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> The Board for Development and Housing which takes over the functions of the National Housing Commission and the Community Development Board for white housing, came into operation on January 1 :
> The new board, chaired by Mr W J van der:M Marais, present chairman of the National' Hous ing Commission, will meet for the first time on January 16. Other members inciude the vice-chairman, Mr J.G M ${ }^{*}$ (Boet). van Straten, a Johannesburg property consultant, Mr J Ni Swart present vice-chairman of the National Housing Commission Mr 'S B Myers, a Cape Town civil, engineer and town planner, Mr R B Viljoen, of Durban and member of the ${ }^{\text {Com- }}$ mission of Investigation intor township development, and Mr $J$ van Zyl, retired town clerk of Welkom
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come down
Afcus
By tom HOOD
A CUT in overdraft rates and lower home-loan rates are on the cards.
Banking sources say that an announcement is expected today or tomorrow of a one-percent drop in the bank rate, leading to commercial banks cutting their prime overdraft to 15,5 from 16,6 percent.
"The money market is standing still waiting for a reduction by the Reserve Bank; ${ }^{\prime}$ spokesman for Barclays Bank said in Johannesburg today.

The governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Gerhard de Kock, returned to Pretoria today and was expected to consider lowering the bank rate because other key interest rates have plummeted in recent weeks. Government policy is to bring down interest retes to stimut late the economy.

38-PC DROP
If overdraft rates come down to 15,5 percent, as bankers expect, it means that borrowers will have had their interest bills lopped by 38 percent in less than a year.
It also means tifat money can be borrowed at well below the inflation rate of about 17 percent:
The key 90 day bankers acceptance rate was quoted today at 12,5 percent, which is below what the Reserve Bank charges commercial banks.
A cut would also would mean lower deposit rates and this could accelerate the movement of the small investor's cash from banks, and building societies into the stock market and unit trusts as a hedge against inflation.

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UNHYGIENIC CONDITIONS
In the Vaal Triangle, attempts to force residents to pay their rent started last year when the local town council issued stop orders to employers of deducted monthly and sent straight to the council. dents and an out-of-court settlement was reached. Late last year, draft legislation aimed at closing the legal loophole was eaked will be introduced in Parliament this year.


## Moutse MP arrested

The office of KwaNdebele Chief Minister Simon Skosana has confirmed the detention of the elected MP of the disputed Moutse area, Godfrey Mathebe, last Friday night. Mathebe was apparently returning from a meeting with Lebowa Chief Minister Cedric Phathudi, who also opposes Moutse's transfer to soon-to-be-independent KwaNdebele.

Mathebe, a local businessman, was Moutse MP in the Lebowa Legislative Assembly until the incorporation of Moutse into KwaNdebele on January 1 (Current Affairs January 10 1986). When Moutse was excised from Lebowa in 1980 and returned to the jurisdiction of Pretoria, the two elected leaders and several Moutse chiefs continued sitting in the Lebowa Assembly. But now Mathebe and fellow MP, Maredi Cheue, are MPs without a parliament.
Both Mathebe and Cheue have been in the forefront of opposition to the incorporation of Moutse and have vowed to continue fighting it.
According to Professor John Dugard of the Wits University Centre for Applied Legal Studies, and lawyer for the Moutse people, Mathebe has been detained by the SA Police under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act which allows him to be held for 14 days.
"In my view the authorities have abused Section 50 by arresting Mr Mathebe" says Dugard. "As far as I can tell he has been arrested to prevent him from attending funerals in the Moutse district and also to prevent him from taking lawful action in. order to block the incorporation of Moutse."

Mathebe had planned to be present at the funeral last Saturday of a Moutse resident killed by KwaNdebele vigilantes.

Reports about what is happening in Moutse are confusing. The KwaNdebele "government" says the area is quiet. Yet Dugard says he has received calls saying the violence is continuing. He says alarmed people are apparently fleeing the area.

Schools in the area are open. But it is not sure how many teachers are in the classrooms. Certainly many schools are functioning without teachers. Forms authorising the transfer of teachers to the KwaNdebele education department were distributed to Moutse teachers last week. If they don't sign
they will lose their jobs. Dugard says it is his impression that they will not sign, but it's too early to tell whether there will be a total boycott or not.

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## By TOM HOOD, <br> Financial Staff

HOME loan rates and interest rates paid to investors are under pressure as a result of the improvement in the country's financial position, said a spokesman for the largest society, the United.
"The question of lowering rates is being discussed at the moment and an announcement can be expected next week," he said.
Other societies, however, believe that bond rates are unlikely to fall as a result of the lowering today of interest rates by the Reserve Bank and commercial banks.
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Theyforecast that bond rates would stay at present levels:- Waround 18 percent until the cost of funds comes down.

Societies and banks'say they are unwilling to take the initiative b boxacer their savings and deposit rates: and are waiting until there is a general downward move in the market.
git would be suicide to cut our rates without some form of agreement," said Mr Jeff Bowker senior general manager ofthe" Allied. "We could see an outflow of R20-million in a week sif we:3owered out deposit rates:

Bond rates are now higher than the prime overdraft rate and Mr John Clark, managing director of Bellandia, the Cape's largest home-builder, said he expected the situation to correct itself by bond rates dropping by about three percent this year.

Commercial banks lowered their prime overdraft rates by one percent to 15,5 percent today.
This followed the Reserve Bank's one-percent cut in prime rate to 12 percent less than half the record 25 percent level of a year ago.
Reserve Bank governor Dr Gerhard de Kock said the motive' behind the cut was to encourage economic growth.

The sharp recovery in the gold price helped the Reserve Bank to decide on a lowering of rates - a move which will give an urgently needed boost to the ailing economy

The price of gold slipped below the $\$ 360$ level in Eondon todo wpantig erosingavis 361,75 last hight.
However, the latest gold rush has added R32 so far this year and at one stage yesterday bullion hit $\$ 376$ in ${ }^{\prime}$ Zurich.
The rand was quoted at 43,55 US cents in Johannesburg today, slightly up on its close of 43,45 cents last night.

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# As tenants double up, seek cheaper flats .. 

 Many landlords feel the pinc (x)/85 $\mathrm{Ch}_{123}$
## By Lesley Cowling

Families and individuals are "doubling up" in rented flats or moving into smaller, cheaper places in attempts to ride out the recession and this has led to an oversupply in the residential letting market.

Landlords have been unable to increase rents in the past 18 months, and, as their profits decline, their ability to maintain their buildings diminishes, according to spokesmen for major letting agents.
"There is a vacancy factor of between three and 10 percent in blocks of flats," said Mr Les Weil of $\mathbf{J}$ H Isaacs.

He said townhouse complexes had been extremely hard hit. Many townhouses built for sale were being put out for rent because of the unfavourable mar ket conditions.
"There is quite a lot of move-
ment out of more expensive flats or townhouses to cheaper flats, young people doubling up, children moving in with parents or parents moving in with children," he said.
"The high inflation rate has forced people to re-evaluate their lifestyles and the first thing they cut down on is rent. Mr Weil said that because landlords had been unable to increase rents and costs were rising all the time, they were losing in real terms.

## Retrenchments

"Retrenchments are contributing to the landlords' difficulties. Tenants find jobs in other towns and they just up and leave. This causes a lot of administrative problems," Mr Weil said.
He said the simplest solution in the present situation was to get rid of Group Areas Act restrictions.
restablish the interplay of supply and demand in a broader sense."

Mr John Kroeser, of CurriesL K Jacobs, said many landlords were losing money.
"Many landlords have bonds which they have to pay off, but cannot get enough rent from their properties to cover repayments. They can't raise rents because they have to keep tenants and they can't sell at present prices," he said.

He said owners of rent-controlled buildings were in the worst position.
"They can't maintain or reno-: vate their buildings because the income from rents cannot cover the costs involved. The result is that good buildings are turning into slums."
He said the Rent Act was hampering development.

Mr Kroeser also thought the oversupply of flats was caused by people moving in with others to save money.
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## Rent defaulters

PARLIAMENT - The Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, has expressed concern-at the high incidence of default in payments to development and community boards for services and rent.
He said these bodies, like many service institutions, were facing cost escalations.
The Minister was moving the second reading of the Additional Appropriation Bill at a joint sitting of the three Houses of Parliament.
He said R94 million had been included in the Constitutional Development and Planning vote to meet shortfalls in local government development.
"Aggravating the position of these boards is the high incidence of default in payment for services rendered and for rent - in many cases for reasons unrelated to economics.
Thatithe country as a whole would suffer if the boards were to collake is self-evident, hence the

## pose a problem

request to Parliament for assistance,' Mr du Plessis said.

Mr du Plessis said that in the economic climate of the past year unemployment had "unfortunately climbed alarmingly".
Government had found it necessary to launch a programme to alleviate distress among the unemployed in a variety of ways.
Initially R100 million was earmarked for this purpose in the main budget. It soon became apparent that this would be inadequate. The programme was then expanded by R500 million.
A number of Government departments and local authorities took part.
At this stage it appeared that it would not be possible to spend the full amount of R600 million in the current financial year. The balance would be carried forward to 1986-87.
Expenditure on the programme up to' March 31 this year was expected to total R530 million

## Fighting for Moutse

Moutse politician Maredi Chueu is ready to go to prison to persuade Pretoria to reverse the incorporation of Moutse into KwaNdebele.

These may seem like strong words from a conservative beneficiary of apartheid politics. But, says Chueu, one of Moutse's two elected Lebowa MPs, the incorporation on January 1 this year has radicalised both young and old in this rural area north-east of Pretoria. His crusade may well land him in prison. Fellow MP Godfrey Mathebe has just been released after two weeks' detention by the South African authorities under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act. "This kind of action will never scare us," says Chueu. Instead, Mathebe has been made a hero overnight, especially among young people in Moutse, who normally scorn the homeland leaders.

Chueu was a teacher before becoming a school inspector in Nebo, an area adjacent to Moutse. While still teaching he studied parttime for a Unisa BA in politics and psychology. In 1978 after being elected MP, he moved back to the Pietersburg district to pursue politics full-time.

Moutse was originally part of Lebowa, but was excised in 1980 and placed under South African jurisdiction - although the two MPs and several chiefs continued representing Moutse on the Lebowa Legislative Assembly. Recently, the Lebowan Assembly resolved not to recognise the incorporation of Moutse and decided that the two MPs would still be regarded as members of that House.

Chueu denies the KwaNdebele claim that $80 \%$ of the Moutse population agrees with incorporation. To support his claim, he damns Pretoria's refusal to accede to their demand, frequently made and as often denied, for a referendum to be held in the area. He says that both he and Mathebe were returned to the Lebowa Assembly unopposed in 1983 which shows they have a mandate.

Since the incorporation, though estimates vary, the community says at least 40 people have been killed. "Pretoria underestimated the amount of resistance," says Chueu. One problem, he says, was they were misled by their ethnologist who said Pedi and Ndebele
people could be grouped together because of their "dress culture."
Indeed, Pedi and Ndebele people have been living together peacefully in Moutse for years. But whereas Pedi people have been in the area for over 200 years, the Ndebele only started moving in during the Twenties when Chief Mapoch of the Ndebele asked Chief Mathebe's grandfather for permission to live in Moutse. Over the years the number of Ndebele has swelled.
him. Later the excision was made an Act of Parliament and they lost their chance.

Chueu agrees with the popular view that Moutse has been given to KwaNdebele as a gift for taking independence later this year.
The previously conservative Moutse population was shocked when a KwaNdebele vigilante group invaded the area on New Year's day and abducted and assaulted more than 200 men. "This incensed the people of Moutse," says Chueu. "The last thing we
were expecting was annexation by conquest."

Chueu says people do not respect KwaNdebele Chief Minister Simon Skosana because he is uneducated. They are perturbed that women in KwaNdebele don't have the vote and are publically flogged. "People don't feel secure. They fear discrimination in matters such as obtaining trading licences." They worry that when KwaNdebele becomes independent they will lose their South African citizenship. At the moment, they are hoping to win legally either by getting the proclamation blocked in Parliament next month or by going to court.

If they win their case, various youth movements in the area have said they intend fighting against inclusion into any homeland and that includes Lebowa.

Chueu says he is not yet disillusioned with homeland politics, although he believes
"These people were our guests," says Chueu. "According to our custom, it's unthinkable that they should now become our hosts." Ironically, Ndebele in Moutse are now moving out because of tension between the two groups.
Chueu has publicly accused Lebowa Chief Minister Cedric Pathudi of "conniving with Pretoria over their fate." Otherwise, he says, why did Pathudi remain silent after the final consolidation plans were released last September? Chueu says Pathudi agreed to let Moutse go to KwaNdebele and in exchange Lebowa was given orange farms at Zebedelia and promise of a railway line from the farms to the capital of Lebowa, Lebowakgomo.

In 1980, after the excision of Moutse from Lebowa, Chueu urged Pathudi to fight the matter in court. But he says, Pathudi ignored
 the homelands will eventually disappear. Meanwhile, he is willing to remain in Lebowa, but would also accept some kind of arrangement where Moutse remained part of SA. He believes that the young people in the area respect him because of his stand against Pretoria. They are not his only constituency and any decision about the fate of Moutse must be decided by all the people of Moutse at a later date.

## JACK WALSH

## Diamond diver

Launching a venture, such as the listing of his sea-diamond recovery company Marine West on the JSE's development capital mar-

## cat $3 / 2 / 86$ rimes Restrictions on black property scrapped <br> Political Staff <br> tion of South African

THE government has scrapped a number of discriminatory regulalions restricting the ownership of property by black people in the non-independent homelands - and paved the way for building societies to move into filancing home ownership in these areas.

Abolition of the restriction was announced at the weekend by the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.
The move could result in the societies actively financing schemes in those residential areas in Durban and Maritzburg which fall under the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu government, as well as in the Northern Transvaal.

Dr Viljoen said the government had approved "further meassure to promote and faciliate the involvement of the private sector in the financing of housing for black people in the self-governing states and on South African Bevelopment Trust land".
Careful attention had been given to objections raised by the Associa-

Building Societies about impediments which the existing regulations caused to the financing of housing for black people in these areas.
The government had decided to amend the regulations in a 1962 proclamation "so as to enable building sock ties to consider favour ably applications for housing loans in these areas without reservàlions"

The regulations now provided that:
-"Black people will in future have the right to own more than one site, either for residentaal, professional or commercial purposes".
"A house-owner will from now on have the right to sell his property to any competent person without the compulsory authorization from the township manager".

- "A house-owner may in future alienate his property without requiring any authorization".
"The cancellation of a deed of grant at the death of an owner be abolished so as to enable the deceased's next-of-kin to dispose of the property".


A manual to to gasic legal skills is to be launched in Johannesburg tomorrow.

It has been compiled by the Legal Resources Centre, mainly for the use of community centres established to give people free basic legal advice.
"It will enable a person without a legal background to train himself in providing legal assistence in a few crucial legal areas," says Mr Paul Pretorius, who co-ordinated the compilation of the manual.

Some of the subjects covered
core consumer protection, in sux and labour laws. 123 Mr Mahomed Navsa; , hoo put the manual together, said it twok almost six years to complete, at a cost of about R50 000 .
"Not only did we strive to bring the law closer to the man in the street but we also wanted to give him a tool to do something about his basic legal rights," said Mr Navsa. "We believe we have covered most of the basic problems normally experienced in townships."

The manual has more than 400 pages and will cost R40 a copy. About 200 issues will be. printed initially.



Häppiness is where hope is - as can be soen in this picture of youngsters at play in the SOS Childzen's Village at Ennerdale, noar Johannesburg.

## By Winnie.Graham

A campaign to raise R10 million for the building of a chain of children's villages in'South Africa was launched in Johannesburg today.
The scheme has been initiated by the SOS Children's Villages Association which already operates 590 projects in more than 100 countries worldwide.
The first village in South Africa opened at Eonerdale, south of Johannesburg, about two years ago. A second is under construction at Mamelodi. If the money is
 homeless children
raised, more villages will be built in the Eastern Cape, Pinetown, Cape Town, Bloemfontein and on the East Rand.

The South African director of SOS, Mr Dave Jackson, said the dilsintegration of family life in South Africa had reached crisis proportions. In some areas, as many as one in three children were being raised with-
out parental care.
He estimated more than 70000 children in South Africa were in desperate need. The problem, he said, was being exacerbated by the rising tide of unemployment and the state of unrest.
"A generation bs growing up without the values, disclplines and social stills a stable family provides. The situation could have serions
consequences for the future welfare and prosperity of Sonth Africa.

The villages aim at alleviating the suffering of chilsiremin need of food, shelter, clothing, education and parental care: Each viliage provides homes for about 140 children in an environment as close to the "real thing" as posssible."

Each village has a community centre, clinic, media centre and rocial welfare of fices.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the programme should write to SOS, Box 22, Randburg, 2125. ments on houses built with the Housing Fund would be introduced for people who were unemployed or subject to lower incomes in the present recession, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the. House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, said yesterday.

These measures would also apply to people who had previously been given relief during a six month moratorium which has expired, he said.

Aid would be given to people able to supply a welfare officer report confirming hardship and would consist of:

Subsistence grants in terms of the Social Relief Scheme for unemployed; extension of the six month moratorium on a portion or full rental; in exceptional cases, capital and interest portion of rental would be based on 25 percent of "breadwinners" income" instead of "household income"; in cases of merit, arrear instalments of dwellings already sold would be capitalised by local authorities; and in new 'cases;' relief' measures would be considered for the same reliefmeasurestm Sapa.


Mr David Curry . . . announced relief measures.
for rent defaulters
By CARMEL RICKARR. Durban
BLACK residents of "homeland townships" may no longer be thrown into jail or evicted for not paying rent, according to a notice in the latest Government Gazette.
The amended regulations follow two Supreme Court "test cases" brought by Durban's Legal Resources Centre (LRC) last year, challenging the right of a township manager to eject residents for not paying, and questioning the right of a court to jail rent debtors.
LRC argued that the State President, who issued township regulations, had exceeded his authority under the Black Administration Act. He was empowered only to make regulations imposing a fine or imprisonment, but not eviction.
Although the cases were won, and the challenged evictions set aside, the judge did not rule on the argument that the regulations themselves were invalid. However, after a similar case was taken to court by LRC on the same grounds, then dropped by the state, a new set of regulations has been issued.
Under the new law, the manager may only cut off lights and water to residents who don't pay rent. Both evictions and imprisonment are scrapped, thereby removing all the provisions objected to by the LRC.
The centre's director, Chris Nicholson, said the effect of the previous regulations had been to make criminals of people who could not afford to pay rent. Whites who did not pay their rent were not evicted but were taken to the civil court. They were also treated in terms of the South African legal principle that debtors are not jailed.
Regulation 48, which has now been changed, was in fact a way of discriminating against black people by both evicting and jailing them over debt problems, he said.

Under the new law, the township manager is only. allowed to cut off lights and water if rent isn't paid. Then he can take the matter to the civil court and a new legal procudure must be starfed.
But even if the person is brought to court, he or she can't be thirown into jail. Thë regulatiọns aréalready in force

## Homes subsidy: Money mountain worries State <br> Interest subsidies cost the + - <br> ,

\section*{By TOM HOOD

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PUBLIC service subsidies on housing loans are worth as much as another R16 000 a year before tax, or R1 300 a month on an employee's salary, according to tax consultants.

Railway workers, teachers and other public service employees who are dissatisfied with their 10 percent pay rise should do their arithmetic again, said one economist, Mr Neville Berkowitz, commenting this week.
Subsidy tables are closely guarded by State organisations but an analysis of them this week by a financial institution showed a public servant can take out a R 5000 bond from a building society, take up the maximum subsidies offered and pay off the bond in only 63 months - at a total cost of only R24 110 to himself.

The same loan would cost about eight times as much R187 680 - to a worker in private employment paying the normal minimum instalment over 20 years at current 18,25 percent rates, according to building society figures.
The public servant who pays off his house quickly can then move to a better house in a posher area by selling his bondfree property, which has probably more than doubled in value in six years, ploughing in his profit of about R90000:

Government sources indicated this week that the Government was concerned about the mountain of money tied up in subsidised housing, according to one analyst.

State R262 million a year according to figures disclosed a year ago. These include pay ments on Post Office and SATS housing loans.
Housing subsidies paid to Cape provincial employees al most trebled in the past three years to R 42 million, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said this week.

A five-year limit to subsidies - similar to the limit on the Government subsidy for firsttime home buyers - has been mooted

But this would not solve the problem of the hundreds of thousands of public servants already enjoying subsidised housing.
"You don't mind assisting people to buy a home but you do object to helping them become speculators," said Mr Berkowitz.
"A big slice of the économy is tied up in subsidised housing. If some of that money could be diverted the Government could really reflate the economy with a house-building programme.
"These resources could be channelled into helping first time buyers of all races. It would not be inflationary as very little imported materials would be involved, and there will be a spin-off into other industries such as furniture, paint, floor coverings and electrical appliances."
Critics say it is unfair that State employees - and that includes local government and university staff - should be able to draw additional subsidies, speed up their loan repayments and end up paying back less than the original loan.

[^1]it scores by spending less on subsidies - in the case of the R50 000 Ioan it would spend R61 294 over 71 months instead of R138 120 over 20 years.
Building societies also benefit because they get the R50 000 back earlier and can lend it out again.

Critics also blame subsidy schemes for artificially boosting prices in the property boom three years ago.

## ments of the subsidised buyer.:

This table shows the benefits of public service housing subsidies and voluntary additional repayments (which are also subsidised). The figures apply to public servants earning
more than more than R1524 a month (R18 288 a year)

## LOAN OF R50 000 AT 18,25 PERCENT <br> Individual in the private sector without a subsidy monthly instalment over 20 years <br> Normal monthly instalment over 20 years <br> Normal monthly instalment ove Total repayment after 20 years

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| Public servant entitled to subsidy |  |
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| Cost to employee $\qquad$ R575;50 Total repayment by employer R206,50 |  |
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| By employee $\qquad$ R66 184,80 |  |
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But the depressed property market in the Western Cape would probably collapse if there were no subsidies. By far the majority of buyers have a State subsidy, either through their employment or because they are a first-time buyer and get a five-year subsidy on their interest payments.
Several leading building companies have now geared their operations to the require-

## Normal instalment plus half of voluntary excess reduces term to <br> Normal instalment

Total half max. voluntary instal....................................................................................................
Subsidy .................................................................................................................................... R1014

Total monthly subsidy ......................................................................................................... $\mathrm{R} 149,40$
Cost to employee
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By Sue Leeman,
Pretoria Bureau
Urbanisation and "modernisation" of South African blacks is needed to keep down population growth and reduce poverty, says a report by the Institute for Sociological and Demographic Research (Isodem) of the Human Sciences Research Council.
An inflexible policy of influx control is therefore unrealistic in view of the high level of population growth - and impoverishment - it would promote, the report says.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine the implications of certain black urbanisation policies for population growth.

## Urbanise blacks says HSRC report

Researchers found that, initially, the removal of influx control and other hindrances to black migration might cause a high rate of black urbanisation - but that such a step was likely to lead to more manageable population levels than if influx control were maintained.

According to Isodem's division for demographic research there has been a substantial decline in the size of black families in the "white areas"
(where up to 40 percent of the women practise family planning) to an average of four children per family.

In the black states the estimated average number of children in a family is between six and seven, with only about 16 percent of the women using contraception.

The researchers found that black reproduction usually began at an early age with 55 percent of all first births among black women in "white"
areas occurring during the yomen's teens.

In addition, cultural values of fertility and low standards of living - 75 percent of South African blacks live in Third World conditions - often in: creased fertility levels. ", ".

However, the researchers said, "if the majority of South African blacks were to become urbanised and thus forced by the demands of moderi metropolitan life to abandon their traditional fertility behaviour, and if an effective and dynam ic family planning programíe were introduced countrywide, the black population growth rate would be reduced drastically".

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## Squatting relieves homes crisis ${ }^{(133)}$ study <br> Pretoria Bureau

Non-formal housing - including squatting - would have to be allowed by the authorities to relieve the urban housing shortage, a population redistribution study has found.
The HSRC's Institute of Sociological and Demographic Research (Isodem) researchers found that migrants still expected to be better off in the cities and would continue to head for those areas.
They found that formal housing would not provide the only solution to the accommodation problem. "Non-formal housing
such as squatting, will inevitably have to be permitted to relieve the housing shortage," the study said.
And in commerce, informal businesses had to be allowed to develop because formal job creation would not be able to satisfy the growing need for employment.
The researchers said the relative attraction of the large cities as migration destinations and industrial growth points should be reduced by developing medium-size cities and towns.
However, the authorities should concentrate on fewer
growth points. The Government's policy of dentralisation conflicted with its growth-point policy because State aid needed for growth points was being channelled to too many places at the same time.

The researchers said that if that pattern continued there was little hope for the successful development of rural areas. Also, no attempts to slow down the rate of urbanisation could succeed if adequate opportunities were not created in the rural areas

The study made it clear that South Africa did not have the capacity to develop more than
two growth points every five years. In spite of that, the number of growth points increased from 31 in 1971 to 59 in 1982.
By combining rural and growth point development, national aims such as decreasing regional differences in per capita income, improving access to production factors such as land, labour and possibly even the relief of existing migration pressure on large cities, could be realised. "To achieve this, the growth points should be developed in such a way that they can become complete alternative mini-metropoles," .the. study said.
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Row over ? racistraes for hatis
Johanneshurg : manage ment committe chair man Mr Francois Ober holzer has rejected criti cism that the city counci is racist", in charging more for hiring out halls for political meetingsin Indian areas than in white suburbs
Mr Oberholzer told the council last night the In. dian management committee had approved of the tariffs for halls bired out in Lenasia.
He was replying, tota question from the PFP leader in the council; Mr Sam Moss. Mr Moss quoted a. letter from the Transyaal Indian con gress which claimed it Was more expensive to hire halls in Lenasiạ for political meetings than ${ }^{\text {it }}$ Was in white areas.
Was in white areas.
Mr Moss said if it was true charges were different, then the council should act to end the diis frimination.
In an open letter to the council, the TIC said it believed the council and officials had a "secret, unwritten policy on the hiring of halls to extraparliamentary organisations opposed to apartheid like the TIC and the UDF\%
The TIC referred to an incident in June 1985 when it was refused council permission for use of the main hall at the Lenasia Civic Centre.等

GOVERNMENT was giv-
ing black local authorities all possible assistance in collecting rent arrears, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Piet Badenhorst said yesterday in the House of Assembly He said he did not know if it was necessary to give precise figures on the amount of the arrears
Some blacks who wan
ted to pay were subject to
intimidation
The government was engaged in a stabilisation programme to bring order to townships.

Government was busy with an investigation into the future of development boards. There was little doubt that they would be phased out.

When regional services councils came into being the skills of development board personnel "rould find a home, he said. Sapa.
 ships would cause immediate rioting and disorder rind still not bring in the revenue needed for improvIng their infrastructure M, Rietie Badenhorst, Depu4, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planhinge, said yesterday.
Replying to questions from ce members in the committee stage of the Additional Appropriation Bill, he said the R49, million budgeted for had nothing to do with arrears rents. The money was allocated to development boards for the improvement of black townships' infrastructure and as bridging finance to be repaid.
this was necessary because past rents and services had been provided at uneconomical prices.
Rents were collected by community and city councils and had nothing to do with development costs. -Mr Jan Hoon ( (CP, Kuruman) asked if the additional amount needed for development would be reduced if arrears rent was collected. Mr Badenhorst replied that coneclopment costs. wouldhelp with but not cot vote was opposing the ther parties in the House. Noting therejwere less than 15 CP - members present, the Chairman of, Committees, Dr Helgard yan Rensburg, declared the vote


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# It's a rocky road to $\phi$ complete acceptance 

WITH the desperate shortage of housing, an industrialised system which offers high quality and good looks at a cost-effecfive price should be well comed with open arms

But, according to Roy Komlosy, marketing manager for the modular building systems division of Hamon-Sobelco, the road to launch this highquality range of products in SA has indeed been a rocky one.
"Everywhere we have demonstrated and exhibited our building system the public have been more than enthusiastic, recog nosing that we can supply a high-quality, extremely flexible, aesthetically pleasing housing unit that need not look like any th er, and at a very reasonable price, he said

## Reaction <br> 等共

However enthusiasm and public demand are only one side of the coin. When one begins to sell the product, the problems begin, he said.
The Hamon-Sobelco system was developed in Europe by an Italian architect and launched in SA in August 1984. Initial market reaction response was excellent and, in Janwary 1985, the company decided to establish the product on the local marnet. its task was, among other things, to investigate local sources of supply top manufacture the house locally.
Since then the company has developed the necessary systems and suppliers who now offer the housing units with $100 \%$ local content.

Feedback from the Cape and Natal has been extremely encouraging with excellent response from the general public and property owners along the coast, said Nomcosy.

But:within a short time of embarking on a markiting ${ }^{\text {project, }}$ damonSobelcoran into problems with legislation and local authorities, and found it isn't so easy to offer the public single-bedroomed dwelling
"We found we had to make sure our design and construction conform to
the relevant SABS specific- shortage. They seem to cations, and thereby con- think this encourages form overall to the slum areas, lowers propnational building regulatons now in force."

Hamon-Sobelco's experience has been that the authorities measure industrialised building systams by the same standards as for conventional dwellings, using the same test parameters. The chances are that many industrialised building units will fail because the regulations have been written around conventional building standards.

According to Komlosy, industrialised building systems are supposed to be cheaper than conventional building methods but, if, they have to conform : with conventional building regulations, the price advantage starts to disappear.

The Hamon-Sobelco system does conform with the national building regulations and meets the various: SABS requirements relating to fire rating, wind loading, impact tests and rain penetration specifications, among others, he said.

## Plain sailing

Having received five positive test certificates from the SABS, he hoped all would be plain sailing. Again, 'this proved not' to be the case. Each and every municipality has to be approached with complete plans and details as would be required if one were building a conventtonal dwelling.

We feel municipalities still have a bricks-andmortar mentality. They are reluctant to allow the construction of industrial building systems and, al though we provide full plans and details to meet their requirements, our developments and individual housing units are often not accepted."

Asked why he thinks municipalities have such a negative attitude to in dustrialised building sys tems, he offered the following explanation:
"Firstly, the perception of industrial building systams is that of prefabs constructed shortly after World War II to meet Europe's crucial housing
from the image a particular municipality is trying to present.

Another negative perception is that these systerms are inferior to conventional dwellings. This is simply not the case, as our systems are designed with a life of at least 25 years and, if one looks at Europe and the US in particular, one sees that the prefabricated houses are widely used, still standing and accommodating famlies even after 40 years use."

## Spacious

The company feels its system is pleasing in apo pearance. Its domed roof concept gives a feeling of spaciousness. The modular concept' allows complate flexibility in design which means that no two dwellings have to look the same. Additions to the basic unit can be made when funds permit.
Units are installed on a concrete base as a permanent dwelling, or can be erected with a suspended floor and used as demountable accommodadion.

Another major advantake is the do-it-yourself: possibility, allowing the handyman to erect his own dwelling, thus saving the costs of builders.

The high-tech design and the use of modern materials means that erection is extremely fast, usually within two weeks of delivery to site.

The dwelling is practically maintenance-free and does not require multiple tradesmen to erect. When in full production, the Hamon-Sobelco house will be pre-wired and oreplumbed to factory specie= fications, thereby elimimating onsite problems.

Despite these advantages, the building socities have yet to agree to advance bond finance on the houses.

Komlosy said that in spite of all the difficulties, Hamon-Sobelco remains committed to a long-term policy of participation in the housing market.


## Blame building inspectors - MD <br> TRICONis a fast building system intro:

duced here a year ago by Demcon Building, whose MD, Andy Demos, shakes his head sorrowfully when discussion arises on the horrific shortage of cheap housing.

Peri-urban has 66 committees, each one well-versed in giving cost-effective builders the run-around. Building inspectors (often one-time builders) now importantly control their own little empires and interpret the law their own way. Sheltered employment - it is great. And if I ever find two aesthetic committees that can agree on anything, I will faint from shock.
"Red tape and bureaucracy are cost-' ing me a fortune and have lost me my foreign backing," he claims
Tricon was brought out from the UK originally and was adapted to African conditions in Zimbabwe. It is widely used in Europe and the rest of Africa says Demos. It is a pre-cast system of panels with bolts and clamps to secure the panels, which can be thickened for insulation.

The price of the unit was extremely cheap until a building inspectorate aes thetics department wanted a hip-type
joint instead of a plain gable, he says. That put the price up by $R 2000$.
"They don't do their homework," he complains. "They hassle you and one can't answer back; no-one willingly starts a vendetta going when in business.
"I have had a consultant's report done for R4 000, but no-one looks at it.
"I put in an application in March, and telephoned to remind the authorities to get on with it. In May I went to the offices in Pretoria; they had lost it. When running a business at R750 a day, how can one afford this? So I put in another application in May which they had lost by August."

Third time round he was told to ge ahead, he says, but then building inspec tors stopped him
"That building has still not been passed. There is nothing wrong with it. Government must instruct the lower echelons more carefully:
"My foreign finance was withdrawn because they can get a quicker return on their money elsewhere; they got tired of the hassles. That was when I lost R75 000 Worth of work on the East Rand.
"Tricon can get a house up in a week, ready to move in to, at a cost of $\mathrm{R} 230 / \mathrm{m}^{\text {? }}$. Why am I held back by officialdom?"


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MAKING inroads into the black, coloured and Asian housing market is the United Building Society's Development Corpora , tion. Slince its inception in 1979, it has built more than 6000 units in all mar-
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"We develop according to the needs of a particular area," says GM Pie Kruger, 'and demand for qualty housing in this sector high."
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OREE than $50 \%$ of all home loans granted to black families by financlal insultations are fir Ballding Soclety. This share of the market rep. resents more than R200m, spread across more than 000 black families.
About 2500 loans have been granted since April 1984, totallling R76m; $90 \%$ new homes.

The United is also ac tive in self-help honsing At Katlehong on the East Rand 730 loans totalling R7,5m have already been granted and the soclety is committed to finance a clients.

# Help builda South Africa 

Black home ownership is a vital ingredient of our country's future stability. There is a pressing need to create a stable, permanently housed Black society which has a financial stake in South Africa.

Time Housing is at work building a more secure South Africa by working closely with individual home owners and with responsible, far sighted companies who share our philosophy.

We have the experience and the expertise to carry a building scheme right through from red tape, financing,


United has lead in black market

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## Perm looks to Third World <br> IN VIEXING the contri- <br> The Perm's financo, lic -

 bution building societles make towards solving the housing problem, I would like to outline two very Important factors:$\square$ The management of building socleties are charged with the respon sibility of balancing the interests of the suppliers of funds with those of the users of funds. They do bottomless pit of funds. The funds available must be invested very se curely.
$\square$ They operate within the bounds of the Butlding Socteties Act and are closely regulated as to what they can and cannot do.
Having stated these pa rameters, I would like to set out thu Perm's ap the housing proh solvin One of the probem. ed object of the Perm's toryrovid a stable flow of funds for housing finance to the full spectrum of South Afrl cans. In other words, not only in the high-value market, and ensuring that the focus
The Perm has made a realistic assessment of SA in the latter part of the Eighties and into the
Nineties. There is uttle Nikelifiow that an organisation which lgnores the Third World component of our soclety and concen trates exclusively on the First World element will make any major contributhon to the socio-economic issues confronting us. The speciflc issues in meeting the housing chalienge refordability.
First World housing standards are not appro priate in solving the hous tng problem. The Perm has adopted a principle of setting its qualifying housing standard as such that any reasonable per son would have an inter est in preserving the structure in question. In short, the house would have foundations, solid wall, a well-constructed rooi, proper sewerage and access to water.
To secure the of the suppliers of funds and comply with the regulatory obligations imposed by the Act, the property in question, apart from meeting the above standards, must be urban property registere in a Deeds Registry. The ability to pay is reasonably assessed dir the Perm, Different circumstances are coaken into accoont- there regardless of circumstances.
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WHEN using cost-effective tuillafng systems in black townships, owners have to cope with problems that do not occur to whites - such as: are the walls thick enough not to be kicked in by hooligans, and fire resistant enough not to be razed to the ground?
"Lightweight structures do present a problem in places such as Soweto," agrees Frank Carter, marizeting manager of Murray \& Roberts subsidiary Ribco, specialists in industrial bailding systems.
Two main building systems have been developed while a third - ribhouse - is an adaption of these for better quality houses.
$\square$ The ribframe system is for application to singlestoreyed and multi-storeyed structures where large open areas are required, eg schools, dormitories, hospital wards, offices, factories, etc. It is a framed concrete structural system in which columns are usually cast in sito and all other elements incloding external and internal walls, beams, slabs, stair units and sills are precast.
$\square$ The ribwall system is a loadbearing crosswall structural system and is applied in the construction of flats, apartments, hotels, hostels and the like. Again, all elements, fincluding the external walls, are precast.口The ribiouse system is designed for the construction of single-storeyed buildings of all shapes and sizes. Originally developed for high standard detached homes, it is a loadbearing external wall system with all elements being precast.

## Edited by Matthew White

## Housing SA's masses demands higher pricrity <br> SOUTH AFRICA faces

roblems on so many ronts that the housing risis is not crisis is not getting the attention it deserves. For political, economic and humanitarian reasons, housing should be than it is corrently accorded
Extimates vary, but the current housing backlog 5 probably not less than the gat by the end of this centery, about 250000 mits a year need to be brilt.
There is no doubt that. physically, this can be and economic political the use of aproprite techmology and abpintant labour could see virtuall everyone adequatelg housed, by Third World candards, with only one ther proviso: that there is meaningfol deregulation.
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## MATTHEW WHITE, Survoys EdFtor

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## Vital area

The supply of serviced equate If the private se tor is to become more meaningfully involved, it must be allowed access to this vital area.
Government must also o further along the road hat discourages black home omnership. Its vaunted 99 -year leasehold cheme has been a crashing failure as was shown by the flop of the "great sale ${ }^{n}$ of 500000 State owned properties. An fare to 1983 fewer that \% have been sold to date Deregulation must also be applied to the type of bousing permitted. Mach more emphasis needs to eraced on anconvenials methods and mate which toctaly which the people them their can use to buil In own homes.
Ithestrialised building methods can demonstrat conventional brick mortor construction but there are still many har jiers to the implementa ion of such systems cocal authorities have the power to refuse to permi fter they have receive Agrement Board certifi cation on grounds of "aes thetics" on which there is no agreed standard.

## Major role

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While new methods and materials can play a major role in helping to lem, they are still far too costly for a large part of If popalation.
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THE Cape Blvisional lishing as experimental townshis on the Cape Flats aimed at promoting the concept of self-help housing.
Forty plots have been set aside for the project, which is also to be used to
many areas
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The housing probiem, in fact, has the potential to provide SA with a labourthat could provide the bety sis for a vast social uplift sis for a vast social uplift
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UNLESS deregulation, societies and other finan coppled with lower but cial institutions, could acceptable realistic stan- cope with the demand for is established qutckly the the bureaucratic provided low-cost housing problem dures that delay and frus-low-cost housing problem dures that delay and frus says Don Goodey, MD of ment could be rivate-sector compan eeply involved in provid ing mass housing
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The private sector has a important and growing roblem, tie says, and his company is already com mitted to developing af coloured and Asian com munities.
Private sector developers are providing homes for sale to these commo Eistablish the needs and affordability of people within the community, select suitable locations for the homes and strive for the co-operation of the local and central goverrment authority,
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## HOME ownersho \%ris <br> 

 cording to Allied Bnilding Society senior GM Geaff Rowker.This at despite the fac ars of blact lationed employ tready belped to arr have ousing and to arrange their staff, and efforts to or abol an educpitian Employees can try to get help from their company personnel department, to organise a loan or a guarantee.
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to scale down their tastes new building regulations in accommodation, ac- and can be knocked only cording to Peter Klopper, on grounds of aesthetics director of Ibasa (Industrial Building Association of SA).
"Where everybody wanted two bathrooms, garages and servant's rooms, one has to start looking at one bathroom, carport and part-time servant," he says
or if it can be proved it downgrades the value of property in the area."
Ibasa is a national body registered in terms of the Labour Relations Act promoting the interests of the industrial building' industry.

## Cost-effective

"When it comes to in dustrialised building, blacks don't want it be cause whites don't use it. But whites are going to have to start looking at more cost-effective accommodation, too.
"Pre-cast concrete, mobile homes ... all-industrialised housing is ac-
"Our larger members specialise in Iow-cost mass housing schemes, schools, etc," says Klopper.
"Again the problem arises - blacks feel they are getting inferior schools because whites have brick and mortar schools. Industrialised building has to be made more fashionable. It is more vandal-resistant than conventional schools. We are looking at an all-concrete school,
es."

The benefits of building with concrete are tremen dous, he says, because it is tendered on a design and erect basis ... no architect, no quantity surveyor; those costs are elimi nated. The building goes up in half the usual time, so there are no escalation costs.

## Statistics

"The time will come when all schools - irrespective of colour - will be standardised. We have to build 15 classrooms a day, every day, to cope with our needs to the year 2000."

While there are no accurate statistics available on industrialised building,

Agrement Board reflected that during the fiveyear period between 197175 , about 11000 houses were built in the Republic using industrialised methods with Agrement certification.
"During the subsequent five years, this number increased to 34,000 . Of these, 24000 - or some 70\% - were erected in government-financed, low-income housing schemes.

The use of innovative methods for school building construction increased from 6200 to 12500 classrooms built over the two periods, and it is estimated to account for about one-third of all classrooms built today. Most of these are for primary schools and represent an increase of more than $50 \%$ since 1982

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"THE horrific inflation rate of $20,7 \%$ will have an affect on housing prices throughout the Republic and Port Elizabeth.
"However, a decline in inflation can be expected.
"But we will be lucky if we can contain inflation within $18 \%$," said Mr R E Munford, Managing Director of the EP Building Society.
"The cost of building new dwellings will increase with the rate of inflation, and this factor alone will push up the general depressed market prices on houses.
"The economy is entering an upward phase with the increase in overall confidence which again will have a positive effect on the price of dwellings," he said.
"The only real negative areas which would effect
the price of dwellings is if political reform is not seen to be happening, and if inflation continues at rates of $18 \%$, investment and bond rates must increase adequately to ensure the investor of a real return on his savings.
"Since the Head Office of the EP Building Society came to Port Elizabeth it has been gratifying to note the positive attitude of the Port Elizabeth citizens, and the way in which they are accepting the challenge of today's financial climate.
"With the increased demand for bond fiannce, building societies will once again have to ensure that valuations are realistic and that prospective home owners are able to afford the type of property that they wish to purchase.
"Building Societies"do, therefore, have a real social responsibility ${ }^{\text {to }}$ ensure that clients do:not over-extend themselves.
"The EP Building Society is proud that not only does it give 24 -hour service, but also carries out its responsibility to tits clients," Mr Munford says.
"The black housing market is taking on an ever increasing role, and will, in years to come, enjoy greater support from financial institutions when political stability returns and a genuine market is established ${ }^{7^{\prime}}$ in these areas.
"We look forward to the day when people in the financial world look at a white or a black housing problems on an overall basis for the entire country where the standard of housing enjoyed will depend on income alone."
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The introduction of 99 -year leasehold for urban blacks eight years ago has so far only scratched the surface of the huge backlog in black housing.

Government and businessmen agree on
the urgent need for more black housing. The emphasis to date, however, has largely been on building prestige houses for relatively well-off blacks. Very little has been done to assist the poor, who are, of course, in the majority.

Even new flats, an innovation, which are provided by local authorities like the Soweto Council, have turned out to be "too expensive" to rent for most. The problem, say black local authorities, lies in building societies' reluctance to finance smail loans for the neediest segment. So backyard dwellings mushroom.

## House sales

Government, perhaps demonstrating its determination to give blacks a stake in the townships, has made available for sale the entire stock of 346921 rented houses in all black areas. Since 1973, it has been trying to sell them to registered tenants. Yet the lack of financing has evidently been the stumbling block. By last December, only 39430 units had been sold.
The largest single sale has been in the West Rand Development Board area, which includes Soweto. Of 100566 housing units, only $26580(26,43 \%)$ have been sold. Next
best was in the Central Transvaal Development Board area, which includes Pretoria. Here, a mere $5,16 \%$ of the 27633 units have been sold. In both the East Rand and the Oranje-Vaal areas, sales have been less than $5 \%$ of what is available.
The government is embarking on a new drive to sell all housing units by the end of next June. Employers are being urged to help employees and discounts of up to $40 \%$ are offered. Current prices are lower than replacement costs and range between R700 and R5 800.
The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning's public relations consultant, Luzien Vallun, tells the FM that government's "big sale" is hampered largely by delays in processing title deeds. Blacks apparently prefer to get title almost immediately after purchase. Problems such as area surveying have been overcome. However, many suggest that white bureaucrats have not been enthusiastic about expediting sales, despite ministerial directives to speed up the process.
A study by the Urban Foundation, which is in the forefront of black housing development, put the shortage in black urban housing in 1980 at 560000 units. The foundation
stressed that 28000 units have to be built each year until the turn of the century simply to overcome the existing shortfall. The figure excludes the need created by natural population increase and migration to the cities.

## Employer role

Take Katlehong on the East Rand as an example. It has a population of 230000 but only 18000 "official" dwellings, which sug. gests an occupancy rate of nearly 13 per house. Actually, most of the township's inhabitants live in shacks and other backyard structures.
Shacks are evident in nearly all black townships. And it would seem that this state of affairs will worsen when, and if, influx control is abolished. Clearly, efforts to cope with the problem must be redoubled. Many more companies ought to encourage black employees to buy their homes, and perhaps assist financially.
Large parastatal organisations, such as Escom and the SA Transport Services (Sats), as well as certain mining houses, such as Anglo, provide housing schemes for their black employees. This is all to the good, but their efforts seem puny in the context of the huge demand that exists countrywide. .

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| Homebuilders suffec 123 from lack of knowledge <br> By Frànk Jẻans While there is asconstant cy 4 sor massive housing programmes, it seems thytwhen it comes down to the nitty-gritty of ho:mebuilding; resources worth millions are being wasted through lack of madagement skill and compunieation with potential homeowners. <br> Mri'Graham Alexandêr, chairman of Randburgbased company Building Management, Costing and-Advisory Services (BMS), says: "Because" of the lack of knowledge on the one hand and the failure to communicate on the other, there are people still living, in shacks next to halfeompleted mansions." <br> MMr Alexander, whose company"provides a building management package for owner buildess and small building operations,' 'Ibelieves this apathy is resulting in valdable funds going to waste: <br> He gives as an exampleithe housing efort in. <br> Sekekunelaznd" Lebowa where owner-builders are bogged dówn becauseof lack of knowledge about the building process and the "failure of even repittable organisations in the materials,supply'field" to talk to:them: <br> "As in the homelands, substantial amounts of finance are ireadily avail able," he says. <br> "A statee employee; for instance; can get avolan at good rates formorme building, set against, figure of about twice the annual income ofthe family unit. This can be as high as R80000. <br> "Because of indifference, however, peopleare not getting the todmes they desire:" <br> Urgingureater communication between the small builden and the people who provide materials and servicếs, Mr Alexander clains there are housing projects throughout the country: where people have suffered losses which run intomiliop |  |
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## Labour tension simmers in

 homeland's industrial heartThe kwaNdebele National Development Corporation (KNDC) aims to encourage, plan, finance, co-ordinate, promote and carry out the development of the self-governing homeland of kwaNdebele, and has been closely involved in building Ekiandustria.

This industrial deconcentration point, 17 km outside Bronkhorstspruit, 100 km from Johannesburg and 55 km from Pretoria, has a number of attractions.

The incentives available to industrialists at Ekandustria are substantial. They include: - A R35-a-month subsidy for every worker for seven years. - Fixed factory rental for 10 years coupled with a subsidy worth 25 percent on actual construction and land cost.

- Án interest subsidy of 25 percent, housing subsidy for key personnel of all races of 20 percent (ordinary labourers excluded).
- Relocation allowance of up to R500,000
- Tender preferences on Government contracts of 4 percent.

Developers hope that Ekandustria will become an industrial powerhouse for the self-governing homeland of kwaNdebele, due to become independent on December 4 this year. A recent strike at Ekandustria's factories prompted SHERYL

RAINE to take a look at this deconcentration point.


Training incentives at the discretion of the SA Government. - Water costs 35 c a kl and electricity R10 a kVA and 2c a kWH.
South Africa's labour laws do not apply to the area, and this has been an added incentive in the case of some businesses which have relocated.
However, recent rumbles of labour tension have prompted the KNDC to advise industrialists to establish worker commit-
tees to communicate with their workers. But the KNDC cannot enforce any recommendation.
A KNDC spokesman referred to a stayaway by virtually the entire Ekandustria workforce on February 20, as the work of agitators and intimidators. The local police, who were called in to disperse strikers, attributed it to the African National Congress.
The KNDC's labour relations
officer has warned that Ekandustria workers' wages are too low, that the situation is dangerous and volatile. The workers are soft targets for would-be agitators, he says. He hopes the kwaNdebele Government will, after independence, introduce labour laws to protect workers.
There is evidence that, even though South African trade unions are discouraged from operating in the region, at least one, the SA Allied Workers Union, is already handing out membership forms.
There are now 45 businesses in operation in Ekandustria and 52 factories have been completed. The number of people employed in Ekandustria and nearby Siyabuswa, totals 2500 , but when present factories are working at their full capacity, there will be 5600 job opportunities.
The KNDC is building a further 15 factories in Ekandustria and is planning 30 more on 36 ha of 214 ha still to be developed.
Labour-intensive factories are favoured and recipients of subsidies are carefully screened.

Ministers have given information which shows that there is a shortage of at least 390.790 homes with only 16613 being provided by the combined forces of the state, local aut thorities and the private sector last year.
Mr Eglin warned today that the housing situation was getting wörseiand could have disastrous consequences for the country:
The amounts provided in yesterday's Budget to make up the backlog were totally inadequate.

Major effort
A major effort would have to be made "if the present housing crisis is not going to turn into a national disaster."
Mr Eglin said it could be estimated from the shortage of homes that more than two million blacks could be considered homeless.
Last week the Minister of Development Aid, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, told Parliament there was shortage of almost 200000 houses in the homelands and more than half the shortage was in the Durban area.
And yesterday the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said there was a shortage of 221572 in the non-homeland areas.
Mr Heunis said a number of factors influenced the housing shortage and it elimination.
These included the economic climate, availability of land, the pace at which development by the private sector could take place, the rate of urbanisation and the natural increase of the black population. xaps Girl, 5, killed in atc collision with car

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in all. Mr Du Plessis said hats via the Small Business for job creation proction last year had also not Development Corpora the start-up time involved in been utilised due programme.
launching such a would now be paid to the SBDC
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## 400000 Eglin <br> - South Africans <br> quired the approvat 27 governmental authorities.

would have to make a "major concerted effort" to correct the black housing shortage if the present crisis was not going to become a national catastrophe, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Colin Eglin, said here

## last night.

Addressing a public meeting, he said increasing Addressing a the forthcoming lifting of influx control made this effort all the more necessary.
The latest government estimates for the black housing shortage for the whole of the Republic was "close to a staggering 400000 units". This meant that well over two million blacks in South Africa were without housing, while many more were living in substandard housing, with the minimum of amein substandard and the barest infrastructure.

Equally alarming was the fact that the state and eq private sector together only provided 16613 houses for blacks in the urban townships during 1985:
The private sector still found today that to develop a property and sell it to a black citizen reL
"It is against this background that the amounts It is against this in the Du Plessis Budget are provided for housing te." Mr Eglin said South Africa was "one of the most overgoverned countries this side of the Iron Curtain"
There were those who suggested that the PFP should turn its back on Parliament
It would be "the height of folly" for the PFP to abandon its parliamentary base and to leave the National Party government unquestioned and unNational Par in the highest legislature in South challenged in It would be doing a grave disservice to the cause of non-racialism if it opted out and allowed the Conservative Party to take over as the official opposition
"Nevertheless, Parliament remains a uniquely mportant site of power and action among the many political sites in South Africa. It is the only site where laws are made - and scrapped - where the government can be called to account, and where thero-can be a face-to-face debate with the governInent on vital political issues."-Sapa

PEOPLE of any population group may apply for permission to buy property and live in a white group area.
This was said stated today by a senior official in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Basie Botha, after whites had queried the sale to coloureds of property in Greenbushes, Port Elizabeth.'
Mr Botha said permits to live in white areas were granted by his department. While the permits are for limited periods, they are renewable.
He said during the past year six applications were received by his department from coloured people want ing to live in white areas in Port Elizabeth, including Greenbushes.
A permit was granted to a coloured applicant to live in Greenbushes, one application was turned down and two other applications are still being considered for Greenbushes, he said.
A coloured family received a permit to live in another white area in PE. Yet another coloured family's bid for living space in a white area in PE was unsuccessful.
Reasons for refusals could not be divulged because it was an internal matter, he said.
Mr Botha said most permit applications were from coloured and Indian entrepeneurs or professional men wanting to operate in white areas.
Most of the applications in this category were successful.

The Group Areas Act, he'said, made provision for coloureds, Indians and Africans to apply for à permit to live-or trade in any white area.

Application forms are obtainable from his department at the Eben Donges Building, Hancock Street, PE: :
He said several Indian families received permíts to live in Grahamstown's white area because the city's Indian area had not yet been developed

Indian families also lived in Uitenhage's white group area under the permit system.
Some white property owners in Greenbushes com gplained this week about coloured people being allowed to tive and buy property there:


TWO comments on the budget stick in my mind. Although they came from opposite ends of the spectrum, they said roughly the same thing.
TV ad-star Clive Weil of Checkers said it was "a rich man's budget", all right for people earning salaries but "insensitive" to the rest of the population.
And UDF -publicity secretary Murphy Morobe predicted that the economic consequences of the budget were "more likely to fuel resistance than stem it". Neither mentioned -housing; but their remarks become painfully applicable to the derisory sum allocated to black housing.
We don't know yet what amounts -will be allocated to housing for coloured and Indian people because that is an "own affair" and will be dealt with in "own affair" budgets.
But black housing is a "general affair", which means that everything to do with it is decided by whites.
So Finance Minister Barend du Plessis was able to disclose that he was planning to spend a total R331,3million on black housing.
This is less than 50 percent of the total R650,6-million he allocated for all housing.

## BUDGET ${ }^{\circ} 86$ <br> Jean Le May reports from the House

When this is put alongside the cut in the bread subsidy, the refusal to lift GST on all food, and the failure to reach parity in schooling, pensions and social services for blacks, Morobe's reaction is understandable.
The budget provisions were "a continued assault on the already severely eroded living standards of blacks" and continued the trend of forcing the poorer sections of the population to carry the major burden of apartheid".
I hope the government is listening to Morobe's remarks but I doubt it. I hope the government will make the connection next time a police van or even a bread delivery van is hit by a shower of stones in Guguletu or Soweto, but I doubt that too.
Some people have alredy made the connection, among them PFP leader Colin Eglin, the Urban Foundation and the Black Sash, all of whom described the allocation for black housing as "inadequate".

Eglin said replies to questions in parliament had revealed that more than two million blacks did not have homes and many more were living in sub-standard housing.
Ministers had given information, he said, which disclosed a shortage of at least 390790 homes, with only 16613 provided by the state, local authorities and the private sector last year.
Last week Minister of Development Aid Gerrit Viijoen said there was a shortage of almost 200000 houses in the homelands, and Constitutional Development Minster Chris Heunis admitted to a shortage of 221572 in non-homeland areas.
Another question elicited the information that no family homes at all had been built in Guguletu, Nyanga and Langa last year.

- In yet another, a questioner was told that the population of Soweto was just short of a million, at which Helen Suzman interjected: "You can double that."
Her comment arouses the interesting speculation that government planners are as bad at arithmetic as they are insensitive to the makings of even worse crises inherent in the budget provisions.


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(5) whether any action has been taken as a result of this incident; if not, why not; if so, what action;
(6) whether he will make a statement on

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(a) The turning of boards on coaches before departure ona forms part of the normal duties of train personnel.
(1) Yes, in the case of one coach.
$\dagger$ The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRA-
TION AND ECONOMIC ADVISORY SERVICES:
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 ster of Trade and Industry:

What was the total amount paid out in respect of decentralisation or deconcentra-
tion benefits from 1 February 1985 to 31

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND IN-
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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTI- (2) whether a deeds office is to be open$\begin{array}{ll}\text { The DEPUTY MINSTER OF CONSTI- } & \text { (2) whether a deeds offici is to be open- } \\ \text { ed in Port Elizabethe if } \\ \text { DUS }\end{array}$ (b) where and (c) how many posts
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(4) whether the opening of this office will whether the opening of this ofice
affect any existing deeds offices, if so, (a) which offices and (b) in what
manner will these offices be affected The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVEL-
OPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS (for
 (1) Yes.
(a) The Port Elizabeth Chamber of The Port Elizabeth Chamber of
Commerce wrote to to the Chief Registrar of Deeds.
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(3) and (4) Fall away. The representations of the Chamber of
Commerce together with representations from various other bodies were forwarded
to me through the South to me hrough the South Eastern Cape
 the hon member for Port Elizabeth-North
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I have indicated, it is not the intention to have indicated, it is not the intention to
establish a deeds office in Port Elizabeth.

Mr A B WIDMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is this a final decision? Does the hon the
Deputy Minister not consider it feasible and
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| alleged charg of forgery of |
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(2) Yes.
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(a) The car was taken into safe cus Police.
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(b) Because the driver had been arrested.
(4) Yes, on 5 March 1986.
(5) No. (a) to (c) Fall away.
 Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minis-
ter's reply, is it general practice for the Se-
 concem themselves with people who drive
without a driver's licence without a driver's licence; and if not, why
were these people stopped in the first place?
$\dagger$ The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, 1 am not De Aar arrested or detained any per-
sons from Priesa on or about
March 1986 ; if so, (a) how many and
(b) why;
(2) whether these persons were travelling
by car at the times if so,
(3) whether any action was taken in reDe Aar arrested or detained any per-
sons from Prieska on or about
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(2) whether these persons were travelling
by car at the times if so,
(3) whether any action was taken in re-
spect of the car in which these per


 ority that any member of the Police Force
has to do his job as he may encounter it.

(2) in respect of what date is this infor-
mation furnished?
 sons were travelling; if so, (a) what
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(b). why; whether these persons have subsesons were travelling; if so, (a) what
action and (b).why;
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(4) whether these persons have subse-
quently been released; if so, when;
(5) whether he has received any representations regaraing these phersons;
if so, (a) from whom, (b) wen and
(c) (c) what was the nature of (i) the rep-
resentations and (ii) his response
thereto?

(1) Yes.

(1) Whether members of the Security 4
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| as soon as it is possible. We are busy investigating the whole matter and the moment it is possible to red sitate to do so. <br>  Defence: <br> Whether any South African Defence Force personnel have been engaged in any manoeuvres or taken any action in Mabo pane in 1986; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) why, (c) what was the nature of the man- oeuvres or action and (d) what specified (i) personnel were involved and (ii) equipment was used in each case? <br> $\ddagger$ The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DE- |
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(1) Whether a certain person from Malunga Park in Gululetu, whose name and particulars have been furnished
to the South African Police for the
 arrested or detained by the South

 provisions and (iv) where was he held
and (b) what (i) is the name and (ii) and (b) what (i) is the name and (ii)
are the particulars of this person; (2) whether this person has since whether this person has since been
released; if not, why not; if so, when? The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORinstance, we are not planning to appeal; secondly, we are not planning to alter the Act;

 a plan of action.

Mr H H SCHWARZ: Mr Speaker, further
arising out of the hon the Minister's arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, if
in fact he is opposed to the concept of using coupons, has he not discussed this matter
with the hon the Minister of Trade and Industry in view of the application of the Trade Practices Act?
$\dagger$ The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, to the best of my knowledge the way in which the coupthe Trade Practices Act.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker,
further arising out of the hon the Minister's further arising out of the hon the Minister's
reply, may I ask the hon the Minister whether in view of the lower crude oil prices which we have all seen publicised in the reducing the petrol price in the near future? [Interjections.]
†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I gladly reply to that question. I think our Depart-
ment and the Government have already proved that we immediately reduce the price
(ii) Questioning and investiga-
tion.
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 (2) No.

## (3) and (4) Fall away.

The representations of the Chamber of Commerce together with representations from various other bodies were forwarded to me through the South Eastern Cape
Attorneys Association. A deputation of Attorneys Association. A deputation of
the Attorneys Association together with
the hon member for Port the hon member for Port Elizabeth-North had an interview with me on 13 November
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office in Port Elizabeth was discussed. As office in Port Elizabeth was discussed. As
I have indicated, it is not the intention to establish a deeds office in Port Elizabeth.

Mr A B WIDMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is this a final decision? Does the hon the
Deputy Minister not consider it feasible and indeed necessary for a deeds registry to be
 the future? Whether any member of his Depart-
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deeds office in Port Elizabeth; if so, dons regarding the opening of a
deeds office in Port Elizabeth; if so,
(a) from whom and (b) when; (a) from whom and (b) when; The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:
(a) and (b). Twenty two (22) on 12
March 1986.

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Siln Rort Elizako di deeds office 683 . ter of Public Works:
(a) How many persons are at present范 of what date is this information furnished?
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | tional suryey would be done on the housing needs of whites, coloureds and Indians of all income groups, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works ingthe white own administration, Mr Amie Venter, said yesterday d dot Speaking in theisecond reading debate on the $\mathrm{A} p-$ propriation Bill of the at: ministration, he saïd sthe survey was aimed at providing a: complete image": of housing needs. At the same time, all waiting lists for housing administered bythe houses of-Ássembly, Representatives and Delegates would be revised and computerised.

The lack of a reliable data-base had: been a serious problem.

- Mr Venter also said additional relief would be provided for whites who, despite measures introduced last year, were still unable to afford the rents on their homes Sapa:* $\therefore$



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for 99 -year leases in 1985 and (b) how
many such applications had been granted
as at the latest specified date for which
figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTION-
AL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING: (a) 4577 as on 31 January 1986 (b) 4577 as on 31 January 1986.

 (a) The South African
(a) The South African Government has
 builds family housing units except in
exceptional cases. (b) Unknown.

(1) How many housing schemes are at
present being developed in Soweto present being developed in Soweto Board and (b) private sector;
(2) (a) when (i) were such schemes in(a) when (i) were such schemes in-
itiated and (ii) is it envisaged that they will be completed and (b) how many housing units are involved in
each case; (3) whether an whether any housing schemes for
lower-income groups are under con-
struction in Soweto; if so
 volved in each case and (b) in respect

## 809 <br> WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 1986

 Mooiplaas: population/villages, towns394. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minis-
ter of Education and Development Aid:
(1) What is the estimated population of
the area known as Mooiplaas;
(2) (a) how many separate villages or
towns are there within the boundaries
of this area, (b) what are their
names, (c) how are these villages or
towns administered and (d) what fa-
cilities are there in each of these vil-
lages or towns in respect of (i) com-
munity halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics,
(iv) playing fields and (v) shops?
(1) Approximately 2200 families.

there are no villages or towns in the
area. The other information request-
ed is not readily available.

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 books and influx control in (a) each of the main urban centres and (b) the Republic The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:
 HAN SART 99 -year leases of Constitutional Development and plan-
ning:
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er, Dobsonville and Diep Meadow applied

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND (2) (a) how many separate villages or The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AID: (1) Approximately 80 families. $\quad$ of this area, (b) what are (2) (a) to (d) The area is administered by cilities are there in each of these villages or towns in respect of (i) com-
munity halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics, (iv) playing fields and (v) shops? The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AID: (1) Approximately 1500 families. кq pajəıs!u!upe s! eare әчL (p) of (e) (z) the Government of Ciskei but the South Africa intends to take over the administration. As far as is known there are no villages or towns in the area. The other informatio
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Nancefield (Site and Service Scheme) ...
(b) 10 March 1986.
during the period 1 March 1984 to 28 Feb-
ruary 1985 .
Incest
426. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many cases of incest were tried in each province of the Republic during the
latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:
The information is not readily available in the Department. According to the Central Statistical Services the number of perprovinces for the period 1 July 1984 until Cape Province....................... 18
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Natal.... Orange Freestate $3 . \cdots)$ HANSAR Appeals $26(368$ 427. Mr P RC ROGERS ash ed the Minis-
(1) Whether any appeals in the Appel-


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Building standards would have to be lowered if there was to be any hope of beating the country's huge backlog in black housing.
This was said by Mr Frank Berkeley, financial director of Cough Cooper Homes, at a semizar on "Affordable Homes"
He said many aspects of the National Building Regulations announced in September last year would have to be waived as it was virtually impossible to apply them to black housing needs.
The only way of solving the problem was using alternative construction methods. These in cluded using building materials not approved by the regulations - even corrugated iron.
"We have to face reality. We cannot apply first world standards to third world conditions," Mr Berkeley said.
Tax incentives were essential if the State wanted builders to invest in risky areas.

Recently a cricket tour spinsor was granted a tax incentive. "Was cricket, and the film industry that also received R14 for every R10 invested, more important than housing?"

The State had restricted nousing for blacks for 30 years. Now it was passing the responsibility on to the private sector, but what incentives were offered, he asked.

# Call for major push on black housing from private sector 

By Shirley Woodgate Municipal Reporter

The private sector would have to play a major role in meet ing South Africa's current black housing backlog, said Constrtutional Development and Planning Minister, Mr Chris Heunis, in Randburg this week.

Addressing a seminar at the annual general meeting of the Na tional Association of Home Builders, he said the total shortage in this country and the independent homelands in 1984 stood at 284000 houses.

The main needs were not for homes in the R15000 to R20 000 price range, but for people requiring R5000 loans just to give their families a roof over their heads.

## 'ENORMOUS FIGURE'

Mr Heunis said black housing needs from 1980 to 1990 in South Africa had been estimated at 885000 .

To meet this enormous figure, the State would have to spend RI 212 million on services alone up to the year 2000, and a further R2 212 million would be needed if low cost housing was also provided.

Mr Heunis said the provision of the infrastructure by the State afforded the private sector, as well as individuals, a golden opportunite to share the task of solving the housing problem, described as one of the major socio-economic challenges in Southern Africa.

He said the Government believed that under self-help schemes, individuals should be provided with stands where they could erect their own houses to third world standards. They could then improve their homes at a later stage when they had the money. for housing 'inadequate'

Municipal Reporter

The main thrust of housing in South Africa is towards the black market and away from the former pattern of providing merely for white needs.

This was the message yesterday from Mr Chris Heunis, the - Minister of Constitutional Planming and Development, as well as leading figures in the building industry, who addressed a seminar on "Affordable Howsing" at the annual general meeting of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Mr Riley Schachat, outgoing chairman of the NAHB, said the substantial amount of money budgeted for housing by the State was totally inadequate
The building industry would have to look to major changes and innovations in the way homes were designed, built, financed and marketed if it was to meet the challenge of the new trend.
The housing needs could not be solved using traditional building methods, Mr Schachat said. Solutions included the recognition of controlled squatting, shell and core housing and selfhelp concepts. "Sweat equity" should be encouraged, he said.
He pleaded for a review of the present "outdated and unrealistic" R40 000 subsidy for first-time home buyers to be increased to R52000 and for regular updating of the amount.

The Government's mass sale of houses, started three years ago to encourage homeownership among people of all races, is gathering so much momentum in black townships that, despite the unrest, sales figures are expected to reach the 100000 mark before the end of 1986 .
And a secondary housing market among blacks is developing with properties bought for R1 200 two or three years ago now changind hands at between R12 000 and R15 000.
Recent township house sales figures show a decided upward trend. In December 638 homes were sold nationwide in black townships. In January the figure went up to 667 and last month stood at 717. Now there are plans to push sales up to 8000 houses a month.

Mr Alex Weiss, of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, said yesterday the mounting interest in homeownership was all the more remarkable because of the ongoing turmoil.
And, though privately owned homes were conspicuous by their well-cared-for appearance, few had been damaged in riots and burnings.
When the homeownership scheme was first mooted in 1983, 500000 houses went on sale. It was slow to take off. Now, it seems, initial reservations are disappearing. To date 41000 houses have been sold. Tenants of the properties hold pre-emptive rights and are being encouraged to buy.
A massive advertising campaign was being planned from midApril when firms would be sent information on housing and all women's organisations, from the Vroue Federasie to the Black Sash, approached for assistance.
Mr Weiss said black local authorities and development boards were keen to encourage homeownership and were launching their own housing schemes.

(1) At the end of the Students Architectural Conference at Wits last week, the 400 architectural delegates from all over the country were more bushed than bushy-tailed. They had taken a stimulating look at Johannesburg as "Metropolis". Speakers from SA and abroad ranged from distinguished ip academics to fashionable architects to people concerned with architecture as a social tool. The con-
a. ference covered many of the larger issues facing SA. This is the first of a three-part mini series


HAVE you ever wondered how our townships developed into the barren urban landscapes we know today

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 ents were employed in their concep- wirkis-was the first, stage ini fourtion?

Tackling the role of the profession, Derek Japha, senior lecturer from Cape Town University, observed that "architect's liberal-humanist programmes get perverted in the course of their implementation," and added that architects who believe they can best influence the quality and lives of people in urban environments by joining policy-making bodies "are mistaken".
Calling his speech "a case study in perversion," Japha examined the history of the massive housing programme that resulted from the post war housing crisis, the second of three SA has experienced so far.
Dramatic increases in urban populations from the war and huge squatter movements resulted in a national housing shortage of 250000 to 500000 houses. Only a few thousand houses - each year were being built.

This provoked direct state participation in design and production of houses, dictating forms of housing the majority of SA's people live in today.
然:- One can see the extent of this programme from the fact that in 1954
5 F and 1955,40000 houses were built,
the more than in the previous 35 years : put together. It began under the United Party government, but was only fully realised under the Nationalists.
"To the architects of the period a situation so obviousiy fluid must have seemed to offer real possibilities to influence the core of things. As a result many architects, including leadIng figures in the profession like Norman Hanson, were involved throughout."

In the late Thirties, interest in soevial rather than formal archittectural considerations (which had previously held sway) came from the Transvaal Group, in the person of Kurt Jonas, a convinced Marxist.
As a student, Jonas and four colleagues produced a thesis which led
"to a book called "Native Housing," the first serious work on the subjecty
P by any SA architect.
The thesis sprang from socialist concerns, was influenced by le Corbrsier and seen as realistic rather
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The architectural ideas were based on neighbourhood planning theory and American greenbelt towns.
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The third stage brought forth research which established minimum standards of accommodation, involving concerned organisations, such as the Institute of Race Relations.
"The reports were what one might term liberal documents,"-said Japha. It was said that "all progressive countries need to estabish and-maintain the welfare and good health of their citizens, and much can be achieved by proper housing.
"But by reducing the concept of housing to the problem of standards, the reports opened the door to both the extreme reductionism of the fourth stage, and to its appropriation -as a political instrument.
"After the Nationalists came to power housing policy was totally integrated in the context of Urban Areas Policy. Subsidisation, seen as a drag on the pocket of the white taxpayer, should be removed entirely. And housing should be 'designed to root out social evils'.
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RENT boycotts have rendered somettornships ngovernable and caused the collapse of several others, says Tom Boya, deputy president of the Urban Councils: Association of South Africa (Ucasa).

Boya was commenting on a heated exchange in Parliament between PFP members, who claimed the government had lost control in a number of black areas, and Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange.
Le Grange demanded: "Give me the names."
Boya said rent debts - accumulated mainly in Katlehong on the East Rand, the Vaal and Mamelodi in Pretoria - exceeded R60m.
Government recently voted R94-million as bridging finance to administration boards to make good shortfalls as a result of the non-payment of rent in black townships.
Boya said 32 community councils and three town councils-most of them in the Eastern Cape - had completely collapsed.
"The fact that rent - the main source of income - has not been paid by some communities, has rendered the townships ungoveríable and has resulted in their collapsing. \%
The three town councils which Ucasa says have collapsed are Lingelilile, KwaNobuhle and Nonzwakazi in thé Eästeri Cape.
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- By Frank Jeans

Housing has become an "absolute priority" with the government, says Mr Louis Nel; Deputy Minister of Information.

- Speaking at the opening of the new headquarters of the Brick Development Association at Midrand, today, he said: We cannot' expèct happy, contented citizens in this country before acceptable housing is provided within the reach of all sections. of the community."
The Minister emphasised, however, that while people could not expect free homes the goal was to find ways of enabling them to pay for them.
"South Africans spend about R5,6 billion a yeăr on buildings, of which R3 billion goes on housing," said Mr Nel.
"This'figure will increase dramatically as our population growis. The future prospects for the building industry, therefore, are bright."


## New factory

A new brick factory with an eventual production of 96 million bricks a year is being built at Midrand in expectation of an upswing in the building industry.
Developed by the Rosema group, the plant is scheduled to come on stream next month with an initial capacity of 48 million facebricks annually. Provision has been made for a second kiln to double the:output.
Rosema already has four factories with a total production of 130 millión bricks a year which aremarketed by Corobrik.
The new plant, on 119 ha of farmiand with extensive deposits "of high quality clays, will be under the control of Mr. Dick and Mr Roelf Rosema.
'While the building industry is in a downward phase at the moment we wiope to have our timing right hor the tpturn which is' expected in 1987," says Mr Dick Rosema. : + ?
 By BOETI ESHAK
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## Widespread condemnation of new Bill

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BLACK local authorities are to be given powers to recover rents and money due to them. Draft legislation enabling this was tabled in Parliagent yesterday by Constitutional Affairs and Planning Minister Chris
Heunis Tennis
Under the Bill, cash outstanding can be collected from employers.
This aspect has already been criticised by organised commerce and industry.
The Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) and the Associated Chambers of commerce (Assocom) yesterday both rejested the Bill in principle.
"Employers should not be drawn into the landlord-tenant relationship. Until now, we have sought actively to avoid
being rent collectors for the sta local author collectors for the State or local authorities," said FCI manpower committee chairman Bobby Godsell.


A controversial clause in the Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill - already condemned by Opposition MRs as a "recipe for trouble" - empowers local authorities to issue garnishee orders against employers, instructing them to ties from amounts due to local authori-
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Brett, rejecting the Bill in principle, said debts should be pursued through courts or other normal channels.
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PFP slams 'dangerous deduction schẹme’
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PARLIAMENT - A major row is doyeloping over Government intentions to re-introduce measures that will force employers to deduct money owing to black local authorities from the paypackets of their employees.

The measure contained in an amendment to the Black Local Government Act has brought immediate condemnation from the Progressive Federal
and irresponsible".
Government officials however yesterday defended the move, saying it was not a new principle and made the "collection of money much quicker and easier".

Mr Ray Swart, PFP black affairs spokesman, said a volatile situation existed in the black townships and the measure could fuel it further.

tial financial advantages available to those who help employees to buy their own homes. They can get as much as a $50 \%$ tax allowance on the cost of providing that housing."
And he sees another major advantage. "Employers who help their workers to get their own homes," he says, "will find their workforces much more stable and loyal."

## Anger over Heunis forcedred ichts bill <br> A ROW is brewing in parliament over

an amendment to the Black Loca Authorities Act aimed at breaking the rent boycott.
Possibly hundreds of millions of rands is owing in rent in black townships.
Non-payment of rent has become an economic expression of antipathy to the controversial local authorities which are also a focus of violence in township unrest.
The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, under which the various development boards

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fall, says it cannot disclose the anmount outstanding because the boards and the local authorities involved are "autonomous".
However clause 13 of the bill, tabled this week and said to be the brainchild of Minister Chris Heunis, empowers black local authorities to force employers to pay outstanding rent and service charges owed by employees including domestic workers - "out of salary or wages".

The clause is regarded as highly explosive.
Minister without portfolio Allan Hendrickse has slammed the bill as "totally unacceptable".
Labour Party and National People's Party representatives on the joint committee which will consider the bill are likely to join the PFP and other opposition parties in fighting it.
This could lead to the government being beaten on the provisfon; which would mean the President's Council would be called on to advise or adjudicate.
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threats by some priavte schools to close their doors, particularly as the Government was insisting on a 70 percent white domination at private schools.

## Libya's terrorist role against SA has been revealed - PW

PARLIAMENT - The recent arrest of Pan African Congress (PAC) terrorists in South Africa who had been trained in Libya, again focused attention on the role played by Libya and international terrorism pointed at South Africa, the Stafe President, Mr P W Botha, said yesterday.

Speaking during the debate on his vote, the President said South African missions and other South African bodies represented abroad, and foreign companies with interests in South Africa had, during the past year, increasingly become targets for terrorist acts by foreign terrorist groups that could be linked with Libya.
Mr Botha said recent news


President Botha . . . pointing at Libya.
events had been dominated by the increasing tensions between the USA and Libya in connection with the latter's involvement in recent terror incidents in which innocent civilians had been killed.
"Libya is being accused of being the master brain behind an international network of terror which acts mainly against Western interests.
"Threats and acts of terror ism form the basis of Libya's foreign policy and it is no wonder that Gaddafi has been called the-mad dog of the Middle East."
Gaddafi's close co-operation with the PLO was clear from his accommodation of the particularly extreme PLO faction led by Abo Nidal and which was being held responsible for the recent shooting incidents in Italy and Austria.
Libyan passports had been supplied, among others, to terrorists of this faction.

## Unrest recommendations being attended to - Viljoen <br> Political Staff PARLIAMENT - Certain-wat ters raised by Professor Tjaart van der Walt in his report on the Vaal triangle unrest of 1984 had already been attended to, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said.here yesterday. fessor van der Walt came to the conclusion that education was not the real cause of the unrest, he nevertheless made certain recommendations regarding educational matters <br> He said: "Some of these recommendations are already <br> being implemented or receiving attention." <br> Dr Viljoen said measures being implemented included: - A strategy for the collection of rent and service fees. - A plan of action to enlighten residents on the purpose and functions of local authorities. <br> - A White Paper on urbanisation was underway. <br> - Everything possible was being done to assist residents to obtain their homes under the 99 -year leasehold system. <br> The introduction of regional service councils was receiving priority.




 this week interrupted a council management meeting - and demanded to be allocated the newly built houses.

The Bekkersdal Community' Council was granted a R2-million loan by the Government last year and another R14,5million loan awaits ministerial approval to "ease the housing congestion".
The R2-million Joan enabled the building of 140 houses - of which about 30 are ready for occupation. The rest will be ready before June, said a Council spokesman.
When residents heard a rumour that the council was about to allocate houses to some successful applicants, over 300 went to the administration offices to ask what their position was as far as housing was concerried.
"For years we have been on the waiting list for houses in Bekkersdal and we feel we must be given first chance to the new houses," said a resident.
"We don't want favouritism from councillors when they allocate new houses, but we want fairness," said another resident.

But a council spokesman told City Press that councillors have to consider certain factors when allocating houses.
"The council must be careful not to over-burden any resident with a house that will be above his income.
"If people can't pay their "rent, it may cause a deficit on the council books," he said.

He said site rental of the new houses is R74 a month. This does not include water - each house has a meter and the occupant will be charged according to how much water is used.
"Electricity, which will be installed later, will also be seperate from the present rental," he said.
He said the low-income group has also been considered.
"The council has decided that: with the other loan that is coming soon, 600 core houses will be built. This will definitely see the fading of shacks in the township everybody - will have a chance to have a home of his choice," he said.
The spokesman said each councillor knows the people in his ward and will help choose those residents who can afford the high rentals on the niew houses.
We want to do the right thing fron the beginning by allocating houses to people who can definitely afford to


## Govt likely to accept PC report Govt's new al 186 <br>  urbanisation

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GOVERNMENT'S new urbanisation deal - to be tabled in Parliament on Wednesday - will be based on the President's Council report which called for the scrapping of pass laws, informed sources said yesterday.

Wednesday will be D-Day - for the release of all pass law offenders and the announcement of government's new urbanisation plan in a White Paper and in the text of the new Urbanisation Bill.

It is believed that the plan will be based on the crucial President's Council report which accepted the inevitability of increased urbanisation in SA, but strongly recommended that it be "order$\mathrm{ly}^{\prime \prime}$.

While it called for the freedom of movement, it said the development and growth of urban areas should be controlled - distantly bact infixactly.
Government has not yet indicated how much of the report it would accept as official policy- but sources said it had been adapted in key respects.

Government emphasis will be on "planned urbanisation" and the new strategy will emphasise this.

The most controversial aspect of the new strategy is expected to be the nature of the controls it imposes over urban growth, particularly for black housing,
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#### Abstract

BARRY STREE and where land will be provided for "orderly" settlement. Critics have also said that the President's Council and government have not proposed any changes to basic separate development policies - like the Group Areas Act and the homelands. So, the "positive" side of the official acceptance of urbanisation is likely to be welcomed, but government will run into flak over the "negative" - the direct and indirect controls over the flow of blacks into cities and towns. ANN PALMER reports that immediate past president of the Black Sash Sheena Duncan, while welcoming the State President's announcement that there will be in o more prosecutions under Section 10 of the Influx Control Act, is perturbed atop therewtivs. "The government might decide to abolish migrant labour altogether and only allow those who have earned urban rights to remain in the cities," she said. There is no indication of the number of people who will be released when the pass laws will be scrapped on Wednesday, Prison Services spokesman Lieuten-ant-Colonel DC Immelman said - See Page 5




THE suspension of the pass laws last week is only one leg of the government's urbanisation strategy.

The other leg, which will emerge this week with the publication of a White Paper and the Urbanisation Bill, will emphasise control and planning over the growth and location of urban areas.
'But while the broad direction of the strategy is clear, there are many unanswered questions.

In Parliament last week, State President PW Botha described the President's Council report as important to urbanisation strat-
egy He gave no details, but the nature of controls and the basic strategy of "planned urbanisation" will undoubtedly be the most controversial - and sig. nificant - aspect of the new deal.

As Professor Sheila van der Horst, formerly of the University of Cape Town, and Professor Wolfgang Thomas, of the University of the Western Cape, ; have written, reformist opti-- mism about the President's Council report has subsided considerably.
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areas," said Van der Horst and Thomas.
In a statement last week, the National Committee Against Removals (NCAR) said: "Direct and indirect controls are nothing new. Orderly urbanisation is not new either.
"We used to have 'closer settlements' in rural areas and 'emergency camps' in urban areas. Those same shanty towns are now called 'site and service'. All this is part of orderly urbanisation," NCAR said.
The President's Council report said the urbanisation strategy should be an integral component of a comprehensive national development programme aimed at
a more even distribution of economic activity and population.

It suggested particular emphasis be placed on job creation in peripheral low-income residential towns.
And it proposed that an Urbanisation Board and an Urban Development Board be set up to implement strategies.

Van der Horst and Thomas, whose summary was published by the Western Cape region of the South African Institute of Race Relations, pointed out that the report is brief and vague on the financing of urbanisation strategy.

They said the report "was cautious enough not to disturb other apparently 'non-negotiable' tenets of government policy, independent states, non-representation of Africans in key decisionmaking bodies and the racial exclusiveness of local authorities".
NCAR said the President's Council had listed a number of laws and regulations which already existed to control people. "The number of people al-
lowed into an urban area will be controlled by how much land is set aside for people.
'When areas are full, people will not be able to squat or double up in housing elsewhere, because the Illegal Squatting and Slums Acts will stop them.
"The people will not be able to live where they choose, even if they could afford it, because of the Group Areas Act.
"They argue that South Africa is a Third World country. They say this means people should not set such high standards of housing and services or such high standards of health and safety.
"They want to cut the costs for government. They want the people to pay in full for housing; streets, water. They will cut subsidies," NCAR said.
These criticisms show that while government's slow, hesitant steps towards accepting the inevitability of increasing numbers of blacks in the urban areas will finally emerge into an official strategy this week, substantial problems with its policies will remain.

GOVERNMENT is launching a national housing survey into the needs of whites, coloureds and Indians today.
Local Government, Housing and Works Minister Ampie Venter said yesterday the survey would provide a "total picture" of those communities' needs. All housing needs, including welfare housing and the demand for building plots, would
be recorded, Venter added. As the housing databank is established at the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works; Administration of the House of Assembly, that department will undertake computerisation of information, on an agent basis, for the sister departments of the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates. - Sapa.


## Political Staff

CAPE TOWN - Members of all communities ought to have property rights and the possession of a personal dwelling in terms of the Government's urbanisation strategy.
According to the White Paper all the relevant institutions shouild co-ordinate in a broad housing policy.

SELF-HELP
Government institutions, housing departments, adminis trations and local authorities should create conditions in which the private sector, individuals, employers and others can make, and will also be willing to make, the largest contribution to housing.
In addition as much recognition as possible should be given to community involvement in housing matters and community development projects such as self-build schemes should be: uti lised, whenever possible, for the provision of housing.

## PROGRAMMES

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CAPE TOWN - The availability of approved accommodation or housing sites, health and squatter regulations and the provisions of the Group Areas Act are to be used to regulate the flow of blacks in termis of the Government's new urbanisation strategy

The White Paper tablèd in Parliament today states that the Government accepts the President's Council's recommendation in an earlier report that occupation be used as a deliberate measure to promote orderly urbanisation and that new arrivals in urban areas must possess approved accommodation or sites.
Attempts will, through the Bureau of Information, be made to inform prospective migrants of approved accommodation and employment opportunities in urban areas.

## squatting

The Government has also accepted a President's Council recommendation that existing squatter legislation be revised to encourage urban settlement in places where the necessary amenities and employment opportunities exist.
Amendments. to health legislation are also being considered.
With regard to the Group Areas Act, the report points out that the President's Council, in its report, recognises existing Governmènt policy on separate residential areas in urban areas
 ment regards socio-economic development to be of the greatest importance, says the White Paper on Urbanisation tabled in Parliament today.
It will, therefore, actively promote better living conditions for all communities, in cooperation with the private sector and local communities.
The Government accepts urbanisation as an inevitable phase in the process of development of countries and nations and therefore freedom of movecitizens of the RSA on a non-discriminatory basis.
"However, the timely identification of sufficient land where people can settle in group context is essential since the exist-ing measures with regard to separate living areas for the various population groups in towns and cities will still be observed.
"The Government recognises the right of every individual to procure personal accommodation within his means, but feels that standards are too high anid ment to and within the urban :costly and should berafaptete

CAPE TOWN The Go ment's urbanisfation strigtegy provides' for a sweeping'plan to encourage growth points from the existing large citiesto envisaged newicompact towns.

The White Paper says that a broader regional approach is needed for areas within independent homelands which are functionally part of the metropolitan areas.
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A "maximum" devolution of authority and responsibility to local authorities was fundamental to a successful urbanLegistategy
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One restrictive measure, with regard to the obtaining of a permit by the owner white lesee to accommodate a black on White premises, would be repealed only Regional Services Councils into effect.

The report said that where RSCs had not yet been established, adjacent local authorities should co-operate to provide effective basis" by avoiding "more costIn addition by avoiding duplication. expected to take thuthorities would be promote the health of reside steps to power which could be residents - a willy-nilly influz be used to prevent a This emphasis and mass squatting. involvement is seen maximum private gy for dealing seen as the basic strategy for dealing with the black housing crisis and is clearly different from the role the State played in the 1930s in When with the poor white problem
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Facing the new influx control - unemployed contract worker Mr Hendrik Nonyana asks Black Sash worker Mrs Beulah Rollnick: "Will it mean $I$ can look for a job right here without going back to Lebowa?"

## Sash cautious as dompas scrapper <br> Black Sash advice office workers, that small group of peaple-no

 have rolled up their sleeves and tackled the workings of influx control, are adopting a cautious approach to the pass book's demise.One of the volunteers said: "What people don't realise is that, now that we're all going to be fingerprinted, passes are not going to be done away with.The entire population will simply carry them, but only blacks will be asked to produce them."
Making urban residence dependent upon occupation of approved acommodation has come as no surprise to the Black Sash, which has long predicted that housing could be the pivot upon which influx control would continue to turn.

## BOTTLENECK

Mrs Beulah Rollnick, a full-time advice worker in the Sash's Johannesburg office, pointed out that even if housing sites were prepared at full speed, the backlog in the Reef areas was such that housing would be a bottleneck in the urbanisation process for years.
She also highlighted the possibility of thousands being deprived of their urban rights by incorrect allocation of citizenship.
Mrs Rollnick said: "Say someone is Xhosa speaking. She has no permit to live where she lives in the city. She has no birth certificate and, since she was born at home, she has no proof she was born in an urban area. Is she going to be considered a Transkeian because she has no evidence that she was born in the city?"
She also raised the problem of children born in urban areas but sent to school in independent homelands. Many of these children take out their first identity documents while at school "and the minute they put down their 10 finger prints on the application they are regarded as having been born in the homeland where they apply for the document".
The ambiguity of the new provisions was reflected in the case of Mr Kgakgai Hendrik Nonyana, a contract worker from Lebowa retrenched some months ago. He hopes the new rules mean he will be able to do his job-hunting in Johannesburg. Before he would have had to return to Lebowa and waiti endlessly to be requisitioned at a labour bureau there.
On the other hand, the new regulations represent a strong threat to Mr Nonyana for he has not been living in officially sanctioned accommodation - he shared quarters illegally with a friend.

PARLIAMENTT - It was unbelievable that a hous ing commission that had served the whole of South Africa should be broken down to suit a racialist approach, Mr Graham McIntosh (PFP Pietermartizburg North) .said yesterday.

Speaking in the Second Reading debate on the Housing Amendment Bill, he said the PFP opposed the measure as another racially discriminatory Bill.
Mr Koos van der Merwe (CP Jeppe) said while the Government said "own", living areas were non-negotiable, there were hundreds of blacks living in blocks of flats in hiss constituency.
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The CP would support the Bill, he said:
Mr Sakkie Blanche (NP Boksburg) sald the Bill was one of the finest pieces of legislation to come before Parliament
He said it was further proof of the efficiency of the tricameral system. -
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PARLIAMENT - A split has emerged within the ruling Na tional People's Party in the House of Delegates over the controversial Community De: velopment Amendment Bill.
The Bill provides for the carving up of the assets and liabilities of the Community Development Board - a previously unitary body - into three separate housing bodies administered by the white, coloured and Indian Houses.
Like its Labour Party counterparts in the House of Representatives, the NPP leadership has supported the Bill.

## REJECTED

But two of the party's.MPs, Mr Somároo Pachai (NPP Natal Midiands) and Mr Salaam Abram-Mayet (NPP Nominated) have vociferously rejected the party's stance, arguing that members entered the tricameral system to dismantle rather than entrench apartheid.
In the House of Delegates yesterday, Mr Abram-Mayet said it was impossible to justify the creation of separate boards when the House purported to be working towards a single administration for housinge ${ }^{*}$
He argued that the Communi-

- ty Development Board had been given the power by the Community Devélopment Act of 1966 to rob Indian people of their land.
Replying to the debate the Minister of Public Works and Land" Affairs, Dr Lapa Mưnik, appealed for a curtate to be drawn over the past.


## Stricter housing <br> MORE stringent priority ratings will in <br> proj

future be applied in approving housing and welfare,projects of local authorities, says, Local Government, Housing and Works Minister Amie Venter
This means projects would not progress on a continuous basis regardless of whether füds were available or not as was prevousy fid case, Yenter said in ástatementert co Town. New procedures would follow three stages:

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Local authorities would have to determine housing needs whereafter approval would be granted in principle only $\square$ In respect of welfare projects, the Department of Health Services and Wel fare had to certify need.
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The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. - Barclays National Bank has fired the first salvo in the war between banks and the building societies - now theading unshackled into the money market - by cutting its bond rate from 18,75 percent to 17,5 percent.

The reduction, effective from May 24, will chop about R50 a month off the repayments with a R 50000 bond and can be expected to jolt the building societies into action on their mortgage rates.
Market sources say that clearly the building societies cannot rely in future on their strong market position "based on tied bondholder money".

## Lowest rate

The bank's new rate is now one of the lowest in the home-lending business and compares with building society rates of 17,75 percent for bonds up to R40 000 and 18,25 percent for loans over R40 000.
On a R60 000 bond over 20 years, the Barclays homeowner was paying R960 a month. This will drop to R903, which is R34 less than the 18,25 percent rate paid by building society borrowers.
While it might be expected that the societies must now follow suit, building society men say that margins are still being squeezed with inflation hitting the 18 percent mark thus giving their investors a negative rate of return.
Mr Brian Kemmey, senior general manager of the South African Permanent Building Society, said: "We are watching the situation closely.
"It should be remembered, however, that to cut the bond rate we would have to drop the rate which we are paying to investors and at a time when the inflation rate is at 18 percent and more, it remains tofee seen if the man-in-the-street will invest at rates lower than those presently quoted by building societies."
The Argus Financial Editor reports that building society officials refused to comment today on whether the Barclays decision would lead to a cut in their own mortgage rates.
Mr Dick Kruger, general manager of the United Building Society, said the society's lending and mortgage rates were being continually reviewed. If market conditions warranted it they would be changed.
Senior officials at the Allied Building Society concurred:

## Not impressed

The building society movement is not impressed by Barclays' move. It means that its mortgage rate has been reduced to only slightly below the rate the building societies have been charging.

Nonetheless, the possibility that the societies might reduce their mortgage rates to match that of Barclays, or even go below it, cannot be ruled out.


The conistruction of " "top quality" homes for middleclass blaciks is gathering momentum int the townships and is expectied to quicken as more stands become available.
The chief executive of the United Building Society, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said this week that thousands of houses were under construction in various townshipsiand building was continuing despite the unrest.
The movement of top construction cornpanies to the black areas, he staid, followed the "dversupply of white accommodation" and the massive backlog of black housing. He said, however, that bilack, coloured and Indian entrejoreneurs should increasingly share in the "spinoffs of development".
"Black and white must work hand in hand providing aesthetically pleasing homes for blacks," he said.
Builders of black houses, Mr Badenhorst aidded; could próvide a powerful generator to the economy they worked under difficult conditions in the trou-ble-torn townships and deserved credit for their efforts.

## Estate agents

Mr Badenhorst said State assistance for first-time buyers needed to be widely communicated to blacks. The training of black estate agents was another priority in the establishment of a black property industry
The UBS has already indicated prospective black homeowners are being granted R15million a month to build or buy houses. This is about 60 percent of the mooney the various societies are: funnelling into black housing
The general manager of the UBS, Mr Piet Kruger, said the UBS Development Corporation expected to develop 500 stands at Kagiso, ort the West Rand, this year.
The society was also financing housing at Mohlakeng, near Randfontein, Daveyton, Kimberley, Witbank, Kroonstad and Khayelitsha where Belifandia Homes was building hundreds of houses.
"In comparison with the demand our efforts may seem like a drop in the ocean but it is a start,", he said!. "They are the sort"of homes fpund in any white area.:
The UBS, he said, had lost six houses in the urirest: two in Port Elizabeth and four in Soweto.
Most of the houses built by private enterprise, he said, sold from R35 000 upwards. Many were small but could be extended ás finances permitted.

 million to build four ministerial houses this year, according to the bantustan's Chief Minister, Dr C N Phatudi.
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## By MATHATHA TSEDU

said the R2,2-million would be used to build a new house for himself and three other Ministers in Lebowakgomo. He also announced that he received a salary of R 45636 per annum plus R8 052 non-taxable personal al-

Dr Phatudi's announcement came amid complaints by members of the Legislative Assembly that the R548-million budgeted for this year was "too little". A committee has been appointed to work out recommendations which are to be presented to the South African Government to request
more money.

## Talks on urbanisation 

An emergency meeting of major business organisations has been called to consider the Government's new urbanisation policy.
It will alsol try to decide on steps to resolve the problems surrounding theblack citizenship issue and the land shortage
The Private Sector Council on Urbanisation; which includes representatives' of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Urban Foundation as well as individuals and trade unions, meets tomorrow to consider the State's White Paper on Urbanisation.
Many businessmen are worried unresolved issues, suci as citizenship and the lack of land, could negate the lifting of the pass laws. - See Page 12.


## Builders hopes raised after bond rate cut

Own Correspondent JOHANNESBURG. The property market's reaction to reduced bond rates is likely to be fairly slow. While observers hail the cuts as encouraging and possibly stimulating, they stress that more confidence is needed for a major upturn.
For existing bondholders, those who bought when rates were low and are battling to keep up with the unexpected higher payments, the downward movement is welcomed as muchneeded relief.
But potential buyers will probably maintain their "wait and see" attitudes, while interest rates are lower than inflation, being fearful of upward adjustment, comments the Institute
of Estate Agents' presi- ter. dent Norman Nel.
People are still a little insecure, he said, and these emotions play a vi tal part in their decisions to buy property.
Nevertheless Nel believes that property must start moving up as inflation continues to pressurize building costs and materials.
At a time when existing homes are available for $20 \%$ to $25 \%$ less than they could be built for, there are plenty of opportunities for the brave, he said
Peter Erasmus, executive director of the SA Property Owners' Association (Sapoa), notes the market had expected rates to level out towards the middle of the year, possibly going up again in the yinaquar-

With the current downward pressure it is quite possible that rates will continue going down, giving the market the surge of confidence it so desperately needs.
Sapoa hopes the beleagured construction industry in particular will benefit by the cheaper money.
Finally, he observes that property's lead-andlag relationship with the economy means it'll take time before the effect is really felt.

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OTTAWA. - Canadian foreign reserve holdings cose $\$ 186,7 \mathrm{~m}$ in April to rose $\$ 186,7 \mathrm{~m}$ in April to sillion at the end of March.

## SA motor heading for disaster'

JOHANNESBURG. - The SA motor industry is heading for disaster, unless the government comes to its rescue with significant concessions on perks tax and GST.
This warning was sounded yesterday by Theo Swart, MD of McCatthy Group.
"If the government is serious about stimulating the motor industry, it should immediately ease up on the perks tax and at least halve GST on new and used vehicle sales fo the next two years," said
"It should also hege the call of the manufacturers (Naamsa) for the scrapping of the $10 \%$ surcharge on all imported itemg affecting the motor industry," he

The situation is so desperate that we simply do not have time to wait for the Margo Report.
"The motor market is in such a sad state that widespread unemployment is now threatened at the retail-end of the business.
"We all know that there is already $36 \%$ unemployment at the manufacturing-end," said Swart.-Sapa

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## Hostel to become family units <br> Who insist on housing employees in

THB government wants to phase out the controversial single-sex hostels for blacks and turn them into family housing units, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.
He said his department "does not consider conditions in the singlequarter accommodation to be satisfactory".
"As a result of the impending repeal of the influx control system it is envisaged that all single quarters in the townships will eventually be altered into family units and that employers
single quarters will be requested to erect hostels themselves."

He said in reply to a question, which was tabled by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens), that certain single quarters belonging to employers, as well as some single quarters belonging to the development board which had been allocated to employers in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga, had been upgraded over the past three years.
However, "no specific improvements are due to be carried out as all work has been suspended due to the prevailing unrest situation".


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Govtgears massive land

GOVERNMENT will start buying massive tracts of land this year to cater for the migration of blacks to the cities after the scrapping of influx control.
A sum of R328m has already been set aside in the current financial year to buy land and to provide township services, said officials of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.
In a related development, Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen announced in Parliament yesterday that government had decided to grant freehold rights to blacks in the tribal trust lands.
Self-help schemes will be given high priority, as the provision of housing is seen by government as the responsibility of the individual, the employer and other divisions of the private sector.
It is stressed that government will

## CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

become involved in the financing of housing in exceptional instances only, such as the current schemes aimed at creating job opportunities.
Constitutional Development and Planning officials - in collaboration with other government bodies, regional and local authorities - are urgently seeking land that can be purchased for settlement, and will finalise guide and other structure plans for these areas.

This is being done in terms of mechanisms provided by the Physical Planning Act and the various provincial ordinances.
It is proving to be a difficult and complex process, but good progress is being made, say Constitutional Development and Planning officials.
Would-be migrants are to be kept informed as to where the prospects of set-

## Govt's huge <br> public interest.

In his announcement yestiarday, joen sald it had now been decided title in promulgar registered freehold land, in promulgated townships on trust land, in addition to the 99 -year leasehold provision already in force.
The freehofld title held by the SA Development Trust in land already incorporated, or to be incorporated, into the territory of a homeland was also to be transferred to the relevant homeland.
Mineral rights held by the trust in such Iand would also be transferred, and provision was being made to include in the legislative and executive authorities of these self-governing homelands the power to deal with land matters and mineral affairs.
Viljoen said negotiations were being
conducted with the homeland govern-

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tlement, self-help building opportunities and jobs are best.
Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis has already indicated that building regulations and other standards will be applied more flexibly in future, enabling people to build houses they can afford.
He has also stressed, however, that people in the rural areas should not live under the false impression that "the grass will be greener and the lights brighter" in the cities.
Speaking in Cape Town during the release of the White Paper on urbanisation, Heunis also warned that people would be ill-advised to flock to the metropoles en masse, because squatting, unhygienic conditions, over-crowding and the associated conditions which created squalor and misery would not be permitted in the
mentsto arrange the orderiy transfer of these rights and powers.
Trust land and yet incorporated into the houthonds and not earmarked as fompersawidy land for resettling tribes or communities would be planned and developed, in consultation with the homeland concerned, with a view to granting Black persons individual ownership.
LINDA ENSOR reports that an Urban Foundation spokesman said last night that the foundation welcomed, in principle, any allocation for land development
However, more information on where the land was to be acquired - and its proximity to jobs and transport - would be necessary for an assessment on how significant the allocation was in terms of total housing needs.





GOVERNMENTTS search for land to accommodate the migration of blacks to urban areas is being spread countrywide.
At the same time, however, there is no doubt that it is being concentrated on those areas most in need of economic stimulation and support.
Although it is now official policy to accept urbanisation as a natural phenomenon, it is also patently clear that government has not relinquished its derealisation to encourage greater decentralisation.
The reading of its decision to accept the "orderly movement of people from the rural areas to the metropoles" should, therefore, not be construed as a negation of previous urbanisation poi cy.
It means that, in implementing its new approach, government will not concentrate ${ }_{3}$ on purchases of land in the favoured urbanisation areas such as the PWV.
The understanding is that, being the industrial heartland of SA, the PWV regoon's needs and problems are being civ-

en special attention
 Officially, the idea is to direct private sector efforts and the deprived and migrant sections of the community to areas which need resettlement and new enterprise.
This is the underlying thread stressed in the White Paper on urbanisation
A central feature of government's objectives in this regard remains the recognition that there is a need for greater rural development.
Consequently there isplittle doubt that the accent on land purchases - accept ed as a priority by Department of Constitutional Planning and Development Aid officials - is going to be on those areas which government "believes are most in need of support.
That the department 1 is concentrating the bulk of its work-creating funding on self-help building projects in the Easten Cape - hard-hit by the economic slump and the slide in motor industry fortunes - would seem to be indicative of this.

THE Government is likely to scrap proposals to force employers to collect from their workers money owed to local authorities:
In terms of the measure employers would have been instructed to deduct' the money from wages. The Bill is before a standing committee of the three chambers of Parliament.
The Opposition has criticised the measure as dangerous and irresponsible. Commerce and industry have also been critical.
There have been warnings that the measure would increase tension and bedevil relations between employers and employees.

The decision of the standing committee is not yet known but it appeared today as if the controversial meăsure would be scrapped.

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GOVERNMENT is believed to be backing down from tts proposal em powering black local authorities to force employers to act as rent collection agents.

There has been criticism of the plan from all quarters, including'organised commerce and industry.

The proposal is contained in a clause of the Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill, tabled in Parliament last month by Constituitional De velopment and Planning Minister Chris Heunis It is now before a standing committee.
The draft legislation empowers local authorities to issue garnishee orders instructing employers to withhold from wages or salaries amounts due to local authorities
It would enable magistrates to issue warrants of execution against employers' moveable property in the event of their failure to collect amounts employees owe their local authorities.
Criticism of the legislation is that it disregards the rights of the individual, passes the buck to the employer, and Will inevitably lead to friction between employer and employee.
it is understood the Bill has come in for flack in the committee stage and there is every indication government will scrap the claise entirely.

## New legislation offers chQice of freehold or leasehold



F By David Braun, Political Correspondent Parliament

Full freehold property rights will be extended to black South African citizens in terms of legislation published today.
"Foreign" blacks legally resident in South Africa will falso qualify.

In terms of the Black Communities Development Amendment Bill, aspiring property owners may have a choice of form of tenure.

Ninety-nine-year leasehold is therefore retained as an alternative form of tenure, particularly as there are differences in the costs of $\cdots$ acquiring ownership.
For example, transfer duty is not payable in respect of leasehold transactions.
The Bill provides for the conversion of 99 -year leasehold to ownership. People who choose to convert, however, will incur certain transfer and conveyancing costs.
The Bill, tintroduced by Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis, fulfils a promise made by President PW Botha more than a year ago that blacks are to get the same freehold property rights as whites. :It 'also streamlines procedibe for township establishment ahd, for the first time, details legislative description of township establishment procedures for black townships.

## Urban areas

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JOHANNESBURG:
The Uriban Founda-
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comed publication of
the Black Communitiesspevelopment Amendment Bill:
Mr Fred Stiglingh executive director of the foundation, said in a statement the bill was the result of researchand negotiation to achieve property ownership rights for black South Africans.
"The "Amendment"Bill will facilitate :a more active role by the private sectorin the establishment and develópment of ctownships's? While this' will do much to stimulate the provision of housing by fownship developers the home building findustry employers, it ${ }^{\text {in }}$ is essentiartó ${ }^{2}$ gain strés's that further changes are urgently reqüired before blacks cän fully enjoy' the practical advantages of full property rights as is the case with othier South

He saidurgentattention should be given to providing la'nd and finance ardocinnovative housing methods"
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-The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) welcomed the bill as conducive to a more stable black urban population
Dr Ben Vosloo manag ing director of SBDC said the bill would 'help black people build up capitalassets - "a problem. which has thistorically pededentrepreneurship development amongst them ${ }^{3}$. Sapa

The Black Communi- erally or any group may ies Development be endangered". fimendment Bill also nakes. provision for the retention of the present 99-year leasehold scheme and for the conversion of these property rights to freehold.

The legislation, however, also retains powers in terms of which the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning may alter or dis-establish any devel opment area if he considers the "health or safety of the public gen-

In addition, the minister can take the same steps if it is desirable with regard to town or regional planning.

The minister is empowered to have people removed from such an area if they refuse to move voluntarily.
The memorandum to the Bill stresses that the concept of ownership is now common to all South Africans.

Spelling this out at a press briefing, the Di

## 'Dangerous' rent clause scrapped <br> By CIRIS CAIRNCROSS

DRAFT legislation proposing that black local au , thorities be given powers to force employers to ac as rent collectors has been summarily scrapped. It was contained in a highly controversial clause tabled in Parliament last month by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis.
The dropping of the controversial clause has been welcomed by business leaders who made representations to government for it to be scrapped
Assocom's manpower secretary, Mr Vincent Brett, said Assocom had made submissions to Mr Heunis towdrop the clause, and was "pleased to see the minister has seen it, our way".

Nevertheless, he said the problem of finance for local authorities remained and would have to be addressed. "But that is very much a political problem rather than an economic one, and requires a political answer."

Afrikaner Handelinstituut (AHI) executive director Mr Fritz Stockenstrom said it welcomed the deciston.

The backlog in unpaid rents was recently estimated by Urban Council Association of SA deputy president Mr Tom Boya to total R60-million.

Vigorously condemned as an extremely dangerous measure, the legislation proposed that black local authorities be empowered to issue garnishee orders against employers to pay outstanding rent and service charge payments owed by their employees out of any salary or wages.
Committee on Constitutional Development and Planning, it was disclosed in Parliament yesterday second second controversial clause in the bill which empowers any person appointed by a local authority to be "deemed to be a police officer or police offiol" fin its area of jurisdiction:
rector-General of Constitutional Development and Planning, Dr Andreas van Wyk, said this meant that any black who was a South African citizen or who was legally in South Africa would be able to buy property as, would township developers, employers and "anyone else approved by the minister".
The Bill also allows for a streamlined procedure in the establish ment of black townships - procedures which will facilitate the supply of land.
The Bill states that those wishing to obtain property are given the choice of either freehold rights, or 99 -year leasehold rights which has as one of its advantages the fact that transfer duties are not payable on such transactions.
However, people who have already opted for the 99-year leasehold scheme or do so in the future will be able to convert this to freehold in the future.

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Examples of this conversion and the costs involved as explained by Dr Van Wyk were:

- A leasehold property worth R10000 would have costs of R375 conveyancing and transfer fees of R275 and R100 respectively.
- A leasehold property valued at R20000 R596, of which R200 is for transfer fees.
- For a new transaction the costs involved in a property sold for R10 000 would be R580 R185 for the mortgage bond, R20 for stamp duty, R275 for convey ancing and R100 for transfer duties.


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The biggest worry about possible.government interference in the processes of urbanisation is the introduction of stiffer measures in the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act. According to Institute of Race Relations director, John Kane-Berman: "If they now try to introduce influx control under the guise of strict squatter control, it will not only be futile, but a betrayal of their reform programme."
In any case, stern slum clearance and demolition measures will probably not succeed. People affected will simply move on to the next site, as has happened in the Cape - and it is no longer legal to round them up for transport to some or other homeland.

The question of slums and squatting is a difficult one. The Urban Foundation takes a firm policy stance here. It says that, of course, everyone needs health laws, and so on; but, at this time of a national housing crisis, do not use them.
It would be imaginative of government to declare a moratorium on demolitions of such settlements. Far better, having taken the plunge and scrapped influx control, to use these urban concentrations to build on. The basis for this exists.

Unsurprisingly, an omission in the White Paper, the foundation believes, is the lack of a process for legalising informal settlements. This it believes to be of crucial importance if these settlements are to be accommodated outside the existing rules for setting up a township.

Yet government planners show some understanding of this problem and have significantly loosened their definition of approved accommodation, affordability,

and other rules. This is wholy eommendable - if belated.
The remains of grand apartheid stand in the way - such as the Group Areas and the Land Acts, which affect efficient, non-racial urbanisation.
Once influx control measures are legally dead, and as the new urbanisation process unfolds, these questions will, no doubt - like the rest of the discredited ideology - become negotiable.


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## R60m housing backing sought

SIX building societies have asked for State indemnities, of more than 860 m , for house loans for individuals in the selfgoverning homelands.

This was said in Parliament yesterday by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis.
Answering to a question by Peter Soal (PFP Johannesburg North), Du Plessis confirmed that government had finalised legal documentation providing an indemnity guarantee to building societies making funds available to promote home-ownership in the homelands.
He said Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen was now able to furnish such an indemnity on request. The six building societies who have already applied for this security include
the UBS (R10m), NBS (R30m), Saambon (R2m), Provincial Building Society (R10m) and the SA Perm (R10m). The Trust Building Society still has to mate a decision on the amount
The indemnity provides security to a building society for political risks when the homeland gains independence from SA.
It also provides cover for one or more of the following:
$\square$ Conversion of the currency of the homeland into a unit other than the SA

- Seizure other than by lawful expro-



## Societies ask for Govt indemnity <br> priation against adequate compensation

 to the society of any urban immovable property mortgaged to it;The enactment by tbs homeland of any legislation which prevents the transfer from it of repayments of capital and/or instalments under the mortgage to SA;
-Failure of the judicial process in the homeland to process, within a reasonable time, foreclosure proceedings resulting from the failure of any mortgagor to comply with the terms of the loan or mortgage bond of the property,
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Conditions contained in the indemnity document stress that any normal commercial risks, including default by a borrower, damage to the mortgaged property or non-payment of rates will be specifically excluded.


## White homes empty as blacks suffer <br> Shock detainls on housing <br> THERE is a drastic shortage of 574000 houses in black areas and <br> what he called selective apartheid.

an estimated surplus of $\mathbf{3 7} 000$ in white areas.
These figures were given by Council for Scientific and Industrial Re search chief economist Tobie de Vos at yesterday's seminar on the future of residential group areas in Johannesburg

He said the figures were an indication of the situation created by the Group Areas Act because there was a dearth of information in this field.

Research showed that with 7,4-million blacks living in about 466000 dwellings, each dwelling in a black area would house an average of 16 people, he said.
Hie said despite the Group Areas Act, there were 500000 blacks living in white areas and about $40 \%$ of the population in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, was black.
Piet Human, senior researcher at the School of Business Leadership said a survey of socio-political attitudes of Pretoria businessmen showed that respondents favoure
 He said this was a senseless view based on no principle.
"One can only have apartheid or no apartheid; no in-between social arrangement is possible."

A survey of white attitudes towards Mafikeng's incorporation into Bophuthatswana showed that more than $56 \%$ favoured the move before incorporation while $33 \%$ were against. Four years after incorporation $70,5 \%$ were for and only $8 \%$ against.

Estimates show that metrely to maintain present standards by the year 2000, SA would have to cope with 3-million sulb-economic housing units, 16 -million new urban dwellers, 6 -million new jobs and 240000 new classrooms.
Professor Christo de Coning, Rand Afrikaans University researcher in development studies, said a survey in Hillbrow showed that most loca white residents wanted it.declared a multiracial suburb
may not hire any black unless permission has been granted by the local labour bureau on pain of a R500 fine or three months' imprisonment. When this goes the whole cumbersome procedure of registering workers will fall away. However, until the new taxes to fund the regional service councils are introduced - probably at the end of June employers will still have to pay the monthly registration fee of R5 for each worker to their local development board;
$\square$ Section 11. This says no one shall introduce any black who does not have Section 10 rights into an urban area, or induce or assist such blacks to be in an urban area without the approval of the local labour bureau;
$\square$ Section 12. This limits the number of foreign workers allowed to work in prescribed areas. If this goes, these workers will still be covered by the Aliens Act;
$\square$ Section 13. This exempts blacks employed on contract in certain industries (primarily the mines) from the provisions laid down in Section 10, 10 bis and 11.
$\square$ Section 14. This provides for the physical removal from an urban area of any black convicted under Section 10, or of any foreigners working illegally in SA;
$\square$ Section 29. This allows for the arrest of persons deemed to be "idle" or "undesirable." The White Paper indicates that control of loitering will in future be left to local authorities; and
$\square$ Section 31. This imposes curfews on blacks in prescribed areas.
Other measures in line for the chop are: - Proclamation R74 of 1968 of the Black Labour Regulations (Black Areas). If passed, this will result in major changes to the contract labour system as it applies to people from the homelands, or Trust Lands, seeking work in SA. At present, these workers must have their contracts attested at their place of origin. The repeal of this proclamation would, however, only be valid in "white" SA. This means that although any homelander would be able to come into the cities without committing an offence in the eyes of the South African authorities, the proclamation will still apply in the homelands;
$\square$ The Black Labour Act, which regulates the recruitment, employment, housing, feeding, and health conditions of black employees. It also empowers a labour bureau to allow contract workers to remain in an urban area in terms of Section 10(1)(d) of the Urban Areas Act. With its demise, aid centres - places where blacks arrested for contravening influx control laws receive "help" - will be abolished. In theory, a repeal of the Black Labour Act would mean that blacks from non-independent homelands will be able to come into the cities without hinderence to find work. But the Black Sash has expressed anxiety that expected squatter legislation will continue to keep the families of these people locked into poverty-stricken homelands;
$\square$ Proclamation 270 of 1966 , which permits pass raids without search warrants;
$\square$ The Blacks (Abolition of Passes and Coordination of Documents) Act - the measure that, ironically, cemented the pass laws in 1952;
$\square$ The Development Trust and Land Act, which controls movement in farming areas by, inter alia, limiting labour quotas. However, in future farmers who agree to accommodate blacks will have to obtain Group Areas Act exemptions;
$\square$ Section 5 of the Black Administration Act. When this goes, the State President will no longer be able to order removals in the "public interest." However, government can still effect removals by either incorporating areas into homelands, or deproclaiming townships; and
$\square$ The Blacks (Prohibition of Interdicts) Act - applicable in certain circumstances preventing blacks from applying for interdicts, or other court orders, to stop removals. Although important, the repeal of this measure is not as significant as it appears as there have been instances in which ways round it have been found.

The aim of the Abolition of Influx Control Bill is to repeal the laws relating to influx control of blacks, and related matters. It provides for the scrapping or amendment of 34 Acts or proclamations (see page 52).
It is clear from the Bill that controls on squatting will be tightened in an attempt to prevent "disorderly" informal settlements. Changes to anti-squatting laws form the bulk of the Bill.
To a large extent, the onus on preventing squatting is placed on the land owner or lessee. The Minister of Constitutional'Development and Planning or his appointee will be given powers to determine whether land is suitable for residential occupation or not, and to order the owner or lessee to remove squatters if necessary. The owner may, however, make representations to the minister after being ordered to remove people. The cost of demolishing illegal squatter shacks will be borne by the owner or lessee. There will also be restrictions on people crossing other land to get to the area where they are squatting. The minister may order the removal of illegal squatters to areas designated as suitable for their occupation.
The most important addition to be made to the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act empowers the minister to take action against both landowners and squatters under certain conditions. In terms of subsection (1):
$\square$ Where the minister is of the opinion that the conditions under which persons are settling on any land which has not been zoned, set apart, or approved for residential purposes; if they constitute a health hazard; if they are detrimental to the welfare of the squatters;
$\square$ Where "for any other reason it is not in the public interest that persons should congregate or settle" on such land.
It will be no defence in terms of the Bill for a land owner or lessee to say illegal squatting was taking place without his permission unless he is actively trying to stop them.

It will be illegal for anyone to "farm" squatters by organising squatting areas for them in return for payment. The penalty will be a fine of up to R2 000 or a year in jail.
Areas designated by the minister for legal settlement by people unable to find other

accommodation need not comply with laws normally applicable to new townships, or the establishment of new-townships, and will not be deemed to be townships; thus "informal" housing will be facilitated. The minister may also make regulations for the orderly development and management of the areas.

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The Urban Foundation (UF) this week welcomed the publication of the Black Communities Development Amendment Bill, in terms of which full freedom of property rights will be extended to black South African citizens.
The Bill, if passed, will give blacks the opportunity to choose between two forms of tenure: 99-year leasehold or full ownership. Foreign blacks legally resident in SA will also qualify.

Commenting on this development, the UF says: "While it would be unwise to overstate the impact of any single reform at this stage, the importance of the introduction of full private ownership of property for black people in the urban areas cannot be over-emphasised."
According to the UF, the Bill will allow the private sector to play a more active role in the establishment and development of townships. "While this will do much to stimulate the provision of housing by township developers, the home-building industry and employers, it is essential to again stress that further changes are urgently required before blacks can fully enjoy the practical advantages of full property rights as is the case with other South Africans.
"Urgent attention should be given to the provision of land and finance, as well as the introduction of innovative housing methods that will promote a viable housing market and the creation of shelter for large numbers of South Africans. Moreover, racial tags attached to the allocation of land conflict with the fundamental principle supported by the UF, such as freedom of choice and free enterpise.
A radical reconsideration of the Group Areas Act and Land Acts is therefore an urgent priority."
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 brick wall if it tries to push through parliament a controversial new measure to force employers to deduct rent from black employees - and to take legal action against the employers if they refuse to do so. It is reminiscent of the highly controversial R400 fine placed on employers of domestic servant "illegals" not all that long ago, which one (white) woman openly defied in a muchpublicised case last year.
The clause, contained in the Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill, tabled in parliament last week, has been condemned across the political and business spectrum. There seems little chance that it will be approved by coloured and Indian MPs and government may be forced to use the Nation-alist-dominated President's Council to push the measure through if it seriously wants it enacted.
The measure is obviously aimed at breaking the rents boycott which has spread to townships across the country. In some areas, notably Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, no one has paid rent for a year. Some estimates put the amount outstanding at around

R60m.
The new measure would allow a black local authority to demand that an employer deduct arrears rent and service charges not exceeding $25 \%$ of the employee's wages - and pay the money over to the local authority.
If the employer refuses to do so, a warrant of execution against the moveable property of the employer for the recovery of the outstanding money may be issued by a magistrate.

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CAPE TOWN - The ment Board has built no houses in Duncan Vil-
lage in spite of a housing backlog of more than 5000.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, told Mr Errol Moorcroft (PFP Albany) that according to the that according to April 1984, the backlog was '5 458.
-The whole village, with an estimated popelation of 80000 , had one community hall, one clinic, two soccer fields, one rugby field, two tenhis courts, eleven netball courts and one swimming pool.

However, there was no cinema in the village.

Of all the houses in the village, only 128 had electricity and 1965 had flush toilets. There were 1377 water taps on premises and $165 \mathrm{com}-$ munal taps.
Mr Heunis also said yesterday all the 2812 applications for the ourchase of houses made to the Eastern Cape Devilopment Board last year had been approved

Replying to a written question from Mr Moorcroft, he said $2065 \mathrm{ap}-$ plications were proved for Motherwell, 501 for Port Elizabeth, 100 at Uitenhage and 88 at Grahamstown.

A total of 18 applicatons were approved for Cradock, 17 at Alicedale and Burgersdorp, four at Molteno and two at Somerset East.

A total of 3381 houses were purchased in townships controlled by the Eastern Cape Bevelopment Board by the end of last year. Of these, 2065 are. at Motherwell, 883 in Port Elizabeth, 142 at Uiten hage and 125 in Grahamstown.

In reply to a written question from the MP for Waller, Mr Andrew Savage, the Minister said a total of 428 houses had been built for blacks in Port Elizabeth during 1985, 100 by the ECDB and 328 by developers and employers

Mr Heunis said the board had spent a total of R407346 on the houses.

He also diclsoded that a total
of 24000 families were currently waiting for houses.

## By VIVIEN HORLER

 Staff ReporterIN an plea to private entorprise to help deal with the problems of urbanisation, black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud told 130 of Cape Town's top businessmen: "For God's sake, get involved."

At a meeting of the Graduate School of Business Association yesterday, Mr Bezuidenhoud, regional director of Constitutional Development and Planning, told 130 businessmen: "We are part and parcel of Africa. We're not the First World country we think we are. We're not that rich. And we have millions of people to provide accommodation for."

Mr Bezuidenhoud attacked old influx control policies and said Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act had made criminals of thousands who sought work to feed their families.
South Africa had employed the "most draconian measures you can think of" to prevent urbanisation, without success.
Yet now, with steps such as the 99 -year lease and the possibility of freehold rights, the future looked brighter than it did a year ago.

South Africans had been offered a new beginning with the new urbanisation strategy.
Mr Bezuidenhoud said business could help people directly in two ways:

- Acquire land in Khayelitsha, build on it and lease it, and
- Mind out from Khayelit-
sha's community leaders how
to help improve existing struc-



## Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud

Khayelitsha had schools, clinics, day hospitals, sewer age, water on tap, streets, com-

## Crossroads: details new

## Political Correspondent

 THE vacated parts of Crossroads and KTC will be upgraded as the first phase of upgrading the whole area, according to the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis.In the case of Crossroads it will be in the next four to six months and in the case of KTC as soon as various parties have been consulted.
Answering questions put by Mr K M Andrew (PFP Gardens) Mr Heunis said services such as streets, stormwater drainage, sewerage, water reticulation, community services and highmast lighting would be installed.
munity halls and sports fields. The service charge was R12 a month and people could obtain their own land and build their own structures.
"Khayelitsha had - and still has - a bad name. Why? We have to plan for the future."

Apart from the building at Khayelitsha last year there had been no building for blacks in the Peninsula since 1968 .
In Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu there were cases of 25 people living in two-roomed housés.
Mr Bezuidenhoud called on businessmen who believed in capitalism and democracy to show compassion and tolerance and demonstrate that they could build a united South Africa.

## Heunis services

Site preparation was almost complete and the installation of major stormwater drainage was progressing.

So far R2-million had been allocated.

Services similar to those at Crossroads would be provided at KTC. Initial consultations had taken place.

- The Supreme Court, Cape Town, has ordered the Western Cape Development Board to stop the demolition of shacks at KTC. The interdict was granted by consent following an application brought by four KTC residents.
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## Parliament and Politics

## 'Land issue cause of most bitterness' <br> When the Johannes- not made sufficient pro-

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. issue of black land own-- No measure had ership in rural areas. caused more bitterness among blacks than the removal of their right to own property in South Africa, Mr Nic Olivier (PFP nominated) said yyesterday.

- Speaking in secondreading debate on the Black Communities Development Amendment Bill, he said it did not address the important

The 1913 Land Act had made it impossible for blacks to own ground except in the limited areas that had been declared State land.

This had led to the removal of the black franchise in 1936 because land ownership had been a qualification to vote. Only now, more than 70
years later, was the need for land being addressed by the government, albeit in a limited manner In the meantime, the 1936 Act had been used to remove forcibly "thousands upon thousands" of blacks, who were "stuffed" into areas set aside for them. Thousands more were removed from urban areas like Sophiatown in Johannesburg.
burg City Council re- vision for the need for fused to remove people, black land in the years to a resettlement board was come.
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Today, the white sub- in his own land.
urb erected where So phiatown once stood was ironically called Triomf (Triumph).

The government had
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"Now we stand at the beginning of a new era. We are grateful that blacks can now own land in urban areas." -- Sapa

Industry，Govt to
liaise on housing
Staff $\begin{gathered}1 \\ 23 \\ \text { Reportet }\end{gathered} \operatorname{AR} 6 \mathrm{us} 26 / 6 / 86$
A PRIVATE task force has been set up to liaise with the Government on the housing crisis．
The＇Minister of Finance，Mr Bar－ end du Plessis，speaking at a Cape Town Press Club lunch，named the task force members as Dr Fred du Plessis of Sanlam，Mr Meyer Kahn of South African Breweries and－Mr D Cooper of Barlow Rand．
He said the private sector would not itself be expected to provide hous－ ing for low－income groups．

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The task force would represent in－ dustry and liaise with Government agencies．
＂There is no question that this is a major departure from Government policy of the past few years ${ }^{\text {a }}$
＂We trust that through thisewe can make a contribution to stabilisation， Mr du Plessis said．

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 to eliminate them．He said the stimula－ tion of the South African economy，which he com－ pared to＂pushing a piece of string＂，had to be done in such a way so鼣s not to endanger South Africa＇s foreign commit－ ments．
The Republic must篍tabilize itself so that it could take its rightful place as＂the star of Africa＂
The government，Mr Du Plessis added，real－ Gzed it could not gener－哴te sufficient funds on Fits own to provide the解ecessary economic解timulation，and had tak－ an steps to involve the private sector as far as ：was possible．

## CP: ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Blat to laws of nature'

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. - The white man should not accept responsibility accept responsibility for others but compassion for the population in- or others but forgot you crease among blacks, Mr could not love others if Louis Stofberg (HNP Sasolburg) said yesterday.
Speaking in secondreading debate on the Black Communities De velopment Amendment
Bill, he said blacks, like whites, :were subject to the laws of nature.
If they did not work, they went hungry. If they could not control their own reproduction rate, the white man was under no obligation to give them more land.

## Rich and poor

The bill was a repudiation of former prime minister Dr Hendrik Verwoerd's principle that blacks would have a right to land only in their homelands
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Mr Stofberg said Mr stability, or peace and Wynand Malan (NP ty Minister of DevelopRandburg) had said one ment and of Land Afshould think in terms of fairs, Mr Ben Wilkens, money being taken from while replying to debate. the rich and given to the - The" ${ }^{\text {bill }}$, was read ia poor rather than from second time after the whites to blacks.
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House divided, with the HNP and the CP object "sickly sentimentalism ing. - Sapa

The government's R 750 m boost to housing in last week's stimulatory package could ginger up economic growth a little. But, as the private sector is already warning, it must be invested quickly for maximum impact.

Experience has seen an investment in housing infrastructure boosted six times by the time the houses are occupied. On this basis, the package's snowball effect could see the eventual boost to the economy running at some R4,5 billion. But there are other considerations.
"The whole sum will not be spent on new housing," warns Treasury secretary Peter Wronsley. "Some of the funds will go towards upgrading existing housing."
And it is not yet clear how much will be spent on land acquisition, on infrastructure, on low-income housing, on self-help housing schemes, and on site-and-service development.
The Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut has already called for speedy implementation of the scheme. "To retain the necessary kick for economic growth, the money must be invested without unnecessary bureaucratic delay," says a spokesman.
The Treasury, it seems, is aware of the urgency. It is now awaiting the report from the private sector committee appointed to determine housing priorities, and State de-




$\square$ all parties involved," Treasury deputy director general Gerhard Croeser tells the FM.
The snowball effect of housing investment is illustrated by the experience of the Urban Foundation's (UF) utility housing company, Family Housing Association (FHA), at Protea North in Soweto.
It invested R19m in civil engineering work, electricity servicing and bulk development infrastructure for 2500 residential stands which were sold to individual buyers, building societies and developers.
But the total project value, with houses in the range of R30000-R 90000 , is already about R120m. "That's six times the original investment," says FHA's land servicing manager, John Weaver.
Weaver says government should concentrate on providing serviced land, on which self-help building schemes could be established. These schemes involve the provision of standard plans and of cheap building materials, bought in bulk.
Self-help differs from site-and-service schemes, which allow for the more informal type of housing development.
At Protea North, FHA is working in the top bracket of the black housing market. It recently bought three flat sites which will be sold to five developers after subdivision into 280 townhouse sites. "We also acquired an unused school site which gave us another 140 stands, and all were sold within a few weeks," says Weaver. Demand for quality housing is heavy.
The FHA, which has been in operation since March last year, has budgeted to spend about R20m in 1986-1987 on the provision of 10600 serviced sites for black housing with an eventual project value of $\mathrm{R} 60 \mathrm{~m}-$ R70m. About 4400 plots will be for site-and-service housing, says FHA self-help housing manager Ian Garden.
Garden says government should spend the major part of its new package on providing serviced land and infrastructure and finance for individual buyers. The private sector building societies, property developers and financial institutions - can also play an important role in developing and financing black housing, he adds.

## Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. - So many homeowners are in debt that repossessions have swollen the property holdings of building societies to a level six times higher than this time last year.
The total value of property held by two of the biggest societies, the United and the Allied, has soared from R7-million to R41-million in a year.
Now the United has created a R44-million buffer against future mortgage losses - a 600 percent increase on the R6-milyion provision it made last year.
The move underlines the uncertainty surrounding the property market and family finances.
${ }^{2} \mathrm{Mr}$ Piet Badenhorst, the United"s chief executive, said: "In the present economic conditions we believe it was necessary to make this provision to meet all contingencies."

## Earmarked

The value of property held by the United has climbed from R5-million to R25-million and that of the Allied from R2million to R16-million.

The Allied, which has not previously earmarked funds to meet potential losses, has now set aside R7-million for this
purpose purpose.

The other major societies the Perm and the NBS - must also have their share of bond woes.

The Perm would give no figures ahead of its published accounts but the value of repos-
sessions must have risen in line with other societies and there is no doubt that it will take "whatever steps are necessary to provide adequate protective measures" for depositors.
There are no confirmed figures available from the Natal Building Society but it appears there has been a substantial rise in the number of proper ties in possession.
But Mr Terry Bradshaw, the NBS regional manager for the Transvaal, said: "We do not anticipate any large losses due to our conservative lending policy. Indeed, we made a small profit from repossession sales."
The smaller Eastern Province Building Society; while having spread its operations nationally from its Port Elizabeth base, reports a "slightly higher" level of bond arrears in a relatively quiet market.

It might have been expected that homeowners in the depressed Eastern Cape area would have been hit more severely but EPBS managing director Mr Ron Mumford believes the jump in value of properties in possession from R259 000 last year to R768000 now is "not too bad in the light of present conditions".

Even this society, however, is putting aside R 150000 to cover possible losses.
Barclays National Bank's senior general manager, Mr Jimmy McKenzie, reported "some bond problems" but "is not perturbed by the risk of losses.
He said: "We havè a fairly new book in the mortgage business and any troubles we have encountered as a result of unemployment and falling values are minimal when set against our overall operation."

The high cost of advertising and the lack of guarantee of a sale is also hitting the auction business.


## By DEREK TOMMEY

Financial Editor
THE Government＇s plan to rapidly stimulate the economy and ease the serious black un employment situation by pour－ ing R750－million into low－cost housing is running into snags．

The Government is learning that it is one thing to propose a plan，but another to get the plan on the road．In fact there are now fears that the housing scheme might not even start moving until next year．
In view of the urgency of providing more work for blacks，someone unaccustomed to bureaucracy might have thought that a single phone call
from Pretoria to each local au－ thority could get the pian going．

Once Pretoria knew how much land each authority had for housing and roughly how much the authority needed to build on that land one would build on that that an immedi－ ate go－ahead could be given， enabling the local authority to start hiring workers and fulfil the object of the exercise by putting money into circulation．

## Not that simple

But life in Government cir－ cles is not that simple．

A large number of Govern－ ment departments have to be consulted，it appears．Apart

## ＇icing sugar＇ <br> Mines may

JOHANNESBURG．－A Canadian＂icingg sugar＂technique may be used to cool the South African gold mines，reports Engineering News．

Sugar－like crystal ice，used widely overseas for bulk cooling of tish．is being offered by Mining and Industrial Air－conditioning （Pty）．Johannesburg，under an agreement with the Sunwell com－ pany of Ottawa．
The new technique is likely to be of particular value to the old－ er mines，in which the piping system is stretched to its limise with is being used increasingly in the mines as temperatures rise with increasing depths．－Sapa．

## Sunbeam still Rowenta agent

JOHANNESBURG．－Sunbeam Appliances，a member of the Iion Match group，has confirmed that the company will remain the sole South African agent and distributor of Rowenta domesti appliances．
Mr Chris Baltsoucos，managing director of Sunbeam Appil－ ances，said：＂The sale of Rowenta－Verke of West Germany by aut legheny International to Cargo Pacific is under negotaine the outcome will not affect our sales and sents in establishing
＂We have made considerable investmente and will continue Rowenta as a leadi
from the Deparment of Fi － nance which is providing the money，they include the De－ partment of Public Works and Land Affairs，the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning and also the three＂Own Affairs，＂ administrations．

On top of these is the private sector task force which has of fered to liaise with the Govern－ ment in solving the house crisis．

Members of the task force are Dr＇Fred du Plessis of San－ lam，Mr Meyer Kahn of SA Breweries and Mr D Cooper of Barlow Rand．

## Caught out

Dr du Plessis，who is chair man of the task force，could not be reached for comment However，Mr Kahn told The Argus that the group had held a number of meetings，but he could not say any more at this stage．

On the Government side it seems that those departments that have been claiming they that have been claiming they if they had the money have been caught out．

A number of economists have been distinctly pessimistc about the success of the build－ ing package in creating jobs for blacks on a large scale in the immediate future．

Unless the Government or the private sector task force pulls something out of the hat soon，these economists are like－ ly to be proved right．
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A PACKAGE containing cuts in indirect taxes, as well as accelerated government spending on black housing development, is on the cards and is expected to be announced shortly by government.
"The way is now open for a combination of some form of tax relief and increased government spending on black housing," says a senior monetary official.

Faced with a sluggish economy which has refused to respond to lower interest rates, the authorities have opted for a mild massage to give sagging confidence a lift.
It appears the authorities are intent on obtaining their target growth rate of $3 \%$ for the year and are focusing their attention on fiscal ways of achieving it.

They have been inundated recently with various shopping lists. The Economic Advisory Council spent last week sifting through them.

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"But the final form of the package has not yet been finalised," says one source.

However, a short-list has been drawn up and, although not all recommendations will be implemented, possible measures include:
$\square$ Reduction in the $10 \%$ surcharge imposed last year on imported goods; $\square$ Adjustments to indirect taxation in ways which would aid the ailing motor industry,
$\square$ A go-slow on the phasing-in of fringebenefits tax on motor vehicles;
$\square$ Reduction in the surcharge on tax payable by mines. If this were to occur, the mines have assured the authorities they would proceed immediately with largescale investment;
aRevision of the rates of marginal taxation, mainly to benefit young professionals;
$\square$ Further revision of joint taxation on married couples;
DEarly repayment of the 1979-80 loan levy; and
$\square$ A cut in the price of petrol. The authorities are believed to have stockpiled oil at a reasonable price in the first quarter. This would enable them to hold down local prices if the import price went up.
However, a cut in GST, which has been the subject of intense market speculation, is unlikely - officials say it would be too costly.
A $1 \%$ cut in GST across the board would cost government roughly R1bn in revenue for the year, and would narrow its options in implementing other measures.

The authorities have stressed at great

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The Group Areas Act, the one pillar of apartheid still to be dismantled, has been studied by various commissions and researchers who recommend that it be "adjusted" or abolished.
The School of Business Leadership at the University of South Africa, aware that a change in the law could have far-reaching implications affecting future housing requirements and property investments, last week arranged a seminar in Johannesburg on "the future of residential group areas" and invited top speakers to air their views.
Mr Norman Nel, president of the Institute of Estate Agents of South Africa, described integrated communities round the world and concluded that property values in South Africa would not suffer in mixed neighbourhoods. WINNIE GRAHAM, The Star's Property Editor, reports.

Mr Norman Nel
in their composition. There were enclaves of Irish, Italians, Poles, Germans, Greeks and Spaniards Catholics, Jews and Protestants. We even advertised properties "near Catholic parish" for example.
"When blacks moved in whites moved out. The more sensitive moved first, others stayed longer. Values deteriorated, easing the economic problems of some lower-income black families. Discrimination in loans was eliminated, making credit available from private savings and loan sources as well as through government.
"Whites generally moved to the outer fringes of the city. As the years passed the blacks developed a sizeable middle class of economically responsible and productive individuals, some wealthy.
"They started forming in better neighbourhoods and maintained the higher quality. However many areas deteriorated major problems has been th education of people on been th for prop of people on how to care for property - even when it is owned by them.
"Some black families in search of better schooling moved to white areas with "great success. In some Chicago areas feelings still run high and there are cempunitio high blacks are not allowed.
"They are aware of the situation
and keep out because of the fear of being burnt out or harassed. This is minimal, so the spectrum runs today from very satisfactory to those areas that have become a hotbed of crime and where integration is still not possible."
Mr Prichard believes the use television had helped in many ways to "develop appreciation and acceptance" of black ability.
His firm, he said, employed black estate agents to work in white areas, but these had enjoyed only moderate success. Public reaction remained the biggest headache.

## Lifestyles

"Whole neighbourhoods get steamed up because a broker is obeying the law," he told Mr Nel. "Communities in Chicago and Cleveland, Ohio, are trying to establish a quota system to determine the quota system to determine the percentage population integrated. The idea is to keep the lid on this number to prevent the mass exodus of whites This has some effectiveness but runs strictly counter to the laws" but Another counter to the law. Harwood of Venturan, Mr Bruce did not believe colour Mr Nel he creed, race or gender, religion, proed, race or gender decided property values. It was "compatibility of lifestyles."
"If neighbours don't keep lawns
dismantled automobiles off streets and driveways and amplified music to themselves, property will suffer," he said.
Ms Marilyn Lightner, an estate agent, said integration in Pittsburg had taken place quietly and with cautious resignation. With integration lower-income neighbourhoods developed into problem areas. Athough white and blue-collar workers laboured shoulder to shoulder 4,5 the blacks posed a threat to white supremacy by invading their areas and property values declined.

Ms Lightner added: "When people are not restricted, the great majority elect their own kind who have similar interests, religious persuasions, ethnic customs, food preferences and cultural standards."

Mr Nel then quoted Mr Tony Artero, a real estate expert from Guam, a small island in the Pacific He said integrated residential properties had a tendency to retain and even increase in value. However, during the initial stages of integration there was usually a shock period".
"This period is difficult to measure in terms of time," Mr Artero is quoted as saying. "First prices stagnate, then fall. This is followed by a gradual increase particularly in the high-density living areas."

Mr Loudie Constantine, writifrom London, told Mr Nel people similar ethnic groups inevitabi collected by choice. Social a= economic circumstances dictatite. land values.
Mr Richard Sharp, a manag:-: director of a Harare company, $t i$ Mr Nel that the purchase of a ho by a black man per se did not luwe the standard of a suburb. Tis. majority of blacks were "very houseproud"
"People move only into areas they can afford," he added. "Initially blacks moved into lower-priced residential areas. This caused a demand for lower-priced homes and pushed up prices. White sellers moved to more expensive areas setting off a chain reaction."
Mr Marcus Wilkens, a conveyancing attorney from New Zealand, told Mr Nel that when Polynesians, (Maoris and Pacific islanders) moved into predominantly European areas this led to as European areas this le
lowering of property values.

## Dominated economy

The European, he said, dominated the economy in New Zealand while the Polynesians were largely the working class generally found in low-cost housing areas because of their low incomes.
In Windhoek, where the Group Areas Act was recently scrapped, a survey by the Chief Valuer; Mr Pikkie Gresse, found prices had doubled since 1980.
Mr Nel also quoted Mr Gerry Gericke, a building society manager, who said the sooner the Group Areas Act was removed the better.
"After an initial adjustment period, our country should settle down to one of our most rewarding periods in our housing history," he said.
Nr Nel concluded: "Deep in the hearts of most families there is a burning desire to own a home. Once they have achieved that objective, they will defend it with all the power and resources they can power and resources they can muster.
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The Goverồment will proceed soon with the further phasing out of rent control, says Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works Mr Amie Venter.
A condition of the phasing out would be that rents' of 'dwellings exempted from rent control would not be increased during the first two years by more than a certain percentage a year.
Speaking in the Assemby's. "Own Affairs" debate on his department's budget vote, Mr Venter warned he would not hestate to reapply rent control to exempted premises if exploitation took place.
He would do this if there were steps to remove protected tenants to achieve decontrol of dwellings.

## INCOME

Mr Venter said that before the phasing-out process could proceed, the income limits had to be determined for tenants to qualify for continued prolection.

An inter-departmental committee was investgating, among other things, the income limits people needed to qualify for State housing assistance.
This limit was linked to protected tenants' income limit.
Mr Venter said the committee's final reconmënidations were expected to be made towards the end of June when the determination of income limits and the further phasing-out would proceed.
Commenting afterwards, Mr Ali Widman (PFP Hillbrow) said the income limits for protected tenants should be raised substantially before phasing out of rent control took place.
Otherwise, more pooole would lose their protaction because present limits were more than three years old and had been ravaged by the rate of inflation.

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GOVERNMENT＇S interest subsidy on housing loons for first－time home－buyers has been made applicable $T_{0} F_{i, 2}$ to prospective home－owners in the self－governing national states and on SA Development Trust land．
© $\ddagger$ かっだ Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen says the move follows the expressed willing． ．＂．．．ness of building societies to consider granting loans in these areas．
An interest subsidy of $33,3 \%$ is payable on loans granted by recognised financial institutions to first－ time buyers，provided the house＇s construction value iṣ not more than R40 000 ．
The scheme is regarded as a bridging measure．The subsidy will be paid for the first five years of the loan period，with the bond period calculated over a period of 20 years．
S：Measures were introduced earlier this year to re－ ：solve problems which building societies experienced in considering applications for housing loans in these sita ：areas．
Approval has been given for the issuing of guaran－ Th：tees to building societies granting loans for the pur－ en：chase or improvement of fixed property in the national states．

new right to buy land, government has gone some way towards accepting them as citizens of SA, they also believe their efforts to acquire property will still be hampered by the Group Areas Act (GAA).
The African Bank's MD, Moses Maubane, tells the FM that freehold rights will definitely give black people security of tenure. However, he adds, there are still other problems such as the GAA and the Land Act, which will continue to bar people from buying property in most areas.
"Although we, the African Bank, are operating in the CBD of Johannesburg, for instance, we still cannot buy the premises we rent because of the GAA. In that sense, granting freehold rights has not changed much politically. These legal restrictions have to be removed to give tull meaning to the granting of these rights."
The granting of freehold rights to blacks, leaders in commerce and industry point out, means that every black person can - in terms of the law - buy land for which be gets title, and not just the house he occupies as is the case under 99 -year leasehold. It also creates a better climate for building societies and banks to extend loans to blacks, as the land can serve as loan security.

They explain, too, that under the 99 -year leasehold scheme, building societies were reluctant to get involved, particularly in cases where the loans required were too small and, therefore, unprofitable, because the land was only leased to the individual.

## Millions now <br> qualify forsix housing asd ${ }^{23}$ <br> Political Staff

CAPE TOWN - The Govern ment subsidy of one-third of the mortgage interest paid by firsttime homeowners is to apply to all race groups equally:

Minister of Development Aid "Dr"'Gerrit Viljoen" announced yesterday that the scheme was to be be extended to benefit the millions of blacks in the nation al states and on trust land

Dr. Viljoen said the decision hàd been made because of the willingness of building societies to $\because$ consider applications: for loans on trust land and in na'tional, state towns. The scheme falready applies to blacks outside the national states.
The one-third subsidy on interest is payable on a maximum loan of R40000, and the total cost of improvements could not exceed R40000. Land is not takeninto account.
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Mrs Molly Kopel, Johannesburg. PFP city councillor, said: "Rent conitrol gave short-term relief to the needy, but in the long term it proved disastrous because no more flats were built in the city and there has been a shortage of medium and lower priced accommodation." , $\boldsymbol{7}$ "
Mr Peter Erasmus, executive director of the Property Owners' Association (SAPOA), said: "Rent control is an additional tax on property owners and has stunted development.
"We believe the best protection the lessee can have is a large selection of flats where landlordsare vying for tenants and there is robust competition,

Mr Alf Widman, MP for the PFP in Hillhbow, is pushing for the incomelimits or protected tenants to be raised substantially before phasing out of rent control takes place w, " ,


Ex-councillor tellsitreason trial of hostility to higher rents


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The council had tried to explain why the increases were necessary
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Soweto on September 29 1984.

The video was confiseated from a German television crew. Police
the court the Germans were filming the funeral for the purpose of "propganda" abroad.

During cross-examinasion, defence counsel Mr George Bizos SC, asked if it could not perhaps be that the Germans wanted to show Germany a bit of African
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# HOUSING <br> ARGuS <br> $29 / 5 / 8 k(123)$ <br> SA Perm is promoting 'home-ownership for all' 

Property Editor
AVERAGE home loans issued by the SA Permanent Building Society fell to R40 000 in the year to March 31 from R42000 a year ago.
This contrasts with the rest of the industry, where the average increased to R47 000 from R45 000 and indicates the Perm is lending more to buyers of lower-priced homes.
"The figures prove we have promoted home ownership for all by making loans available to the full spectrum of home owners irrespective of race," said Mr Frikkie Oosthuizen, Cape regional manager, today.

Loans of more than R106 million were granted to blacks and R110 million to other non-white groups.

Demand for home loans continued at a satisfactorily high level, says the Perm, and funds are still avaialable.

But margins are likely to be squeezed due to "artificial pressures imposed on the economy by the au-
thorities in an effort to restimulate and force rates down.
"With inflation continuing at a high level, the possibility of cutting management expense is remote and further arbitrary cuts in investment rates can only be viewed with disfavour by investors who are having to accept negative rates in real terms."

Profit for the year fell to R31,5 million from R37 million, which was considered a "satisfactory performance."

Asset growth was contained with growth in reserves exceeding that in assets (22 percent compared with 14 percent).

Growth in reserves last year was 35 percent as opposed to 10 percent in assets. The ratio of reserves to liabilities to the public is now 3,3 percent, up from 3,1 percent, which shows a steady move towards the 4 percent required in terms of the pro jected new legislation, says the Perm.

Behind barbed wire
As resistance grows to the construction of seven houses for coloured Cabinet ministers in Walmer Estate, Cape Town, government disclosed this week that the cost of the residences is estimated at R365 714 each.
The houses are being built on a hillside below De Waal Drive in a coloured group area about 3 km from the city centre.
Local residents have, however, strongly protested against having what they describe as "sell-outs" in their midst.
Earlier this year, an earthmover excavating at the site was sabotaged after sand was put in its fuel tank. Work is now going ahead behind a double roll of razor-sharp barbed wire.
Walmer Estate falls within the Tafelberg constituency, where the lowest percentage poll in the country was recorded in the 1984 coloured election.
Residents are not only politically opposed to the coloured ministers living in their suburb, but also fear the houses could become terror targets and so threaten the safety of the neighbourhood.
The Minister of Communications and Public Works, Lapa Munnik, told the Progressive Federal Party's Roger Burrows this week the estimated cost of the seven houses, including services and security, was R2 560000 .

At the moment, the coloured ministers are living in a block of heavily guarded Stateowned flats in Rondebosch.


A debate has started in the National Party (NP) caucus which could lead to radical changes to racially determined land distribution in SA. Although still embryonic, the

discussions appear headed towards statutory changes to either the Group Areas Act or the Land Act - or both.

The debate surfaced in parliament recently when the Nationalist MP for Innesdal, Albert Nothnagel, urged government to consider radical land "redistribution." Speaking in the Constitutional Development and Planning budget vote debate, Nothnagel said government's reform initiative made the reconsideration of the question of land necessary.
"I want to make a plea today for a dramatic redistribution of land in SA," he said. Nothnagel said his plea had to be seen in the light of government decisions to de-segregate some trade areas and industrial areas; allow blacks to own land in townships; scrap influx control and allow orderly squatting; stop removals; move towards a system of allowing people to live closer to their jobs rather than be burdened with transport subsidies; promote the informal business sector; upgrade neglected areas; and establish fully fledged black local authorities linked to the new regional services councils.
"Each of these decisions calls for a dramatic new dispensation with regard to land occupation and utilisation by the different groups in SA," he said.

Government's commitment to group interests meant each group had to have enough land to satisfy its needs. Each town and city had a black or coloured residential area which was the "poor appendage" of a "wealthy and prosperous white community ... From every angle this is completely unacceptable," Nothnagel said.
It was "vitally important" for political harmony, economic development, and social stability that government not only look at land redistribution, but actually put into motion the administrative machinery to implement a new deal as quickly as possible.

A number of other NP speakers made similar pleas, but were less direct than Nothnagel. In replying to the debate, Deputy Minister of Land Affairs Ben Wilkens said he would not comment on Nothnagel's plea without first hearing specific proposals. It is understood the debate is now expected to become a key issue in the NP caucus.

The Land Act, in particular, is not only one of the cornerstones of apartheid, but is also a highly emotional issue within both the NP and black nationalist organisations, who believe they have been robbed of the land. Significantly, Nothnagel repeatedly referred to "redistribution" of land - the same demand made by black nationalists.

The original Land Act of 1913 allocated only $8 \%$ of the country to blacks. It was increased to $13 \%$ in 1936. The Asiatic Land Tenure Act of 1946 and the 1950 Group Areas Act further restricted black land rights.

Coincidentally, a report was published in Cape Town some weeks ago of a committee appointed by the Indian Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Baldeo Dookie, to look into the availability of
agricultural land for Indians. The committee found that in the past 35 years at least 20000 ha of farm land had been lost by South African Indians because of apartheid laws. It recommended the repeal of the Group Areas Act or, alternatively, that
 farm land be exempted from the terms of the Act.

Some analysts believe the desegregation of farm land may rejuvenate sections of the country's depressed agricultural sector, provide jobs in the rural areas and help to alleviate poverty by allowing thousands of blacks to return to subsistence farming.

The Group Areas Act and the Land Act are, with little doubt, the two measures most under pressure for radical change. The Group Areas Act and related laws are being studied by the President's Council and its report is expected before the end of the year.


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## Subsidy stretching

Government's extension of the $33,3 \%$ interest subsidy on housing loans to those in the selfgoverning homelands, and on SA Development Trust land, is designed to encourage young black couples countrywide to build or buy their own homes.
However, the subsidy, which was announced by Education and Deveiopment Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen recently, is being granted only to first-time homeowners.
The scheme, to be administered by the Department of Development Aid which will budget for it annually, is regarded as a bridging measure. The subsidy is to be paid for the first five years of the loan period and the rate of interest is determined according to the applicant's income. The loan period is 20 years.

The decision to extend the subsidy was

## ANSWERS IN PARLIAMENT

Of the 216 resignations by members of township community councils since March last year, "intimidation" was the official reason given in 130 cases. (Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis to Peter Soal)

From January 1985 to March 6 this year, there were 217 incidents of sabotage, armed attacks or explosions in SA. They included 90 armed attacks, hand grenade attacks or explosions aimed at policemen, railway policemen, members of the SADF, or their homes, and at police stations. (Minister of Law and Order Louis le Grange to Helen Surman, PFP Houghton)

Enlistings in the SAP last year were: white-2651; black - 671 ; coloured 353, and Indian - 57. Termination of service for resignation, retirement, expulsion, unfit for training, death or medical unfitness: whites - 11 408; blacks 954; coloureds - 196 and Indians - 55. (Louis le Grange to Tiaan van der Merwe, PFP Green Point)

The number of detentions by the SAP of people involved in trade union movements last year: blacks - 1 101; coloureds 15; Indians - six, and whites - three. Their detentions were not related to their trade union activities. (Louis le Grange to Ken Andrew, PFP Gardens)
made after building societies had expressed willingness to consider housing loan applications from individuals in the homelands and on trust land.

Previously, government did not subsidise housing loans in the homelands, which made building societies reluctant to lend to people living in those areas. With the regulations amended, government can issue guarantees to building societies which will enable them to grant loans for purchase or improvement of fixed property in the homelands.
"Conditions of the new subsidy scheme do not differ from those of similar schemes applicable to first-time buyers of other population groups, including blacks outside the national states and trust land," Viljoen said when announcing the subsidy. The subsidy will be payable on a maximum R40 000 loan granted by a recognised financial institution.
Prospective homeowners who have not previously owned a house or a flat, and who wish to buy or build one for personal occupation, will now qualify for the $33,3 \%$ interest subsidy - helping to pay instalments.

A self-build housing scheme was established in 1983 by the Development Trust for lower income groups in the homelands. In terms of the scheme, a maximum of R3 500 is provided to a borrower whose income does not exceed R350 a month. This still applies. $\square$ People interested in the new scheme can obtain the prescribed application form from any recognised financial institution. Financial institutions which grant loans will claim the subsidy on interest on a monthly basis from the Director-General of the Department of Development Aid in Pretoria.


Should an "independent"/KwaNdebele choose to erect international boundary posts, they will, at least, have the value of alerting travellers when they enter the homeland.

At present, trayeling between Cullinan and Marble Hall, yoor will know you have arrived in the homeland when you come across the Ndebele pation gathered together in a collection of mud huts and tin shanties spread out across the barren landscape as far as the eye can see. These squatter camps are the core of the homeland, whose creation is now under attack from a number of fronts.

Residents and the Ndzundza royal family have combined forces to resist independence and to call for the resignation of Chief Minister Simon Skosana's government (Current affairs/May 23). And both the residents of the Moutse area and the farmers of Rust der Winter, whose land was affected by the 1984 consolidation plans, are fighting against incorporation.

The homeland has been tense since violence erupted in the middle of May after the funeral of an Imbokhoto (a tribal security body) victim. Exactly what is happening in the homeland is confusing. A number of

## Parliament and Politics（123）Parliament and Politics

## More single－sex hostels to be built

By BARRY STREEK Political Staff
THE government is to build further single－sex hostels－in spite of a statement last month by the Minister of Constitu－ tional Development and Planning，Mr Chris Heunis，that it wants to phase out the controver－ sial system．

Mr Heunis said this week that the govern－ ment would build fur－
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He said then that his department＂does not
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insist on housing em－ ployees in single quar－ ters will be requested to erect hostels them－ selves，＂Mr Heunis said then．
Mr Heunis＇s reply yes－ terday showed that about a third of South Africa＇s 186 single－sex hostels for black migrant workers are filled to the brim．
Mr Heunis said yester
day that 58 of the hostels were filled to capacity， including all 13 of the hostels in the Western
 (NEAC) will support the Soweto anti-rest Council until reliable essential services are pritent campaign provided
that if cleansing Mr Japhta Lekgetho has stated improved bysing and maintainance services are not improved by the end of August then they should be privatised. "It is the right of every resident to get services regularly when he pays rent. Our townships are becoming uninhabitable?
Whe said uncollected rubbish and sewer blockages were making residents' lives unbearable and township planning was disgracefully bäd,
W'We will organise local businessmen to buy trucks and equipment to clean our townships", he said. A move which would "certainly encourage free enterprise".

A NATIONAL survey will attempt to-determine South Africa's low-income housing needs.
The Housing Data Bank in Pretoria has assked all local authorities to supply full details from social welfare organisations and other sources which deal regularly with local housing needs.
Results will be computerised and will require monthly updates.
Local authorities will have to detail names and dentity numbers of people allocated houses or flats who had been granted subsidies, 90 percent loans or mortgages; who was allocated building sites or sent to old-age homes.
onde vate Bag X340, Pretoria 0001, or (012) 28 -3721.
$1+$ set out in its White Paper on urbanisation, have been welcomed both at home and abroad. But with the dust now settling, there are other policy aspects in the document which are causing concern in property and industrial circles.
Not least is government's stated intention that "the present practice of creating a shortage of industrial land within the metropolitan core areas should continue." - This, read together with its stated policy to prevent "excessive . . . economic activity in large urban centres" has developers worried. Understandably so.
It shows a lack of understanding of how private enterprise works, avers SA Property Owners Association (Sapoa) executive direc-
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tor Peter Erasmus.
Quite simply, if implemented rigidly, it will prove a major setback to any attempts government might make to stimulate the economy, he believes.
The intentions expressed in the White Paper, essentially a restatement of previous decentralisation policy, shows that government has still not learned any lessons about trying to manipulate development around the urban areas.
Despite restrictions, industrialists have found ways to develop and expand in their primary market areas. One problem in the decentralised locations is a shortage of skilled, as opposed to unskilled, labour.
Government's past policy of creating an artificial shortage of land around metropolitan areas has thus merely pushed up land prices and added to the inflation problem.
"If there's to be any hope of revitalising the economy we must move away from this type of bureaucratic thought process," says Erasmus.
With more blacks expected to come to the cities, there is also concern about how government intends to handie the housing problem.
"Quite honestly," says Erasmus, "I'm disappointed that the White Paper pays so little attention to the private sector when it comes to providing housing."
He suggests that government should harness the private sector to provide housing for those who can afford more than the basics. Government's role, he says, should be to provide only fundamental shelter.
Further, he holds that government should confine itself to identifying broad, rather than specific, areas for black housing development in the cities.
"Market forces should be allowed to prevail," he says, "to allow blacks a choice of areas in which to live."

A battle plan to alleviate the serious black housing backlog - now estimated at $400000-800000$ units - is on the drawing board.
Insurance companies and pension funds are in the front line, and talks have begun to determine whether part of their massive resources can be mobilised for a nationa! home-building drive.
The move would:
$\square$ Increase economic activity and create jobs;
$\square$ Help meet black housing aspirations; and $\square$ Bring some relief to the struggling building, civil engineering, cement and brick industries (see "Contracting base").
Although administrative and legal constraints still stand in the way, private financial sources say "large amounts of money" could be made available as soon as the necessary financing instruments are created.
The moves follow government's allocation of R328m last month to buy serviced land for private sector development of black housing.
"The funds are available provided reasonable economic returns are provided," Life Offices Association (LOA) chairman and Sanlam MD Pierre Steyn tells the FM.

The insurance movement alone controls assets of R30 billion and there is a simila; cash pile in the pension funds. "By using just $1 \%$ of these assets, R 600 m could be made available for black housing," says Steyn.

LOA members control an annual cash inflow of almost R10 billion, and the possibility of diverting these, and other, institutional resources into housing construction are being investigated.

A "top priority" LOA sub-committee is studying the funding of black housing, while the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Small Business Development Corporation and the Urban Foundation are standing in line for similar socio-economic financing.
But Steyn cautions that major projects are not imminent. He says although government realises the urgency of the housing crisis, transfer of property, registration of townships for development, funding and administration of a massive scheme will take time.
He also warns that the return must be right. "It would be unfair to policyholders to lend at cut rates. Returns similar to those on government securities would make the money available, but pension funds would also have to contribute," says Steyn.
Roger Veysey, divisional director in charge of mass housing at Murray \& Roberts, agrees: "Although there has been a vast change in official attitudes," he says, "government will have to cut red tape and

## BLACK HOUSING

Institutions on stand-by

By Winnie Graham
Architectural students at six South African universities have been asked to design low-cost houses.
The idea is to provide people in the lower income group with attractive homes costing no more than R12 000 .

The scheme is part of a determined bid to replace the functional houses in most black townships with more pleasing low-cost housing.

Hundreds of students in Johannesburg, Peretoria, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein and Durban have been approached by the Permanent Building Society to provide designs - and inexpensive building concepts - which could be used in the construction of new houses.
Prizes worth thousands of rends are being offred by the society. South Africa's housing back-

In Soweto, the giant black city adjacent to Johannesburg, the official waiting list for houses is 19500 but this figure does not include the many homeless families who, until recently, were regarded as "illegals."
"The Perm" last year spent R106 million on black housing. It has called for the assistance of architectural students because it recognises the need for more attractive homes in the fast-developing black areas.

Mr Chris Williams, general manager (marketing) said this week:
"We have been doing research and, working with the Urban Foundation, have identified the problems. What we want are plans for inexpengive houses which we can make available to the man in the street."


By David Braun, Political Correspondent
Cape Town
The Government is to spend more than R1 000000 a day till the end of the year to build homes for the poor and disadvantaged of all races.

The project will create tens of thousands of new jobs.
Among those who will bé eligible for the new homes will be the aged and the destitute.
Official sources said this would be one of the immediate effects of the R1 500 million package announced yesterday to boost the economy and restore political stability.
The authorities hope that by the: end of the year they will have been able to spend at least R250 million of the R750 million allocated for low-cost housing.
Sources said the money for the package was coming largely from the Central Energy Fund (CEF) and the state-owned Industrial Development Corporation:

The CEF is financed partly by levies on petrol, and to a large extent by repayments of development loans from Sasol.
The Government has decided to use this reyenue begause housing and job creation hate deeofne more urgent prority What athe development of further Khlyenative energy resources W Wheadache for the Governmed in the giant new housing programmétis how to spend the money as quickly as possible.

## Labour intensive

The task force of experts announced by Minister of Finance Mr Barend du Plessis yesterday will have to examine this aspect, and also evaluate how to get the maximum for the R750 million.
It is understood the Government wants the emphasis to be on the most labour-intensive methods of construction, and those which would encourage people to build their own homes.
One method under consideration is the provision of "service walls" - in which all the normal facilities (sanitation, electricity and plumbing) are provided - leaving the would-be homeowner to build the rest.
In the new package, the Government allocated R 50 million for training programme. The authorities hope to train as many people as possible in building skills.
The sources also said that other parts of the package designied to boost business morale and investor confidence in the economy are the repayment of the 1980 Loan Levy, abolition of the surcharge on certain. imports used in the process of production, and the easinglof excise duty on cars.
" TsTMe authorities do not' expect that the repayment*ofithe Loan Levy will have much effect on consumer spending by lower-income groups.

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Government's plan to sell 345000 houses to urban blacks has failed to achieve the target foreseen at its launch on July 1, 1983. So far only 43759 houses have been sold at a low average price of R1500/unit.

But the upward trend in monthly sales since the beginning of the year reveals more positive signs.

In January 667 houses were sold, and sales increased to 717 in February, 756 in March, 1055 in April and 1070 in May. "Experience shows that house sales have a positive impact on the unrest situation," says assistant director of Community Development and Planning (CDP) Alec Weiss.

By signing a purchasing contract for the houses they already occupy and continuing with monthly instalments, millions of blacks can improve their lot and advance financially through the benefits of capital appreciation, he says. About $70 \%$ of the 300000 -odd houses still available are in the PWV area.

But ignorance about home ownership remains a major stumbling block.
"We will soon launch a major awareness campaign to bring the availability and benefits of home ownership to the attention of potential buyers and employers. Employers can play a major role in helping their workers to obtain leasehold or freehold title," he adds.

Circulars - explaining the house selling campaign - will be posted to 12000 selected employer organisations while video recordings will be made available to employer: bodies to illustrate the benefits of home owh-
ership.
The marketing campaign wape reduced to a minimum and transfer possible after only $10 \%$ of the purchase price has been paid, Weiss is confident that thousands of urban blacks will make use of the opportunity to become home owners. -
"The private sector should accept its vital role in helping black employees to understand the meaning of land ownership and the capital appreciation benefits after property improvements," says Weiss, who is the CDP's promoter of the sales campaign.

With most houses selling for between R800 and R6000, capital appreciation profits can be huge.
"Some R1 500 houses have already been sold for R15000, while a Kagiso resident recently sold a R650 house for R30 000," says Weiss.

He says home ownership is still a new concept to many blacks, but the CDP has made it easy for prospective buyers. The R300 deposit on a R1 500 house can be paid
over 24 months while the total purchase price is repayable in five years. Documentaadds.

Employers could also help employees obtain additional finance by providing sureties or security for the bond financing and providing improvement loans.



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Consumer spending could be boosted byildR300million if all building societies rates in their home bond United line with the Buiding oard cut to across-the moard cut to 16 percent.
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Building Society and Saambou yesterday said they: would lower their loan rates. Most others major buildingsocieties are expected to The latest changes on UBS were seen trend itothuingthe frend of short-term interest rates following the goyernment's monetarypolicy
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 rates drop

## Property Editor

THE cost of home loans continued to tumble yesterday and building society rates are now 3,5 percent lower than six
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nounced yesterday across a broad front.
The announcement by
the "big five" building societies was led by the United Building Society at the weekend. Yesterday the Perm, Allied NBS and EP building so cieties announced they were now offering loans at 16 percent.
$\because$ havend-holders will have to wait until October 1 to see the effects of

- the reduction, but new loans will be set at the new rate.
Mir Kingsley Loney, regional director of the NBS. said he expected the new rate to stimulate the market to some extent, even though at 16 percent - a two-year low - bonds were still expensive. There were more than sufficient funds available, and applications were being actively sought
Six months ago, a of R10wner with a bond of R10 000 over 20 years was paying. at 19,5 percent, R166 monthly. At the current rates, a R10 000 bond over the same period will cost Prinl40 a month
vi The new rates are ondikely to generate some confidence and mask other. considerations," Mr Loney said.
Spokesmen for the property industry coninued to be sceptical about a major upsurge in buying interest among unsubsidized homebuyers, although there was a steady stream of first-time buyers taking advantage of the govern-


## Unjust to deny housing and jobs, says Jan Steyn

The Argus Correspondent PRETORIA. - It is unjust to deny people access to housing, education and jobs, says Mr Jan Steyn, executive chairman of the Urban Foundation.

At the official launching of Mamelodi Gardens, a R40-million housing project, at a hotel here last night, Mr Steyn said development was needed to educate, house and employ those who were to live in South Africa beyond apartheid.
Development was needed to create jobs for South Africa's people and to sustain hope and human dignity.

PRODUCTIVITY
"To this end we need productivity to advance those who are disadvantaged, jobless and often desperate."

Society was going through deep and troubled waters and the resolution of the country's political conflict was vital to its future, Mr Steyn said. This was no time to abandon, ship.
"We must show that those who care have the determination to continue to demonstrate their concern at every practical level that affects the lives of their fellow South Africans."


The Mamelodi Gardens pro- ject was undertaken by a consortium of developers and employers and is being managed by the Family Housing Association, a subsidiary of the Urban Foundation.

The area will provide 1300 detached houses and it is hoped that all sites will be serviced and sold by December. About 30 home-builders are expected to develop the area.

How does a valuer go about placing a realistic value on a wattle-and-daub hut?

With regional services councils about to be implemented and the tempo of residential sales in black areas increasing as blacks respond to the prospect of freehold owner

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ship, the question is more than academic. This probably accounts for why the subject of "property valuations in the black areas" featured prominently on the agenda of the SA Institute of Valuers' national seminar held in Durban recently.
Natal University's Professor Bruce Boaden made the point that in the greater Durban area, which is soon to form part of the proposed Durban Regional Services Council, $42 \%$ of the population lived in shack-type dwellings. Therefore, on a straight head count basis, shack housing, rather than formal housing, is typical of the area

Although the valuer's normal yardstick of comparative prices is not available in a shack settlement where there are no active sales, and although it is almost impossible to quantify the security of tenure on land occupied principally under squatter rights, Boaden has found through research that it is possible to value shacks.
A profile of the methods of construction revealed that most were built with wattle-and-daub walls under corrugated iron roofs. The standard shack size was $36 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ which, using standard material and labour inputs, cost R1 436 to build or R39,90/m ${ }^{2}$.
Other valuers, including Martin White of Richard Ellis, who have been called on to do valuations in black shack areas where the general principle of compensation is now applied on expropriation, confirm that their independent estimates of value are close to those of Boaden's.
Where specific property values were required, a major difficulty was identifying the property concerned. Finding the property itself was a hazardous task in a situation where there were no street names or property numbers, and frequently it was found that other shacks encroached across the boundaries.

A delegate from the SA Permanent Building Society noted that the property market in townships like Soweto was quite active and a
record of sales was being established. Still there were wide variations in the prices being paid. Under government's incentive scheme the standard 51/9 township house is sold for around R2 000. However, re-sales were taking place at anything between R10 000 and R15 000.
The SA Perm, she said, had "changed its whole approach" and was now prepared to advance loans even on wattle-and-daub shacks to a minimum value of R2000 provided they met the society's minimum structural requirements.

Others, concluded Boaden, including valuers, may have to follow suit.


By Frank Jeans Black homeownership is gatring momentum．

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The Government＇s atest in jection of R750 milliop into housing is likely to cut back the estimated backlog of 450000 units by about 10 percent． 4
Not only will the multi－mil－ lion rand allocation create thou sands of jobs in the building in－ dustry，but the National Build－ ing Research Institute predicts that from 50000 to 125000 new homes could be brought on to the market．

Apart from the increasing rate in the provision of black： Allied to this is the vital ne－ private sectors／H／LTA Gomiat ！＇support in housing require－ and Basil Read＇Sun＇Homes re．；＇；ments． cently unveiled plans for nearly ${ }^{16}$ ： 2000 homes for coloured people Uniteds 90 percent of all the －the Great Sale through the employer－assisted，says Mr Department of Local Govern－ ment is hitting the 1000 homes at month mark．

The country＇s＇building＇socie－ ties，too，are making big strides in the low－cost homes business， with the United，for instance，di－： recting about 50 percentio of its lending capability to black homeowners．
，Mr Piet Kruger，general man－ ager of the United＇s home－lend－ ing activities，says：
＂This figure，however，＇is only the tip of the iceberg．
＂The Government＇s R750 mil－ lion allocation for low－cost hous－ ＇ing is awaited with keen antici－ pation and there is no doubt that this move will get the ball roll－ ing－not just for existing home buyers but for new and self－help housing projects as well．＂

The introduction of freehold property rights to blacks must
employer－assisted， ，says Mr Kruger．蝼
The society＇s loans to black home buyers during， 1985 amounted to R100 million and this figure is expected to be far exceeded this year．

Dr Llewellyn Lewis，＇president of the Institute of Housing for Southern Africa；urges the Gov－ ernment to release details of the planning and allocation of the R750 million as soon as possible so that the building materials supply，industry can gear up to cope with the extra demand．
＂It should be remembered，＂： he says，＂that even in the hey－ day of the Government＇s hous－ ing effort when townships were mass built，using high－speed techniques，the best delivery of economic units in a single year was 40000 ．
＂The current target must be at least 70000 units a year．＂

## Blacks should build for blacks - Xeveloper

By Winnie Graham Property hitor 23
A black Poperty developer who , Naitis hack entrepreneurs to share "more equitably" in the R750 million made available for low-cost housing, has challenged the Government to let blacks build homes for blacks - rather than white-owned companies.

Mr Conrad Sandile, managing director of Econo Homes, a township development company, claimed white construction companies were chasing the black housing market only for the profits they could make.
"They are already flexing their muscles to take
ver the low-cost housing market," he said.
He questioned the motives of the authorities in letting white entrepreneurs build homes for blacks.
"Has the Government genuinely made.the R750 million available to build homes and create jobs for blacks or has it made the money available to jack up the white building industry? Why is it so difficult for blacks to get contracts to build? Why are white companies monopolising the black housing business?" Mr Sandile, who plans to form an association of black builders to erect low-cost housing if he and other black developers were awarded contracts, said there were no guarantees that white construction companies would survive in the townships. Some were afraid to send whites into black areas because of the unrest, he said and, as a result, they did not supervise building themselves but left black workers on the job anyway.

## Stand dally disp. Urgent need private housing (23) money, says

## Business Editor

 BISHO - There was an urgent need to mobilise private sector resources to finance housing in the independent and selfgoverning states, the chief executive of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Dr Simon Brand, said yesterday.Dr Brand, who officially opened the new head office of the Ciskei Building Society here, said that, even when land tenure and other conditions were met, lending institutions in South Africa were reluctant to lend inside these states, mainly because of political risks they perceived to be involved.
Part of the solution could lie in the establishment of local lending institutions and it was encouraging to note the progress made by the CBS in mobilising funds.
Dr Brand said the process of urbanisation was now more generally regarded as a potentially


## DR BRAND

positive force in development. The need to meet the housing requirements of growing urban communities had been recognised. These requirements ranged from informal self-help schemes for the lowest income levels to housing financed from market sources for higher levels.

A shift in emphasis in the allocation of housing resources towards the large number of people with relatively low but rising incomes would have far-reaching implications for the pattern
of housing demand. It would require drastic adjustments in the pattern of supply and the financing of hou'sing
An estimated R1,5 billion to R3 billion a year was required to address the housing backlog for lower to middle income communities in Southern Africa. "If it were to be attempted to meet those needs primarily from public sources of funds it would result in unbearable pressures on the fiscal resources of all the governments in the region," Dr Brand said.
"On the other hand, if a higher proportion of the $R 2,8$ billion a year of private funds that already flows into residential buildings can be re-channelled to the lower and middle segments of the market, it would go a long way towards meeting the needs."
Dr Brand said the DBSA preferred an approach of using its funds to provide loans for urban infrastructure while mobilising private sector funds for housing loans. It encouraged its participating states to create favourable conditions for private" sector involvement at the higher income end of the market and also en couraged: : self-help schemes at the lower end.
The establishment of a CBS development subsidiary to guide Cis keian builders in building methods and costing was an interesting development. "It is to be hoped that through this vehicle the society will also make a contribution towards the development of affordable housing standards," Dr Brand said:

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## Call for Marshall Aid plan in in S

A JOINT private sector and community-based Marshall Aid plan in SA "before the war starts rather than after it", was called for last night by Jan Steyn, the director of the Urban Founda tion.
The allocation of R750m by the government to overcome the housing backlog could be the first step in the programme.
He also said in an address at the presidential dinner of Nafcoc that for SA to become an economic state of "real stature", it had to develop its internal framework and link up with the economies of the rest of the region
Recording some of the actions that could be taken to avoid "the apocalypse", Steyn said: $\because .$. for SA to become an economy of real stature it must be able to employ its internal capital resources in an appropriate developmental framework and link up

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Jan Steyn
with the economies of the rest of the Southern African region
"Moreover," he contin ued, "well he continforeign capital dynami cally invested towards eliminating discrimination and addressing the suffering of our people must be welcomed."
If SA were left to itself, it could still have a reaSonably acceptable economy, with a limited export market and imited port substitution providing industrial expann, he said.
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In his speech, entitled

## "South Africa 1986: A

 Watershed Year', Steynsigned inkiatives, supported by the community, that were capable of rapid implementation on a scale which could dramatically affect people's lives.
Political transformation alone was not enough to impact upon the needs of our developing society.
"We now need development programmes on a scale in which the com munties themselves are involved in every aspect of such programmes from decision-making through to implementation," Steyn said.
Alliances forged between organisations such as Nafcoc and the Urban Foundation, the employer bodies and the SBDC (Small Business Development Corporation) were evidence of the goodwill that still Steyn harnessed. Steyn said: "These alliances prove that black and white South Africans can agree on common goals and can work together effectiv ly to achieve these goals." The formidable alliance of black and whit business interests ser viced by the foundation said there were well de-

The success of that initiative should give courage to those who occupied the middle ground o continue to forge alliances for the achieve-
ment of specific goals.

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## NAFCOC president

 Dr Sam Motsueyane told the conference in considerable detail of discussions between the chamber and the ANC in Lusaka earlier this yearHe said the Nafcoc delegation had been "enormously intrigued" by the discussions which $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { took place "in a } \\ \text { friendly }\end{array}\right\rangle$
atmosphere" The two
organizations agreed on many key points. Turning to the economy in general, Motsuenyane said: "The so-called free enterprise system in SA is not free at all. "The system has resulted in the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few corporations in the country, which is neither desirable nor morally

## defensible"

The Nafcoc conference in the City this week has provided a window into black business thinking and presented intriguing business views across the political spectrum. Barry Streek
reports.

## Nafcoc

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Housing:
U5 (133) to spend R81m
THE government suffered a major blow yes. tered a major blow yesterday: When the
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derated Chamber of derated Chamber of
Commerce (Nafcoc) rejected the proposed National Statutory Council.
"We are not going to be party to this council," said Nafcoc president Dr Sam Motsuenyane.
Speaking at Nafcoc's congress in Cape Town Dr Motsuenyane said:


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Mr Mike Ridley

## Labour Reporter

THE Urban Foundation will spend R81 million on housing for the poor during the current financial year through its new Residential Development and Construction Division.
Two of South Africa's top businessmen, the chair man of Barlow Rand, Mr Mike Rosholt, and recently retired chief executive of LTA, Mr Mike Ridley, will retired chief executive of LTA, Mr Mike Ridley, will
head the new division, formed to co-ordinate the nead the new division, formed to co-ordinate the - panies throughout the country.
The budget, which will be used to develop 28 low cost housing projects in five metropolitan areas, is more than double the Foundation's budget for re sidential development and construction last year and spending next year, is expected. to be even higher
The Urban Foundation's overall annual budget of of any use to be members of advisory bodies while we are not repre-
sented at the highest sented at the highest
levels of government.

- WWe cannot advise the government when we are not'participants in the government."
His emphatic rejection of the proposed council is a severe setback for President P W Botha, who has placed a nigh priority on drawing into the new body people nto the new body.
So far, no black leader R108 million for housing and broader policy programmes, is 140 percent higher than the $\mathbf{R 4 5}$ million pent last year. :is
The'foundation's executive chairman, Mr Jan Steynd Ridley caluld be regarded as "a significatit expres̃* sion of confidence (by the private sector) in the has indicated that he is importance of the Foundation and its future role as prepared to serve on the "a major developmental agency in South Africa". new body, although the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has not rejected the proposed council outright.
But with Nafcoc, re. presenting 15000 black. businessmen, rejecting the statutory council the chances of signifieant black participation in it now seem low
Earlier yesterday, Dr Motsuenyane warned-in his presidential address that the/ chaotic situaAfrica could in South changed by adding more pressure on blacks "to pressure on blacks to suppress their legiti:mate grievances".
He said since the first declaration of the state of emergency in July 1985 there had been "a progressive hardening of black attitudes of black attitud
against government".
Dr Motsuenyane said a "Sudden" change of attitude among organizations and black leaders over the last 12 months had resulted in the "advocating for total disinvestment and application of sanctions against South Africa".
Nafcoc would have to review its position on international investments as it was encountering increasing pressure to support disinvestment, Dr Motsuenyane said. - More reports, page 8

He said the foundation would intensify its longterm focus on affordable, lower-cost: housing and he provision of residential sites.
"Our objective is two-fold - to continue to lead the way down-market, and to highlight the attracti veness of the lower-cost housing field for private sector firms.
"Urban Foundation housing policy is that we must pursue every means of assisting those who are unhoused or inadequately housed. This means there must of necessity be an overwhelming commitment to addressing the needs of the very poor
"Many hundreds of thousands of South Africans still live in conditions of abject poverty incompati ble with human dignity. They seek, and should be given the opportunity to have access to, appropriate shelter."



At least one pension fund administrator is fully geared for financing black housing independent of government's R 750 m housing package and other related moves (Business June 27).
In February last year Lifegro formed an employee home financing company, Housing Finance Services (HFS), to focus on the administration and financing of staff housing schemes for pension fund corporate members. It is funded out of contributions by participating fund members.
"Recent amendments to the Pensions Act initiated by us, which came into effect on May 28, enable pension funds to advance up to $90 \%$ on the valuation of a property," says Lifegro senior GM, operations, Chris Cun-ningham-Moorat. "This can be increased to $100 \%$ if a suitable guarantee or security is provided by the client company," he adds.

The scheme focuses on the black community since that is where the greatest socioeconomic needs lie. It involves the creation of a managed fund, in which a corporate pension fund can invest some of its assets to be used for financing employee housing.
"Lifegro's Housing Fund is the first managed fund created in the pension movement specifically for housing. We are ready to assist corporate members as soon as they want to invest in black staff housing," says Cunningham-Moorat.
The major reason why the housing scheme has not yet taken off in a bjg way is the uncertainty in the black housinid market created by the unrest. Employers are dissuaded from investing in black staff housing by the
perception of political chaos in some black townships.
"But once the unrest situation is resolved, the concept will take off. It is a pro-active investment in stability," CunninghamMoorat adds.
Specific housing schemes are devised to meet the needs of corporate members. HFS's administrative services include collection of monthly repayments, registration of bonds, and other services normally handled by a building society.
Housing loans may not be at less than $15 \%$, but minimum rates are normally in the region of $16 \%$ as administration costs must be recovered, says Cunningham-Moorat.
"Nothing prevents employers from subsidising employees' interest rates to, say, $9 \%$, or even $7 \%$, a year. This promotes staff loyalty and productivity as home-ownership adds to the general level of employee satisfaction and eventual company output," he adds.
Another reason for focusing on the lower end of the housing market is that more loans can be granted for a similar amount. HFS manager André Pretorius says the fund could be used for buying and upgrading some of the 300000 -odd houses for sale in black urban areas (Property June 20).
"Without a satisfied workforce, SA cannot prosper economically. An investment in black housing makes sense if one looks at the
socio-economic requirements for a prosperous, stable country," Pretorius adds.

As furids are not unlimited, a major problem is the selection of qualifying applicants. Cunningham-Moorat suggests that seniority of service be used as the yardstick.

## Dan Roelvert is executive director of the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa.


Housing and incentives

The recent allocation of R750m for low-cost housing could help government create an equal partnership with private enterprise to beat the housing shortage, now estimated at 450000 -plus units.

Since the decision in January 1983 to privatise the housing process, government and the private sector housing developers have had only an arm's length partnership government provides serviced land and the private sector funds the construction of houses for sale on the open market. A portion of the new allocation should be channelled through private enterprise to create a more meaningful and efficient partnership.

Admittedly, most of this money will have to be spent through the central bureaucracy. This allocates funds to local authorities, who will provide serviced sites for the "untouchables" of the private enterprise system those who cannot ever afford to buy a house built by developers and who have to rely on their own sweat equity to acquire shelter.

But there is a more innovative way to route funds to those who can afford to buy a home. It is through tax incentives to employers.

Here is how it works:
Section $11 / \mathrm{t}$ of the Income Tax Act encourages employers to provide housing for employees by allowing a $50 \%$ rebate on capital invested in new housing, with a maximum of R6000 rebate a unit.

The Act should now be amended to remove the anomaly that, should the employer


Black housing ... equal partnership
sell the house to the occupant within 10 years, he forfeits the tax benefits pro rata. In other words, he is encouraged to rent the unit. His valuable housing capital is tied up for 10 years.

Why not apply the restraint to the employae, who could refund the Receiver's share pro rata should he decide to sell the house inside the pre-emptive period?

An unambiguous tax rebate would er-
tainly provide an incentive for companies to invest shareholders' money in housing schemes. Side benefits would include inproved employee relations.

I also have a feeling that many companies would be prepared to pass on some or all of the tax benefit to the new home owner.
Taking the tax theory a step further - a similar $50 \%$ incentive to housing developers would have the immediate effect of reducing their capital requirements, reducing the cost of new homes and encouraging more developers into the market.

Government appears to be serious in its intent to tackle the housing backlog - an additional R1,4 billion has been allocated since the initial R1 billion announcement by President P W Botha in the Rubicon speech in August 1985.

Inevitably, this kind of money has to be collected from the private sector through taxes. But perhaps employers will take the initiative if given the right incentive and spend the money before government has to collect and redistribute taxes for housing.

After all, is housing more or less important than attracting sponsorship of international sports teams through the tax incentive route?

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A LEADING building society has called on the Government to make available more land for black housing as a matter of urgency
Natal Building Society also urged the Government to "cut through the welter of red tape hampering black borrowers," and also called on the private sector to become actively involved in providing housing schemes for black staff.
"Therecan be no doubt that housing is ant area of dissatisfaction among blacks - and justifiably so," said Mi Terry Bradshaw, the sôciety's Southern Transvaal regional manager
"The provision of housing brings in its wake social stability.

The longer the Government delays opening up more areas for black housing the greater the opportunities that will belost,"saidMr Bradshaw.
He said his society also believes that private enterprise should become fully involved in the provision of housing for its black employees. To this end, he said, the society was fully geared to discuss any housing scheme, big or small, with any corporation or


## CMC to take contron of housing allocation

Dispatch Reporter EAST LONDON - The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) is to take full control of the allocation of houses in areas under its jurisdiction.
This was confirmed yesterday by the CMC vice-chairman, Mr Corrie Alexander, and the acting property manager of the municipality, Mr M. Smith.

The move comes after dissatisfaction was expressed with allocations
by municipal officials during the last 18 months. The allocations were previously done by the CMC and later taken over by the municipal officials.
Mr , Alexander said there were five criteria for allocation: date of application, present housing conditions, homelessness, ill health and salary.
"Allocation is done on a points system and we have proposed that mu nicipal officials draw up
a list of applicants who qualify according to these criteria.
"The CMC chairman or vice-chairman can alter the list. The list will be put on the notice board"at the Parkside housing offices. The CMC will take full responsibility for any changes to the list," Mr Alexander said

He appealed people to return uryey forms so problems could be identified.

## Group Areas



Mercury Correspondent
CAIE TOWN-The Govern ment has quietly intro duced a number of reforms in the implementation of the Group Areas Act.
In future, students and pupils will be exempt from the provisions of the law, and this means they can now stay in university hostels and school hostels without a Group Areas yermit.

Employees have also been exempted from the provisions of the law. Because of this exemption, black managers and executives can be freely employed in 'white' urban areas.
People using buildings for professional purposes - such as doctors and law yers - have been exempted from the Group Areas Act and will in future be able to open practices without permits.

And the regulations requiring separate entrances and separate toilets for domestic servant quarters have been scrapped.
The new exemptions have been promulgated in the Government Gazette.

But a Progessive Federal Party spokesman on constitutional affairs, Mr Nic Olivier, said yesterday that welcome as the amendments were, they did not go nearly far enough.
'It is essential that the entire Group Areas Act is scrapped,' Mr Olivier said.
He also said the new reg-- ulations had not altered the effect of the Group Areas Act on racially mixed couples, who in terms of the
law remained classified accorrting to the race of the black partner
Although widely disregarded in many areas, black managers, executives, charge handstand professional, technical and administrative employees could not until now be employed in white areas without a permit under the law.
Mr Olivier said all the provisions for separate entrances to domestic servant quarters and separate toilet facllities, as well as the requirement for separate balconies and passages to these quarters, had been scrapped.
'The new regulations are getting rid of some of the stupid things that have been done in terms of the Group Areas Act.'

## Inroads

However, the law still made serious inroads into the free-market policy because the most important asset most people owned, their homes and property, could not be sold freely.
Sapareportsthat Sandton's PFP MP, Mr David Dalling, said last night that Sandton was prepared to be a forerunner in the abolition of the Group Areas Act.
Mr Dalling said the town was willing to open its doors to all people who wished to live there
He urged the State President to use his Presidential powers to give Sandton immediate authority to open the town to South Africans of all races, subject only to the normal laws of family occupation.

: RENT boycotts, some of them 20 -months-old, are taking place in 28 townships across the country, the University of Witwatersrand Community Research Group (CRG) said yesterday.
The CRG said the Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) recently reported that 32 community councils and three town councils had collapsed because rent boycotts had eliminated their source of revenue for running the townships.
The rent boycotts date back to September 1984.

The recession, rising inflation and increased unemployment form the background to the widespread refusal to pay rents
In Langa, near Uitenhage, a recent survey of rent problems revealed that nearly half the residents were not paying rent simply because they could not afford to feed themselves.
The CRG said that. in most cases, rent boycotts were called by civic groups affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the detention of civic leaders had made negotiated settlement

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of the boycotts difficult.
A resident of Mamelodi, near Pretoria, was quoted as saying: "The leadership is no longer'there and even some of the street committee people have been detained. So it is difficult for people, if they wanted to, to bring an end to the boycott."

Meanwhile, the Soweto City Council will set up special offices next week in Johannesburg where Soweto residents can pay their rents.

One-will be on the east and the other on the west of Johannesburg.
Town clerk Nico Malan said the move was taken after he had met some residents at council chambers on Wednesday. The residents had made several complaints and expressed fears about intimidation and reprisals from opposition groups.
Malan said the first office would start operating on Monday and the second later in the week.
And he said $50 \%$ of Soweto's 75000 registered tenants had paid their rents by Wednesday.


## By David Southey

A GROUP of Durban-based businessmen has prepared a widely backed plan to tap pension and provident funds for R2-billion to alleviate the shortage of black housing.

The plan is supported by life-assurance companies, pension and provident funds, major corporations and black trade unions.
It is the first time that a detailed, coordinated study with specific propos. als undertaken by private businessmen has gained acceptance from both employer and employee organisations.

Called Pent Up (Private Enterprise Upgrade Project) and under the chairmanship of accountants Arthur Anderson's managing partner in Durban, Terry Rosenberg, the group sees its work as a response to President Botha's challenge to the private sector to become involved in orderly urbanisation.

After canvassing businessmen, academics and trade-union leaders, Pent Up has devised plans for dealing with the critical issues of land acquisition and development, financing, and com-
munication and negotiation between prospective house-buyers and their financlers.

Its full report will be sent to corporations, the Government, trade unions and other interested parties this month.

Pent Up is putting the finishing touches to its report which is based on contacts with such organisations as the Kwa Natal Planning Council under the chairmanship of Piet Viljoen, various town and reglonal planning commissions, banks, bullding societies, assurers and 20 blg companies.

## R40bn assets

Facing a black housing backlog conservatively estimated at 600000 unlts, the group's chief obstacle was to devise a financing scheme acceptable to all parties.

The objective of the scheme differs fundamentally from the Government's R750-million crash project for housing under the chairmanshlp of Sanlam's Fred du Plessis. The State plan seeks both to provide low-cost housing and employment, but Pent Up has a plan designed primarily for people in employment.

Mr Rosenberg says: "The most obvi-
ous and accessible source of funds is through the pension-provident fund movement, which has assets of about R40-billion. We recommend that the Government create special prescribed asset status for these funds, the money to be used in black housing."

If the Government approves Penit Up's recommendation that a maximum of $5 \%$ of a pension fund's money be invested in black housing under prescribed status, about R2-billion could soon become available.
Pension funds already use building societies to provide mortgages. The most popular method is for the fund to make a matching investment withra society. The fund is normally locked in for three years.
Black labour leaders favour Pent Up's scheme because it would in effect mean that employees would derive early benefits from their pension contributions.
Mr Rosenberg says: "Bullding societies and certain banks have the expertise to grant bond finance, so it seems logical for them to be the financial providers. The various institutions would compete for deposits and so ensure a healthy competitive market in medium-term gilt-edged stocks."

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## $\square$ Hrom Page 1 R2bn plan

Pent Up recommends that deposits in black housing be for a minimum of 10 years. Its Investlgations show that by using a subsidy scheme with the employer, employee and the State each contributing a third to bond repayments, even those earning $k 260$ a month could afford to pay R59 a month on a * ${ }^{*}$ R12 000 bond. That would satisfy building socletles' re. quirements that a salary be at least four times greater than the bond payment.

The Government has sald it is prepared to subsidise . bond repayments to the tune of a third for first-time buyers.
Pent Up says that if an estimated $30 \%$ of a company's employees qualifled under the proposed scheme, the additional cost to the company
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AN AMBITIOUS plan to utilise institu:tional funds to alleviate the black housing backlog has been devised by a group of ${ }^{2}$ Durban businessmen.

Under the chairmanship of Durban!aca thcountant Terry Rosenberg, the group: known as Pent Up (Private Enterprise Upgrade Project), has responded to govert ernment's call for the private sector to involve itself in orderly urbanisation-
"Our chief objective was to devise a financing scheme acceptable to all parties," said Rosenberg.

The most accessible source of funds is through the R40bn provident/pension fund capital area. We are advocating that government creates special prescribed asset status for these funds."
If government approves the plan to use a maximum of $5 \%$ of a pension fund's money for black housing, about $\cdot R 2$ bn will become immediately available for the plan.
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PRETORIA - More details about blacks in proclaimed townships, ande in the self-governing territories being granted full property rights ; were released by the Minister of Education and Development Aid ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Dr, Gerrit Viljoen, at a press conference in Prétoria yesterday.

Dr Viljoen said representatives of the six self-governing territories agreed, during recent discussions with the South African government, to promote individual land-ownership in their areas.
They also agreed to the registration of property rights titles with the South African Deeds Office, under the Deeds Registries Act of 1937.
Dr Viljoen said since individual land in proclaimed townships on trust land and in selfgoverning territories, was conferred by the issue and-registration of $a$ deed of grant, at the regional offices of the Department of Development Aid and in the selfgoverning territories, it hadbeen decided to

Institute fulp property rights titles in townships on trust land and to register titles under the Deeds Registries Act of 1937.

Retain the cheaper issue of a deed of grant in recognition of individual land-ownership.

- Adjust the existing deed of grant to bring it more in line with property rights title. - Sapa

Johannesburg-Inflation and bureacracy were factors blamed for the housing crisis in South Africa at a sis in South Africa at a housing conference here yesterday. Private sector delegates at the conference presented by Unisa's School of Business Leadership and the Development Bank of Southern Africa, called for de-regulation, a lowering in building standards and othbuilding standards and oth-
er measures to tackle the backlog in black housing.
The managing director of LTA Construction, Mr I W Robinson, said the biggest
demand for housing came from the black community, but only $10 \%$ of the required 80000 units a year were being constructed.
He said the white housing demand was restricted to the low income groups as the market for middle and high income groups was 'saturated.'
Mr Robinson called for bureaucratic controls to be re-examined and for authorities to take account of entrepreneural contractors who were willing and able to help resolve the housing
problem.
Financial institutions with huge sums of money had to be coerced into providing low-interest finance so that urban workers could purchase their own homes, Mr Robinson said.
Building regulation standards had to be dropped from first-world levels, he said.
Mr Nico Korsman, of Korsman and Van Wyk, said inflation contributed to the low building rate of only 0,9 housing units for every thousand blacks dur-
housing
ing the period 1982 to 1985.
Dr T L Webb. of Unisa's Business Leadership School, said concern had been expressed that the various government housing agencies could lead to fragmentation, and that a single government agency would be preferable.
The head of the government department providing housing for whites, Mr Frank Gerber, said the private sector was mainly reponsible for providing housing for whites.
Government 'support was
given to whites who were in need of care, indigent, aged, or young
In future the depart ment's functions would be vested in regional functionaries and local authorities, Mr Gerber said, while its role would centre on policy determination.-(Sapa)

# Shortage seen as a big problem Land allocation for more homes urged <br> A CALL for government to allocate 

 land for housing development and to abolish the Group Areas Act was voiced by several speakers at a con－ ference in Johannesburg yesterday． WWithout suitable and sufficient land慜e will fail dismally in our plans，＂said Patrick McEnery，director－general of the House of Representatives．the House of Represent Fourie of the Department of Consitutional Development and Plan－ niniry said government regarded the need ifor land as one of the biggest problems． An amendment to existing laws in the bAugust session of Parliament would，if 9ipassed，permit the private sector to capily．directly to the minister for land to the designated for black housing，he said． frithis would bypass the requirement bithaty approval first be obtained from bolocal authorities．
gsnilan Robinson，MD of LTA，said pri－ vate－sector resources had not been fully
mobilised in the provision of affordable homes．
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ment reluctance to allocate well－located raw land to private developers to enable them to provide homes that are afford－ able and homes that satisfy market de－ mand for housing．
＂The large housing contractor is re－ luctant to invest millions of rands in infrastructure and housing in locations where the market demand is not consid－ ered sufficient to warrant the risk in－ volved，＂he said．
＂If the private sector is to make a meaningful contribution towards afford－ able homes for low－income groups，the large housing contractor must have the freedom to choose the location of the township，the right to provide the type of home to be sold and to provide financing and mortgage bond facilities without un－ due regulation．＂
director of
Professor Nic Wiehahn，directership， the Unisa School of Business Leadership， hoped the President＇s Counci，wolitically troduce changes of reformist nature＂．

## Post Business

## Call to aid black

## By BOB + KERNOHAN

 Business-Editor BUILDING societies and other financial institutions were last night urged by the Government's Audit-or-General to play a greater role in eliminating the half-million backlog in houses for blacks.Outlining a number of steps the Government had already taken and with which building societies would have to "grapple and come to terms with", Mr Joop de Loor said these included:

- Vastly increased sums of money being supplied to satsify housing needs, by far the largest slice of which would be made available to satisfy the "relatively greater needs of black housing, which is at present nearly 500000 units".
- The injection of a further R750 million, in addition to R1 000 million al ready allocated, into the home construction industry over the "next year or two".

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- The "inevitable urbanisation process of blacks over the next two to three decades", which should provide opportunities to the building society movement as well as to employers and other financial insitututions to "make meaningful contributions to the stabilisation of the unrest situation and settling home-owners instead of home-renters". off The proposed selling. off by Government of 5500000 existing homes to private occupants.
This, said Dr De Loor, "should, have far-reaching consequences for social stability", but at present was not gathering momen-
tum at the desired pace as it was being "bedevilled by the unrest situation, ineffective local authority structures and the understandable unwillingness" of residents to switch from usually lower rents or rental subsidies to to higher interest on owner units.

The building society movement would be "ideally suited" to step in and popularise the idea of home-owning rather than renting a home as societies were not associated with any Government authority and could step in and popularise the idea of owning rather than renting a home:

## Business Editor

RELAXING the Group Areas Act would provide the only chance of boosting house prices this year, EP Building Society chairman Mr Gideon Krige told the organisa tion's annual meeting last night.

Reviewing the past year and gauging prospects for the future, Mr Krige said that the property market had been "very quiet", although the society had granted a record R134 million in loans.
"The market appears to have stablisied at present with properties below R70 000 becoming more saleable.
"I do not foresee much change taking place in property prices during this year unless there is a relaxation of the Group Areas Act, which event could take up the slack in demand in some areas," Mr. Krige told the meeting.
He reported an "outstanding" growth of R70,121 million ( $20,6 \%$ ) in society assets to a new
million and a growth in share capital of $29,3 \%$ more than $10 \%$ higher than the general level of building society growth of 17,4\%.
Welcoming the introduction by the Government of freehold property rights for black people Mr Krige said this was "a major step forward in encouraging the construction of housing units by individuals and others in the private sector".
He said that as the economic situation in the country was "not very rosy at present" and economic problems and the political situation could not be divorced, he "must break with tradition and comment on political matters".
"The mistakes of the past, both economic and political, cannot be changed but 1 sincerely hope that we have learnt from them.
"The most important factor now is to make decisions that will provide a climate of hope and op-
portunity for all, where hard work will receive its just rewards.
"It is not sufficient to change laws and prejudices. The changes must be seen to be just and must be communicated to all the pople of our land on a massive scale so that no misundestanding or opportunity to twist the facts is allowed to happen," said Mr Krige, who urged that education be normalised and improved as a key priority.

## pROPERTY pears $24 / 7186$ 123 Lower housing standards urged

By TOM HOOD, Property Editor HOUSING standards must be brought much below present levels if the country is to provide for great increases in housing, says property economist Dr Peter Penny.

The enforcement of high housing standards serves to limit supply and tends to reflect the wealthier classes' sense of what is the minimum acceptable rather than that of the actual occupants of low-cost housing, he said today.
Speaking at the Unis School of Business Leadership, he said enforcing housing standards which were too high decreased the occupants' ability to pay for other goods and services and distorted their preferred consumption and investment patterns.
"Housing standards in South Africa are high compared with other Third World countries or the rural cointries from which many people have come. These standards cannot be maintained if sufficient housing is to be provided.
"We therefore have to look to alternatives to present approaches. Foremost among these must be industrialised building and informal housing built by the people themselves."
Elsewhere in developing countries, informal housing tended to provide a high percentage of total housing.
"In metropolitan areas, to a man whose traditional home has been a mud dwelling in the Transkei or a reed hut in Tongoland, a shanty may not be objectionable."
A few minimum regulations for shanties were unavoidable and these should be with concerned health and safety only. The essentials were potabe water, sanitation, access roads, space about buildings and area lighting.
"We face the problem of having to provide for great increases in howsing without having the resources to maintain existing standards of size and finish.
"To solve this problem, different standards of housing should be permisted for people of different incomes and minimum standards must be brought much below what they have been in the past.
"A broad division should be made between a level of services which allows for ultimate freehold ownership and a level of services which will not."

Service costs per house were far more than building costs of low-cost housing.

Building costs of Khayelitsha houses were about R4000 and service costs were between R6 000 and R8 000 .


LINDA ENSOR
THE private sector has been tardy in providing low-cost housing for the poor, figures presented at a Johannésburg conference this week show.
aUrban Foundation Family Housing Association GM Matthew Nell told the conference- Housing Under a New Dispensation - the black hous: ing backlog stood at 538000 .
He provided figures which showed that between 1980; and 1984 the private sector provided 2,72 units a 1000 members of the black urban population compared to the 7,3 units supplied by the public sector.
Nell said whites had a surplus of 37.000 houses, coloured people had a shortage of 52.000 and Indians a shortage of 44000 .
LTA Construction MD Ian Robinson said ábout 80.000 housing units were required by the black community annually. But during the last five years an average of only 8000 units were built annually.
Furthermore, black urbanisation was estimated to increase by between 48 -million and 13 -million by 2000 with only $40 \%$ of the black population (ex cluding coloureds and Indians) now being urbanised.

President's Council member Dries Oosthuizen said: "The first" challenge is whether the private sector can suf fficiently cope with the provision of low cost housing which in the past Was the almost exclusive task of the public sector."
He said his impression so far was that the private sector had focused predominantly on the upper strata of the black and coloured communites:

However, speakers disagreed over whether it was the State's or the private sector's role to provide affordable housing for poor people.'
Thistitute for Housing of SA presídent Llewellyn Lewis said it was predominantly government's task, with the private sector - including building societies - being inyolved only above a certain low-income cut-off point.
others said self-help housing and site-and-service schemes were the only alternative for low-income groups and the private sector could play a role in that.
Nell;said the State should playta role facilitating and regulating private sector initiative rather than directly supplying houses- Thät shouild be the task of the private sec tor 4 a define broday to Inclưde thie formatiad nformaibusiness sectors and householders.

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## Focus on housing funds <br> INNOVATIVE schemes by the private and public sectors to raise housing finance are being discussed and investi- <br> 

 gated at the highest level.At a conference on housing in Johannesburg this week Dr Henk Fourie of the Department of Consititutional Development and Planning revealed that plans were afoot to float share-block companies to raise finance for township development.
An announcement would be made shortly, he said.
And deputy Director-General of Finance Gerhard Croeser said among the structures being investigated were:
$\square$ The US system enabling developers to raise funds on government-guaranteed negotiable instruments called Ginny Maes certificates which represent pools of mortgages;
$\square$ Prescribed assets which would open sections of the market; and
$\square$ Tax concessions.
All three, however, carried the disadvantage of increased government involvement in what should be a private sector function, Croeser said.
He said public-sector housing would be

## schemes图 <br> financedony yroughloans raised by the Exchequor.

Of the private sector he said: "The private sector - especialy the long-term insurers and pension funds - have a large pool of capital funds which is often invested unproductively, often chasing paper on the JSE," Croeser said.
He said proposals to involve these financial institutions in the recently-announced R750m stimulation project for housing were presently under consideration and an announcement would be made shortly on a possible vehicle to be established for raising funds.

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Rain? No problem for these four city building workers. Clockwise from top right, are Mr Magmoed Limbada, Mr Brian du Plooy, Mr Felix Nyaka and Mr Zulu Stanford.

The Argus Correspondent JOHANNESBURG. - The Government has underSouth African citizenship to millions of blacks and is im posing harsh new influx control measures on resi dents of the four indepen dent homelands, Mrs Hele Suzman said.
Mrs Suzman, Progressive Federal Party MP, slammed blacks into believing that in flux control bad been abol ished.
And Professor Alf Stadler, political scientist at the University of the Witwatersrand, warned that these new regulations, with the limited effect of the Restoration of South Afri can Citizenship Act, will lock millions of workers into a per man

## Another version

Professor Stadler said the new processes could be de scribed as another version of influx control
Millions of workers living in the townships on the borders o and on the borders of Eas London and the Cisket will be come dally migrants
Only about $1,75-$ million turn of South African citizen ship, while millions of commut ers from independent homelands will have to obtain work permits when their con tracts expire.
Mrs Sheena Duncan, former president of the Black Sash said: "I think people from the TBVC (independent) countries are worse off now than they were before."

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She warned that the com bined requirements of citizenship and approved housing would tighten the influx nel rathe than represent elimina ion of infux control
The new conditions were spelt out at a news conference Home Affairs in Pretorla yes Home Aftairs
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President Mr P W Botha said at a National Party congress in December that the GovernDecember that the Govern-
ment was prepared to return South African citizenship to millions of blacks who live in

Venda, Ciskel, Transkei and Bophuthatswana who lost their citizenship as a result of independence.
The Government has used the abolishment of influx control and the pass laws in fullpage advertisements as "proof" that its retorm policies were in effect.
One third of South Africa's black population - nine million people - lost their citizenship when the four homelands 1976 independence between About five
the in the million of thes no chance of getting back have South African citizenship.
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of the remaining four mil 1 million are considered eliglble for restored South African citizenship.
Only TBVC citizens who
were born in South Africa before independence and who have continued to live here permanently would become cittzens by birth.

## State remains wlepht

 biggest providerof black housing

ALTHOUGH the Government has spent years.encouraging private sector involvement in black housing, the State provided nearly five times as many houses for blacks in the first part of the decade.
And although ail building societies have become involved in black housing few appear to be prepared to become involved in lowcost housing where the biggest need lies
Their spokesmen argue that the provision of lowcost housing for the very poor remains the State's responsibility.
The Urban Foundation puts the black housing backlog at 538000 units, the coloured need at 52000 units and the shortage for Indians at 44000 units.
There is an over supply of 37000 houses for whites.
In' interviews, building society spokesman were emphatic that they were committed to black housing but pointed out that they had been prevented from getting involved by the shortage of serviced land.

They said all loans were granted on the basis of the ability of clients to repay
them and the structural integrity of the house.
In 1982 the Government changed its housing policy giving priority to the provision of serviced land.
It also said those earning less than R150 a month would be responsible for building their own homes.
The involvement of building societies in black housing began in 1979 with the 99 -year leasehold system.
According to the Urban Foundation the private sector built 0,19 houses per 1000 black people between 1980 and 1984 compared to the 0,88 houses per 1000 people built by the State.

A top official at the UF's housing utility company, Family Housing Association, said only the private sector - formal and informal business and individual families - could solve the country's housing problems.
This would only be possible, however, if the State made enough affordable, serviced land available and if building societies were innovative.
One building society that has become involved in
low-cost housing in the Eastern Cape is the SA Perm which has issued bonds for Zenzele houses houses based on the traditional pole and daga structures - in Grahamstown.
The Perm's assistant general manager for the East Cape, Mr Denis Creighton, said the bulk of new loans were to blacks chiefly in the middle and upper income brackets.
It was also involved in self-help housing schemes in Kleinskool and Zwide
"We are'prepared to get involved in'self-help housing only if there is a controlling agency to supervise the building," he said.
The Perm had drastically lowered standards to help people of all races to own homes. "We are always looking at extending our in volvement in new, innovative housing."
However, for the very poor, controlled squatting or publicly funded housing was probably the solution.
A spokesman for the United Building Society said they now had 12000 black bondholders with borrowings totalling R320 million.
Last year 3071 bonds worth R97 million were granted to blacks and the rate of issuing bonds to blacks had virtually doubled since April.
"Every Ioan application is granted if it meets our standards of affordability and the house is structural ly sound."

But the provision ing for the very poor was not thee responsibibity o building societies, he said.
"The very poor cannot afford to own houses. They have to pay not only their bond instaiments but also pay for electricity; water, rates and maintenance
"Nowhere in the world do people who earn R400 and R500 a month own their houses. Low-cost housing is a gövernment function, said the spokesman.
The East Cape regional manager of the Allied, Mr U H A Kohne, said; they were totally committed to involvement in black housing ${ }^{l}$ and were financing houses in PE's Kwamax gaki and Kwadwesi: But they too had to ensure that the home buyer could meet instalments and that the house was sufficient security for the size: of the loan.

Where blacks with low incomes had met these standards they had been granted bonds:

## Orderly ${ }^{2}$ squatting seen as solution

JOHANNESBURG
Deregulation enabling people to build their own houses - resulting in a form of "orderly squatting" - was called for by the Deputy Director-General of Finance at the weekend as a means of solving the country's housing crisis.

Addressing a seminar on housing in Johannesburg, Mr G P Croeser said the standards of housing, infrastrúcture and building materials should be reconcilable with the income levels of occupants.
"Wide-ranging deregulation is therefore needed in respect of housing, also or perhaps even especially at local authority level," he told the seminar.

Mr Croeser said attention should be given to the better allocation of the existing total pool of funds available for housing rather than more money being made available, as this would be at the cost of other important expenditure priorities. - Sapa

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Political stability was vital if financial institutions and building Societies were to be involved in future provision of housing, the general manager of the United Building Society, Mr P J Kruger, told a housing seminar in Johannesburg.

He said building societies could not be expected to invest and operate in areas where it was dangerous or impossible to enter.

1 Building societies had already invested more than R800 million in black housing, mostly to the in black housing, mostly to the middie and upper income said.
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They would invest heavily in houses built along the self-help concept as long they were controlled and properly supervised.
"We are nọt prepanéd" to finance merely a shelter. Building societies will evaluate new building methods but in most cases will insist on an (fitness-for-purpose) certific or an evaluation by Building Research Institute
but mostly though the new finance formula, new R750 milition housing pact such as the
Public sector housing - for Own Affairs Adminstrations and blacks - would be fin: anced by the Exchequer and not by loans:
lowe public sector could best fund future ow-cost housing by better allocation from the pool of funds, Mr Croesér said. $\gamma^{\text {Building Re }}$ (NBRI).
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tions, Mr Kruger said
The Government Should ensure that iocal authorities allocated serviced land to genuine developers, not speculators, and also guard against forcing people into be-
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A further R 500 m boost could be given to self-help black housing next month when financial institutions are expected to announce moves to have housing included in their list of prescribed assets.
Together with government's plans to inject R750m into similar schemes, R1,2 billion could be available to provide urgently needed housing in the country's black areas.
The economic spin-off could be significant and it is seen by government as a way of giving the flagging economy a leg-up.
The Life Offices Association (LOA), representing all major life assurers and a substantial portion of the pension fund industry, is expected to announce the outcome of its


LOA's Steyn ... happy to invest
deliberations on the issue at a press conference on August 6. If accepted by the LOA, as seems likely, discussions would then have to proceed with Treasury and the Registrar of Insurance before funds could be channelled into black housing.

Government may well see the move as a godsend and a relatively painless way to raise money for housing.

It would, however, require a subsidisation of interest rates for the end-borrower, as well as a guarantee from government to the assurers.

The LOA's Development Capital committee has been studying the prospect for some time and has now finalised a report which will be discussed by its management committee on August 6. A press conference has been called immediately afterwards, when details are expected to be announced.
One suggestion, the $F M$ understands, is that $1 \%$ of the industry's investment funds (life offices and pension funds) should be committed to black housing which could provide some R500m in funds for self-help
schemes.
It is likely, too, that the LOA will suggest that a trust or organisation must be set up through which all the funds would be channelled. And since the institutions would require market related rates equivalent to the current rate on government long-term stocks (between $16 \%$ and $17 \%$ ), government would have to assist further in subsidising rates for the end-borrower.
Sanlam MD Pierre Steyn, who is also chairman of the LOA, says that as far as Sanlam is concerned, he would be more than happy to invest in such a scheme if the funds were accepted as a prescribed asset and guaranteed by government.
His belief is that by using the prescribed asset route it would be both administratively simpler and cheaper for government and the institutions to make funds available for black housing. Institutions, he says, are geared to investing in prescribed assets and it would suit them better if funds were invested in this way.
The funds are likely to be made available for the provision of infrastructure, as well as self-help housing. With blacks constructing their own homes, the argument goes, it will relieve the unemployment problem, as well as provide much-needed housing.

How government plans to spend the R750m on black housing, announced some time ago, is still unknown. The three-man committee, headed by Sanlam chairman Fred du Plessis, is said to be finalising details of how it will be spent in the most effective way.

Steyn says that if the LOA and government proceed with the plan, it seems logical that there would have to be close liaison with Du Plessis' committee.

The new South African Housing Advisoer Conheil which will help the Government spend the R750 million it voted for housing recently - was formally launched by Minister of Communication and Public Works, Dr LAPA Munnik, yesterday.
Dr Munnik said the council, with public and private sector representation, provided a forum for addressing housing needs.

The Government's grant will provide housing for all races and is one area where the council will give advice.
Chairman of the council, and vice-chairman of the Perm ${ }^{i} \mathrm{Mr}$ Boet Viljoen, said the council would determine needs and financial resources, apply norms and identify regulations which impeded efficient housing production.
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道 an example of how sharply foreclosures have risen comes from the Perm，which dis－ closed this week that out of total advances of R4，4－billion it has R19－million outstanding on tor expected losses of R2，6－million．
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sion and an outstanding amount of only R3，8 million in 1985．The R2，6－million net loss on
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## Bad patch

The United＇s properties in repossession ave climbed from R5－million to R25－million， and Allied＇s have jumped from R2－million to R16－million in 1986 －an eightfold increase． $\overbrace{0}$ Exact figures of repossessions by banks and other financial institutions are unavail－ able＂，but one conservative estimate is that more than 2500 housing borrowers will have more their properties by the end of the year．
Building societies say they are＂leaning over backwards＂to help mortgage borrowers overextending repayment periods or reducing by extending repays to help them over a bad

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A Perm spokesman says：＂Repossessions
P Ped at anming rate and there are many others in the pipeline．＂
－He says it take several months after the first legal steps to arrange a sale in execu－ Kirs

On the Reef alone，more than 80 judgments Dolving non－payment of mortgages were obtaing in the Rand Supreme Court last obtained in the them in favour of the perm． month－most of them in favour of the perm． defendants involved，it emerges that．
－Bond amounts owing yary from R8 000 on a plot to R157000 on a home in Sandton which an an Indian family could no longer ad or P 4000 ever，the average amount seems to be R40，000 on properties in middle－class suburbs．
－In many cases husband and wife signed for －loan so even their combined income was a loanficie to to maintain payments．
－The propertoes of several single－especial－ ly divorced or widowed－women，living in Johannesburg＇s flatland will come up for auc－ tion soon．
－Most repossessions involve modest fomes bought in the past few years．Rediuctions in the initial capital borrowed are hardly no－ ticeable．

Building societies have increased their provision for losses by up to six times．They hope the recent drop in interest rates will improve the lot of borrowers．

IN 1983 the Government announced a significant switch in direction in natonal low-income housing policy.
The announcement contained four changes of principle: a switch to self-help housing systams as the favoured form of housing delivcry, as opposed to the conventional masshousing approaches which had dominated previously; a change in targeting emphasis away from the poorest groups towards the lower middle-class; a significant reduction in the degree to which the State accepted responsibility for low-income housing assistance; and, in common with moves in other fields, a correspondingly greater emphasis on the role of the private sector.

$T$hose changes in part reflected the growing influence of the Departmint of Finance and the Treasury in the formulacion of housing policy.

The period since that time has been characterised by a massive slowing down of housing provision and widespread confusion in both Government and private sector circles about who should be responsible for what in the field of housing.

The housing backlog has grown dramatically, with commensurate increases in illegal squatting and overcrowding, and the construetion sector has been badly affected, with severe consequinces for employment.

Within the past month the Government has moved to reactivate its policy, but within the principles articulated in 1983. An additional R750-million has been allocated to housing, with the Department of Finance acting as the coordinating body between potential recipient agenpies.
A private sector task force consisting of three leading businessmen will advise on how the money


The Government has launched a multimillion-rand project to house the country's homeless. This 'Homes for Hope' exercise has raised expectations. Are they justified? DAVID DEWAR, head of the University of Cape Town's Urban Problems Research Unit, says problems could arise
should be allocated and spent.
Obviously, the allocation of a significant amount of additional finance to hoursing is to be welcomed, as is the rhetoric relating to increased job creation and skills transmission in howsing programmes within which the announcement was couched.
However, there is no indication that the real natire of the housing problem is yet being acknowledged or faced.
The housing problem in South Africa does not only relate to the very poor: there are many different types of "housing problem" affecting different income groups, and a full range of delivery systems needs to be mobilised to contribute to these.
However, numerically and in intensity the main problem does relate to the very poor, and all indicatons are that this form of problem is growing the as-
test. It cannot be solved ing-control systems simply by throwing money at it, or by greater private sector involvement

The reality is that a great many people cannot afford the products resulting from the housing process. It is precisely for this reason that many advocate sites and services and other forms of self-help apbroaches.

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 he intention contained in these approaches is to capture the economies reflected in shanty or shack settlements and other forms of what housing theerists call "artisanal" envoironments, without, of course, replicating their form.However, the point that is missed is that these economies obtain precisely to the degree to which the construction of these environments is removed from the formal economic sys fem and from formal hous-

Compromises may indeed reduce costs to a de gree, but not to a level which allows the very poor to gain access to them: in deed, at present standards, small serviced sites alone in self-help schemes in Cape Town cost about R14 000.
While variations will obviously occur between major cities, this is way begond the financial capacity of the poor.

The implication is unavoidable. A central dimension of housing policy must be the facility to manage and assist the emergence of informal but secure environments which utilise alternative forms of services, and a wide variety of alternative building materials.
It may not be ideal and it certainly will not be neat, but it is a great deal better than implementing a sysfem which forces people to squat, or massively increases overcrowding or
distorts expenditure priorties and forces families into a deepening spiral of poverty.
If properly and creativeby designed and managed, and with appropriate forms of policy back-up, these settlements will not represent threats to public health or safety: they will contain a capacity to be upgraded at a pace and in a way which is sensitive to the economic and social needs of the inhabitants.

Central to the whole housing problem, therefore, is the issue of urban land the need to make well-10cated land available to the urban poor at a rate sufficlient to match demand (and thus take the sting out of speculation) and at prices which are within their reach.

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 cing the acceptance of the need for "positive urbanistdion", the Government has been strangely silent about this vital issue. Certainly little or nothing has been done in concrete terms to increase supply rapidly.Analysis of the President's Council urbanisation strategy, which presumably will form the basis of the Government's urbanisation policy, raises two very serious concerns about this.
First, there is a grave danger that control over access to urban land will become the primary instrument of a new form of influx control.
The second is that control over the distribution of urban land becomes an instrument of political patronage, designed to give muscle to nondemocratic and widely rejected political institutions such as black community or urban councils.

This type of function is openly advocated in the President's Council report. If this happens, the issue of urban land is likely to become a pivotal site of community struggle, with disastrous consequences for housing policy.

The task facing the provale sector task force is by no means an easy one. Its level of success will ultimately be determined by the degree to which it is able to realign housing poicy with the central nature of the housing problem, and by the degree to which it is able to influence Government policy in vital areas which may lie outside its formal mandate.



MORE than R250-million has been lost due to unpaid rent in black townships throughout the country.
The Government, commerce and industry, town and community coun-
cils have joined hands in an effort to break the rent boycotts that now involve 31 townships.
The Soweto City Council's decision last week to form vigilante groups to stamp out propagators of the rent boycott is seen as part of this strategy.
The boycott busting thove was first mooted last year after the Lekoa Town Council had an emergency meeting:with various Government departments.
The council had recommended that employers deduct due rent from employees.
According to: documents in the possession of the Sowetan, bodies îeading the boycottbusting exercise are the Gesamentlike Bestuursentrums (GBS or Joint Management Centres) wade up of representatives from the community councils, ex-development boards, the South African Police, the South African Derence Force and represềntatives from industry.
The JMC's are regional organs directly accountable to the State Security Council. Their function is to assess the security situation in each regon and recommend to the authorities concerned appropriate:"solutions" "ranging from security force actions to the upgrading of living conditions ${ }^{2}$
The document, compiled by the Wits Uni-versity-based Community Research Group (CRG) reveals the JMC's involvement in boycott-busting moves.
In the possession of the CRG, a document entitled "Strategy for the collection of arrear rental and service charges" submitted to the
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stated that "local collection action groups" made up of councillors, policemen and officials will be formed and mandated to use all available means to collect arrear rentals.
The document iñstructs that "no acknow-: ledgement through negotiations must be given to reyolutionary groups and organisations".
"All actions", it conti-: nues, "are-(to be) takenin mini-GBS and GBS context. . . within the ambit of (the) National Security Mạnãagement System."
To break the rent boycotts, a wide range of strategies are recommended. These include

- Legal action to be taken against defaulters; - Identify initial targets - that includes businessmen and households that are "reasonably: well off", hostile residents and employed workers who have been identified by employers;
- Contacting employers: to deduct rent by stoporder and to supply lists: of workers to township officials;
- Councilors with. SAP support" must hold household discussions with groups of residents to motivate them to pay rentity
- The whearts and minds" of the youth must be won. They must be persuaded to convince their parents to pay rent. This should be done at "weekend camps" where they must be given lectures on the functions and necessity of local authorities; and
- The establishment of police stations in all black townships.
- The media must also be used; and

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Political Staff NEW regulations govthe private sector can for dependently involved in the development of black selling of property in in Cape Town today. They form the regula-
tory backdrop to the Black Communities Development Amendment
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THE Urban Foundation's budget is expected to soar this year by more than to $\mathrm{R108m}$
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The, the annual review shows.
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The division will focus on affordable, low-cost housing, site provision and settlement upgrading and coordinate the work of the foundation's utility companies.
If loan finance is forthcoming, turn-
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should grow from R33m to more than
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Of the R44m spent in 1985-86; total of $\mathrm{R} 37,7 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{R} 32,7 \mathrm{~m}$ borrowed and R 5 m rom foundation funds - was invested in servicing 12600 stands and building 0900 houses.
This activity was financed by donatons, which rose by $17 \%$ to $\mathrm{Ri1}, 7 \mathrm{~m}$, and
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A sum of R100,7m was raised in loans from the public and private sectors. Building societies lent $42,9 \%$ of this sum, banks $22,4 \%$ and off-shore sources
President Harry Oppenheimer said in the review the foundation's activities and achievements remained a beacon of hope in ass society findergoling an anguished procession transition.
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## Government may create a homes trust De Loor tells of plans to boost black housing <br> "Another $£ 7$ billion will be col-

The Government is considering a homes trust as a central base for its multi-million rand injection in the housing market as well as the issue of housing bonds to financial institutions, the Auditor-General, Dr Joop de Loor, said today.
Speaking on the advance towards privatisation and its effect on the South African property industry, he told the South African Property Owners Association congress in Johannesburg: "The availability of millions of rands for black housing to be spent under the guidance of a private sector group will have a phenomenal impact on the property market.
"Most probably a type of housing trust will be formed which will receive an initial contribution from the State and then collect the rest of its funds by issuing housing bonds to financial institutions.
"The details are being worked out right now."
Getting housing on the go can only benefit from the privatisation issue and Dr de Loor gave as an example the experience in Britain - "the worid's laboratory for privatisation and deregulation".
The United Kingdom, he said, had in the process collected more than 212 billion which would otherwise have had to be extracted from taxpayers. This had enabled the Government to provide, among other things, vastly increased numbers of homes for the lower income groups.
lected over the next two years as the next State-owned enterprises come under the hammer," said Dr de Loor.

Listing the benefits of privatising business, Dr de Loor said that it turned tax consumers into tax producers and unprofitable strike-riddled undertakings into thriving, profitable undertakings and shifted assets to the lesser privileged communities.
"If we want to begin the long process of defusing political tensions, then privatisation is one small but critical step to take because it spells depoliticisation," he said.
"By replacing political decisions over goods and services with a sys tem of commercial decisions based on impersonal competition, suspicion is reduced."

## Rent control

Looking ahead, the Auditor-General said he believed that the recent abolition of influx control and the new emphasis on inward industrialisation is bound to have a positive impact on property prices, particu larly in the more select residential areas and in the areas which have to be prepared for orderly settle ment of those moving into the cities.
"The opening up of CBDs to all races must further have a favourable impact on the property industry," he said

Delegates were left in no doubt about the ill effects of rent contro on the property industry when comparisons were given in the UK experience by Sir Donald Tebbitt, recently retired director-general of the British Property Federation.
"Rent controls have been operated in defiance of both market forces and inflationary processes to such an extent that in practice the home-owner is required to subsidise his tenant for the rest of his days.
"The classical argument underlying the Rent Acts is, of course, that if the tenant were not protected, the landlord would be able to take advantage of the shortage of homes to increase the rent unreasonably.
"Moreover, if the tenant could be evicted, he might have nowhere to go and become homeless."
Sir Donald questioned, however, why there was a housing shortage in the first place and why it was getting worse and sees the answer in the fact that under present conditions, no one wanted to be a residential landlord if he could help it.

Calling for a healthy private rented sector, Sir Donald said: "Whereas it accounted in the UK for 90 percent of the housing stock in 1915, the year of the first Rent Control Act, it has fallen to 8 percent today.
"Every housing Act since 1915 has set out to alleviate a housing shortage but has only succeeded in making it worse by making the landlord's position more and more intolerable," he said.


$\square$ A timber-frame house under construction.
the interior of their homes with the minimum of expense and effort.
All components are treated for rot and insects, in keeping with SA Bureau of Standards (SABS) specifications. The structural design of components and the overall design structure of the housing systems conform to the SABS requirements as set out in the new National Building Regulations.
"The benefits for the lower-income housing market are obviously great," says Swart. A timber-frame house complete with electricity and plumb ing, could be erected for approximately R15 000
Private sector interest is reflected in the 300 calls received every week by Salma to inquire about the building process.
"Another benefit of timber-frame
construction is the speed of erection," says Swart. "The house can be erected within 10 weeks, saving the consumer a fair amount in interim interest and occupation rent charges."
However, the high demand for tim-ber-frame housing has focused attention on the problem of a lack of sufficiently qualified builders.
Says Swart: "The problem was so acute that our strategy had to be redirected to include extensive training programmes for builders and their employees in an effort to overcome the shortage."
$\square$ Individuals and organisations who would like further information can contact Salma at (011) 974-1061, or write to Private Bag X686. Isando, 1600.

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TIMBER-FRAME construction is a recently approved, less pricey alternative to traditional brick construc tion.
seen as the panacea to the current housing shortage in SA.
And, says SA Lumber Millers Asso(Salma) executive directo Andries Swart, the building regula tions promulgated in September last year allow timber-frame houses to be built anywhere in SA.
A group of companies in the timber industry is offering a series of these prefabricated, low-cost houses in kit form ready for erection. This system lends itself to alterations and additions, which means the house can be upgraded according to the owner's needs and pocket.
Resistance to the utilisation of tim-ber-frame housing, which can provide a basic house consisting of a living room, two bedrooms, a bathroom an a kitchen for between R4000 and R7 000, stems primarily from lack of knowledge regarding the durability of the construction and the training required for builders.
Swart says: "The minimum of skills are required for construction. We are training builders and promoting the concept to building societies and construction companies.
"About $90 \%$ of all US, Australian, Canadian and European houses are built in this way. We have developments in SA where the durability of the construction is clearly visible."
Schemes such as the 108 timberframe houses built in Riverlea in the 1960s illustrate this.
The timber-frame house consists of timber wall cavities which are clad timber wall cavities which are clad
 breaking the sustained rent boycotts in more than 30 black townships has struck fear and apprehension into urban black communities.
The plan, sponsored by a body called Joint Management Centres, involves the SA Police and the Defence Force, former development boards and local chambers of commerce, all acting jointly and in collaboration with black community councils.
Black local authorities, which constitute the vanguard of the boycott-busting move, are to establish and use vigilantes to "protect people who want to pay rent." Unpaid rents have so far cost an estimated R250m.
The plan was revealed when a secret government document - sent to the Lekoa Council last November - was leaked to the Sharpeville Civic Association and to the Community Research Group (CRG) last week.
Besides millions of rands lost in unpaid rent, development boards (now being phased out) had lost R144m in unpaid rent by June last year, according to the CRG. In the Vaal Triangle, where residents have not paid rent

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## Housing

WHEN manufacturers relocate to de velopment areas it is inevitable they must take some key personnel with them.

To ensure they attract the necessary skilled personnel, housing subsidies are often granted for a period of 20 years.
According to Schalk Coetzee, of Jo-hannesburg-based industrial consultants Alkhan, key personnel are defined as people employed on a permanent, full-time basis in at least a supervisory capacity.
However, the regional industrial development authorities reserve the right to limit the granting of housing subsidies for key personnel to not more than $10 \%$ of the total permanent, full-time labour force.
Housing for key personnel is subsidised by the regional industrial development authorities for a maximum period of 20 years on new mortgage

The maximum amousts for wheh housing units are eligible for subsidies are:
and in in housinge units at R68 000; and $\square$ Every house thereafter at R55000. Subsidy
In implementing the scheme, the authorities will base the subsidy on the interest rate of the largest building society, with the proviso that the interest rate after the subsidy has been applied should not be lower than $6 \%$.

The lowest subsidy rate is $20 \%$ of the building society rate and the maximum 60\%.

In exceptional cases, subject to approval, the housing subsidy will be applied to rented accommodation. These subsidies are subject to the normal tax on housing benefits.

Whentax Limited has announced a further 0,5 percent reduction in its home loan interest rate - from 16,5 percent to 16 percent; according to a issued by the company at the weekend
Officials at Nedbank and Trust Bank confirmed yesterday that their banks would lower rates on deposits by 0,25 to one percent within the week. A Standard Bank spokesman said the bank "hadn't made any decisions yet", onsrate cuts. But executives at other banks said Standard already had indicated privately that it would lower deposit rates in line with competitors.
Two months ago Barclays lowered the rate $\$ \mathbf{y} 225$ percent to 16,5 percent.
The new rate, which comes into effect from August 25, 1986, is applicable to all accounts in its home loandortfolio and is lower than any rate offered by building societies at present, said the statement ${ }^{*}$ Sagan' ${ }^{2}$ Own Correspondent





JOHANNESBURG Rent boycotts in 38 black townships are costing the Government R30 million a month, according to a Community Research Group report released today.
At least $300000 \mathrm{fam}-$ ilies nationwide are refusing to pay rent in protest against soldiers in the townships, in demand for better municipal services and as a strike at apartheid.
Some of the boycotts have been going on for two years and evictions, usually by municipal police guarded by security forces, are on the increase.
Rents are the sole source of income for the black town councils in the townships. Some rent boy cotts are sparked by com plaints that the councils are corrupt or are co-operating with the Government. Many council members and local police have resigned under pressure or been killed in the past two years of violence
The Urban Councils Association reported last month that 32 community councils and three town councils have collapsed because of the financial losses resulting from rent boycotts.
Although the CRG called the boycotts ${ }^{\text {g the }}$ most organised form of sustained opposition to townships began last
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apartheid" if its figures held up for a year, the Government's loss would be only R360 million. That is about $1 \%$ of the Government's projected 1986 revenues of R33,7 billion.

However, the losses projected by the CRG total more than half of the money the Government budgeted this year for housing blacks.
Four major black urban areas with a population of more than 1,5 million are affected by boycotts, the report said, naming East London, Port Elizabeth, Soweto (Johannesburg) and the Vaal townships about 50 km south of Johannesburg.
In the Pretoria-Johannesburg area alone, the rent boycotts have already cost the State R188 million, said the report.
"Conservative estimates show that the boycott is about $60 \%$ effec tive countrywide," said the report. It arrived at its figure of R30 million a month based on rents and service charges ranging from R50 to R150
The report said the Government has lost R146 million in the Vaal townships, where a R5 monthly rent increase in Septem ber 1984 sparked riots and the boycott that has lasted two years thic
weekend and the Lekoa Town Council, which administers the area, said the evictions would continue, 13 families -at a time, until 1800 households have been removed.
Rent boycotts began this year in Soweto, Alexandra, Duduza and Tsakene east of Johannesburg and in the townships of Pretoria and have cost the Government R37 million, the report said.

The Soweto council's director of housing reported that the normal revenue of R9 million a month from rent and ser vice charges to 75000 households has been cut by two-thirds.
When the Soweto council began issuing evictíon notices in July, it set upia separate office in Johannesburg and allowed for payment by mailwin response to complaints that even those who wanted to pay faced the wrath of the community - in particillar the threat of being "necklaced". The council said it would take action against any council employee who revealed the names of rent-payers.

RENT boycotts in the largest townships in the PWV and Eastern Cape now affect up to 6 -million people and costs government at least R30m a month, according to updated calculations of the Community Research Group (CRG).
A report yesterday by the CRG says that in' the PWV area the State has lost R188m. In Vaal townships, where the refusal to pay rent has been going on since September 1984, it has lost R150m.
The further loss of R38m has been incurred this year in Soweto, Pretoria Alexandra (Sandton) and the East Rand towniships of Duduza and Tsakane.
"The boycott has spread to 38 townships and more than R250m has been lost countrywide.
The report says at least 300000 households in the PWV and Eastern Cape townships are not paying rent, and 11 of, the 16 zones in Mdantsane in the Ciskei, are also now affected.
Government's response - evictions: will not successfully put an end to the boycotts because such action only serves to increase confrontation.
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communities intent on voicing, political grievances.

In some areas the demand for the release of community leaders has become a major community demand as a precondition for negotiations to end the boycotts which have intensified in many of the areas worst hit by detentions. These areas include Soweto, Port Elizabeth, Alexandra, Duncan Village and Huhudi.

Some community leaders, initially held under the state of emergency; have recently been moved to detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act a move viewed by the CRG as an attempt to block their possible release should the courts challenge the validity of their original detention.
It says such action manifests black people's rejection of the black local authorities and their refusal to pay for repression.
The UDF referred to the Joint Man agement Committee plan to break the rent boycotts as an indication of government's desperation after its failure to crush the boycott through SADF 'and police raids and "sweet and sour" letters to residents.

## Houses for under R9 000 <br> construction standards for the

Staff Reporter
THE Easy Homes Show, a major exhibition which could promote important changes in the concept of low-cost housing, will be held in Octöber.

The show, the first of its kind in South Africa, has attracted 40 exhibitors, including top construction companies, engineering contractors and entrepreneurs.

The challenge to private industry to investigate innovative construction methods with a view to developing more self-help housing options was taken up by the Cape Divisional Council, which provided the land and relaxed its
show to encourage imaginative thinking about ways to solve housing problems.

The show village, in Belhar, will demonstrate methods to prove that houses can be easy to build, easy to extend and easy to afford.

All homes on show will cost less than R9 000 in materials and labour and will have two or three bedrooms, a living-room, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, plumbing, drainage and electrical installations.

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| THE Xent boycott is currently affecting some 300000 households in 38 townships countrywide and is costing the state at least R 30 million per month, according to the Community Research Group (CRG): <br> In a report issued yesterday, the university-based CRG said the boycott was currently affecting South Africa's largest townships in the PWV and Eastem Cape areas. <br> Conservative estimates show that the boycott is about 60 perçent effective <br> Boycott affects 300000 houses <br> in the 38 towns where it is in force, the CRG said. <br> It has cost the state some R188million in the PWV area alone. In Soweto, for example, the council, which normally collects R9-million monthly in rent and service charges from $75000^{\circ}$ households, is now collecting only R3-million. <br> CRG also found that the rent boycott <br> WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER <br> has spread to Mdantsane, suggesting it is now taking root in the "homelands": <br> The CRG comments it is unlikely that recent moves to evict rent boycotters will succeed. "This is because rent boycotts are currently taking-place in the most wellorganised communities that have <br> made it clear the boycott has been: called to expres deeply felt political: grievances. <br> "The authorities"are making a bad mistake if they think they can intimidate the communities into paying rent. <br> "If the recent evictions in the Vaal are an indication of state strategy, we can expect the confrontation between <br> issue to boycott i are beco to see t officials strategie extremel <br> The U in a stat governm forces to | Boycott <br> in the 38 towns where it is in force, the CRG said. <br> It has cost the state some R188million in the PWV area alone. In Soweto, for example, the council, which tormally collects R 9 -million monthly in rent and service charges from 75000 households, is now collecting only R3-million. <br> CRG also found that the rent boycott <br> WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER <br> has spread to Mdantsane, suggesting it is now taking root in the "homelands". <br> The CRG comments it is unlikely that recent moves to evict rent boycotters will succeed. "This is because rent boycotts are currently taking place in the most wellorganised communities that have <br> made it clear the boycott has been. called to express deeply felt political grievances. <br> "The authorities are making a bad mistake if they think they can intimidate these communities into paying rent. <br> "If the recent evictions in the Vaal are an indication of state strategy, we can expect the confrontation between <br> the people and the state over the rent issue to escalate On the one hand the boycott is spreading andicommunities are becoming ever moredetermined to see it through; ontheother, local officials are planning boycottebusting strategies that are bound to be extremely violent." <br> The United Democratic Front said in a statement this week that the government was marshalling its forces to break the rent boycotts. |  |  |
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 plement government efforts to meet the country's massive black housing backlog. A variety of schemes and strategies are jostling
for attention.
A major consideration is whether the private sector or government should be responsible for sub-economic housing - by far the largest proportion of the backiog pyramid.

Natal Building Society chairman Gordon Chapman recently made an "urgent plea" to government to create financial instruments enabling the use of long-term life insurance funds to shore up building societies. He also supported a call by Allied Building Society MD, Brian Benfield, that the authorities make investment in housing a prescribed asset requirement.
Chapman makes a case for the building society movement to administer the $\mathrm{R} 2,1$ billion needed to start meeting the black housing backlog, estimated at some 360000 units.
"Building societies have the infrastructure and skills to provide mortgage finance for the country's housing needs, while insurance companies and pension funds have the funds," Chapman says. "Apart from meeting housing demands, greater stability and a positive contribution to job creation should follow, so stimulating economic growth."

## Hard sell

Meanwhile, the SA Lumber Millers' Association (Salma) is using hard sell techniques to promote timber frame housing as an economic solution. "More than $90 \%$ of all houses in the US, Canada, New Zealand, Scandinavia, and Japan are timber frame," says Salma executive director, Andries Swart. "Treated and graded structural timber is ideally suited for all types of housing, from the most expensive to the cheapest."
He says the major advantage is the speed of erection.
Twenty timber frame units can be built in six weeks, while brick and mortar construction would take 16 weeks.
Swart says national building regulations promulgated last September authorise timber frame houses anywhere in SA. Timber houses are well suited for areas with difficult soil conditions, while the greater economies of scale also make them ideally suited for self-help housing schemes.
"Some kits, which provide only the basic structure for a house, sell for as little as R5 000-R8 000 a unit," he says.
Auditor-General, Joop de Loor, recently told the AGM of the EP Building Society that the inevitable rapid urbanisation of blacks in the next two or three decades would provide opportunities for building societies, other financial institutions and employers to contribute meaningfully to stabilising the unrest by financing and settling home owners.
"The building society movement seems ideally suited to popularise the idea of owning, rather than renting, a home," De Loor said.
At the same time, he added; government should eliminate - as far as possible - the red tape that still inhibits its own scheme to sell off 500000 homes.

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## I <br> THE EASY HOME SHOW A UNIQUE self-help housing exhibition - the first of its kind in South Africa - has attracted innovative ideas from throughout the country. $12^{3}$ Now contractors are bringing their imaginations to bear on the concept of The help yourself

## By DICK USHER, Staff Reporter

 Pictures: WILLIE de KLERKTTHERE'S a unique project taking shape at Belhar in the search for an answer to South Africa's serious housing problems.

On a site, presented by the Divisional Council, 40 contractors, who have been freed from some of the restraints which have hampered developers up to now, are building their versions of a low-cost self-help family home which will meet the need of thousands of people who do not have homes.

They will go on show to the public and housing officials when the Easy Homes Show opens on October 2. The upshot is expected to be a boom in self-help and easy to construct cheap housing.
$T$ HE Easy Home Show is the first exhibition of its kind in 1 South Africa - it has attracted innovative ideas from throughout the country as contractors bring their imaginations to bear on the concept of providing a home that can be built for a maximum building material outlay of R 9000 .

With millions of people in dire need of homes and everlengthening waiting lists as authorities struggled to come to terms with the need by conventional methods, the self-help concept was finally accepted as one solution which could help overcome the massive shortage.

For the first time, timber frame and other unconvention houses, which will be exhibited, are being considered as serious option by the authorities. It's a long-awaited concession which is regarded as significant.
THE concept has two major advantages. By substituting 1 the homeowner's labour for hired labour, costs are im mediately reduced. And while self-help builders are putting dir own work into the project it immediately introduces the pride of creation and self-esteem.
The first advantage helps bring home ownership within the grasp of more people, while the second helps build community spirit.
The Easy Homes Show incorporates both these concepts - but it has also been a challenge to South Africa's developers to produce imaginative solutions to the need for low cost homes.
All 40 homes to be built for the exhibition will employ different construction techniques ranging from cement blocks through prefabricated wood panels to interlocking cement bricks.
One that is certain to attract major interest is a design built out of sprayed foam on a shade cloth base. It already stands, well insulated even in cold conditions, and looks vaguely Saharan with its pointed domes.
Conventional standards have been deliberately relaxed for the show homes to see what developers can come up with when allowed almost free rein.
THE challenge to provide easy-to-build, easy-to-afford - and easy-to-extend housing was taken up by the Divisional Council of the Cape - - and contractors were invited to show what they could do:
Fach house will stand on its standard 300 -metre erf and Each it is a suitable by the council; will be prowes ander the show either by an employee of sold firm or by somene on the council's housing list.
All the homes must be suitable for future expansion and must have two or three bedrooms, a living room; kitchen bathroom and toilet, plumbing and electrical installations:
While the total cost may not exceed R9000, some of the homes on show will cost as little as R2.000.
The site will be landscaped by the council, before the show which is opened on October 2.
Participants include major construction companies (including some international concerns), civil engineers, materials manufacturers and construction companies.


TOP: Workers position the prefabricated panels of another of the low-cost home destigns thât will be on display at the Easy Homes show: ABOVE: It's up! Mr Karl Frederićk Ketzer, developer of this ingenious concept in lowcost housing is delighted at the success of his structure:

##  <br> 374 - C Rent boycotts in 38 black townships <br> ernment

are costing the Government R30 milliona month, according to the Community Research Group (CRG) report released in Johannesburg today. Atileast 300000 families are refusing to pay rent in protest against soldiers in their neighbourhoods
They are also demanding better municipal services:
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Some of the boycotts have been going on for two years, and evictions, usually by municipal police guarded by Rents are the sole source ofease.
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Some rent boycotts are sparked by AREA 1 complaints that the councils are cor Seneka rupt or are co-operating with the GorVryburg;

Many council members and local po lice have resigned under préssure or been killed in the past two years. Although the CRG called the" boycotts "the most organised form" of buytained opposition to apartheid"; if its figures held up for a year, the Government's loss would be only R360 million - about one per cent of the. Government's projected 1986 revenues of R33,7 billion.
However, the losses projected by the CRG total more than half of the money the Government budgeted this year for housing blacks.
In the Pretoria Johannesburg area alone, the rent boycotts have, already cost the State R188 million, said the re-: Estcourt and port. - Sapa-Associated Press.'
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CAPE TOWN - A R400 million trust fund to enable unemployed and homeless people to start building their own homes was annopnced by the Finance Minister, Mr Barefid du Plessis, today, private Tund may Gake the form of a private sector cómpany without gain and will be administered byitrustees appointed by the State Rresident It will be boosted by the sale of spe: cial housing bonds, ssindiasxo the stani 'dard defence investinent bonds; which. will be made available at market-related interest rates: A furthet R350 million is to be made available forhousing projects. ${ }^{\text {Tw }}$,

Mr du Plessis said discussions between the State President, various Ministers and a number of prominent leaders of the private sector, had led to the decision as to how the money should be spent.

The resources would be utilised for maximum stimulation of the economy, the provision of low cost housing and maximum job creation.

The main goal of the Housing Trust was to enable unemployed people to construct their own houses by means of selfhelp schemes.
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$\therefore$ The Trust would cooperate with the relevant authorities and existing organisations in the private sector, which was to be involved in the process as much as possible.

In eo-operation, with local authorities, committees would be established to assist with loans and building materials: ${ }_{2}^{2}$

## Govt charges 'unfair'

 interest on housing
## Mercury Reporter

THE Tongaat Town Board yesterday accused the Government of dragging its feet in reducing interest rates on State-funded hous.
ing, at a time when building society bond rates have been dropping.
Mr Manoj Singh, a member of the board, said hundreds of families living in the board's housing scheme
at Tongaat were struggling to make ends meet because of high rents.
'Rents are high because the houses have been built with funds loaned by the Government through the National Housing Commis

## sion. We are still being

 charged interest based on the old rate of $17,5 \%$.'Although building societies and Barclays Bank have reduced their mortgage rates, the Government is still charging the old
rate. This is unfair and one of the main causes of the increasing number of tenants falling in arrears with their rent.
'It's a pity that while the Government has an. nounced massive salary increases for MPs; the people most deserving financial relief - the thousands of families in municipal hous. ing schemes throughout South Africa - have not been helped sufficiently in these tough economic times.'

## No success

Mr Singh said the board had made several urgent representations to the Government both through the House of Delegates and the National Housing Commis sion but without success.
Tongaat's Town Clerk, Mr Victor Parkhouse, yester day confirmed that in spite of numerous representa tions to the Government in terest rates for Govern ment funded housing schemes had not been re duced in line with the building society rates.

## Rent board challenge to housing minis

## Municipal Reporter

iN AN effort to protect Indians and coloureds facing up to $350 \%$ increases in rent, housing ministers have been chal Mr Sayed Iqbal me dissolution of rent boards tral 'Residents' Association, chairman of the Durbon Cenof Assembly), Mr Baldeo D, saidMráme Venter (House Mr David Curry (House Dookie (Houselof Delegates) and asked to a public meeting of Representatives) had been nary Road, Durbañ, at 2 in $\operatorname{st}$ Anthonys Churchin Cente
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## Housing move welcomed

THE government's announcement yesterday of a R 400 m housing trust and an allocation of R 350 m to construction and upliftment schemes was welcomed yesterday by Assocom.
Its chief executive' Raymond Parsons, who was in Its chief executive, Rayms with Finance Minister Cape Town for discussions with Foncement would Barend Du Plessis, said the annousiness communpro
ity The immediate past president of the Cape Town Thamber of Commerce, Andrew Peile, said he be lieved onfidence was already increasing and there were signs of an improvement in the economy as a result.
"Order books are looking better and clothing manfacturers are employing more people.
"Retailers have run their inventories down so解 much that they mast in purchasing."
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Political Staff
THE State has made R3,1-million availableto assist the families of detainees. just how the money is to But confus
be allocated
Making the nnouncement yesterday, the Minister f Finance Mr Barend du Plessis, said that R3,1 million of the R750 million earmarked for housing million of the rin would go to the families of detainees.
In addition, R 3 m would be made available to rebuild the houses of black policemen which were destroyed by arson in unrest-related incidents.
Initially the Department of Finance stated that
the R 3.1 m would be administered by the Department of Justice but the department had no knowledge of the announcement.

Later it was disclosed that the money would be handled by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, but a spokesman for the department said he was unable to give any information about the scheme.
The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, was in Pretoria and it was hoped to be able to give some clarification when he returned to Cape Town today.
'Bizarre' announcement
Peter Dennehy reports that the Detainees Parents' Support Committee was "stunned" yesterday by what it described as the government's "absolutely bizarre" announcement of an emergency aid programme for the families of detainees.
Mr Du Plessis made the announcement yesterday at a press conference on how the government is to spend R750-million earmarked for low-cost housing in a bid to reflate the economy and stabilize society.
Another R3-million of the money was to be spent on rebuilding policemen's houses. About ten thousand new "special constables" would be appointed a cost of a further R17,3-million from the low-cost housing package and R10-million from a separate fund allocation for job-creation.
He said R4m would be spent on a pension scheme under the House of Representatives, and $\mathrm{R} 1,4 \mathrm{~m}$ on emergency food aid.
Black housing would be allocated R185m, while $R 17,7 \mathrm{~m}$ would be spent on white housing.
'Nest egg' for private sector
R400m would go to the private sector as a "nest egg" for a trust fund or company empowered to issue housing bonds which would enjoy the status of prescribed investments. The $R 400 \mathrm{~m}$ would be multipried several times over "in the next few years" as the funds were turned over.

Most of the projects could be implemented "withn days or at most weeks", Mr Du Plessis said.
The DPSC spokesman said there would be no need for the R3,1-million handout if the government would simply release detainees. A Repression Monitoring Group spokesman said his organization viewed it as "a cynical move" by the government.
"It would be absurd to expect families to be grateful. The government can't buy off the hostility detainees' families feel. This is an attempt to purchase a veneer of morality."


A GOVERNMENT proposal to provide between R1 200-million and R1 600-million for black housing by issuing housing bonds has drawn a favourable, though cautious, response from the private sector.
(the proposal was announced yesterday by the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, when he gave details of how the R750-million allocated to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment was to be spent.
He said R400-million would go to a trust fund which would use this sum as a nest egg. It was planned that the trust fund would raise additional large sums of capital by issuing housing bonds three to four times the value of its nest egg.
These bonds would be given prescribed asset status and could be included among the prescribed assets of insurance companies and pension funds.
Mr J H Steyn, executive director of the Urban Foundation, has welcomed the Government's creation of a trust


Mr du Plessis fund to promote low cost housing but warned the fund would be effective only if poor and homeless people could afford houses built under the scheme.

He said a "sound housing process" would develop skills, create jobs and contribute to stable family life and he therefore welcomed the state allocating such a substantial sum of money for the purpose of housing development.
of the Old Mutual, the country's biggest insurance company, said in principle he was in favour of the plan to issue housing bonds with prescribed asset status. It was definitely a step in the right direction, but the private sector would want a number of questions resolved before it was likely to invest in the bonds.

## Questions posed

These included what security was offered, whether there was any guarantee of repayment, how "market-related" would be the interest paid and whether the bonds were marketable.
Another important element would be the availability of land for low-cost housing and whether the borrower had leasehold or other residential rights. If the land was not available, the lack of money would not be the difficulty in providing black housing, Mr Levett said.
Mr J T Louw, Sanlam's chief economist, said raising such large sums for black housing would have favourable long-term effects on the economy.

## 12-month delay

But it would be between 12 and 14 months before the economy began feeling the effects of the scheme, and he believed that if the Government wanted to stimulate the economy now it should cut taxes.

Mr du Plessis said it was intended that the R 320 -million being made available to the State Housing Commission would be spent as soon as possible, and before the end of the fiscal year.
It had to go to projects which could be started virtually immediately. This would benefit low income groups and spread building activity among small contractors and as far as possible.

He said the money need not be used only for building houses but for other community projects such as old age
homes and workshops for the blind.






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SA has all the glitzy glass-towered buildings it needs, and future development will have to be more in line with Third World thinking. That, at least, was the feeling among many at last week's SA Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) conference.
What's needed, the argument goes, is an updated version of developments that were popular in SA during the Fifties. And developers, it is said, could do worse than visit other countries in Africa and South America to see what is really needed.
Simply put, US and European examples are no longer relevant, because SA has all the First World development it needs.
SA, it is argued, is essentially a Third World country and needs to concentrate on infrastructure to provide the necessary base for construction. This could mean no more than providing the base on which to build shelters for the masses.
Yet the present system, dominated by the institutions, has virtually killed off private entrepreneurs. Most current developments are being undertaken by institutions which are less likely to take risks.

In the past, entrepreneurs have developed projects to on-sell to institutions at a $9 \%-10 \%$ return.
But with today's high interest rates, this has become impossible for most because ready finance, essentially through part bonds, is too expensive in the current $16 \%$ range.
Fluctuations in the rates in line with the retail money market also make it impossible to estimate costs. In most cases, high costs coupled with falling rentals makes it impossible for developers to cover outgoings.
What is needed, Sapoa delegates felt, was a financial system that would provide private entrepreneurs with money at a fixed rate.
Rapp and Maister MD Wolfie Cesman


Basic housing. .-
what is needed
reckons that, to make the sums on new developments work, loan rates would have to be pegged.
Entrepreneurs, says Cesman, are an essential element in property development. And,
he says, several institutions would admit to the fact that some of their more successful investments were developed initially by smaller entrepreneurs.

For Landmark MD Marke Markovitz, the need is for updated versions of buildings which were developed in the Fifties rather than modern, computer-controlled, airconditioned buildings.
In many cases, says Markovitz, old-fashioned corrugated iron buildings, on which Johannesburg was founded, are suitable.

Architect and former Sapoa president Piet Moolman concurs. As Moolman sees it, it is now necessary to develop what the South African consumer needs - not the glass towers that look good in the US and Europe.
"The consumer today has not got the disposable income of yesteryear and if unemployment and inflation continue to grow at present rates, there won't be many of his sort left anyway. Eventually," he predicts, "we'll run out of consumers."
"Our consumer needs more basic development. His property needs are much smaller than we think they are. We can no longer afford the fancy buildings. We can, however, afford tin sheds."

He says whole towns, not just townships, will also have to be developed to provide for the growing tide of urbanisation. And South Africans, he cautions, will have to get used to the idea of shanty towns growing up around the glass towers as they do in South and Central America.
declining trend may not last.
A major bogy is the threat of sanctions. Anglo American's Aubrey Dickman says bluntly that it's "nonsense" to think that sanctions can be anything but inflationary. Import replacement industries may absorb spare labour; but their output, virtually by definition, will be more expensive than the imports they replace. The net effect must be a fall in real purchasing power.

## Negative factors

Bethlehem adds two other negative factors. He is worried that world inflation (notably in the US) could pick up in 12-18 months' time, and believes that apprehension of this is one reason for the stronger gold price.


Then, he points out that the stronger (or, to be precise, more volatile) gold price itself is a mixed blessing. When the gold price
firms, the revenue effect stimulates demandpull inflation; when it falls, cost-push comes into play.
If these pessimistic pressures materialise, the second half of next year could see inflation start to build up again.
Perhaps we should count ourselves lucky that inflation has not reached Latin American or Israeli levels.
Perhaps, too, there is indeed little we can do to contain it at the moment, without creating even more damage to an already battered economy. But it remains a basic weakness which is not going to disappear; and if (when?) the economy ever does start to put on steam, it could become a serious problem again much faster than most would now credit.

## LTA Another day older

LTA's faltering trade record reflects a recent history of ill luck and bad judgment although the relative proportions are hard for the outsider to gauge. While accepting that LTA trades in a tough building environment, some of its larger projects have gone so radically wrong that one does begin to wonder if, perhaps, it takes chances at which others would baulk.
There is the offshore expansion, which, although based on sound principles of diversification, has cost the group so dearly. And, locally, the ghost of the disastrous Soweto electrification contract returns annually to haunt the group's financial reports. LTA has still to receive a great deal of money on this major contract, although three years' work went into it and R12m has already been written off - still only a fraction of the total owing. But while LTA and the three Soweto councils battle out of court to settle the (never explained) dispute that led to nonpayment, it has had to provide bridging finance from its own resources; and from this has come rising group debt, and spiralling finance costs.

In local engineering and building markets, LTA has an aggressive and respected presence. In a very tough environment last year, it reported operating profits of R11,6m on turnover of R986m in local operations (a paper-thin margin of only $1,2 \%$ ). Hefty finance costs slashed these profits to R215 000. But the real damage appeared lower down the income statement, where losses from discontinued offshore op-


LTA has taken a beating over its involvement in the electrification of Soweto, and its offshore projects. But with hotels and offices stagnant, there are even more downside factors. Mass black housing holds out some hope.
erations amounted to R18,6m, and a further R28,5m extraordinary write-off was made against further potential offshore losses.
The extent to which these losses eroded reserves is shown in the fall in net worth per share - down $54 \%$ from 631c to 290c. The share price followed suit, dipping $42 \%$ this year to 175 c .

In March 1985, Colin Wood took over as group MD after Michael Ridley retired. Wood's objectives seem clear: he needs to extricate the group from overseas markets; negotiate a settlement of debt with the three Soweto councils; and find ways of reducing LTA's heavy debt load, while ensuring that the group at least breaks even, preventing a greatE er erosion of reserves.

As far as its offshore interests are concerned, LTA is employing the ancient military discipline of orderly retreat. The offshore operation will be steadily run down, says Wood, "but this could take a long time, because there are contracts to complete, and we don't intend to withdraw completely." The Australian operation will be shut down, though, following some bad experiences
in that country.
The Australian subsidiary landed three major contracts in Brisbane last year, all around the city's airport. However, things began going wrong when the cricketing row broke, and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke was harangued by the press for acting against sporting ties with SA, while leaving the two countries' business connections untouched.

Hawke immediately responded by moving against South Africa 1 businesses in Australia, and LTA was the first he hit. Two contracts were taken away from LTA and put up for re-tender, leaving it with only one Brisbane airport contract which - without the benefit of economies of scale that three contiguous contracts would have provided proved a lossmaker. To date, LTA has written off some R8,5m in Australia.
All of which is explicable. But what went wrong with LTA's other offshore interests, where the bulk of losses occurred? When LTA began looking overseas 10 years ago, Wood says, "it seemed the right decision then, because we realised we would eventual ly run into a shortage of work in SA, and we needed to diversify."

Instead of moving into new local markets that were unfamiliar to group management, LTA chose to stay with its core business, while reducing operating risk by trading in the different economic cycles of a number of countries. The strategy seemed at first to work, because oil markets were booming and building projects were proliferating in oilrich countries.

With oil revenues drying up, Europe's heavyweight contractors began looking for work at home, and LTA's offshore companies found themselves in a competitive war for new business. The fact that LTA's foreign companies were remote-controlled from SA could not have improved their competitive edge either - a view that gains
credence with the recent despatch overseas of two heavyweight executives.
LTA splits its income statement into profit categories for continuing and discontinuing operations, and extraordinary items. This technique is sometimes criticised because it tends to soften the impact of losses. Wood contends, though, that this reporting method provides analysts with vital information for as sessing future profitability. In the year to March 1986, he says, "we tried to depict three levels of danger pertaining to offshore operations."

On the first level, the board was telling shareholders they could reasonably expect offshore losses to total R18,6m (shown as losses on discontinued operations). On a second, they were warning that LTA risked losing another R28,5m if overhead expenses remained on budget overseas. But virtually no cash comes in (shown as an extraordinary write-off).

Finally, another R6m was transferred to a non-distributable reserve, depicting remaining losses overseas "if absolutely everything goes wrong."

Back home, LTA appears to have made little progress in its dispute with the Soweto councils (Soweto, Diepmeadow, and Dobsonville) over the electrification contract. Wood is tight-lipped on the subject. He contends that negotiations are at a delicate stage, and he wouldn't like to undermine the little progress that has actually been made.

Insiders believe that LTA encountered a chaotic situation in Soweto. The group would lay down cables, only to have them severed a few days later by one or another sub-contractor laying down ditches in the opposite direction. Most contracts carry variation clauses, which are costed separately to the client. But

pany.
Nonetheless, LTA is in the throes of a rights issue of pref shares to raise $\mathrm{R} 26,4 \mathrm{~m}$, which will enable it to reduce gearing to more comfortable levels. The prefs are convertible between 1987 and 1992, but before that happens, they still need to be serviced at $10 \%$, partly negating the shortterm benefit to cash flow. Most of these prefs will be taken up by LTA's parent, Anglo American Corp. It is the first time since 1972, Wood hastens to point out, that Anglo has needed to inject funds into its construction subsidiary. At operating level, LTA expects to break even this year after accounting for finance and other costs. Be-low-the-line losses should be largely out of the system, says Wood, although further close-down losses cannot be ruled out if trading conditions deteriorate further.

Of LTA's four main divisions, earthmoving (accounting for $65 \%$ of turnover) is expected to perform best. This division, relying heavily on government spending on roads
the Soweto contract end ed with over 2000 variations - which someone has to pay for. Wood refused to confirm these claims, but he did say, "We were not entirely blameless in this affair."

At end-March, group debt was somewhat high at R43,9m, which translates into a heavy gearing ratio of $110 \%$ despite the balance sheet having been strengthened in January, when property worth $\mathrm{R} 45,4 \mathrm{~m}$ was sold into a joint finance com-

and infrastructure, is sitting on a good order book, Wood says. He is also satisfied that the work taken on will be executed at acceptable margins.
The civil engineering division, however, is showing little signs of picking up, although it should break even. Cost-cutting has been heavy in this division, taking account of the steady decline in the market over several years."The large projects of the late Seventies, invoiving the likes of Escom, the Saldanha railway, and Sasol, are a thing of the past," Wood laments. "It's difficult to see what will replace them." To many, even Mossel Bay now seems a millenium away.
Wood's prognosis for general construction is equally grim. The conventional work such as hotels and office buildings all seem to have been built; we are at the end of an office boom; and once again "it is difficult to see what will replace them."

The engineering services company, Steeledale, feeds heavily on construction, and consequently is struggling with low margins and turnover, although it "remains profitable." It is in the market for mass housing, however, that conditions remain buoyant. And here LTA is operating at reasonable capacity; and if government does indeed push through its stimulatory package of accelerated black housing, LTA will doubtless take its slice.

Although shareholders should not expect a major return to profits this year, the group would look a great deal healthier if part of the mountain of cash owing to it by Soweto and the offshore debtors begins to flow in. In that happy (but uncertain) event, the potential savings in finance costs will make the share worth another serious look. Until then, LTA still seems far from attractive even at the current low of 175 c .

Neville Glaser


The Argus Correspondent VEREENIGING. - There is a shortage of about 334.000 homes for coloured Indian and black peopleand a surplus of about 37000 for whites according to Mr DM Roelyert, executive director of the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa. h He told a local goyernment and housing conference in, Van derbijlpark that the surplus Was equivalent to a town the size of Mitchelis Plain and represented a capital investment of about R1,48-billion
There was also a a-shortage of about 177000 homes for col oured, Indian and black people in the six national states and the trustareas.
yhe said that according to the 1980 census 45 percent ( 13 mil lion) of South Africa's 29-million inhäbitants were urban ised Bythe year 2000 the population was expected to rise tơ about 46 million, of which 75 percent would be ưbanisised
7 This could be equated to building betweent three and five Sohannesburg in the next 14 years at a cost of more than R3-billion y year for the first 10 years ańa R2,6-bilion y year for the nexte four years,
President $P$ W Botha's announcement that anextra R1,75-billion would be made available for housing was still not enough:
Mr Roelvert said Johannesburg, including Sowetor höused 3,3-million people, but by the year 2000 it could hoüse about five-million at a derisity of 18 to 29 people a hectare: of these, about threemillion might fall in the low income bracket

## Permits

He said:" "Third World standards are thus going to dominate the urbanisation process while social, economic and political stresses can be expected to escalate."
$\rightarrow \mathrm{Mr}$ Roelvert said the money needed for housing over the next decade or two could not be provided by the Government without higher taxes: and a resultant strain on the economy Alternatives häd to be found.
One alternative is that the Government could rent the approximate 37000 vacant dwellings from the whites on a longterm lease and let the units to homeless people.
Permits could be issued in terms of the Group Areas Act for other population groups to occupy these houses until the Act is abolished."

The government had identified a number of housing and dévelopment projects for eco-nomically-disadvantaged commúnities that could begin as soon as money was made avail able from fhe recentlyannounced' R750-million stimulatory package, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr Kent Durr, said yesterday.
Speaking at the opening of the Interbou exhibition at Crown Mines here, he said these pro jects inluded site andservice schemes and the provision ${ }^{4}$ of services such as water, lighting halls, reoreation facilities and old-age homes.
These projects 'Would be completed within six to nine months tand should stimulate: the building industry.

The rest of the R750million wouldit go towards the creation of a housing trust to supply both housing and employment.

## Doubled

Black urbanization was accelerating; and by the year 2000 the urban population of the country would have approximately douibled to over 30 million, with the black component having increased frominine million in 1980 to about 21 million, he said.
Mr Durr also said therehad been "remarkably few problems of any importance" with the introduction last year of the Nátional Building Regulations, and their adoption had gone very smoothly.
It was the govern-Abouter350-million of ment's aim to simplify the R750-million would things further, and work be allocated for this pur wo the first revision fo pose, and more than half of that R350-million would go to housing for commence in Septemwould go to housing for ber, he said. - Sapa




Many face exploitation 123
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- Urgent government action was needed to solve the problems of exploitation facing thousands of blacks, \%) coloureds and Indians living in "white" rent-conoil trolled premises throughout the country, said $\mathrm{Mr} \mathrm{Mo}-$

Evictions) Bangor of Actstop (Committee for Stopping Evictions).

He said the disbanding of the Rent Control Board this year, and its reconstitution for whites only, had left "black" people without legal protection from overcharging or intimidation by unscrupulous land-
 lords. This protection afforded by the board was removed after the establishment of the arica-
meral Parliament, automaticalty depriving "disqualified" pot, ple living illegally in white areas of all recourse.
"The irony is that since the" reconstruction of the Rent Board for whites only, black tenants have also been left without protection from black landlords," said Mr Danger. .u sis.

Actstop was considering,tâking legal opinion on the removal of black rights.
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He saw the action as govern t mont "sleight-of-hand" - an attempt to appease both its Left and Right wings while trying to resolving the mounting prob-: lems of the Group Areas Act.
"The Government does not have the courage to tell the neo-ple to stay or get out of 'grey'; areas, so it creates this situar dion in which it hopes on the one hand that the 'disqualified' peeale will move out voluntarily if they are exploited," Mr Dangor said.
"On the other, they believe they are showing that they have no sympathy for people who break the Group Areas Acts:
These new developments had been highlighted in recent problem'areas in Hillibrow and the Johannesburg CBD, where tenants and landlords of Branksome Towers, Claridge Court and Drummond House had come. to grips.

He estimated that in Johannesburg alone, 60000 people were affected by the removal of the Rent Board. have now spread to about 53 townships - causirig a loss in income of about 'R40-mililion a month - the government has no plan to solve the issue.

A Constitutional Development and Planning Department spokesman said the government was alsonot running any program to cvic̈t rent defaulters.
"He said it was the "prerogative" of the 235 black local authorities to collect rents. $\cdot 1$

Thé spokesman could not say how many people were in arrears with rent-or how much money the town coun
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Buthe said both the lolocal authorities and the governmentiwere "concerned". and local authorities had been "urged toे take steps toicollect "the outstanding amounts".

- Meanwhile, the numbers of municipal policemét in townships - reportedly being used to deal with rent defaulters - have swelled to thousands in recent years'as the number of town councils grew.from 42 in 1984 to 235 this year:
Municipal policemen are normally armed with 9 mm pistols and shotgunst and have been involved in a number of shootings.
The latest was in Soweto last weekend, whenfive people, Bincluding Constance Rankutu 24 , the mother of - artwo-year-old child were allegedly shot dead at a nightyig

Quat thè departiontis which subsidises municipal policemen's salaries - could not say how many municipal policemen there were now. Councis are empowered to appointt",7 municipal po licemen for every 000 resi dents.

- Newspapers are currently abletoreporton the muici pal forces actions, since they do not fall under the definition of security forces
But it is rumoured in Pre toria that the definition may be extended to ban report ing on theirsactions which would restrict full coverage on the rents crisis.
Asked if central govern: ment' would allow council services to run down due to lack of funds the depart ment spokesman said; "It is not the government's policy to subsidise local authorities, but where there is a need, help may beconsidered."

The spokesman said those in arrears with their rent because they can't afford it could apply to their local authorities for remissions.
"Evictions are only considered when people can pay, but refuse to do so, he said.


André la Grange, GM, resources, of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) has ended months of speculation. He tells the FM that tenders for the bank's new R30m head office in Midrand will be called for towards the end of this year.

Final drawings are nearly ready. Earthworks will start before the end of the year, the successful contractor will be on site early next year and the development should be ready for occupation by mid-1988. At that stage, the bank's lease on its present Lifegroowned head office in Sandton will expire.
The critical question still to be decided is the method of finance. Several avenues are still being explored, but most seem to end at a private sector address.
One possibility is that the bank will lease the building from a private sector developer.
There are, however, several options:
ㅁ A leaseback through a bank or insurance company;
$\square$ Financing through a consortium or syndicate;
$\square$ Financing by the bank's own pension fund, and
$\square$ Self-ownership through the DBSA's financial resources.
La Grange says there have already been approaches from interested organisations in the private sector.
-The bank is to be built on the Midrand boundary on a prime 25 ha site overlooking the Ben Schoeman Highway. It is part of a 150 ha tract expropriated by government from Institutional Land Holdings (ILH) (Property July 19 1985).
The balance of the ground ( 125 ha ) is being held by The Secretariat for Multilateral Co -operation in Southern Africa ( $\mathrm{Se}-$ cosaf), a comparatively new government body formed to liaise between the governments of Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei. The TBVC countries and SA are the shareholders in the DBSA.

Secosaf is not saying what it intends to do with the remaining land but, inevitably, rumours abound. A favourite is that it will be turned into a southern African "UN" to house TBVC officials, but DBSA officials say they are not privy to Secosaf's plans.
However, the bank development will go ahead independantly. DBSA officials point out that the Secosaf land is not part of their plans and that the two sites will be divided by the new K27 road anyway.

The design of the new building will be functional rather than palatial - a southfacing brick building about 200 m long with some $24000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of usable space.

Designed to accommodate a workforce of 600 - which is about as many as the bank


DBSA's new HQ... initial development
intends to employ - it will sport four threestorey office wings extending from a cylindrical hub housing the boardroom, library, conference and committee rooms, auditorium, and computer and training facilities.

The complex will be served by only two lifts in the central core, while internal access will be by stairs and overhead walkways.

Landscape gardeners will not be pleased to hear that the bank is not going on any landscaping spree. It will merely add indigenous flora to the lone thorn tree currently on site.
There will, however, be more in it for other industries because bulk services still have to be installed. The cost, says La Grange, "will have to be shared with the adjoining developers, ILH and the State."

The complex has been designed by Heine Hauptfleisch of Stauch Vorster, one of a short list of architectural firms asked to submit designs.


Rent boards have never been popular among property owners, for obvious reasons. But there could well be a case for some form of statutory rent protection for some Indians and coloureds who, if only temporarily, are finding themselves at the mercy of exploitative landlords.

It was a bureaucratic bungle - one which could have arisen only through SA's convoluted "own affairs" constitution - which saw the old rent board, which used to be colour blind to rent grievances, reconstituted as a white "own affair."

Coloureds and Indians, by parliamentary decree, were to follow by creating their own rent boards to hear matters affecting their communities. But somewhere along the line,
the system broke down and the ethnic boards never came into being.

Predictably, once landlords discovered that tenants were without the protection of the Rents Act, they had a field day. In some instances, rents in Durban's Indian quarter were increased by $300 \%$ overnight. In other cases, tenants were summarily given notice to vacate.

## Ethnic boards

Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the Indian House of Delegates, says the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs, which enjoys jurisdiction over rent matters, is urgently looking into the matter. He expects ethnic rent boards to be proclaimed "within the next two weeks."

In the interim, he warns he will have no hesitation in asking the State President to intervene if cases of gross exploitation are brought to his attention. Usurious landlords face the prospect of having to reimburse tenants if the rip-off charges can be proved.

But comforting as that may seem, tenants could be forgiven for feeling that it is a bit like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.


Hamstrung by years of uncertainty over Na mibia's future, development in Windhoek in recent years has been just about non-existent. Indeed, as a consortium which has been looking at the restructuring of the city centre has found, downtown Windhoek has remained much the same since German times.

Essentially, the city's CBD is little more than a strip development, mostly on the west side of Kaiser Street which hosts most of the

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 be used.


Minister of Education and Bevelopment Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen said R123,6m had been allocated to bláack urban development and $\mathrm{R} 61,8 \mathrm{~m}$ for low-cost housing project in the nonindependent homelands.

With regard to urban development, Heunis said the $\mathrm{R} 123,6 \mathrm{~m}$ was supplementary to the R338m pro-
vided for this purpose in the current financial year and would be used to upgrade areas in such a way as to promote job creation and stimulate the economy.

Heunis said that in funding projects, the provision of infrastructure and services for housing erven would receive preference in order that the private sector might also make a contribution.

THE provision of low-cost or affordable housing has become a focal issue for SA's property industry.
While it may once have been considered government's responsibility to provide for those who could not afford to house themselves in the conventional market, it has now been realised both public and private sectors will have to pull ogether to tackle the problem
The subject has to be approached from a number of angles - the size of the market, different construction methods and financing of schemes. This analysis requires the adoption of a fresh approach to various aspects of the problem, a willingness to changing standards and abandon preconceptions.
By now it has generally been accepted white SA housing standards cepted white SA housing standards are too high, even at the lowest
income level. Enforcing housing income level. Enforcing housing
standards that are too high prestandards that are too high pre-
vents ownership, or at least decreases ability to pay for other goods and services.
It has also been acknowledged these high Western standards cannot be imposed on the rest of the popilation. Not every home will have an indoor toilet, for example, and many families will move into and many farion designed for them accommodation designed for them

Informal settlements
Beâring in mind many families cannot afford to borrow at market rates the sort of money needed to buy the simplest contractor-built house informal settlements will have to be accepted.

It has been suggested a person whose traditional home has been an" informal rural structure may not object to a similar home in an urban area, in a place with potable water, sanitation, access roads and area lighting. A few regulations of health and safety should apply to this:"shanty" development.
The next level should be considerably higher, envisaging ultimate freehold: ownership

Although informal housing is likely to account for a significant proportion of overall stock for many years to come, opportunities in the development ing are enormous
The lack of accurate statistical information about housing and population poses a serious problem for residential accommodation planners. The number of housing units occupied by the black urban population group has never been counted in any national census.
An Urban Foundation figure puts the annual housing requirement for urban blacks at between 80000 and 100000 units a year until the year 2000 But in the last five years only about 800 units have been built in black urban areas annually.
A number of different types of low-cost houses have been proposed, some schemes already hav ing been put into practice. These ideas range from the very basic add-on wet core to rather mor elaborate and costly structures.
The question of affordability forces a look at existing and potential financing possibilities.
Traditional home lenders, the building societies, seem to be aware of the need for flexible assessments of the financial capability of the borrower and of the standards they demand. Measures being adopted include taking into account the combined incomes of members of a household moving way from the standard $25 \%$ of the borrower's income and adopting a more flexible attitude towards women clients.
Still, allocation terms and practices are obstacles to lower income families in formal loan finance.
A choice of loan terms has been put forward from some quarters as one way in which the societies can play a bigger part in the low-cost play a gge pa the terms could me in the the the be in graduated repayment schedules, fixed or variable interest rates and the size of the deposit.
Ways of encouraging the private
sector to enter this market are under focus. What incentives can be offered to the pension funds and insurers, for example, to push them into low-cost housing?
The adoption of the US GNMA certificate system has frequently been mooted for the high-risk residential market. The "Ginnie Mae" method - after the Government National Mortgage Association - is in effect a guarantee from government of the timeous payment of principal and interest
Some believe the Ginnie Mae combine the best features of both mortgages and government loans, with safety, attractive yield, cash flow and superior marketability. The GNMA is not authorised to orizinate new mortgages - it buys originate new mortgages - it bus selected types of mortgages and issues long-term securities backed by self-liquidating mortgages, the principal and interest payment of which it guarantees. The loans arg of 30 -year duration but are typicaly paid by the 12 th year.
Fixed property investment has become more and more the preserve of institutions with strong cash flows, meaning pension funds and life assurers are today's major wners of investment property.
Presumably the perception of this prompted the recent government decision to make bonds available so the institutions can provide funds for housing purposes.

Indirect investment
The institutions could also invest in housing indirectly by placing a portion of their funds on long-term deposit with an intermediary body.
It has been proposed that government considers directing a proportion of the prescribed asset of financial institutions to this field. Pension funds and insurance companies presently have to invest $53 \%$ and $33 \%$ respectively of their assets in prescribed investments.
If only $5 \%$ of the approximately R40b invested by pension funds is allocated to housing, 100000 homes could be built. On $^{43}$

## Alternative housing defined

WHAT is a low-cost house?
Parameters vary, but one clear definition comes from Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) National Building Research Institute chief economist, Dr Tobie de Vos.
De Vos describes a low-cost house as a $55 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ to $60 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ home, containing three living rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom, with no cupboards in the bedrooms and only basic and essential storage space in the kitchens. Electricity, hot and cold space in the kitchens. Electrage are included.
This house, when produced conventionally by the This industry, would cost between R15000 and R20 000 in 1986, including the land
Obviously many low-income families will live in houses of lesser standards than this. Alternative housing methods include the following, with a range of standards inbetween
Controlled squatting;
$\square$ Self-help site and service units;
$\square$ Core houses or shells on to which the owner adds when the family can afford it.

Actual construction methods which some building societies are now prepared to consider include the wattle and daub form, the sakke en sand structure, concrete brick construction, airated concrete panel building, the utilisation of laminated wooden panels and the prefabricated interlocking concrete panel method.

## Valley View

 turns to timberTHE Valley View village development in Randburg could prove to be a trendsetter：it uses the timber－ frame method of construction．
The method，the norm in countries such as Austra－
M ia and the US，has not yet caught on in SA，although it
N s a year now since the introduction of new nationa puilding regulations that accept timber－frame．
Manfred Hegler，MD of developers City State；says the Valley View homes use components produced in factory conditions，reducing construction time and enabling the home－owner to move into the finished house 10 weeks after building begins．

The cost structure means first－time buyers qualify for the government subsidy．
＂In view of the housing shortage，the speed of erection and cost advantages make this concept ideal－ ly suited to current local conditions，＂says Hegler；
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Aim is to improve quality of life says official

KTHE Department of Development Aid is giving loans for selfbuilt housing schemes in proclaimed town${ }^{\text {a }}$ ships within the selfgoverning territories and development trust areas.
2. Mr George Bothma, an official in the depart ment, said in an interview that satisfaction of the basic needs of urban blacks in townships within hese areas was of
utmostimportance so as to improve and raise the quality of life.
He said the maximum his department for selfbuild housing schemes in these areas has beent sincreased from R3 500 - to R5 000.

## Cost

This followed re quests by several individuals and bodies in these schemes that the amount should be increased because of in$\$$ creases in the price of building materials, Ghigher labour and trans© port costs.

He said the South African Government placed a high premium on home ownership and the involvement of the individuals and the community in self-help schemes.

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This had been indicated by the recent announcement by the Minister of Finance that R750 million is to be made available for low cost housing throughout the country. In the case of his department, the Minister had approved R61,8-million for such housing as well as infrastructure.
"For members of the tow income group who do not have sufficient
private means to build that in the overall proor who do not qualify for loans from financial institutions, the Minister has approved individual loans of R5 000 in the form of building material.
"These loans, payable over a 30 -year period, are available at a very low interest rate to the breadwinners earning up to R350 a month. They are designed to assist members of this group to build either by themselves or with the aid of contractors."

He also pointed same principle," he said


Mr GEORGE Bothma. cess of township development, his department endeavours to ensure that most of the physical development projects will be carried out as labour intensive projects.
This action was taken to provide the maximum number of job opportunities for the residents of townships.
"In the case where development projects are given out on contract to private firms, requests are made to the contractors to follow the


HOUSING

What does a guy (or gal) do when times are tough and the rental becomes too much to handle? Move back home, share with others or, in the case of families, move in with another family, that's what.

It happens in every recession. But now, it seems, "doubling up" has become too much of a good thing.

Complaints of overcrowding are coming from flatlands all over the country and, in most cases, municipalities are not quite sure what to do about it.

In Johannesburg, for example, bachelor flats hosting up to 12 permanents have been identified. Landlords, of course, would like to evict most of them. But it isn't easy because tenants can delay eviction by invoking a multiplicity of laws and regulations which allow them to extend their stay.

Johannesburg Town Planning Department's Rudi Erasmus explains the local authority's problem.

Local regulations, he notes, define a dwelling as a unit which can be occupied legitimately by a couple, their parents, the couple's children and four other persons. That
means if both sets of parental in-laws are still alive, the total rises to six. If the couple has four children, the total rises to 10 ; if four other people occupy the unit, as the law allows, the total rises to 14 . All very legal.
The problem, laments Erasmus, is that the regulations refer to a unit which could mean anything from a bachelor flat to a mansion.
That's why the council finds it difficult to take action. Anyway, as Erasmus admits, it just does not have the manpower to handle the police work, so it acts only on complaints.
Even then the process is cumbersome the council can act only 28 days after a notice has been served. The matter then has to go to the City Secretary and he, in turn, has to order a further inspection. If the premises are still overcrowded, he can issue a notice and institute legal proceedings.
Professor Hilliard Hurwitz, Johannesburg's Medical Officer of Health, points out however that the Slums Act now gives the local authority more teeth. It demands separation of the sexes of children in a unit and lays down that each adult must be allocated $3,716 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of floor space and $11,32 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ of air-
space. And there must be at least one toilet for every 12 people.

Unlike the planning regulations, the Act does not hold the landlord solely responsible for overcrowding. But to act against tenant or landlord means having to constitute a special slums court hearing.
There are two other pieces of legislation which can be used to prevent overcrowding, says Hurwitz - the Health Act and the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

In terms of the squatting legislation, a magistrate may order the removal of "squatters," their transfer elsewhere, or the demolition of buildings if he finds they are "proper slum dwellings."
Tenants cannot be summarily evicted by the landlord, however, because they have the right of appeal to a magistrate.

Landlords can invoke the provisions of the Health Act to evict, but if it can be shown that they have knowingly created a slum in the process (unlikely but possible) they can be prosecuted.
No wonder most of them are saying "what the hell" and letting sleeping dogs lie.
plenty of both. As sole letting agent for the Gold Fields of SA (GFSA) new Johannesburg office development, 77 Fox Street, it has decided to let the entire $6000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ to a single tenant. And at a hefty $\mathrm{R} 16,50 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ gross with $10 \% /$ year escalations to boot.

What commercial manager Nic Hill is looking for is a company prepared to pay about R100 000/month initially for the eight-floor building, which will be ready for occupation towards the end of the year. What are the chances?
For that price and at this time, the market is quick to point out, tenants are generally looking for better deals than that. After all, even top quality space is readily available at $\mathrm{R} 12 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$.

## Still negotiating

Hill knows this as well as anyone but remains confident that he will find a taker. He claims two concerns "arc already nibbling."
To Hill, the prospect of not finding his super-tenant is "unthinkable." But if the unthinkable happens, he admits he will have to start looking at smaller fish. Even then, however, "none of them will be able to take less than $800 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$."
Although there are signs of improvement in the office letting market (see "Offices 1 ") he admits his attitude is unusual given the current overhang of space. "But," he explains, "it's an awfully upmarket building It cost about R2 $000 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ to build and there can't be many around with that kind of price tag."
Hill reckons 77 Fox Street, with on-site
parking provided at a ratio of one bay/ $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, has many features that warrant the high rent.
The building is the third and final stage of

GFSA's development on part of the Fox, Sauer, Commissioner and Simmonds streets block which it shares with the Reserve Bank.

Peter Malan of Russell, Marriott and Boyd Trust has sold an $8090 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ industrial development in Durban's Stamford Hill Road for $\mathrm{R} 2,2 \mathrm{~m}$. The property, on which there is a headlease, yields $13 \%$ net, escalating to $18,3 \%$ in the fifth year. Buyer is an investment syndicate.

In a second deal, the company has sold a near-vacant, 1,47 ha site in Jan Smuts Highway, Waterfall Park, zoned for office development, to an unnamed developer for R450 000.

Anglo American Property Services has leased a $1300 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ floor in Braamfontein Centre, across the road from the University of the Witwatersrand, to Geen and Richards for five years. Leasing director Joe Hallis is reluctant to quote rates, but the ballpark asking price in the building is $\mathrm{R} 6 / \mathrm{m}^{2}-\mathrm{R} 7 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$. Escalation is believed to be $8 \% /$ year.

Sneech Property Sales (SPS) has let $1200 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ in Simba Road, Sebenza Extension 1, to Lizarin Transport for two years at $\mathrm{R} 4,20 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ escalating at $10 \%$ year.

In another letting in the area, SPS has signed Dev Engineering for a $400 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ factory in Ingwe Road for three years at $\mathrm{R} 4,50 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
escalating at $10 \% /$ year.
In Edenvale, SPS has let $745 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of garage and office space at the corner of Van Riebeeck and 10 th streets to Speedy Exhaust for 10 years at $R 5,40 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$, escalating at 10\%/year.

Pace's Eddie Davidson has leased $1926 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ at 757 6th Street, Wynberg, to Lamson Industries for five years at $\mathrm{R} 4,50 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ net, escalating at $9 \%$ /year.
In Kramerville, Pace has sub-let $1400 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ at 5 Kramer Road to Hi Tech Graphics for five years and eight months at $\mathrm{R} 6 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ net escalating at $10 \%$ /year.

It has also pre-let two $800 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ units in Marvil Park, Ratchet Street, Stormill, due to be launched next week. Omnia Plastics has taken one unit for five years and Magnum Mining Supply the other for two years. Rental is $\mathrm{R} 4,50 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ with $10 \%$ annual escalations in each case.

Rolair Air Film Systems has leased $650 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of factory space and $230 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of office accommodation in Driehoek, Germiston, to CT Hydraulics and Engineering for five years at $\mathrm{R} 4,15 / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ gross escalating at $9 \% /$ year. The deal was negotiated by RMS-Syfrets.

Political Staff
CAPE TOWN - A group of Durban businessmen, taking President Botha at his word, has asked the Government to co-operate in a multimillion-rand scheme to solve the housing crisis for the employed black middle class.
The scheme is intended to complement the Government's own multimillion rand proposals to solve the housing shortage for the unemployed.

When President Botha appealed in March this year to the private sector for help in solving the coun" try's problems, Durban businessman Mr Terry Rosenberg started looking around to see what he shomeowners also paying their way

Using contacts in his church, he found a way.

Last week, after months of work, drawing in business associates and talking to concerned people, Mr Rosenberg presented a complex report to the Government.
The project is not limited to Natal but will take effect across the nation.

Government response so far has een low-key but encouraging.
The basis to the scheme is to draw in private enterprise on a major scale in partnership with the Government, using existing infra structure and the resources of pens: sion funds with the prospective homeowners also paying their way

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"If necessary, rent control will be extended to cover whole blocks," he said. He gave an assurance
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AN administrative 'slip up' in the division Affairs" has left thousands of Indian and coloured mercy of unscrupulous landlords.
There is evidence of landiords pushing up rents by more than being evicted.
Mr B Dookie, Indian Minister of Housing, said in
an interview that urgent steps were being taken to rectify the matter and that action would be taken against unprincipled landlords.
The bungle occurred as a result of Government
insistence on dividing all housing matters into "own affairs". As a result the Rent Board was only reconstituted to look after the affairs of white protected
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# Needed: 3 million urban 

 homes by the year 2000The population of the Republic of South Africa is expected to increase from 20 million in 1985 to about 34 million by the year 2000 when a projected 83 percent will be living in the urban areas compared with 66 percent at present.

The white group presently has a housing surplus of about 37000 units. This does not necessarily mean all households are without problems.
Financial hardship, overcrowding and the occupation of inadequate homes is often found. The fact that vacant units are not restricted to the relatively expensive category indicates that affordability problems are also experienced by whites.

Although statistical analysis rindicates a shortage of 52000 housing units for the coloured population, information obtained from a number of local areas seems to indicate the present shortage may be as high as 100000 units.
The Indian population has a shortage of about 44000 housing units.

The main housing problem facing South Africa concerns the black population. This is not only because of the size of this population, but because previous government policies restricted the building of homes, and imposed influx control and group areas legislation.

## Generate demand

While the present backlog for blacks amounts to more than 500000 units, the relaxation of influx control, together with the natural population increase, will generate a demand for an additional 1,3 million homes by 1990 .
An estimated 2,7 million homes will have to be provided before the year 2000 if every household is to occupy a separate dwelling by then.

About 3,2 million homes in all need to be provided in the urban area of the RSA before 2000 . This is more than 200000 on average per annum.
The ability to provide low cost housing units depends, among other things, on the cost of the dwellings, the ability of households to afford them, the availability and cost of the land, labour and the funds available for subsidisation.

## Unit cost

The cost of providing a low-cost housing unit in 1986 is R20 000 including land and services.(A low-cost house is defined as a 55 sq m to 69 sq m home containing three living rooms, a kitchen and bathroom with no cupboards and only basic storage space in the kitchen. Ceilings are provided and the floor finishes are relatively maintenance free. Electricity, hot

The scrapping of influx control coupled with the natural population increase is expected to push the housing backlog to 1,3 million by 1990 - just four years from now. By the year 2000 about 3,2 million houses will have to be built in the urban areas of South Africa if the country's needs are to be met - but 76 percent of black households in South Africa have no money for housing. These are some of the facts Dr Tobie de Vos, chief economist of the Building Services Division, National Building Research Institute at the CSIR, gave recently at a seminar on the financing of low-cost housing. Here are excerpts from his paper in which he assessed the situation.

Current and projected urban housing requirements: 1985-2000

| Population group |  | Housing Stock 1985 | Housing requirements |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 |
| Whites* | Requirements Cum. shortage | 1299000 | $\begin{gathered} 1262000 \\ +(37000) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} 1332 & 000 \\ 33 & 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|ll} 1 & 430 \\ 132000 \\ & 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 1517000 \\ 218000 \end{array}$ |
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| Asians* | Requirements Cum. shortage | 141000 | $\begin{array}{r} 185000 \\ 44000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 200000 \\ 60000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 218000 \\ 77000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 234000 \\ 93000 \end{array}$ |
| Blacks** | Requirements Cum. shortage | 466000 | $\begin{array}{r} 1004000 \\ 538000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 2 & 299 & 000 \\ 1 & 833 & 000 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{lll} 2 & 724 & 000 \\ 2 & 258 & 000 \end{array}\right.$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{lll} 3 & 161 & 000 \\ 2 & 695 & 000 \end{array}\right.$ |

## ${ }^{+}$Surplus.

*. RSA and National States, excluding TBVC countries
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and cold water and waterborne sewerage are included.)

The ability of households to afford accommodation can be evaluated, inter alia, in terms of their disposable income for housing.

This disposable income is considered to be that portion of household income available for housing after transport costs of the breadwinners have been paid as well as the items necessary to maintain a minimum standard of health and decency.

The Institute of Planning Research at the University of Port Elizabeth has found the Household Subsistence Levels (HSL) for blacks, Indians and coloureds to be R345, R401 and R368 a month respectively in 1985.

As similar studies have not been undertaken for whites, it will be assumed the HSL for Whites is the same as for Indians.

## Households

According to the 1985 All Media and Products survey (AMPS) the average declared monthly income for households in South Africa (including the TBVC countries and Namibia) ranged from R352 for blacks to more than R2 000 for whites.
In terms of this analysis, only 2,4 percent of white households are financially unable to make any contributions towards their housing. The corresponding figures for coloured, Indians and blacks are 31,1 percent, 8,2 percent and 56,4 percent.

About nine percent of all white households need assistance to acquire a low-cost dwelling. More than half the coloureds, 30 percent of the Indians and no less than 84 percent of the blacks cannot
afford a low-cost dwelling with some form of subsidy.
The one-third interest rate State subsidy which first-time homeowners receive allows 94 percent of all white households to acquire low-cost dwellings whereas the civil service subsidy allows 96 percent to do so.
The corresponding percentages for coloureds are about 53 and 61, for Indians 78 and 85 and for blacks 24 and 33.

## Loan funds

According to tables reflecting loan funds required for subsidised low-cost housing, it can be calculated that at least R8000 million is needed to eradicate the million is needed to eradicate the
1985 backlog. This is 11 times the R750 million the Government has made available.
If the housing backlog is to be met by 1990 at the standard suggested and assuming prices, costs, interest rates and household incomes remain constant, the astronomical amount of R27 000 million will be required in the form of loanable funds on which no interest or capital redemption payments can be made initially
Too many households in South Africa have become accustomed to either the State or their employers largely subsiding their accommodation. This has created a dependancy syndrome which has detrimentally affected the natural growth of the housing market.

## Informal sector

About 70 percent of white households receive some form of housing subsidy while a considerably larger proportion of other population groups enjoy this privilege.
The involvement of each household in the provision of its
housing is probably the most providing a serviced site and significant way to reduce the need dwelling utilising State funds. for low-cost housing finance. The encouragement and development of the informal economic sector,
specially in the erection and maintenance of dwellings, is of particular importance.
For such a system to be successful, building standards appropriate to the technologies employed and to the associated financial constraints will have to be actively encouraged and approved.
The role of the State in the provision and financing of housing n South Africa has often been underestimated. It is not generally known the State has in recent years been responsible for the direct financing of more than one-third of all housing constructed in South Africa.

## Plots available

As far as coloured, Indian and blacks are concerned, the Government has been investing about R350 million per annum to provide about 23000 homes a year. Despite this, the housing backlog has increased steadily. This state of affairs led to the adoption of a new housing policy at the beginning of 1983 in terms of which active support of the public sector is sought.
In an attempt to use available funds to the best advantage, the Government now gives priority to the provision of serviced building plots.

These plots are made available to all persons who can, either from their own financial resources or with the assistance of their employers or financial institutions, accept responsibility for the accept responsibility for the
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- R150 to R450 per month, the local authority provides only a serviced stand utilising State funds. The property owner is eligible to receive financial assistance for building materials up to a maximum of R4 000 .
- R450 to R800 a month, the local authority is required to provide a serviced site only, utilising State funds.
- R801 and above, the housing needs must be met by the private sector.


## New strategy

The campaign launched by the government in 1983 to sell 500000 housing units at very reasonable prices is indicative of an endeavour to promote home-ownership.
Although this new housing strategy of the Government is laudable, it has not yet met with the success expected. This is mainly attributable to delays in finalising surveying and township establishment procedures, as well as to pressure not to purchase homes brought to bear on tenants by opposing political groups. Recent evidence seems to indicate sales are now picking up.

## Loss offset

It is impossible to promote large-scale provision of low-cost housing in South Africa without some form of subsidy and incentive. Effective incentives will offset any potential loss of revenue or expenditure of funds, whereas subsidies imply the reallocation of resources.
Subsidies should ideally relate to the ability to pay. They should be granted only in cases of proven need to achieve viable objectives. If correctly applied, subsidies can make a significant contribution to the financing of low-cost housing.
sandstone, brick, iron mongering, timber and labour," says Norman Nel, president of the
Institute of Estate Agents of SA.
He also predicts that relaxation of the Group Areas Act will benefit estate agents and owners of existing homes. While it will do little to meet the enormous demand for housing among lower income groups, it will go a long way towards absorbing the over supply of existing houses.
This view is supported by Urban Foundation housing planner Guy Leitch and Christo de Coning of the Rand Afrikaans University's research unit for development studies, which has been focusing on grey areas.
Nel predicts that the influx of other race groups into white areas will be largely accepted by whites in more affluent areas and points to the experience of Harare, Windhoek and Mafikeng.
In areas where an influx of blacks causes whites to move out, sellers will benefit by increased demand and consequent rise in prices. This too will add impetus to property demand.

One way and another, these developments will mean business for building societies. Some have been quick to spot the opportunity. Since the advent of 99 -year leasehold in 1978, all major societies have been involved in black housing - but some more aggressively than others.

For a while, UBS was front-runner. According to GM Piet Kruger, it has provided about $50 \%$ of loans for black housing. But the Perm, which previously played only a small part, is now making a determined bid for premier position. In the financial year ending March, it lent R106m for this purpose, compared with UBS's R98m.
Says assistant general manager Peter von Broembsen: "We are the only society to grant loans on two-room 'starter homes' of $30 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$. Research has shown that the average black family can't afford more than R10000-R12000. To bring costs down to this level, we have reduced our standards and require only that a building be structurally sound."
The Perm, he says, is also the only society to take into account the income of the entire household - including boarders.

Building societies' more flexible approach has made the task of the Urban Foundation far easier. Says Leitch: "Originally, self-help housing was post-bonded, which meant we paid and societies granted a loan only on completion. The breakthrough came when they decided to accept the self-helper as owner-builder and prime contractor. This has worked because of the degree of management exercised by the Family Housing Association - an Urban Foundation subsidiary."
A number of other financing strategies are being considered.
Those involved in black housing believe that demand from families who are economically active will be virtually insatiable. If serviced land and subsidies are available, there seems no end to the benefits to all concerned.


Despite the fatal shootings of at least 21 people at Jabavu, Soweto, two weeks ago, and dramatic incidents in the township last week when they were buried, neither antiapartheid groups nor black local authorities are showing signs of giving in over rents.
The Jabavu shootings occurred when township residents clashed with Soweto council police - the "blackjacks"- as they moved in to issue eviction notices to some of the families.

Last Thursday, while Soweto residents staged a stayaway, some of the victims were buried in defiance of a ban on mass funerals. Precisely what happened is uncertain. Residents claim security forces shot and killed some of the mourners, but the Bureau for Information said no-one was killed in unrest in Soweto that day.

The rents issue has developed into a vicious circle. Officials have denounced the unrest as the work of agitators and say residents are refusing to pay their rent because of intimidation. In Soweto, the council has said it will continue with evictions of rent defaulters regardless of violent resistance.

This portends a further hardening of attitudes, and possible conflict. Last weekend, leaflets were distributed in Soweto claiming that "the present rent system is unjust and that there is no reason to increase house rentals as the loans used to build the houses - some of them already more than five decades old - have long been repaid."

Soweto is, of course, not the only township affected by rent boycotts. According to the Wits University-based Community Research Group, rent boycotts are taking place in 48 townships countrywide.

An indication of how the boycotts are draining the coffers of black local authorities was given in parliament last week by Education and Development Aid Minister Gerrit Viljoen in response to questions raised by Peter Soal of the Progressive Federal Party.

In the Vaal Triangle, where residents have not been paying rent since September 1984, a total of R35,7m was owed to the Lekoa Council at the end of May, Viljoen said. He also told parliament that the Soweto council was owed R2,5m at the end of May; that nearly 21 000 residents owed the Diepmeadow Council R1, Im at the end of June; and that about $40 \%$ of registered tenants owed the Dobsonville Council R308 731, excluding services charges, at the end of May.
According to Viljoen, at least 296253 residents in the Vaal are involved in the boycott, 20840 residents out of 239346 in Diepmeadow, and 27000 out of 535783 in Soweto.

Government has established joint management centres - representing local authorities, the police and chambers of commerce - to break the boycott. But the plan, which was initiated in the Vaal, appears to have had little success.

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| (5) 'n Algemene plan deur die Landmeter-generaal goedgekeur, handelende soos in subregulasie (4) beoog, of enige algemene plan wat voor dre neverkingtreding van Wysigingswet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeengkappe, 1986, kragtens die Wet goedgekeur is, kan deur die Landmeter-generaal gewysig word of gedeeltelik of in die geheel gekanselleer word of die grond wat op | (5) A general plan approved by the Surveyor-General, plan approved under the Act pror to the coming into force acting as contemplated in subregulation (4), or any genera of the Black Communities Development Amendment Act, 1986, may be amended or partially or totally cancelled by the Surveyor-General on the land shown on such general plan may be consolidated or subdivided, on such terms and conditions as the Minister may approve or direct. |
| as wat die Minister mag goedkeur of gelas. <br> (6) Die dorpstigter is verantwoordelik vir die indiening by die Landmeter-generaal van enige aansoek om die wysiging of gedeeltelike of totale kansellasie van ' $n$ algemene plan in subregulasie (5) bedoel, tesame met enige goedkeuing of lasgewing in daardie subregulasie bedoel, en soda- nige wysigende algemene plan moet aan die vereistes van nige wysigende algemene plan moser die Opmetingswet, 1927 , voldoen. | (6) The township applicant shall be responsible for submitting any application for the amendment or partial or total cancellation of a geneal plan referred to in subregulation (5) to the Surveyor-General, together with any approval or dito the Surveyor-General, together with any approval or di- rection referred to in that subregulation and such amending general plan shall comply with the requirements of the Land Survey Act, 1927. |
| (7) Enige beding of voorwaarde deur die Minister goedgekeur of gelas soos in subregulasie (5) beoog, kan enige voorwaarde betreffende die betaling van vergoeding, indien daar is, of die sluiting van 'n openbare plek insluit. | Minister Any contemplated in subprovulation (5) may include Minister as contemplated in subregulation (S) may include any condition as to the payment of compensation, if any, or the closing of any public place. |
| (8) Nadat die algemene plan met betrekking tot die dorp, of enige gedeelte daarvan, deur die Landmeter-generaal goedgekeur is, is die dorpstigter daarvoor verantwoordelik om sodanige gevolglike wysigings aan die betrokke uitegom sodanige gevolglike wysigngs aan die betrokke we plan aan te bring as wat die vorm waarin die algemene plan bykomende aansoek gedoen word of goedkeuring verleen dgekeur is, mag vereis, en is dit nie nodig dat'n nuwe of word ten opsigte van'n uitlegplan wat aldus gewysig is nie. | (8) After the general plan relating to the township, or any part thereof, has been approved by the Surveyor-General, consequential amendments to the relevant layout plan as may be dictated by the form in which the general plan was approved. and it shall not be necessary for any new or additional application to be made or ap in respect of a layout plan so amended. |
| (9) Die dorpstigter moet, binne 'n tydperk van drie maande na die datum waarop die planne en diagramme a die Eandmeter-generaal voorgele en deur hom goedgekeur is, 'n gesertifiseerde afskrif of natreksel van die algemene plan van die dorp, tesame met 'n afskrif van die uitlegplan indien en, indien die goedgekeurde dorp binne die plaaslike owerheidgebied van in plaaslike owerfieid geleê sal wees, ook by daardie plaaslike owerheid. | (9) The township applicant shall, within a period of three months after the date on which the Surveyor-General has approved the plans and diagrams submitted to him, lodge a certified copy or tracing of the general plan of the township, together with a copy of the layout plan, amended as contemplated in subregulation (8), with the authorised officer and, area of any local authority, also with that local authority. |
| URPAG KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 52 (5) VAN DIE WET GEDURENDE DORPSTIGTING | ASEHOLD IN TERMS OF SECTION 52 (5) OF THE <br> ACT DURING TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT |
|  | regulations, including, but not limited to- |
| die vereiste dat die Registrateur normaalweg met die dorp kragtens Hoofstuk $I V$ van die Registrasie van Aktes Wet, 1937, handel̀ soos in regulasie 21 (1) | (a) the requirement that the Registrar must in the ordinary course deal with the relevant title deeds relating to a proposed township in terms of Chapter IV of the Deeds Registren (lation 21 (1); |









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 26. (1) Subject to the provisions of reguation 30 , every
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##  (5) Any party to a matter being considered by 2 secvices atitration board may appear before the board in person or

 regarding its procedure and proceedings. (3) A services arbitration board may make its own rules (d) One person with experience in local govenment
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person of liggaam aan wie die grond beskikbaar
gestel is;











 7.3 Die partye kan die wyse warap dorpsontwikkelaars
(met inbegrip van werkgewers wat behusining aan hulle 7.2.2 die wyse waarop die partye beoog om te handel
met die omskepping van hurpag in eieindomsreg
soos in artikel 57 A van die Wet bedoel.



 7. BESKIKKING
 question whether proference we will be given to purchasers
who are registeredi
the manner any official housing waith such preference will be regulated.


 1 person who will have their dwellings constructed
by te person or body to whom the land is made
available; 7.4 Provisions may be included relating to various cate-
gories of purchasers to whom erven will be disposed of, for
example7.3.5 $\begin{aligned} & \text { improvements in the form of dwellings have been } \\ & \text { constructed. }\end{aligned}$ 7.3.4 the installation and provision of services have been
completed; 7.3.3 the proposed township has become an approved
township;
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 7.3 The parties may describe the manner in which
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9. BEDINGE VAN VERKOOPAKTES



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 9.6.2 The financing of the building works. 9.6.1 The preparation and submission to the relevant lobe conducted by the person or body to whom the land is
made available (including a self-help housing scheme) deal-
ing inter alia with the following: should be used in respect of any special housing scheme to
be conducted by the person or body to whom the land is 9.6 Provisions may be included in the land availability
agreement regarding the terms of any deed of disposal that in accordance with the relevant by-laws and/or regulations
in force from time to time.

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 the costs incurred by the person or body making the land
available, if any, in respect of inter alia township establish-


 referred to in paragraph 9.2 shall be payable by the person
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wat nie met hierdie rigytye onbestaanbaar is nie, waarop die
partye mag ooreenkom. Daar kan sodanige ander bedinge en voorwaardes wees 12. GENERAL artikel.
12. ALGEMEEN $\begin{aligned} & \text { thereupon the land thus made available may be withdrawn } \\ & \text { and dealt with in terms of that section. }\end{aligned}$



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en opmetingswerk binne die tydperk in paragraaf 4.1 be- $\begin{aligned} & \text { may agree and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of } \\ & \text { section } 34 \text { ( } 9 \text { ) of the Act: Provided that the agreement shall } \\ & \text { expressly }\end{aligned}$
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Land Price Regulations, 1986 . However, the Minister would not have determined
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## PART II: APPLICATION

## The Authorised Officer

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(insert address)

## Township applicant's address:



No. 1043179

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Tel. No.:
Township applicant's reference:
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## Sir

## PROPOSED TOWNSHIP:

## SITUATED ON:

I, the undersigned

## being-

*he registered owner of the land described herein,
OR
*the duly authorised agent of the registered owner of the land described herein,
OR
*the person or body with the consent of the registered owner of the land described herein to establish a township on such land in my own name, OR
*the person or body to whom the land described herein has been made available as contemplated in section 34 ( 9 ) of the Black Communities Development
Act, 1984,
hereby apply for permission to establish a township on the land described herein and submit the particulars that appear hereafter.
Date

## Signature

* Delete that which is not applicable.

| 1. | DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN APPLICATION <br> (Please make a cross in the appropriate columns) | YES | No | N/A |
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| 1.1 | Two copies of completed application form, each accompanied by the documents as indicated below |  |  |  |
| 1.2 | A print of the proposed township layout. |  |  |  |
| 1.3 | A copy of the memorandum in support of the application |  |  |  |
| 1.4 | A copy of the title deed(s). |  |  |  |
| 1.5 | A copy of any deed of servitude that applies to the land |  |  |  |
| 1.6 | A copy of any mortgage bond(s) relating to the land. |  |  |  |
| 1.7 | A copy of the mineral rights certificate or mineral rights cession |  |  |  |
| 1.8 | A copy of the owner's consent or power(s) of attorney, if applicable. |  |  |  |
| 1.9 | A copy of the township applicant's company resolution, if applicable |  |  |  |
| 1.10 | A floodine certificate indicating whether the land is or is not subject to a 1 in 50 year flood |  |  |  |
| 1.11 | A copy of the mortgagee's consent, if applicable. |  |  |  |
| 1.12 | A copy of the mineral right holder's consent, if applicable |  |  |  |
| 1.13 | Proof of reservation for township purposes in terms of section 184 of the Mining Rights Act, 1967, if applicable |  |  |  |
| 1.14 | A copy of a geotechnical report. |  |  |  |
| 1.15 | A certificate from a land surveyor, town planner or attorney stating that the conditions of title or servitude(s) recorded in the title deed(s) do not affect the proposed township, or stating the manner in which each servitude is to be cancetled or amended.. |  |  |  |
| 1.16 | A copy of the land availability agreement, if any. |  |  |  |
| 1.17 | A copy of the services agreement, if already concluded. |  |  |  |
| 1.18 | An application for designation as a development area in terms of section 33 of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984, if required |  |  |  |
| 1.19 | If the answer is "no" or "not applicable" in respect of any of the aforegoing |  |  |  |

$1.19 \begin{aligned} & \text { If the answer is "no"' or "not applicable" in respect of any of the aforegoing documents, give reasons (lengthy explanations can be attached................................................................................... } \\ & \text { annexures) }\end{aligned}$
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| 1.20 | Other documents atuached |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 2 . \\ & 2.1 \end{aligned}$ | SPECIFIC INFORMATIO REGARDING PROPOSED TOWNSHIP |
|  | Name of proposed township (also indicate wheter name has been approved by the approppiate authority and, if so, by wbom): |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2.2 \\ & 2.3 \end{aligned}$ | Name of township applicant: |
|  | Property |
|  | Tite deed description of every portion of the farm/smalliboldiog** on which the proposed township is to be established: |
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|  | (ii) Tite Deed No.:............................................................................................................................................................................................................................. |
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| 2.4 | Foll name of registered owner of the land: |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 2.5 \\ & 2.5 .1 \end{aligned}$ | The land isfis not* mortgaged and particulars of the relevant morgage bonds are as follows: |
|  | Property: <br> (i) Boad No $\qquad$ |
|  | (i) Boad No. <br> (ii) Bond No. $\qquad$ in favour of. in favour of $\qquad$ |
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| 2.5.2 | Porperty: <br> (i) Bond No. $\qquad$ in favour of |
|  | (ii) Bond No................................................................................................. in favour of. |
|  | (iii) Bond No.............................................................in favour of. |
| 2.6 | Mineral rights have/have oot been severed from the ownership of the land and are beld by: upder Certificate No |
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| 2.7 | A lease of the rights to minerads hashas not* been granted/A prospecting contract hashas not* been entered into, the particulars of which are as follows*: |
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| 2.82.8 | Staus of land in terms of the provisions of......................................... |
|  | The land hashhas no** been proclaimed in tems of the Act (fumish details): |
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| 2.8.2 | The land hashas cot* been reserved for township purposes in terms of section 184 of the Act (furrish decails): |
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| 28.3 | The land hashhas not* beco mined for precious metals or base metals as defined in section I of the Act (furrish details): |
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| 2.9 | The township applicant proposes still to take the following steps in respect of the position set out in paracraphs 2.6, 2.7, 2.8.1, 2.8.2 and 2.8 .3 above findicate full particulars of the steps that the township applicant proposes to take and when they are likely to be completed, as contemplated in requation 8 (2)): |
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| 2.10 | The township applicant requests that the Minister approve the application notwithstanding the fact that the steps referred to in paragraph 2.9 above have not yet been taken, and further requests that the Minister imposes the following conditions in this regard, as coatemplated in regulation 16 (1): |
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| 2.11 The proposed townskip- <br> 2.11 .1 is situated within the municipal or local authority area of . |  |
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There may be such other terms and conditions not inconsistent with these guide-tines as the parties may agree.
ANNEXURE F
LAND USE CONDITIONS
(Conditions of tinle or township conditions contemplated in section 57 of the Black Communities Development
Act, 1984)
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 (ii) reflect the number of the site and the numbers
of all the adjoining sites shown;
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dimensions of such boundaries expressed to one (a) refer to such plan or photograph, which shallfor the survey of such site as a single site or as an erf in a
township have been issued, and such certificate shall-
 6. (1) A site appearing on a plan or aerial photograph
contemplated in section 52 (5) of the Act shall be identified "IDENTIFICATION OF SITES 4. The following regulation is hereby substituted for re-
gulation 6 : "DENTIFICATION OF SITES". 3. The following heading is hereby substituted for the
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18. The following regulation is hereby inserted after re-
gulation 19 :

 (b) any registered leaseholder in respect of such leasebold 18. No site permit, residential permit or certificate of
occupation referred to in any other law shall be required in
respect of a leasehold site or of premises contemplated in
section 52 (5) of the Act to be obtained or held by-"RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY


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26. Aanhangsel $\mathbf{F}$ word hierby gewysig deur in Deel B die voorbehoudsbepalings by afdelings II en III te skrap.

## No. R. 1899

12 September 1986

## REGULASIES BETREFFENDE DIE BEPALING VAN DIE PRYS VAN OPENBARE GROND

Ek, Jan Christiaan Heunis, Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning, vaardig hierby kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 66 (1) van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet 4 van 1984), die regulasies uit vervat in die bygaande Bylae, welke regulasies in werking tree op 15 September 1986.

## J. C. HEUNIS,

Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning.

## BYLAE

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## WOORDOMSKRYWING EN TOEPASSING

## Woordomskrywing

1. In hierdie regulasies, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken-
"administrateur" 'n administrateur in wie die bates, laste, regte, pligte en verpligtinge van 'n ontwikkelingsraad vestig soos bedoel in artikel 3 (1) (a) van die Wet op die Afskaffing van Ontwikkelingsliggame, 1986 (Wet 75 van 1986), en ook 'n owerheidsgesag op wie sodanige bates, laste, regte, pligte en verpligtinge oorgegaan het soos beoog in artikel 3 (2) van daardie Wet;
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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED GRANT OF LEASEHOLD [Regulation 13]

Certificate No.

1. It is hereby certified that the right of leasehold in respect of site number ........., measuring ......... and shown on general plan/plan crial photograph* number $\qquad$ has been granted to
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by.. number ................................................................................ registration hereof.
2. The use of the aforesaid site shall be
[insert the use for the relevant site under the Township Establishment and Land Use Regulations, 1986 made in terms of section 66 (1) of the Act) as defined and subject to such conditions as are contained in the land Use Conditions in Annexure $F$ to the Township Establishment and Land Use Regulations, 1986 made in terms of section 66 (1) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984: Provided that on the date on which a town planning scheme relating to the site comes into force, the rights and obliga tions contained in such scheme shall supersede those contained in the aforesaid Land Use Conditions, as contemplated in section 57B of the said Act.

OR
*(Alternatively insert other conditions relating to land use allowed under the Act).
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## SPECLAL CONDITIONS

* Delete that which is not applicable.

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Registrar.'
26. Annexure $F$ is hereby amended by the deletion in part B of the provisos to sections II and III.

No. R. 1899
 REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DETERIMNATION OF THE PRICE OF PUBLIC LAND
I, Jan Christiaan Heunis, Minister of Constitutional De velopment and Planning, do hereby, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 66 (1) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act 4 of 1984), make the regula tions contained in the accompanying Schedule, which regulations shall come into operation on 15 September 1986.
J. C. HEUNIS,

Minister of Consititutional Development and Planning

## SCHEDULE

## CHAPTER I

DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION

## Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indi-cates-
"administrator" means an administrator in whom the assets, liabilities, rights, duties and obligations of a development board vest as contemplated in section 3
(1) (a) of the Abolition of Development Bodies Act, 1986 (Act 75 of 1986), and includes a public authority to which such assets, liabilities, rights, duties and obligations have passed as contemplated in section 3 (2) of the said Act;

(c) enige ander persoon na goeddunke van die Minister.

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## No. R. 1855

12 September 1986
TRANSMED-REGULASIES

## WYSIGINGSLYS

Ingevolge die bevoegdheid aan my verleen by artikel 32 van die Wet op Diensvoorwaardes (Suid-Afrikaanse Vervoerdienste), 1983 (Wet 16 van 1983), verleen ek, Hendrik Stephanus Johan Schoeman, Minister van Vervoerwese van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, goedkeuring daaraan dat die Transmed-regulasies gepubliseer in Goewermentskennisgewing R. 34 van 7 Januarie 1983, soos gewysig, verder soos volg gewysig word vanaf 1 Mei 1986 :

## REGULASIE 15

Hernommer subparagraaf (4) (b) om te lees (4) (c) en voeg die volgende nuwe subparagraaf (4) (b) in:
(b) ' $n$ Kind gebore uit ' $n$ oorlede lid se huwelik wat deur egskeiding ontbind is, word as ' $n$ weeskind beskou en word 'n lid, mits die oorlede lid minstens 10 jaar ononderbroke diens voltooi het.
such amount due to him shall, subject to the provisions of regulations 7 and 8 , be paid to his dependants or, if there are no dependants, into his estate.

No. R. 1855
12 September 1986
TRANSMED REGULATIONS SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENT
Under the powers vested in me by section 32 of the Conditions of Employment (South African Transport Services) Act, 1983 (Act 16 of 1983), I, Hendrik Stephanus Johan Schoeman, Minister of Transport Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, do hereby approve of the Transmed Regulations published in Government Notice R. 34 of 7 January 1983, as amended, being further amended as follows from 1 May 1986:

## REGULATION 15

Renumber subparagraph (4) (b) to read (4) (c) and insert the following new subparagraph (4) (b):
(b) A child born out of a deceased member's marriage, dissolved by divorce, shall be regarded as an orphan and shall become a member, provided the deceased member had completed at least 10 years' continuous service.

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By DENISE BOUTALL
FROM today black people have the right to get freehold title to land in the urban areas of South Africa, finally eradicating one of the major facets of Verwoerdian apartheid.
Regulations setting out the terms and conditions of freehold were promulgated on Friday and became effective today, thereby reversing nearly half a century of systematic discrimination against black urban property ownership.
Speaking from Pretoria, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said blacks would have a choice of keeping their propertie under 99 -year leasehold or converting it to freehold. They would also continue to have the right to buy land under 99 -year leasehold if they chose to.
All blacks, including citizens of the independent homelands, were entitled to freehold property ownership.
In addition, people of other races who were previously prohibited from owning land in the black areas could now buy land and develop it, which meant that property developers could now initiate housing developments without having to wait for land to be serviced by the Government.
The introduction of freehold comes nearly two years after the State President, Mr P W Botha, announced at the opening of Parliament in January, 1985, that blacks would be given freehold title which would allow them to buy land in the urban areas on the same terms as other races.
The legislation was, however, only introduced this year and the Black Communities Amendment Bill was finally passed by Parliament on June 25.
Speaking from Cape Town, PFP MP Mr Nic Olivier said as recently as 1983 that the Government had been adamantly opposed to freehold title
"This is an indication of the tremendous change that has taken place."
He said it was now up to the Government to step up its sale of houses and to ensure that land was made available relatively cheaply for blacks to build their own homes.
Mr Olivier said that prior to 1937 blacks had enjoyed freehold rights in certain urban areas, including Finge Village in Grahamstown, Sophiatown in Johannesburg and Lady Selborne in Pretoria. From that year they could acquire freehold only with the permission of the Governor-General

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SOUTH Africa's population is expected to increase from 20 -million, in 1985, to about 34 -million by the year 2000 , when a projected 83 percent will be living in the urban areas, compared with 66 percent at present.
The white group presently has a housing surplus of about 37000 units. This does no mean all households are with out problems. Financial hard ship, overcrowding, and the occupation of inadequate homes, is often found. The fact that vacant units are not restricted to the relatively expensive category indicates that affordability problems are also experienced by whites.
Although statistical analyis indicates a shortage of 52000 housing units for the coloured population, informtión obtained from a number of local areas seems to indicate the present shortage maybe as high as 100000 units:
The: Indian population has a shortage of about 44000 howsing units.
The main housing problem concerns the black populacion, not only because of its size, but because previous Government policies restricted the; building of homes, and imposed influx control and group areas legislation.

WhiLE the backlog for han 500000 units, the relaxation of influx control, together with the natural population
incréesse"' will generate a demana for an additional 1,3million homes by 1990 .
, $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{n}}$ estimated 2,7 -million homes will have to be provided before the year 2000 if aver household is to occupy a separate dwelling by then.
In all, about 3,2 -million homes need to be provided in the urban areas before 2000, which is more than 2000000 a year.

The ability to provide lowcost housing units depends, among other things, on the cost of the dwellings, the abibty of households to afford them, the availability and cost of the land, labour, and the funds available for subsidisation.

TTHE scrapping of influx control, coupled with the natural population increase, is expected to push the housing backlog to $1,3-$ million by 1990. By the year 2000 , about 3,2 -million houses will have to be built in the urban areas if South Africa's needs are to be met.

But 76 percent of black households have no money for housing.
These are some of the facts Dr Tobie de Nos, chief economist of the Building Services Division, National Building Research Insticute at the CSIR, gave at a recent seminar on the financing of low-cost housing. Here are excerpts from his paper.

Current and projected urban housing requirements: 1985-2000


Surplus
*. RSA and National States, excluding TBUC countries
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The cost of providing low-cost housing unit in 1986 is R20 000 including land and services. (A low-cost house is definded as a 55 to 69 sq m home with three living rooms a kitchen and bathroom with no cupboards and only basic storage space in the kitchen Ceilings are provided and the floor finishes are relatively maintenance free. Electricity hot and cold water and waterborne sewerage are included).

The ability of households to afford accommodation can be evaluated, inter alia, in terms of their disposable income for housing, which is considered to be that portion of house hold income available for housing after transport costs housing after transport costs of the breadwinners have been paid, as well as the items necessary to maintain a minimum standard of health and decency

The Institute of Planning Research at the University of Port Elizabeth has found the Household Subsistence Levels (HSL) for blacks, Indians and coloured people to be R345, R401 and R368 a month re spectively in 1985. As similar studies have not been under taken for whites, it will be assumed the HSL for them is the same as for Indians.
$A$ CCORDING to the 1985 All Media and Products survey (AMPS), the average declared monthly income for households in South Africa including the TBVC countries and Namibia) ranged from R352 for blacks to more than R2 000 for whites
In terms of this analysis, only 2,4 percent of white households are financially unable to make any contributions towards their housing. The corresponding figures for coloured people, Indians and
blacks are 31,1 percent, 8,2 percent and 56,4 percent.
About nine percent of all white households need assisstance to acquire a low-cost dwelling. More than half the coloured people, 30 percent of the Indians, and no less than 84 percent of the blacks, cannot afford a low-cost dwelling with some form of subsidy
The one-third interest rate State subsidy, which firsttime home-owners receive, allows 94 percent of all white households to acquire lowcost dwellings, whereas the civil service subsidy allows 96 percent to do so.
The corresponding percenfates for coloured peoples are about 53 and 61, for Indians 78 and 85 , and for blacks 24 and 33
According to tables reflecting loan funds required for subsidised low-cost housing, it can be calculated that at
least R8 000-million is needed o eradicate the 1985 backlog This is 11 times the R750-million the Government has made available.
If the backlog is to be met by 1990 , at the standard suggested, and assuming prices, costs, interest rates and household incomes remain constant, the astronomical amount of R27 000-million will 'be required in the form of loanable funds on which no interest, or capital redempdion payments can be made initially.
Too many households have become accustomed to either the State or their employers largely subsiding their accommodation. This has created a dependency syndrome which has detrimentally affected the natural growth of fected the natural growth of the housing market.
A. BOUT 70 percent of white form of thous receive some form of housing subsidy, while a considerably larger proportion of other populadion groups enjoy this priviloge.

The involvement of each household in the provision of its housing is probably the most significant way to reduce the need for low-cost housing finance. The encouragement and development of agement and development of
the informal economic sector, specially in the erection and maintenance of dwellings, is of particular importance.

For such a system to be successful, building standards appropriate to the technologles employed, and to the associated financial constraints, will have to be actively encourage and approved.
The role of the State in the provision and financing of housing has often been underestimated. It is not generally known the State has in recent years been responsible for the direct financing of more than one-third of all housing constructed.

As far as coloured people, Indians and blacks are concerned, the Government has been investing about R350million a year to provide about 23000 homes. In spite of this, the housing backlog has increased steadily. This led to the adoption of a new housing policy at the beginning of 1983, in terms of which active support of the public sector is sought

In an attempt to use avail able funds to the best advantage, the Government now gives priority to the provision of serviced building plots These are made available to all persons who can, either from their own financial resources, or with the assisstance of their employers, or financial institutions, accept responsibility for the con struction of their own homes

For the group earning:

- Up to R150 a month, the lo cal authority is responsible for providing a serviced site and dwelling utilising State funds.
- R150 to R450 a month, the local authority provides only a serviced stand utilising State funds. The property owner is eligible to receive flnancial assistance for building materials up to a maximum of R4 000 .
- R450 to R800 a month, the local authority is required to provide a serviced site only, utilising State funds.
- R801 and above, the housing needs must be met by the private sector
$T^{\mathrm{EF} \text { camaiagr lametaced }}$ 1983 by the Government in 1983 to sell 500000 housing prices, is indicative of an endeavour to promote homeownership.
Although this new housing strategy is laudable, it has not yet met with the success expected. This is mainly attributable to delays in finalising surveying and township establishment procedures, as well as to pressure not to parchase homes brought to bear on tenants by opposing political groups. Recent evidence seems to indicate sales are now picking up.
It is impossible to promote arge-scale provision of lowcost housing without some form of subsidy and incentive. Effective incentives will offet any potential loss of revene or expenditure of funds, whereas subsidies imply the reallocation of resource's

Subsidies should ideally relate to the ability to pay. They should be granted only in cases of proven need to achieve viable objectives. If correctly applied, subsidies can make a significant contribution to the financing of lowcost housing.
moving into the State-built homes people undertook major alterations.

- The aim would be home ownership, keeping rented housing to a minimum.
- A new rental formula was being drawn up which would include incentives to purchase homes. This would be an nounced soon
- Apart from starting and developing new housing schemes, money would be set aside to upgrade existing towns, such as Chatsworth and Phoenix, providing better infrastructure.
- The infrastructure in new townships would be given priority. Transport links with such things as bus terminals and bus bays would be settled before people moved into a new area, with clinics and schools going up as soon as possible. Previously the development of homes had taken place first.
- Special attention would be given to rural areas as a separate entity from the urban areas.
Here basic structures with a water supply would be provided and would meet health requirements. Infrastructure would be improved as demand grew.
- Various legislative amendments were being considered which would allow local authorities to push ahead with the development of new townships before they were legally pro claimed.
The amendments would also permit building societies to grant financial assistance up to a limit of R80000 in the interim period.
- Land would no longer be sold priced only on square meterage. The type of plot and position of the plot would be taken into account.
- The Department was studying possible de-regulation in the housing sector as many people were being deprived of homes as a result of over-regulation.

Mr Dookie said the money budgeted for housing was an indication of how seriously the problem was being taken.

Between 1920 and 1980 the Government had spent R750 million, providing 84000 housing units.

This year R127 million had been budgeted to provide 4000 housing units and 7600 serviced sites and the tempo would increase.
A further R49 million had been made available to his De partment from the special housing and employment development scheme announced last month by the Government.
CAPE Town - Final details
are being completed for a
housing strategy involving mil-

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## The Argus Correspondent

 DURBAN. - An estimated six million people in nearly 50 towns are refusing to pay their rent and this is costing black local authorities a million rands a day, a research group claims.Equally shocking are the findings of a study that show 76 percent of black families cannot make any contribution to the cost of building their own homes. Upgrading
This disclosure by Dr Tobie de Vos, chief economist of the National Building Research Institute of the CSIR, comes at a time when the government has allocated almost R1-billion to the upgrading of various areas.

The research on housing showed that 56,4 percent of black households are financially unable to make any contribution towards their housing. A further 10,2 percent can afford to pay only R41 a month.
If it is accepted that the average household will spend one third of its income on items other than food, clothing, fuel, lighting and washing material needed for the minimum level of health and de-
cency in the short term, then 76 percent of black households have no money for housing, Dr de Vos's research shows.
The desperate problems facing black families were further underlined by new calculations by academics that six million black South Africans could be unemployed.

According to the Community

Research Group at the University of the Witwatersrand, 60 percent of the black population of townships are involved in rent boycotts.

Official estimates put the number at three million, but academics have estimated the figure could be six million because many were informally housed and did not form part of official statistics.


By Shirley Woodgate,
Fres
tion eraence of explbrta-or-btack people living in white rent-controlled flats has prompted a renewed appeal to the Government from Johannesburg City Councillor Mr David Neppe to step up its investigation.

Affidavits in Mr Neppe's possession show that tenants of the Claridge Court, Branksome Towers and Protea Court blocks have been forced to sign socalled service contracts compelling them to double the rent stipulated by the Rent Control Board.

## EXTRA MONEY

No accounts or receipts have been issued; the tenants have been unable to obtain copies of the contracts; and they do not know why they are being com pelled to pay the extra money, said Mr Neppe.
"Seven families who refused to sign the contract were recently forced to vacate their flats.
"The service contract is clearly another way of blackmailing the tenants, as the Rent Control Board has made it very clear that the lessor is responsible for all maintenance necessitated by, wear and tear, except stove repairs and the interior painting of flats," he said.
"My meetings with 'disqualified' tenants of these Joubert Park blocks reveal that these people are now exhausted by the fight to keep a roof over their heads and will do anything to avoid further evictions.

## NO RECOURSE

"This leaves them wide open to exploitation, particularly as they have no recourse to law.
"Certain landlords are making a mockery of the legal system while lining their own pockets.
"I urge the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Piet Badénhorst, to step in immediately and put an end to daily suffering through exploitation by a handful of landlords."

PRETORIA. - Though the rents boy: cott had now spread to some 46 townships causing a loss in revenue of about Rüg million a year, the government had no programme to give attention to the issue, it was said here this week.
"A"Department of Constitutional De velopmènt and Planining spokesinan also said in reply to alist of questions from Sapa submitted last month that the government was not running any programmé to evict rent defaulters.
It was the prerogative of the 235 black local authorities in South Africa "to take steps to collect dues".
The spokesman said most residents wanted to pay their rent, but were subjeẹted to in timidation
Académics monitoring the boycott estimated that some 46 townships were losing about/R40 million a year because of the rent boycott.
Meanwhile; the numbers of municipal policemen in townships, who are reportedly being used to deal with rent defaulters, have swelled to thousands in recent years as the number of autonomous councils grew from 42 in 1984 to 235 this year.

Municipal policemen were, according to the department, usually armed with 9 mm pistols and shotguns, and had been involved in a number of shootings in the townships.
The most recent published case occurred' in Soweto at the weekend, when two people, including Ms Constance Rankuitu, 24 , the mother of a two-year-old child, were shot dead at a night tigil:
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PRETORIA-Although the rent boycott had now spread to some 46 town ships causing a loss in revenue of about R40 million a year, the Government had no programme to give attenion to the issue.
A Department of Constitutional Development and Planning spokesman also said the Government was not running any programme to evict rent defaulters.
It was the prerogative of the 235 black local authorities in South Africa to take steps to collect dues', he said
Replying to a series of questions, the departmint was unable to say how many township dwellers were in arrears with their rent, or how much money the town councils were losing as a result.
But the spokesman said: "The failure of residents to pay their dues is causing concern to both the local authorities concerned and the Government.
He said the majority of residents wanted to pay their rent but were subjected to intimidation and prevented from paying.
Academics monitoring the boycott estimated that some 46 townships were losing about R40 million a year because of the rent boycott.

## Armed

Meanwhile, the numbers of municipal policemen in townships, who are re portedly being used to deal with rent defaulters, have swelled to thousands in recent years as the number of autonomous councils grew from 42 in 1984 to 235 this year
Municipal policemen are normally armed with 9 mm pistols and shotguns, and have been involved in a number of shootings.
The most recent published case occurred in Soweto at the weekend, when two people including Mrs Constance Rankutu. 24 the motasion
year-old child, was shot dead at a night vigil
The department - which subsidises the munich pal policemen's salaries - was unable to say however how many municipal policemen there now were in South Africa.
Councils are empowered to appoint 1,7 municipal policemen for every 1000 residents.
Newspapers are currently able to report on the municipal forces' actions, since they do not fall under the definition of 'security forces'.

## Alarming

It is rumoured in Pretoria however that the definition may be extended to ban reporting on their actions, which would consequently restrict full coverage of events around the rents crisis.
A lawyer said this would be an alarming developmint.
'The authorities should rather stop the shooting than ban them being reported upon,' he said.
Asked if central Government would allow countcit services to run down owing to lack of funds the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning spokesman said: 'It is not the policy of the Govern ment to subsidise local authorities, but in cases where a need is encountered, assistance may be considered.'
The spokesman said those in arrears with their rent owing to indigency could apply to their local authorities for remissions.
'Evictions are only considere when people are in a position to pay, but refuse to do so,' he said
Some 21 people were killed and 92 injured in Soweto on August 26 in riots reportedly sparked by the rents issue
Seven people were shot in Sharpeville on Monday last week during a period of unrest which had also been linked - nonofficially - to the nonpayment of rent and the threat of evictions. (Sapa)

## Study: rent boycott costs R1,3m a day

JOHANNESBURG - The rent boycott has spread to 54 townships and could be costing local author ities R 40 million a month or $\mathrm{R} 1,3 \mathrm{million}$ a day, the academic Community Research Group (CRG) based at Wits University said yesterday.
This meant the state could lose R480 million a year if the boycotts in these areas continued.
In its latest report, the group said its figures were based on research that showed at least 4 mil lion people, or 650000 households, were not paying rent in the 54 townships.
"There is evidence that' the boycott is spreading through many of the small Orange -Free State townships.' Furthermore, the numbers of people not paying rent in some of the Port Elizabeth townships has also increased," the report said.
The report noted that the apparent spread of the boycott coincided with the Minister of Finance, Mr Bared Du Plessis' announcement in July' 'that R750 million had been allocated for low cost thous ing development over the next two years.
But the CRG said this was inadequate to meet the "real housing needs". of urban communities.
It quoted Dr T.J. De "Vo of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's building economics division as saying 200000 houses were needed to resolve the housing shortage and this would cost R 4 billion.

Urban blacks were not in a position to contribute greatly to this cost, it said.
"De Vos pointed out that no less than 56 per cent of all black households are too poor to make any contribution to housing development and that 84 per cent of alliblack households will not be able to afford unsubsidised housing."
These figures indicated, that the government's housing policy needed to be completely reformuhousing policygneed
"However, what the rentiboycott is making abundantly clear, is that this cannot be done if the communities are excluded from the process of formbating alternatives." -Sana

The urban population in South Africa is expected to double within the next 20 years and the most pressing problem at present is to identify potential land for development of town ships, says the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.
Pointing out that about 86 percent -16 million - of these future city dwellers will beblacks, Mr Heunis told a seminar held by the Institute of Housing that this increase in the urban population would impose high demands on the land, the economy and the ability of the Government to provide housing and other related services.
Within the next five years a capital outlay of R200 million for buying ground and R2200 million for providing the necessary infrastructure was needed. In the present financial year; R536 million had been set aside for black housing.
Mr Heunis said his department was already at work identifying and preparing the necessary land - particularly in metropolitan areas - that was urgently required for black urban development.

In the densely populated metropolitan areas provision of land for development was a sensitive and difficult task.

Because of various historical factors, not enough attention was given to the black housing problem and it had now reached mammoth proportions in almost every town and in - particular in the cities.

## INABILITY

'If the questions of urbanisation and housing were not adequately dealt with then the political and social results were not hard to imagine.

The inability of African countries to provide a healthy climate for urbanisation was an important contribution to the political and economic instability of the contintent.
He urged the private sector to contribute to the provision of other housing needs.

- The abolition of influx control meant provision had to be made to house potential migrants to the cities, Mr Colin Appleton, the Urban Foundation's national housing policy director, said at a seminar in Johannesburg vesterdav.

The current shortage of formai housing for black people What bout 500000 but this should be seen against the numbers people who might migrate to the cities.
Whe question is where are these people going to live and how can this be financed?" Whe lower one progressen down the income scale, the F wer were the realistic op.
学tions that could be considered.
Most migrants were poorly educated and untrained. Faced with erratic earning power and high living costs, they would be unable to take loans with monthly repayments to build. homes.
"All the approaches to housing thi $t$ have so far been used in Souih Africa and almost al the technical research currently being undertaken generally excludes the poorest people from direct access to housing," he said.
Demolishing informal settlements - built when people could not find affordable housing - led to the relocation and not the solution of the problem.
The solution was to upgrade rather than demolish existing informal settlments. A fundamental principle of this was for the inhabitants to have a sense of security and the right to remain in the area.
tals is as old as black peoples' birthright. This struggle is directly linked to the hurt and pains through economic exploitation, social degradation and political emasculation


# The masses 

 black people have had togo through for more than three centuries.In the black community, rent represents most facts of the oppressive and exploitative nature of South African apartheid. The system is oppressive because it is decided upon without any form of consultation whatsoever with the people it directly affects.

Oyer so many years the Government has failed to respond positively to the grievances of our people. To date grievances such as high rents, have not been redressed. The response of the Government to these grievances has been that of total disregard and utter helplessness.
The grievances of our people in this regard are deep-seated. Mere promises and dodging and ducking of issues is not going to make the problems lighter to the Government

## Marched

In 1980 people marched to the Soweto Council offices to protest about the ever increasing rentals and also to make their position clear that they rejected the community councils system. The response was as usual, the police were called, teargas canisters. were thrown and some people were arrested.
The problems remained unresolved.
The march was spearheaded by Azapo, Soweto Committee of Ten, and the now banned Co sas. Eventhen we warned the Government and the community councils to listen and to
redress the grievances of

## must head rent protests



## By LYBON MABASA <br> AZAPO vice-president: Polical Education

the people. We warned the Government that unless they heeded the call of the community they would find themselves in an untenable situation. We also pointed out that the people were not going to relent or change their demands
They would accept nothing less than the total scrapping of community councils and all the evils that go along with it.

Given the bottled up anger, the pent-up emotions of the majority of our people, it was logical to anticipate that very soon this justifiable anger and emotions would spill over and enwould spill over and en-
gulf the whole country. With the type of government we have, there was no need for communists and agitators to tell the people what to do. They, the Government were doing it quite efficiently.
The turn of events of September 3, 1984, in the Vaal did not catch us
by surprise, because even before that day the Government, together with its community councillors who have been extorting the people for so many years, were warned. People stood united and they were in no way going to pay any increased rentals. The message was very clear.
The people were say ing "enough is enough" they were not going to continue financing their own oppression and exploitation. While abject poverty was rampant, the community councillors continued their plunder becoming infinitely richer than the communities they were supposed to serve. They gave themselves business licenses, allocated to themselves big plots and businesses and driving the latest posh cars from the people's sweat

## Appalling

The insensitivity and the recklessness with which the Government handied this crisis was both horrifying and appalling. Political and community organisations warned that the struggle of the people in the Vaal was part and parcel of the entire struggle of black people in this country.
On January 23, 1986 the Southern Transvaal Regional Rent Crisis Committee was formed. It consisted of more than sixteentorganisations - community, trade unions, church, civic and political
Among the organisationspresentwere Ażapo, Cosatú, Azactu, Azasm, Sosco, National Forum and nearly all the civic and parent committees in the Vaal. The UDF and the SCA were:
me able to attend tha meeting though invitations were sent to them.
A three-man co-ordinating committee was elected consisting of Mr $J$ Rakgoadi of Iawusa and Azapo and Charles Mabiletsa of Azapo and Zamdela Parents' Committee and Mike Tsotetsi of Cusa.
The committee issued warning to urban councils against increasing house rents without consulting residents as it was likely to result in serious confrontations beween the authorities and the people. It also pointed out the deplora ble conditions in the townships despite the people paying high tar rifs. A warning was given to the Soweto Council to particularly look into the plight of those residents who pay more than they earn

## Urged

It was also urged to look into the question of the more than 10 million people who were unemployed and theref could not affore could not afford to pay rent:I was co-opted into the co-ordinating committee just before the co-ordinator Mr Rakgoadi went overseas on Union businiess.
The co-ordinating committee which had to look into the rent crisis:
pledged itself to form support structures for people in the Vaal and elsewhere. It also pledged itself to help coordinate rent actions by the community.
At the same time the rent crisis was deepening in Soweto. At Tshiawelo Extension 3 a rent risis committee wa formed consisting of the Tshiawelo Extension 3 residents and the Tshia welo flat dwellers.

## Grisis

We worked hand in glove with the flat committee and addressed several of their meetings and they also attended the Southern Transvaal Rent Crisis Committee meetings. We received several invitations to attend or address meetings called to discuss the rent crisis in Jabulani and other places in Soweto.
At the same time sev-s ral organisations civic; community, student, church and political ap: proached the Southern Transvaal RCC pointing out problems relating to rent in their areas and also steps taken by various communities in relation to this particular problem.
Looking at all the: consultations we had on rent, the committee came to the conclusion that this rent struggle was a just struggle which needed to be supported by all sections of the black community.
Where people live or stay and the conditions under which they lived has a direct bearingon livesof oharen school or adults at work: The most pointsthat came out from ail the discussions on rent were. that:
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build the locations and townships, some from as early as 1931 have long been repaid in certain cases three fold, or fóur fold. To make matters even worse low-cost materials were used in building most of those houses.

- The townships and locations were part of the grand design of apartheid; they were designed to serve as a convenient and readily accessible laböur reservoir of labour: Black people had had no hand in the whole matter.
- Despite the fact that black; townships and locations are ghost towns that are completely deserted during the day, our tarrifs and levies in relation to water, refuse collection and electricity remains criminally high as compared to whites in their cosy and comfortable suburbs:
- High rents are seen as a means of subtle forced removals aimed at displacing poorly paid residents all over the coun try. The Government is seen as carrying out its "bantustan policy" through this system of high tentals: While impossible high rentals are introducedin urban areas, easily accessible housing loans and low tental schemes are made available at the "bantustans".
- Most black residential areas are completely inhospitable and thus permanent health hazards with gushing sewerage "pipes, leaking roofs, rotting doors and falling bricks.
- Old people have to go through winter and summer with rotting doors and leaking roofs even though they happen to be very regular rent payers.
- There has never been any acceptable breakdown given to black people on how rent money is used by the Government and its councils.
- The black community has been falling behind in rentals long before it became fashionable for the Government and its councils to increase rent and services. Wages remain low. and cannot support unemployed household members. It is thus unthinkable to expect the few who are still employed to carry the burden and responsibility of supporting the over 10 million unemployed black people in the country.
- All locations and townships around big cities and towns were designed to provide labour and to service the city or town around which they are built. While these cities and towns flourish in a glut of wealth around them lie pockets of poverty, disease, hunger and
death
It is also against this background that a decision on "Rent Action" was taken and announced by the Third National Forum in Durban. The decision on rent was announced as part of National Forum "May Action" which was launched by the May 1-4 stay-away call.



## OFFICE LEASING

## Having a party

Signs of a pick-up in the office leasing market (Property September 5) are now emerging just about everywhere.
The latest agency to note a change for the better is Wilf Isaacs, which has negotiated a
substantial deal to fill the new Centro City development in Selby, Johannesburg. Isaacs also reports signal leasing successes in Sandton.

The Selby deal involves about $3600 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ which has been let at R8,50 $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ net to Barclays Bank. The $12600 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ building, developed by Herbert Prottenberger, is now fully let.

Isaacs says good parking, security and location - Centro City is bounded by the M2 motorway, Booysens, Trump and Simmonds streets - played a hand in the successful negotiation.

However, the letting team of Tony Watcham and Jeremy Friedlander has been notching up deals elsewhere as well.
In Bryanston, says Isaacs, leases have

## BLACK HOUSING

# Getting back on track ${ }^{12}$ 

Right now, black housing is high on just about everyone's agenda. But as well-intended as these efforts might be, there are signs that they may be generating more confusion than direction.

Innumerable public, private and quasigovernment agencies are currently involved in addressing the country's black housing needs. All are seemingly working up a good head of steam, but thus far, there appears to be little to show for their efforts.
One problem is an apparent lack of coordination - without which there is a real danger of effort being duplicated. Another is the mind-boggling tangle of red tape which, creditably, various government ministers have promised to scythe through at their earliest convenience.

For starters, there are no less than five separate government ministries involved in housing matters. They are the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, reponsible for black housing in white areas, the Department of Development Aid with responsibility for black housing in the homelands and national states, the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs which has overall housing responsibility and the housing ministries in both the Coloured and Indian Houses.
Since the abolition of influx control and the White Paper on urbanisation, government's strategy has shifted away from the physical provision of houses to the provision of infrastructure.
In his opening address to parliament, the State President announced he was setting aside a sum of R1 billion for black housing, R 750 m of which was to be available immediately.
But building and civil contractors are subsequently asking what has become of the funds? Nine months later it is not unreasonable for them to expect some of it to have trickled through in the form of new contracts.

Perhaps the builders were pre-empted by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis' announcement that R 400 m of it will be used to set up a housing trust fund to be administered by a private sector task force headed by Sanlam's Dr Fred du Plessis.
As the intention is to channel the money into self-help housing projects, building contractors in the formal sector can hardly be
expected to be in a position to benefit. But even before self-help projects commence some infrastructural spending must be done - a task we now understand the remaining R 250 m has been allotted to.

In Durban, a group of businessmen is attempting to mobilise R2 billion of pension fund money for black housing. The plan is to establish a separate black housing enclosure with banks and building societies into which they may direct a portion of the $53 \%$ of their income they are obliged to place prescribed.

Blacks who require home loans may draw from the pool. Loans would be made available in the normal way with the employer, employee and government picking up a third each of the monthly bond instalment to enable applicants to stay within the societies' quarter-of-income bond repayment rule.

That kind of private sector initiative should be welcome. But, hard to believe, the SA Perm's Bob Tucker has told project leader Terry Rosenberg, in as many words, that finance is not the problem.

Building societies, he says, have ample funds to meet the demand for black housing and can do without pension fund money.

Flush as they are, last year building societies lent around R250m on black housing. Given that the current black housing backlog is estimated at 600000 units and that R2 billion builds only 167000 homes at R12 000 each, black housing needs all the funds it can muster.

As Rosenberg says: "Building societies do have sufficient funds to meet demands for black housing - if they continue to build at the rate they have in the past."

In some respects, the building society reticence is understandable. Though government has apparently furnished suitable guarantees for those who lend in black areas, especially within the national states, problems remain. Who will reimburse them, for example, if their assets are razed in township violence? Will their social conscience allow them to act against those who default and, if they do repossess, how will they dispose of their asset in a situation where there is not yet a ready resale market?

Builders, too, quick as they are to point fingers, are not entirely beyond reproach. The criticism that they are interested only in the fat end of the market - where subsidised black buyers in the public and private sectors
can afford homes of between R35 000 and R65 000 and profits are good - is not without foundation. The truth is this market represents only $30 \%$ of the total. They should be addressing their energies to the remainder who can barely afford bonds of R10 000.
The Urban Foundation's Gerry Adlard says sadly that profits at the lower end are "paper thin" and just cannot support "huge corporate infrastructures." Which is why the Urban Foundation and utility companies are the only ones who operate there. Still, he says builders should give thought to developing industrialised building systems, which, with large volumes, could provide a justifiable return from low-cost housing.
Notwithstanding the difficulties, there are some encouraging signs. Infrastructural spending on black housing has picked up significantly in the eastern Cape and Natal - a legacy from the work done by black housing ombudsman Louis Rive.

Co-ordinator of the Natal-KwaZulu Planning Council Dr Pieter Viljoen says some 5000 housing stands should be provided in the region by early next year. Developers who have managed to navigate their way through the tortuous provisions of government regulations R293, R188, R153 and R154, a red tape nightmare, are already building homes. Tenders worth R107m for the provision of infrastructure and bulk services, mainly at existing townships, are currently out. More will follow shortly.

Government, at least, is taking Rosenberg's "pent up" proposals seriously. He has already had an audience with several senior Cabinet ministers and has been invited to serve on the recently-formed, non-statutory South African Housing Advisory Council.
A source close to the private sector task force's housing trust says the initiative, and what it will ultimately achieve, is being "hugely underestimated." He says the R 400 m is a fraction of what the private sector is ready to contribute. Details at this stage, he admits, are sketchy.

After what amounts to a late start, who can blame them if, at this point, not all the players in the black housing saga are singing in harmony? At least there is evidence of an increasing sense of urgency in the new-found co-operation between the public and private sectors. That is cause for optimism in itself.

## HOUSING SUBSIDIES

## Shifting ceilings

Moves by home builders to have government increase its subsidy on housing for first-time buyers seem to have stalled. The builders are seeking an increase from R40000 to R55 000.
Government, says National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) executive director Johan Grotsius, seems reluctant to make a decision.
Grotsius believes that an official perception that the housing industry is experiencing a revival, thus obviating the need for a boost, is behind the lack of decision.
But he says statistics showing an increase in the number of dwellings built between the second quarter of last year and the first quarter of this year are misleading.
Home builders insist that any increase in numbers certainly did not show up on their bottom lines.
Grotsius says that while more building plans for homes were passed and more houses completed, margins were perilously thin. The units involved, he adds, were generally smaller, which meant there was not a corresponding increase in the volume of work.
"There may be more units," he comments,

The NAHB move, however, is opposed by the SA Perm's Bob Tucker. He feels the subsidy should not be changed. If the limit is increased, he says, government's limited funds for such assistance will be spread among fewer people.
The current limit of R40000 is proving of greatest benefit to owners at the lower end of the income scale - particularly blacks.
Perhaps understandably, the NAHB, which caters largely for the white market, sees things differently.
Grotsius sees a gap developing in the supply of houses to cater for this sector of the market if adjustments are not made.
There are already complaints, he says, that a reasonable house cannot be afforded unless the buyer is in the service of the State or an organisation with a staff housing scheme.
He tells the $F M$ that the average cost per unit of houses being built now is well down on the average cost a few years ago. A substantial proportion of the homes built today, he adds, are designed to be sold to first-time home owners who qualify for the assistance.
To qualify for the subsidy, which pays a

"but we're not seeing an improvement in profitability. And building material suppliers tell me their sales aren't increasing either."

Activity in the industry dropped to such an extent over the last 18 months that about one in every four NAHB members went out of business, he says.
"Their absence from the scene should have benefited our remaining 500 members, but it didn't. Most of them have had to reduce their activities."

Grotsius estimates that, in its present state, the home building industry can "easily cope" with an additional R 500 m worth of business. NAHB members, he says, have been pinning their hopes for a revival on government raising the limit on its first-time subsidy.
third of the interest for five years, applicants have to be first-time buyers and the cost of their homes, excluding land, must be less than R40 000.

Grotsius says that, with costs escalating, developers are finding it increasingly difficult to design and build suitable homes for R40 000 or less.
"As costs increase, they will have to design smaller and smaller homes to stay within the R40 000 limit. As they do that, the cost per square metre must increase.
"Fixed costs remain the same. The cost of planning, of supervision and of installing a stove remains the same. They don't diminish because a house is smaller," he says.
With decreasing house sizes, Grotsius sees problems with mortgage lenders, many of whom are unhappy with their security on
such properties. One result, he fears, is that societies will refuse to finance them.
"They are already getting tight on their evaluations," he says, "and it may be difficult to persuade them to finance those homes if they go much smaller than they are now."

Another problem he identifies is that because qualifying houses are so small, many potential owners are holding back in the hope that the limit will be raised to allow them to commission bigger homes.
"That attitude is affecting the industry. We cannot afford more delays caused by uncertainty," Grotsius says. "We have already lost too much valuable time."

## OFF THE MARKE

JH Isaacs may well have gained 20 new buildings for its management portfolio (Property September 12) but only four of these - from one owner - were won from Landmark which acquired the LK Jacobs (LKJ) portfolio some months ago:
According to Landmark chairmar: Marke Markovitz, only 12 buildings were taken over from the LKJ portfolio in recent months. These, he says, were lost to JHI before he took over the LKJ management portfolio from the Bankorp group.

LKJ has lost a number of buildings to other management companies in recent years, and this must have been one of the factors which led to Bankorp's decision to rid itself of the portfolio.

Isaacs' Neil Callie concedes that certain management changes may have occurred before building owners became aware that Landmark was negotiating to take over the LKJ portfolio. But he claims that many of the approaches to JHI were on the owners' initiative during this period. Markovitz claims, however, that JHI canvassed owners.

The management of Cavendish Chambers, which JHI claimed as one of the buildings it had taken over, has not changed hands and remains with Landmark. This has been confirmed in a letter to the FM from one of the owners, Dr David Adler, who denies any change of management.
The acquisition of the $L K J$ management portfolio has significantly increased Landmark's property management portfolio, says Markovitz, and has set it on course to challenge the frontrunners in the property management game.

## DD 26/9/6 123 ) Call for upgrading of squatter camps <br> JOHANNESBURG <br> people from direct ac- <br> cur on private property

With the abolition of influx control housing plans had to be made for the potential migration to cities, the national housing policy director for the Urban Foundation, Mr Colin Appleton, said in Johannesburg.
The solution lay in upgrading rather than demolishing squatter areas, Mr Appleton said at a seminar here.

- The shortage of formal housing for black people currently stands at about 500000 .
"Where are these people who move to the cities going to live?
"All the approaches to housing that have so far been used in South Africa and almost all the technical research currently being undertaken generally excludes the poorest
cess to housing.
"Repatriation a realistic option" and "the demolition and destruction of (squatter areas) led only to the relocation of the problem."
"What is required is to seek ways of directing and harnessing the ability of the poor to help themselves in such a way that they can best be assimilated into the urban fabric and to provide for upgrading over time."
For the solution to be operative certain problems had to be dealt with, he said:
- The control of the basic planning and administration needed to be reduced and far less rigid
- Settlements may oc-
threatening the freehold rights of the owner;
- Social services and the provision of infras tucture presented more problems than in a for mally established town ship;
- Unhygenic condit- ions may develop;
- The physical safety of people may be threat ened by structures that do not conform to required building standards.
He cited Crossroads in the Western Cape as an example of an informal settlement of extremely high density "but which nevertheless presents opportunities for upgrading".
"A fundamental principle of any upgrading programme is that the inhabitants must have a sense of security and the
right to remain in the area."

He said 45 per cent of the total population of Durban lived in informal settlements.
"The same applies to a lesser degree to other cities, but we need to face the fact that our cities are going to begin more and more to take on the character of Third World cities.
"A crisis will only arise if w,e ignore the reality and adopt poli cies that are inappropriate to that reality.
"Access to accomodation for many will best be achieved through access to a site provided with basic services on which they can erect their own accomodation no matter how informal that may be. - Sapa

## A constitutional scramble over rents

THERE is more than meets the eye in this week's fiasco about rent control in "coloured": and Indian areas.
Lapa Munnik, Minister of Communications and Public Works, announced that the House of Assembly's housing department would administer rent control as an agent for the other two houses.
On the face of it, it appears the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates simply did not get around to creating their own rent control boards and Munnik was eventually obliged to intervene because of mounting public protest.
Rents had gone up by as much as 400 percent in some areas of the Cape, according to the Woodstock Advice Office.
The mix-up is being described as a constitutional slip-up.
However there is considerable evidence that the responsible ministers
in the other two houses, David Curry and Baldeo Dookie, dug their heels in.
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And Dookie, approached by representatives of the Durban Central Residents' Association, apparently said rent control boards were a general affair and nothing to do with him.
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of chopping up various government departments into "own affairs" and "general affairs".

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Separate boards should have been established for "coloured" people and Indians by the responsible Ministers in the other two houses, but this was never done.
Weekly Mail has been unable to contact either Curry or Bookie for comment, but insiders in both houses have confirmed they refused to set up their own rent control boards.

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## 'R17-bn needed fgr urban black ${ }^{27}$ housing $(123)$ <br> commodation, and it is in this area that

By Frank Jeans

The provision of even the most modest dwelling units to accommodate urbanised black communities 14 years from now will cost a conservatively estimated R17 billion.
Mr John Knoetze of the Department of Manpower puts the number of homes needed then at 1,7 million, and he told a seminar in Sandton yesterday that because of this massive housing requirement South Africa could
longer afford any further delays.
the for Housing of Southern Africa in association with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, looked at the question of land and finance for the urbanisation process.
Urging the Government to make available adequate land for housing for all race groups who are restricted in their choice of residence by the Group Areas Act, Mr Knoetze said that until this had been done "no amount of money, planning or talking will solve the problem".
He pointed out that by the year 2000 an additional seven million blacks would become urbanised and that the black population would rise from today's 18 million to 36 million. He said 1,2 million homes - even if they were the conventional "matc
would have to be provided.
"Land so far made available for black housing is completely inadequate and presents a bottleneck which will increasingly aggravate socio-economic increasingly aggroblems unless adand political problems unless ad-
dressed realistically and promptly," he said.

The matchboxes, though, can be turned into more acceptable living ac-

Mr Knoetze believes much more should be done by way of communication, particularly at lower-income levels.
"The distribution of pamphlets is not enough," he said.
"Competent and dedicated people "Competent and dedicated by central and local government to convey this important message to the people concerned. I have tried these methods oand they work:",

Mr Tom Boya, Mayor of Daveyton, told delegates that"whites would have to accept the fact that land is urgently required to locate South Africa's spread of new cities. .

Referring to the proposed establishment of Norweto, he said: "The protests and objections from owners in this particular area north-west of Sandton over the recommendations in the guide plan for the establishment of a black city are indicative of attitudes which need to change."
Mr Boya called for the affordable housing to be provided now, and said that any further delay in the handling of the urbanisation and housing issues would aggravate the unrest situation. He said that 90 percent of the urbanised blacks were in the sub-economic group, and to build conventional housing for these people was not practical because they could not afford to pay the rent and service charges.
"While millions of blacks are homeless, living in shacks and dilapidated towns and while 300000 black families are without homes - yet at the same time 37000 units in white areas stand empty and begging for occupation there never will be stability, racial. harmony, peace and happiness in our country," Mr Boya said.



Weekend Post Reporter
THERE has been an upsurge in the biack building trade, caused by the demand for home ownership in two new Port Elizabeth townships.
Workmen are expected to complete homes at the rate of five a week at one of the townships, Kwadwesi, where many people can expect to be employed for the next few years. The housing projects are also boosting building material sales.

The Urban Foundation has 50 houses under construction in Kwadwesi. They are part of a contract for 800 dwellings, involving private developers as well as the foundation.
The homes are being built by contractors of the all-black East Cape Building and Allied Contractors' Association.
The first families are expected to move in next week.
T.The foundation's home building scheme in Zwide, originally reserved for employees
of a motor company, is progressing fast since a slowdown in 1984, caused by such factors as the unrest.

Workmen are trying to finish the contract by October and owners are also helping with the building of some houses as part of the foundation's "self-help" scheme.
The prices range from R15 000 for a two bedroomed house to R25000 for a threebedroomed home.
The non-profit making Urban Villages Utility Company is building 865 houses in Kwadwesi, of which 60 are already under construction.
The company's general manager, Mr Rob White, said work had been "in full force" since about March this year, although there had been a delay in obtaining wooden door and window frames.
Workers were expected to complete five houses a week by October and the full contract had to be completed in about five years.


By Ralph Jarvĩs. Property Editor
A FORMER president of the PE Chamber of Commerce, Mr Denis Creighton, who is assistvant general manager of the SA Perm in the Eastern Cape, said in Port Elizabeth, said today the housing shortage was so serious that by the year 2000 more than 3 million units for all people - a massive increase of $150 \%$ of all houses currently standing anywhere in - South Africa - would be needed.
He said that as long as South Africans believed they could ignore the truth of their own immediate environment and forced themselves into the artificial compartments of apartheid, they could not meet the challenge of the future.
He was speaking on "Building" a new South Africa". at a seminar, "Property ' 86 ", organised by the Port Elizabeth and Midlands branch of the Institute of Estate Agents of South Africa.
But while the Group Areas Act remained and the population trends continued the white housing market would continue to whe over-supplied:
A starting point to the challenge of building a
hew South Africa was to
acknowledge some of the realities of the situation: South Africa was a muitiracial predominantly black state. with a mixed First and Third World economy, it was part of Africa and part of the world community.
"So long as we continue to believe that we can ignore the truth of our own immediate environment and force ourselves into artificial compartments and segregate our lives and economy, we cannot begin to meet the challenge of the future."
Mr Creighton gave figures showing the current shortage of houses in South Afica was 538000 for blacks, 44000 for Asians and 52000 for coloureds, giving a total of 634000 . A surplus of 37000 units for whites meant there was an overall shortage of 597000 units - more than double the existing black stock of houses.
"How are we going to make up this backlog and at the same time cater for future needs?
"I am almost reluctant to mention the number needed by the year: 2000 in case you switch off and give up the struggle right now, but let's try your courage.
"The figure is over
three million units for all people, meaning an increase of $150 \%$ of äll houses currently standing anywhere in South Africa.
Mr Creighton said the Group Areas Act had to be considered in any examination of the blockage in the housing process.
"If we are committed to free enterprise, all artificial barriers must $\ddagger$ eremoved and this includes restrictions on where a person may live and to whom a person may sell his property.
"To do otherwise dis" torts the property market in both directions - presently the: white housing market is depressed whereas all other markets are facing an excess demand and is, therefore, in an inflated position.
"The excess white houses will wipe out nearly $40 \%$ of the shortages currently faced in the coloured and Asian areas."
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. Mr Creighton said that even if the market distortions caused by wlegislation were removed South Africa would be faced with this immensé task of building more than 500000 housing units'immediately and -adding to this at the rate of over 100000 units each year.


Mr David Curry, right, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, opened the Easy Homes show at Belhar. With him are his wife Letitia and Mr I Koller, one of

## the contractors at the pexhibition. <br> Fresh look ${ }^{(123}$ needed in low-cost housing Staff Reporter $\boldsymbol{f} \boldsymbol{R}(6)$ <br> THERE was a strong need for a fresh approach and changes in attitudes and the regulations if the problems of providing low-cost housing were to be solved, speakers at a housing. seminar concluded.

Yesterday's seminar on af fordable housing was a pre view to the exhibition in Belhar of inmotive building methods.

Speakers at the seminar em phasised the need for change and fresh approaches to all as pects of the housing problem.
Property economist Dr Peter Penny saw the greatest neces sity in the provision of land the encouragement of private ownership and the use of informal resources
"The major role of the Government in housing should ${ }^{2}$ be in assuming the availability o land where it is most demanded and in developing infrastructures," he said.
Free markets and the free movement of people would provide the optimum approach o the long-term solution to the problem. South Africa had been society of large-scale social and economic. controls, a socia lised rather than a capitalist society, he said.
"Let us now move towards freedom in the choice of where a man may occupy and own a house and how that house should be developed,"' he said.

Mr LJ Rothman, chairman of the Cape Divisional Council, said the council had taken the first steps to aid self-build housing in the Western Cape with the minimum of State assistance.
Mr J C Sullivan, chief town planner of the Cape Divisional Council, said that existing building regulations were still too prescriptive and inflexible.

Different sets of standards should reflect different levels of expectations and affordability, and be applied in different areas of the city.

Staff Reporter
PEOPLE must own their own plots and houses, however humble, to free them from the slavery of being at the mercy of a landlord, says Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Represen tatives.
Opening an "affordable housing" seminar at the Cape Showground, Goodwood, yesterday, he said he wanted to-start, on a small scale, building houses to help combat social evils
The seminar was held in conjunction with the Cape Divi sional Councir's Easy Home show at Belhar

Mr Curry said cheap housing for the poor was not the only necessity. Methods which employed all available resources and would bring back commu nity pride were also necessary

## NEW METHODS

- If existing methods of building homes did not meet all the challenges "we must be pre pared to change", he said.
"There is nothing wrong with the conventional brick or block house, but if this is not affordable any more, or if it is not sympathetic towards involving the layman in providing his own home, we must be prepared to look at new methods.
"My department intends to take this exercise further and all the houses in this show will be evaluated."

He called on all local authorities to be as bold as the Cape Divisional Council and to give worthwhile new methods of building a chance.

While it was no use trying to force new houses on people, they must be given a chance to get enthusiastic about them

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team, headed by MD Mike Fullard and consisting of 2000 people, have been on site for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months and have completed 500 structures.

Fullard says the Stocks team is probably one of the biggest and most effective for a mass housing scheme and is laying 200000 bricks and pouring $200 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ of concrete dâily. To date, more than 7-million bricks have been laid and about 500000 roof tiles.

He says: "The project is unique in every way as no one house is the same.
"Four different designs are used with each unit having different permutations. Eight different finishes of face bricks are used, seven different types and shades of roof

$\square$ HENNIE OLIVIER, loft, and Stocks Housing MD, MIKE FULLARD, examine Rabie Ridge plans. Behind is the first part of the project.
tiles. with no less than 36 paint colour variations. Each house has its own garden walling with the total walling measuring well over 30km."

Once completed, the project will go down in history as "the mass housing development of the future.
"The modern look and finish of each unit is so unique that it could
be placed anywhere in the northerr suburbs of Johannesburg and not bc out of place."

The units consist of two bed. rooms, kitchen, bathroom, lounge dining area, garage opening, anc outer garden walling.

Owners and tenants will take uf occupation of the first 500 houses in December.

## Reef builds up to ghetto headache

NOW that influx control is no longer government policy, the explosion of low-cost housing ghettos could pose mind-boggling problems for environmental planners.
And while much has been said about protecting the coastal environment, the problem will be felt more keenly on the Reef, where more blacks will settle than around the coastal centres, says chairman of the SA Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) housing committee James Croswell.

He comments on a report-back from a recent conservation conference in Namibia. Dr Alan Heydorn, advisor to the SA Council for Environmental Affairs, said there that urban inflax to coastal areas would create vast pressure on the environment, especially on the Cape Peninsula and the Cape Flats - where the need to house an additional 750000 people during the next decade would make it an ecological crisis zone.

But Croswell, one of SA's leading civil engineers, believes that real environmental pressure will be felt inland, since blacks are more likely to move to existing urban areas around the Reef.

Major low-income housing developments will become dominant in inland areas close to industrial centres. Obviously, certain pockets will develop around Port Elizabeth, but only if the car industry emerges from its doldrums, Croswell says.

Government is trying to protect the coastal environment by imposing a ban on property development within 500 m of the high-tide coastline.

Croswell says: "Although Sapoa welcomes government's concern over the preservation of the coastal ecology, it hopes that the new Act will not become an added excuse for extra red-tape to deter or ensnarl urgently required low-cost housing developments.

A permit for development should be issued, subject to the compliance of conditions set down by the Environmental Impact Assessment body.
"The majority of township developments along the coast are small-scale, as they are aimed primarily at the upper-middle income group planning to retire along the coast."

Ecologists are concerned that the Kuils River carries far more water (recycled sewage from the Cape Flats) than it was evolved to do.

Croswell believes, however, that this problem will be short-lived: "As water becomes an increasingly rare commodity, it will be recycled for haman use rather than left to become an effluent washed away by rivers towards the sea.
"In drought-stricken SA, excess effluent which now swells rivers will stop being a problem."

## Uncertainty about R750m injection

UNCERTAINTY has been expressed about the modus operandi of the recent R 750 m injection into housing by JH D Grotsius, executive director of the National Association of Home Builders.

Grotsius complained at the lack of communication between government, the new Housing Trust and the industry, despite pronouncements that there had been thorough consultation with the private sector.
He said: "The industry's reaction to the announcement must therefore be seen against the background of its perceptions based on limited information of what the objectives to be achieved by the scheme are or should be.
"To date, and in spite of repeated requests in this regard, no consultation whatsoever has taken place with the organised home building industry."

He said the industry sees the scheme as:
$\square$ An urgent first step to eliminate the housing backlog;
$\square$ Creating job opportunities;
$\square$ Acting as a stimulus to the economy.
Grotsius said: "Speedy and effective action remains absolutely essential in respect of all three aspects.

## Welcome aspects

"For obvious reasons, it remains imperative that the housing shortage should be eliminated within a socio-politically acceptable time scale and with a predetermined target date."

Although mindful of the fact that details were lacking, Grotsius said there were aspects on which the home building industry would take a stance by way of active support for the scheme as well as by way of expressing concerns and reservations.

He said the allocation of R 40 m as the "foundation" for the housing trust and R 350 m for the creation of further infrastructure was totally acceptable.

And he welcomed the fact that government had said the R 400 m made available to the trust would not be a one-off payment.

If the trust were to succeed in trebling the state's contribution to R1,2bn as speculated, and the additional funds were acquired at market-related rates, the trust's assistance to the needy would, on average, amount to $67 \%$ of the full costs.

He said: "Although such a reduction can bring about considerable relief to lessen the cost pressures on home owners, it is totally inadequate for the lower income groups."

Grotsius made an urgent appeal to financial institutions to contribute to the trust and not to insist on market-related rates but "rather to see it as a contribution to the solution of one of SA's vexing problems". possible relaxation of the Group Areas Act in wealthy white areas would do little to ease the - critical housing problem, an Urban Foundation spokesman in the Western Cape Mr Ben van der Ross, told a housing seminarihere
The Sandton City Council, which has petitioned the State President to abolish the Group Areas Act is will ing to open its doors to all races:

But the management committee : (Manco) chairman, Mr Rick Valente, says it is "patronising and objectionable" for the government to think of doing it on individual assessment.
"There is nothing to be taken into account but that people must be allowed to live and buy property where they choose," he said
The: Manco chairman in Edenvale, Mr Jake Coleman, said whites were worried about a decline in "standards.













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SA's housing problem,... which means as many options as possible must be created. These range from "informal housing" such as shack dwellings to R100 000 homes.
Colin Appleton, national housing policy Director of the Urban Foundation, firmly believes that informal settlements are a "growing reality"
"We must expect to see more and more of these settlements growing around our cities," he told Business Day. "We must plan for this because it is primary to the circumstances This type of settlement is the only option for thousands upon thousands of blacks who are either unemployed and looking for work or who are in the low-income bracket.
"It is not so much the standard of the building, but the standard of the services supplied that is the crucial issue. Health, access and densities are all controlled by the level and type of services and land tenure that is offered.
"Let people put up whatever struc-
the only option for thousands of blacks, says COLIN APPLETON of the Urban Foundation. He urges SA to start planning for the "growing reality" of this type of housing springing up around its cities.
ture they can afford in suitable areas located in relation to work opportuniies, and then install at least low-level atilies at the outset plus all the achilies at the outs po the necessary public facilities so that
people can up-grade their homes over a period of time."
Appleton emphasised the need to provide financial mechanisms to enable people to borrow small sums of money against minimum security.
"'The individual shack dweller will need to buy lengths of timber, sheets of corrugated iron, bricks and so on but the current financial mechanisms have no provision for this.

The country - the private sector and government - must look at this situation quickly otherwise there will be no opportunity for these people to up-grade their housing."

Referring to the fact that around
cised mon housing financial statistics based on housing starting at R20 000 and going much higher.

This sort of exercise gives you a nonsense figure. Furthermore it presumes we are going to destroy a lot of existing shelters because they do not match up to the standards we expect to see."

Conceding that this has been government's attitude in the past, he made the point that it was "obvious government is rethinking this one".
He pointed to the government project at Khayelitsha where 5000 "core" houses have been provided using cement blocks or panels.

## Space preference

The householder can then expand the house using materials drawn from a central store.

Mr Appleton said each core house measured about 29 sq m , so there was need for expansion.
"There is no argument among the people in terms of choice between space and aesthetics," he said. "Space will win every time."

There were two reasons for the space preference, he said. First, the family as a unit functioned much better. Second, the additional space could be ysed to generate income
unique to SA. It had continued to happen t: Third World.
"Experience in othei. firms SA's experience said. "The demolition of such settlements relocation of the $\bar{\mu} \cdots$ its solution.
"Just as people' found pite the influx control remain illegally in the people will find places to despite the 'slums' Acts.
"What is required is' directing and ian of the poor to help $!$ a way that they can best ed into the urban fatu: vide for upgrading $\bar{v}^{-}$. time," Appleton said. Although upgrading:formal settlements ha $^{\text {S }}$ taken in many other not yet been tried on $\sim$
"This despite the f . been estimated that people live in infū around Durban and live in other well-k... such as Crossroads."

Appleton listed key

## Call for overview of urbanisation

~URBANISATION and housing development in the TBVC countries and selfgoverning states should be seen as part of the Southern African whole, says Dr Simon Brand, CE and chairman of the board of the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Brand told the Institute for Housing in SA's Johannesburg seminar that there could be no dispute about the important role that the metropolitan areas would - have to play in further urbanisation in SA But play in further urbansation in-
, plification" to overlook urbanisation and
14 fousing development in other areas such as the TBVC countries and the self-gova erming states.
the said: "The ideal remains that the housing process in these areas should be stseen as part of the urbanisation, land
$\cdot$ development and housing processes in
: SA as a whole and that it should therefore benefit from the interest in these "processes generated recently, with the - private sector in particular.

The SA government and the Development Bank were well aware of problems
$\therefore$ facing priyate sector investment in these areas, incuding private investors m assessment of the political and other ${ }^{13}$ risks which have inhibited investment in these areas.

- Brand said:"With this in mind govern-

Thent recently, undertook to guarantee
". "against political risks investments made by building societies in the self-govern--fing states.
10., IThis move may, to some extent, neuittralise this risk factor, but the guarantee does not apply to the TBVC countries. Hi. "While government guarantees dtagainst political risk can play a role especially. if further refined and exof tended to cover the TBVC countries withe real solution lies in the cultivation, gilby the governments of these areas, of isconfidence with private investors in the itsafety of their investment there.
"This can only be achieved by following through on declarations with actual legislation that resolves issues surrounding rights to land and the condition
affecting such rights.
"It will also require the governments of the TBVC countries and the self-governing states to refrain from actions that confirm - or even strengthen - the reservations that private investors entertain, and to positively pursue financial and economic policies that will convincingly demonstrate their commitment to support of private initiative."

Brand said an appropriate process of land and housing development was as necessary in the TBVC countries and the self-governing states as it was in the rest of SA as "an integral part" of the urbanisation process.

In supporting housing development in the TBVC countries and the self-governing states, the Development Bank had encouraged governments to concentrate their efforts on areas with a sound economic base which would enable residents to make a substantial "own contri bution" to their own housing needs.

Brand said: "The Bank has further concentrated its financial support on loan financing for the development of housing infrastructure, especially for the middle to lower income groups.
"The condition is that affordable standards be applied and that charging at economic rates for these services mus be aimed at - even if it may take some time to get there from the historically heavily subsidised basis."

Brand said the TBVC countries' independent powers to devise their own policies on land development and housing, plus the recent arrangements to deleplus the recent arrangements to delegate authority on these matters to the governments of the self-governing states, provided "considerable scope" for experimentation and innovation.
He said: "The involvement of the pri-, vate sector in land and housing development in these areas is therefore not only essential on account of the financial contribution it can make, but also for the contribution that the private interests can - and should - make to this process of experimentation and innovation."


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THE enormous backlog of accept able housing, coupled with the se$r$ rious overcrowding the black pop" ulation has to contend with, are u: seen as major factors contributing n'to the present unrest, especially in the townships.
w" That is the view of Tobie de Vos,
ir chief economist at the Pretoria-
B based National Building Research
$\cdot$ Institute.
'And he told Business Day this
y. situation could be expected to con-
ilstinue, despite the high priority
I. government has placed on housing for blacks.
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it and labour resources, as well as
' infrastructural and residential
it: land constraints, militate against the ability of the
ai most optimistic housing programme to cope with existing backlogs and the needs of the people expect-
a. ed to flow to the urban areas now that influx control

- P has been abolished," he said.
-t ' And he added: "Because government's former IT homeland policy prevented blacks from obtaining full ownership of residential properties in the white urban areas, it was impossible for a housing market to develop for blacks."

De Vos said recent legislation accepted by Parliament would make it possible for blacks to obtain full ownership of residential properties within their demarcated group areas.
But the shortage of land in existing townships, coupled with the restrictions of a normal housing market because demand far exceeded supply of both land and housing, meant adequate and affordable housing and security of tenure were essential require. ments for the attainment of a stable society, he said.

But De Vos warned of "unprece"dented challenges" for everybody involved in all aspects of the black
" housing market who are faced "with the daunting challenge of providing 1,8 -million new homes in "the period 1985-1990 to eliminate c, the existing backlog (estimated at 9.540000 homes) and meet an anticipated need of 367000 homes each year.
The above table indicates that the black urban population is expect-
ed to increase from an estimated 6 -million to almost 19 -million by the year 2000, based on the assumption that an urbanisation "surge" will occur during the fiveyear period 1985-1990 as a result of the abolition of influx control. This would mean an additional 1,3 -million homes required in the urban areas between now and 1990. Over the past five years only about 8000 units were built annually for blacks in the urban areas, against

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* Excluding the 1985 backlog of 538222 units.
a figure of 100000 which should have been built according to the patterns in other developed and developing countries.
In contrast to those figures, 43099 units were built in 1984 for the $4,9-$ million urban whites.
As a rough guide, De Vos said, annual production of housing units equal to about $1 \%$ of the total population would meet the need once the backlog had been dealt with.
" A NEW proposal for a low-income housing financing system has been proposed by Johan Snyman, MD of Medium-Term Forecasting Associates - members of
i'the Economic Matters Committee of the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa.
The proposal aroused considerable interest at the Institute's Johannesburg seminar last month.

Snyman said the basis of the system was that all economically active people would contribute $1 \%$ or $.2 \%$ of their income to a housing fund.
"The fund grants mortgage loans to low-income "earners to buy or build their own homes," he said.
"But he continues to make his contribution to the fund until he ceases to be economically active. This amount is then paid out to his estate upon his death.
"The wealthy individual (whose mortgage bond is with a building society) is likewise subject to the enforced saving scheme. Upon his death his estate benefits."

The merit of the system could be determined if it were compared to the present situation where lowincome earners spend most of their income and rely on the state to provide housing. He said. "The proposed scheme eventually leads to a larger number of








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Double boon from Transkei

TRANSKEI has grudgingly admitted that one way of solving its low-cost housing shortage is to employ labour-based construction methods.
It is also in this area that potential growth lies for unskilled labour
Att first Transkei did not warmly espouse the idea of using Third World (labour-based) methods to solve its problems.
.But, while mechanisation techniques might build low-cost housing faster, it does - not address unemployment.

Labour-based construction methods solve both problems: it provides housing and em-
. - ploys manpower.
Recently the Transkei budgeted R 6 m for upgrading an entire town, Ilinge, that had begun life as a resettlement centre 20 years ago.
The Ilinge plan was instituted largely because of a $\mathrm{R5m}$ development loan from the $\therefore$ Development Bank of SA, which also proposed to give the town an additional 3000
in units to supplement its existing 1500 houses.
The chairman of the SA Property Owners'
$\therefore$ Association (Sapoa) housing committee,
-i:. James Crosswell, has put together Trans-
a. kei's largest and most ambitious labour-
(i) based construction programme.
$\therefore$ It is probably also SA's biggest experiment during a depression: it provides for 500 fondimy

productivity, besides the basic skills.
"Many have never been exposed to the free-market ethos or to the value of marketable skills.
"However, we are willing to invest in:human resources because we believe that for a peaceful and prosperous future, we need to feed as many mouths as we can."
On this basis, through the open-tender system, workers will earn R5 a day.
"Sub-contractors" will consist of enterprising local men supervising their families.
"The new era of African construction lies in low-cost housing for the masses.
"The future wealth of the building industry hinges on the speed of its adaptability to the concept of Third World labour-based programmes.
"Opting out with sophisticated machinery is easy, but will not guarantee us future tranquillity in an otherwise hungry Third World environment.

Ihe greatest immediate problem to overcome is to train and manage many small low-skilled teams, as opposed to pressing a button on heavy machinery.
"New types of project management programmes must be evolved to encourage the optimum - though not maximum - number of workers."




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"Sweat equity will obviously prove to be essential in providing the answers to SA's housing problems," says Case sales director Bob Frazer.
$\square$ ROADROLLERS such as the Vibromax 762 : tured above) may be used on a greater future on new housing schemes that are in the $\boldsymbol{z}^{-3}$ line.
Says Vibromax sales manager, Les =an.... "You can build your own home but you can't." road to take the pounding of a bus route heavy equipment.
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## Kahn speaks on housing committé <br> ALTHOUGH it is still too early to expect anything <br> "It is a non-racial project, and it will app.

positive from the "Task Force" committee heading the planning of the private sector's involvement in the Trust Fund housing programme, some indications were given by committee member and SA Breweries MD Meyer Kahn.
The committee and its members are obviously reluctant to commit themselves on developments a this early stage, but two elements emerged from talks with Kahn.
They are emphasis on the creation of employment through low-cost housing; and reliance on the existing infrastructure of the country's building societies, life insurance offices, the Urban Foundation, the SA Development Bank and regional councils.
Kahn said: "Our fundamental objective is the creation of employment and, obviously, to provide more low-cost housing.
everybody in the country.
"Because of the desperate need to create ment, we are working on the basis of a very large: help content, or 'sweat equity', by the ultimate: of the home."
Kahn emphasised the R400m provided by of: ment was regarded as seed capital, and the byini: the funds required, "which we expect to be com: able", would be provided by the private sector:
He said: "It is a private sector initiative and wdetermined to use the existing infrastructure $\div$ able in the country.
"We are not about to create a new burentict administer this, and are currently working on of the actual scheme. We anticipate that it :implemented on a significant scale early next,

## Cheap and cheerful coatings launched

WALL coatings company Gamma Zenith has anticipated the low-cost housing problem and the related need for products to enhance structures.
The company has come up with a range of cementitious plaster products which, says MD A Calcaterra, puts the group "in a strong position to play a major role in the upgrading of black residential areas because the product is a high quality decorative plaster which is maintenance-free, longlasting and simple to apply."
Plastering and painting are done in a single operation.
Says Calcaterra: "It has body-through colour and it can be applied directly to hollow bricks, brickwork, precast and offshutter concrete and other building surfaces."
The product had been
"thoroughly tried and tested" on the European and other markets such as the Middle and Far East and in West Africa.
The product does not require skilled labour, and application can be performed easily using trowel, roller or spray.
Using the machine application saves money, according to Calcaterra, who adds that three workers can apply around $150 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ of the plaster in a day. Builders in Europe using the application had found their plastering costs were comparable to those 15 years ago.

Among the visitors were representatives from municipalities and housing authorities all over the country, says the DCC's John

## 1 prospects

 Hopkins.But white just about everyone agrees that First World standards cannot continue to apply in Third World situations, there has been precious little action.

The Cape Divisional Council (CDC) is not among the guilty. It has put together a fascinating self-help housing exhibition at Belhar, on the outskirts of Cape Town, which could well become a blueprint for the country.

A total of 45 different homes make up the exhibition, which carries a range of innovative low-cost homes priced from R750 to around R9 000.
The show runs until October 12.
The less expensive homes are little more than emergency shelters, but within the mid to top ranges there are choices which offer real solutions.

The organisers have been especially pleased with the calibre of the exhibitors, some of whom have now entered a field they have long shunned. The fact that the white home-building market has been all but dead, no doubt has a lot to do with it.
Eight of the homes utilise the timberframe format, which is used for most house construction in both the US and Australia. Others range from concrete block to easily assembled concrete tilt-up panels.

However, as the Urban Foundation's Ben van der Ross pointed out at the seminar which preceded the exhibition, house prices are only one element in need of reform. High land costs, caused mainly by Group Areas Act restrictions, also need attention.

Innovative as the houses are, Van der Ross warned, however, that they should be monitored since lower-income families could hardly afford to experiment with designs that did not work. The vital thing, he said, was that the materials used should not mark the neighbourhood as undesirable.
Another major problem facing the black community is finance. As speaker Martin Harris pointed out, the money should be as easily available to blacks wanting houses as to blacks buying motor cars.

A suggestion by property economist, Peter Penny, that SA should be looking at a USstyle "Ginnie Mae" system, also seems to be gaining ground. The system allows developers to raise finance on the strength of govern-ment-guaranteed negotiable instruments.

No doubt certain of the concepts on show will be rejected as unsuitable for SA's conditions. However, as one delegate pointed out, the country can no longer afford to start debating the issue all over again.
The show has already created a good deal of interest in the building sector and about 10000 viewers turned up last weekend.


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JOHANNESBURG. - Escom is to cede existing bonds in its home ownership scheme to local financial institutions and these will be distributed among the United, SA Permanent and Saambou National building societies and Barclays National Bank Ltd. The portfolio is worth R 268 m .
In an announcement yesterday, Escom said this was the first step towards eventual takeover of the scheme by local financial institutions and that it should be seen purely as a financing transaction.

Once the necessary legal structures are in place, Escom aims to transfer all existing and new bonds to the institutions. It is expected that the legal framework will be set up in 18 months. Escom emphasizes that the
step does not mean a withdrawal of the home ownership facility from employees.
In these negotiations, every care has been taken to ensure that no cost burden is passed on to staff and employees will not be affected as far as existing bonds are concerned.
It is also envisaged that in future, Escom employees will have a say in the selection of the financial institutions with whom their bonds are placed.
Escom has been negotiating for some time with major building societies and other institutions providing housing bonds. Escom wishes to divest itself of its staff home ownership for two reasons:

To raise funds for ongoing capital requirements and there-
tional funding markets.

- To comply with the stated objective of privatising viable activities to streamiline Escom's operation for greater cost benefit.

Escom's policy in this matter was to obtain the funds for the portfolio from the source most qualified to provide and administer bonds - the housing bond market.
For this reason, only institutions actively engaged in home ownership were approachíed. 'Although it was felt desirable to spread the business over as wide a range as possible, institutions were also evaluated in terms of their ability to administer the scheme

## Ownership <br> rights for STack wothtit

CAPE TOWN - A Bill giving black women ownership rights and increasing the punitive jurisdiction of chiefs was published here yesterday.

Among other things, the, Constitution Laws Amendment Bill proposes that:

- Previous laws and customs limiting ownership rights of black women be superceded so these women may now enjoy power of ownership.
- The maximum fine imposed by chiefs or headmen in Black Authorities Act trials be increased to R200.
- National states be empowered to appoint representatives in the Republic.
- South West Africa be excluded from operation of the Black Affairs Act.
- The State President may withhold assent to a Bill passed by the legislative assembly of a national state if he believes it goes beyond their jurisdiction or is inconsistent with the National States Constitution Act.
- Non-elected management bodies may enjoy temporary representation on Regional Services Councils. - Sapa

Dispatch Correspondent


BUILDING societies" have set their targets on the housing portfolios of public corporations and government departments after Escom's plan to privatise its R268m housing loans.

Privatisation could be particularly enticing for corporations with large amounts of capital tied up in unproductive housing bonds - which are funded by revenue or loans, mainly on the capital market.

A building society source says: "Societies have for years been doing housing schemes for private companies and have the administrative skill to handle large portfolios."
It is understood that negotiations between Sats and one society were broken off about a year ago after Sats decided it could fund its employees' housing needs at lower cost.

Approached yesterday; a spokesman for Sats said the Wim de Villiers report, which deals with all aspects of privatisation recommended for

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Sats, is before the Minister.
He said he could therefore not comment on whether privatisation of home loans was on the cards.
Sats would make R 350 m available for housing loans this year, as opposed to the R400m made available last year, he said.
Iscor spokesman Piet du Plessis said home loans were granted to the corporation's employees through a housing company owned by Iscor.
At this stage, Iscor was not considering the privatisation of home-loan financing, he said.
$\square$ The United Building Society received the lion's share of the Escom deal by acquiring $50 \%$ of the portfolio, followed by Barclays 20\%, the SÁ Perm's $20 \%$ and Saambou's $10 \%$.
It is understood Escom did not want to be seen to be favouring any one institution, although the allocations would seem to suggest that the UBS-dentwas the most aftractive.

## HOME LOAN FUNDING

## Timing the action

If other large public and private sector organisations are to follow the example of Escom and turn over their home loan financing to the building societies, and maybe other financial institutions, now is a singularly appropriate time to do so.
Right now building societies are highly liquid. The business of funding home loans is a cycle of feast and famine. In boom periods, borrowers queue for months for financing, while bad times bring a steep drop in demand for money. So the current protracted recession has created a climate in which building societies battle to place their funds profitably.
It is difficult to estimate accurately how much excess liquidity there is in the movement. But building society sources guess that it is in the region of R 400 m .

Certainly, the R268m Escom portfolio will be easily absorbed by the three societies concerned: the United Building Society (UBS), the Perm and Saambou (as well as by the fourth beneficiary, Barclays Bank). The UBS, which has acquired $50 \%$, has R333,5m in general reserves and retained income which gives it a ratio of reserves to liabilities of $4,25 \%$. This is $0,25 \%$ more than the minimum required under the new legislation.

If large chunks of home loans previously funded by government, statutory bodies, public utility corporations and large private companies are taken over by the building societies, there will be a (temporary) drop in their reserve ratios. (An increase in assets has to be funded by an increase in liabilities, which consequently reduces the reserve ratio.)

Of course, building societies which haven't already established their ratios have 10 years to do so. But they require a plan of action which proves they are on course - so they have flexibility, but not total freedom, when it comes to taking in new business.

This means that those organisations which are not ready to make the break with their traditional home loans policies should not delay too long.
How much potential business is there? Many employee loan schemes (for instance

The privatisation of home loans by State bodies needs to be carefully evaluated by the building society movement. One thing is clear: urgent decisions need to be made.
those provided by the SABC, SABS, CSIR and Sasol) are already funded through building societies, while others are partially funded through them. But Posts and Telecommunications ( P \& T ), for instance, has an existing loan portfolio of R133m, while Sats has R1,9 billion outstanding, according to officials in those organisations. And apart from other government and semi-government organisations, large private companies are known to have laid out vast sums on employee home loan schemes.
The possible impact of these on building societies, should they be asked to absorb them at some future date, has to be seen against the background of the value of business currently handled by SA's building societies.
The movement grants about R 300 m in loans a month and, by the end of July this year, had granted R2 billion. The total amount outstanding on mortgages at that point was R20,5 billion, with another R1,6 billion granted but not yet paid out.
Against this backdrop - substantial as it is - an inflow of business worth more than R2 billion from Sats and P\&T would amount to an increase of $9 \%$. Even today, building sucieties would not fall over themselves to take on funding of this magnitude. It is well above excess liquidity and would probably have to be absorbed over a 12- to 18-month period to give societies the chance to gather the funds in the market.

Even Escom's R268m portfolio won't be taken over completely by the institutions concerned in under 18 months. Raising a much larger sum could seriously destabilise interest rates, unless it were done over a period of time. Escom's housing loans have been funded substantially from the longterm capital market, whereas building soci-
eties seek their funding from the retail market, which is subject to greater swings of liquidity because of greater sensitivity to interest rate movements.
Another dimension of home loan privatisation is the impact on the organisations which hand over their schemes. Sats's R1,9 billion home loan portfolio, for instance, dwarfs its deficit of R367m for the 19851986 financial year. There must be many companies which would welcome an inflow of funds to wipe out debt and relieve them of mounting interest costs. And those organisations comfortably in the black would also benefit. After all, people who are running their businesses properly should be able to generate a better return than they get on home loans.
The full implications of any future relocation of home loan funding is not completely clear, because the value of loan portfolios at present outside the financial institutions is not on record. At best one can hazard a guess; one such (from outside the building society industry) is that building societies and banks together have less than $50 \%$ of the market. Even if this proves an overestimate, there must be a large pool of employer loan funding which in the long term could productively be channelled in the direction of building societies.
That raises two questions. One is whether it is desirable to increase the already unusually powerful role the societies have within the financial structure of the country. The other is whether this sudden influx of conveniently packaged - and thus desirable business to the societies will limit their ability to grant bonds to those who do not work for large companies.
In this situation market related interest rates - both retail and mortgage rates are essential if resources are not going to be misdirected. Secondly, the greater securitisation of mortgage bonds should be encouraged to widen the market by attracting investors who have not traditionally opted for this sort of investment.
In fact, privatisation of corporate housing schemes without securitisation could turn out to be folly.

## STATE HOUSING LOANS Sats set to privatise?

After Escom, Sats could be the next public corporation to privatise its employee home loan scheme. Theoretically, such a move could inject about R1,9 billion worth of capital back into the organisation, which reported a R367,2m deficit for its year-end to March 31.
It is understood that Dr Wim de Villiers' one-man commission - whose brief has been extended to include the privatisation of Sats - has recommended that the service shed the internal financing of its home loan schemes. The report is still under wraps, but has been circulated secretly to Sats staff organisations and organised commerce and industry for comment.
Clearly, however, private sector financiers cannot shoulder the load immediately, even though they are generally flush with funds. Any move to place more public home-financing business with them would thus have to be phased in while additional deposits were sought.
The Escom move involves some R268m alone and if Iscor, for example, followed the lead, it would be looking for a further $\mathbf{R} 216 \mathrm{~m}$ (the figure quoted in its latest annual report) from private sector sources.
Barclays senior GM Jimmy McKenzie, whose bank participated in the privatisation of Escom's home loan scheme, reckons there is no way Barclays could handle the Sats business alone. The likelihood is that it would have to be spread among a variety of financial institutions.

UBS MD Piet Badenhorst, however, is more optimistic. He believes that the takeover of Sats' home loan schemes would present no problem to his society. If marketrelated rates were paid, he says he would have no problem in raising money to fund the loans in the market.
One of Sats' problems is that it has home loan departments in each of its 10 regions as well as at head office. Its March-end accounts show its internal mortgage loan commitment at R1,85 billion - up from R1,6 billion the year before.
Those figures represent amounts out on loan and not the market value of the properties, which would tend to be higher and thus carry good leverage in the private markets.
In its last financial year, Sats lent about R95m in $100 \%$ home loans for whites. Since the scheme started in 1937, more than 41000 homes have been acquired for staff.
Other $100 \%$ loans granted last year alone were to coloureds ( R 14 m ), Indians ( $\mathrm{R} 2,2 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and blacks (R17m).
Sats also runs a home ownership scheme with backing from its pension fund. This scheme has handled loans on more than

30000 properties since 1975 and has paid out about R1,3 billion.
Sats staff organisations, however, may well veto the privatisation plan in an effort to preserve jobs around the country. The FM understands that at least one building society which recently approached Sats management to take over the administration of its housing loan schemes, was turned down.
One reason given was that Sats believed it could administer the schemes more cheaply than societies. But, as one building society source points out, there are always hidden costs in self-administered schemes which tend to distort the picture and make costs appear lower than they really are.
With building societies and banks becoming more aggressive in the market place (Property October 17), they also look set to approach major companies in future which handle their own in-house loan schemes in the belief that they, the societies, have the


## UBS's Badenhorst . . . easy to

 fundinfrastructure to administer funds more efficiently.
Subsidies could continue, they point out, but these would be paid directly to societies - a system which many State departments and private companies now employ. Subsidies are paid monthly by government with one cheque, which greatly reduces administrative costs.
This, in essence, is what is happening with the Escom deal which allows the building societies and participating banks to quote a lower interest rate.
However, neither Badenhorst nor McKenzie will say at what rate their deal with Escom has been struck. Badenhorst does
admit that it is below market rates because of reduced administration overheads resulting from Escom's one-cheque subsidy payment.
McKenzie hopes the Escom deal will generate additional business for Barclays. He tells the FM that although all the Escom business will initially be dealt with through one branch (Braamfontein), the bank hopes to spread it around to other branches, hopefully gaining additional banking business in the process.

## MARITZBURG

## Future perfect

Sleepy hollow is an epithet Maritzburg does not like. And, reinforcing its claim to be as go-ahead as anyone, it has now joined a select group of major world cities like San Francisco, Tokyo and Glasgow in producing a strategic plan to guide future growth.

The strategic plan in the city sense is completely different to the physical guide plans which most cities adopt to lay down long-term development parameters.
Rather, the strategic plan seeks to pinpoint short-term objectives - in Maritzburg's case to the year 2000 - and devises an action plan for their achievement. Internationally, only about half a dozen cities have such a plan. Some Maritzburg ratepayers are, however, inevitably asking what tangible benefits will emerge to justify the R 1 m they have been called on to provide. Has the council, they are asking, merely fallen for the "if it's new, it must be good" line?

City Engineer Graham Atkinson puts it in perspective by pointing out that, with an annual capital budget of some R 230 m and no real forward planning, any plan which would help to effectively utilise the city's limited resources would be beneficial especially for ratepayers.

The council, he admits, took some convincing initially. But the persuasive argument - that the city was in danger of moving rudderlessly into the future and that the actual cost of the plan as a proportion of total expenditure was negligible - tipped the scales in his favour.

The council was no doubt swayed by the success Maritzburg has notched up since it established its own industrial promotions department (see box). Says Atkins: "The city has seen the value in getting off its tail and doing something, rather than sitting back and waiting for customers."
So far Maritzburg bas defined the areas it



JOHANNESBURG - The country's weakening economic situation has led in evitably to a sharp increase in repossessions of properties by building ocieties.
This is a direct result of the weakening financial position of the consumer He has had to accept the inevitable - a gradual decline in living standards - after clinging obstinately to a high stan dard of living which he tried to maintain even to the extent of plunging himself into debt.
So says Mr H A "Hendrik" Sloet, president of Societies of SA of Buiding Societies of SA, in the association's latest annual report just released
Mr Sloet said the result of the cash-strapped consumer scenario was that building societies, which traditionally relied on the savings of the public, had to manage without this source of funds for this of the year.
The recessionary conditions in the economy also reduced the demand for funds and resulted in a hesitancy on the part of
the man in the street to
incur debt due to his anticipated difficulty with re payments should interest rates increase
Consequently, demand for mortgage finance delined sharply from the beginning of the year, en abling buildings yoar, en to satisfy readily easily the readily and housily the demand for ing finance.
Nothwithstanding the unfavourable conditions, the building soci eties succeeded in soc proving their in im formance in per funds.
In this context the in dustry's growth registered R2,8 billion, compared to R1,3 billion the previous ye,3 billion the substans year. This was a substantial achievement despite the fact that interest rates on investments were considerably lower by comparison
Mr Sloet added: "Particularly worth mentioning is the improved growth attained on share investments increased from growth of Ranegative for the of R365 million for the previous financial year to a positive growth
of R1 170 million for the ast year.
The growth in savings last year registered $42,5 \%$ less than in the 1984/85 financial year, which serves to prove that building societies' traditional source of financéings deposits from sav from the either dwindling away is being diverted away or other finance towards tions by means of more aggressive mart more strategies.

Here, it is also signifi cant that the share of the building society industry in the financial sector of minishing country has been diminishing to the extent that funds under the administration of building societies for the repris5 financial year represented $46,6 \%$ of the financial market consisting of banks, building societies and savings banks as compared with the $45 \%$ for the latest financial year."
The decline in property prices served as proof of the depressed conditions in the property market. -


Property Editor
PRETORIA-South Africa's builders were urged yesterday to consider seriously what their attitude should be towards less formal housing provision.
Dr Simon Brand, chief executive and chairman of
the Development Bank of Southern Africa, told the Building Industries Federation Congress it should not consider informal building a threat to its membership.

He said it could play either a neutral role or make available insight and skills to organisations supporting small business develop-
ment, including the building sector.
He expected Bifsa to have in its ranks the wisdom and adaptability to deal with changes in the housing market constructively and to ensure that housing needs could be met adequately.
Dr Brand said he accept-
ed that the kind of unconventional housing which could cater for a consider able proportion of the mar ket in South Africa was less acceptable or familiar to Bifsa.
'It could be expected that this may create great un easiness among its membership because of the expectation that this will disrupt the orderly condi tions in the building indus try which have been brought about to a large ex tent by the efforts of Bifsa, he said.

## Backlogs

'Considering the housing needs in South Africa, here is all too often a tendency to look only at absoute needs.
'This results in estimates f total needs and of backlogs to be caught up with. nevitably, such an ap proach tends to foster a onclusion that more reources should in total go into housing.
'However, there are not necessarily going to be more resources available for investment in the:country and there arealso other claims on those resources:
There are, for example also fiuge backlogs in education, health services and sports facilities.'
Whites had shown they were prepared to aceept considerable changes m tráditional norms and ipàtteris. Impressiye progress had been riade with inte
gration in the workplace, in universities, training insti tutions and sport.
'We should certainly also have the ingenuity to devise workable and appropriate political solutions for the country
'Why should we then as sume that the ability to adjust, already reflected in the socio-economic fields; cannot also be drawn through to the political sphere?
'Should this be done it will in itself encourage a return of net capitaline flows and thereby contribute towards raising the performance of the econ omy.
Dr Brand added that if these possibilities were accepted, such sa scenario would invollyewany changes in the environiment that would require consid: erable and 'even ydrastic: adjustments in the way ${ }^{2}$ of life of most South Ahicans,

## Govt under fire for urban housing policy <br> African Affairs Correspondent <br> THE South African Government's continued adher ence to group areas, racia zoning of land and imposed segregation would fundamentally cripple the country's capacity to meet the growing urban challenge. <br> This was said in Durban yesterday by Mrs Ann Bernstein, head of the Urbanisation Unit of the Urban Foundation in Johannesburg. She was addressing a seminar organised jointly by the Natal branch of the <br> Economic Society of South Africa and the Urban Foundation. <br> Mrs Bernstein said a fast, effective and affordable means of identifying large tracts of urban land for housing was needed. <br> This land should be in the existing metropolitan areas and had to be well situated to take advantage of existing job opportunities and infrastructural investment <br> Mrs Bernstein said coercive legal measures should not be applied until alter- <br> native, affordable accommodation in the same urban area was available for the affected community or individual. <br> She said the most critical omission in the Government's recent White Paper on Urbanisation concerned the lack of proposals for action. <br> 'The abolition of influx control and the discussion of "approved accommodation" throws the spotlight now on the Goyernment's capacity to deliver land, shelter and finance.'




PRETORIA. - About RI2,7-biliion is required to wipe out the 1985 housing backlog, says Mr Neil Fraser, a vice president of the Building Industries Federation.

The injection of R750-million by the Government had to be seen against this figure; he said at the annual congress.
"Even if the entire R12,7-billion was made available now, the people for whom the houses would be provided would not be able to make any interest repayment let alone capital redemption unless their income was substantially raised or they received interest subsidies.
"While I am sure there is some degree of labour exploitation, the strong emergence of unionism among blacks will largely overcome this. What is more important is that any increase in income for reasons other than higher productivity is economic suicide," said Mr Fraser.

Dr Simon Brand, chief executive officer of the Development Bank of Southern Africa told delegates that self-help schemes, while catering for a considerable proportion of the housing market, might be less acceptable to Bifsa and create uneasiness among its membership.
"This would result because of the expectation that such schemes would disrupt the orderly conditions within the industry," he said.
"Even though Bifsa may feel uneasy with less formal, unconventional housing development and members might well see this as a threat to their existence, I would expect that the federation has in its ranks and leadership, the wisdom and the adaptability in its approach to deal constructively, with these kind of changes in the housing market."

Earlier, Mr Fraser, a divisional director of Murray and Roberts, said in spite of its commitment to South Africa's enormous housing needs, the federation was left "out in the cold" when it came to policy making in the accommodation area.

And he also hit out at the "insular few" of the federation who, three years ago, resisted attempts to establish a building industry housing scheme.

Criticising members of the industry, Mr Fraser said the federation had an opportunity in 1983 to be recognised as a far-sighted and caring employer when it discussed the formation of a building industry housing scheme.

The Amendment Act brings blacks on a par with other race
groups as far as property ownership is concerned. Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis said it had
opened the way for land ownership by blacks.
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## Surplus c

SURPLUS capital available for investment is likely to be channelled into more socially rewarding projects than has been the case in the recent past, according to Murray \& Roberts (Cape) chairman, Roger Veysey.
"Instead of building a glossy office block, contractors will now be building on the more practical side,- sewerage works and the
Veysey believes the change of accent will prove country-wide. He regards it as "sensible utilization of institutional money".

With regard to government spending, he thinks site and ser vice schemes financed by the state and undertaken by the private sector are an excellent concept. "Without increasing taxes
you get a lot more benefit for the population."
The recession has left most major contractors in SA with excess capacity, which must be used more efficientiy.

Hence the recent rationalization of M \& R's operations in the Cape which Veysey maintains provides greater flexibility than existed under the previously more fragmented structure. In many ways, this entails a return by M\&R to the old Murray \& Stewart (M\&S) type structure.
The building division in Cape Town, the Boland and half the coastal civil side have now been combined in one company, M\& $\&$ Cape. This, he says, has left a much more flexible vehicle better placed to handle entire contruction packages, particularly housing schemes.
He believes one of the biggest

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 still further streamlining of bureaucracy relating to housing."We save costs whenever the transfer of property ownership is sped up. If you can halve the time taken for transfer of ownership, you greatly increase the capacity to build houses because of the reduction in bridging finance required."
And, of course, it also reduces the cost of houses.
Recent M\&R schemes have experienced a period of 36 weeks from completion of the house until transfer to the new owner. Expensive time, that has to be added to costs.

Veysey believes there is a great deal of money from all races in building society coffers which should be lent out across a broader spectrum of the popula-
tion.


Roger Veysey ... instead of building a glossy office block, contractors will now be building on the. more practical side. Africa could develop into an acute emergency with far-reaching social and political consequences if the problem was not addressed in time, the general manager of Saambou National Building Society, Mr A J B Strydom, said last night.
Addressing a meeting of the Roodepoort Afrikaanse Sakekamer, he said a great process of urbanization could be expected over the next decade in South Africa as a result of the lifting of influx control.
Mr Strydom said that, in the past, the state had provided most housing for black and coloured: people.
However, because of the enormity of the anticipated housing need, the state alone would not be? able to meet the demand and banks and building societies would have to enter the market.
Mr Strydom said that, although it was often claimed that too much of the country's available capital resources had been used for housing, building societies had over the years helped make South Africa one of the best housed countries in the world. Mr Stydom said there was no reason to beliêve that the conversion of some building societies into public companies would lead to increased interest rates on housing bonds. - Sapa

Insufficient revenue has harmful effects - Heunis



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- Trhiswasannounced ${ }^{\text {t }}$ by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, $\mathbf{M r}$ Chris Heunis, yesterday after a meeting of
the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs in Johannesburg.

Mr Heunis said in a statement after the meeting that one of the most serious problems简商 and service fees. Gun law will now
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faced by local authorities was a lack of funds to provide services. In some cases, insufficient sources of income played an importan role, but the inability of some local authurities to collect revenue due to them "has had a particularly harmful effect," ${ }^{\text {Mr }}$ Heunis said.

The council had appointed a sub-committee to suggest solutions "The report was considered by the council and the council has recommended that appropriate amending legislation be enacted to facilitate the collection of rent and service fees, Mr Heunis said.
Progress

- Considerable progress had been made with the demarcation of Regional Services Councils and the first could be established by January 1 next year, Mr Heunis said.

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Since then, the Act has been amended by Parliament several times. The deadline for the establishment of the first RSC, in Bloemfon-: tein, was set for January this year but officials of said the complex proce $=$ dure for the setting up of a council did not make that deadline feasible.

However, Mr Heunis said yesterday that considerable progress had been made with the demarcation of RSCs.
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ESTATE agents stand to make a fortune from the sale of houses in black townships under the Government's privatisation project.
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Estate agents receive R100 commission from the Government for each house sold. The houses cost' between R800 and R10 000 , most of them in the low-price category.

## $\therefore \quad$ Prices slashed

Although the commission payments have been available almost since the launch of the scheme in July 1083, sales are going slowly.
Prices have even been slashed by $40 \%$ to encourage buyers.
Sale co-ordinator Alex Weiss says the Government will not consider giving houses away because that would go agalnst the spirtt of privatisation.
"We aim to encourage the development of a thriving secondary property market in the townshlps and to promote the concept of cap ital accumulation and free enterprise.
"Giving the houses away would denegrate the value of home ownershlp and would undermine the development of an infrastruc ture similar to that enjoyed by coloured and Ablan communitles.
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"The houses are cheap and their prices can only increase as the shortage of urban housing becomes more acute."
In the past three years only 47000 of the 345640 nationwide houses have been sold. But Mr Weiss says sales have shot up in the past month - increasing by $30 \%$ to 988 .
The deciline in sales in the past few months was caused by deepening recession, hilgh unemployment among urban blacks and unrest in the townships.

## Employer help

The increase in sales was promopted by mproved marketing methods and the fact that employers were taking a more active role in helping employees to buy houses.
"Employers are increasingly appreciating the positive influence of home ownership.
"I expect the trend to continue, particularly with the introduction of full property ownership rights for blacks. Employers and financlal institutions will become much keener to help with finance.
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Market research shows black spending has been on the upswing for six months. Retail industry sources report blacks also feel more comfortable shopping in white areas since the state of emergency was imposed.
A private market survey on buying trends, commissioned by Checkers, confirris st the boost in grocery sales since the rent boycott was imposed.
Using 100 as a base figure, black spending jumped from 86 in February this year to 109 by July.

Private stockpiling by black buyers anticipating another consumer boycott has also spurred sales to some extent.
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SOUTH AFRICA'S biggest-ever housing venture, a R1,2-billion scheme aimed at stimulating the economy through creation of new homes and job opportunities, could prove to be a turning-point in the country's history, financier Dr Fred du Plessis said yesterday.
"We see this action as an opportunity to depoliticize housing and to redistribute wealth in a practical way," he said in an interview with the Cape Times.
"It is my firm belief that the time has come to stop burning and to start building. If we do this - and I honestly believe that 90 percent or more of South Africans want it - we all have a future in this country.".

## Special share offer

Dr Du Plessis, chairman of Sanlam, said that although the new venture was not directly linked with the Urban Foundation, it would in many ways complement the work being done by the Foundation, with which it hoped to work closely wherever possible.

He was expanding on the announcement he made in Johannesburg at the weekend about the launching of a non-profit company, the South African large scale, mainly for blacks, "within the boundaries of the old South Africa".

The government is putting R400 million into the new venture, and $R 800$ million is to be raised from the private sector with a special share offer.
Dr Du Plessis said he wished to emphasize that although the government was putting money into the scheme, it had been agreed that the State would not become directly involved in its implementation, and that private enterprise should be left "to get on with the job".
Community leaders would be invited to join the board in the various areas in which housing schemes were undertaken by the trust.
"In this way," Dr Du Plessis said, "we hope to help develop a strong community spirit, with full participation of the people involved.
"We believe it is wrong just to build houses and then put people into them. There must be involvement of members of local communities right from the outset, and we believe we will get requests from communities to look at possible schemes in their areas."
$\square$ Unemployment and the housing shortage are two of the most-pressing socio-economic problems facing South Africa. At the last official count, 533000 South Africans were out of work and the shortage of houses stood at around 300000 .



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The managing director of Edgars, Mr Vic Hammond, said spending in the quarter to September was 30 percent higher.
The executive director of Spar, Mr Sidney Matus, said turnover had increased by 19 percent for the current
six months six months.
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JOHANNESBURG - Industrialist Mr Mike Rosholt has called on the private sector to help provide the half million houses needed to alleviate the housing shortage in South Africa.
Experience in developing countries generally indicated the "vast majority" of housing was supplied as a result of private initiative and resources, he said
Mr Rosholt, chairman of the Urban Foundation's residential development and construction division, told a foundation meeting that the provision of housing represented a significant opportunity for stimulating social and economic development in low income communities.
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estimated 500000 units was the equivalent of a quarter of all houses built in South Africa to date, he said.

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Its current commitments would provide about 12600 serviced stands and 8500 completed homes. In addition, the division had planned projects countrywide, which, if all were implemented, would provide a further 23000 serviced stands and 10900 homes in the short term.
"The division will seek to expand its scale of operations with a longterm focus on affordable lower cost housing, the provision of serviced sites
and the upgrading of informal settlements.
"However, the division does not merely view itself as a housing supplier. More importantly, we view ourselves as a cata lyst for the private sector in the housing field.'
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Mr Rosholt said his division comprised five housing utility companies operating around the country. Current commitments included 28 developments.
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The chairman of the Residential Development and Construction Division of the Urban Foundation, Mr Mike Rosholt, told the annual meeting of the Foundation's Family Housing Association that the key to the development process lay in the involvement of the private sector.

## 500000 houses needed

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Calling on the private sector to become more deeply involved in the provision of housing - particularly to lower-income black communities, Mr Rosholt said experience in develop. ing countries generally indicated that the "vast majority" of housing was supplied as a result of private initiative and resources.
It had been recognized with growing clarity that the establishment of a local home-building industry was fundamental in developing a community's ability to house itself, he added.
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 long been part of the home-building scene in a number of countries abroad. In SA, however, the use of this method has been limited.

In spite of efforts to expand the use of timber in wall and floor construction, conventional brick building is still the dominant method.
A recent survey by the National
Timber Research Institute (NTRI) of the CSIR shows that only a few builders have tried their hand at timberframe construction, and that municipalities, housing-finance organisations and house-insurance companies have little experience or knowledge of the concept.

The researchers say since the national building regulations came into effect in September 1985 it should have become easier to have plans passed for timber-frame houses. Yet $21 \%$ of the municipalities surveyed did not allow these structures.
They generally felt timber-frame
housing was pricing itself out of the market.
The NTRI responds by saying that timber-frame houses can be erected in half the time it takes to build a brick-and-mortar house: Builders appear to be charging about $12 \%$ more for timber-frame. But it is foreseen that, once this type of construction is accepted in SA, builders' will benefit from the speed with which they can be erected and will pass financial benefits on to buyers.

Of the financial institutions surveyed, only one was unwilling to veyed, only one was uilding of timber-frame houses. The reason given was the high houses. for funds to build conventiondemand brick houses.


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In the interim, some departments - including Old Mutual Properties (OMP) will move to premises in N'dabeni where some $4000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ will be leased from competitor Southern Life for three years.

The new block, says OMP property manager Martin Buss, will provide office accommodation for 1125 people. OM's head office staff currently numbers more than 3000 and the projected staff complement for 1995 is over 4000 .

The new office block is the first in a longterm, three-phase expansion programme. Phases two and three will involve the building of two similar office blocks to replace existing buildings which were part of the original head office complex built in 1951, says Buss. No dates, or future plans, have been established for the final two stages.

With life policy sales growing by about $30 \%$ a year, OM is on a growth trend that requires increased staffing and additional space. Says OMP's Derek Stuart-Finlay: "With our site restricted we have to go up and also use wasted space once used for courtyards."

The design of the new wing will include provision for banking facilities, a supermarket, post office, gymnasium, hairdresser and an auditorium on the ground floor. The fifth floor, which will house senior management, will be slightly set back to allow for a terrace around the entire floor.
The building was designed by Cape Town's Kent, Miszewski and Hockly and the quantity surveyors are Nicholson and Nel. The building contract has been awarded to Dura Construction.

## FINRAND

## Slow going

Just how extensive is the use of financial rand (finrand) in the property market? Despite claims from some estate agents that they have numerous inquiries, official confirmation is hard to come by
Reserve Bank spokesman John Postmus, for example, will only confirm an earlier statement that there have been a good many applications for the use of finrand in general. And he denies allegations in some quarters that the Bank is dragging its feet on applications.
He says delays are often caused by the way the commercial banks submit applications. But he is willing, he says, to look into complaints.

Landmark's John Murray is one of the complainants. He says he is still awaiting a decision on an application submitted seven weeks ago. Mike Smythe, who is working on a large finrand deal in Sunninghill, Sandton (Property October 31), is also concerned about delays. As Murray says, this is hardly the way to encourage overseas investment.
Another concern is that the parameters for the use of finrand in property investment have never been spelt out. Each case is "treated on merit," according to the Bank, but the industry maintains this is not good enough. It wants something more concrete to work on.
Deputy Director General of Finance Gerhard Croeser, who chairs the committee looking at the use of finrand, says the whole matter will be reviewed later this month.
The Bank was asked to report back to his committee three months after the decision to allow finrands to be used for property dealing.

The report should spell out how the system has worked to date and recommend whether or not it should be continued in its present form.
Croeser says the idea was to keep the system as flexible as possible which is why no hard and fast rules were laid down.

However, this policy will also be re-assessed this month. But whatever is decided, says Croeser, "the matter will be treated in a low-key manner".

# Think of Uiterwyk as your "wine shop in the vineyard" 



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lays - not lack of money - are the biggest obstacles in the way of private-sector development of black housing, say consultants.
In spite of the Govern. ment's intention to assist in every way possible with black housing and itts setting aside of R750-million for it, delays in approving land purchases are impeding privatesector involvement.
A. Treasiry spokesman confirms that Government's confirms that Governmens
R350-million share of the R750-milition package for housing, is beling spent, but there is:an unexplained delay in the announcement of plans for spending the rest.

## Support

At least one area where extensive black and Indian extensing schemes are well advanced in the planning stages - with the support of building societies - is in Natal.
Durban-based consultant Alan Mountain, who has been associated with private-sector housing schemes involving R300-miliion since mid1984, says: "Whereas $21 / 2$ years ago 'it was impossible to gain approval for projects In the homelands from the building societies, they are now, keen to be involved.
"We are now in a totally different ballpark."

Mr:Mountain is involved in negotiations with the Government on behalf of clients for the construction of 8000 black houses in Natal at a cost of between R20 000 and R55 000 each, including purR5s chase and servicing of cand.
Most of the loans granted by societies have been underwritten by employers.

Mr Mountain says many Mr Mountay are becom-
of houses in the Transvaal He confirms "frustrating: delays" in land approvals We applied for land in August 1985 and in splte of: numerous inquiries at the local level and to officials' in Pretoria, we have had noresponse We have identified 22 steps in the process for land: approval and there can be intractable blockages at any: one or more of them.
"It is vital that the proce: dure for land acquistion and: approval be speeded up and simplified."

He belleves the least the Government can do is to make known its procedures for land applications, indicate how long the queue is and when the applicant can expect an answer.
Some officials, he says, claim to be "every bit as frustrated as I am".

Director of the Urban Foundation's Family HousIng Association Matthew Nel says his organisation is involved in planning, development and sale of 11000 units in the Pretoria-Wiwaters-rand-Vereeniging area on behalf of the private sector this year.

He says turnover soared from R2,5-million in 1984 to R20-million last year and R26-million in $1986-87$. The number of stands involved is projected to rise from thls year's 3300 to 7900 in 198788.

Mr Nel attributes the major obstacles in the alloca. tion and approval of land to the Group Areas Act.
"The Government needs to take action in land assembly on a basis which cuts across all legal and bureaucratic inhibitions caused by the Group Areas Act. We need areas well situated in relation to job and commercial opportunities and where servicing nities be provided."

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## Builders off' black home

## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. - New black home-ownership regulations have opened up a new area in which black people are being "ripped off", says Mrs Pauline Lipson, director of the . Legal Aid Bureau here.
Mrs Lipson was speaking at a seminar to mark the Checkers award for consumer journalism.
Her bureau handled many cases of builders who collected deposits; but never built.

White building contractors sent an agent to a black house owner who wanted to improve his home, she said. The owner paid a deposit - in one case, the company took a deposit of R5 000 - but seldom, if ever, was the owner told what was required of him.

## Shown small print

He was not told that he had to arrange a bond or submit the plans to the Soweto town council.

Some time later, when the owner asked why building had not started, he was told it was because he had not made finañcing arrangements or submitted the plans for approval by the council. He was then shown the small print on the contract which said that if he did not do these things he forfeit-
ed his deposit, she said.
Many of the people that the Bureau worked with were poor, semi-educated and semi-literate, but ruthless entrepreneurs adopted the attitude that if they could not read or understand the contract it was "tough luck", she said.

Many people who decided to improve their homes responded to advertisments advertising good terms. They went to the office, saw the plans, signed a contract and paid a deposit of R1 500. The builder promised to start within six weeks, but did not do so.

When they went to the builder's office, there was no sign of the builder - only a group of disgruntled people who had also been deceived, said Mrs Lipson.
The contract often stipulated that the owner had to supply the building material himself, so he lost his deposit, had a pile of material rotting in his backyard, and could not afford to pay a deposit to another builder, Mrs Lipson said.
Mrs Lipson refrained from naming any of the "rip-off" builders, because she said she still had to negotiate with them, so exposing them would not be in hgr clients' interest. are in the PWV area, says a survey released yesterday by Unisa's Bureau for Market Research
Last year, all the dwellings in SA and the TBVC homelands - occupied and unoccupied - totalled 5,6 million. Blacks occupied 3,4 -million of the and whites 1,6 -million.


A significant finding indicating the extent of the platteland-depopulation process was the low occupation figures a large number of rural areas.

Just more than $29 \%$ of black dwelling
Tre in Natal, KwaZulu and northern
The Johannesburg district has most white dwellings ( 157000 ) and Wynberg, Cape, the most coloured dwellings uly pocupied white houses was in the PPWV area (4\% more than the national average) and the lowest was in the Northern Cape ( $16 \%$ below average). Standerton had the highest growth in the number of white homes between 1980 and $1985-37 \%$ above average.
played in township planning in SA and virtually every other matter
black dormitory towns - wa criticised yesterday as "the height of stupidity and destined to on: create ongoing and "costly problems for the country:".
Also the target for condemnation was governmients White Paper on urbanisation, slatnmed for entrenching a policy under which decisions concerning all new residential locations
ill to be made within racially defined structures.

These criticisms were raised in Cape Town during a seminar - organised by the Southern Africa Road Association (Sara) - on urban transportation.

Cape Town director of town planning Peter de Tolly described government's dormitory town policies as an outright tragedy.
They had created a demand for

## Dockers lose jobs to hi-tech

GENEVA - Tens of thousands of dockers had lost their jobs because of new push-button technology, and around a million others would have to be retrained for more skilled tasks, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) said yesterday.
An ILO study on new cargo handling techniques found some port equipment, now being introduced, incorporated micro-chip devices and that robots could soon follow. About
$\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ of container terminals are using computers for administrative tasks, and $43 \%$ for operational control.
It sald few new jobs were likely to be created to compensate for those - lost through the introduction of new equipment removing the need for human operator skills and simplifing complex maintenance tasks.

Dockers would have to be retrained to acquire versatile skills enabling them to move between jobs. - Sapa.
extremely capital-intensive infrastructures in transport networks and housing that in no way ameliorated the inefficiencies created by ideology and "plain bad planning".
De Tolly said the planing of new townships - in white as well as black areas - had focused on low densities and development which was widely spread out, with few employment opportunities.

This, in turn, had created low user thresholds which had made public transport uneconomic.

Because most workers could not afford high transport costs, many factories had relocated.
The implications which these forms of urban relocation held for transport planners were far-reaching.

It was ironic that legislation related to planning and development was so structured as to make a co-ordinated approach to these problems virtually impossible.
"We have a plethora of Acts - such as the Physical Planning Act, the Urban Transport Act and the Financial Relations Act - which all contradict one another," De Tolly said.
tion and lack of confidence in South Africa＇s future has sent house prices plummeting，a leading building soci－ ety reports．
＂The downward trend in house prices continued and even accelerated prices continuir quarter of 1986 ，＂the
during the third United Building Society said in a housing review．
The average price of a medium－ sized house dropped by four percent from the second quarter of the year to aboüt R69000．

After adjusting for inflation，house prices had fallen by about 31 percent
said．
Some whites，concerned at escalat－ ing violence in black townships，had sold their houses either to emigrate or to make it easier to move overseas．

With the economy improving，house prices should be bottoming out，the United said．But it did not foresee a sharp rise in prices next year．
While there were enough houses in white residential areas，hundreds of thousands of homes were required to meet a shortage in black townships．
Lack of accommodation had been cited as one reason for the political cited as one reason or the past two years．



LACK of Government funds to house elderly people featured prominently today in an address at a UPE seminar.
A spokesman for the
Department of Local Government, Housing and works, Mr J Weyers, said: "Owing to a lack of funds, a delay of several years is being: exper ienced before approved projects can be lạunched.
"This gives rise to expectations and causes frustration among those wishing to embark on projects. During the waiting period, planning often becomes outdated.' which leads to fruitless expenditure and wasted time and energy."

To convert housing planning into a purposeful programme of action,
his department would implement a new procedure "aimed at ending the disadvantages of the previous procedure".
The stages determined for the disposal of loan applications included:

- Once a project's need had been confirmed by the Department of Health Services and Welfare, the application must be submitted "via the municipality to my department".
- Each year priorities ${ }^{4}$ in projects approved must be, submitted
- Having been informed that a project had been included in the building programme, applications for loans for the land, survey costs and consultant fees, must be submitted.


## Housing decline

JOHANNESBURG

The average price of medium-sized house has dropped by about four per cent since the second quarter of this year according to the latest United quarterly housing review.

The downward trend accelerated during the third quarter, with the average sagging to about R69 200.

In real terms, house prices have declined, by about 31 per cent from their peak, towards the end of 1983. survey

Larger houses were generally not as severely affected by decreases.
In some areas they picked up substantially over the previous quarter.
Prices in the Vaal Triangle were particularly hard hit, deteriorating by 18 per cent.
Although house prices are considered to be close to bottoming out, no sharp increases are expected during 1987 partly due to the effect of net emigration on the property market. - DDC
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# Reintroduction of rent control pleases 

By JIMMY MATYU NDIAN and Coloured eaders have welcomed the official re-introduc-
tion of rent control measures in their areas from today and see this as an end to the exploitation of backyard tenants by landlords of private dwellings.
They also feel it will bring relief to thousands of people on long waiting lists who, forced to live in backyard dwellings, have had to pay astronomical rents since rent boards were abolished from January 1.

In the Durban Supreme
Court recently; Dr:
LAPA Munnik, Minister
of Communication and Public Works, and Mr Amie Venter, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Public Works, agreed to withdraw by today a Government Notice abolishing rent boards from January 1.
Mr Willie Dietrich, MP for Bethelsdorp, said today it was necessary that some form of rent control be exercised.
He knew: of a case where a person occupying a backyard dwelling consisting of a bedroom and a kitchen was charged R350 a month apart from water and electricity.

## NEWS FOCUS

ABOUT 14200 ha of additional land would have to be provided to meet the housing needs of the black population. There is no detailed assessment on the critical shortage of land and housing available to the black population in a draft Guide Plan for the central Witwatersrand released by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning. But it is recognised that a backlog exists and that land must be provided for future needs.

Town Planner Pauline Morris has made an assessment of the plan and proposals by the Guide Plan committee which, she says, will not improve the living conditions of blacks and it is likely that the social environment of the whole metropolitan region will deteriorate.

And unless sufficient, suitably located, adequately serviced and affordable land is made available many people already living in, or moving into, the region will have no option but to move on to vacant land.

The proposals are therefore central to the question of how unaccommodated black people will be included, or will continue to be marginalised, notwithstanding the total abolition of influx control.

On the basis of its population projections - and assuming population density of 97,5 persons per hectare (white density is given at 25 persons per hectare) - the committee estimates that about 14200 ha of additional land would have to be provided to meet the needs of the black population. According to Morris, the size of greater Soweto is some 6400 ha .

Morris's assessment highlights the fact that the amount of land allocated for black residential development takes little account

## Black housing being sold short


of the critical housing and land shortage in the region or of the extreme disparity that exists in the distribution of land available to the various groups.
At present the estimated black population in the region represents at least $58 \%$ of the total population. However, this group has legal access to only $10 \%$ of land available for residential purposes.
According to the committee's own estimates of the availability of residential stands and probable number of flat units for the white population, there is an existing surplus of 103880 units.
The shortage of accommodation for black persons in the region is difficult to calculate. The figure for the entire PWV region is given as about 200000 units. Other indicators of the extreme shortage are the high occupancy rates within existing houses and the fact that, in certain townships - such as Katlehong, near Germiston, and Alexandra, in eastern Johannesburg - there are more backyard shacks than houses.
In Soweto an informal settlement of more
than 2000 families has developed over the past four months on vancant land in the township and has been described as "uncontrollable". The site was previously a golf course and is unsuitable for residential development, since large areas are subject to flooding during summer months.
Conditions are unhygienic, as the basic service infrastructure is inadequate and there' little evidence that the pressure on housing is leading to the "illegal" movement of black persons into "white" areas.

Public attention has also been focused on the Norweto township proposal - to the north-east of the guide plan area. Neither of these processes, nor the large number of people expected to move into central Witwatersrand, have been taken into consideration by the guide plan committee and the proposals to accommodate them are totally inadequate.
But, says Morris, the document warrants a more comprehensive and careful appraisal to assess its ability to cater for rapidly changing socio-economic and political processes, both within metropolitan regions and throughout SA.
100000 homes for blacks nextyear

By Frank Jeans

Nearly 100000 homes for blacks will be built throughout the country next year, cutting the backlog in this sector - estimated at more than 500000 by almost 18 percent.

This is revealed in a housing survey undertaken by SA Capital Projects Register of Johannesburg company Systems Publishers.

About 55 percent, or 53130 homes, will be built in the Transvaal, 21830 in the Cape, 16170 in the Free State and about 5880 in Natal.
The housing figures cover both private and public sector projects but exclude schemes in the homelands and neighbouring countries.

A spokesman for the register says: "More than 800 local auth-
orities and administration boards were contacted so as to compile a comprehensive register of residential projects.
'Some 724 responded to the questionnaire, although 134 respondents claimed to have no plans for development due to shortgage of funds or land."

As the private sector's involvement in black housing gains momentum, one Reef company has lost no time in pushing ahead with a wide spread of developments nationally.

Indeed, Pretoria-based Habitech, part of construction group, Stocks and Stocks, has recorded a tally of 100 black homes sold in October alone.

While the company has a 50 50 participation of the white and black homes business, there is little doubt that it has built-in expertise in the company's
black division in the form of its managing director, Mr Alex Rabie, formerly a director of the West Rand Administration Board.

Habitech's main target is well away from the traditional concepts in the provision of black housing and more towards the community living.
"We try to approach the market with a bare piece of land and end up with a township to meet the requirements of the people," says Dr Wessel Smuts, managing director of Habitech.

This trend is seen in the group's 400-stand development at Atteridgeville in Pretoria an upmarket black housing project where homes are selling from R25 000 and upwards.

Habitech, too, has structured this development so as to bring smaller contractors into the
process. ficialdomewelcomes the advances the company is making in the black housing area for there has been no bureaucratic bogging down.
The Atteridgeville contract was signed in June and Habitech building teams were on site in September.

Dr Smuts emphasises, though, that it is not just the higher priced markets which is the Habitech concern but the lower income area as well.
"We have a construction facility which can do one-off homes as well as mass housing schemes in conjunction with Stocks Housing," he says.
"But we regard our mission in housing not to serve just the upmarket area but the whole spectrum of the people's needs.

Fstatercan hardy afford: The authorities have sought to overcome this. problem through a new housing strategy which places emphasis on mobilising "domestic resources".
The state does not want to be actively involved in the production of a million houses. Instead, the guidelines stipulate "minimal intervention, maximal support by the state: maximaI involvement of the builder families." The philosphy of the programme and its ambithous goal is to reach a "million or more mainly poor families - at a lesser cost to the nation but more satisfaction to the actual builders'". The programme will be spread over 10 years.
The programme cavers rural as well as urban
essential critena tor ene:that the of the loan is inly should provide avidence of self-help such as collection or production of building materiats.
The entire operation is decentralised to the village level with the Gramodaya Mandalayas or village development councils responsible for distribution and recovaery of the loans. The scheme is not only aimed at providing sherter for the homeless, but also at improving existing semi-permanent structures into permanext ones, and at providing amenities such as clean drinking water, latrines and electricity.
There are some 4405 Gramodaya Mandalayas in Sri Lanka, each contraining about 500 house-
neignoournoods of cocombo and district towns. The programme also provides for mmproving the quality of shelter in derelict barracks where municipal or department labourers such as scavengers or casual workers are housed. The shelters in these rundown areas are owned by the local authority or Governmet agencies which are "unable" to keep them in good repair because of financial and property management problems.
By the end of September 1985, The urban programme had covered 4442 households in 49 of the 51 urban local authorities in the country.
The financing of the rural and urban housing programmes comes from a variety of sources - the state, the Gov-

## strategy

Overall, the Sri Lankan Government's strategy of shifting the emphasis on the role of housing institutions in planning and implementing housing projects to giving ffnancial and technical support for self-help building initiatives appears to be producing results: In less than two years, the million houses programme has reached 1000 of Sri Lanka's 25000 villages and 49 out of the 51 urban local authorities. During the first nine months of 1985, over 35000 rural families who received loans ranging from a modest 3652 to $9000 \mathrm{ru}-$ pees, pitched in with their own labour and other resources, to inprove their existing homes or build new ones.
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LIMTLE progress has been made in cifgetting the RACOm housing trust trefund up and operating since the idea ekwäs -first announced by Finance Mainister Barend du Plessis in bsoturust.
Ininsthe scheme was proposed by government as a private sector vehicle offor promoting/financing self-build - ${ }^{\prime}+\frac{1}{\prime}$ schemes.
It has apparently hit a number of tos.spags, not least of which is in deciding bis hether the vehicle to handle the fund to should be in the form of a trust or a sojgompany.
unnu The lengthy delay is being viewed with some wry amusement by Departyrment of Finance officials, who are so enioften the butt of private sector critionictism for dragging their heels.
moer Four months ago Du Plessis announced the appointment of a steering




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CHRIS CAIRNCROSS committee of three - Fred du Plessis of Sanlam, Meyer Kahn of SA Breweries and Derek Cooper of Barlows to devise the fund's structure and functions in liaison with government.
He indicated that R400m would be made available to get the fund started. This amount would be supplemented by the issue of special housing bonds carrying a market-related interest rate, which would probably qualify as prescribed investments.
The chief purpose of the trust is to promote work-creation by enabling the unemployed not owning a house to build one under a self-build scheme.
The idea was that the trust would work in conjunction with relevant public sector bodies and existing organisations within the private sector.
At the time of his August announcement Du Plessis stressed the urgency of getting the scheme off the ground, and declared that the fund's trustees, to be nominated by President PW Botha, would be announcing details of their objectives and modus operandi as soon as possible.
This has yet to happen, and cannot be expected to happen for some time, according to Joe Taylor, head of the Economic Advisory Service in the Office of the State President.
Matters were still very much at the discussion stage, said Taylor, who is likely to be nominated MD of the housing trust.
Finality still has to be reached with government on the structures, functions and people who will become involved.
What has become clear so far is that the trust will not be set up to duplicate the funding services already provided by building societies and other institutions.
It is more likely to be a wholesaling operation, with the target market for revenue being the big financial institutions.

GARHaRD CROESER, Deputy Direc-tor-General of Finance has been ap-

- Dointed CE policy of he department,

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis confirmed yesterday.
Treasury Sectetary Ronald Peter
Wronsley is : nom CE taxation.
A statement from the Minister's office sald that by orittue of these appointments Croeser resumes responsibility for the divisision of public finance, treasury and financtal institutions, and Wronsley tor inland revenue and customs and excise.
Dr Arnold Pretorius, Chief Director of Publle Finance, succeeds Croeser as Deputy Director-General. Dr R Burton, at present Registrar of Financial Institutions, becomes Treasury Secretary
The appointment of Dr Burtop's successof is still being considered.

# JUW It to wreck homes 

## SOUTH Africa is sitting on a volcano that can erupt at any time - the volcano of homelessness. Thousands of des-

 -. perate families will do any+il thing for a roof, anything, over their heads. Sowetan writer SAM MABE has interviewed some of the people caught in this crisis. ...FOR arsmany
homeless families who live in backyard shacks in - Katlehong, Natalspruit, the name Snyman has become a synononym for destruction.

Mr G Ji Snyman was an official of the East Rand Adminiistration Board (Erab) who earned himself a reputation a few years ago of being the most hated and probably the most feared man
in Katiehong.
He led a team of board policemen and other officials who demolished thousands of shacks in the area, leaving many families desti-

## ute.

The housing crisis was so serious in Katiehong that in 1983 there were 35000 shacks, 15000 more than the number of conventional houses. in the area.
The demolition of the shacks did not succeed in bringing an end to squatting. Many homeless families are still erecting shacks in the backyards of houses in



## East Rand. <br> 

the township and a squatter camp called Overline is mushrooming on the outskirts of the township.
Mr Standard Mbotye, who stays in a worn-out tent in Overline, said he had lost count of the number of occasions he had his shack demolished by Snyman.

In many instances his shack was demolished while he was away at work. he said: "I would arrive bome from work only to find my possessions lying in the open : and some of them badly damaged. Then I would know that Snyman had been around

## Suffering

"I have lost many of my things which went missing duringthe demolition and there is no way that I could claim damages from anybody. I even sent my wife to the Transkei because I could not bear seeing her go through the suffering we went through in this place.
"It cost me money to, buy material to build the shacks and it was all lost whenever our shacks were flattened by board officials.
"It was our money going down the drain. We did not know what else to do because we needed housing, but no housing was being provided by the authorities in this part of the world.
"If you had no house of your own, you were not wanted here. All that the authorities were prepared to do for us was to send us to the
bantustans.
"My wife and I once slept in the open veld for four nights. We had nothing over our heads.
"I felt like my manhood was being put to the test. There I was, confused, angry and embarrassed thatlwas helpless to protect my. wife against the harassment we suffered at the hands of the authorities.
"I still wonder what would have happened had it rained on those nights," said Mr Mbotye.

The squatters were saved by officials of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) who provided them with tents after reading about their plight in the newspapers.

After some negotiations between the WCC and Erab officials, the squatters were moved to an Erab training camp where they had water and toilet facilities.

But this did not bring an end to their miseries. They were raided from time to time by officials who threatened to repatriate them to their "homelands"

This was carried out with the brutality which provoked a national and international outcry fromopponents of apartheid.

About 60 "blackjacks" arrived at the scene armed with batons and knobkerries. They
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launched an indiscriminate attack on the squatters, who included women and children.

A number of church-* men and journalists who were there at the time paid heavily for bearing witness to the ferocious and unprovoked barrage of blows which rained onthedefenceless squatters. The attack turned on them as well.

Some journalists were seriously wounded and oneofthem, Mr Montshiwa Moroke suffered two fractures in his arm.

## Desperate

In 198313000 shacks were demolished in Katlehong, resulting in about 68000 people being temporarily left destitute. There were 9000 people who were sent to the homelands the fol'lowing year, also after their shacks were demolished.

Erab officials said that about 80 percent of the sewerage network in Katlehong was out of order because of overloading. Water supplies also ran short at times.

At the KTC squatter campin Crossroads, near Cape Town, many people have also had their shacks repeatedly flattened with bulldozers.

There have also been numerous clashes between rival factions at the camp where many people have died and others injured.

Many people today may have forgotten some of these incidents, but the root cause of the problems - homelessness - remains. Shacks are demolished only to be erected again.
Many people do not build the shacks out to defy the authorities, but out of desperation because they $y_{\text {peed }}$ roofs over the headis.

## UBS drops

## bond rate

## By AUDREY D'ANGELO

THE United Building Society last night cut its lending rate from 16 percent to 15 percent - and all bond rates are now likely to fall by one percent.
The lower rate will come into effect from Monday for new loans and from January 1 for existing loans.
This will give badly needed relief to hardpressed homeowners and a fillip to the slowmoving housing market.
A further fall in bond rates has generally been expected since the last cut in the bank rate to 10 percent in September.
This resulted in a fall in the prime lending rate banks charge favoured customers to 13,5 percent.
Barclays has been charging 15 percent for home loans and Syfrets, which normally charges $0,5 \mathrm{pc}$ above prime rate, $14,5 \mathrm{pc}$.
Since then, the gap between building society and bank lending rates has appeared too wide.
However, the building societies have pointed out that a fall in the lending rate means a fall in interest rates paid to depositors.
In the case of fixed deposits, the building societies were "locked

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Mr Kingsley Loney
in" for months to a comparatively high rate of interest.
The Cape Regional manager of the Natal Building Society (NBS), Mr Kingsley Loney, said last night that he had received no official notification but anticipated that the NBS would fol-


Mr Hadden Steer
low suit in cutting its bond rate.
He said there was no doubt it would do so since it would otherwise be uncompetitive in the montage market. Like all the others, his society had plenty of money to lend for housing.
Estate agent Mrs Usu-
la Ehrentrat, the owner of Home News, wedcome the "very good" news and said she hoped it would create optimism in the pre-Christmas period.
"It is wonderful and is the best news we could have had before Christmas."
Ronald Morris reports that one of Cape Town's leading estate agents, Mr Madden Steer, said it was "fantastic news and something the public's been waiting for for some time".
The dropping of the interest rate was an indication that the market was turning and he was sure it would be stimulated.
"A lot of people have been waiting on the sidelines trying to afford a house. The more people who can afford a house, the better and, the lower the interest rate, the more people will be able to afford a house.'
He hoped that other building societies would follow suit, Mr Steer said.
Their cut in the UBS mortgage rate has come at a time when the downward trend in short-term money rates has aroused speculation that another cut in the bank rate may be in the offing.
The average weekly treasury bill rate' fell to 8,62pe at yesterday's tender from 8,78pc last week amid strong demand.


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Mr Croswell suggested that private enterprise move actively into housing development, start building its own townships and test the degree to which bureaucracy would tolerate unofficial "unsanctioned" self-help.

He added: "If we wait for the Draft Guide Plan to be amended or appróved, it might take another two years of inactivity by which time the socio-economic scenario of South Africa will have changed yet again and perplex the whole matter."
Developers should realise the Draft Guide Plan was meant to be nothing more than a "guide" so. they should not be deterred in planning townships.

It was not enough, he said, to dish out conscience money such as handing over millions of rands to the Family Housing Association - when the syndrome was one of inactivity. The same corporations, he said, would serve the housing needs better if they started building their own developments in anticipation of the, removal of the Group Areas
"The Draft Guide Plan should stop thinking in terms of population under-concentration or over-concentration as blacks (like all low-skill landless rural people) will converge on metropolitan areas where they perceive the best job opportunities to exist," he said
"No type of intervention will prevent this typically Third World population flood into the cities, as witnessed in Mexico City and Cairo, a city built for two million and which now supports 13 million, including the squatters in graveyards." gigantic proportions and could escalateton-strortfall of four million homes by the year 2000 if the present rate of building is maintained.

This was said by a University of the Witwatersrand social scientist, Mr Matthew Kentridge, in a paper published this week by the University of Cape Town's Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit.

He is studying for a master's degree at Cambridge University
"In every urban or semi-urban area in South Africa there is a shortage of housing for the lowestincome groups," Mr Kentridge said.

Although there were differing estimates of the shortage, "all statistical sources are in agreement that the shortage is enormous.
"The housing shortage in South Africa has assumed gigantic proportions and is growing annually"
Mr Kentridge reached these conclusions after summarizing the papers on housing delivered at a conference organized by the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in 1984

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lion, approximately 600 units would have to be built each working day for the next 20 years."
Mr Kentridge also said the quality of township housing was serious.


homes will have to be built - just to catch up with the massive housing backlog.

And at the present building rate - less than 20 units per day - a solution to SA's chronic housing shortage seems nowhere in sight.
"Clearly no dent can be made in the housing shortage if the present building rate is maintained," Cambridge University student Matthew Kentridge writes in the second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in SA's latest report.

He slams the government for its recent shift in housing policy "towards minimal government regulation and free market practice".

The responsibility for providing housing is increasingly being handed over to the private sector, Kentridge writes.

Only families earning less than R150 a month are eligible for a government subsidy in terms of current housing policy.
"Beyond that point the government aims to bring rents into line with market rates - which will mean a major increase in rentals for all black income groups." - Rents can be expected to increase by as much as $300 \%$ in some areas, he says.
He claims that the State - in shifting the responsibility of housing provision to the private sector - has actually worsened the housing crisis. "Policy does not cater for the very poor - the group most in need hof immediate housing relief."
Wesearch in the Western Cape has found that private sector involvement in
benefit to the very poor. It showed that private developers could not build houses for under R30 000 . Buyers would need an income of at least R1 472 (or R1 360 for subsidised first time buyers).
"The evidence is conclusive. Despite endless invocations of the private sector solution to the SA housing shortage, the goods are not being delivered and will not be until the market grows.
"This in turn will not happen until wages rise significantly. Again, this will not happen for some time to come," /Kentridge writes.
"In fact, despite the failures of past policy, many commentators observe that the old practice of State provision of all black housing stock was far more successful than the present policy."

But Kentridge warns that a return to extensive government intervention in providing housing under the present dispensation would not be a solution.
"State involvement is inextricably linked to state control - which in turn is a prerequisite for maintening apartheid in SA. Greater State financial inyolvement in housing may increase the units built per annum, but will not alter that fact."

Kentridge urges future planners to consider squatting as a viable strategy in the struggle to provide houses for all.

He writes: "The quality of life in squatter settlements is often much higher than in State townships - even if the quality of the dwellings is much lower."

## situation

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housing shortage in South Africa had assümed gigantic proportions and could escalate to ${ }^{\text {a }}$ shortfall of four million homes by the year $2 ; 000$ if the present rate off building was maintained, a University of the Witwatersrand social scientist, Mr Matthew Kentridge, has conclü̆ded.
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Mr Kentridge, who is at present studying for a masters degree at Cambridge

University, reached these conclusions after summarising the papers on housing delivered at the conference, organised by the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in South Africa in 1984.

The Venter Commission had estimated that 3,5 million housing units were needed between 1980 and 2000 while the Urban Foundation had said four million units were needed.
"Taking the backlog to the year 2000 as four million, approximately

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600 units would have to be built each working day for the next 20 years.
"At present the building rate is below 20 units per working day.
"Clearly, no dent can be be made in the housing shortage if the pres ent rate of building is maintained," he said.
Mr Kentridge also said the qualitative state of black townships was serious.
"Many black houses are in a serious state of disrepair, and a gigantic programme of renovation is needed to make these houses decent habitations.
"The present official housing situation is critical: it is physically insufficient and decrepit, environmentally sterile, ideologically ...tenuous, politically sinister and economically ${ }^{*}$ inadequate," Mr Kentridge said.
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## By DEREK TOMMEY, <br> Financial Editor

THE reductions announced in mortgage rates in the past few days have made this a better time to buy a house than any other period in the past four years, say the money and property men.
The cost of a mortgage bond is at its lowest level since 1982, they point out. And with house prices some 20 percent to 30 percent below their recent peaks, property is beginning to be good value again, especially when the drop in the purchasing power of money and the cost of building a new house is taken into account.
The surprise decision by the United Building Society at the weekend to reduce its mortgage bond rate from 16 percent to 15 percent (which is likely to be followed by all the building societes in the next few days or so) has brought its rates into line with those charged by Barclays, though it is still half a percent above that of 'Syfrets Bank.

The reduction has had the effect of cutting the monthly repayment on a 20 -year building society mortgage from R13,91 to R13,17 for every R1000 bor-
rowed, a UBS officials said to day. This means that the monthly cost of a R60 000 bond has been cut from R834,60 to R790,20 a month.
This a huge improvement on the position early last year. Then the mortgage rate was 21,50 percent and the monthly repayment on a bond was R18,17 for every R1 000 borrowed. The result was that anyone with a R60 000 bond had to pay R1 090,20 a monthto his building society.
The fall in interest rates since then, therefore, has cut the monthly cost of a R60 000 bond by R300. People with smaller bonds have benefited proportionately.
An important aspect of the decline in interest rates is that it enables an increasing number of people to qualify for larger bonds. Building societies normally insist that a borrower's income must be four times his bond repayments. So 18 months ago a house-buyer had to earn more than R4 000 a month to qualify for a R 60000 bond. Today a borrower with an income of R3 200 a month is eligible for a R60 000 bond.

The drop in interest rates will
also make it easier for the first time buyer.

People in this category receive a subsidy equal to a third of their repayments for the first five years of the bond. But the buyer must receive no other subsidy and must buy a newly built property:

The maximum bond a buyer is entitled to under this scheme is R40 000. At a mortgage rate of 15 percent this will cost him R526,80 a month, or R351,38 after taking into account the subsidy.
Rising building costs, however, are limiting what is available for R40 000. Therefore the building industry has asked the Government to raise the limit, and a figure of R55 000 has been mentioned, said Mr Sam Seeff, a director of Seeff Properties.

He confirmed that house prices were now between 20 percent and 30 percent below their 1984 péaks. But added that sellers were starting to resist further declines.

House sales had picked up and were buoyant, he continued


## Flats: Top ${ }^{13}$ hedge against inflation iminh 2611186 <br> JOHANNESBURG. - Residential flats have beaten

 many other forms of property hands down in the past decade as a hedge against inflation.This was shown from the results of a survey by PG du Plessis and SA Lategan, of the Stellenbosch University Business School, in an address to to the National Productivity Institute in Potchefstroom yesterday.
In a paper they noted: "Residential flats (for letting purposes), which had been neglected to a large extent by institutions in the past, provided the jest hedge against inflation.
"To some extent this may be due to the fact that sectional titles became very popular during the eighties and that supply of residential accommodation in the letting market lagged behind demand."
By contrast, they said: "Multi-tenant propềrties' do not provide a hedge against inflation during recessionary periods when cost push inflation is dominant."
Of shopping centres, they said these "have a natural tendency to respond to increases in inflation having the benefit of turnover clauses in leases".
They concluded that large property portfolios do provide a long run hedge against inflation to the institutional investor. Also, that certain types of properties do provide a better hedge against inflation than other types.

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## By SVEN LUNSCHE

JOHANNESBURG. - Althoúgh building society lending to blacks is increasing rapidly there was still a conservatively estimated shortage of 300000 housing units, says Perm's managing director, Mr Bob Tucker.
Speaking at a media conference this week, he said blacks were determined to stay in the urban areas as home ownership was one of the means to ensure permanent citizenship.
"Over the six months to the end of September, 1986, 23 percent of total money lent went to blacks, compared to 13 percent in the corresponding period last year, ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ Mr Tucker said.
Deputymanaging director Mr Brian Kemney added: Whe Perm has granted more money to blacks than any other building society, and loans of R150-million over the six months represents a marke dimprovement on last year's figures.
"HENCOURAGE OWNERSHIP"
"The ayerage amount of a loan to blacks is R30 000, 80 mpared to R41 000 for the total market, but wedre achieving enormous success with the granting of loans to borrowers in instances where the combined income of all adults in the household is as little as R380 a months," Mr Kemney said.
These loans were used to fund self-help houses in the R7 000 to R10 000 price bracket and aimed "to encourage homeownership among people in the lowe "income groups".
Onthe savings front, Mr Kemney said that the net growth over the six months to September for theybuilding society movement as a whole was. R362-million, of which the Perm accounted for over 44 percent.

APPOINTMENTS

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\% "REDUCE SUPPLY" WAlso, existing residential blocks of flats previously abvailable for letting were converted into sectional title units, thereby further reducing supply..
By contrast, "multi-tenant properties do not provide a hedge against inflation during recessionary periods when cost-push inflation is dominant".
"They"do, however, provide a supernormal return during periods of demand-pull inflation, compensating the property investor to such an extent that an overall hedge against inflation "is achieved in the long run."
Shöpping centres, they said, had a natural tendency to respond to increases in inflation, having the benefit of turnover clauses in leases.
"The performance of business centres lagged behind the inflation rate during the seventies, but the boom during the earlier part of the eighties showed that once the historic leases hàd expired, supernormal profits could be experienced from this investment avenue during demand pull inflationary periods."
Super centres also per-
inflationary period of the eighties.

Leasebacks helped stabilise a property portfolio during re: cessionary times. On the othe hand they did not provide the lucrative returns that may be expected from multi-tenant properties during demand pull inflation.
But they provided a hedge against inflation in the long run.
Suggesting strategies for investors, Drs Lategan and Du Plessis said the degree of hedging that investors may expect from their property portfolios will in the short term be dictated by prevailing inflationary conditions.
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"Cost-push inflation dominates the present economic environment and there seems to be little sign of abatement in the foreseeable future. It may therefore be expected that input cost will continue to rise without commensurate increases in rentals, exercising a negative effect on portfolio yields."
The next round of demand inflation, however, would result in a repetition of the property boom of the early eighties and it was hoped, will compensate the investor for his earlier sacrifices.
Although only certain types of properties significantly outperformed the inflation rate, in no case could it be said that any portfolio performed worse than the inflation rate and every portfolio provided a hedge against inflation in the long run.
"A structural change may occur in the residential market if the Group Areas Act is scrapped and also in the retail market where investors will be forced to place greater emphasis. on the black consumer.
"Multi-tenant properties provide exciting returns during periods of demand inflation, but leasebacks have a stabilising effect on portfolio yields during recessionary times."
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SANLAM chairman Fred du Plessis will make an announcement today on government plans to allow housing funds to be classified as prescribed assets.

Du Plessis is head of committee which hás of a three-man ing the proposal
Government has already agreed to the idea and the committee'dras set up to finalise the details
Government will have to subsidise the end-borrower because the funds are intended for low-cost housing and in line with other prescribed assets there is a need to offer a return on them.
It is believed that an initial amount of about R400m will be madẹ available for housing projects.

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# SAAU to see govt on housing scheme 

THE SA Agricultural Union (SAAU) is to make representation to government to improve the housing scheme for farm workers.

The move comes after successful SAAU negotiations with the Department of Agriculture which secured funds for the scheme for the current financial year.

The union has appealed to farmers to use the scheme to enable the utilisation of funds that have


## been set aside.

"The union believes that good worker housing is a prerequisite for sound community development," said a spokesman.
"Farmers with inadequate housing facilities for their labourers are urged to apply as soon as possible so that they can participate in the scheme," he added.

Outlining the scheme, he said
that, subject to certain conditions, all owners of land on which farming activities were practised could apply for a loan - at a $3 \%$ interest rate - to erect workers' homes.
"Two loans are available. One of R4000 for a three-roomed house and one of R5000 for a four-roomed house. Loans for extensions come to half these amounts.
"Further loans of R300 each are available for water and elec-
tricity supplies per living unit."
He said terms of repayment must not exceed 20 years and loans must be secured through a mortgage on the applicant's fixed property.
"Under the scheme, an applicant is authorised to erect or up, grade a maximum of 10 houses."
Application forms are available at the nearest magistrate's office or from the Department of Agriculture, Private Bag X118, Pretoria, 0001.


Sanlam chairman Dr Fred du Ples-
sis unnouncing the R1,2 billion

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Soun Africa's top companies last night raunched a non-profit company which plans to ralse R1,2 billion for the construction of houses in the next two to three years.
The Government will pour R400 million into the new company and R800 million will have to be raised from the private sector with a special share offer. The company, "The South 'African Housing Trust", will try to raise a billion rand via the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.
The establishment of the trust was announced by Sanlam chairman Dr Fred du Plessis who said emphasis would be both on the creation of job opportunities and on the provision of homes.

Building of the first houses starts in January when materlals will be delivered to sites. The first three or four projects will be pilot
schemes so that problems can be resolved be fore going "full steam ahead".
Dr du Plessis said blacks would be the main beneficiaries of the trust and most of the selfbuilt houses would be "core" homes costing between R10 000 and R15000. Interest would be lower than market rate.
"We are talking of helping people whom

He wasfaware of the shortage of land butemphasised that the trust wouthe, find and buy ground if necessary. The Goverinhent had already agreed to cut red tape tofifisten township development
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Dr du Plessis said: "The private sector is taking fuil responsibility for the trust. Apart from the interest-free loan, the State will not be involved in the management of the now company in any way. The trust will be not profit-making. We will plough back anything we may make."

The new company will not establish an in frastructure to handle applications for houses "tigh Mr Taylor would be responsible fori a









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# Govt, private sector in self-helphousing project 

JOHANNESBURG. - The South African Government and private companies have formed a partnership that will raise over one billion rand in South Africa's largest housing venture.
The capital base of the company, the South African Housing Trust Ltd, will be structured by the issue of 10000 ordinary shares at R1 each.

The government will subscribe for 1000 shares and make R400 million available.
The company will issue loan stock with an objective to raise about R800 million.
The loan stock will be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the stock issue will facilitate access to private-sector funds.

The trust aims to stimulate the economy through job creation and skills development by providing "mass self-help housing". - Reuter


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THE Government will make availabie $R 400$ million to the South African Housing Trust Limited to help it stimulate the country's economy in the short term through job creation and skills development by the provision of self-help housing. The"project will fol: low a broad based approach to ensure success by the substantial involvement of both urban $\checkmark$ and rural communities, according to managing dircetor' Mr HeTàylor. The Trust will, as a priority, identify, with the assistance of suitable agencies, projects in areas where unemployment is at a high level. - Previously employed and now unemployed breadwinners who are homeless will be identified and the supply': of land and materiuls to them will be made agajos aboan agreementotonable self-help building to commence. In the event of the homeowner being unemployed, said Mr Tay lor, a proviso will: be made that payments commence as sobn as he is once again employed This artangemenecould be in the form of a stop. oider on his future employer.
ployer. tablishment of the girust on Friday, the chairman, Dr Fred dǘPlessis, called the venture the largest ever into housing and heralding thefargest partnership ever entered between the State and the private sector.

EMPLOYERS and their black workers will soon have access to a step-by-step guide to assist them in cutting through red tape involved in acquiring a house.
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Pent Up (Private and group of private busi ject) - a Durban-based ${ }^{\text {- }}$, nessmen invoived in bual detailing the proce - is to produce a manual detaining the proch dures to be followed for black workers wab ing to secure a house. The group has estab lished a company which will undertake the lisned a company wesearch, writing, editing, co-ordination of distribution and promotion design, printing,

Businesses will be canvassed to contribute
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The manual wil cover such aspects as: How to secure land, the different systems of tenure and the practical differences in the of tenure and tre practical dimpared with sodevelopment trust areas compared wirica called black areas in white south Air which Understanding of coned by private devel. townships can be developed costs of the three opers, including the various tots (deed of operserent systems of land tenure (deed of different syst 99 -vear leasehold and deed of transgrant, 99 -year
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## BLACK HOUSING

## Accommodating the masses

While the formation of a R1,2 billion SA Housing Trust (SAHT) has been widely welcomed as a major move against the country's 538000 -unit black housing backlog, the private sector has deep reservations about the practical implementation of the massive scheme.

The trust has been launched with a R400m interest-free State grant and will be funded with another R 800 m in private sector loan stock, to be issued as prescribed assets. It has been billed as "the largest ever venture into housing and the largest partnership ever entered into between the State and the private sector."

The project will also boost business for basic building product suppliers. But serious concern is surfacing about the viability of the project in its announced form and the sentiments expressed by SAHT chairman Fred du Plessis.
Critics, however, are quick to point out that they favour the joint private and public sector funding initiative, and that too little detail is available for balanced criticism.

Du Plessis says the SAHT will finance individual, unemployed borrowers on a selfhelp basis. Community leaders must identify candidates who would qualify for funding in the R10000-R15000 price range, and building societies and builders will not be involved, at least in the early stages.


Black housing ... all set for growth

Family Housing Association (FHA) GM Matthew Nel says the operational feasibility of the scheme is vitally important to its success. Any self-help project must be approached on a "concentrated" basis to ensure proper management control with high quality back-up services.
"We can easily help manage self-help projects of 1000-5 000 erven. A major concern must be affordability, but this could be enhanced by subsidised repayments, an incremental building system and by reducing building standards," he tells the FM.

Another major issue is the provision of essential infrastructural services.
"On a low-cost, self-help basis, $50 \%$ or more of total costs could go on the provision of basic infrastructure like access roads, water, sewerage and electricity alone," says


Local South African drug compánies particularly the big three, Noristan Group, SA Druggists and/Adcock-Ingram - stand to benefij handsomely from multinational disinyestment.
The international companies, and fS subsidiaries in particylar, are under severe pressure to pull out. But most of their brands on the local market will almost certainly continue to be made here under licence.
The rush began last $O$ ctober when US giant Baxtep-Travenol sold 40\% of its share in Sabax-Keargrams to AdcockIngram for R22m. At that price it was considered a steal.
If multinationals follow Kodak and withdraw a) their products from 8 A , it could/be more of a problem. But Adcock MD Norman Jossel sees this as unlikely. As he says: "No morality could be claimed if medicines were nolonger available to the $70 \%$ of the population that the protagonists of disinvestment claim to be

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'It's a very competitive market and most decisions to disinvest tend/to be made for financial reasons."
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Kees Lagaay, executive director of the SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors. "But nothing has been disclosed about how SAHT will go about financing such massive civil engineering projects or about the basic standards that would apply."

Lagaay says although all the implications of the project have probably not been thought through, it will take time to show how it develops in practice.

Du Plessis says the project has national importance and that R1,2 billion is a small price to pay for creating jobs and, at the same time, also partly meeting the housing backlog. He underlines the fact that new home owners will feel the benefit of early capital appreciation. The SAHT focus will be on assisting some of the 70000 -odd individuals who have recently completed private and public sector-sponsored building courses and may be unemployed.
But scepticism remains.
"It will take months to devise the organisational structures of the proposed scheme," says Murray \& Roberts executive director André van der Colff. "I do not expect anything substantial to happen before mid-1987. One must ensure that funds are properly utilised and building efficiency is vital. It might have been better to allow private sector expertise to handle the whole operation."
Before the first brick is laid, land will have to be bought - and a project this size will clearly need a lot of land.
"We are glad funds are being provided, but the availability of land is still the prime consideration," says Urban Foundation housing manager Gill Strelitz. "In the central Witwatersrand area alone, we need about 30000 ha to meet existing demand. A large proportion of the funds would have to be used to buy land and provide bulk infrastructure."

Strelitz says experienced agencies could help the SAHT to manage its project properly. The foundation's building utility company is one such agency with a proven record in self-help housing projects.
The FHA currently has three similar pro-

## BLACK HOUSING FINANCE

After a great deal of delay and much speculation, the SA Housing Trust, chaired by Sanlam's Fred du Plessis, was finally announced last weekend. The trust propose a R1,2 billion injection into low-cost housing over two to three years, starting in January 1987. But will it succeed - and is it the correct approach to a serious socio-economic

The home-building programme for blacks is getting underway. But major constraints, such as the Group Areas Act, high and rising unemployment, and poverty, are not being addressed.
problem? Perhaps the plan addresses itself to a symptom - lack of housing - rather than the cause: lack of freedom.

To alleviate the black housing backlog could cost around R4 billion. Even if the money is found, where's the land? Where do blacks want to live? And, more to the point, where will they want to live in a few years'

time - if and when they find jobs?
Du Plessis sees the trust's function precisely: "We're creating employment more than anything else. Housing is an effective way to do this." The trust will concentrate on areas, like the established townships, where there are future job opportunities; people with suitable training will be given preference.
Simon Brand, chairman and CE of the Development Bank of SA, comments: "The assumption is being (made) that people are only temporarily unemployed because of the recession." He notes that "other measures to stimulate the economy have already been taken by government. So revival should be reinforced by the housing effort."
The land issue remains vexing. Sheena Duncan of Black Sash argues: "This is the key. Until government zones land for townships you won't get anywhere. If we didn't have the Group Areas Act much of the problem would disappear."

She says Pretoria must also take a hand in providing and paying for site-and-service schemes. "The housing emergency was created by government policy, and it should bear some of the cost."

Mike Morkel, senior housing policy planner for the Urban Foundation, says: "According to our estimates, some 60000 ha are required by the year 2000 in the PWV region alone merely to accommodate the projected growth of the black population. Norweto will be 3000 ha; the balance is supposed to be made available outside the Witwatersrand area - but nobody knows where."
The trust's plans allow initially for corehouses which can be added to and developed. Sewerage, water and electricity would be made available. Finishing off would be done by the owner at his expense, but under technical guidance. Some building societies are keen to help provide just such technical advice and control standards, Du Plessis adds.
Deregulation is central to the development of black housing. Without this, onerous building regulations and red-tape make costs too high. Jill Strelitz, housing policy manager at the Urban Foundation, believes: "The housing challenge will only be met if a substantial amount of planned informal settlement is developed."

Government has set aside some R1,3 billion for black and low-cost housing: R311m from the annual budget; R328m out of the


Du Plessis ... houses where jobs may be
special R1 billion package for "upgrading the infrastructure;" and R750m from the Central Energy Fund, of which R 400 m is for the trust, the balance of its R1,2 billion to come from the private sector through a R800m offer of loan stock, which will have prescribed asset (PA) status.

## Duty to shareholders

Other avenues of funding are still being explored. Says Small Business Development Corporation MD Ben Vosloo: "When I was in Singapore I was amazed to see how institutional funds were used to finance mass housing."

When chairman of the Life Offices Association (LOA), Southern Life CE Morris Bernstein set up the Development Capital Committee (DCC). This was after government indicated interest in diverting funds towards housing and job creation. "Our response was, yes, we hear you, but we have a fiduciary duty to policyholders to optimise returns," he says.

One way to get round this is for funds to be lent as a PA, and the insurance industry had been calling for this. Says Sanlam MD Pierre Steyn: "If an instrument, such as

housing bonds, were introduced as a PA life offices would want to participate provided there was a reasonable market-related rate of return."

Other ideas include: making returns from investments in designated black areas tax free, and/or pooling investments on an industry basis to spread the risk and even out the lower return
Says Steyn: "Assets of life companies are approaching R 50 billion." Putting just $2 \%$ of this into a housing pool would not be onerous. Taking private pension funds into account you might end up with a pool of about R2 billion.

Such monies could also be channelled through the trust. Steyn doesn't see any point of conflict between the two, though it is apparent the trust has taken the lead from the DCC and is testing the water.

But, says Brand: "It's not so much a shortage of funds; more a question of taking affordability into account."

According to Strelitz, building society lending is biased in favour of the upper income groups of the black community, and those receiving housing assistance. She points out that around $70 \%-80 \%$ of all black loans are "subsidised by either the State or employers."
To make funds more accessible, Strelitz says institutions must "change the rules of the game" and become even more flexible.

For example, "affordability" does not necessarily imply the smallest house possible since this overlooks the rent potential of larger accommodation units. Nor should interest rates on smaller bonds be lower since this would encourage the diversion of funds towards the upper end of the market.
Says Johan Grotsius, CE of the National Association of Homebuilders: "The lack of consultation with the building industry concerns us. I can't see a large section of the black community building its own shacks on site-and-service land without serious waste of effort and material.
"Adequate land, affordability and the whole building supply chain has to be taken into account." He says quality and levels of service required should depend on the circumstances, and, again, affordability.

Indeed, one must ask how unemployed blacks can afford any housing when repossessions of white houses are sky-rocketing. $\square$ See Business 'could

Mercury Correspondent CAPE. TOWN-South Africa's biggest housing ventire a : R1, 2 billion scheme aimed, at stimulating the economy through creation of new homes and job, could be a turning-point in the country's history, finalcher Dr Fred du Plessis said yesterday.
'We see this action as an opportunity to depoliticise housing and to redistribute wealth in a practical way, he said in an interview.
'It is my firm belief that the time has come to stop burning and to start building. If we do this - and I honestly believe that $90 \%$ or more of South Africans want it - we all have a futire in this country.
Dr du Plessis, chairman of Sanlam, said although the new venture was not directly linked with the Urban Foundation, it would in many ways complement the work being done by the foundation:
It was: hoped that those engaged in the project
would be able to work closely with the foundation. Dr du Plessis was exbanding on an announcementhe made in Johannesburg at the weekend, about the launching of a non-profit company, the South African Housing Trust, which plans to build houses on a large scale, mainly for blacks, within the boundaries of the old South Africa'.

## Invited

The Government is putting R400 million into the new venture, and R800 million is to be raised from the private sector with a special share offer.
Dr du Plessis said that although the Government was putting money into the scheme, it had been agreed that the State would not become directly involved in its implementation and that private enterprise should be left 'to get on with the job'.
Community leaders
would be invited to join the
board in the various areas
in which housing schemes were undertaken by the trust.
'In this way, we hope to help develop a strong community spirit, with full participation of the people involved.
'We believe it is wrong just to build houses and then put people into them. There must be involvement of members of local communities right from the outset, and we believe we will get requests from communities to look at possible schemes in their areas.
'We want to get our feet wet in this as soon as possibe, and to start a number of pilot projects early in the new year
'We are not deluding ourselves into believing this is not going to be tough going.
'But we also believe the time has come for someone to take the initiative, and to undertake a bold venture that could well prove to be a turning-point in our history.'

- See Editorial Opinion


# 15 percent rise seen for house prices in '87 

## By TOM HOOD Property Editor

HOUSE prices could rise by 15 percent next year in spite of the huge overhang of white residentia property on the market, forecasts the Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research.

Prices have kept relatively stable this year but real estate business has increased in recent months, indicating greater interest in the property market, reports the bureau's latest building industries survey.
"With interest rates on bonds below the inflation rate, we can expect a greater demand for housing in the next few months.
"Salary increases are expected to remain below the inflation rate next year, so potential buyers will not put too much upward pressure on prices."
However, the building industry is still in a downswing phase and is expected to remain so for at least another six months. Value
of house building plans passed in the first seven months of this year is up by 23 percent on a year ago.
"Indications are that the resdental building industry will be the first to experience an mmprovement in business conditions. It will, however take some time for non-residential activity to improve."

A leading valuer and property economist, Mr Mos Jonker forecast this week that spring could return to the property market next year.
He believes the property cycle has its winters and summers and that in the past three years few people, if any, have been able to make porofits by owning property.
"Some people ask if the spring will ever come again. I believe we are back in the late winter conditions we experienced towards the end of 1978," says Mr Jonker, who is also chairman of

Masterbond Trust.
Present leading indicators are comparable to those of late 1978; with more than a year of poifive balance of payments, while interest rates had dropped to their lowest levels since 1980.
The rates would start rising only when there was a demand for money - and the property market was a very large user.
An increased demand for monex through property developmont and purchases would cause a drain on liquidity and force up interest rates.
"The property market also lags the stock exchange and we have all seen the tremendous activity on the JSE over the past few months.
"All this, with the persistent increase in building costs indicate an upturn of property y aluses in 1987. After all, nobody will develop new properties unless their values exceed replacement cost."




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## Home loan rates slashed: ${ }^{6}$ Flood' of bus bers expected

By TOM HOOD, Propert $X$ Editor SLASHING of home-loan rates by Standard Bank will lead to a flood of buyers into the property market, says the president of the Institute of Estate Agents, Mr Bruce Wilson.
"Many people who want to buy homes have been putting off a decision and now overnight, the repayments have been cut by about a quarter," he said in Cape Town today.
"Building societies and other financial institutions must either live with it or bring down their own bond rates."
Préviously, prices stopped going down when building societies reduced their rates but now, with greater demand, prices could rise again, he said.

Home-owners with a R50 000 bond from Standard will now save R100 a month in their repayments because of the rate dropping to 12,5 from 15 percent the rate charged by building societies.
In the past, most borrowers have opted to maintain their repayments at the same rates and pay off their bonds eariier, saving thousands of rands in the ${ }_{i}$ process.

Rates have now fallen from between 21,5 and 25 percent at the peak two years
ago. Standard, like most banks flush with funds, has a loan book of only 200 -million.

The lower repayment rates also lower the affordability threshold, making it easier for first-time buyers to enter the housing market.
Standard says it will maintain the low 12,5 percent for the whole of next year irrespective of changes in the bond rate
Mr Harry Schwarz, MP for Yeoville and PFP spokesman on finance, said to day that a drop in the mortgage rate must be welcomed by all house-owners and potential buyers.
In a statement to Sapa, he said mortgage rates were unlikely to remain at 12,5 percent in the long term. Potential borrowers were advised to look at the small print in the mortage bonds to insure they knew when and how wrates could be increased.

He said the public should remember the old adage about bankers lending umbrellas when the sun shines and wanting them back when it rains.
"Make sure if you are being given an umbrella that you can keep it for ass long as you need and at a cost you can afford," he said. "Negotiate the terms and take advice when you think you need it."


## Perm and Sytrets drop their rates

## on home louns ${ }^{123}$

JOHANNESBURG - The Perm Building Society has dropped to $14 \%$ from today new mortgage bond rates on domestic loans.

The reduction on existing loans will take effect from the end of March, a news statement from the Perm said.

Syfrets Bank has also cut its home loans bond rate by $1,5 \%$, responding to the fierce competition in the home loans market.

The Syfrets bond rate, which until the weekend was the lowest in the market, is being reduced to $13 \%$. This is only $0,5 \%$ above the lowest mortgage rate available to new borrowers on the market and is $1 \%$ cheaper than the $14 \%$ rate available from most building societies.

The Syfrets home loans rate is calculated at $1 \%$ above Nedbank's prime interest rate of $12 \%$ and fluctuates in line with the
prime rate
Mr Brian Button, managing director of Syfrets Bank says: "This $\mathbf{1 \%}$ differential between prime and the mortgage rate is a set policy. This "means that, though interest rates might move again, Syfrets' home loans borrowers always know where they stand - and to what rate their monthly bond repayments are linked.
"In" our view this consistent pricing policy is essential as it enables private borrowers to plan their finances accurately and to budget.
"This is not the case with the other major institutions, where there seems to be an element of uncertainty abou't the sta bility of home loans rates."

Syfrets' newrates will apply to allx:borrowers, both new and existing from January 2, 1987. Sapa
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# Fears that RSCs may impede black housing <br> unlikely that RSCs will impede de- 

THE introduction of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) may present new problems for property developers in black areas.
White local authorities could place obstacles in the way of black township development, once RSCs come into being, says James Croswell, chairman of the SA Property Owners Association (Sapoa) housing committee.

He believes local authorities would be reluctant to increase their expenditure on services, upgrading and infrastructure by increasing the number and size of townships under their jurisdiction.
"There would be no incentive for the local authorities to promote black urban development," he says.

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Croswell stresses that local authorities can impede developments by saying they cannot provide services or delay applications for lengthy periods of time.

However, the Progressive Federal Party's constitutional affairs spokesman Nic Olivier discounts these fears, arguing that legally one of the priorities of RSCs is to provide infrastructure.

He adds there is a built-in right of appeal and points to the fact that the source of income of the RSC the levies and service charges are independent from those on which white local authorities rely, namely rates and taxes.
"Theoretically it is possible, but
velopment," Olivier says.
"RSCs are not primarily a vehicle for local authorities to advance themselves."
And Sapoa and other organisations examining the question of land availability estimate that about 30000 ha of land will be required for black housing on the Witwatersrand by the year 2000 .
Government estimates of 14 200ha required for housing units alone - contained in the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand - are regarded as too low.
They suggest about 30000 ha and possibly much more if land for open spaces, roads, schools, and shopping complexes is included.

# RRGus $19 / 12 / 86$ <br> Wher Perks tax boon on home loans <br> The cut follows representations by the 

By TOM, HOOD, Property Editor
THOUSANDS of employees of banks, building societies and companies who receive soft housing loans will benefit from perks tax changes announced today by the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis.

But home-buyers with subsidised housing loans - including State employees will not be affected.

The trade union of bank employees; however, sent a telegram today to the Minister expressing "extreme shock and dismay"
From January 1 the official rate of interest on fringe-benefit loans - the criteria for calculating perks tax on these loans - will by cut by two percent to 13 .
Employees are taxed on the cash value of the difference between the "official rate" and the amount of interest they actually pay.

Society of Bank Officials.
The society said the major banks had reduced their bond rate to 12,5 percent and it believed the rate on fringe benefits tax should be cut by a third to 10 percent.
"CURB ON FREE ENTERPRISE"
The society's assistant general secretary, Mr Graeme Rowan, said the society has been trying since, May to persuade the Minister to ease the criteria for taxing fringe benefits.

The society urged scrapping the tax on housing loans, which it saw as "a curbi on free enterprise and a negative infliuénce on the property market".
Mr Rowan said today the society expressed its extreme shock and dismay at the reduction in the official rate to 13 percent while home loans were readily available to the general public from banks at $\mathbf{1 2 , 5}$ percent.

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## $\frac{\text { Flar mand, } 19112186}{\text { BLACK HOUSING } 123}$ <br> Subsidisation plan

The new R1,2 billion SA Housing Trust (SAHT: Business, December 5) provides an ideal opportunity for a housing strategy for SA, say housing experts. But, to create maximum benefit for the economy and help solve the housing crisis, the strategy must be correctly structured.
"Central to the initiative - and meeting the crucial question of affordability by lowincome earners - must be acceptance of the principle of subsidisation," says National Association of Homebuilders' (NAHB) executive director Johan Grotsius.
Existing expertise and facilities must also be used, he adds.
Llew Lewis, president of the Institute for Housing in Southern Africa and member of the NAHB's housing finance committee, agrees: "This initiative could privatise lowincome housing across the board - from site-and-service and self-help schemes right through to privately-funded buying and building of middle-class homes in the R40 000-50 000 price range."
And, Lewis says two existing State-aided subsidy schemes show how to achieve maximum benefits from SAHT's funds. These are:
$\square$ A $33,3 \%$ interest rate subsidy for five years to first-time buyers on dwellings costing less than R40 000 to build; and $\square$ A maximum loan of R31 500 granted in conjunction with a building society to householders earning less than RIO 800 a year who neither own another dwelling nor have the resources to acquire one. Total cost of land and improvements should not exceed R35 000. The State provides a third of the loan at $11,25 \%$ and a building society the balance at normal rates, while the recipient contributes between $10 \%-15 \%$ of total cost. "These successful schemes set the tone for solving the massive low-cost housing crisis. By subsidising interest repayments on hous-
ing, the opportunity is created for the private sector to provide financial and practical expertise and services," he says.
Private builders and financiers, township developers and owner-builders would therefore all participate. This was not the case with the original announcement of SAHT, whose chairman Fred du Plessis recently stated that unemployed township dwellers who completed certain building courses would receive preference for self-help building schemes.
"The idea is to create a system whereby various levels of subsidisation can be used to meet housing requirements of different income and affordability levels of society. The result will be privatisation right through the whole spectrum of housing," says Lewis. The Institute of Housing in Southern Africa will soon meet to discuss with NAHB its housing finance committee report containing a proposed subsidisation system that would meet low-income housing requirements over alternative periods of five or ten years.
The proposals will also be submitted to SAHT early in the new year says Lewis.

#  SA housing shortfall: Wiped out in 5 years? 

JOHANNESBÜRG. - SA's critical low-income housing shortfall could be be eliminated in five years, at a cost of R18 billion or R3, 6 billion a year, if the subsidization proposals of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) are accepted, say industry leaders.
To clear the backlog in 10 years would cost R28,2 billion, or $\mathrm{R} 2,82$ billion a year.
Over five years, an additional housing subsidy of R267,4m a year would be necessary to cover current annual housing needs, to give an overall requirement R19,33 billion
"The total capital cost to eliminate the housing shortage in just one year would be R7,84 billion,' says the report. This sounds a lot less, say analysts, but would require a much greater on-going subsidy put at $\mathrm{R} 583,5 \mathrm{~m}$ a year by NABH.
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## R18-bn needed to wipe out SA's -housing backlog in just five years

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By Frank Jeans
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…South African could wipe out its chronic housing backlog in five years at a cost of R18 billion mor R3 billion a year.

This is the estimate if propos., als by the National Association voof Homebuilders (NAH) on a subsidy programme are accepted, say homebuilding leaders.
Over the five-year period, an wadditional housing subsidy of narmore than R267 million a year would be necessary to cover current annual housing needs "and give an overall requirement of R19,3 billion
$\cdots 2$ "Subsidising interest on hous--ing loans creates wealth, enabling the have-nots to break "through into self-sustaining "growth," says NAHB.
"It should be remembered, too, that R100 million spent on housing will create employment rfor 50000 and the multiplier ef*fect would further stimulate "growth."

An important step in achieving the breakthrough was the sweeping away of the"tbottlenecks and restrictions which hampered black housing programmes. Township developers must now deliver fully serviced "stands to buyers.

The "paper work" and departmental backlog have been removed and a simplified process means that black housing development procedures can now be completed in as little as six monthis compared with several years previously.

Local authorities "may not unreasonably refuse to release property to developers" and conditions for release will be approved at ministerial level. Local councils, too, must advance good reason if requests are refused.

The rules allow private developers to summons local authorities to explain why request are not approved. A developer might also ask that the services of a newly envisaged black township be linked to an existing white one if this is practicable.

This rule follows the establishment of the Regional Councils this year and the concept that different townships, irrespective of race, may negotiate for joint use of services.
Another major advantage for private developers is that they are now not automatically required to pay transfer fees on acquisition of the development but can now take transfer after
the developmett is completed.
Surveying ol stands - for long a contentious point for developers - has also been dealt with. Registration of leasehold is now permitted prior to surveyance, provided that the stands are indicated on a diagram, aerial picture or general plan, which clearly indicates their position.
And coming further down to basics, a black buyer or seller now has the choice of dealing in property by leasehold or full property ownership rights, with the latter affording the same rights to black homeowners as to white, coloured or Asian counterparts.
Buyers who have bought by leasehold directly from the State have the right to convert to full property ownership rights at no extra cost, except for the normal conveyancing expense and transfer duties.
And finally, the regulations allow for any person, irrespective of race, to participate in the development of black residential areas. :
A brochure outlining the implications of the regulations is available from Vallun Wilkins Associates, PO Box 3919, Rivonia, 2128.

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To adopt the subsidisation proposals of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) could eliminate SA's "low-income" housing backlog over a five-year period at a capital cost of R3,6 billion per annum.

Low-income housing is needed by all population groups. The ceiling for house plus land value is R 40000 . During the same period, to meet current annual housing needs an additional housing subsidy of some R267,4m a year would also be required, says NAHB. That's a total of R19,33 billion.

NAHB's housing finance committee's report - to be discussed with the new R1,2 billion SA Housing Trust (Business, December 5) early in the new year - sees subsidisation as central to solving the housing backlog (FM December 19). Its tables show monthly interest subsidies required for specific income levels to create affordability for various housing costs at specified interest rates.

To meet the same housing backlog over a longer, 10 -year period would involve a capital cost of $\mathrm{R} 2,82$ billion per annum, plus annual housing subsidies of R 209 m for current housing demand -a total of R30,29 billion in 1986 rand.
"But the total capital cost to eliminate the housing backlog in just one year would be R7,84 billion." It sounds a lot less, but would require a much higher ongoing subsidy, which NAHB calculates would be R $583,5 \mathrm{~m}$ ver annum.

Tobie de Vos, chief economist of the CSIR's building research unit, says capital subsidisation must also be considered. The State should provide serviced land for lowcost housing at nominal rates, so that lowincome property-owners can develop their own housing.

Subsidising interest creates the problem of quantifying State assistance as rates fluctuate; capital subsidisation would be an easier budgetary exercise. De Vos says generating private sector funding through the prescribed assets avenue is not the only option - and major financial institutions are obviously seeking profitable investment avenues for surplus funds.
"There are various practical options for solving the housing crisis. These include controlled squatting, site-and-service, self-help, and core and shell housing up to complete housing units. Housing needs and income affordability will help determine the solution sought," he tells the FM.

SA can no longer afford First World "solutions" - housing is a Third World problem.

The Group Areas Act remains a major stumbling block, adds De Vos. Recent visits to Harare convinced him that absence of racial property legislation leads to a "natural" solution as citizens peacefully find their own level of housing affordability.

The NAHB report calls housing a "major instrument" for solving the inequities and imbalances of society in developing countries. By providing employment opportunities - from basic unskilled labour to the highest levels of craftmanship, management and entrepreneurial initiative - increasing affluence and social advancement can also

## be created.

Subsidising interest on housing loans creates wealth, enabling have-nots to break through into self-sustaining growth.
"Economic development theory recognises that the housing sector, as an engine for growth, can mobilise resources - material, financial and human - on a broad scale and so create a major multiplier," says the report.
"The housing and construction industries are the only major sectors in developing countries for which all basic materials are available nationally and for which there is no heavy import component. Hence this strate-

## HOUSING BACKLOG

## (As at September 1986)


gy is non-inflationary and lays a heavy emphasis on internal reliance and capabilities."
The two industries have a higher and faster multiplier effect than any other eco-
nomic activity. Little call is made on capital equipment, while there is relatively high input of unskilled labour.
"Suffice it to say that R100m spent on housing will generate employment for some 50000 people. The multiplier effect would further stimulate growth. Investment in housing is therefore an important tool for macroeconomic development."
If NAHB's recommendations are followed, low-income housing would be given a major boost, with benefits to related industries and suppliers. Job creation would also be stimulated, a major impetus to economic growth.


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