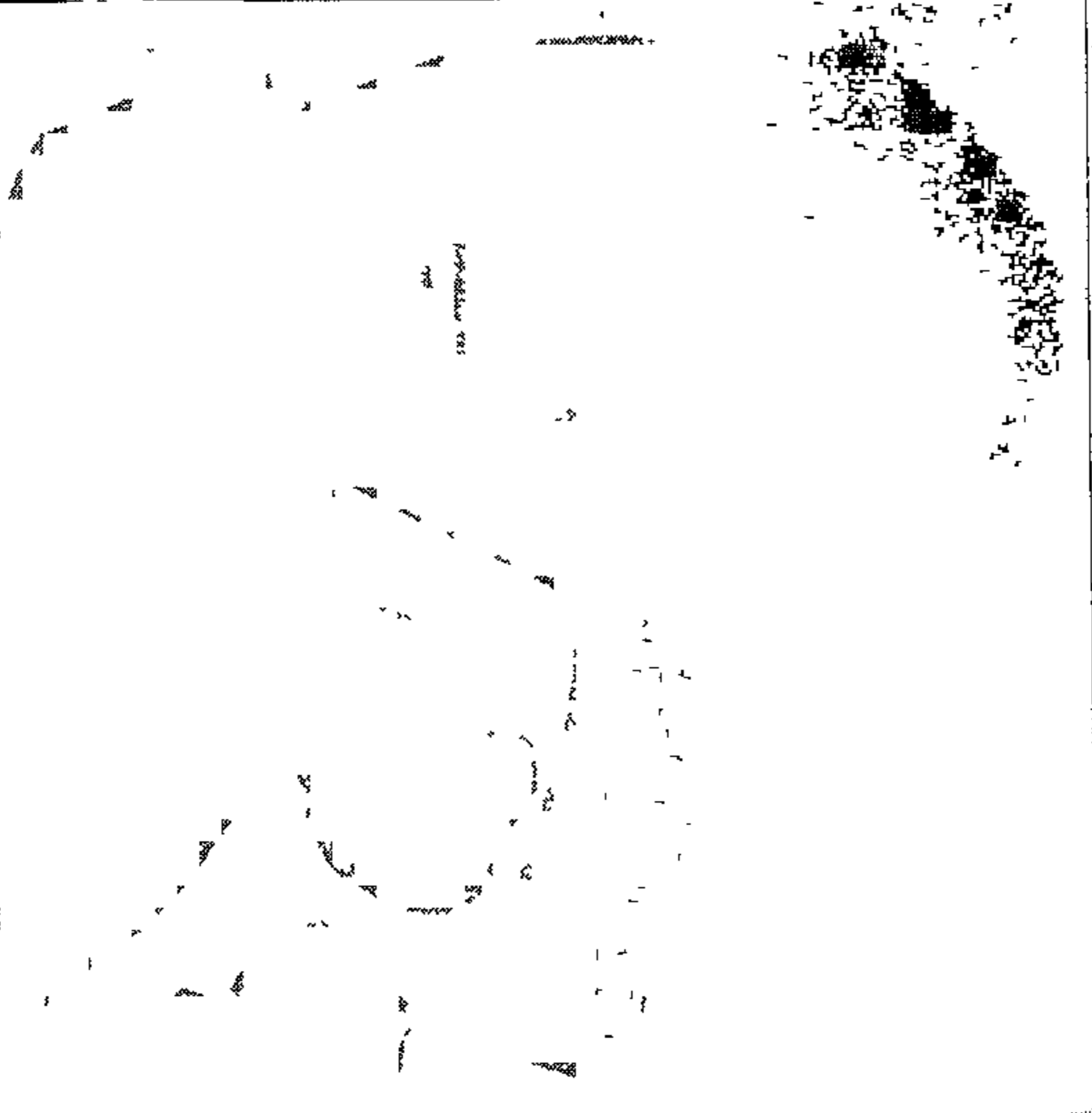
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Albert Satywetwe ... the unemployed squatter who now represents the poor and the elite.
 PIC LEN KUMALO

ANC claims win in greater Pretoria

JOHANNESBURG The African National Congress yesterday claimed the greater Pretoria metropolitan area.

It said in a statement it had won 19 of the 40 seats on the greater Pretoria metropolitan

council. (266)

The National Party won nine of the 18 ward seats in the central substructure, plus five proportional representation seats. The Freedom Front won four seats and the Democratic Party one — Sapa

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ANC confident of taking top posts in Greater Johannesburg

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STAFF REPORTERS

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ANC representatives of the Southern MSS will meet on November 13, the Eastern on the 14th, the Western on the 15th and the Northern on the 16th to choose the key positions. The inaugural metropolitan council meeting, to ratify the MSS decisions will be held on November 20.

Phillip Seate of Ward 7, who received the greatest number of votes - 10 157 in the Southern MSS - would not speculate about top leadership. An ANC MSS meeting would be held soon to deal with the matter.

Candidates were reluctant to discuss leadership positions to avoid internal fighting, but party sources believe the top positions of chairman of exco and MSS mayor will go to two powerful "women of the south", Gladys Fihla and Sophie Masite.

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ANC representatives of the Southern MSS will meet on November 13, the Eastern on the 14th, the Western on the 15th and the Northern on the 16th to choose the key positions. The inaugural metropolitan council meeting, to ratify the MSS decisions, will be held on November 20.

Philip Seate of Ward 7, who received the greatest number of votes - 10 157 in the Southern MSS - would not speculate about top leadership. An ANC MSS meeting would be held soon to deal with the matter.

Candidates were reluctant to discuss leadership positions to avoid internal fighting, but party sources believe the top positions of chairman of exco and MSS mayor will go to two powerful "women of the south", Gladys Fihla and Sophie Maste.

Gauteng R720m over budget

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Sello Motlhabakwe

GAUTENG's government still faces a R720m budget deficit eight months into the current financial year despite a major cost-cutting exercise, says finance MEC Jabu Moleketi.

This follows Western Cape's concerns that it is heading for a major shortfall this fiscal year.

Both provincial administrations have made representations to the national treasury committee for intervention. Government, however, is emphatic that the prov-

inces may not run on deficits

Moleketi said Gauteng's deficit emanated from three areas — health, education and welfare.

"Overspending in the health ministry is particularly worrying as the province did not get treasury allocations to cater for increased patient intake at its hospitals.

"The seven academic hospitals are also straining resources, as are the presidential lead projects," he said.

Initial estimates of a R1,2bn shortfall had

been reduced by about 40% through a number of measures, including cuts of R500m in the education bill as well as savings by the transport and welfare ministries, he said. This, coupled with allocations from the reconstruction and development programme and modest cost-cutting across departments, had reduced the expected deficit.

Gauteng's budgeting ability was constrained by the need to continue spending on capital programmes set in motion by the old Transvaal Provincial Administration, Moleketi said.

Western Cape finance MEC Kobus Meiring said his province's deficit, estimated at R1,02bn, was the result of "underallocation" by central government.

Meiring said an underrecovery in own revenue was envisaged, necessitating a downward revision of the original projection to R331,83m from R396,53m.

The health vote accounted for a chunk of the deficit as a result of the non-receipt of hospital fees (R62,98m), static tariffs since 1993, loss of private patients and the lead projects. Steps had been taken to deal with revenue underrecovery.

Teachers might be retrenched to rectify the situation, he said.

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Councillors ready to roll

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By Joe Mdhlela
Political Reporter

The ANC has a dominant position in all the Greater Johannesburg councils

THE INAUGURATION of councillors in the Greater Johannesburg transitional metropolitan councils and metropolitan sub-structures will take place next week

With all election results having been processed and the ANC taking a dominant position in all the councils, it has now been confirmed the organisation will now take charge of the Greater Johannesburg councils

ANC spokesman Mr Paul Mashatile said "Claims of victory by the Democratic Party and the National Party in Greater Johannesburg do not reflect the reality of our situation. The vast majority of communities in this province have endorsed the government of premier Tokyo Sexwale"

On Monday, the Southern metropolitan substructure will hold its inauguration at Jabulani Civic Centre in Soweto. This sub-structure incorporates Glenvista, Emmerdale, Orange Farm, Lenasia and major parts of Soweto. The inauguration for the Eastern metropolitan substructures will be held at Sandton's council offices on Tuesday

The inaugurations in the Western metropolitan substructure will be held at the Roodepoort municipal chambers on Wednesday, with those of the Northern metropolitan substructure taking place at Braamfontein Civic Centre on Thursday

Voting in wards six and seven of the Greater Benoni Transitional Local Council, adjourned before polling stations closed in last week's local government elections, will continue today

The provincial executive council said all registered voters from wards in the Etwatwa area, who were unable to vote on November 1, had the right to vote today

Gauteng local government and housing MEC Dan Mofokeng has expressed surprise that a few councils ignored his directive to postpone any decisions on the appointment of mayors and deputy mayors until clarity was reached at provincial level. On reports that two Pretoria substructures dominated by the National Party had ignored his directive, Mofokeng said "Those councils should not be surprised if they do not get the degree of cooperation from the province that they would like in future"

Meanwhile armed ANC and IFP-aligned self defence units remain a major stumbling block to plans to hold local government elections in KwaZulu-Natal next year

Political leaders said elections in the province, which were postponed to March 27 next year, might be postponed again unless political parties brought their "community defence" structures under control

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Mr Velaphi Ndlovu said IFP leaders were being assassinated by undisciplined SDU members

Mogase now mayor of Greater Johannesburg

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STAFF REPORTER

Isaac Mogase is the mayor of Greater Johannesburg after being voted in by the ANC's provincial executive committee last night. Colling Matjila was nominated chairman and Reginald Dubazane, whip.

The party's provincial executive committee released the names last night. The nominations follow an announcement by Gauteng local government and housing MEC Dan Mofokeng that Greater Johannesburg would have five mayors, but only one deputy. Each substructure would have a mayor. It was envisaged these would eventually be relegated to deputies.

The members of the Greater Johannesburg TMC are: mayor - Isaac Mogase; chairman - Colin Matjila, deputy chairman - Kenny Fihla, whip - Reginald Dubazane.

Members of the Northern Metropolitan Substructure are: mayor - Danny Kekana, chairman - Pule Buthelezi, chief whip - Stan Thusani.

The Northern MSS's executive committee's ANC members are Stan Thusani, Nathan Jacobs, Ruby Mathang, Mally Mokoena, Sibuso Buthelezi and Lorna Bishop.

On the Eastern MSS, the mayor, chairman and chief whip are Justice Ngidi, Nikele Ntshangane and Similo Makamboti. The Eastern MSS's ANC executive committee members are Ivor Isaacs, Sol Cowan, Diseko Ohara, Christina Walters, Sisa Nkikiana and Ben Lekalakala.

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The Western MSS's mayor, chairman and chief whip are, respectively, Simphwe Nantse, Strike Ralegona and Jerry Steenveldt.

Its executive committee members are Ikageng Magasa, Louis Ramamano, Shirley Mofokeng, Jerry Steenveldt, Norman Ngwedzen, and Joan Waldon.

The Southern MSS's mayor, chairman and chief whip are Sophie Masite, Prema Naidoo and Shan Bolton.

Its executive committee consists of Shan Bolton, Nat Ramokgopa, Zodwa Nxumalo, Loretha King, Elgna Moshugi, and Chris Rabap.

Slow election count has left Jo'burg rudderless

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The city of Johannesburg will have no political leadership for the next three weeks because election results are not complete.

The terms of office of the heads of the Transitional Metropolitan Council ended on October 31. And new members will be elected only on November 20, so there is no executive committee in office.

Exco deputy chairman Ian Davidson and other exco members have vacated their offices, but no one has replaced them.

The metropolitan substructure was to have met within three days of the election, but this has been delayed because election results are incomplete.

This delayed the first meeting of the Greater Johannesburg council. The MSSS are to meet next week to inaugurate their members and to announce the nominations for the Greater Johannesburg council, which will be presented at the inaugural meeting of the council on November 20.

The new council will comprise 30 seats from the parties'

proportional representation lists, and 20 ward seats from various MSSS. Exco members will come from these.

A Greater Johannesburg TMC spokesman said the city was being run by acting chief executive officer Nicky Padayachee, who would retain his post.

It is most likely that previous mayor Isaac Mogase and chairman of exco Collin Matjila will retain their posts.

Reports say that Matjila and Kenny Fihla were engaged in a fierce power struggle to gain the ANC nomination as exco chairman. But the ANC denies this.

A statement from the ANC's provincial executive committee said members were unanimous in the selection of chairman, deputy chairman and other exco members.

The ANC has nominated Fihla as deputy chairman of the Greater Johannesburg exco - with Reginald Dubazane as whip.

Four other ANC nominees were named for the exco.

ALL THE CITY'S MEN



CITY'S LIKELY LEADERS: ANC-nominated mayor Isaac Mogase (left), executive committee head Collin Matjila and duty chairman of exco Kenny Fihla

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Black woman becomes mayor

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Mduduzi ka Harvey

ANC councillor Sophie Masite started work yesterday as the first black woman mayor in the country, representing Johannesburg's largest southern metropolitan substructure

At the inauguration of councillors representing the substructure, which includes parts of Soweto, Eldorado Park, Orange Farm and Roodepoort, Masite called for the delivery of efficient services, the implementation of the Masakhane campaign and the reconstruction and development programme

Meanwhile, Gauteng local government MEC Dan Mofokeng said that positions of deputy mayors were still the subject of discussion in the cabinet, because the process of apportioning powers and duties had not been finalised

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Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Cheers for election of activist as new mayor

DEBBIE YAZBEK

By HOPEWELL RADEBE
City Reporter

About 600 people cheered and sang following the election of former civic activist Sophie Masite as Mayor of the Southern Metropolitan Substructure which incorporates the Johannesburg CBD, Soweto and Lenasia

People waited patiently in the blazing sun outside the Jabulani Civic Centre, Soweto, as the councillors voted for mayor, chairman and deputy-chairman of the executive committee which was overwhelmingly made up of ANC members.

The National Party managed to get only two out of 11 seats, Theuns Oosthuizen and A Abader.

After taking her seat and leading the council proceedings, Mayor Masite noticed that her 69 councillors, who were crammed in the small Soweto Council Chambers, were sweating because of the lack of an air conditioning system

She gave male councillors permission to take off their jackets

The council elected Jerry Moagi as acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who would be responsible to facilitate the appointment of the permanent CEO. Sources within the ANC told The Star that Moagi has been offered the position of CEO by the party but had refused it and only agreed to assist the MSS until a CEO was found

Masite congratulated all elected



Amost in tears... Sophie Masite is overwhelmed.

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councillors and wished them well in their endeavour to make a difference to their community throughout their term of office

She reiterated President Mandela's words in his local election victory speech when he said "The large turn-out during the local government election and the overwhelming support for the ANC is the victory for the whole country

"A great responsibility now rests on our shoulders to ensure that you reciprocate the trust of the people by immediately establishing the efficient and the accountable structures of government"

Prema Naidoo was elected chair-

man of the Exco with Nat Ramokgopa his deputy Other ANC members of the Exco are Parks Tau, Neshan Balton, Zodwa Nxumalo, Loretta King, Elgina Ndlovu, Dan Moshugi and Chris Rabaj.

The Southern MSS also chose its 11 councillors who would be its representatives in the Transitional Metropolitan Council The ANC representatives were Eric Nkomo, Voice Ernest Mabe, Sidney Mabuza, Sandy Mgidlana, Mwelase Nhlapo, Dan Bovu, R Adam, Jose Coetzee and Lennox Zemba

The National Party representatives are Linda Lewis, Hettie Meyer and Anthony Reeves.

ANC slams 'rigging' protest march

By HOPEWELL RADEBE
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The ANC has condemned the planned IFP march against the inauguration of councillors in the Eastern Metropolitan Substructure today.

The IFP says it will be holding the march to express its outrage over what it claims was "the rigging of elections" in Ward 36 of the Eastern MSS, which was won by the ANC.

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ANC Gauteng spokesman Donovan Cloete said the party rejected the IFP's victory claim and it was prepared to contest the challenge in court.

Officials responsible for the inauguration ceremony said the proceedings would go ahead as planned and measures would be taken to ensure the safety and successful election of the mayor, executive management committee members and metropolitan council representatives.

Swearing in of the new mayors gets under way

Ceremonies gather in momentum after Gauteng government gives local councils green light

By **KARIN SCHIMKE**
Gauteng Reporter

The election of Greater Johannesburg's five mayors and one deputy gained momentum this week following the granting by the Gauteng government last week of permission to local councils to go ahead with the process.

This decision came after a deluge of circulars to councils in Gauteng asking Transitional Metropolitan Councils to postpone nominations last week.

The collective result was confusion among local councils, which did not fall into a metro council, many of whom also postponed electing their officials

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At a Gauteng cabinet meeting on Thursday it was decided a single mayor would be installed in each of Johannesburg's four metro sub-structures - some have already begun doing this - plus a mayor and a deputy mayor for the Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council.

This was considered the "all-round best option", said Gauteng Local Government and Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng.

"This decision is only a step in the process to streamlining the system. We envisage that eventually there will be only one mayor and four deputies, one in each sub-structure," said Mofokeng. This was in keeping

he said, with plans to economise.

"Every mayor has to have his own package worked out. Having five mayors and five deputies is not viable."

The plan was also politically sensible, he said, pointing to an eventual unifying of all Johannesburg's sub-structures.

Power squabbles within metros are already surfacing and the cabinet's decision hoped to prevent at least some future tussles between metros and their sub-structures.

Mofokeng last week requested Gauteng's TMCs to wait for the provincial legislature to set guidelines on the question of whether to

allow sub-structures to be led by mayors or to have only one mayor representing the whole TMC.

The letter aimed only at Gauteng's TMCs, however, had the unexpected consequence of delaying the election of executive councils in TMCs too.

Mofokeng's spokesman, Thabang Mamonyane, said "Almost all TMCs in Gauteng either postponed or delayed the inauguration of executive councils 'until further notice', but this was unnecessary because the letter was aimed only at the four metropolitan councils in Gauteng, namely Vaal/Vereniging, North East Rand, Greater Johannesburg and Pretoria TMC."

Yesterday Mofokeng said "The position of deputy mayors is still the subject of discussion in the cabinet because the process of apportioning powers and duties has not been finalised."

"This means the process of devolving powers and duties to the various levels may influence the offices of deputy mayors."

"The proper balance of powers and responsibilities between metropolitan councils and sub-structures is presently under consideration by the Gauteng government."

He added that the election of mayors and executive committees could now be affected.

Mofokeng last week expressed his surprise at the move by Pretoria to start installing mayors after the express directive to delay decisions until province had issued guidelines.

NP spokesman Annelize van Wyk said, however, the party had reached an agreement with the ANC and there had been no need to wait.

Mamonyane said the aim of the circulars was to bring uniformity and clarification of the ranks of executive councils to all councils. He said there was a confusion whether both the metropolitan sub-structures and the TMC management council would be headed by mayors or not.

ANC, NP vote against DP in Eastern Substructure

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By ANNA COX

The ANC and the NP appear to have become unlikely bedfellows in the Eastern Metropolitan Substructure

At the local authority's inaugural meeting in Sandton last night, the parties voted together on two separate issues against the DP, which holds the second highest number of seats on the substructure

The first vote was on whether to have nine or 10 executive committee members. The ANC called for 10 members and the DP nine. The NP voted with the ANC and the decision on 10 members went through.

Justice Ngidi, who served as the mayor for the past year was re-elected to the position.

When it came to electing a deputy chairman of the council, the ANC supported NP councillor Arthur Norval, defeating DP nominated Judith Briggs

The DP, with 19 councillors, has the second largest number of councillors after the ANC, which has 31. The NP has six, the IFP three and there is one independent councillor

No ANC or NP member would comment on whether an alliance had been formed in order to keep the DP out

NP candidate is elected first mayor of Greater Pretoria

National Party councillor and rugby administrator Piet Olivier has been elected the first mayor of Greater Pretoria

And Peter Maluleka of the ANC is the Greater Pretoria Metropolitan Council's executive committee chairman

The historical mayoral election, in the Ou Raadsaal on the day Pretoria celebrated its 140th anniversary,

was the first of a Metropolitan Council mayor in Gauteng.

Olivier told the Greater Pretoria Metropolitan Council he would do his best to create unity among all the people in Greater Pretoria.

Maluleka said the executive committee would uphold responsibility and transparency

Olivier beats Maluleka in the mayoral election by 22 votes to 18 in

the 40-seat council, which includes 18 ANC, 16 NP, five FF and one DP councillor

When it came to the election of the executive committee chairman, the NP did not put up a candidate and the council had to choose between ANC and FF candidates - Maluleka and FF council leader Philippus de Wet. It is believed Maluleka got 19 votes

Professor Piet van Niekerk (NP) was elected deputy chairman of the executive committee.

The council decided the ANC, as the biggest single party, would have four executive committee members, the NP would have three and the FF would have one

Five members would form a quorum in the committee. - Pretoria Correspondent.

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Blind Danny elected North mayor

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Northern metropolitan substructure councillors have elected a blind man, Danny Kekana, as their new mayor.

Mr. Kekana was given a standing ovation as he was led to the mayoral seat. He is the first black mayor of the newly demarcated substructure which incorporates the conservative areas of Randburg and parts of Soweto.

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He has a degree in politics from the University of the North, an honours degree in development studies and a masters degree in sociology — the latter two from the University of the Witwatersrand.

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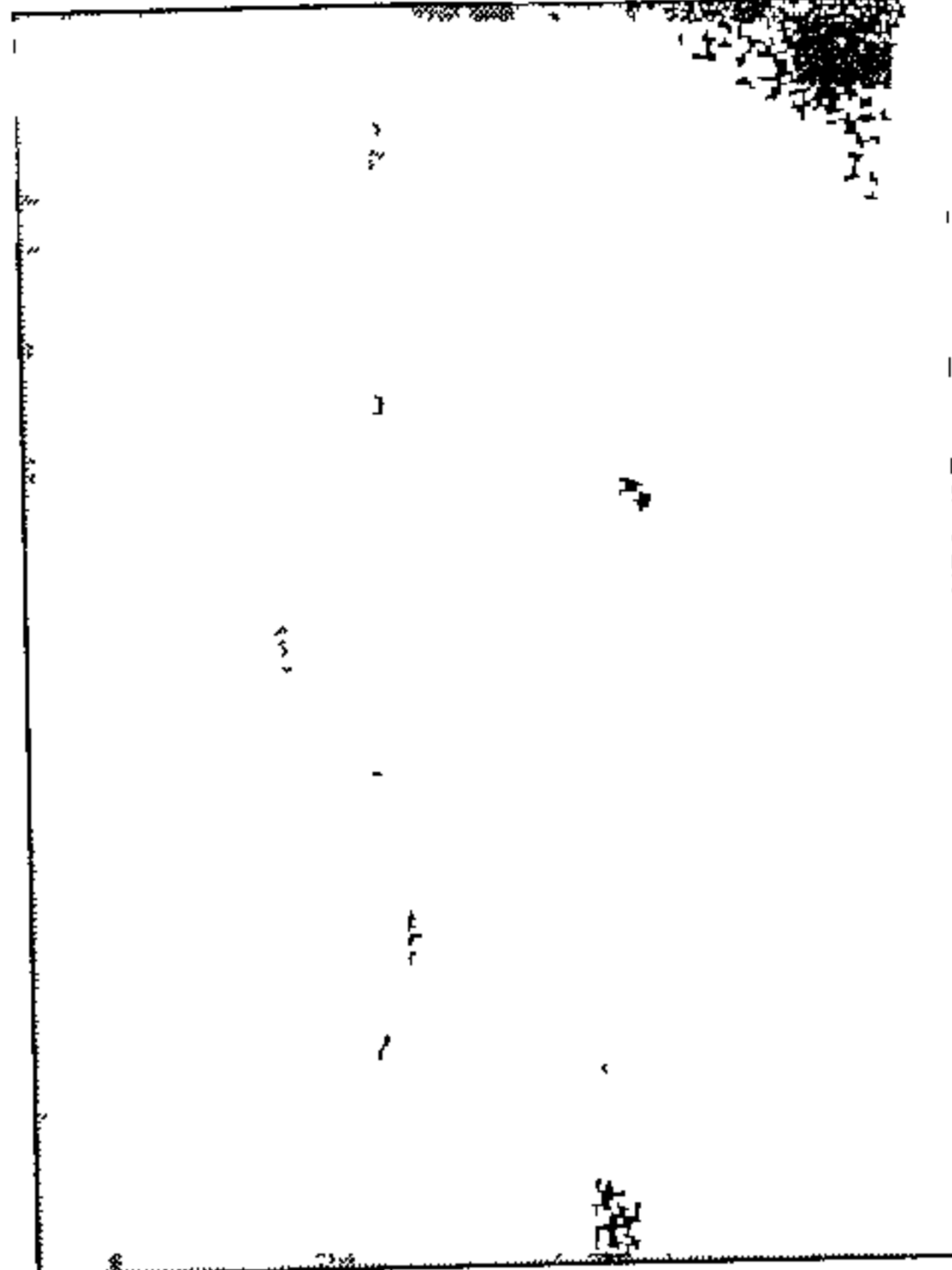
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Urbanisation, cap on revenue to hit councils

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THE newly elected transitional metropolitan councils will have to contend with rapid urbanisation and stagnant revenue bases.

Addressing the Johannesburg Press Club in Parktown yesterday, Local Government Elections Task Group co-chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said the election had called the bluff on the argument for the non-payment of services as the local structures were now legitimate.

Slabbert said the incapacity of local structures to deliver services would be the real challenge to the credibility of the elections.

He said he was concerned about rural transitional councils which came into existence over the elections period because they would need intergovernmental grants to develop democratic local government structures.

Stand-alone towns were also a concern because they lacked infrastructural support systems, Slabbert said.

Local authorities would also be affected by the lack of experienced personnel at the local government level, particularly in rural areas. For future elections to succeed

without the hitches experienced in the recent election, he said an independent commission should be set up to structure the elections and the law should allow for greater flexibility of time frames for the different election processes. More time had to be allocated for preparing voters' rolls as three months had been insufficient, he said.

During the election process, Slabbert said the task team was faced with the problem of determining the country's voter population. It had opted for information from the Central Statistics Service, local council figures of the number of ratepayers and from consultation of residents in the different communities. He denied claims that figures had been fabricated and manipulated.

Slabbert also said rural areas in the Eastern Cape had been a nightmare in the elections because of the lack of communication lines and inexperienced election officials.

The test to determine the legitimacy of the elections was whether the majority was satisfied with the elections and by the large turnout to vote. Slabbert said the election had been successful.



Van Zyl Slabbert addresses the Johannesburg Press Club yesterday on the recent local elections.
Picture: ROBERT BOTHA



At the helm ... members of the Greater Johannesburg council gather after their inauguration yesterday. They are, from left, Reginald Dubazana (ANC), Yakoob Makda (NP), Eugene Robson (ANC), Lindsey Bremner (ANC), Nicky Padayachee (acting chief executive officer), Collin Matjila (ANC and exco chairman), Isaac Mogase (ANC and mayor), Kenneth Fihla (ANC and deputy chairman of exco), Sizakele Nkosi (ANC), Peter de Wet (NP), Patrick Flusk (ANC), Sarel van der Westhuizen (NP) and Peter Horwitz (DP).

Last-minute caucus puzzles voters at council inauguration

BY LORNA ZOKUFA
AND HOPEWELL RADEBE

Speculation ran high among members of political parties and the public at yesterday's council inauguration, when the ANC called for a 15-minute caucus just seconds before the mayor of Greater Johannesburg was to be called.

Members of the public cheered and clapped as Isaac Mogase was re-elected unopposed as mayor of the Greater Johannesburg Transitional

Metropolitan Council

"I know that some of you were speculating about who would be named mayor when the ANC asked for time to caucus, but they have not changed their mind," Mogase said as he took his mayoral seat.

"Those who have been elected as councillors must always remember the millions of people who voted them in and that those people expect delivery. This is not a victory for the councillors but a victory for all those who put you in power.

"We have come here with a purpose, and that is not to score political points but to deliver and deal with issues such as crime, job creation, effective service delivery, land invasion and the bond boycott," he said.

ANC councillor Collin Matjila also retained his position as executive committee chairman. He was unopposed. Kenneth Fihla (ANC), seen as a close contender for the position, was chosen as deputy chairman of the executive committee.

It was decided that the commit-

tee would consist of 11 members, with seven from the ANC, three from the NP and one from the DP being voted in.

The ANC members are Matjila, Fihla, Reginald Dubazana, Patrick Flusk, Lindsey Bremner, Sizakele Nkosi and Eugene Robson. The NP will be represented by Yakoob Makda, Peter de Wet and Sarel van der Westhuizen, while Peter Horwitz will represent the DP.

The council will sit for the first time on December 6.

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Pay councillors by attendance bid fails

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DP idea was to make it more likely that members would not skip meetings, but the ANC and NP felt otherwise

**By HOPEWELL RADEBE
AND LORNA ZOKUFA**
City Reporters

The Democratic Party's request to have Transitional Councillors paid on grounds of their record of attendance to the council meetings was rejected by the ANC and the NP during Monday's Greater Johannesburg Council inauguration meeting.

In an item dealing with the allowances to be paid to the office bearers, ANC's Eugene Robson proposed that TMC councillors be paid an allowance equal to what would be paid to the Transitional Local Council's and Metropolitan sub-structures

Robson said councillors of the

four substructures of the Greater Johannesburg were not different from the TMC and therefore the allowances of all councillors irrespective of the level of representation, should be the same

His proposal means that all five mayors in Greater Johannesburg and the chairmen of executive councils, their deputies and members of the executive committees will be paid on an equal scale

The scale proposes that a mayor and chairperson of management committee be paid R11 209, a member of management committee R8 407; and a councillor R2 802 per month.

Although the proposal was supported by the NP, DP caucus leader Anchen Dreyer rejected this and pro-

posed that the TMC be paid on a separate scale than those of the TLC's and substructures

Dreyer said all councillors would be paid per day, per session. The TMC mayor and the executive committee chairman should be paid R590, R520 for the exco's deputy chairman, and R482 for ordinary members. Dreyer said if the TMC council was given a part-time job status and therefore councillors be only paid for the meetings and sessions they attended, it would serve to motivate councillors to show up at almost all meetings

Only six DP councillors supported their own motion in the 50-strong Johannesburg council chambers where the ANC occupies 31 seats, the NP 12 and the IFP one.

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Jo'burg councillors 'paid excessively'

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By Joe Mdhlela
Political Reporter

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL Congress and the National Party will cost ratepayers in Greater Johannesburg more than R7,4 million over the next five years, spokeswoman for the Democratic Party Ms Anchen Dreyer said yesterday.

Dreyer said this was because of a flawed decision by the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council to base its payments on monthly allowances.

She said the method adopted by both the ANC and NP would ensure that a mayor draws a salary of R11 209 a month. The mayor would earn R1 180 if payments were based on the number of meetings he or she attended.

The 38 councillors, each drawing

DP says ANC and NP will cost ratepayers R7,4-m in five years

an allowance of R2 802, would account for a monthly bill of R106 476.

If the council adopted a system of payment based on meetings attended, the council could reduce the bill to R30 452.

She also said the DP had proposed that the executive committee consist of eight members, instead of the 11-members proposed by the ANC and the NP.

"An executive committee of eight members was recommended by the DP on the grounds that it was big enough to handle the workload and that it reflected the proportionality of the council most accurately," Dreyer said.

She said the disbanded Johannesburg City Council consisted of 52 councillors with a management committee of six people. "The TMC has 50 councillors," she said.

The DP also argued that a decision by the ANC and the NP to have councillors paid a monthly allowance instead of an allowance calculated on the actual number of meetings attended by each councillor was flawed.

"During the last 11 months of the previous TMC many councillors were paid for doing nothing and absent councillors became a big problem. The DP regards payment for meetings attended as a fair system," she said.

Gauteng Nats set to take stock

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Making inroads into ANC support base is now a priority

By JOVIAL RANTAO
Political Reporter

The National Party's mooted name change, its support in traditionally black residential areas and its future role in the Government of National Unity will be among the issues that will be high on the agenda when the party takes stock at its annual Gauteng provincial congress in Pretoria this weekend.

The name change, which dominated the party's Free

State and Western Cape congresses, is expected to feature in debates that are set to characterise the "Faith in the Future" conference. Sources said the congress was also expected to lead the way and come up with a detailed plan on how to do better in the 1999 general election.

The party is also expected to review its performance in the local government elections, in which it won about 23% of the votes in Gauteng. The NP has claimed it has gained some support while

the ANC had shed 3%, the Freedom Front had been removed from the political agenda and the DP isolated.

Gauteng spokesman Daryl Swanepoel said the party now had to complete its "mopping-up operation" to clear the "remnants" of the FF and DP "irritants" from the political playing fields.

"Our focus is on a growth strategy, for which inroads have to be made into previous ANC domain. Only if the NP manages to retain its consolidated support and

makes inroads into ANC domain will multiparty democracy succeed and a one-party status be avoided."

The NP's role in the Government and the issue of defections from the party to the ANC will also be discussed.

The congress is also expected to discuss and come up with resolutions on the escalating crime and its effect on the economy, language policy in education, the violence in KwaZulu Natal and the prosecution of Magnus Malan and 10 other officers.

Black mayor for Pretoria

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PRETORIA: This city elected its first black mayor yesterday. ANC member Mr Slow Ramokhoase, with 31 votes in favour to six against.

The Freedom Front had nominated Mr Vickus Theron. The National Party did not propose a candidate and simply spoilt their ballots.

The election had been postponed three times because of confusion about memorandums from Gauteng Local Government Minister Mr Dan Mofokeng — Sapa

ANC and Sanco at loggerheads in poll row

Star 25/11/95 (266)

By TEFO MOTHIBELI

The local government elections-related clashes between members of the ANC and the South African National Civic Organisation in the Vaal Triangle have resurfaced, this time over the chairmanship of the executive committee of the Eastern Metropolitan Substructure

According to a well-placed source, incensed members of Sanco in Evaton rejected the nomination of a member of the ANC for the position and demanded that it be taken by a Sanco candidate.

The *Saturday Star* understands that the militant supporters also mounted pressure on S'thembiso Radebe - tipped by

the ANC's regional executive committee to become chairman - to quit

The race for the position was between Radebe, Chester Motloun, Mosotho Petlane and Jeff Rademeyer (Sanco)

The demand of the Evaton branch carried the day when Rademeyer was given the chairmanship

Don't look behind the bush for communist Pule - he's in the hot seat

By SHIRLEY WOODGATE

A red-hot communist in Randburg? And not hiding behind a bush, but in the hot seat, at that?

Meet Pule Buthelezi, newly elected executive committee chairman of the town which now incorporates Westbury, Crosby, Tromf, Riverlea, Pimville and Diepkloof in Soweto, to become the grandiose-sounding Northern Metropolitan Sub-Structure (NMSS).
Just to add to the "shock", the 33-

year-old former fiery Soweto student leader - who was detained for two years, spent six months in solitary confinement and endured police torture in the '80s - never mentioned, smokes and is the youngest man ever to head Randburg.
That is probably the worst scenario the fledgling white-by-right town could have dreamed of when it sought autonomy from Johannesburg some 35 years ago.
Confronted with the facts, Buthelezi smiles

"We must not look back, only forward. I see my job as ensuring the success of the democratisation process that we fought for."

Yes, he will certainly consider removing the well-lit picture gallery of past mayors and mayoresses circling the walls of the council ante-chamber. "They represent symbols of the past and should be removed and kept in a museum."

"We should focus on the future, in things that apply to us all," he said

Politics came easily to the young Buthelezi, who was on the run from the police before he turned 16.

By age 17 he had been detained in solitary confinement for six months under the Terrorism Act, and released without being charged.

But the thread of politics was always close to the surface, in the Soweto Youth Congress and as organizer for the Soweto Civic Association which led to his detention and torture in 1987 under the state of emergency

"After three months I went on the run and flitted from house to house. In that year I took a desk top publishing course and was elected deputy president of the Soweto Youth Congress."

After the unbanning of the ANC in 1990, he worked as a media distribution officer at the SA Communist Party and was elected ANC election campaign organizer in Soweto in preparation for last year's election, later participating in local government negotiations

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Bill aims to protect against Gauteng graft

From 28/11/95

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BY KAREN SCHMKE
Gauteng Reporter

A bill to be tabled, and probably passed, in the Gauteng legislature today will provide a form of protection against maladministration and corruption at provincial and local government levels within the province.

The Provincial Public Protector Bill, described by public accounts committee chairman Mohammed Dangor as a consensus bill, will institute a provincial official with a legal background to investigate complaints of maladministration, abuse of power and corruption.

Dangor said although all parties agreed about the principle of a provincial public protector, the bill had taken time because the public protector's job overlapped somewhat with the functions of the attorney-general and the ombudsman.

"However, we were able to come to an agreement with the national public protector that he would not appoint a deputy in the province, but that all complaints here would be managed by our own protector"

Dangor added that the advantage of having a provincial protector was that he or she would be able to intervene almost immediately when there were complaints. This meant corruption in the public sector would be dealt with quickly.

"Another advantage with having our own protector is that it guards against spurious complaints"

Once the bill has been passed - which Dangor was confident would happen today - it would take about two months to appoint someone to the office. This would probably happen at the next sitting of the legislature scheduled for late January.

"The most remarkable thing about this bill is that local government will also be subjected to investigations should there be complaints. Anyone can complain to the public protector," he said.

The bill states that staff at the protector's office "shall render the necessary assistance, free of charge, to any person" to help them with complaints. It further provides that the provincial public protector makes his office "accessible to all persons".

Nomavenda Mathiane

THE Gauteng legislature's rules committee has recommended a seven-day extension to the period between publication and introduction of bills in the Gauteng legislature and their discussion, increasing the time allowed for public comment on Bills to 21 days.

Gauteng legislature suggests extension for comment on Bills

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Revising the procedures of the Gauteng legislature, the committee recommended extending the existing 14-day period, within which committees can start work on a Bill, and the public

deadline for comments. The increase would help legislatures speed up legislation and reduce red tape while allowing more time for translation of Bills into four languages, said

head of proceedings Giles Mulholland

Gauteng DP leader and committee member Peter Leon said he was in favour of the extension because it prevented legislation being railroaded through standing committees.

It also afforded minorities more time to study Bills, Leon said.

Dutch aiding SA's 'fragile' democracy

Susan Russell

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GOVERNMENT had gone to extreme lengths to ensure that all political parties, especially minorities, were given an opportunity to participate in all organs of government, Deputy Speaker Bhadra Ranchod said yesterday.

He was addressing the media at the close of a conference hosted in Kempton Park this week by the Dutch Foundation for the New SA. The organisation was established, and is funded by, Dutch political parties to support the democratisation process in SA.

At present it provides funds for various projects, including capacity building, to all the political parties represented in Parliament, financial support being given in proportion to each party's number of parliamentary seats.

Ranchod said it was vital that all the political parties were nurtured and supported.

"We have a fragile democracy in SA... We have to nurture it. The assistance we are receiving worldwide, and in this particular instance from the Dutch, in strengthening our democracy must be commended," he said.

Ranchod's remarks came after Dutch journalists questioned senior foundation members about the decision to extend support to the Freedom Front and the IFP.

Currently, foundation support and financial aid go to the African Christian Democratic Party, ANC, DP, FF, IFP, NP and PAC.

Setback for ANC in eastern polling

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Mduduzi ka Harvey

THE ANC suffered a setback in the local government elections conducted in the nine outstanding areas in the eastern services council, losing five of the councils, which was a move away from the trend of rural voting during the November 1 elections.

The ANC won 35 of the 65 seats in the far East Rand, with the NP mustering 16, ratepayers seven and the Freedom Front six.

The elections could not take place in the far East Rand on schedule on November 1 because of the disqualification of 40 ANC candidates.

Gauteng local government and housing MEC Dan Mofokeng said the percentage poll for Hammanskraal was 44,9% with the ANC winning 972 votes, Hammanskraal Residents' Association 105 and the NP 30. The ANC won all five seats in the area.

In Elandsrivier, with a percentage poll of 24,8%, the NP won 437 votes, the ANC 303 and the FF 284. The NP will have four seats, while the ANC and FF will have three seats each.

The Vischkuil Ratepayers' Association won 290 votes in the area, followed by the ANC with 143 votes and the Observers Association 60. The percentage poll

for Vischkuil was 52,6%. The ratepayers association won three seats in the area, while the ANC won a seat.

The ANC also won the election in Suikerbosrand with 780 votes. The NP had 571, the FF 234 and the Ratepayers Association 221. There was a 31,5% poll. In this area, the ANC won five seats, the NP three, while the ratepayers and FF will have a seat each.

The ANC scored a further victory in Devon, where the percentage poll was 70,3%, winning 1 313 votes, NP 67, DP 23, IFP 13 and the Impumelelo Residents Committee 62.

The percentage poll for Pienaarssrivier was 35,9% and the elections were won by the NP with 715 votes, FF 427 and the ANC 339.

The NP secured five seats, the FF three and the ANC two.

The Roodeplaat Property Owners' Association won 361 votes, followed by the FF with 215 votes, NP 178, ANC 191 and the CP 39. The percentage poll was 38%.

The property owners' association won two seats, while the NP, ANC and FF will have a single seat each.

The ANC won 788 votes in Blesbokspruit, while the Blesbokspruit Rural Services won 470 votes where the percentage poll was 46,6%.

Johannesburg's CBD will not be 'milked' — Matjila

Mduduzi ka Harvey

THE Johannesburg CBD will never be the milk cow of the four metropolitan substructures because money generated by the city council would be used to benefit all who contributed taxes and purchasing power to the region, says newly-appointed executive committee chairman Cohn Matjila.

Matjila said recently the Johannesburg CBD would be treated as an asset of all Gauteng residents and would be specifically used to generate income for all.

Part of Matjila's plan is to boost national and international investor confidence in the city. He said that since last year, when the ANC entered the council chamber, there was a belief that there would be capital flight from the city. The sceptics had, however, been proven wrong as the city had not gone down the drain.

One of his committee's major challenges would be implementation of the RDP, particularly for the development of society.

He said that the Masakhane campaign should not be viewed only as a plan to inculcate a culture of payment for services but also in the context of effective service provision.

The campaign had showed positive signs, with payment levels increasing from 8% in March to 30% in October.

He attributed the increase to strategic initiatives implemented by the council in March aimed at providing sustainable delivery of services for Johannesburg residents at a cost of R92m.

Matjila was optimistic that payments would further improve as the council had made provision in the 1995/96 budget for the provision of water, sanitation, roads, housing and electrification in disadvantaged areas.

On council policy, he said there would be no toleration of land invasions. Although the council understood the problem of homeless people, there had to be order to address the problem.

Illegal land invasion inhibited development of land and curbed implementation of the provincial housing scheme. Legal action would be taken against land invaders.

To try to solve the housing backlog, the council would facilitate rapid release of land early next year, as council and provincial government had already identified land for development.

Crime was also a top priority for the council and Mayor Isaac Mogase's initiatives to head up an all-inclusive metropolitan committee — to co-ordinate the armed forces, the SA Police Services, security companies, community policing forums, businessmen and civil society — were but one step towards crushing crime.

Matjila said the council was looking at ways of strengthening community policing forums and was doing a feasibility study on a metropolitan police force.

Social causes of crime were also being investigated. Strategic initiatives were under way to train staff for emergency services, with priority given to local labour in an attempt to create jobs.



Johannesburg council executive committee chairman
Cohn Matjila

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

ANC wins four rural councils

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By Pamela Dube

Editorial Staff

The ANC has won four rural councils in the 1995 local government elections. The party's success in these areas is a significant milestone in its political journey. The councils won are in the districts of... (The text is very faint and difficult to read in this scan.)

The ANC's victory in these rural councils is a testament to its grassroots support. The party has consistently advocated for the needs of rural communities, and this election result shows that its message resonated with voters. The newly elected councils will now focus on addressing issues such as infrastructure, education, and healthcare in their respective areas. This is a positive step towards a more equitable and developed South Africa.

Permanent home for Gauteng legislature

Nomavenda Mathiane

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THE Gauteng legislature moves to its permanent home next year when it eventually occupies the Selbourne Hall chamber on the second floor of the Johannesburg city hall

The legislature has been temporarily housed at two venues — at Nasrec until October 1994, and then in the first floor chambers in the city hall, which are being used at present

Members of the legislature use their present chamber for the last time on Friday 8, when it closes with a report from the chairman of the seat of government, 'Khoisan X

Four Bills were passed this year — Payment of Members, Tender Board, Provincial Service and Gambling and Betting Bills. The Education Bill was also passed but awaits promulgation by the premier because of the pending lawsuit against it by minority parties

The Public Protector Bill was withdrawn

on Tuesday, pending clarification from the Constitutional Assembly

ANC member Michael Seloane has resigned to take up a job with the private sector and former sergeant-at-arms William Jardin, popularly known as Uncle Bill, has replaced legislature member Robert McBride who resigned in June to go to Parliament and has subsequently joined the foreign affairs department

The NP lost John Bredenkamp, who resigned to join the private sector, Ben Turok (ANC) left for Parliament, and Ronnie Mamoepa could take up a position at the ANC's head office

Jack Bloom (DP) argued that the resignations and reshuffling of the legislature were because of its lack of relevancy

Bloom cited the lack of powers to decide policy, the lack of competency to perform certain functions, and the fact that the provinces did not have independent revenue but depended on budget allocations

set by central government

Bloom gave the example of the provincial safety and security department which had to run on a R2m budget, while the police were answerable to the national minister and not to his provincial counterpart

"This is a ridiculous situation. We are just toy telephones," Bloom said

Head of proceedings Giles Mulholland agreed with Bloom, saying: "If we had exclusive powers to manage our competencies, we would have plenty of work. We could be discussing policy instead of waiting for Parliament." He disagreed with the view that the members of the Gauteng legislature were idle because of the small number of Bills they had passed.

He did not believe the legislature's function was to pass Bills for the fun of it

It was there to ensure that government operated efficiently and effectively and, as far as he knew, there was no crisis in the government.

The man at the helm

(266) Fowler 5/12/95

By Pamela Dube
Political Staff

THE SOFT-SPOKEN Kimberley-born Mr Trevor Fowler is the man in the driving seat of the Gauteng Legislature. When the Gauteng chairman of the South African Communist Party was first introduced as the leader of the Gauteng House, Fowler knew that his job was no easy task.

His main duty as Speaker in the Legislature is to bring together forces from different backgrounds to work towards a common goal building the populous province of Gauteng.

"I knew it was going to be easy to deal with members of the African National Congress, but I was not sure whether other political parties were going to accept me easily," Fowler said.

But he later realised that was not a problem. In fact, opposition parties were impressed by his willingness to accommodate them.

"Overnight, I realised that Fowler was a man to trust. He did not use his ANC connections to keep us out of the process," said National Party Member of the Provincial Legislature Mr Derrick Christophers.

Taking the lead

Explained Fowler "I felt it was necessary to make sure that the minority parties feel accepted and for them to participate fully in the deliberations of the House."

He said that made his work easier. "I saw smaller parties like the Pan Africanist Congress and Freedom Front taking the lead."

PAC MPL Mr 'Khoisan X said being his party's only representative in the Legislature meant he had to participate on almost all its committees. "I sit on 18 committees. It is demanding, but it has to be done," he said.

After Fowler established cordial relationships with all the parties in the Legislature, he then had to see that it got down to business.

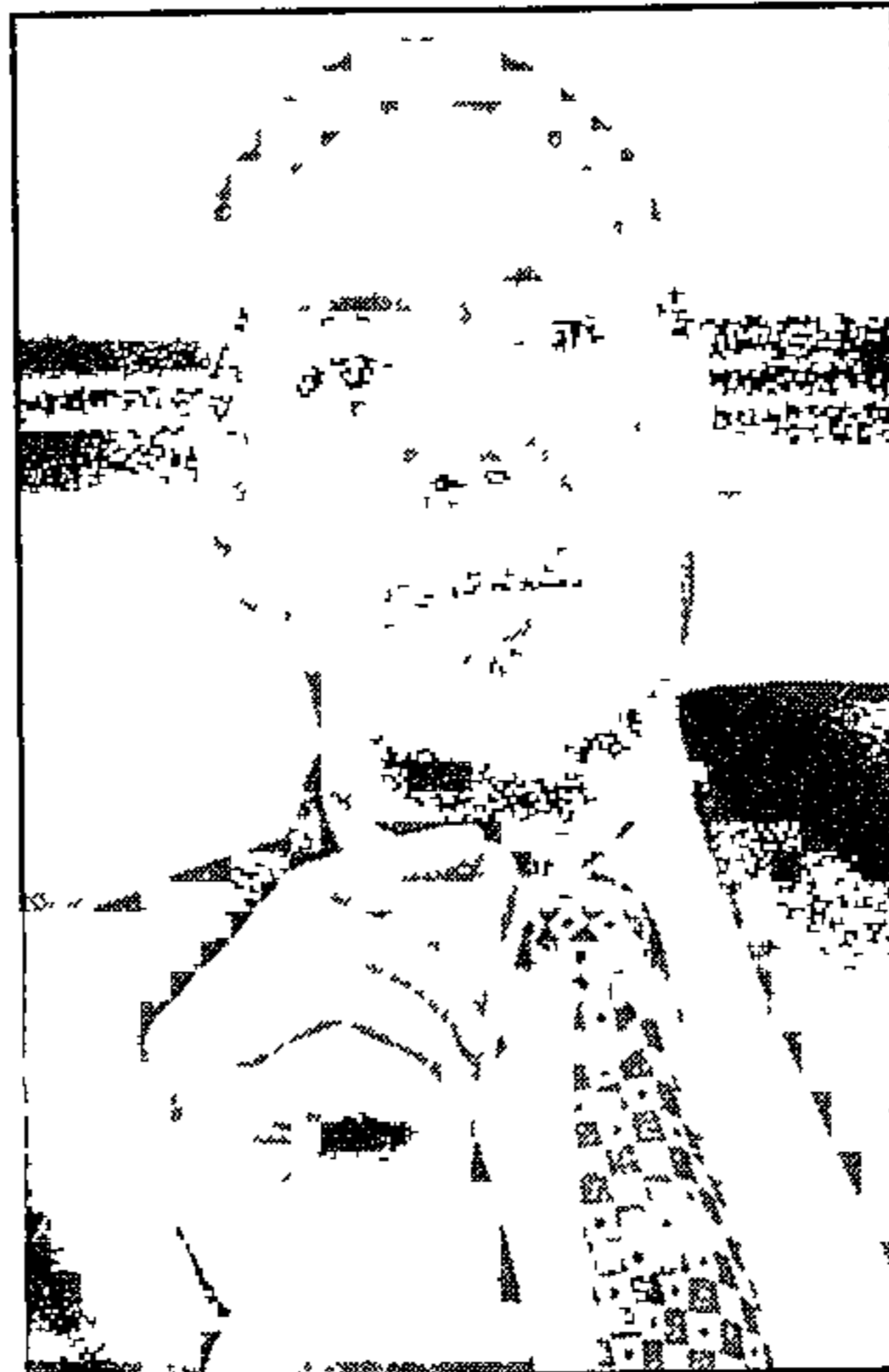
Drafting policies and legislation was a headache for the raw administrators, Fowler admits. During 1994, several MPLs took public administration courses to help them with the major task of formulating policy and laws.

In the first six months after the Legislature started operating, it passed three bills - the Provincial Exchequer, Provincial Service Commission and Provincial Tender Board.

These deal with establishing the provincial treasury, establishing an efficient public service and promoting fair and open competition in procuring goods and services.

Fowler attributes the slow pace in passing these bills to the consultative process. Before going into the House for deliberations, a draft bill first has to be put to the public for petitions

Mr Trevor Fowler believes in involving the public in decision making. As Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature he has done just that. **Pamela Dube** explains...



Gauteng Legislature Speaker Trevor Fowler ... his job is to bring all parties together to work towards a common goal.

and comment.

"It is important to engage the public in drafting bills. After all, it is the general public which is going to be affected by the laws we pass," Fowler said.

However, the Democratic Party does not seem to buy the story of "public participation". Its chief whip in the Legislature, Mr Jack Bloom, said the process of consultation was time-consuming and too expensive.

"It would be a different story if public input was taken into account when the bills are finally drafted. Of all the bills which have been passed, petitions from the public have been ignored," he said.

"My feeling is that the Legislature is using the public participation issue to give the impression that the public approves of the work of Government officials."

Christophers and 'Khoisan X, however, disagree.

"Even if the end product does not completely reflect the views of the people on the ground," said Christophers, "the process of con-



Gauteng MPL 'Khoisan X ... "public participation in drawing up legislation helps us to get closer to voters."

sultation makes the Legislature understand the feelings of the grassroots."

"Understanding where we are coming from, I believe public participation can be said to be a way of bringing democracy closer to the people," he said.

'Khoisan X said the end product always reflects the "people's views". The process also helps us to get closer to the voters.

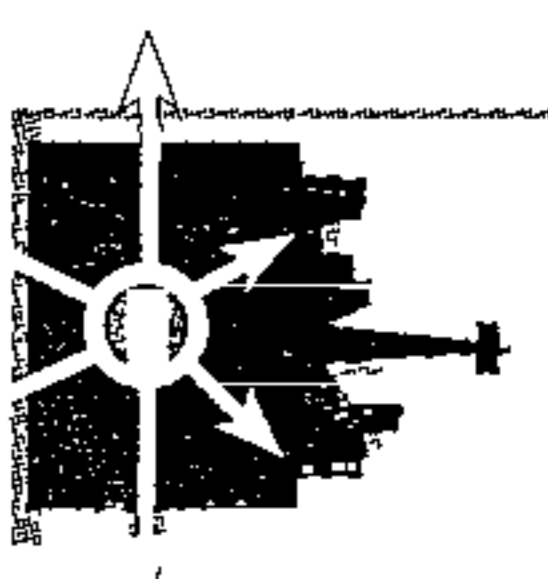
This year, the Legislature passed five bills which deal with the payment and powers of the Legislature, the provincial budget, gambling and betting and education.

"We have not managed to pass as many bills as we would have liked to, but what is important is that the Legislature takes its time to make sure that the citizens of Gauteng do not get a raw deal," Fowler said.

When the Legislature goes into recess tomorrow, Fowler will go home "knowing that what we were set out to do, we have achieved."

"Of course, a lot still needs to be done," he conceded, "but I am confident that next year everything will continue to run smoothly."

MEMBERS OF THE GREATER JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN COUNCIL



Mayor
Isaac Mogase
(ANC)



Chairman of the executive committee
Collin Matjila
(ANC)



Deputy Chairman
Kenneth Fihla
(ANC)

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Reginald Dubazana
(ANC)



Patric Fluri
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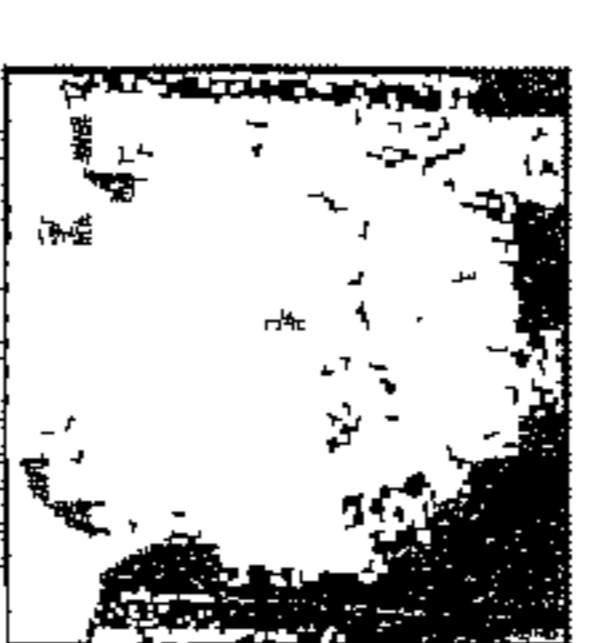
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Sizakele Nkosi
(ANC)



Eugene Robson
(ANC)



Yakob Makda
(NP)



Pieter De Wet
(NP)



Sarel Van Der Westhuizen
(NP)



Peter Horwitz
(DP)

A TOTAL OF 50 MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL OF WHICH 30 ARE NOMINEES OF THE 4 SUBSTRUCTURES

6 Nominees

5 Nominees

7 Nominees

12 Nominees

LEADERS OF THE FOUR METROPOLITAN SUBSTRUCTURES

Eastern

Metropolitan Substructure



**Chairman
of the
Executive Committee**

Nkele Ntingane (ANC)

Western

Metropolitan Substructure



Strike Ralegoma (ANC)

Northern

Metropolitan Substructure



Pule Buthelezi (ANC)

Southern

Metropolitan Substructure

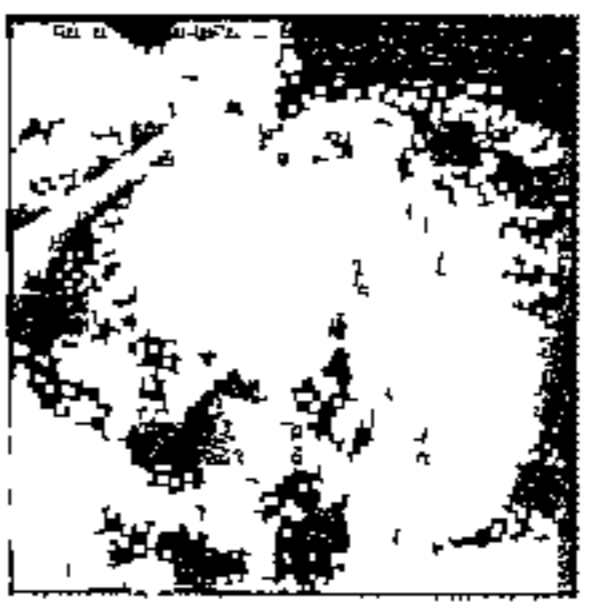


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Executive Committee**



Sol Cowan (ANC)



Simphiwe Nanise (ANC)



Ruby Mathang (ANC)



Nat Ramagopa (ANC)

- Sisa Njikelana (ANC)
- Similo Makambi (ANC)
- Ben Laralakala (ANC)
- Cristine Walters (ANC)
- Anchen Dreyer (DP)
- Claire Quail (DP)
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- George Taylor (NP)
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- Nathan Jacobs (ANC)
- Oupa Mpete (ANC)
- Stan Thusim (ANC)
- Fredavan Rooyen (DP)
- Dan Maluleke (DP)
- Henrie Pietersen (NP)
- James Sullivan (NP)

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- Parks Tau (ANC)
- Neeshan Balton (ANC)
- Zodwa Nxumalo (ANC)
- Loretta King (ANC)
- Elgina Ndlovu (ANC)
- Chris Rabaji (ANC)
- Theuns Oosthuizen (NP)
- A Abader (NP)

Acting CEO **Jerry Moagi***
Mayor **Sophie Masite (ANC)**

*town clerk

Action plan may ensure municipal deliveries

Mduduzi ka Harvey

THE Gauteng local government and housing ministry could declare next year the year of municipal service delivery during which money would have to be released and the culture of delivery inculcated within municipalities.

In terms of a draft document by Gauteng Masakhane co-ordinator Moeti Mpuru, entitled Post Election Blueprint for Action, an action plan to inculcate a culture of service payment could be completed by June next year.

The document proposes localising the Masakhane campaign and consol-

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idating the momentum of democracy brought about by the recent local government elections.

If the action plan is adopted by the Gauteng local government and housing ministry, MEC Dan Mofokeng is expected to announce the key features of taking the campaign to local communities in the region.

Before the end of next month a Masakhane meeting will be convened and be attended by all political parties, non-governmental organisations and others to develop solutions to service payment problems and ending the boycott of service and bond payments.

Four bills for R60-million in tax money

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BY MONDLI MAKHANYA

Political Reporter

STAN 8/12/95
The Gauteng legislature will today wind up a legislative year that has been characterised by the creation of public institutions and in which very little substantive legislation was passed.

Parties are agreed that the legislature has achieved the task of turning former adversaries into colleagues, but it had achieved very little else because of the failure of the central government to devolve powers to provinces.

Democratic Party legislator Jack Bloom said his party was disappointed with the progress of the legislature, which has managed to pass only four bills this year. This was making a mockery of an institution which was costing the taxpayer R60-million a year.

"We're a very expensive body

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to run and I just don't think the public is getting much value for its money at the moment," said Bloom.

The IFP's Musa Myeni accused the central Government of being selfish by retaining provincial functions.

This was hampering the work of the legislature, he said.

"We are in a situation where we cannot proceed with the necessary speed on matters that impact on the lives of our people," said Myeni.

He said unless powers were devolved to provinces, the legislature would find itself in the same hamstrung position next year, with very little business to take care of.

The Freedom Front's Dr Gerrie Human said the past year has seen MPLs grow into a useful forum for sharing ideas.

Politicians get more benefits

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JOHANNESBURG — Gauteng members of the Provincial Legislature (MPLs) will receive interim death and disability benefits

The house yesterday adopted a death benefit three times an MPL's pensionable salary and, in the case of permanent disability, a cover of three times the MPL's annual salary

Democratic Party pension committee member Brian Goodall said although accident cover was already in place, it was irresponsible not to provide death and disability cover — Sapa

MPs now share a blanket

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WHEN MEMBERS of the Gauteng Legislature first came together under Nasrec's roof in Soweto on May 7 1994, mistrust and suspicion was in the air. Yet overnight former enemies became allies.

When Mr Trevor Fowler, chairman of the South African Communist Party in Gauteng, was nominated Speaker of the Legislature, National Party chief whip Mr Derik Christophers was angry.

"The man was a communist and I was wondering how I was expected to relate to him," he tells *Sowetan*.

"And when Fowler delivered his maiden speech on that May morning," says Christophers, "he stood up, pointed at empty seats and said 'These belong to those who died in the struggle'."

"I was even more suspicious. I was convinced that this man (Fowler) was going to make our lives difficult, blaming us for the past."

Nineteen months down the line, when asked who he admired most in the legislature, he readily responds. "Our Speaker. After only four months, I discovered him to be an impartial and level-headed man."

He also singles out another communist, Economic Affairs MEC Mr Jabu Moleketi, for praise.

Christophers describes him as "the man you can trust with your life. He has brought more life to the province in less than two years than some can in 10 years."

An even more startling admission from Christophers was that he sees lone Pan Africanist Congress MPL Mr 'Khoisan X, the man who only last year was chanting the slogan "one settler, one bullet", as a peacemaker.

"When things are hot in the Legislature, 'Khoisan comes in to cool heads," he says.

Nor does the opposition feel threatened by premier Tokyo Sexwale. In fact, says Christophers, if President Nelson Mandela steps down and the African National Congress is still in power, he will campaign to have Sexwale as the next president.

"The man has charisma and the ability to bring together people of different backgrounds," Christophers says.

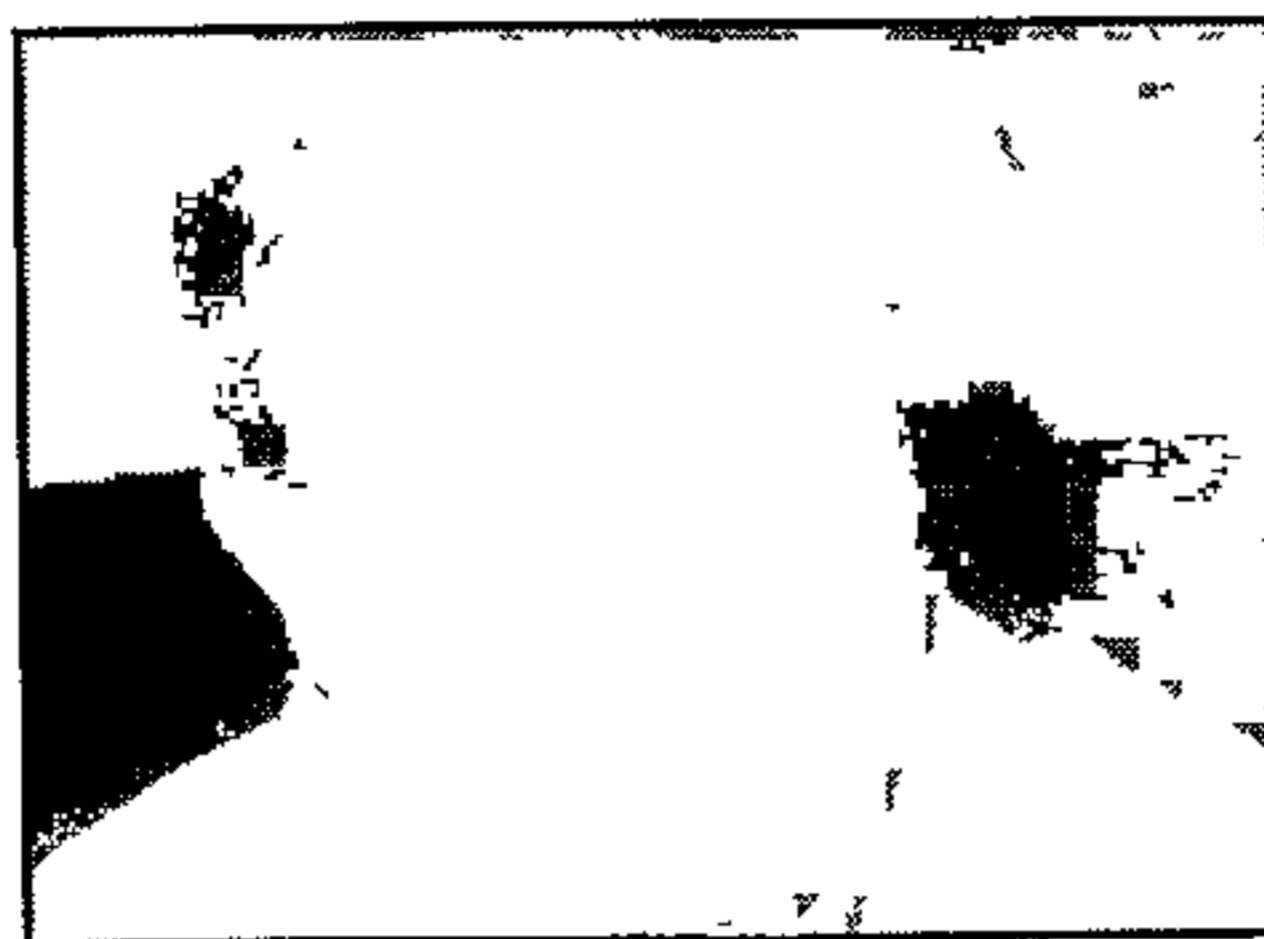
The Democratic Party's chief whip, Mr Jack Bloom, says Sexwale is "a good cheerful leader."

"He can best be described as a good salesman who knows no boundaries in promoting our province," he says. "Tokyo is a man for all seasons, he changes like a chameleon."

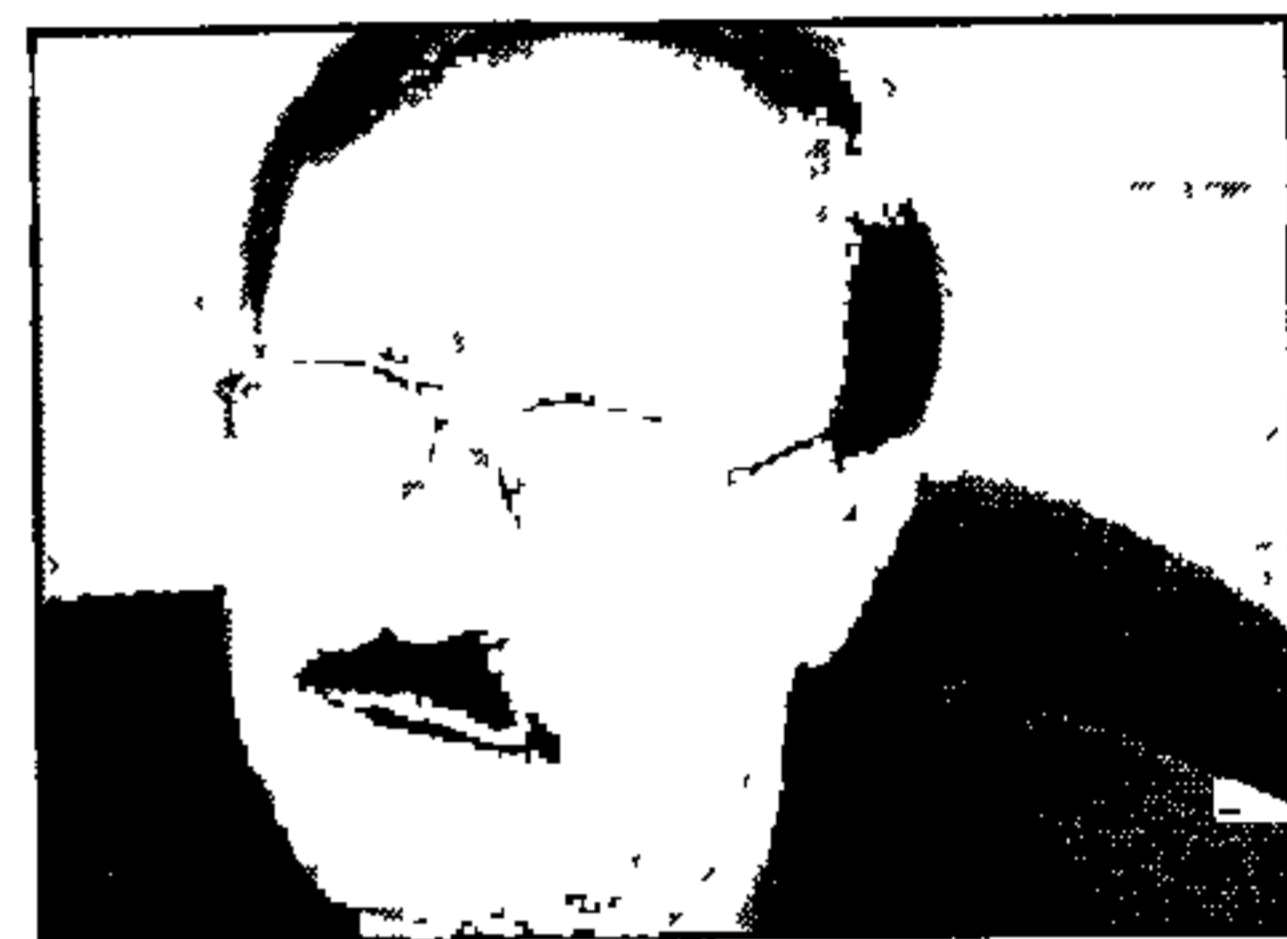
However, while Sexwale comes across as a "super fellow", Bloom believes he has a weak

Former freedom fighters and their colleagues from the old regime, who did not see eye to eye a few months ago, now find it easy to work together in Gauteng.

Pamela Dube explains why...



NP chief whip Mr Derik Christophers ... believes premier Tokyo Sexwale brings together people of different backgrounds.



DP chief whip Jack Bloom ... his party is often accused of stifling progress in the Gauteng Legislature. PICS JOE MOLEFE

administration. "Now that he has sold Gauteng well to outsiders, he should get his managing act together."

All the MECs – particularly Moleketi, safety and security MEC Mrs Jessie Duarte and local government MEC Mr Dan Mofokeng – seem to get everyone's approval.

"Our MECs have a sober understanding of issues," says 'Khoisan X. "Even in areas where the ANC is in conflict with an opposition party, and you ask an MEC to accompany you to the area, they comply and don't usually take sides."

However, although the members of the legislature now portray a united front to outsiders, its members (most inexperienced) had to confront difficult issues from day one.

After eventually finding a home in the colonial-type structure of the City Hall in central Johannesburg for the 86 members and their staff, it was time to shape the province's legislation.

Since then the Legislature has worked through a pile of documents of policies and Bills. To date, eight laws have been passed.

These are the Payment of Members of the Provincial Legislature, Powers, Privileges and Immunities of the Provincial Legislatures, Provincial Tender Board, Provincial Service Commission, Provincial Exchequer, Provincial Appropriation, Provincial Adjustments Appropriation, and Gambling and Betting bills.

Initially, the ANC experienced little opposition in passing bills – until September, when the NP, DP, PAC, Freedom Front and Inkatha Freedom Party challenged what they termed "sensi-

tive" clauses in the Education Bill.

After extensive behind-the-scenes negotiations with minority parties, the ANC managed to get the support of the PAC, IFP and African Christian Democratic Party. But the NP, DP and FF refused to budge.

"We are being accused of trying to continue the privileged white policies of the past in our schools. That is not the case. We are challenging the constitutionality of the Bill," Bloom says.

What initially seemed to be a positive move, the adoption of a provincial language policy, later turned out to be problematic.

When the Gauteng government was taken to the Constitutional Court on the "unconstitutionality" of the Educational Bill, the fact that it was not translated into Afrikaans was one of the opposition's winning cards. The court will decide on the matter next February.

At the beginning of this year, the DP also started using its opposition experience in previous parliaments and began posing questions to MECs in the House. That created resentment towards its five members.

The DP now stands out as the party which continues to create "chaos" in a relatively peaceful environment, and consistently bombards the Premier and his MECs with questions and complaints.

"During those initial stages, we were accused of stifling progress," recalls Bloom. "The Health MEC's secretary at one point said she could not do any work because she had to attend to my complaints every day."

Protesters demand to see Sexwale

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Demonstrators demanding to hand a memorandum to Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale agreed yesterday to meet representatives from his office when it became known he would not be available all day.

About 150 protesters from the Actonville Crisis Committee in Benoni protested outside Sexwale's office at the Gauteng legislature in Simmonds Street, central Johannesburg.

They at first demanded to hand their memorandum to Sexwale and refused to deal with his representative.

Sexwale was meeting a German parliamentary delegation at the time.

The demonstrators were demanding that local government election results in Benoni's Wards 6 and 10 be declared invalid. They alleged there had been irregularities by voting and counting officials, and that people had been brought in from other wards to vote.

They refused to move despite requests from their leadership and a representative from Sexwale's office, Ilva Mackay-Langa. They finally agreed to meet a representative when Mackay-Langa explained that Sexwale's schedule was full for the day. She offered to make an appointment for them later in the week.

The demonstrators also wanted Sexwale to write off arrears in municipal rates, which they said he had promised to do on January 21 this year.

A spokesman for the demonstrators, Jennifer Meyer, said that nothing had been done. She accused Sexwale of making empty promises.

Meyer said the committee also wanted Benoni town clerk Hennie Botha to resign because of his alleged racism.

Police kept watch on the demonstration and no incidents were reported - Sapa

Cheap finance for infrastructure

Johannesburg council secures R237m loan

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THE greater Johannesburg metropolitan council has secured a major loan at very favourable interest rates to finance infrastructure upgrading, particularly the expansion of Soweto's overburdened sewerage system.

An official announcement will be made this week.

Assembled by Absa with a minor contribution from Sanlam, the R237m, 10-year loan signals the return of the banks to municipal lending following a period of reticence prior to November's local government elections.

The deal was brokered by Ian Groenewald of Duralink, a merchant banking boutique, and Niek Joubert of Absa's corporate and merchant bank project finance division.

Absa officials confirmed yesterday that the bank had structured its R217m portion of the loan to include tax breaks allowing for an effective interest rate of just more than 3% below Friday's bankers' acceptance rate of 14,60%.

The package also uses swaps between fixed and variable interest rates.

The terms are regarded by industry observers as little short of sensational.

Sanlam has contributed R20m, with interest set at 125 points above Friday's R150 rate of 14,425%.

Council officials confirmed Johannesburg had in the past paid an average of 70 to 100 points more than the R150 rate, but that such rates had not been available to local authorities for some time.

The Absa-Sanlam package would help the city's cash flow, allowing plans to issue loan stock on the capital markets again in the next few months to be delayed until after the end of the municipal financial year in June, when more favourable conditions would apply.

The lower rate on the new loan — described as the most complex yet for Johannesburg — had been possible because banks could put certain types of commercial business on their own books. A portion of the bank's tax liability was then dedicated to innovative structures tied to specific projects such as infrastructure development.

Given the recent history of municipal lending in SA, the Absa-Sanlam package is a sign of rising confidence in greater Johannesburg.

Absa public sector banking GM Johan Coetzee said the city was "strong enough to borrow internationally — it is the cherry of SA local authorities, with a phenomenal tax base."

With repayments on borrowing running at less than 18% of budget, council

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officials say Johannesburg is well within the borrowing comfort zone.

An official said commitments of 25% or more would give cause for alarm.

Cape Town is understood to be in the market, but could find itself handicapped by the delay in local government elections, which are scheduled for May.

Banks remain chary of most local authorities, finding little appetite for municipal bonds among institutional investors. SA's cities and towns have no risk grading yet, and the first bal-

ance sheet statements of the new local authorities are not due before June.

The lack of clarity over budgetary control between metropolitan councils and their substructures is giving lenders added cause for caution.

Metropolitan council executive committee chairman Cohn Matjila declined to comment yesterday.

However, it is understood that council officials had been working on the loan since early October.

Absa has been courting local governments for some time.

It has funded the Gauteng local government forum this year and has discussed releasing significant landholdings close to major urban areas for low-income housing.

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Loan will improve services

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age infrastructure, the electricity network and community facilities would either be built from scratch or upgraded in other areas, particularly other low-income housing developments.

Matjila said the loan brought "close to finality" the council's borrowing for the current financial year, which runs to June 30 1996 for local authorities.

The council remained concerned about the pressure rapidly advancing urbanisation was placing on its budget, Matjila said.



Lindeque appointed to reform SA tax service

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THE finance department has appointed former Eskom executive director George Lindeque to help transform SA's floundering tax collection services.

The department said yesterday Lindeque would help steer the revamp of the inland revenue and customs and excise departments into one SA revenue service.

Lindeque would head a team which for the past four months had been examining how to implement Cabinet's decision to create the homogenous tax department, which would have its own board and GE

Lindeque would wind down his involvement in April — the target launch date for the department

Department sources said Charles Stride, the accountant appointed after the Budget to advise on restructuring the department's revenue collection, had not taken on the job as he already had his hands full.

Finance Minister Chris Laebenberg unveiled plans to build an autonomous revenue services entity in October, claiming the move would allow government to cut taxes.

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Gauteng MP denies knowledge of post

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By KARIN SCHIMKE
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The chairman of a provincial task team set up in May to investigate metropolitan policing in Gauteng didn't know about his appointment, he said yesterday.

Gauteng ANC MP Mathole Motsheka disclosed his ignorance in response to criticism by the Democratic Party about the lack of action from his task team. He was appointed chairman seven months ago by Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte, but Motsheka says he had "neither been formally appointed, nor have I formally accepted any such ap-

pointment"

Motsheka is already chairman of the public transport and roads committee.

DP MPL Peter Leon said "It seems rather extraordinary that a task team appointed under the chairmanship of a senior member of the Gauteng legislature has achieved precisely nothing since its inception. More extraordinary is the fact that the task team has, on the MEC's own admission, never met since its inception."

In written answers to Leon, Duarte conceded that committee members had not yet been elected and that the committee had not yet met.

Gauteng govt to aid black mayors

By Joshua Raboroko

THE Gauteng government is to give financial support to new mayors, mainly in black townships ravaged by rent and service boycotts, to ensure the professional delivery of houses, services and infrastructure

Gauteng deputy director-general of local government and housing Mr Enos Ngutshane said his department would identify financial institutions in the province to deal with local authorities and provide them with capital for the development of their communities

He stressed that the newly elected local authorities should also be put in a position where they could access municipal bonds *seweta*

The province's infrastructure investment programme was moving ahead, with 37 approved business plans which would ensure that roads, electricity and recreational facilities were installed at local levels

He said "The business plans will amount to a total of R359 million and they will signify a milestone in economically empowering the communities in their infrastructure programme"

Ngutshane said Constitutional Affairs Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and his provincial counterparts have agreed to a four-phase approach to review the Local Government Transition Act in an attempt to



Enos Ngutshane . . . Gauteng deputy-director for local government and housing.

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empower councillors next year

The legislation which disempowered local authorities would be discussed and criticised by the province's portfolio committee

The province would intensify the Masakhane campaign aimed at pressuring the communities to pay for their services and rent

Newly elected mayors have signed an agreement at Johannesburg metropolitan council pledging their allegiance to the principles and initiatives of Masakhane

They said that they would re-establish local governance and change the attitude of non-payment of bonds created during apartheid

