

# Sebe assured on Whittlesea

**KING WILLIAM'S TOWN** — The development of Whittlesea had nothing to do with the resettlement of Crossroads squatters. Neither has Glenmore got anything to do with resettlement of people at Fingo Village and Committees Drift near Grahamstown.

These were two assurances Ciskei Chief Minister L. L. Sebe got from the Deputy Minister of Plural Relations, Dr W. Vosloo, who headed a three-man delegation from Pretoria who held lengthy discussions with the Ciskei Cabinet yesterday.

The talks were on matters relating to resettlement of people at both Whittlesea and Glenmore near Peddie. Homeless people would be settled at Glenmore. Other resettlement there would be voluntary.

The Cabinet co-opted Dr J. T. Hermanus, chairman of the Ciskei Legislative Assembly, Rev W. M. Xaba, Govt Chief Whip and Mr B. D. Myataza, CLA representative for Whittlesea to the talks.

Chief Sebe said later in an interview the discussions were one of the most cordial he had been involved in in his political career "and if this represents a new phase in the political history of South Africa, then it augurs well for the

country's future."

It had been agreed the establishment of the township at the Whittlesea commonage must be the natural growth expansion of the Sada township.

The Ciskei Government was aware of the number of Ciskeians at Crossroads and the Deputy Minister was told the figure was so negligible that the concerned people could be absorbed by the Ciskeian chiefs to whom they paid allegiance.

"The question of the people of the Ciskei at Crossroads is no problem at all. The Government is willing to assist all those who would like to come back home," Chief Sebe said.

Chief Sebe said he had gained another concession — a certain section of the commonage, which had been found to be very fertile, would be set aside for the development of an agricultural scheme.

"The Ciskei Government is already involved in the Shiloh Irrigation Scheme which will be beneficial to the local residents.

The shortage of housing in the Ciskei was acute and there were no financial resources to enable the Government to put up houses.

"The backlog in this regard is so big the Ciskei

Government cannot resolve it without seeking outside help. This forces us to accept any kind of help from any quarter."

Chief Sebe said for the first time in the discussions of that nature, the Ciskei National Development Corporation was also represented. Mr D. le Roux, Deputy CNDC chairman, represented the corporation.

"Their involvement in the matter has ensured the availability, at the earliest convenience, of social and communal amenities."

The question of water for the Glenmore settlement was also discussed and Dr Vosloo assured the Ciskei Government the matter was being considered by his Government. The Department of Water Affairs was doing research on the matter. — DDR.