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End in sight to housing dispute after 28 years

A NEW offer of alternative housing that will hopefully end a 28-year-old, resident-council battle will this month be put to the residents of Clairwood, Durban, by the local city council

The council wants the area for industry and freeways

As long ago as 1953 it applied to have Clairwood rezoned as industrial

The application was refused because there was no alternative adequate housing for the 15 000 residents, most of them Indian

Since then the council has persisted in its bid for Clairwood which is frozen for development

The residents have opposed the take-over

They want to continue living in the suburb and claim it is suitable for a mixed industrial-residential area

Mr Neil McLennan, chair-

By WILMAR UTTING

man of the council's management committee said this week that there was absolutely no question of allowing the suburb to be residential and industrial

"But we will meet this month and offer them housing in Merebank, Wentworth and Chatsworth

"We envisage a 10-year plan

"As each portion is required for industrial development the residents will be moved out gradually

"This will not be a wholesale, overnight removal"

The proposal will be submitted in two weeks' time to the Clairwood and District Ratepayers' Association

Later in the month residents will meet council representatives at an open meeting to voice their approval or objections to the offer

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Unhappiness over land auction plan

Mercury 12/1/82 (125)

Mercury Reporter
DURBAN City Council's plan to sell the first batch of residential sites for Indians in Cato Manor by public auction would be strongly opposed. Mr Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association, said yesterday.

He said feelings in the community were running high, and it was clearly evident that any public auction sale of the sites would be boycotted.

He said if the sites were auctioned the prices fetched would be beyond the reach of the middle income group.

'Only the elite will stand to benefit,' he said, adding that his association would demand that former residents of Cato Manor be given preference in any sale of properties in the area.

He said it was only fair that former landowners of Cato Manor, who suffered severe financial losses when the area was declared white, be given a chance to buy back their land.

The association's move follows a directive by Durban City Council to the City Estates Department to fix upset prices on 92 special residential sites which become available for sale shortly.

Cato Manor, once a sprawling multiracial shack settlement at Durban's

doorstep, has a colourful history.

In the 1950s about 40 000 Indians lived in the area, some owning substantial homes, but today the population has dwindled to about 1 000, many living in shacks.

The move to oust the residents after the area was zoned for whites embittered Indians who had been in the area for more than 100 years.

The removal of families carried with it bitter feelings of the community which suffered immeasurable financial losses at the hands of the Group Areas Act.

Balance

Meanwhile, as the fate of Umkumbaan — a 200 site developed area originally set aside for white housing — still hangs in the balance, the area, complete with tarred roads, has become a popular venue for off-road motorcycle and car racing.

The City Estates Manager's and City Engineer's departments are preparing a report on Umkumbaan — which makes up a quarter of Cato Manor — for consideration by the Management Committee.

One of the recommendations is expected to be on the development of part of the area for the Indian community.



MR Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association, at one of the derelict buildings in Cato Manor yesterday.

SAIC asked to stop Cato Manor land auction

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Mercury Reporter

THE South African Indian Council was approached yesterday to seek an urgent interview with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to stop the Durban City Council from disposing of residential sites in Cato Manor to Indians by public auction.

Confirming this yesterday, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, SAIC executive chairman, said the matter would be raised with the minister during the executive committee's meeting with various Cabinet Ministers in Pretoria this week.

Mr Paraw Seebran, chairman of the Cato Manor Indian Ratepayers' Co-ordinating Council, told the Mercury yesterday that his council was deeply concerned at city council plans to auction the first batch of 92 sites in Cato Manor.

Public auction

'We are certainly not in favour of this. When the Government decided to hand back Cato Manor to the Indian community, it did not intend to make money unscrupulously from the community.'

'The fact that the council is now contemplating disposing of the land by public auction clearly points to one direction — exploiting the community.'

'One thing that must be borne in mind is the fact that the original ownership of Cato Manor rests in the hands of the working class and if the council succeeds in auctioning the properties, none of these people get a chance to buy land there.'

Mr Seebran said the proper thing, in the circumstances, would be for the council to fix a nominal value for the land, taking into account the cost of development of the sites and the amount paid out for each site, and offer it to former Cato Manor property owners.

He said the council should shoulder the responsibility of paying for amenities such as roads, pavements and sewerage from its own funds because Cato Manor had been in existence for more than 50 years.

Durban's Town Clerk, Mr Gordon Haygarth, told the Mercury yesterday that the fate of Cato Manor would be discussed by the Management Committee on January 19.

'I anticipate that shortly after this meeting the chairmen of Durban's four Indian and Coloured Local Affairs Committees will be consulted before a decision is reached,' he added.

Big improvements in conditions at ⁽¹²⁵⁾ Mercury 13/1/82 Lamontville hostel

Mercury Reporter

THERE have been some significant improvements in the living conditions of the 4 300 black residents of the S J Smith Hostel in Lamontville since a Mercury survey of the position 15 months ago

In that survey, a Mercury team found that the residents — all of them men — were without cupboards and used every available place to store their belongings. The team also found that occupants had to provide their own mattresses and that most slept on boards with only a blanket to provide cushioning.

Communal toilets, it was discovered, were without doors and grown men were allowed no privacy in them.

Yesterday the Mercury found that many residents, although not all, had started to receive steel lockers in which they could lock up their possessions.

Mr Peter Brown, superintendent of the hostel, said 2 600 mattresses had been supplied so far and more were on the way.

Although many residents expressed a degree of satisfaction with the improved arrangements, it was clear that there was room for improvement to cooking and electrical facilities.

TV sets

Mr. Brown said it was the intention of the Port Natal Administration Board — which runs the hostel — to provide electrical 'hot plates' and plugs in every room, as it was to reorganise some of the rooms to provide more space for cooking and recreation.

Mr Brown said that, when the electrical installations were completed, the occupants would be able to use electric kettles and frying pans and operate television sets.

The Mercury team was shown doors which had been provided in the communal toilets.

Mr Brown said other improvements made last year included the provision of proper washline facilities in some blocks and a plastic-bag rubbish removal system.

Wages 'below poverty line in Kokstad'

Political Reporter

AFRICANS were paid such low salaries in Kokstad that they could not afford to buy or build their own homes in Bhongweni village, according to Mr R H de Wet, chief director of the Drakensberg Administration Board

He was addressing a special meeting last week, attended by Mooi River's MP, Mr Ralph Hardingham, and MPC Dering Stainbank, called by the Kokstad Ministers Fraternal to discuss poor conditions in the township.

The fraternal was concerned that no additional housing had been built since the board took over two years ago and was highly critical of the building of new offices and a boardroom at a cost of R60 000.

Criticising the low salary structure of blacks in the East Griqualand town, Mr de Wet said some em-

ployees paid their workers as little as R80 a month, whereas the poverty datum line in rural areas was set at about R140 a month

'It is shocking to find, with the high cost of providing housing, that a man cannot afford to pay a quarter of his salary for a house because of his low wages. Less than 80 per cent of the people would be able to buy or build houses. We can't go on unless employers contribute towards housing.'

He was replying to queries by the Rev Ronald Thompson, chairman of the fraternal, on why no additional houses or plots had been made available since the board took over the township.

Mr de Wet said the administration board had been unable to allocate sites on the 99 leasehold system because of hitches in the development plan.

He said the board had spent R182 100 on capital projects in the township since the take-over, R12 850 on maintenance and a further R32 000 was being spent on other capital projects.

Mr de Wet said among the capital projects awaiting approval were 200 houses costing R100 000, a 400-bed hostel at R100 000 and the completion at a cost of R20 155 of 134 partly built houses which had been started by the Cape authorities before the take-over.

The board would spend R431 000 in Bhongweni in the 1982/83 financial year while revenue would be R80 700.

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Compensation for expropriated land 'ludicrous'

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A VERULAM property owner is upset over a proposed move by the Verulam Town Council to expropriate a portion of his property for an access route to the privately-developed Riyadh Township

Mr Inder Singh, a spokesman for the property owner, Mr Bahram Singh, told the Mercury yesterday that the council 'added insult to injury' by offering R1 350 compensation for expropriation of the road servitude

'We have instructed our attorneys to strongly oppose the expropriation,' he said, describing the compensation offered as 'ludicrous'

Mr Bahram Singh, who owns a 2 ha property in Valley View Road, came into the limelight early last year when he threatened to close the road which the council had allegedly unlawfully cut through his property unless he were paid R48 000 compensation

But, the council, in turn threatened to seek a court interdict restraining Mr Singh from closing the road

Settlement

Mr Singh's attorney said yesterday that the council had agreed as far back as May 18 1981, to negotiate a settlement with Mr Singh in regard to payment of reasonable compensation

'After the lapse of five months, Mr Singh decided that the council was either not genuine in its intention to pay reasonable compensation, alternatively, the council was unreasonably and unnecessarily prolonging settlement negotiations

'Accordingly, Mr Singh placed the council on terms to resolve the dispute, failing which Mr Singh intended closing the road in question

He said Mr Singh regarded the council's present attempt to expropriate a portion of the property as being *malafide* and contrary to the council's stated intention to pay Mr Singh reasonable compensation by way of negotiation

Opposition grows to Cato Manor site sales

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Mercury Reporter

COMMUNITY opposition to Durban City Council's plan to sell the first batch of 92 special residential sites in Cato Manor to the Indian community by public auction is gaining momentum, according to Mr Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association

He told the Mercury last night that residents of the former mainly Indian-occupied area were determined to 'fight to the bitter end' to prevent the auction

'To publicly demonstrate their opposition, many residents, some with banners pasted on their cars, took part in a mass demonstration in Cato Manor last week, but it ended when the police arrived,' he said.

'We will, however, continue our fight to

stop the auction through other channels'

Former Cato Manor property owners were opposed to a public auction of the sites because they felt they would not stand a chance in an open market as prices would be beyond their reach, he explained

Durban's Management Committee is expected to discuss the fate of Cato Manor at its meeting today and further talks are expected to be held between the Council and the Indian and coloured Local Affairs Committees on Thursday

Mr Parsotham said his association had asked to be represented at today's meeting, but the request was turned down

'We have sent notices to Manco members clearly stating our demands — no auctioning of the sites but, instead, provide housing at low cost,' he said

SAIC plan for Cato Manor sales

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Mercury Reporter

THE South African Indian Council's executive committee yesterday strongly opposed the public auctioning of the first batch of sites in Cato Manor when it met the Town Clerk, Mr Gordon Haygarth

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, the SAIC's executive chairman, described the talks as 'fruitful' and said as the matter was one of extreme urgency further talks would be held with the Town Clerk

'We discussed the method of disposal of the sites in Cato Manor and point-

ed out to Mr Haygarth the community's strong opposition to the proposed public auctioning of the land

'We suggested that the Department of Community Development take-over development of Cato Manor so that it could provide housing from its own funds,' he said adding that the City Council owned about 20 percent of the land in Cato Manor some of which was already equipped with essential services such as roads

He said his committee would decide within the next few days whether to

approach the Minister of Community Development Mr Pen Kotze, to urge him to get his department to take-over development of Cato Manor

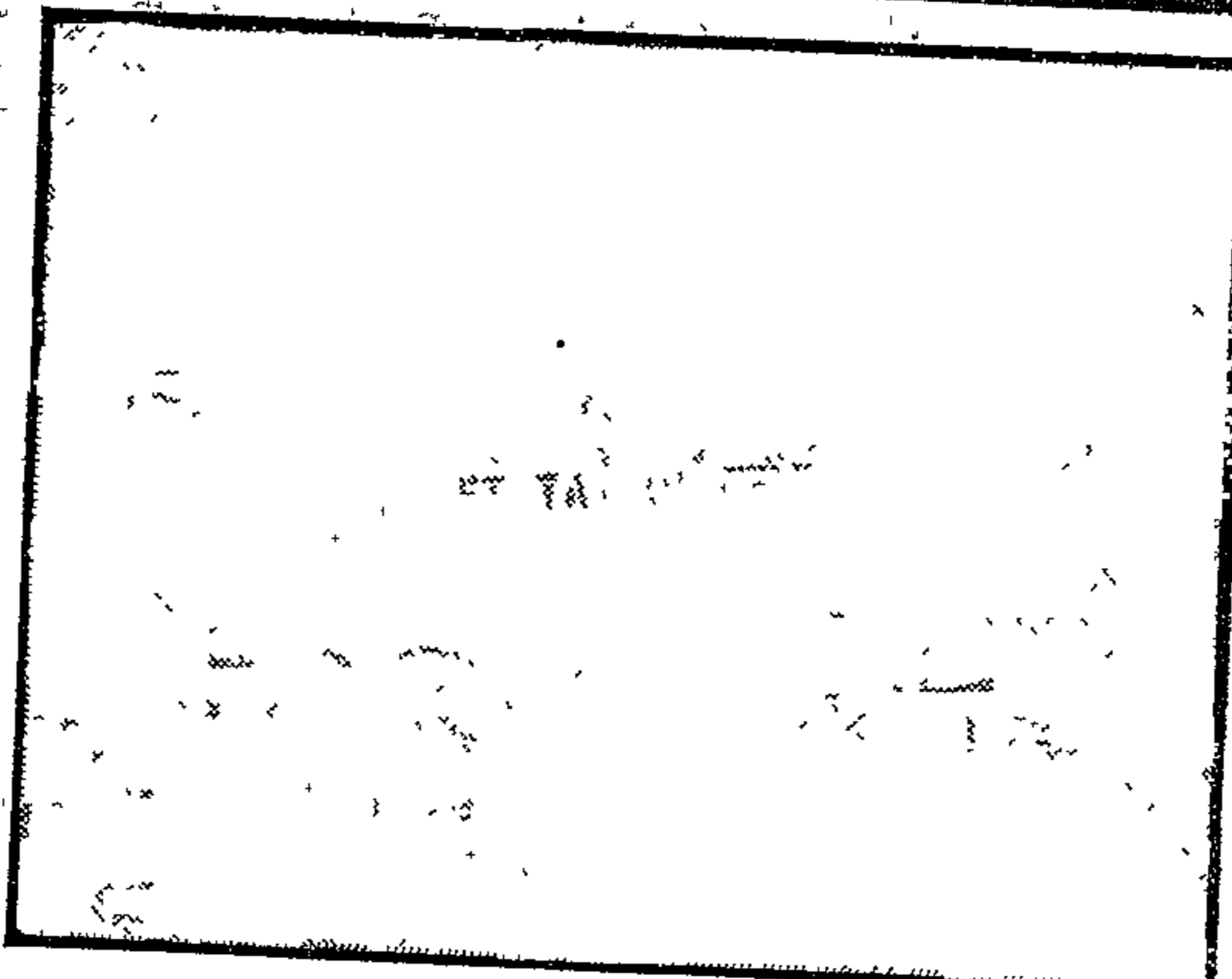
Meanwhile Mr Rajbansi yesterday appealed to Cato Manor residents not to go ahead with their planned court action to stop the council from auctioning the land

The chairmen of the Indian and coloured Local Affairs Committees are expected to meet Durban's Management Committee today to lodge objections to the proposed auctioning of the sites

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Amawoti residents waiting for a water tanker to arrive.

Tribune Reporter

MORE than 90 000 people in the Inanda district face the prospect of forced removal if their landlords do not meet conditions laid down by the departments of Co-operation and Development, and Health, Welfare and Pensions.

The area concerned — known as "Released Area 33" — is due for incorporation into KwaZulu. It includes the "squatter" settlements of Amawoti and Amawotana

The crisis in Released Area 33 first surfaced when drought and disease hit the area in late 1979. The Department of Co-operation and Development started a temporary relief water service, supplying the area from water-tankers. Almost two years later the tankers, which according to residents, arrive only sporadically, remain the only source of uncontaminated water. Some areas, such as Amawotana, have never been supplied.

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At a meeting in August last year, landowners from the area were told by the officials from the departments of Co-operation and Development and Health that they should supply their tenants with water and sanitation or give them three months' notice.

Dirty work

According to a social worker in the area: "It would appear that the Government wants to move the Inanda squatters and is making the landlords to its dirty work."

In November last year, tanker supplies of water to Amawoti were stopped for a month. A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development in Verulam attributed the stoppage to "staffing problems". The social worker denied this, saying: "How can they have staffing problems for a month? It seems the water was stopped because the Government wants the people out of Amawoti."

"People were immediately driven to drink disease-infected water from streams," she continued. "The department, who claim to be moving people for health reasons, have probably contributed to the cholera epidemic we have on our hands at the moment."

In an attempt to relieve the situation, the Department of Co-operation and Development has invited people from Amawoti and Amatowana to build their own houses on tented sites in a trust area known as "New Town". According to a resident, Philda Mebele: "Things are a bit better here. At least we have water."

Unfortunately

Amawoti and Amawotana have not decreased in size. Commenting on the situation, the director of Diakonia — a church group — Paddy Kearney said: "People came from everywhere to the tent town (New Town). It was a disaster in terms of getting people out of the Amawoti and Amawotana districts."

When asked where the "squatters" should go to if evicted, the Chief Commissioner for Natal, Roy Blumrick, replied: "Back to where they came from."

I spoke to an Amawoti resident, Mrs. Sylvia Ntabela, who said: "We have no place to go. Some of us have been here for generations."

Both the landowners and tenants in the area feel it is the Government's responsibility to supply water. KwaZulu MP and landowner, Mr. Rodgers Ngcobo, said: "If the Government were properly constituted it would provide adequate facilities. What is the Department of Co-operation and Development there for, if not to provide this type of service?"

Schemes

Other landlords said they could not afford to pay for a permanent water scheme.

Mrs Ntabela, who has already received notification to leave, said it was the Government's responsibility to supply taps and toilets. "We also need clinics and creches," she said.

Various schemes to supply water in bulk have been proposed. The cost ranges from R564 000 to R1,7 million. According to a research officer at the Institute of Natural Resources in Pietermaritzburg, James Rivett-Carnac, such schemes are

"They would solve the basic health problem while not requiring that the affected people be moved," he said.

According to the chief commissioner there is "no local authority in connection with water supplies" for Released Area 33. The department maintains that a water supply could only be developed with the participation of a local authority.

Mr Rivett-Carnac said he considered the argument "purile". "It's up to the department to form a local authority. Until the problem is tackled properly and not swept under the carpet the situation is going to get worse."

Other reasons

The enormity of the health problem and the department's refusal to "tackle things properly" has led to speculation that there might be reasons other than those connected to health which may underly the proposed removals.

Commenting on these, Paddy Kearney said: "First, the Government is petrified of a huge influx of people into urban areas." This is borne out by the Inanda parliamentary committee which states that one of its central concerns is to control the illegal influx into the area.

"Second, the department sees a 'clearing' of the area as a pre-requisite for planned development. Lastly, one wonders if there isn't a desire to break down the community and destroy any centres of resistance which may develop."

The Amawoti tenants three months' notice has not yet expired. There is an obvious air of tension and desperation. As one resident said: "We have no choice. We will fight for our right to stay here."

Tenants 'suffer' while waiting for repairs to burst water pipe

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Mercury Reporter

TENANTS of the Department of Community Development in Shallcross yesterday claimed that a burst water pipe in their building had not been repaired since the weekend although a complaint had been lodged with the department.

They said that because of a department ruling which barred them carrying out their own repairs in an emergency, they had to suffer until repairmen from the department came out.

'Sometimes it takes weeks or months before a repairman comes out,' said Mr Kamal Maharaj, a tenant in whose flat the pipe had burst.

A department spokesman confirmed that tenants were not permitted to carry out their own repairs.

He promised an immediate investigation.

Mr Maharaj said although he had been promised that the pipe would be repaired on Monday, nothing had been done by the

time he had returned home from work.

'I spent most of Monday night helping my wife mop up water which had damaged our carpets. Yesterday I was forced to stay away from work to see that the repair was done and also to help my wife,' said Mr Maharaj.

In spite of several telephone calls to various sections of the department yesterday, and promises by officials that the pipe would be repaired, he has had no joy, he said.

Taps

In order to stop the water from pouring out continuously, tenants in the flat below keep their taps open — a cost they have to bear.

Mrs Sarah Naidoo, who lives below Mr Maharaj, said water was also seeping into her premises.

Mr Maharaj said he could not understand the delay because a burst water pipe was an emergency.

'If we don't pay our rents in time the department does not delay in throwing out our furniture,' he said.

Indians 9/2/82 (125) Mercury
optimistic about
lifting of residence
ban in Grey Street.

Mercury Reporter

INDIANS are hopeful that the ban on residential development in Grey Street, Durban, may be lifted.

A meeting was held recently between executive members of the South African Indian Council and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze.

Mr A G Joosab, vice-chairman of the Central Durban Indian Ratepayers' Association, said this had given new hope for a removal of the ban. Mr Joosab, who is also an executive member of the Indian Council, said Mr Kotze was expected to make an announcement on the future of the area shortly.

'At our meeting with the minister in Pretoria recently, I put up a strong case for removal of the restriction and I am happy to report that Mr Kotze promised to give the mat-

ter further consideration.

'We left the meeting hopeful of a favourable decision by the minister,' he added.

Mr Kotze visited Grey Street last year with members of the previous Indian Council, but rejected pleas to allow residential development.

Mr Joosab said that because the housing position for Indians in central Durban was reaching 'crisis situation', the new Indian Council decided to make fresh representations to the minister.

'The restriction on residential development in the multi-million-rand complex is stifling development because property owners are reluctant to put up multi-storey buildings solely for office accommodation.'

'The matter is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Indian Council on February 22.'

Police launch arson probe

GRIEF-STRICKEN shackdwellers tell police of their plight while the body of a man burned in the blaze is removed

Man dies as fire sweeps through shantytown again

Mercury Reporter
A MAN burned to death and more than 100 shacks were razed at the Plangweni shantytown near Isipingo early yesterday morning. He was Mr Samuel Mkhiti, 35.

This is the second time in seven months that fire has swept through the shantytown. In June last year five people were burned to death when nearly 90 squatter shanties were razed.

Police believe that yesterday's fire, worse than last year's, was the work of an arsonist.

Det W/O U Singh of the Isipingo police said a murder and arson docket had been opened in connection with the fire.

He said at least 400 families had been left homeless after yesterday's fire which was fanned into an inferno by a wind.

The makeshift homes — made of timber, tin and plastic and which covered an area about the size of a soccer ground — were reduced to smouldering ashes in less than two hours.

The area on which the illegal shacks are built forms a part of KwaZulu.

Fire engines from nearby Amanzimtoti were sent out to douse the blaze but were unable to assist because the fire already had swept through most of the shacks.

Most of the destitute survivors spent yesterday sifting through the ashen remains of their homes while some were busy repairing the shacks which had been broken down to prevent the fire spreading to other shacks in the shantytown.

Mr Zebkon Xabendlin, one of those who lost his house and entire belongings, said he was the first to notice the fire. Most of the people living there were asleep on Sunday night when the fire began.

Screaming

'It started about 1 a.m. and when I noticed it I screamed out to the people to run for their lives,' he said, adding that because of the intense heat he was unable to salvage anything.

He said people were screaming and running in all directions, trying to collect their things from the burning shacks.

The KwaZulu representative in the area, Mr R Mbongwe, said 'Yesterday's fire was much worse than last year's and more families have been left homeless. The estimated loss in belongings, bought mostly at Christmas, will run into several thousand rands,' he said.

Mr Mbongwe said he would approach the KwaZulu Government to help the homeless people.

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Firms give aid for black housing

November 12, 1972
Mercury Reporter (25)

SEVERAL large companies in the Durban area have made a determined bid in recent years to get to grips with the black housing shortage, which experts maintain is rapidly reaching crisis proportions.

The role of private enterprise in providing housing for blacks has been underscored by the Viljoen Committee on Housing in Soweto and the 13-point plan for black housing announced last week by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

The department said a large-scale programme to inform the private sector and employers about its new strategy was essential and it also was necessary to activate firms to become involved in black housing.

Majority

Mr Baxter Pearce, industrial relations manager for the Unilever group, said yesterday his company had lent nearly R750 000 in the past three years to 600 employees for home loans and improvements.

The vast majority of those helped were blacks.

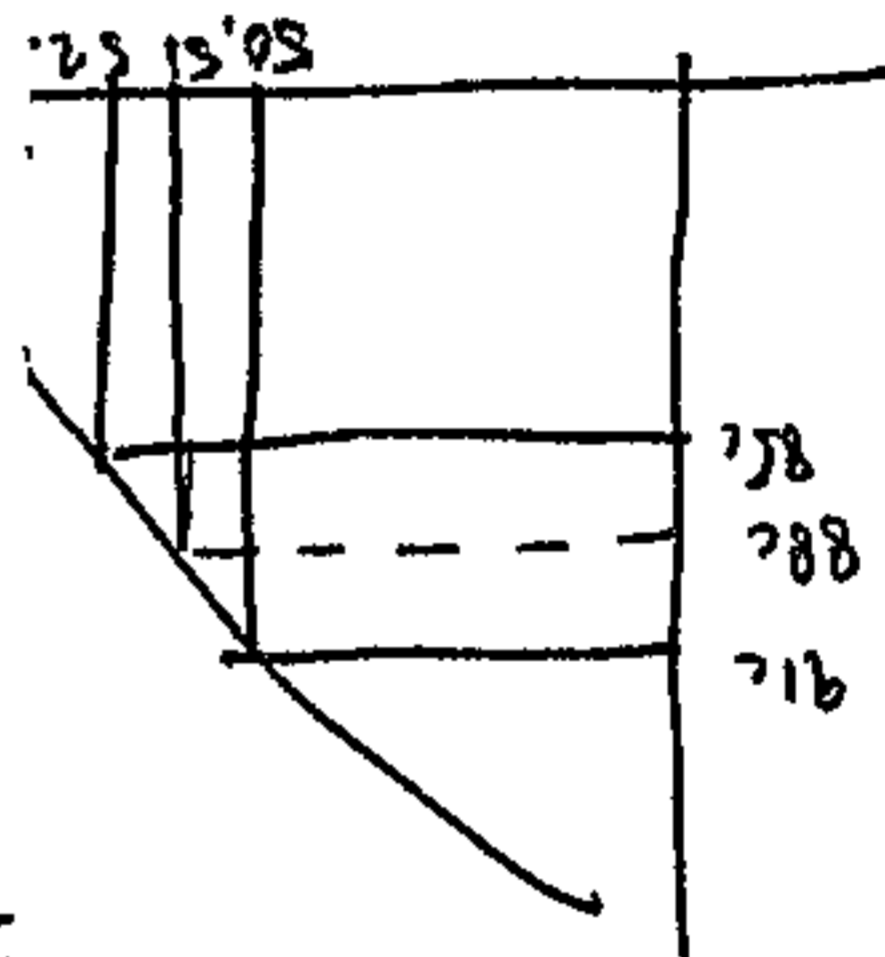
He said one in seven of the company's labour force had now taken advantage of the scheme.

Mr Pearce said one of the most important features of the scheme was that each home was registered in the name of the employee, not the company.

He believed that blacks wanted a 'stake in the land'. They wanted to pass something on to their children.

Mr F Andreas, head of industrial relations for the Shell BP refinery, said his company had entered into a partnership with the KwaZulu Development Corporation to build houses for employees at Umlazi at a cost of R480 000.

Mr Barri de Wet, industrial relations manager for the Huletts group, said 354 employees of the company had been helped with loans totalling more than R400 000.



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Council ^{Mercury} unable to help ^{29/1/52} destitute families 125

Mercury Reporter
DURBAN'S Health and Housing Committee is unable to offer any immediate assistance to the two Clare Estate families who have been left destitute after their home was demolished

Mrs Lesley Sprague, chairman of the committee, said there were nearly 16 500 Indian families on the council's waiting list for homes

The two families had spent the two nights sleeping on the verandah of a neighbour's house in Barton Road

Mr and Mrs C Ramnath, their four

young children, and Mrs Mari Pillay and her four children were left destitute when their two-bedroom, wood-and-iron house, which they had rented for the past year, was demolished because it had been built illegally.

The families claimed they had been paying rent regularly and were not given notice either by the landlord, or the man to whom they paid the rent

Mr Ramnath said the man who let the house to the families lived on the property but had not been seen for the past week

SAIC to adopt tough stance over Cato Manor auctions

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Mercury Reporter
THE South African Indian Council is to adopt a firm attitude on the future development of Cato Manor when its executive meets senior Cabinet ministers in Cape Town later this week, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, the executive chairman, said last night

He told the Mercury after a meeting yesterday with a five-man delegation from the Cato Manor Indian Ratepayers' Co-ordinating Council that the Indian Council was strongly opposed to Durban City Council's plans to dispose of land in Cato Manor by public competition.

He said he had sent a telex to the Director-General of Internal Affairs, Mr S S van der Merwe, requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to discuss the future development of the area.

'We are of the unanimous view that the entire planning, development and disposal of the land/homes should be un-

dertaken by the Department of Community Development which is responsible for the resettlement of victims of the Group Areas Act

'We want to meet Mr Kotze to convince him that his department should take over 20 percent of the Umkumbaan area, which has already been developed by the City Council,' he added

Mr Paraw Seebran, chairman of the Cato Manor Indian Ratepayers' Co-ordinating Council, said his council was strongly opposed to the sale of land in Cato Manor by public competition.

'We believe all sites should be sold at reasonable prices and not anywhere near the amounts already fixed for some at R12 000 to R15 000 by the Durban City Council,' he said

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Teachers quit over lack of houses

By MONK NKOMO

THE acute shortage of houses in Mamelodi has led to the resignation of four science teachers from their posts

This was revealed at the local community council monthly meeting on Friday

According to the council minutes, a school ward inspector had complained that four science teachers at Mveledzo Community School, had resigned

their posts due to lack of housing. They have left for Soshanguve township where there is accommodation for them

EXODUS

The council complied with the ward inspector's request to build temporary dwelling structures (zozos) for teachers without houses in an effort to curb the exodus

According to the mi-

nutes, the director of community services, Mr J A van Eden had opposed the council's resolution arguing that it was illegal and against health regulations

ZOZOS

"We have to build zozos to accommodate these stranded teachers. There is nothing we can do", said council chairman Mr W M Aphane

There are six teachers at Mveledzo Community School at present without houses

The council decided that reasons for the erection of these zozo houses would be explained to the health authorities and this decision applies to all the schools in Mamelodi

"The four teachers who have resigned are science masters and it is

not easy to get them. This application should be approved because there is no nation that can do without teachers who render a very important service to the nation", the Council resolved

Mr JP Nel, the township superintendent, told **The SOWETAN** that there were 2 750 people on the official waiting list for housing

NEW MOVE TO BEAT NO DISINTEGRATION

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Municipal Reporter

A COMPANY is being launched by a group of Natal businessmen and political figures to ease the housing shortage in the greater Durban metropolitan area and Pietermaritzburg.

It will be the first time a utility company of this nature has been formed in South Africa outside the Western Cape

Indians, whites and Coloureds earning up to R1 100 a month stand to benefit first, but in the long term blacks could also participate, according to the chairman, former National Party senator Mr H B Klopper

Billy BOWS OUT



LONDON—Lions and England rugby captain Billy Beaumont yesterday called a halt to his playing career after medical experts told him he would be 'foolish' to risk an old head injury.

Beaumont, 29, skippered the 1980 Lions tour to South Africa, and was to have captained a World XV here this year.

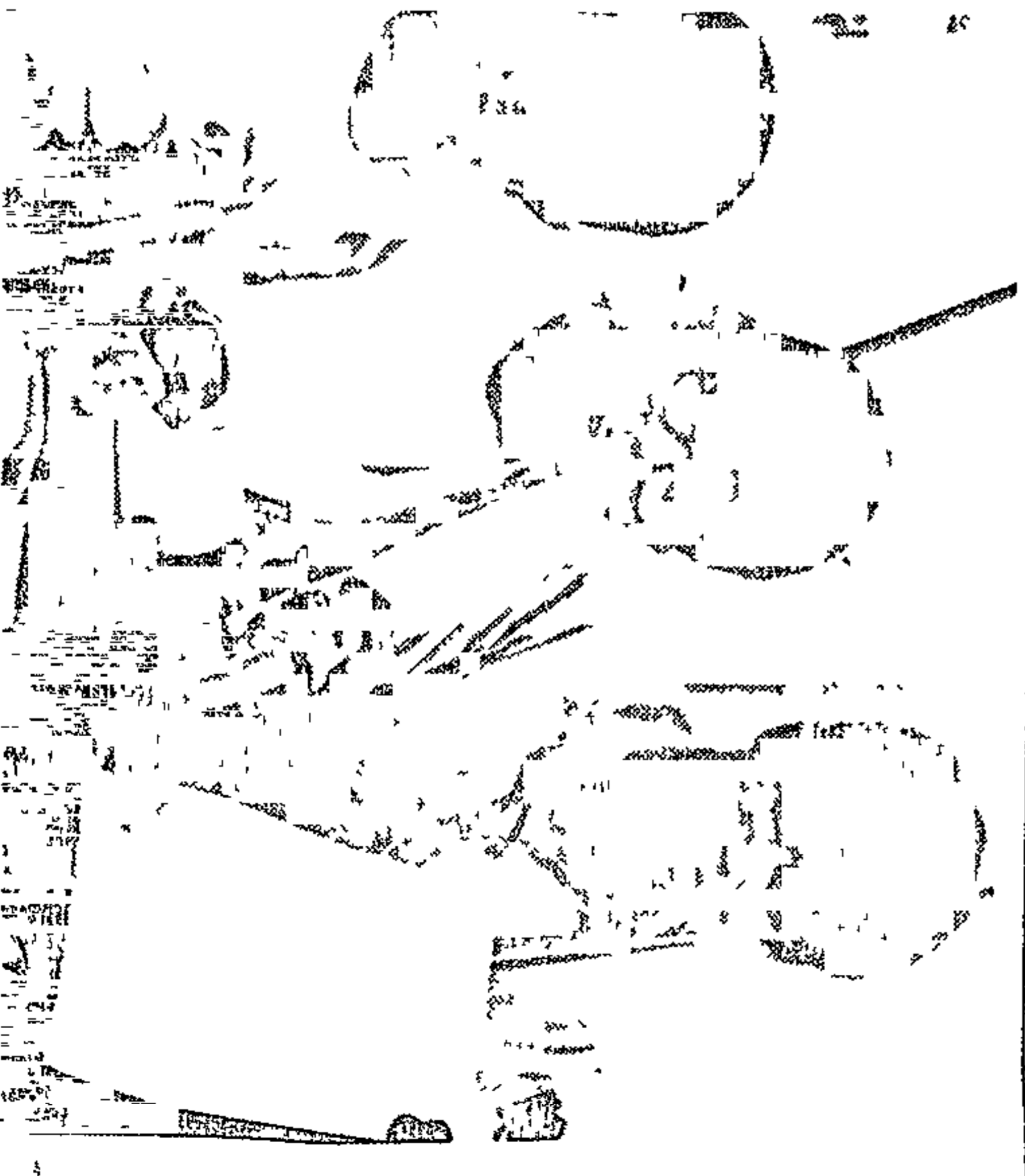
He admitted that he was saddened but insisted that he was not bitter and wanted to

Boy (12) gets R70 fine on family fishing outing

Mercury Reporter

A 12-YEAR-OLD

Chatsworth boy was charged R70 for catching seven undersized fish at Durban's South Pier while fishing with his younger brother at the weekend



He said the Government had already been approached to provide capital by way of cheap land and long-term, low interest loans and the private sector could be asked to contribute

The founding members are, Mr Klopper, a director of companies, Mr Derek Watterson, New Republic Party MP for Umbilo and former MEC in charge of local government, Dr Lawrence McCrystal, economist, town planner and director of companies, Mr R Heine, director of a large finance institution, Mr Owen Jones, town planner, civil engineer and chairman of the Metropolitan Consultative Committee and Mr G Krog, director of Indian Education

Non-political

Durban City Council and the Department of Community Development have been asked to nominate representatives. The first board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow

Mr Klopper said 'This is a non-political project. We are all people who have made a success in our own undertakings and now want to contribute something towards the community

When we go to the other race groups for representatives we don't just want figureheads, we want people with knowledge and skills who can make an effective contribution to this effort

He said housing utility companies were popular in America, England and Canada. And the Garden City Utility Company in Cape Town, which was formed in 1919, had provided about 30 000 homes since then

Mr Klopper said 'I think good housing and home ownership is a far better investment than expenditure on defence. A stable society has something to protect and fight for. You don't find riots in areas where there is home ownership'

Many people were worried by the terrific population shift from the rural areas to Natal's urban areas. The Department of Community Development had spent many millions on housing in recent years but it was quite obvious the State was no longer able to do enough

Mr Klopper was confident of Government support as the Prime Minister had called for utility companies at the Good Hope Conference and the State President had also done so in his address to Parliament

Last night Mr Neil MacLennan, chairman of Durban's Management Committee, said the council would nominate a representative to serve on the company's board if it could be given the assurance that housing would be provided for all race groups and all race groups would be represented on the board

Housing land at 'reasonable' price

Municipal Reporter

THE Department of Community Development is going to sell land at a 'reasonable' price to the newly-formed utility company which aims to ease the housing shortage in the Durban Metropolitan area and Pietermaritzburg.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, announced this last night when he launched the new company called Com Housing.

Neither he nor the director of the Department of Community would disclose the exact location of the land as negotiations were still underway and they wanted to avoid speculation. We did learn, however, that it is zoned 'white, is close to the Durban's city centre and ideal for flats.

But the minister did disclose that the department could sell land at Cato Manor for development and called on the wealthier Indians to contribute to the company.

We were also able to ascertain that several stretches of privately owned land was also being looked at by the company, including land near the University of Natal.

Mr Kotze stressed that the Government had in-

creased its expenditure on housing each year and would do so next year, but escalating costs meant the department was achieving less. The problem was also being compounded by the increase in demand for housing.

In his speech Mr Kotze said that as long as the company helped those in the lower and middle income groups to buy homes it could be assured of the department's 'heartiest co-operation and assistance'. The department was also prepared to initiate housing utility companies in other metropolitan areas.

All races

Former Nationalist Senator H B Klopper, who is chairman of the company board, has given the assurance that all races in the lower and middle income groups stand to benefit from the activities of the non-profit company. Whites, Indians and coloureds earning up to R1 000 a month stand to benefit first but in the long term blacks stand to benefit as well.

Besides cheap land and easy-term loans from the Government, the company will also look to the private sector to contribute capital.

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Town City complaints new nuclear to be

Write the report and recommendations

5.3.2 Chemical Engineering

Working as a Council, you received from power station erected soon.

(a) Power Station

- Claims by conservationists that the power station will cause thermal pollution and that once this starts, it is difficult to control.
- Claims that there is the danger of explosions, and that the site of the proposed power station is too close to large residential suburbs.
- Claims that the waste products would not only be difficult to dispose of, but are also hazardous to health.

(b) Fertiliser Plant

- Claims by conservationists that the dust pollution may be difficult to control.
- Claims that the nitric and sulphuric acid fumes will attack and erode metal such as window frames and cars.
- Claim by the health representatives that these fumes will cause an increase in the incidence of bronchial problems in children.

GOVERNMENT TO SEE NATAL HOUSING

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Sunday Tribune Reporter 14/2/82

THE Government has responded to a call by Indian and coloured leaders to investigate living conditions of the two communities in Natal.

This was disclosed at the annual conference of the Natal Association of Local Affairs Committees at Howick yesterday.

Mr P. D. McEnery, deputy-director-general of the Department of Community Development, will tour Natal areas with members of the

association on March 18 and 19.

Baldeo Dookie, chairman of the housing sub-committee of the Indian Council, said a national housing conference would be held after the inspections.

"For far too long the Government has been told through memoranda that Indians and coloureds are living in appalling conditions but now they will have to see for themselves the kind of conditions our people live in," he said.

infract (Addison-Wesley)

* Source: Lois B. Hart

Type	Behaviors	Favorite Phrases
1 Defender	Justifies and defends position	"Let me explain." "Yes, but . . ." "You don't understand."
2 Soldier	Fights back, threatens, punishes, seeks revenge, insults, or berates other person	"Oh, yeh?" "Says who?"
3 God	Dictates the resolution, uses power of established authority	"Of course I'm right." "Do it my way."
4. Diverter	Diverts discussion entirely or focuses on superficial issues, postpones conflict, complains to third party	"The real problem is." "Let's discuss this later."
5 Avoider	Avoids at all costs, ignores, doesn't become involved in situations that are conflict prone	"Let's forget it." "That doesn't bother me"
6 Harmonizer	Smooths over conflict, emphasizes harmony, peace, and warmth	"This isn't important enough to fight over Both of us are right"
7 Apologizer	Expresses regret	"I'm sorry"
8 Abdicator	Agrees with other person, takes the blame, feels it is hopeless and gives up	"You're right I did that wrong" "Oh well, it's hopeless to try"
9 Feeler	Expresses reaction by describing feelings	"When you . . . I feel . . ." "I'm feeling . . ."
10 Negotiator	Tries to find a compromise, bargains	"Let's talk this over so we can find a solution"

12.7 Are You Someone Who . . . ? *

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Whites want part of Wyebank back

Mercury Reporter

ONE hundred and twenty whites from Kloof have asked that a portion of Wyebank's Indian area be deproclaimed white, it was disclosed at a Group Areas hearing in Kloof yesterday

Wyebank was proclaimed Indian in 1977

Mr S W van Wyk, chairman of the investigative committee, told the hearing in the town hall that various reasons were advanced by the objectors for their opposition to three large Indian-owned properties at the end of Krantzview Road

Trash

Among the reasons given were that Indians were a source of annoyance to the white neighbourhood, shacks were built, some lots were littered with cars and filth, blacks were allowed to live and others to move freely in the area, and there was noise from public address equipment and from cars hooting, he said

Lashing out at the objectors, an angry Mr J N Reddy, retired chairman of the South African Indian Council who was in the forefront of the battle to have Wyebank proclaimed Indian, told the hearing that the objections were 'trash'

He said it was clear that there was racial prejudice against Indians born out of a total lack of understanding and communication between local white and Indian residents

To base an objection on the existence of wood-and-iron homes is sheer prejudice. The only reason that wood-and-iron homes still exist in the area is because of the uncertainty there has been

over the future of the area over the last 18 years,' he added

Mr Manilal Naranjee, chairman of the Motala Farm Indian Ratepayers' Association, also put up a strong case for the Wyebank land to remain in Indian hands. The sites, when sub-divided, could provide housing accommodation for 64 families, he said

Status quo

SAIC executive chairman Mr Amichand Rajbansi said the Indian Council would use all the 'strength and might' at its disposal to retain the status quo

The committee is also investigating the possibility of reproclaiming a part

of the Stockville Valley from coloured to Indian

Pinetown's Town Clerk, Mr Bill Green, said the Pinetown Town Council was in favour of Stockville being zoned Indian. He said when the area was zoned for coloureds in 1966 the reaction of the coloured community was that they were artisans and not market gardeners

'This is a very valuable market gardening area and it should rightfully remain so,' he said, adding that no coloureds owned land there

The coloured community of Pinetown, the Gillitts Emberton Health Committee and the Mariannah Mission supported representations for these areas to be returned to Indians

DURBAN City Councillor Jim Higginson — criticised in the council for not having done his homework with regard to the utility company which aims to ease the housing shortage in Durban and Pietermaritzburg — says he still has reservations.

In an interview yesterday, he said he was not criticising the venture but felt there were questions that should have been answered before the council gave Com Housing official recognition by appointing a representative to serve on the board of directors.

He had been asked but had declined

'We know there are four prominent Nationalist politicians on the board of directors and I understand that Derrick Watterson of the NRP has joined them

He feels questions should have been answered

'He has been quoted as saying that the company was totally non-political and if it proved to have political overtones, he would run a mile Mr Watterson is a politician He represents a political party in Parliament What's his problem?

'When Mr Klopper addressed the Management Committee meeting, he said the waiting list for houses was in the region of 350 He was obviously referring to whites only because we have a waiting list of some 17 000 Indians, not to mention coloureds

Land

'I know some of my colleagues were persuaded to support the move to appoint a representative because the company would at least be helping the whites, but the shortage of white housing is not as serious as that in the other race groups because we were slow in starting schemes for them'

On the question of land, Mr Higginson said the council had not been told which land the Department of Community Development was prepared to let the company have 'at a reasonable price'

Regarding funds, all local authorities had been officially informed of severe cuts in housing funds. Where would the company get money from?

Mr Higginson said he was concerned also about the allocation of the homes once they were completed.

'Could we end up with a colony of retired civil servants from Pretoria?'

It had been comforting to know that while most of the council had supported the move to appoint a representative, Councillors Cornelius Koekemoer and Stan Lange had also expressed reservations.

Intention

Mr Higginson said he had been widely attacked also for using the Press as his reason for not seeking re-election to the council

He had not said this at all. He had merely announced his intention to resign and then said the critical attitude of the Press to council was discouraging new councillors from coming forward, and had expressed his concern about columnists giving light-hearted slant to a dignified setting

Mr H B Klopper, Com Housing's chairman, said he failed to understand why people felt politicians could do no good outside of politics

Mr Watterson had not been included in the board because he was an MP, but because his experience as a former MEC and in the building industry would be invaluable

Mr Klopper said he had mentioned a waiting list of 350 houses to the Management Committee because he had understood that they were discussing white housing at the time

It would be premature at this stage to discuss land because negotiations were still under way with the Department of Community Development

As far as capital was concerned, the company had applied to the department for a low-interest loan and he was meeting businessmen on Monday to discuss a R30 million loan from the private sector

The object was to provide housing for young married couples with children

Municipal Reporter

Jimmy tells why he still has doubts

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 Thousands may
 Mercury 19/2/82
 benefit from
 rebate on rates

Political Reporter
 THOUSANDS of white, coloured and Indian pensioners who own and live in their own homes will be able to apply for a 40 percent rates rebate in terms of an amendment which will be before the Natal Provincial Council next week.

Mr Frank Martin, MEC in charge of local government, said yesterday the concession — which leaves the discretion with local authorities — would give pensioners the same right as people affected by the Group Areas Act.

Mr Geoff Oldfield, the New Republic Party spokesman on pensions, welcomed the amendment and said it could help alleviate the hardship

pensioners faced in keeping their homes.

The rising costs of maintenance and rates often forced pensioners to sell their homes as they could not afford to keep them on limited incomes.

There were long waiting lists for old age homes, but most pensioners did not want to sell their properties.

He said pensioners in the Durban area were also benefiting from a Taita scheme by which retired tradesmen provided maintenance at a nominal cost. The amendment to the local authorities ordinance also applied to buildings which have been declared national monuments.

You would have Foods, basing your analysis on original content.

Devise written answer in Ques you the

1. Compare these memoranda in terms of the audiences for whom they were written, and their appropriateness to those audiences. Your answer should include a discussion of style, tone, vocabulary and any elements of jargon they may contain. Justify your answer with quotations from the texts.
2. Choose EITHER Passage (a) OR Passage (b) and analyse its discourse structure. Pay particular attention to sentence and paragraph structure. Quote from the text to substantiate your answer.
3. Devise written answer in Ques you the

QUESTIONS

3. The use of oil fuelled engines for pumping, etc., and to establish whether this could be done more cheaply by connecting up to ESCOM when this is available. These are but some of the issues which will have to be looked into and discussed. We are sure you will give Mr Johnson every co-operation in his present task.

to recommend to the government that they should provide industry with certain expenditure for the switch over or provide some form of subsidy on the transportation of coal, the transportation being more expensive than the coal itself.

THE SHOCKING RECORD OF THE PROVINCES' PRIVATE SECTOR IN BLACK HOME BUILDING

NATAL 19 THE PRIVATE SECTOR 2762

THE private sector has built 19 houses for black people in Natal in the past four years. This represents less than one percent of the number of houses built by private enterprise for black people in South Africa between 1978

and 1981. During those four years, the private sector built 2 781 houses for black people in all four provinces. Most of these were in the Cape and Transvaal but Natal has the worst record.

In 1978, the private sector built three houses for black people in Natal. In 1979, it was five, in 1980 it slipped back to two and in 1981 the private sector built seven houses for black people. With 19 houses in

four years, the private sector in Natal was responsible for 0,38 percent of the total number of homes built by the private sector throughout the country. These details were disclosed in Parliament when Minister of Statistics, Dr An-

dries Treurnicht, replied to a question tabled by Colin Eghin (PFP, Sea Point) and the party's spokesman on housing. Even the national 1981 figure was way below the Department of Community Development's estimates of

what contribution the private sector will have to build if the housing backlog is to be overcome in 10 years. The department estimated recently that 52 000 houses would have to be built every year for 10

years to overcome the backlog in black housing. The private sector would have to build about 5 200 houses a year and the Government 46 800. But in 1981 only 918 houses were built by the private sector

in South Africa, a mere 17,7 percent of the estimated private sector target. Dr Treurnicht told Mr Eghin that 1 901 of the houses built for Asian people in 1981 had been in Natal. The total for Asian people for the whole

country was 2 183 in that year, which means that 87 percent of the private sector houses for Asian people were built in Natal.

During the same year, the private sector built 2 697 houses for white people and 60 for coloured people in Natal.

These figures reflected 11,6 percent of the national total for whites and 2,7 percent of the total for coloureds.

5.1 Report Writing Style
5.1.1 Study the following columns carefully:

Table with 2 columns: DIRECTIONS ETC. and DESCRIPTION. It details the procedure for measuring displacement in a vessel.

Change the following descriptions reports using the columns above.

- (a) Two pieces of platinum foil are connected to a positive terminal and the other to the negative. The placed in blue copper sulphate solution contained is filled with the solution and fixed over the anode switched on. The copper sulphate solution gradually passes through it.
(b) Two copper plates are connected to a battery, weighed. They are then placed in a glass vessel containing solution. The current is then switched on. After about 10 minutes is switched off and the copper plates are taken out. After they have been dried, they are weighed again. One plate before and the other one weighs less than before, the other one is equal to the weight gained by the other.
(c) A large glass container is half filled with water. The surface of the water is marked. A glass is then lowered below the water surface. The air in the glass pushes down which is under the glass below the surface of the water.
(d) Two pieces of platinum are connected to a battery containing water. When the current is switched on, bubbles of gas begin to form on the electrodes. Those forming on the anode are bubbles of oxygen, and those forming on the cathode are bubbles of hydrogen.
(e) Two bar magnets are suspended by separate threads. The north poles of the two magnets are brought close together. The magnets swing away from each other. The north pole of one magnet is close to the south pole of the other. The two poles

* Source: Allen & Widdowson, 1978

22/2/92
Council's
'backyard'
tenants'
warning

Mercury Reporter
INDIAN landlords in
Isipingo have been
warned that they will be
prosecuted if they allow
tenants to occupy
outbuildings.

Town Clerk, Mr.
Ramalingam Reddy, said
there was no justification
for use of outbuildings to
house tenants as the
Isipingo Town Council
had provided sufficient
housing in the Lotus Park
and Orient Hills
township.

'We have received com-
plaints of tenants being
exploited by unscrupu-
lous landlords who
charged exorbitant rent-
als for small rooms in out-
buildings. A few land-
lords were convicted for
housing tenants in out-
buildings and I must warn
that from now on we are
going to keep a close
watch on offenders.

'There will be no mercy
for people caught letting
garages and outbuildings,
he said, pointing out that
his council had so far
'turned a blind eye' be-
cause of the shortage of
homes.

'Now that sufficient mu-
nicipal housing has been
provided there is no ex-
cuse for the continued use
of outbuildings' by ten-
ants. In the first place the
purpose of outbuildings is
for use by servants, but in
most cases these are be-
ing occupied by tenants.'

Mr Reddy said it was
not conducive from a
health point of view to en-
courage people to live in
backyards.

Property owners inter-
viewed by the Mercury hit
back at the council, saying
that it should direct its
energy to providing prop-
er amenities in the town
instead of worrying about
'who is living in whose
backyard'.

An irate Isipingo Beach
ratepayer, who asked not
to be identified, said
Isipingo Beach was one of
the few select Indian sea-
side suburbs on the coast
and it was a 'crying
shame' that the munici-
pality had done 'absolute-
ly nothing' to provide
beachfront amenities for
the local residents.

Meanwhile, work on the
second phase of the coun-
cil's mammoth housing
scheme at Orient Hills is
in an advanced stage of
development and when
complete it is expected to
house several thousand
families.

(1) Premiums Treated as Business Expense

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Meeting will try to resolve Clairwood land deadlock

26/2/82

Mercury

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By NAGOOR BISSETTY

A DELEGATION of 20 top Durban City Council officials and councillors will meet Indian property owners in Clairwood at a special meeting on Sunday in a fresh bid to resolve a 25-year-old deadlock on the future of the Indian area which the council wants for industry

The council's management committee chairman, Neil MacLennan, will lead the delegation and will also chair the meeting at the Yuvak Arya Samaj Hall, Cherry Road at 2 p m

The first of its kind for the area, the public meeting is being called by the council at the direction of the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, and the Town and Regional Planning Commission, through which the property owners and residents had lodged objections against the council's long drawn out rezoning plans

Mr Ishwarlal Maharaj, secretary of the Clairwood Ratepayers and Residents Association said last night property owners had pledged to fight to retain the area for residential use

Mr G S Morgan, the council's chief planner, said yesterday industrialisation of the vast Clairwood area would be phased over a ten-year period, and the council intended rehousing displaced residents in Merebank and Chatsworth

"There is no intention to force anybody out of their homes, and we hope Sunday's meeting will help to allay any unfounded fears about this," he said

Mr Morgan added it would cost more than R18 million to provide the required municipal services in the area

He said Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, and Town Clerk Gordon Haygarth were expected to attend

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Kokstad housing for Griqua/Coloured
community Q Col 211
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*8 Mr R B MILLER asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) Whether any provision has been made for additional housing for the (a) Griqua and (b) Coloured community of Kokstad, if so, what provision, if not,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) and (2) The Town Council of Kokstad envisages the provision of adequate housing for Coloureds and Griquas within the existing Coloured group area. The Department is providing professional, technical and administrative assistance for the necessary town planning and is also undertaking the planning of a housing project on behalf of the town council. The project will be executed as soon as all the formalities have been dealt with and funds are available.

President's Council: housing

*9 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) Whether Chairmen of Committees of the President's Council are currently provided with accommodation in Cape Town by the State pending the completion of houses being built for them, if so,

Mercury Cato Manor land 'may be unstable'

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27/2/82

Mercury Reporter

PROSPECTIVE buyers of land in Cato Manor have been warned that they could be faced with high building costs because a substantial portion of the area was affected by potentially unstable soil

This warning was given by Mr Madanlall Mohanlall at the South African Indian Council meeting in Durban this week

Urging the Indian community to be cautious in their bid for a building site in the once densely populated Indian settlement, Mr Mohanlall called for an investigation to determine the extent of the eccca shale problem and the cost of remedial measures to enable full development

According to a geographical report, a portion of the area contains eccca shale and has been declared unsuitable for

building development We do not want a recurrence of what happened at Effingham where an number of property owners are still sitting with useless land Their properties have been affected by eccca shale,' he said

Property developer Krishna Desai told the meeting that the Government should bear the development cost of Cato Manor because private development would place the properties beyond the reach of the middle income group

Land and estate agent Mr T Palan said the uprooting of settled Indian families from Cato Manor resulted in the deaths of many pioneer residents who died either as a result of suicide or suffering heart attacks

'Cato Manor is still a very touchy subject, and the SAIC should see to it that an acceptable method of equitable disposal of the land is found without further delay,' he added

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Jan 2: Debtor (Insurance Company) Income from Life Policy

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Dec 31: Income Statement Insurance Expense being closing entry

01, Jan 1: Insurance Expense Bank being payment of premium

(1) Premiums Treated as Business Expense

SOLUTION TO: GLS

BY JEREMY REES

A NEW DEAL in housing is on the cards for young and old of all races in Durban when moves to build utility housing get off the ground.

If the non-profit-making utility housing company, Com Housing, launched in Durban this month achieves the success of the (Cape Town) based Garden Cities organization, the critical housing shortage for families in the lower income groups could be relieved.

With the price of houses and building costs at their present high level, owning a home is out of reach for most average young families.

But Com Housing, under the chairmanship of Hendrik Klopper, aims to make houses available at an economic price.

The Department of Community Development has helped the project on its way by agreeing to sell land

GOVERNMENT HOUSING DEAL FOR ALL

SHORTAGE OF HOMES FOR FAMILIES IN LOWER INCOME GROUPS COULD BE RELIEVED

to Com Housing at a reasonable rate

The managing director of Com Housing is yet to be appointed but the board will include members nominated by the ministry and by the city council.

The company is involved in negotiations for loans and land out of a specific area has been selected. All projects will be ploughed back into the company and no directors' fees are to be paid.

been operating for 63 years in the Cape and the company has built more than 85 000 houses as well as many other community projects.

The general manager of Garden Cities, Selwyn Myers, said this week his company had grown from strength to strength and now dealt only with to-in-ships providing for at least 8 000 people.

Buyers of houses are prevented from selling above the purchase price for at least five years from the date of purchase. The Cape company caters for people in the income group between R400 and R1 000 a month.

However, the houses are not restricted and the company assists communities in any way it can and builds projects for the aged and for schools.

The parent body of Garden Cities is in Britain and although they now have companies all over the world the first branch outside Britain was the Pinelands company says Myers.

Myers has helped start utility housing centres and he is soon to lecture on the subject in East London and Port Elizabeth. Myers said he had not been invited to lecture in Durban.

Myers suggests that money could be raised from government, municipalities, business houses or from pension funds.

"Loans can be paid back when the houses are sold. We now obtain all our land and building requirements at market prices but assistance is continuously needed to start a utility housing scheme."

"There are plenty of highly competent people in Durban capable of running a housing company of this type. Experts are available in all categories but you must have socially motivated people."

"Companies must be specialised agencies and free from government or municipal control and all involved must be fully businesslike and know what they are doing."

Garden Cities now builds 450 houses a year and with the critical housing position in Natal such an organisation is badly needed here.

There are no racial barriers in the Com Housing concept and all races will be provided for. The lack of residential accommodation in Pietermaritzburg is almost as critical as in Durban, estate agents there have reported.

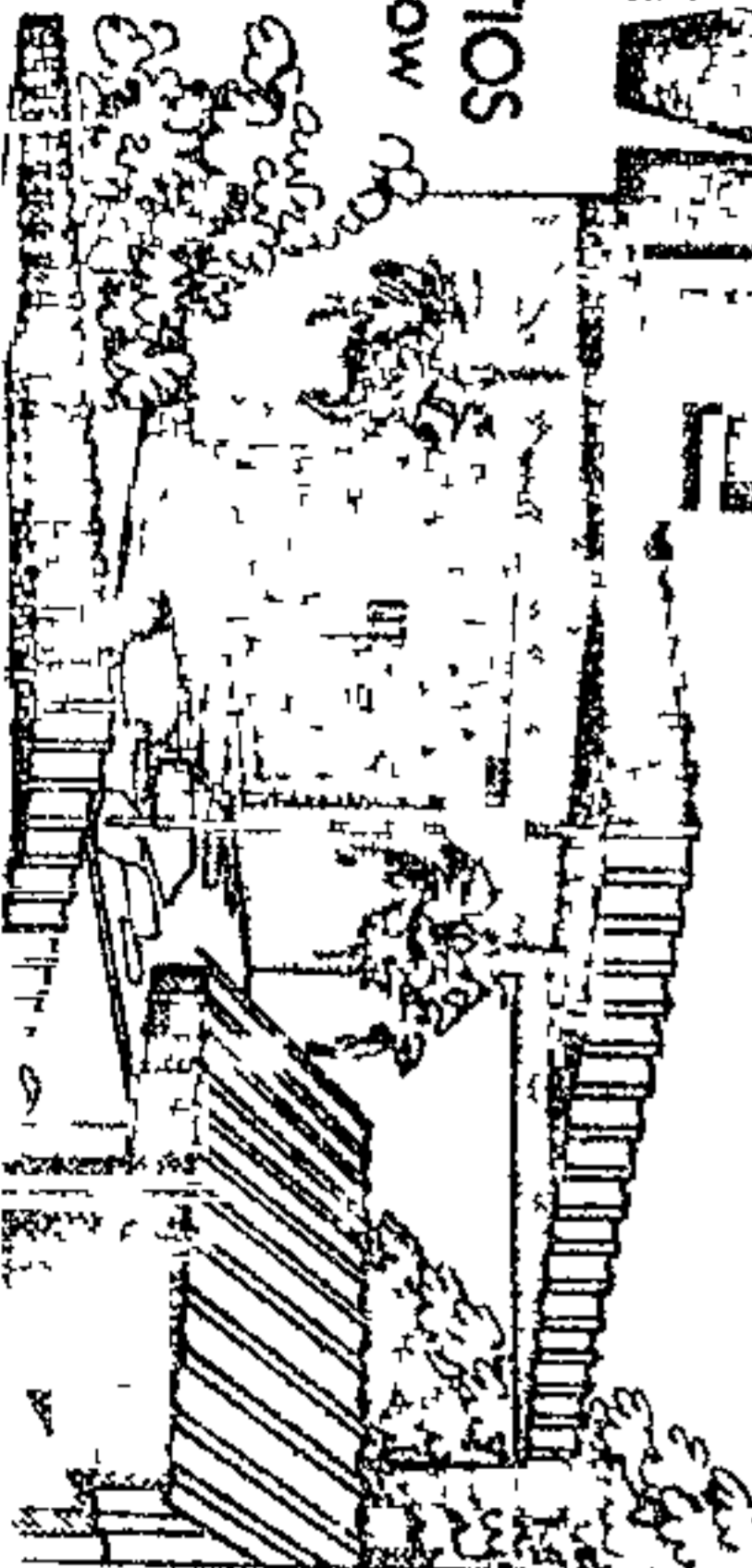
Although land is being and has been made available in Pietermaritzburg for housing building costs and scarcity of money for bonds prevent people in lower income groups building their own homes.

Town Houses and complexes are becoming more popular because of their economical upkeep but they are not cheap to build.

A luxury scheme of complexes at Bellevue which cost R68 500 a unit in November has been affected by rising costs and the units will now sell for R75 000.


The complex includes two alternative tennis courts and a swimming pool and is on a view site outside the city. The complexes are in big demand and the units sell before completion says a spokesman for the agents, Gladdy

Put up your AWNINGS, PATIOS & CARPORTS NOW



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NORTH

TOWNHOUSE



bedrooms, lounge / dining-room, two the units for oc

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AS WORKMEN GO ABOUT CHANGING

THE FACE OF MARLBOROUGH

COURT, ONE MAN STANDS FIRM...

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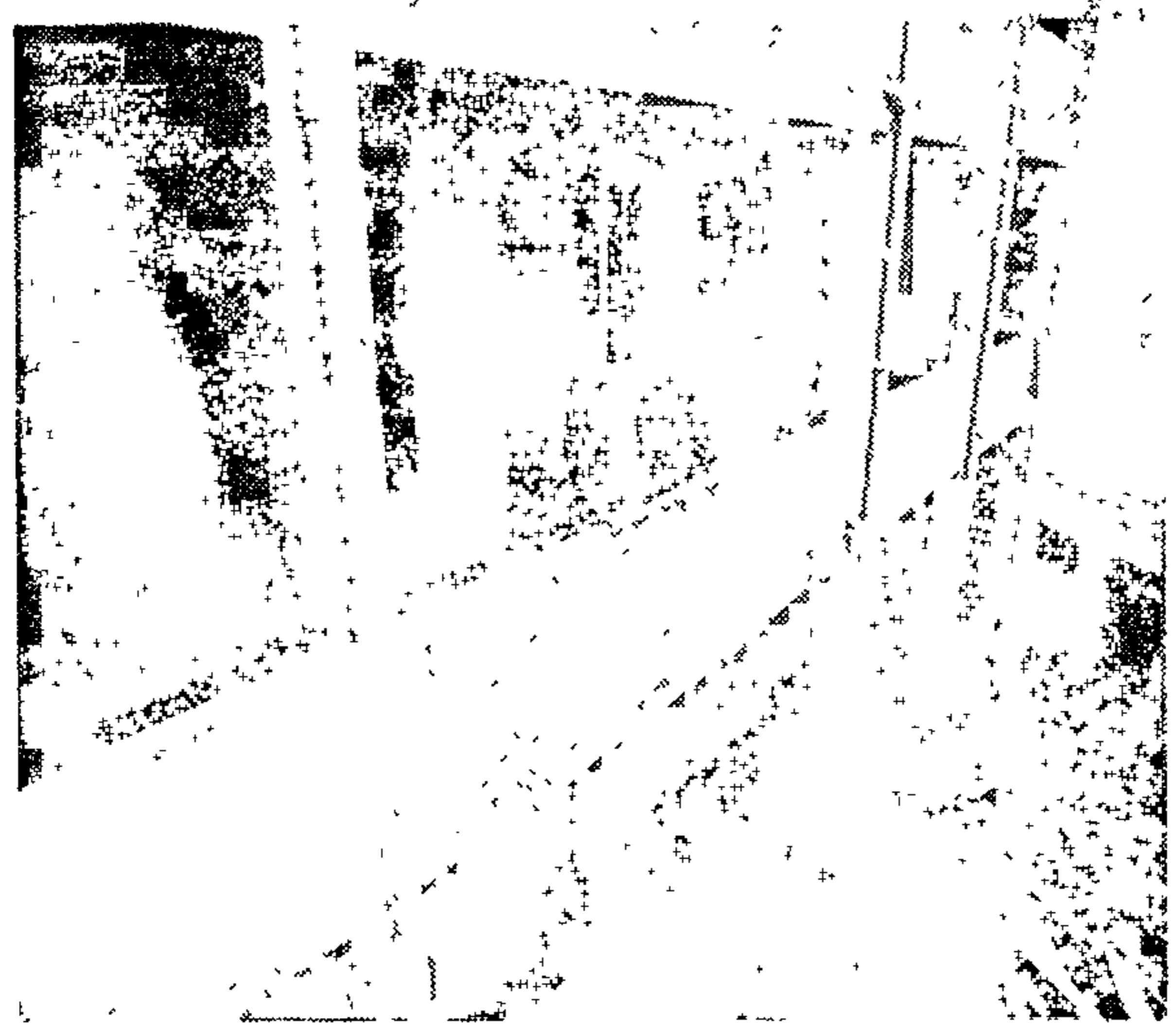
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... THE 82-YEAR-OLD PENSIONER

WHO WON'T BUDGE FROM FLAT 15



A workman walks towards Andrew Lawford's flat at Marlborough Court. The walls are coming down around him but he will not budge

EIGHT months ago Andrew Lawford said they would have to "knock the walls down around me" to make him

By Sue Robertson

Now the official order has been trumpeted, the day of reckoning has arrived, and, like Jericho, the walls of Durban's Marlborough Court are crumbling down around him.

But, true to his word, the 82-year-old pensioner is staying put among the dust and rubble — a lone survivor who has cocked a snook at offers of money, alternative accommodation, and finally the authority of the courts.

No, not even wild horses it seems, can drag Mr Lawford from the flat he has occupied for 25 years.

Mr Lawford, a veteran of both World Wars, fought the most lonely battle of his life against the owners of the building when tenants were given six months' notice to move from Marlborough Court. The building, then said to be in a state of disrepair, was to be reconstructed and the flats sold off individually by the owners. Blenbolt Developments.

Dismayed tenants — mostly pensioners — rallied to oppose the reconstruction on advice from their MP, Vause Raw, but lost out finally to a Supreme Court decision to go ahead with the reconstruction. The tenants were ordered to be out of the beachfront building by the end of last month.

But Mr Lawford has refused to move.

Like other

Marlborough Court pensioners left facing the accommodation crisis and inflated rentals, Mr Lawford was offered alternative accommodation both by the owners themselves and the Department of Community Development. But Mr Lawford wanted Marlborough Court.

And, like other pensioners, he was offered a token two months' rent by the owners to assist with removals. He refused that, too.

Refused

"In the end we also offered to subsidise hotel accommodation for him and pay the storage of his furniture while he looked for something more suitable to him than the places we had offered. But he refused. Now we are keeping the whole building going for him," Blenbolt director, Mr Anthony Bolt, said this week.

Publicity shv. Mr Lawford refused to speak to the Sunday Tribune this week.

"He's stopped all building progress," plumbing contractor, Bobby Hauptfleisch, said.

In accordance with city council legislation the plumbing must be moved from outside the building to within it. But without being able to cut the water supply off and without being able to enter Mr Lawford's flat it is an impossibility.

"We are just going to have to cut the water supply," said Mr Hauptfleisch.

The building's superintendent, George

Fisher, said there was a similar problem with the re-wiring of the building.

"I think the owners have been fair to Mr Lawford. I don't know why he wouldn't accept their offers."

The lift was out of order and the staircase covered in rubble. Flat 15—Mr Lawford's flat—is the only one in the 26 single apartment building that has been left unscathed by the renovator's hammer. Around it the volley of the workmen's din reverberates through the empty flats and across the plank-strewn courtyard.

Mr Bolt said an eviction notice would be served on Mr Lawford and he had personally enlisted the help of Tafta, an old-age welfare organisation to assist Mr Lawford.

Said Nancy Knipe, the outgoing head of Tafta's social agency: "We will help Mr Lawford as much as we will allow us to help him. We certainly won't see him on the streets."

According to Mr Raw, Tafta, and the Department of Community Development had offered Mr Lawford accommodation which he had not accepted.

"I'm trying to find him alternative accommodation but he has decided to stay. There is nothing further I can do. I can't make him take the accommodation he has been offered but he is going to have to move. No-one can go against a court order whether they feel it is right or wrong."

89 Howard Steytlerville cholera
Q. Col. J. N. MALCOMBESS asked
181 Mr D J N MALCOMBESS asked
the Minister of Health and Welfare

- (1) Whether Steytlerville is a cholera danger area, if so.
- (2) whether steps are being taken in regard to the matter, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

- (1) No.
- (2) steps are being taken to inform all the inhabitants of Southern Africa about the dangers of cholera and how to combat this disease

260 Howard Q Col. 3/15 8/3/82
217 Mr T ARONSON asked the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism

What are the capital requirements for the next three financial years in respect of the public corporations falling under him?

The MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND TOURISM

ISCOR	1982-'83—R360 million
	1983-'84—R400 million
	1984-'85—R450 million
PHOSCOR	1982-'83—R13 million
	1983-'84—R15 million
	1984-'85—R12 million
BATOUR	R40 000 per financial year for all three years
IDC	1982-'83—R470 million
	1983-'84—R380 million
	1984-'85—R410 million

Foreign tourists

218. Mr T ARONSON asked the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism

- (1) (a) How many foreign tourists visited the Republic in 1981, (b) from which countries did they come and (c) how many were there from each country,

Oceania (19 265)	1 1930
Australia	4 103
New Zealand	32
Other	

Note The figures with regard to the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe are not final and are being revised

- (2) The amount is estimated at R520 million

254 Howard Q Col. 3/17 8/3/82
226 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Defence

- (a) How many Coloured men have volunteered for the two-year period of national service from 1 January 1982 to date and (b) how many of them could be accommodated?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (a) 2 737
- (b) 1 456 This includes persons who have already applied in 1981

125 Howard Q Col. 3/17 8/3/82
253 Mr G B D MCINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether the community council of Sobantu Village has submitted a budget to the Drakensberg Administration Board, if so, (a) what was the amount of such budget and (b) when was it submitted.

- (2) whether the budget was approved, if not, why not, if so,
- (3) whether the budget was revised, if so, (a) by whom and (b) what was the amount of the revised budget?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) R5 340
- (b) 9 December 1981

- (2) Yes
- (3) Yes

(a) The Department of Co-operation and Development

(b) R4 826

From the above it will be noticed that the budget was cut back with an amount of R514 The community council budgeted an amount of R500 for Republic Festivals which will not take place again during 1982 A further amount of R14 was over budgeted in respect of allowances for members of the said council

254 Howard Q Col. 3/18 8/3/82
208 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Defence

How many national servicemen died during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available as a result of (a) enemy action and (b) (i) motor and (ii) other accidents?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (a) 29
- (b) (i) 116
- (ii) 34

The figures are for the period 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1981

335 Howard Q Col. 3/18-9 8/3/82
269 Dr A L BORRINE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

How many males and females, respectively, were registered at labour bureaux as work-seekers in terms of the Black Labour Relations Regulation Act as at (a) 31 December 1980 and (b) 31 December 1981?

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tells Mercury
Indians
to act 12/3/82

Mercury Reporter

INDIAN property developers should come forward to help with the development of one of Durban's most controversial areas, Cato Manor, according to Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development

This latest move in the long-drawn battle between the Indian community and the Government over the delay in developing the area comes in the wake of widespread opposition from former Cato Manor residents to private developers stepping in

Clear

In a letter to Mr Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association, Mr Kotze said the Department of Community Development could not undertake the development of the area and during a recent discussion with the executive members of the South African Indian Council this had been made 'very clear'

Mr Kotze also pointed out that it was imperative that all matters concerning the welfare of Indian residents of Cato Manor should, where applicable, in the first instance be brought to the attention of the local affairs committee concerned

'The LAC may, in instances where it is of the opinion that the Government's attention should be drawn to certain matters, approach the SAIC

'In the absence of an LAC, representations should be directed to the Indian Council,' he said

Mr Parsotham told the Mercury yesterday that the minister's suggestion that Indian developers help with the development of Cato Manor had 'bitterly disappointed' his association

It also shattered Indian hopes of the Government taking over full responsibility for developing Cato Manor

He said his association would strongly oppose the suggestion

Hostel ¹²⁵ *S. Times* ~~270~~ contract

14/3/82
By John Spira

A R17-million contract has been awarded by SA Transport Services to LTA Building (Natal) for a hostel complex to house 1700 workers at Mballi, near Maritzburg.

The contract calls for the construction of seven multi-storey dormitory blocks, a double-storey main centre and ancillary buildings, a soccer stadium and cycle track and roads.

Work at the site has started and is expected to take three years.

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250 000 'faced with eviction' from Inanda

Mercury Reporter

MORE than 250 000 people presently living in Inanda are to be systematically evicted over the next 18 months, according to the Black Sash's report to their national conference held at the St Thomas Church in Musgrave Road at the weekend.

The report claims that Government officials have indicated that they will resettle people who they regard as 'legal residents' of Inanda in the new township which is being planned.

According to the report however officials 'believe' that this only constitutes 4 percent of the present population. Ninety-six percent of the people will be systematically evicted over the next 18 months.

'As the unofficial population estimate is 300 000 this means the eviction of roughly 250 000 people.'

The Black Sash claims that, 'contrary to what officials would have us be-

lieve', the majority of people living in Inanda have been in the greater Durban area all of their lives.

'Some were evicted from Cato Manor in 1958, other from Newlands East. Some have moved out of their parents houses in Kwa Mashu and many were born in Inanda. They are all now threatened with eviction.'

According to the statement the first group of

tenants have already been given their eviction notices.

- The national conference the Black Sash also released statements condemning the 'practice of arbitrary arrest and detention, and expressed support for the Detainees Parents Support Committee and the 57 people facing in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town in an effort to be granted permanent resident rights in the area.

Urgent talks wanted on homes

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Mercury Reporter

THE South African Indian Council called at the weekend for urgent round table talks with the Department of Community Development to resolve the housing problem of pensioners from two sugar mills on the South Coast

Mr S Ramphal, a member for Umkomaas, said there were 121 widows and pensioners in addition to 286 of their dependants at the Illovo and Sezela mill barracks who required urgent resettlement

'Since the mill has a moral obligation towards the welfare of the pensioners, the management had been making representations to the Department of Community Development and the Development and Ser-

vices Board to resettle the pensioners in the proposed phase three of the Craigieburn Township

However, the resettlement programme has been disrupted because of a ruling by the Craigieburn Advisory Board, which maintains that priority for housing be given to residents of Umkomaas,' he added

Mr Ramphal said the mill management had approached the Indian Council for help in persuading the all-Indian Craigieburn Advisory Board to reconsider its decision

He said there was urgent need for round table talks with the Development and Services Board, Department of Community Development the management of the Sezela and Illovo sugar mills, Craigieburn Advisory

Board and the Indian Council to resolve the problem

Mr Naren Singh, chairman of the Craigieburn Advisory Board, told the Mercury that his board was not opposed to the housing of pensioners from Illovo and Sezela in Umkomaas

'But, preference for housing in phase three of the Craigieburn Township must be given to residents of Umkomaas. We desperately need housing for local residents

'It will be totally unfair that people from outside our area should receive priority for housing. This we are totally against and we'll fight it to the hilt'

Mr A van der Riet, acting general manager of the C G Smith controlled sugar mill at Sezela, could not be reached for comment

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**calls for
help with
housing**

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Mercury Reporter

THE decision of the South African Government to cut the budget of the KwaZulu Development Corporation (KDC) by 25 percent has meant that the KDC has almost exhausted its funds for housing for the current financial year

The liaison manager for the corporation, Mr Arthur Königkramer, has appealed to private enterprise to help the KDC with its housing programme and provide 100 percent loans for staff

He said this would mean that reliance was not always placed on the State

Under these circumstances, Mr Königkramer explained, the KDC would act as an agent to make it possible for private enterprise to build in black areas

He gave details of the corporation's R2 000 000 scheme in Imbali township near Pietermaritzburg where a five-bedroomed house, one en suite, is being built for as little as R21 000

Other houses, he said, were being built on an experimental basis. The prices for these homes — all three-bedroomed — ranged between R14 000 and R18 000

No homes blow for Natal's black people...

BY INGRID STEWART

MOST black people in Natal have given up hope of owning their own home in the greater Durban area.

Rich or poor, Indian, coloured or African, it doesn't matter — all of them face long waits and must dig deep into their pockets when land or a house is up for sale.

This was well illustrated recently when:

● Fourteen sites adjoining the Palmet Nature Reserve and the University of Durban-Westville went up for sale by auction. The 0,2 hectare sites sold for an average of R30 000 each. The area was described by one estate agent as "fairly steep" which would increase building costs. Comparable land in the white area of Westville would sell for about R10 000 less, we were told.

● In the coloured area of Greenwood Park, two houses were put on the market for R65 000 and R85 000. The one has two bedrooms and the other three. Both have one bathroom and both are fairly old.

Stands

● Two stands in Clermont, the only area in Durban which has retained freehold title for Africans, were sold for R5 000 and R6 000 each. The one was 371 square metres and the other 450 square metres

In each of these instances the cost was not prohibitive. At the Westville auction, 100 people bid for the 14 sites and, as the owners were not providing finance, the buyers had to provide cash.

There is little doubt that the Greenwood Park houses will be sold quickly. The Clermont stands were sold to cash buyers within hours of being advertised — and there was a long queue of people behind them, all with the money in their pockets, asking for more.

Shortage

Basic to the housing problem for Durban's blacks is the Group Areas Act which, in the words of a townplanning expert, has created a shortage of land. And a large percentage of the land allocated for black occupation is unsuitable for building, either topographically or because of ecca shale.

This has the effect of artificially inflating prices — the demand is far greater than the supply of land for blacks which has steadily been reduced through the workings of the Group Areas Act.

Indians, who once owned homes in places like Cato Manor and Riverside, lost them when these

areas were declared white. No new land of any great size near town has been given for Indian occupation since Isipingo Beach was re-proclaimed. Compensation was minimal and the people were resettled in places like Chatsworth and Phoenix.

Cato Manor, or parts of it, has now been given back to the Indians. The Durban City Council has provisionally priced stands in the Umkumbaan area at between R12 000 and R15 000.

The Cato Manor Residents' Association, who are opposing the council's move, point out that about one third of the area is ridden with ecca shale. In 1975 the Department of Community Development offered stands in Cato Manor to whites for R4 500.

Misconception

Said Dharam Singh, chairman of the Durban Housing Action Committee: "There is this misconception that all Indians are rich. In fact, 80 per cent of them live on the breadline. The people who are buying houses today are teachers and government employees."

Houses only become available in the coloured community when someone

emigrates, says Virgil Bonhomme, general secretary of the Durban Housing Action Committee.

"There are no houses available for coloureds," he said.

Draw

Two years ago 60 plots were offered for occupation by coloureds in Brighton Beach. About 1 500 people put down R1 000 deposits for the land. The plots were allocated by drawing names out a hat.

About 70 plots are due to come up for sale in Newlands East, he said, and the same thing is expected to happen there.

The plots are expected to sell for about R7 000.

Although the land is flat, ecca shale is prevalent in the area and the new buyers can have their money refunded only if all their ground has ecca shale in it, said Mr Bonhomme.

The sale of concrete block houses in Newlands East has been postponed. People wanting to buy these two-bedroom houses paid deposits of between R350 and R500 and the instalments were fixed to their income over a 30 year period.

"The average instalment was R100 a

month which means that, after 30 years, people would have paid R36 000 for their homes," said Mr Bonhomme.

About 500 people have put their names on a waiting list for ground in Umlazi. At present there is none available.

When they are, plots sell for between R100 and R250. They are roughly 1 400 square metres.

The KwaZulu Development Corporation provides loans for the erection of the houses. The houses they build cost between R15 000 to R25 000 and the buyer has to put down a 10 percent deposit.

Difficulties

A spokesman for the KDC told the Sunday Tribune that more and more Africans could now afford these houses. Sites were difficult to obtain because of the terrain in the area which made servicing sites difficult and expensive.

A scheme whereby the occupiers of houses in Umlazi could apply to buy their homes has been banned, we were told because existing housing stock was reserved for the lower income families who could not afford to buy homes.

Any dishonesty will render the candidate liable to disqualification and to possible exclusion from the University

Flat tenants have sleepless nights over move

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TENANTS in a Durban block of flats are having sleepless nights worrying about their future as they have to vacate the building they have occupied for the past two decades to make way for development.

Scala Flats in Warwick Avenue is one of three large blocks in the complex which has been absorbed by the Natal Technikon to enable it to carry out its vast expansion programme

Worried tenants told the Mercury yesterday that they were finding it extremely difficult to find alternative accommodation. Although most of the tenants in the three-storey building accepted alternative housing in Phoenix about 30 remained, saying they were not prepared to move there.

Mrs Christine Letang, who has been living there for 20 years, said she had just returned from the housing section in Martin West building and was told there were no houses available and she would

have to wait.

Others said they had refused to move to Phoenix because it was too far and lacked amenities. 'We are so accustomed to living in the city centre we find it heartbreaking to move out,' said another mother of three children.

Housewife Mrs Aisha Ahmed, who has been there for more than 20 years, said she had been allocated a house in Phoenix, but renovations were delaying the move.

Natal Technikon's public relations officer, Mr Kobie Nortjie, told the Mercury yesterday that the area was deproclaimed in 1972 and the tenants had been well aware of the future plans for the area since then.

He said the Technikon was embarking on a massive expansion programme to gear itself to take on more Indians and blacks.

Sugar workers lose battle over ejection

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Bureau

MORE than 200 former Dalton sugar workers yesterday lost their year-long battle for the right to return to company accommodation from which they were ejected after a strike last year

Mr Justice Booyesen, in a reserved judgment of 96 pages handed down in the Supreme Court, Pietermaritzburg, yesterday, concluded that the men's employers, the Union Co-operative Bark and Sugar Company, had acted legally when they ejected the workforce from the area after warning them they would be charged with trespassing if they did not leave the single and married quarters of the firm

Warned

The Judge said it was common cause that the work stoppage began on March 31 last year after the men had alleged they should be paid in lieu of free rations that the company were withdrawing

They had been warned that if they did not return to work by 2 p.m. on April 2 they would be regarded as trespassers and prosecuted

The Judge rejected claims that the men had been escorted into the company premises by armed police so they could collect their belongings, and criticised several witnesses including the former secretary, general of the Federation of South African Trade Unions, Mr Alec Erwin

Intelligent

Mr Justice Booyesen found that witnesses called by the company were honest and reliable, but found that four witnesses who gave the workers' account were untruthful

The men 'considered how to answer questions to best suit their own and the union's interests'

'Erwin is obviously an intelligent man who is dedicated to his work'

'In his case I had the uncomfortable feeling that he was so convinced of the just cause that he was espousing that he would be prepared to colour his evidence'

Choice

'He seemed to be arguing a case rather than be concerned with giving a true and correct version of the facts'

'He appeared when giving his evidence not to be telling the whole truth,' the Judge concluded

The workers, given the choice of working without their demands being met or being dismissed and arrested for trespass had elected to do the latter, Mr Justice Booyesen said

He rejected Mr Erwin's evidence on a request to the management for the workers to be allowed to stay overnight

The applicants should bear the costs of the hearing, he ordered

Beare helps workers buy homes

NOW BLACK FAMILIES GET THEIR OWN PIECE OF SOUTH AFRICA



FROM THIS TO THIS

LEFT: Makeshift roofs for makeshift houses constructed out of motor car packing crates and wattle and daub . . .

RIGHT: Teacher Ethel Bhengu and six month-old Yvonne outside their new block-built home at Inanda New Town. This home is one of those on show to enable residents to select the type they want.

By **DAVE McDERMOTT**
Property Editor

FOURTEEN families living in tents or crude homes made from motor car packing crates will soon be moving into solid block-built homes on a freehold basis through a pilot housing scheme launched by a Durban company for its black workers.

The Beare Group has undertaken the scheme through the Urban Foundation and it will provide homes initially for 14 workers who are all from the Amavoti and Amawantana areas of Inanda.

Their new homes will be within the Urban Foundation's Inanda New Town site and serve as a pilot scheme.

Urban Foundation regional director Alan Mountain welcomes the Beare Group's participation. Involvement of employees is vital, he says, if the country is to have any hope of coping with the housing crisis.

About 420 block-built homes have been completed in Inanda New Town since building began at the end of July last year. The overall scheme provides for 4,200.

"Our major worry," says Mountain, "is cash. The more employers get involved in helping us the better."

The Beare scheme represents the first case of employer involvement on such a large scale. Chairman designate David Beare says a questionnaire was given to black employees in the Dur-



crates) and families paying exorbitant rents for squalid accommodation at Inanda township.

"We eventually found 14 employees who were in urgent need of firstly decent accommodation, and then who qualified in terms of our requirements and from a domestic point of view," says Beare.

Length of service, salary scale and need of accommodation were qualifications and the main aim was to provide those employees with homes of their choice from the wide range available within the scheme.

"But this was not charity... far from it," says Beare. "What we are doing is making loans available to the individual, to enable him to buy his own dwelling, with his own piece of ground — a stake in the country in other words."

Inanda New Town homes vary in shape and size — from a single room dwelling to a six-room home.

They are designed to allow extensions to be built.

Bruce Hopewell, general manager in-charge of development for the Beare Group, has recommended that the company loan be made interest free over a shorter period — possibly seven years.

"On average," says Hopewell, "the total repayments will amount to between R30 and R40 a month. At present

many of our people are having to pay up to R20 a month for squatter accommodation with all the associated problems of insecurity, squalid conditions, danger of disease and mugging and so on.

"Through this scheme the employee now has his own home and he is free to deal with it as he sees fit — he may sell it for a profit or improve it or leave it as it stands."

Beare says the group is not pretending that the units are the most magnificent homes in the world, "they are basic dwelling units but each one has the potential for becoming a highly attractive, comfortable home."

Beare says the most important aspect is that people be able to own their homes, live in security and with a dignity that was not previously possible.

"We are not trying to impress with vast sums of money or grand schemes. This is a pilot project — it is our first step in the direction of housing.

"We are committed to assisting our employees wherever and whenever necessary and we intend following this through by investigating other areas where we can be of assistance."

The basic unit provides a roof over the family's heads. If required, ceilings, light fittings, plastered walls and other refinements can be added. Water points are provided every 40 metres and roads, community centres and schools are being built.

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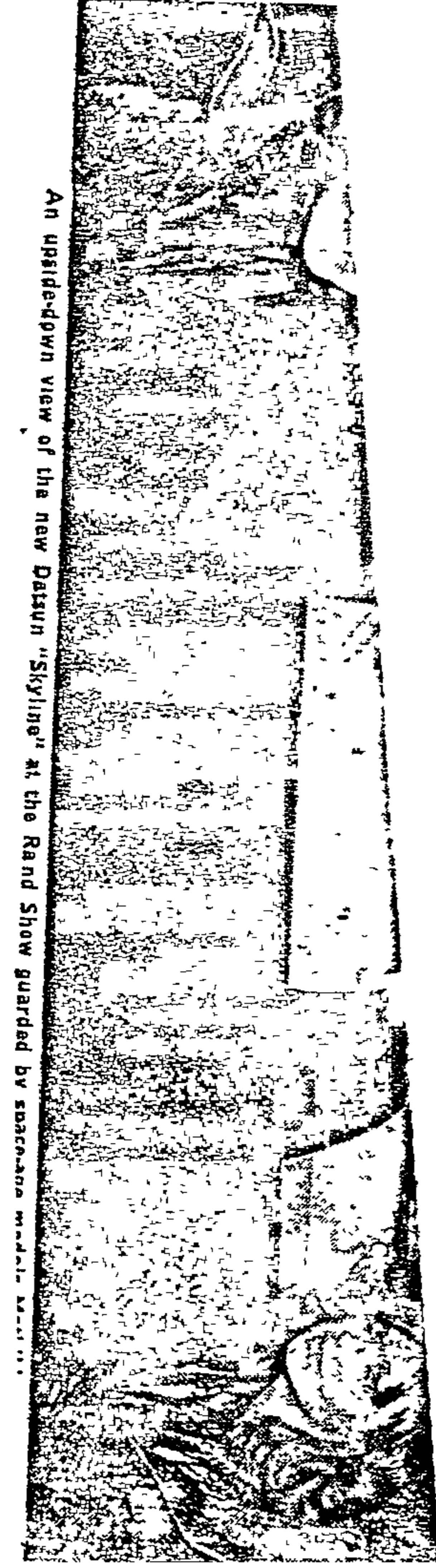
Mercury Reporter

A UNIQUE venture came to fruition at KwaMbonke near Harding yesterday when the Port Natal Administration Board handed over a scenic township to the Chief Commissioner for Natal, Mr Roy Blumrick, who in turn handed it to the KwaZulu Government.

The South African Development Trust came forward to finance the R700 000 project and the Port Natal Board built the 66-house township for the KwaZulu Government.

There is provision in the first phase for 500 dwellings.

An upside-down view of the new Datsun "Skyliner" at the Rand Show guarded by space-age models.



But at the same time the Government is considering measures tantamount to penalties for industry in existing metropolitan areas such as the Witwatersrand and Vereeniging industries in such

subsidies, relocation allowances and other benefits.

on price rises

Consumers face further Budget blues after

GENERAL NEWS

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Good

Keep

By Drew Forrest
The exclusively white SA Confederation of Labour has called on the Government to re-introduce its legislation for preservation of pensions, shelved last year after bitter opposition from black workers.

At its seventh annual congress, held in Pretoria this week Sacta held that the pensions law should not be halted.

Mr Arrie Paulus of the Mine Workers' Union, a prominent Sacta member, said even if the law was not acceptable for blacks, it should be implemented to cover white workers.

Twelve affiliates were represented at the congress, with a

total membership of some 124 000. At least eight unions have withdrawn from the federation in the past two years after opening their ranks to other races.

On the labour front, the confederation expressed its support for the industrial council system and called on the Government to maintain the closed shop principle.

It urged the Government to double the current subsidy which is paid during

STRIKERS LOSE HOSTEL CASE

By Tony Davis *Show 1/4/82*
About 180 migrant workers who claimed that they were evicted forcibly from their hostel after being dismissed last year by a Natal sugar firm, have lost an action in the Supreme Court at Maritzburg.

Mr Justice Booysens said on Friday that he did not accept the workers' claim that they were forced from the hostels. He found that many had left voluntarily.

He also rejected much of the testimony and awarded costs to the Union Co-operative company.

The action was taken to court in mid-1981 by the Fosatti affiliated Sweet, Food and Allied

Workers Union, on behalf of the workers. There were several lengthy delays, including a recess of several months. Final testimony was given in January.

A union spokesman said they had hoped to establish legal residential rights for migrant workers.

The dispute at the firm, in Dalton, arose after workers protested that money they were being paid to compensate for a former ration scheme was inadequate. They stopped work and were dismissed.

Police were present during the dispute

Sacta

interested parties cabinet responded to proposed legislation. Sacta also proposed amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, including a raised income ceiling of R15 000.

Other resolutions aimed at bettering the lot of white workers were:

• Sacta would ask for interest on mortgage bonds to be tax-free

• A call for the Government to raise the annual earnings ceiling in regard to sub-economic housing for whites from R7 800 to R15 000

TURVEY

They'll play

ABOUT 400 people living in Inanda nearly lost their homes this week because of a mistake which has embarrased the Port Natal Administration Board. Informed that the KwaZulu Government and left the Department of Co-operation and Development to pick up the pieces.

According to the assistant director of community services for the Port Natal Administration Board Hendrik van Wyk, his department was asked to provide the special task of carrying out a survey of the area.

This involved giving information to the people living there and to tell people who had problems to see the Verulam commissioner.

Instead the agents served a total of 382 eviction notices under instructions from Mr du Randt between February 10 and Wednesday this week.

About 43 of the evictions — affecting about 400 people — were due to take place on Thursday in the Phizangwe area. The people there had been told they would be evicted and their homes would be pulled down. Some began demolishing their own homes because they feared bulldozers would be used to destroy building material which could be used elsewhere.

But the people were granted a reprieve after a deputation headed by Gohziwe Bhengu, the local MP for the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and KwaZulu's urban representative, Joshua "J.T." Zulu, held urgent talks with the local magistrate. At the same time, about 100 women picketed the area around the magistrate's office with posters.

The reprieve also followed discussions between Ray Swart, Progressive Federal Party MP and spokesman on homeland government, and officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development in Cape Town during which he was told that the issue of the evictions notices had been a "misunderstanding".

This was confirmed by Dick Putter, a director with CAD in Cape Town who told the Sunday Tribune the "misunderstanding was



Gcinekile Mthethwa: nowhere else to go.

THE (How a mistake nearly cost 400 people their homes)

MISSERY OF INANDA

not serious as far as I can understand."

Mr van Wyk said that because of a manpower shortage in the Department of Co-Operation and Development, the Port Natal Administration Board was asked to lend the Verulam commissioner two officials to assist with a survey of the area. The officials would spend about three months completing the survey and would then withdraw.

"I have a letter in my file confirming this," he said.

Two settlement officers from the Stanger branch of the P.N.A.B. were deployed to work directly under Mr du Randt in mid-January.

Later he was told that because of a shortage of stationery in Verulam, P.N.A.B. letters would be used to serve notices on the people asking them to report to the commissioner to help solve their problems.

"I can assure you we were heavily upset when we found out that our notices were used to evict the people. But by the time this came to our notice, it was too late," Mr van Wyk said.

He said his department did not want to get involved in legal proceedings against the people of Inanda because the area concerned did not fall under their jurisdiction.

"We gave our assistance merely to pass on information," he said.

the people must go back to their homelands. How can they say that without consulting us first?"

Chief Commissioner for the Department of Co-Operation and Development in Natal Roy Blumrick, to whom Mr du Randt was directed, refused to discuss Mr du Randt's

evictions. "We knew only once the eviction notices had been served and a number of people came to us for help. When we approved the Port Natal Administration Board I said they didn't know about them and they referred us to the commissioner in Verulam. They just told us that the people have to go on instructions from Pretoria," Mr Blumrick said.

"The people of Inanda have a right to live in South Africa. They cannot be evicted until they are given alternative accommodation. The people are living there for a reason. The first thing the authorities should have asked them was why are you staying here. We do not believe that they are not workers in Durban and Verulam.

No houses were being built in KwaZulu or Natal and so the people were taking refuge in the surrounding areas, Mr Bhengu said.

"They should at least consult the leaders of the people before they take action like this," Mr Blumrick said.

When the Sunday Tribune visited Mr du Randt's home in Hillcrest Park, we were

told that he had gone on holiday with his family to East London for three weeks.

Mr Blumrick confirmed that as Mr du Randt did not have sufficient staff, he used officials from the Port Natal Administration Board to serve notices on his behalf.

He said that people who "squat" in Inanda New Town — the area affected by the evictions — could expect to be prosecuted "as and when they are discovered".

But he said, various committees consisting of officials and consulting engineers have been investigating the future development of "the area loosely known as Greater Inanda".

"All interested parties have been represented in the investigations. I am not prepared to comment on their activities as their recommendations will in due course be conveyed to the government's concerned," Mr Blumrick said.

A survey had been carried out "in certain areas" by the South African Development Trust — as was the case with Released Area 33 — was for the "further development of the area," he said.

"Such a development, which will be for the benefit of the entire community, will be negated if we permit further uncontrolled influx of people into the land. Action is therefore taken to prevent squatters moving onto land which is acquired (by the South African Development Trust) at this stage we are prosecuting only people who squatted after the purchase of the land. No action is being taken against squatters who were on the land when it was acquired," he said.



Mr du Randt... on sick leave.

disability grant and pension amounting to about R80 every two months. Her two sons are at school but she cannot afford to give her 13-year-old daughter an education.

"I have no where else to go," she said. "They said I must go back to Shembe Village but that place is full. Then they said I must get a place in Tent Town (the site and service scheme run by the Urban Foundation) but that is full, too. Where else must I go," she said.

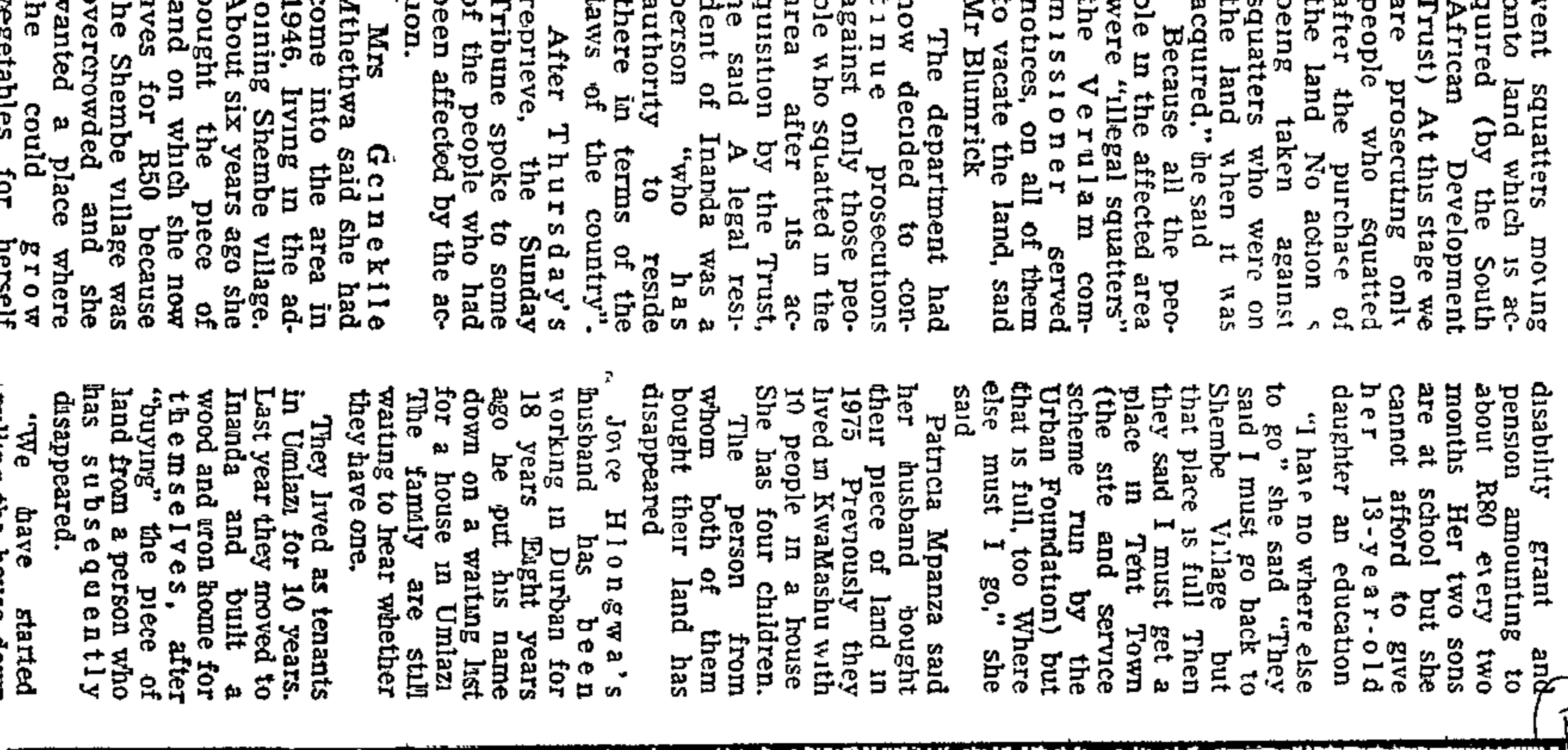
Patricia Mpanza said her husband bought their piece of land in 1975. Previously they lived in Kwamashu with 10 people in a house. She has four children. The person from whom both of them bought their land has disappeared.

Joyce Hlongwa's husband has been working in Durban for 18 years. Eight years ago he put his name down on a waiting list for a house in Umhlanzi. The family are still waiting to hear whether they have one.

"They lived as tenants in Umhlanzi for 10 years. Last year they moved to Inanda and built a wood and iron home for themselves, after 'buying' the piece of land from a person who has subsequently disappeared.

"We have started pulling the house down ourselves. Mrs Hlongwa said, 'We don't want to bulldoze it because then we will have nothing left.'"

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Mother's tears over threat to home

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Mercury Reporter

A YOUNG Durban mother of four is desperately trying to move out of the ramshackle home where she has lived for 13 years but says she cannot because there is no alternative accommodation available.

Mrs Veronica Rohan of Luxmi Avenue in Cato Manor burst into tears yesterday as she told how she had been struggling to find a suitable home for her children for more than a year

'I have been to the housing department every second day but keep being told that there are no more houses. I can't live in this bush — I'm going to get killed one day — and three months ago the water was cut off I can't raise children in this kind of place,' Mrs Rohan said

Mrs Rohan is an illegal tenant living in a semi-detached home in a slum area on property bought by the University of Natal. In January the area was inspected, her neighbours were given priority treat-

ment and houses found for them. Because she was out at work at the time she was not named a legal tenant so she was not re-housed

'Every time I go to the housing department I get told I'm at the wrong place, go there. When I go to that place they tear up my application and tell me to go back to where I came from'

When the neighbours were re-housed the university were forced to move in and demolish the houses to prevent other families from settling in. On Saturday the last family moved into a house in Phoenix and yesterday the university started to demolish the house because people were stealing the corrugated iron and the roof tiles

Mr Siegfried Schumann, director of public relations at the university, said that the university would demolish only the vacant houses but insisted that they warned Mrs Rohan that she was an illegal tenant

'There is no suggestion of Mrs Rohan's house being pulled down, but for about eight years we have been trying to get her to move and alternative accommodation has been found for her but she refuses to move because she will have to pay rent,' Mr Schumann said.

'Until she is accommodated elsewhere we can't move in but demolition of the empty units will go ahead.'

Mrs Rohan denied that she had ever been offered alternative accommodation.

Mr D C Young, a member of the Local Affairs Committee, who is helping Mrs Rohan said he could not believe she had been offered alternative accommodation.

'If she had been offered alternative accommodation the authorities would have told me when they checked her file for me,' he said



VERONICA Rohan
nowhere to go.

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Rents - there's no relief ahead

Colin Vineall
Property Editor

THERE is no sign of relief in Durban's high-priced rental market. In fact, the indications are that rents will continue to rise and the R1 000 a month barrier is likely to be broken in areas such as Westville before the end of the year.

That's the prediction of the chairman of the Durban and Coast Branch of the Institute of Estate Agents, Mr Brian Hose.

He said in an interview 'Building components such as bricks, cement and labour have all gone up so rents must go on climbing. I have been talking to immigrants from Zimbabwe and in the end they are having to pay through the nose for anything.'

'Rents could go through the roof.'

Reviewing the first quarter of the year, Mr Hose said the residential market had become progressively more difficult to transact business.

'There has been a considerable increase in sectional title and share block deals and the successful firms have been putting together satisfactory packages,' he said.

'Many of the conventional house sales agents have been totally hamstrung by the present situation in

which bonds are so difficult to come by, and I can hold out no strong hopes for a significant improvement.

'Yet there has been little lowering of prices as people are holding out and if they have to move are looking at the leasing market. Given the right tenant a seller can earn good rents.'

'The alternative is a deed-of-sale transaction which again is satisfactory if the documentation is carefully prepared.'

'But there are no panic sales yet. Prices are hardening but not dropping and I think it is amazing that there are still sales.'

Mr Hose said 'Generally there is a feeling that because the residential property market is in some difficulties due to lack of bond finance, this applies to the whole of the property sector.'

Demand

'This view is incorrect as, at the present time, there is considerable demand and growth in city centre office rentals and for commercial and industrial premises in the best areas.'

'Ironically, there is considerable finance available for industrial and commercial investments and development at the present time.'

'The present range of

rentals for modern air-conditioned offices with parking facilities is R8,00 to R10,50 a square metre. Landlords require rent reviews every five years and an annual escalation which varies between eight and nine percent a year.

'De-centralised and secondary offices are between R6 and R8m²'.

Mr Hose said it would be interesting to see how the recently announced concessions for investors in growth areas would appeal.

'I feel they are unlikely to take people who are already in Durban out of

town. But for an industrialist seeking to get into the Natal coastal market, the concessions offered in, say, Tongaat could be attractive.'

'Richards Bay could be given a tremendous injection.'

He quoted the latest industrial rentals as Prospecton, R3,50 to R4,50, Pinetown New Germany (no rail-served premises) R3,50 to R5 a square metre, Jacobs-Mobeni R3,50 to R4,25 a square metre and Umbilo-Gale Street, light industrial, mainly warehousing space, R3,50 to R5,25 a square metre.

What's inside

HOUSING in South Africa — the trends and problems — as well as in Britain, Germany and Swaziland are all featured in this weekend's edition of PROPERTY AND HOME.

Property Editor Colin Vineall considers the state of the market after the first quarter of the year on page two plus a look at how London hotels had a shock last year, in spite of the attractions of the Royal wedding.

Jon Beverley describes some aspects of European homes on Page Three while on Page Five there's our regular gardening and bonsai hints.

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The queue for housing loans is steadily increasing

WITH the passing of the first quarter of the year, it is perhaps timely to relax during this pensive period and consider what has happened to property in that time

Towering above all else must be the continued anxiety over the building societies' abilities to perform their basic function — that is to lend money for homes

For the situation has worsened in spite of hopeful predictions towards the end of 1981

At that time, there were some indications of a light at the end of a gloomy tunnel, now there seems to be another tunnel at the end of the light.

The societies seem to be caught up in a financial battle which they cannot win without inflicting severe wounds, not merely on their enemies, the rivals for savings such as the banks and Post Office, but also on their supporters and friends, the people who have bought property through mortgage bonds

Everyone in that situation knows just how the repayments have risen as the societies struggle to raise money and match the interest rates they are offering to investors. And everyone sees just how the banks and other finance houses are offering more to the investors and seem to stay just that percent or so out of reach

Just what can be done to solve the situation is difficult to see

a sound return on their investments

And that, after all, is what capitalism is about

Rents, in fact, continue to be a source of great worry. The conflict between landlord and tenant seems to have become sharper in the last quarter and Mr Horwood's budget concessions have done little to alleviate the disastrous shortage of rental homes

What's more, although he has offered some incentives to flat developers, they are generally accepted as being less than the temptations that are really needed to get the market moving again

Even if builders did pack their bakkies with bricks, mortar and men and set off with rolls of plans for high-rise buildings in their pockets, putting up a huge sky scraper does not happen overnight, although it might seem like it if one's view is being obstructed

So given two years before the developers can put up a dozen 100-flat blocks, it means that another 1200 families may have joined the already lengthening waiting list for a home of their own

Industrial land sales

ONE sector of the property market that does seem to be turning over very nicely thank you is the industrial slice of the cake

My story last week of the beginning of a third phase to Phoenix Industrial Park a year earlier than planned underlines the importance businessmen attach to expansion, even

all the difficulties that engulf the property market at present, it remains a good place to be for the average individual

Here, money keeps pace with inflation over the years, here one not only can relax in the knowledge that the investment is growing, but knowing, too, that the roof over one's head is secure

Fewer use hotels

ACCORDING to a weekend report, hotel occupancy in Durban dropped slightly last year which, when one considers the economy, is not all that surprising

Yet, what is more staggering is that hotels in Britain had fewer guests in 1981, in spite of the lure of the Royal wedding

The Daily Telegraph reports that big cities were worst hit, but there were signs of recovery in

overseas tourism by the end of the year, mainly in London

The newspaper says that a survey compiled for the English Tourist Board showed average room occupancy fell from 50 percent in 1980 to 46 percent in 1981. In the major centres, occupancy fell from 59 percent in 1980 to 53 percent

While agreeing that business generated by the Royal wedding was disappointing, the survey shows that most London hotels are now achieving 65 percent occupancy

One of the reasons may be the costs. Five-star hotels were the only category to increase room prices above the rate of inflation — by an average of 24.75 percent. This reflected the strength of this market, but gave a distorted picture of London hotel charges

The average five-star hotel room in London now costs R142.70 a night and one hotel has broken the 100 pounds ster-

ling a night barrier — about R190 without breakfast but including GST

But the survey shows these figures are not typical of London. Average single-room rates, including breakfast in the British capital, are two-star R47.80, three-star R60.51, four-star R89.20

An ironic point is made in the article, the figures do not cover the increased hotel occupancy in London during the British Rail strike days earlier this year

Taking ways

MANY hoteliers on Durban's beachfront will not be surprised to read of the Argentinian takeover of the Falkland Islands months ago. I was told astonishing stories about how they would take anything that wasn't bolted down

This, however, seems to be the first time they have ventured into the immovable property side of grand larceny

seek Dr K

It may suit industrial developers better to strike for new land and buildings now. Tendering for large construction jobs became more competitive in the last quarter. And although the cost of materials has risen greatly, not merely in the first quarter but in the last fortnight, it may still pay Mr Big to give the go-ahead for that new warehouse or factory now rather than wait for the good times.

With big business setting such examples, it still seems reasonable to suggest that, in spite of

and those people were captured on the battlefield and should be treated as prisoners of war the

House prices are holding

YET for all the gloom about money, the prices of houses continue to hold fairly steadily although I am sure I detect what agents coyly call firming in top-price homes. This means that the asking prices of the upper market mansions are not being realised unless the seller in turn becomes more realistic.

The reason for the maintenance of the prices is clear to see there is still a demand for homes, not only from the natural growth of population but from the rush of immigrants from both Europe and Zimbabwe.

While this demand continues there is no doubt that sellers will be able to get reasonable prices and landlords will be able to charge well-based rents that give

the president was commenting on a Washington report that all the South African and Namibian witnesses of the sub-committee would be returning home. Our East London Correspondent reports Miss Kave has not contacted me. If she wants to come home she can come and work here. She is a brilliant and hardworking girl and experience has

ion and Development Mr G de V Morris first instalment of month, came into on April 1. The other half would be

Report urges R130 m housing development

Plan to clean up Inanda gets a warm welcome

Mercury

15/4/82

Mercury Reporter

THE completion of a major plan to develop health and housing for 200 000 Inanda residents has been welcomed by politicians, State Health officials and Durban city councillors.

Although the plan has not been submitted in its final form to Dr Pret Koorhof, the Minister for Co-operation and Development, it is understood that the preliminary reports outline a plan to provide 20 000 houses in the area in its first five years at a cost of more than R130 million.

The plan has been drawn up by Horne and Glasson and Partners, a Durban planning company, on the instructions of the Department of Co-operation and Development.

Initial development of the area would involve the construction of tertiary gravel roads and tarred secondary roads, the provision of water reticulation and pit latrines on every site, as well as the provision of basic community facilities such as schools.

Alongside this, the report recommends that a start be made on the construction of major road networks, water reservoirs and water truck supply mains, truck sewer mains, as well as the provision of electricity and civic offices.

The plan to uplift Inanda follows a typhoid epidemic in the area in 1979 and this year's cholera epidemic where on both occasions emergency water facilities had to be supplied in order to prevent the further spread of disease.

The Natal Mercury, Thursday, April 15, 1982

Dr M G Gregersen, the deputy regional director of State Health, said she was delighted at any measures taken to improve the conditions for people living in Inanda.

Mr Ray Swart, Natal regional chairman of the PPP, said the sooner the Government implemented the plan to provide an infrastructure and suitable facilities for the people of Inanda the better.

'It is important that any evictions should stop considering the fact that the Government will be considering this major plan for the area,'

Mr Frank Martin, senior MEC for Natal, said that any improvement in squatter areas was always welcome.

He said that he understood that both the De-

partment of Co-operation and Development and the KwaZulu Government had given their blessing to plans to uplift the area.

The Mayor of Durban, Councillor Sybil Hotz, said 'It is the best news I have heard for a long time.'

Mrs Hotz added 'It is also good news for the city of Durban where we have always had the threat of typhoid or cholera hanging over our heads.'

Mrs Lesley Sprague, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said, 'This is fantastic if it comes about.'

'All we can do is hope that the Government will adopt the plan, especially as Durban draws a large number of workers from the area.'

Folweni takes off

Government is gradually realising that it does not have the means to solve the country's housing crisis by following the formal township approach. The answer to the problem must lie in the direction of self-help housing.

Perhaps the rising cost of conventionally built township houses, coupled with the declining gold price and the deteriorating balance of payments situation, helped to make this clear.

Now the self-help option is increasingly receiving official blessing. Natal, through the Urban Foundation's (UF) Inanda "Newtown" self-help housing scheme, has been a pioneer in the field. This is not surprising. Demand for housing units in Durban alone is estimated at 93 000 units — more than the State-built housing stock in the whole of KwaZulu.

KwaZulu's planning, co-ordinating and advisory committee estimates that it will cost R976m to remove the current housing shortfall in Natal of 170 000 units. Statistics like these, and the UF's success at Inanda, have led the KwaZulu Development Corporation (KDC) to embark on a self-help housing project of its own at Folweni in the

in the Umbumbulu district is tribally owned and "it's not that easy to set up a township anywhere you want one. Folweni was established only after delicate negotiations between the tribal chiefs and the KwaZulu government."

Koningkramer admits that Folweni might not have the solid appeal of a conventional township. But he notes that the buildings are far superior to those at Malukazi, from where most of the residents come. In addition he says, it testifies to a change in official thinking on housing policy.

Umbumbulu district. The scheme was initiated by the KwaZulu government to rehouse the 60 000 people living in appalling conditions in Malukazi — a squalid, packing-case shanty town on the outskirts of Durban's Umlazi township.

Basic facilities which consist of gravelled roads, stormwater drains, piped water supplied to communal taps and a bucket latrine system, were provided at Folweni with funds made available by the Department of Co-operation and Development. So far 1 600 sites, measuring 12 m by 6 m, have been provided. And an extension of 5 000 sites is planned.

As in the Inanda self-help project (*Current Affairs* April 9) people are encouraged to build their own homes. But KDC officials boast that Folweni is a more down-to-earth project for one important reason. At Folweni most of the houses are wattle and daub, while at Inanda most are concrete. "It's not that we discourage people from building with concrete block," says Arthur Koningkramer, KDC's liaison officer for Natal. "It's just that at Folweni we are dealing with people who are less able to afford more substantial houses."

In spite of the fact that most of the houses are built of wattle and daub, they appear quite acceptable. With tin roofs shining in the sun, Folweni is already assuming the ordered look of a conventional township. The KDC has built a demonstra-



Folweni ... down-to-earth in major respects

tion house and an office from wattle and daub to show the standard that can be achieved. Officials are available to provide home builders with technical assistance.

If the Folweni experiment is impressive, even more impressive is the budget on which it has been achieved. The cost of providing the infrastructure was R830 000.

This means the cost of services/site was a mere R500, compared with R3 500/site in the standard black township. It is possible to build a reasonable house for as little as R500 along Folweni lines. But the average cost of most dwellings is around R1 000 which includes materials and labour.

Compared with the cost of the average

conventionally built township house of R10 500, the Folweni advantages are clear. Most of the houses are privately funded, but loans of up to R1 200 are available from the KDC. On the maximum amount, loan

repayments are R50/month which includes nominal interest charges.

So far the KDC has advanced R50 000 in the form of loan finance, with 22 loans granted and 46 in various stages of approv-

al. The one possible drawback of Folweni is that it is a long way from employment centres. The township is 14 km from Umlazi, with Durban another 15 km away.

But as Koningkramer points out, the land

Phoenix may get R19m boost

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Mercury Reporter
HOUSING at Phoenix, the giant Indian settlement to the north of Durban, is expected to get a R19 million boost with the erection of a further 1 192 houses

Mrs Lesley Sprague, chairman of Durban's Health and Housing Committee, told the Mercury at the weekend that her committee had supported the plan last week but the 'green light' would have to come from the Durban City Council which meets on Monday

She said the cost of the project included the cost of land and the price of the houses would range from R14 881 to R21 403

depending on the size of the buildings

Mrs Sprague said it was decided to continue with the expansion programme for Phoenix following a Government loan of R37,6-million for housing devel-

opment

'In fact we asked for R53-million, but were delighted that in spite of the recent Government cut-back in funds for housing we were still able to get a substantial amount'

125 Shakaville rentals 21/4/82
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 *3 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the
 Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether the amounts recently paid in rentals to the Administration Board Port Natal by the residents of Shakaville, near Stanger, differ from the amounts laid down officially, if so (a) what is the (i) nature of and (ii) reason for the difference, (b) over what period has the difference existed and (c) what is the (i) average percentage and (ii) total amount of the difference
- (2) whether such difference will be (a) refunded to or (b) recovered from the residents concerned,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) No, rentals payable at present by residents of Shakaville are the official rentals laid down in *Government Gazette* No 6364 of 23 March 1979
- (2) and (3) Fall away

Registration cancelled 30/7/76

Housing backlog 100 000

Herbert
African Affairs Correspondent *(19)*

ULUNDI—The backlog in housing in KwaZulu is conservatively estimated at 100 000 units

This emerges from the annual report of the Department of the Interior tabled in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday

The report says that the acute shortage of housing in the 25 black township under the control of the department is a matter of grave concern

The best that can be

23/4/12
done the report says is to make serviced sites available for sale so that individuals can erect their own houses

The department says employers are encouraged to provide housing for their employees or to lend them the money to do it themselves

The report says 109 252 births were registered in KwaZulu last year

Concern 28/4/82 about Mercury council 125 housing

Mercury Reporter

WHILE the Durban City Council was 'battling' to let white council flats two years ago, there is now a waiting list of 260 whites who need council housing

This was said yesterday by Mrs Leslie Sprague, chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, who said this figure would be much higher if the low 'income ceiling' was more realistic

She disclosed that the council had been negotiating with the National Housing Commission to increase the R650 ceiling (the maximum monthly income allowed if a breadwinner wants to apply for council housing assistance), and that this figure could be increased soon

'Quite apart from those who earn less than R650 a month, the middle-income group people are the ones I am concerned about. They don't qualify for assistance, but with the way things are going maybe they should', Mrs Sprague said

There were 1 099 coloured people on the council's waiting list, and the R650 ceiling also applied to this group. This was also unrealistic, she said

The council's waiting list also included 16 453 Indians, but this represented an improvement on the situation two years ago when there were 24 000 names on the list

Mrs Sprague said she was pleased that the council had been granted R37,6 million by the National Housing Commission this year

THERE are at least 800 elderly people waiting for accommodation in old-age homes in Durban, and for many it will be as long as two years before there is somewhere for them to stay

In the meantime most are living with their children or paying out most of their income on flats

A spokesman for The Association For The Aged (Tafta) said yesterday that there were more than 750 names on their waiting list but there must be more old people who had applied directly to old-age homes which did not fall under the auspices of Tafta

He said the waiting period for accommodation in Durban ranged from at least three months to about two years

At the Southern Residences complex in Point Road the waiting list was about eight weeks, but at places such as Ocean View and Kings Hall would-be residents could wait as long as two years before getting in

Pension

The spokesman paid tribute to elderly people who, he said, seemed to manage — 'I don't know how they do it but they do'

Mr Geoff Oldfield, MPC, told the Mercury yesterday that he knew of some aged people who were spending R90 of their R122 pension on a flat

Not one day went by without a call from an old person who asked him to try to organise accommodation in an old-age home

'No matter how much I would like to help, all I can suggest is that they put their names down on the list' Mr Oldfield said

One way of solving the problem was for the Government or the private sector to assist welfare organisations so that blocks of flats or boarding houses could be bought and converted into old age accommodation

Old people must wait two years for a home

Mercury Reporter 7/3/82

By Jeremy Pees
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The grass looked

greener in Emerald Gardens — an enticing flat development in Mayville, Durban — and 15 people were tempted into paying an average of more than R11 000 each as deposits.

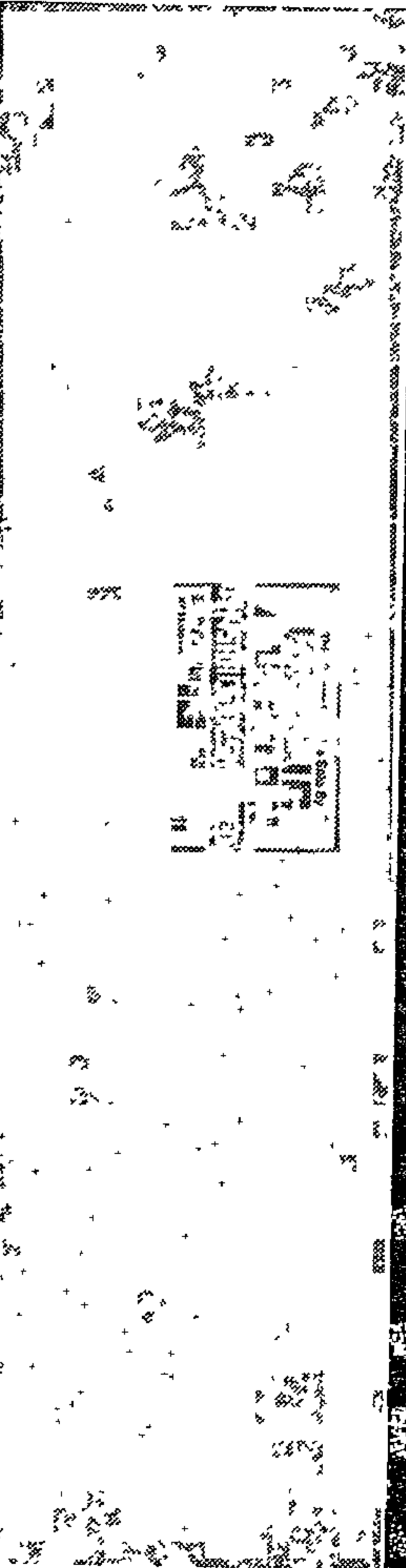
The delightful duplexes on offer provided three bedrooms and two bathrooms with the main en suite, servants quarters and a garage, all in a picturesque setting and close to town for as little as R40 000.

But it was too good to be true. The developing company — Besasile Properties Pty Ltd — went broke, was placed under liquidation and recently the site, into which R250 000 had been poured, was sold by auction for R105 000.

The price is subject to confirmation but the amount raised will provide little compensation for the company's creditors who include two architects and a building society as well as the home-seekers.

The development was started about two years ago and even for those days when it was still a buyers'

FLAT BROKE!



R250 000 was poured into this site, but only the foundations were laid for the planned 20-flat complex to be called Emerald Gardens in Mayville

THOUSANDS LOST AS DEVELOPERS GO UNDER

market the town houses offered fantastic value with only a 25 percent deposit

But the trouble was, on the one hand the overall financing had not been tied up, and on the other the project was not viable. They were dream flats — castles in the air — but now cold reality has set in and those who put their hard-earned money into the development stand to lose at least R10 000 each. One of the many

mistakes made was to use the deposit money to get the project off the ground without waiting for proper financial backing.

The money market started to tighten up and building societies began to insist on matching finance which required that at least 100 percent of the bond be invested in the society.

A year ago, Besasile Properties wrote to investors reporting that "firm funds difficulty" had been

encountered in raising the necessary bond finance.

"Finance can only be obtained if a recognised and reputable builder undertakes the work on a contractual basis," the letter said. This would result in a substantially higher total development amount and mean that the price of individual units would increase accordingly, they were told.

"The problems had started and from then

on the developing company went downhill until it was placed under provisional liquidation by an order of the Supreme Court on November 11. The provisional order was made final a month later.

The liquidation is being handled by Metherald and a spokesman for that company says a total of R259 000 is owed to creditors and there is one more meeting to prove claims. The auction of the

site was handled by Hugh Denny of Isaacs Geshen who says

"The price reached at the auction was low, but it is subject to confirmation. The trustees will want a higher bid, and we are dealing with a number of people in this connection."

So there is hope that a higher percentage will be paid to creditors but those who invested their life savings will have little left despite this.

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 125 *Hansard Q Col, 792-793*
 Dwelling units for Indians
 11/5/82

539 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) How many dwelling units for Indian occupation were built in 1980 and 1981, respectively, in (a) Durban and (b) the rest of Natal,
- (2) how many such units are planned for construction in 1982 in each of these areas?

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	1980	1981
(1) (a)	3 015	2 952
(b)	1 447	4 542

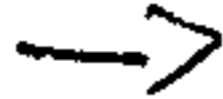
(2) Amounts of R29 413 690 and R9 815 768 respectively were allocated to Durban and the rest of Natal for Indian housing for the 1982-'83 financial year. The number of dwellings that will be constructed is unfortunately unknown

Durban complex: shortage of houses

540. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Community Development:

- (1) What was the estimated shortage of houses for (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian persons in the Durban complex as at 31 December 1981,
- (2) how many (a) houses and (b) flats were made available for persons of each race group in 1981 by (i) his Department and (ii) the local authority?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



(1) (a)	359		
(b)	924		
(c)	8 500		
(2)		(a)	(b)
(i)	Whites	—	39
	Coloureds	—	—
	Indians	—	—
(ii)	Whites	139	—
	Coloureds	—	—
	Indians	1 736	2 196



By SUE ROBINSON

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A LANDOWNER syndicate allowed a Durban estate agent to give illegal notices to three of its tenants — and then said they “regretted” the tenants had left.

The Stanger-based landlords, a company called Alwal Property Enterprises (Pty) Limited, bought the rent-controlled building, Enterprise Building in Alwal Street, Durban, last year intending to sell off the flats individually. This they could only do once the necessary rent control deproclamation and application for sectional title had been approved.

But before the applications had been submitted, the company had allowed the estate agency, Fink Estates, to send out notices to three tenants on the top floor of the 65-flat building.

The reason given was that the flats were to be renovated, but one of the tenants, 78-year-old May Hughes said she had been told verbally that her flat had been sold.

Having lived in the building for nearly 10 years and with no thought in mind to moving from her neat bachelor flat, Mrs Hughes said she was surprised when last December a dark haired woman, introducing herself as Mrs Fink, asked if she could “survey” her flat.

“When I referred her to the supervisor she stepped back, looked at the number above the door and told me that my flat had been sold and that I would have to get out. It was a terrible shock coming out of the blue like that,” Mrs Hughes said.

Mrs Fink denied the claim. But she said that, acting on instruction from the owners, she had approached the tenants to explain that the flats were to be

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reconstructed and that they were to be given notice. She added she had offered them flats lower down in the building, but these had not been accepted.

In February Mrs Fink sent written notices to the three tenants, two of who (including Mrs Hughes) were old-age pensioners. The notices said that due to renovations they were being given two months’ notice to vacate their premises. No mention was made in the letter of replacement in alternate flats.

“I was in a terrible state. At my age and with R120 a month pension where on earth was I going to move? The supervisor said she knew nothing about the notices and told me to go to the administrators of the block. They told me the notice was invalid and that I shouldn’t accept it,” Mrs Hughes said.

The notices were retracted shortly afterwards but the damage as far as the tenants were concerned, has already been done. Nothing, they felt, could appease the insecurity the invalid notices had brought so they all decided to leave anyway, Mrs Hughes said.

“After all the trouble they put me through they couldn’t pay me to stay there now,” the widow said shortly before moving to an old-age accommodation block down the road.

There were a number of reasons why the notices issued to the three tenants were illegal:

- The building had not been exempted from rent control — in fact application to have it exempted had not been submitted at the time of writing;

- In terms of the Rent Act, protected tenants must be given a minimum of six months notice if the premises require reconstruction and then only if a Supreme Court order has been issued saying the renovations are necessary;

- No copies of the notices were sent to the Rent Board as is required in terms of the Rent Control Act.

Speaking on behalf of the company, Phillippe de Brogho, who acts as the company’s attorney and is a director of Alwal Property Enterprises, said that as soon as the irregularities of the notices were brought to his attention, the notices had been withdrawn.

Despite this, the three tenants have since vacated their flats of their own accord. If these notices prompted their leaving, this is regretted.

When first approached, Mr de Brogho denied knowing Fink Estates or that the notices had been issued. He later retracted the statement and said that Mrs Fink had issued notices without authorisation.

The company’s final statement, however, agreed that it had “allowed” Mrs Fink to issue the notices.

THREE TENANTS LEAVE AFTER ILLEGAL NOTICES FROM AGENTS

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COR. FIELD STREET & COMMERCIAL ROAD,
DURBAN 4001
TELEPHONE 2166 7

FINANCE AND SECURITY AGENTS

25th February, 1982.

Enterprise Bldg.,
Alwal Street
Durban
4001.

Dear Mrs:

We have been instructed by Alwal Property Enterprises, Inc. to withdraw
Renovations to the flats in their building.

You are hereby given 2 calendar months notice as from 1st March, 1982,
to vacate your premises not later than 30th April, 1982.

The illegal notices that were sent to three tenants at Enterprise Building — though they were later retracted the tenants left anyway

Backing for Cato Manor

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Mercury Reporter
THE Durban Housing Action Committee is to ask the Government to ensure that Durban's Cato Manor is replanned to house Indian former residents.

The residents concerned were those uprooted when the area was first taken for whites.

The committee also wants to keep out land speculators.

A spokesman said yesterday the committee was planning a petition to the Government backing demands made by the Cato Manor Residents' Association for the area to be developed on the basis of housing for all income groups.

The association had also asked for the State and the Durban City Council to accept responsibility for subsidising housing for these groups, the spokesman said.

Developments during the past few years have shown clearly that South Africa is entering a new era in the field of school education. This must be seen in the light of the most important elements of a new dispensation - the determination of a national education policy and differentiation in education and even in the training of teachers. In the continuous line of education - pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary - the university, as the leader in the field of education, will in future play a greater role than in the past, and here the joint Matriculation Board dispensation in schools to requirements for effective regulation of university. It has, joint Matriculation in greater function in institutions other tertiary education. The Commission in the developments in the future. Then whether the machine its function effect future. This quest reconstituted in action. The Commission will function effect even in its sphere.

The Joint Matriculation Board

The Commission is convinced that the machinery of the proposed financing of the universities will function effectively in any changed circumstances in the future. The Commission wishes specifically to draw attention to the fact that the new formula, with its components adjusted as required, will function equally well in the case of a college under the "college idea", which is further elucidated in this chapter. In all the many ways in which a university may be connected with its surrounding colleges, where the latter qualify for state subvention, the machinery of the formula will work equally well, with some adjustments to its components.

Furthermore the basis for the financing of immovable capital property (land and buildings), as well as movable property of a capital nature, will require little or no attention in the future. The only prerequisite for the satisfactory functioning of the system is the efficient functioning of the A.C.U. in this regard.

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Protest aims to halt Cato Manor plans

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Tribune Reporter

A MASSIVE campaign aimed at preventing the Durban City Council from rezoning parts of Cato Manor and selling land by public auction was launched in Durban this week.

The campaign, which has the support of a number of housing action groups, community organisations and the Natal Indian Congress, draws attention to the bitterness and anger felt by former and present Cato Manor residents.

Former residents were forced to sell their land to the city council some years ago when the area was proclaimed white in terms of the Group Areas Act. Attempts by the Council to develop the area as a white suburb have failed and it now plans to sell the land back to the Indian community at what the community

regards as inflated prices.

Roland Parsotham, a chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association which is spearheading the current campaign, told the Sunday Tribune that the organisation, which represented the majority of the people affected by the council's move, had tried to negotiate with both the Council and the Department of Community Development

They had reached a deadlock with the council and the department of Community Development now refused to talk to them

"Now they will only talk to the Local Affairs Committee and the South African Indian Council which, as the last election showed, do not have the support of the majority of the people. We have no choice now but to bring public pressure to bear on the authorities"

Welders Society

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Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers
Amalgamated Engineering Union of S.A.

MINING AND QUARRYING

Trawler and Line Fishermen's Union
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union
National Certified Fishing Officers Association
Food and Canning Workers Union
Farmworkers Union
Black Allied Workers Union

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

National Federation of Workers
Orange-Vaal General Workers Union
General and Allied Workers Union

Unions have been classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities. The full extent of the operation of the following general workers unions has not been established:

UNIONS OPERATING IN 1981 GROUPED ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Margate passes ^{31/5/82} housing *Mercury* resolution

Mercury Reporter

MARGATE Borough Council has opened the door to pre-constructed housing in its area by passing a resolution approving 'unconventional building methods' which carry the Agreement Board's certificate of approval

Margate may also soon have a mobile home estate. Five sites are being considered, and negotiations between the council and a large mobile home manufacturer are in progress

Yesterday Margate's mayor, Mr Dennis Cominos, said the council had passed a comprehensive resolution on the subject of pre-constructed and other forms of housing

'We have created an opening, and will look at any plans which carry the Agreement certificate,' he said.

The resolution says the council 'shall' consider plans where building materials or methods 'other than conventional materials or methods' are used, provided that the proposed construction type carried a full Agreement certificate

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Assegai, Austerville
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734 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the
Minister of Community Development

- (1) Whether his Department intends to sell a portion of Assegai, Austerville, to permit of the construction of an old-age home, if so, (a) to whom (b) when, (c) at what price is it to be sold, (d) how many existing houses will have to be demolished and (e) how many families will be affected,

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- (2) whether his Department has investigated the possibility of selling vacant land in the vicinity of Austerville to permit of the construction of the old age home, if so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No, but a property was already sold on 11 August 1981 for an amount of R6 938 to the Durban Senior Citizens Association. Three existing houses, occupied by an equal number of families will be demolished when alternative housing has been provided to the occupants.
- (2) Yes, the departmental town planners have, after consultation with the City Council, found that a portion of stand 1065, Austerville is the only suitable site for the erection of an old age home.

Empangeni, Richards Bay rents go through the roof

Mercury Reporter 14/6/82

HOUSE rents have rocketed through ceiling and roof in the Empangeni-Richards Bay areas, where monthly leases of R1 000 and more are common for average homes — if they're available

The shortage of all types of accommodation is so severe that local residents have no option but to pay whatever prices are being demanded

And, say estate agents, while property owners are smiling, the situation has brought about tremendous financial strain on families, many of whom sign leases which they well know they can't afford

R1 200 a month

Commercial and industrial growth in the district has been so hectic that the housing supply is totally inadequate to meet demand. Some property agents contacted had no accommodation to offer whatsoever.

'I couldn't give you a house even if you were to offer R1 200 a month. We just don't have any,' said an Empangeni agent, Mrs Denny Lawrence.

'Because private individuals can seldom afford rents asked, the trend is increasingly towards companies securing such places for their staff.'

Another agent, Mr Tommy Roberts, said he did have a home to rent out for R1 000 — 'but it's just an ordinary house, by no means a mansion'.

It was almost impossible to buy a three-bedroomed house locally for less than R70 000, said Mr Roberts.

A local construction firm director, Mr Greg Read, is bound to find accommodation for his employees because otherwise they would not be able to live in Empangeni.

Empangeni's Town Clerk, Mr Laurens Kotze, said the municipality was doing its best to alleviate the housing shortage but could do little to speed up building being undertaken by contractors.

In the cold

'We've proclaimed new township zones and are laying on essential services,' he said.

'Those who can afford it can find houses, but those who can't are left out in the cold.'

At Richards Bay the 100-site caravan park is permanently full. Monthly tariffs for a site are R210 and residents living in hired caravans fork out a further R200.

A spokesman for a local hotel, Mrs Annetjie Scheepers, said contract workers and their wives living at the establishment on a permanent basis paid R49,50 a day for a double room which included breakfast but no other meals. With dinner included in the fare, this works out at R2 000 a month per couple.

Indian farmers to fight extension

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Mercury Reporter
ARRIED Indian cane farmers in Tongaat yesterday pledged to 'fight to the hilt' any move to uproot them to make way for black housing.

The Tongaat Town Board recently served notice on the farmers at Hambanati on behalf of the Port Natal Administration Board to acquire land for extension to Hambanati township. They were told by the town clerk, Mr V V Khose, to accept the notice as a notice of intent to take over the land and in the event of it being not possible to negotiate a sale, expropriation proceedings would be instituted.

objections

Mr Parkhouse told the Mercury yesterday that the board had nothing to do with the proposed expropriation. It merely acted as an agent for the Port Natal Administration Board.

Seven farmers, owning a total of 120 ha, are affected and have already lodged objections with the Town Board.

One of the farmers, Mr Tom Naidoo, whose family settled there in 1933, said he had been having sleepless nights since receiving the notice. 'We are not opposed to the provision of black housing, but what worries us most is

that this is to be done at the expense of prime Indian agricultural land.

'The Indian community has lost thousands of hectares of farmland in Natal because of the Group Areas Act. Agricultural land, especially caneland, is scarce,' he pointed out.

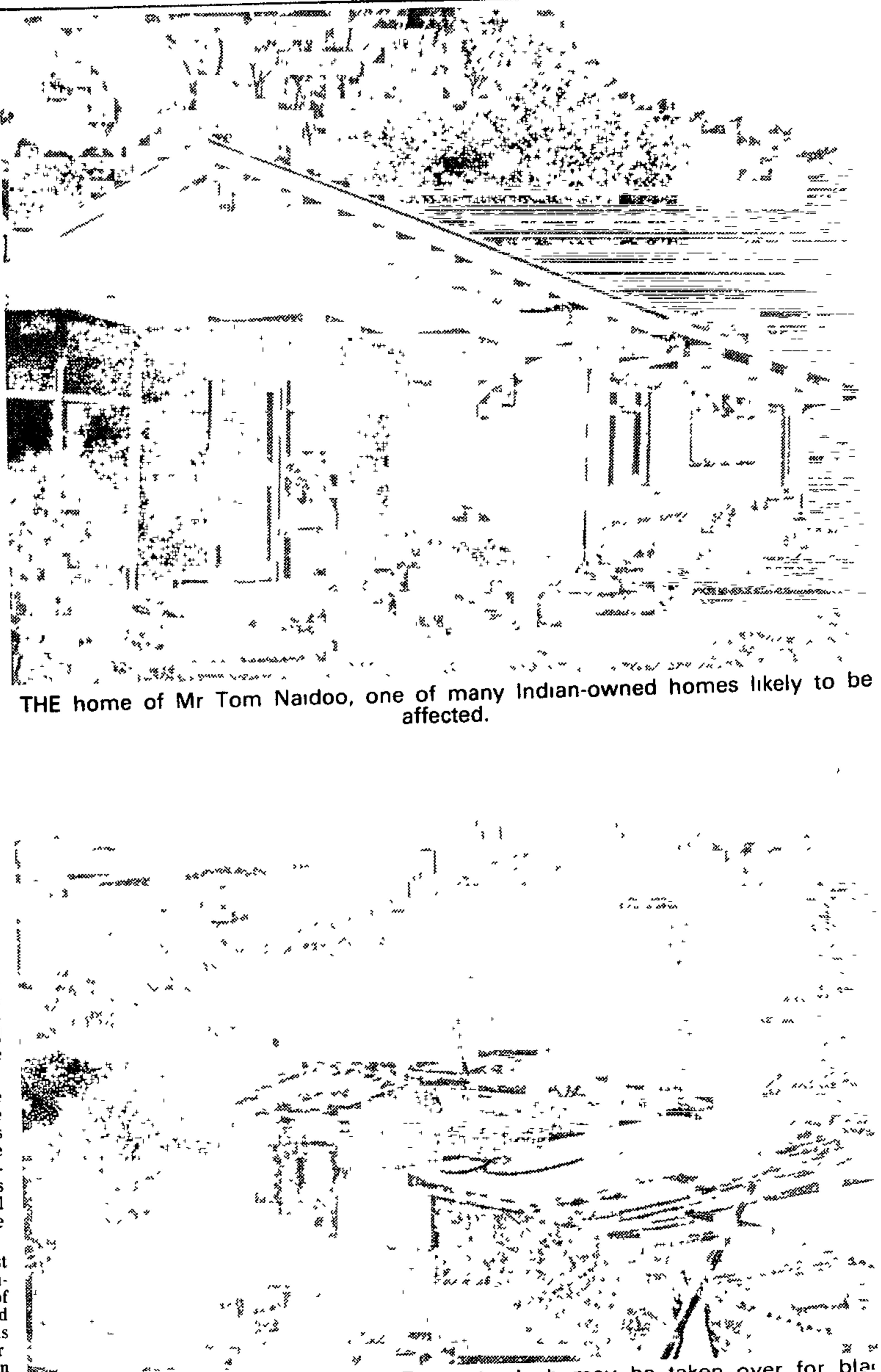
Mr Naidoo said just his sprawling farmstead was valued at about R100 000 and he doubted that the compensation he would receive for the house would be sufficient to have it re-built at today's prices.

Group Areas Act

Mr C S Mudaly, secretary of the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, said his association also had lodged strong objections to the proposed expropriation of the farmland.

'If this land is lost the total area under cane owned by Indian farmers will be reduced. The Group Areas Act effectively prohibits farmers from buying additional land in areas which are not Indian.'

Indians have so far lost nearly 16 000 ha of agricultural land because of the Group Areas Act and in spite of repeated pleas to the Government to earmark more land, not even a proportion of the lost land has been returned to the community,' he added.



THE home of Mr Tom Naidoo, one of many Indian-owned homes likely to be affected.

PART of the Hambanati area at Tongaat which may be taken over for black housing

Civic body says no to rezoning

Mercury Reporter

VERULAM Town Council's proposals to have a number of residential sites in the elite Brindhaven Township rezoned to enable the construction of medium density housing has met with strong objections by the Verulam Civic Association.

The council recently gave notice to amend the Town Planning Scheme by rezoning four proposed lots to be created by the sub-division of Lot 1244 from general residential to intermediate residential.

It also wants to rezone nine of the 22 proposed lots to be created by the consolidation and re-subdivision of Lots 1366 to 1382 from special residential to intermediate residential.

Mr Sunny Moodley, secretary of the Verulam Civic Association, said if the council went ahead with the rezoning the development of density housing would seriously prejudice the character of Verulam's showpiece residential suburb.

'The development of duplex apartments or semi-detached dwellings is not in accordance with the original scheme of the township and would lead to the lowering of the value of adjacent properties.'

He pointed out that home-owners in Brindhaven bought properties in the township under a clear impression that there would be no density housing within the suburb.

Town Clerk Dick Naicker said the land under consideration for rezoning was not suitable for single-unit dwellings.

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Call for help in 'packed' township

Mercury Reporter
DURBAN social workers have appealed to coloured businessmen to help improve the living conditions in Newlands East township

Social workers from the Durban Child Welfare Society said thousands of people had been moved to Newlands East where the delay in housing and lack of service facilities had led to numerous social problems

One of the social workers said some people had been told by the authorities that they would have to wait until 1984 for housing because the unit supplies had been exhausted

'There is an unbelievable influx of people into Newlands East from places like Wentworth,' she said 'The township is now saturated with people who have nowhere to stay'

She said many people had had to revert back to the extended family situation and overcrowding had become rife

Another social worker said Newlands East had only one shop which supplied no fresh fruit, meat or vegetables and residents were forced to rely on the few mobile shops in the area

Frustrations

She said the community had taken an active and valuable interest in raising the standard of living but they had reached their limits in many areas and would have to rely on outside help to improve the facilities

'Newlands East desperately needs sporting amenities as an outlet for the frustrations that many of the people feel,' said another social worker 'For example there are few youth activities because there are no places where people can congregate in large crowds apart from the schools'

She said a request to the Durban Corporation to build a swimming pool had been turned down on the basis that there were 'not enough people to warrant a pool'

'It's about time coloured businessmen stepped in and offered assistance in areas where the Durban Corporation has not.'

Mr John Muir, the financial officer for housing at the Durban Corporation, said he was not prepared to comment until a later stage

Groups object to rezoning plan

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Mercury Reporter

DURBAN City Council's Planning Committee will consider written objections from 10 Indian groups at its meeting tomorrow to council proposals to rezone Umkumbaan in controversial Cato Manor from duplex to special-residential sites.

The objectors feel that serviced single sites could only be afforded by affluent Indians and such rezoning will therefore be to the detriment of lower-income-group families.

They have called for a Government-subsidised housing scheme to be developed in the area.

Report

In a report to be considered by the Planning Committee, Durban's City Engineer, Mr Don Macleod, says that to make the area, which was recently deproclaimed from a white area and reproclaimed for Indians, attractive to Indian homeowners, the existing duplex zoning was to be replaced by special-residential zoning.

It was found from 'informal discussions' that middle-income-group Indians favoured single sites rather than duplex or terraced housing, he said, adding that the area was originally planned to cater for duplex units or town-house development currently popular among whites.

In contrast, it was doubtful if any Indian entrepreneur would be interested in developing duplex units at Umkumbaan because high costs would put them out of reach of low-income-group families, he said.

No development

Mr Macleod says the Council could not develop a low-cost housing scheme in the area as requested by the majority of objectors, and to leave the land as it was presently zoned would result in little or no development.

The objectors include Newlands East, Merewent, Sydenham and Cato Manor Residents' Associations, Asherville and Durban Housing Action Committees, Phoenix Working Committee and Cato Manor Indian Ratepayers' Co-ordinating Council.

Mr Ramcharitar Pan-

day, an advisory member of the Planning Committee, said yesterday he would urge the committee to grant requests from many of the objectors to be granted a hearing.

'This is a serious, and contentious matter, and justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done,' he said.

Move to lift Grey Street's residential development ban

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Mercury Reporter

A FRESH attempt to get the Government to lift the ban on residential development in Durban's Grey Street complex will be made next month when the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, arrives in Durban.

Mr K T Manjee, secretary of the Central Durban Indian Ratepayers Association, said the ban was stifling development in the area as many property owners, who planned to build flats, had to scrap their plans because of the restrictions imposed by the Government.

Mr Kotze is expected to visit Grey Street on August 12 and give a decision on whether he is prepared to lift the ban on residential development in the area.

In a memorandum to the Government recently the Grey Street Indian Local Affairs Committee pointed out that the restrictions had been a serious and severe handicap to the viable development of the area.

Opposition to the ban on residential development in the area has been mounting ever since the area was declared an Indian Group Area in 1973. There have been several

appeals at ministerial level to set aside the restrictions but without success.

Mr Manjee said Grey Street was nearly 50 years behind as far as development in the other parts of the city was concerned and blamed the restrictions for this.

He said Grey Street might end up a slum as there was no incentive for ratepayers to improve their properties.

Plans to build 71 low-cost houses at Pinetown

(123) Murray 21/7/82

Municipal Reporter

A NATAL non-profit company has announced plans to build 71 houses, 3 km from the centre of Pinetown, for young white couples in the middle and lower income groups

Comhousing, a utility company, was launched by Natal businessmen and political figures in February to ease the housing shortage in the greater Durban metropolitan area and Pietermaritzburg

This is its first project and yesterday the director, Mr H B Klopper, said the board was in the final stages of negotiating the purchase of 71 fully

serviced sites in Extension 58 on the Mariannahill Road

Pleased

'The houses will be two and three bedroomed and the first 10 will probably come on stream in September or October. The area is ideal for young families as it is delightfully rural and provision has been made for a primary school and business sites in the area'

Mr Klopper said a tremendous amount of spade work had gone into the company since February and he was 'delighted that things are moving are

last' The utility company would do its own building to keep costs down and initially couples would need ordinary bond financing

The company was buying the land from the Pinetown municipality 'at a reasonable price' and the average size of the sites was 900 m²

'We have had discussions with the SA Indian Council and various local affairs committees and are busy looking for land for Indian and coloured housing projects'

Mr Klopper, a former National Party Senator,

said Comhousing had been launched shortly after the Prime Minister's call at the Good Hope Conference for the formation of utility companies to ease the housing shortage

Since Comhousing came into being, utility companies had been formed in East London and Port Elizabeth

Others were about to be launched in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Bloemfontein

Members

Young couples who are interested in buying a Pinetown house should

write to Comhousing, Box 1813, Durban

The founding members of Comhousing are Mr Klopper, a director of companies, Mr Derek Watterson, New Republic Party MP for Umbilo and former MEC in charge of local government, Dr Lawrence McCrystal, economist, town planner and director of companies, Mr R Heine, director of a large financing company, Mr Owen Jones, town planner, civil engineer and chairman of the Metropolitan Consultative Committee and Mr G C Krog, director of Indian Education

Mobile homes get committee green light

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Municipal Reporter

DURBAN city officials have been told to find sites for mobile home estates

After visiting a factory in Pinetown yesterday several councillors and officials were enthusiastic about the idea of factory-built homes, which had been designed for permanent residential use, as opposed to utility mobile homes favoured by industry

Within hours of the visit, the city's Planning Committee unanimously agreed that officials should look for suitable areas

The committee also agreed to recommend that the City Council accept the principle of mobile homes

The tour had been organised by Councillor Cornelius Koekemoer in the face of strong opposition from the City Engineer's Department.

Later he told the Mercury: 'After seeing the prototypes, with their outside finish of facebrick, I would certainly not be averse to having one next to my own home which is in a select area of Umhlanga

'Of course they could be overdone in a residential area so it would be wiser to set up parks where we can iron out any problems, gauge public response to the homes and give officials a chance to get used to the idea'

Mr Koekemoer said he had been investigating the feasibility of mobile homes for nearly a year

Manufacturers had sworn him to secrecy until prototypes could be officially unveiled

But the City Engineer's report against mobile homes had threatened the concept which, he said, could be vital to young and retired couples, and he had been forced to get the councillors and officials to see for themselves

He had good reason to believe that the State was looking into the financing of these homes

Services

Building societies were already financing timber homes and other prefabricated structures and financial institutions such as banks were only too happy to finance mobile homes

The houses ranged from two bedrooms and one bathroom to four bedrooms with two bathrooms, and cost between R20 000 and R42 000, including services in the unit.

Where services were already available on site a house could be set up within days

Mr David Alley, an American mobile homes designer, who is acting as a consultant for the South African manufacturer, told councillors that

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Node for mobile homes

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240 000 site-delivered homes had been produced last year in US

Although they were transported to sites they were regarded by their owners as permanent structures with as long a life as any standard house

Mrs Lesley Sprague, chairman of Durban's Health and Housing Committee, commented. 'We are in a crisis situation and I am terribly excited by what we have seen

Economic

'This is the answer to our problem and I will certainly be pressing the council to accept mobile homes within the municipal area'

Mr Barry Clark, Planning Committee chairman, said 'The committee and the chief town planner, Mr Gordon Morgan, were satisfied that the houses are of a very high standard

'It is essential that estates be established where water, electricity and drainage are available

'And while the houses would not meet our economic housing requirements they have a lot of potential for young families and retired couples'

Finance houses are interested in mobile homes

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Municipal Reporter
BUILDING societies and financial institutions are looking into the feasibility of long-term loans for factory-built homes and are keenly interested in a Durban City Council move to establish mobile home estates within the municipal boundaries.

Following the unveiling of several prototypes for

'permanent' mobile homes by a Pinetown company, municipal officials have been instructed to look for suitable areas for estates. And the city's Planning Committee is recommending that the City Council accept the principle of mobile homes.

Yesterday a spokesman for the United Building Society in Durban said long-

term finance for these homes was being investigated by all the major societies. With escalating interest rates it was apparent that building standards would have to be lowered if the man in the street were to have a home at all.

He said 'Of course we would have to ensure that the public gets value for money. We are insisting that the houses we build now must last at least 30 years, and they do. The same would apply to the factory homes.'

Mr Duncan Reekie, general manager of marketing for Stannic, said the finance company was not geared to long-term housing loans but they were taking a close look at the latest developments. They realised the potential growth in the mobile home market. At this stage most park homes were in peri-urban areas and much would depend on the standards laid down by the city council.

However, loans would be reasonably easy to get over a five-year period and the



THE outside of this mobile homes has 'brick' cladding to give the appearance of a conventionally built home

deposit would depend on the borrower's credit rating.

Mr Owen Jones, a consulting engineer on the board of directors for a utility housing company which aims to provide inexpensive housing for young and retired couples, said 'Comhousing is investigating all alternative methods of building. I was very impressed with the standard and finish of the CI prototypes. We have asked the company if they would consider supplying assembly line houses which can be constructed on site rather than prefabricating and transporting them there, as this would reduce costs.'

Court told of orders to arrest shack builders

Mercury Reporter *Mercury 4/8/82*

~~238~~ 125 THE Chief Magistrate and Commissioner of Verulam, Mr Brian Durrant, had instructed his men to have blacks who were building shacks in the Inanda area arrested, a Verulam magistrate was told yesterday.

This was said in evidence by Mr Graeme Sayer, a community services officer of the Port Natal Administration Board seconded to the commissioner, at a trial in the Verulam Magistrate's Court in which 12 blacks are appearing before Mr P S J Labuschagne on a charge of illegally occupying land in the Inanda area

A State witness, Mr Sayer said that when he arrived at a place called Kandy's Farm on April 22, he had found many people erecting structures or attempting to erect structures intended for human occupation and he had instructed the police to arrest them

Under cross-examination by Mr Rabbi Bugwandeen, one of a team of four defence attorneys, Mr Sayer said they had demolished structures that were half-built or were in the process of being built and not yet occupied

He said his department had been asked by seven Indian landowners for assistance to have the shacks on their properties demolished

He agreed that there was a serious shortage of housing for blacks and many people had moved into Inanda because of overcrowding in Kwa Mashu

Sorted

Another witness for the State, Mr Michael Stafford-Mayer, an employee of the Port Natal Administration Board, told the Court that he and his colleagues were concerned about the attitude of Mr Durrant in suddenly clamping down on the shackdwellers

He agreed under cross-examination that the Inanda housing problem should be sorted out administratively rather than bringing a few people to court just for the sake of prosecuting them, which would not really solve the problem

Mr Theodore Vernon Koningkramer, a settlement officer attached to the Department of Co-operation and Development, told the Court that about 300 000 blacks lived in the Inanda area

He said that although his task was basically that of a settlement officer helping to resettle people, he had not yet had the opportunity to do so

He merely carried out the instruction of his superior, Mr Durrant

The hearing continues today

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Mercury Reporter
THERE were sighs of relief in the Verulam Magistrate's Court yesterday when charges against 12 blacks for illegally occupying land in the sprawling shack settlement at Inanda were dismissed by Mr P S J Labuschagne

As he announced his decision at the end of the day-and-a-half-long trial several of the shack-dwellers bowed

Their appearance followed an allegation by the State that they contravened the Black Trust and Land Act of 1936 by occupying dwellings on privately owned land at Inanda without the consent of the Commissioner, Mr Brian du Randt, who is also Chief Magistrate at Verulam

Discharging the accused, Mr Labuschagne said the Court could not find any evidence that they had acted in contravention of the Act

Structures

Earlier, the four-man defence team including Mr Rabbi Bugwandeem, Mr N Israel and Mr Richard Lyster, of the Legal Resources Centre, asked the Court to discharge the accused on the grounds that the State had failed to prove its case

Mr Lyster, who appeared for three of the accused, told the Court that there was no evidence before it to the effect that the accused resided on the land

'In the State's own evidence it is clear that the accused were not residing or occupying the land'

They were arrested while in the process of erecting or preparing to erect structures intended for human occupation.

Suspended

When the trial resumed yesterday, one of the land-owners, Mr Kandaylall Ramnarain, told the Court in evidence that he had about 1 000 tenants on his property in Inanda and many of them occupied the land free of charge after paying R60 for the first year

He admitted giving officials of the Department of Co-operation and Development the right to demolish shacks on his property after he was convicted of housing blacks

He told the Court he had been given a suspended sentence and warned by the magistrate not to allow any further influx of black shackdwellers on his property

'We allowed them to live there as our land was lying barren after we lost our sugarcane growing quota and the black families were in desperate need of housing'

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Municipal Reporter

DURBAN'S Management Committee has approved the principle of mobile homes within the city on condition they conform to South African Bureau of Standards requirements

Manco chairman Neil MacLennan said 'There is a serious difficulty in providing housing at a price which people especially the elderly can afford

Mobile homes which have been widely accepted in America may be one way of overcoming that difficulty so we feel the homes should be encouraged but made subject to regulations to ensure a high standard

City officials have been asked to find sites for mobile home estates. And the full city council will be asked to confirm the Manco recommendation at its next meeting

The homes from two bedrooms with one bathroom to four bedrooms and two bathrooms range from R20 000 to R42 000

Shale

A City Engineer's report says shale found at Cato Manor Clare Estate the Umgeni Valley and slopes, the Duikerfontein area Riverside Phoenix and Newlands East, is expensive, and sometimes impossible to build upon. But such conditions could be used for mobile home estates

Councillor Cornelius Koekemoer, who is spearheading the move to get the houses accepted by the council said last night 'I can give Manco the assurance that these mobile homes are designed and manufactured to the highest standards

'In fact it is the largest commodity manufactured in South Africa with an SABS mark

'The standard of estates will be very high and comply with specifications that have been drawn up by the Province in collaboration with the SABS and other organisations'

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Legal snags delay lease plan

African Affairs
Correspondent

THE 99-YEAR lease scheme will not come into operation at Hambanati township near Tongaat for at least six months and at Lamontville near Durban for at least two years

This was said this week by Mr H D van Wyk, acting director of community services for the Port Natal Administration Board.

An announcement regarding the introduction of the scheme in these two townships was made in Parliament almost a year ago by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof

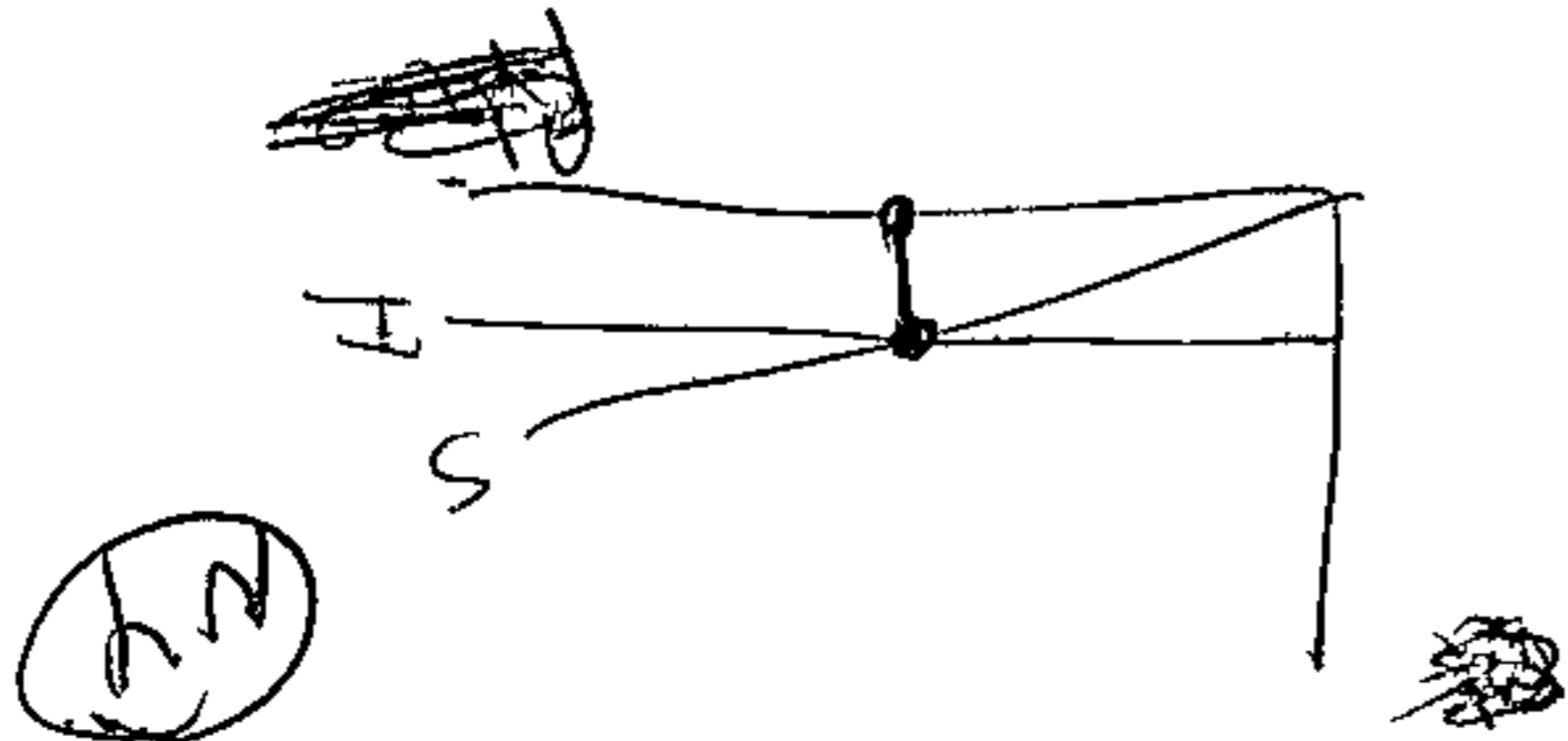
This week the Mercury received a letter from a Lamontville reader complaining about the delay

and saying that, because the scheme was not yet operative, residents had to pay for their own electricity to be installed

Mr van Wyk said the reasons for the delays at Hambanati and Lamontville were unexpected legal hitches in surveying the sites at the former township and snags with the purchase of land at Lamontville from the Durban City Council

He said a town planner had been appointed for the Lamontville project and an amount of R262 000 had been made available for surveying purposes

He explained that, until the 99-year scheme came into operation, residents would have to pay for their electricity themselves



Shale areas still a problem, says City Engineer

Mobile home estates 'not needed'

Municipal Reporter

ANY prefabricated house that has an agreement certificate may be used in Durban's residential areas, and there is no need to create special mobile home estates for them, according to City Engineer Mr Don Macleod, who said the bylaws even allowed for wood and iron houses.

And he warned that mobile homes should not be seen as a solution to the development of areas where there is shale. He also said they were too expensive for subeconomic housing.

The city's Management Committee has ap-

proved the policy of allowing mobile homes in the city and has asked the city's officials to find suitable areas to set up mobile home estates. It has been suggested that the homes would be ideal for use in shale areas.

Yesterday Mr Macleod told the Mercury: 'Mobile homes, which are in the R20 000 to R40 000 range, are not the answer to the economic housing problem. We are not looking at housing in the lower cost range. As far as mobile home estates are concerned, the buildings have got to be erected in terms of provincial regulations

governing such estates

'I don't know whether the Planning Committee and city council will expect us to recommend anything of a lesser standard. But quite apart from having to find suitable areas for the establishment of the estate, the individual plots will have to be serviced with water, sewerage and road access. Those costs will not be insignificant and the estate developers will have to get their money back in the plot rentals.

'At the moment you can't get a bond if you don't own land so mobile home purchasers will

have to take short-term loans from finance houses.'

Mr Macleod said the council had published a list of ecca shale areas a few years ago as a service to the public so no one would unwittingly buy land that would be difficult, if not impossible to build on.

In the case of mobile homes, foundations would have to be dug, drainage systems would have to be installed, roads would have to be cut and there would still be problems in the shale areas.

He predicted problems with rezoning land for mobile home estates, particularly if the landowners saw a potential for high density development. And he couldn't see the council agreeing to run estates.

Those who were calling for a lowering of the city's building standards 'had their heads in the clouds'.

'There is little we can lower as far as standards are concerned,' he said

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'Permanent' residents told to go

By KENNY NAIDOO

HUNDREDS of coloureds Indians and Africans, who have nowhere to go have been ordered to vacate homes in which many of them have lived for more than 30 years

The 165 families, who live in wood-and-iron and wattle and-adobe structures on smallholdings at Rensburg-drift, near Estcourt, have been ordered to demolish their buildings within 60

days

The quit order came from the Department of Health Officials told the families that the buildings, which have inadequate sanitation and no running water, are a potential health hazard

The eviction order expired on July 31 but none of the families has complied

They simply have nowhere to go Although they are officially classified as squatters, the families pay rental to the Indian landowners on whose pro-

perty they live *S. Times*

Mrs Mary Augustine, 63, owner of one of the smallholdings which houses about 30 families, said that representatives of the Department of Health visited the Rensburgdrift area in May

"All the tenants' houses on my property were condemned by the department because the buildings did not comply with health regulations" she said

Department officials warned that legal action would be taken against the property owners

Early this week Mrs Augustine's attorneys issued summonses "for ejection" to all her tenants

Many of the families have lived on Mrs Augustine's smallholding since 1948 and "over the years we have grown into a settled and close-knit community", she said

The average rent paid by tenants is R5 a month but a few families are unable to afford that much

The about 800 people affected are uncertain of their future and are anxiously awaiting their fate

Cholera

Mr Martin Couch, 50, a builder and father of five who has lived in the area for 15 years, said

"I built my house from scratch and lived here happily with my family

"Now that I have been given a few days to move, I don't know what I'm going to do"

People in the area have been prevented by the health authorities from drawing water from nearby ponds because of the cholera threat

Five bore-holes sunk by local land owners in recent years have so far failed to yield significant quantities of water, making it necessary for the residents to obtain water in large drums from Estcourt, 3km away

Mr Rabindranath Bheeki, a member of the South African Indian Council and chairman of the Greytown Local Council, blamed the Government for the problem

More than 50 homes ^{Mercury} ~~to be~~ to be ^{27/8/82} (125) demolished

Mercury Reporter

FIFTY-TWO Indian homes and a small supermarket in Mariannhill are to be demolished to make way for a provincial road which passes through the Indian section of the area to the new black township of Kwa Ndengezi, near Pinetown.

Expropriation notices were issued to landlords earlier this year and were followed up by notices giving families three months to quit their homes.

However, some families and the owner of the supermarket, Mr Steven Govender, were given six months to move out.

Indian Council member for Pinetown, Mr Ismail Patel, said yesterday that several other families who had been affected by the same road had already moved out.

Compensated

He said the Natal Provincial Administration, which was constructing the new road, and the Pinetown Municipality had been sympathetic to the affected families.

'Not only were they fairly compensated, they were told that they could retain all their building material once their houses had been demolished,' said Mr Patel. The Province also had promised to level the ground on which the families planned to build their new homes.

Temporary portable huts have been promised to the families while their new homes were being built, he said.

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Council 'yes'
to black hostel
in white area

Mercury

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE City Council here decided by eight votes to five yesterday to support a proposal that a hostel for 20 black theological students be built in a residential area adjoining the university campus

It was also decided that a petition by Scottsville people condemning the hostel be sent to the Department of Community Development, which would make the final decision

Tracing the history of the proposal, Councillor Harry Lundie, chairman of the town planning, housing and estates committee, said the Lutheran Church's headquarters in Germany had decided that various problems relating to the training of their black ministers could be resolved if a department of theology were established at the university and a hostel built

He said the Church was prepared to give R800 000 towards the Chair in theology as well as a large sum towards providing the library with the necessary books

They planned to build the hostel for black students on a large site they had already bought, for R130 000, across the road from a similar hostel they already owned for their white students

Obvious solution

The reason for the building of a hostel was not because the university could not accommodate the black students but because the Church did not want them to stay in a university residence. They required direct control over their students

However, what had seemed an obvious solution to the Church's headquarters had turned out to be not so obvious in South Africa because of the Group Areas Act, Mr Lundie said

Because the site was very large the proposed hostel could be built well away from anyone who was likely to object

"They have even gone to the extent that they have offered to build a high fence so that nobody can see what is on the property," he said

He added that none of the residents abutting the proposed site for the black hostel had objected when approached by the Church's representative while two out of seven adjoining the existing white hostel had objected to the new building when asked

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African Affairs Correspondent

RENTS in the Sibongile township near Dundee have not been increased for the past 10 years, the chief director of the Drakensberg Administration Board, Mr Roy de Wet, said yesterday

He was commenting on a letter from a township resident that rents were to be increased by up to 100 percent from today

This was in spite of a request from the Sibongile Community Council to the Drakensberg Board that

the increases be phased over two years.

He said the increase of R6 on housing and R3 for hostel accommodation was in order to pay for increased service charges

Mr de Wet said that water and electricity charges at Dundee had been increased

In addition, rent increases in the township had never kept pace with wage increases

'My board cannot carry any further subsidies,' he said 'It is already subsidising 11 townships to the tune of R4 500 000'

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A R800 000 endowment offer to establish a new university degree course is in jeopardy after objections to a plan to house black theology students in a white area.

The Lutheran World Federation's offer has a pre-condition — black students must be provided with adequate accommodation near the campus of the University of Natal, Maritzburg

The city council has voted 8-5 in favour of the plan to house up to 20 black students in Golf Road — a white residential area close to the campus — but the proposal has become the subject of a heated row among some city councillors and some residents

Tension

The Natal Provincial Administration has been drawn into the dispute but its reasons for opposing the plan appear to differ from those of the white residents in the Golf, Carbis and Hutchinson roads area

A petition condemning the plan has been sent to the Department of Community Development

Whites want to ban black parsons-to-be

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One of the 63 signatories to the petition is Mr Dick Jones, director of the Maritzburg Publicity Association and the man who played a key role in making the city's popular Azalea festival a multiracial affair

Mr Jones declined to discuss the issue this week other than to say that he had signed the petition in his private capacity

The petition emphasises that "property values can only drop steeply" if black students are housed in the area

It also says the "differences in culture, background and habits would cause tension between local homeowners and students"

It urges the rejection of the application for a group areas permit by the Lutheran Theological Training Centre for black students to be housed on the Golf Road property bought for R132 000

Detrimental

A letter purported to have come from the provincial secretary and saying that the NPA objected to the plan because the presence of black students would be "detrimen-

tal" to the adjoining Ridge Infants' School has also become the subject of dispute

The letter, read at a city council meeting during a debate on the proposal, was later said to have been signed at a "relatively junior level" without the knowledge of the province's executive committee or the provincial secretary

The statement issued to clarify the NPA's stand in the issue also said that the NPA's objection "relates essentially to a need" to buy the property in question for extensions to the existing school

Mr W R Bezuidenhout, the deputy Provincial Secretary,

said the executive committee would look into the matter.

When the issue came up for debate in the Maritzburg City Council, some councillors said the university should ask the Government for permission to accommodate black students on the campus

Others emphasised that the council should not be made to look racist by opposing the plan

The opposition to the plan has also drawn angry reactions from church leaders

Dr Gunther Wittenberg, a senior divinity lecturer at the University of Natal's Maritzburg campus and director of Lutheran Theological Education, said he was still awaiting a reply to the application for a group areas permit

Quality

According to him the black Lutheran churches are very interested in improving the quality of their theological education, but would support the scheme only if a residence conducive to the study of theology was provided

There was no doubt, he said, that if the application for the permit was turned down it would be the end of the project

Housing loan plan for black workers

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Municipal Reporter

DURBAN'S Management Committee has approved an investment deal for housing loans to the corporation's 8 000 black employees living in KwaZulu areas adjoining the city

The tripartite agreement calls on the City Council to invest in the Corporation for Economic Development.

The CED, in turn, will provide loans to black corporation employees and the KwaZulu Development Corporation will construct the houses

Manco is recommending that the City Council invests R2 000 000 initially to get the scheme underway and provide the first 124 houses on serviced sites in the surrounding black townships

Burden

Town Clerk Mr Gordon Haygarth said 'This is a very important development which will go a long way towards creating a stable work force for the city, particularly of the black upper income group'

Although the scheme was an investment for the city, the ratepayers would have the added burden of staff housing allowances which would add to the cost of services and consumer goods

But the corporation was merely providing the benefits expected of a good employer and assisting in the creation of a stable, well motivated

community

Mr Haygarth said all employers would have to make some contribution if there was to be any solution to the country's housing shortage

Manco chairman Mr Neil MacLennan said the city officials who negotiated the deal had achieved 'a real breakthrough'

Last night Mr Alan Mountain director of the Urban Foundation commented 'Any effort in regard to black housing must be welcomed. The corporation is a major employer of labour and has taken a very important step'

Praise for housing loan scheme for blacks

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Municipal Reporter

BLACK employees throughout Natal stand to benefit from a 'totally new concept' in housing loans which has been initiated by the KwaZulu Development Corporation, according to the senior general manager, Dr Marius Spies

Commenting on a Durban City Council move to make housing loans available to its 8 000 black corporation workers, he said it was a marvellous breakthrough but only the 'tip of an iceberg'

The KDC was negotiating with several other major employers to follow suit

Although he refused to name them, it appears that municipalities, the

South African Transport Services, Iscor and private enterprise are likely to feature

The Mercury learned that the KDC is debarred from receiving funds from private and public companies and pension fund investments, but a newly formed housing company jointly owned by KDC and the Corporation for Economic Development now provides a legal channel for funds

It is a scheme which the KDC has worked on since the severe cutbacks in black housing several years ago

Durban's Management Committee has approved a tripartite agreement in which the council will invest pension fund money in CED stock

Black student hostel bid being considered

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 Pietermaritzburg
 Bureau

THE Department of Community Development is still considering an application by the Lutheran Church to house black theology students in Golf Road near the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

The department's regional representative, Mr L Friedrich, said the application was being dealt with but he could not say how long it would take

A proposal to house up to 20 black students in the white residential area of Scottsville has caused a storm. A petition signed by 63 home-owners strongly opposing the application is also with the department

We will take into account all the circumstances to determine the merits of an application like this, said Mr Friedrich, who added that the application probably would be sent to Pretoria for a final decision

Improve

The Lutheran Church intends developing a property in Golf Road for a residence for black students, a chapel which would provide the spiritual centre for the student community and a library with lecture rooms where additional church-orientated courses would be given

Dr Gunther Wittenberg, of the Lutheran Training Centre, said the black churches wanted to improve the quality of their theological education but would support the scheme only if a place of residence conducive to the study of theology were provided

The City Council has supported the Church.

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R6 m sports complex awaits go-ahead from housing

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Mercury Reporter
WORK on Chatsworth's R6 000 000 sports complex would start as soon as the National Housing Commission gave the go-ahead to Durban City Council to use the R1 700 000 profit from the sale of sub-economic houses in the township for the amenity.

A meeting between the South Durban LAC, the council's Health and Housing Committee, Amenities Committee and Management Committee, agreed to approach the National Housing Commission for permission to use the money for the centralised complex.

Mr V Pillay, vice-chairman of the South Durban LAC, said yesterday that

the amount accrued to the Community Facility Fund to date from the sale of sub economic houses was in excess of R1 700 000.

The LAC wanted the homes to be sold at cost but the council refused and sold them at a profit, he said.

Sale

Subsequent to the sale of the houses the council argued that the profits should be used by the National Housing Commission for the provision of more houses, but the move was opposed by the LAC who asked that the money be ploughed back in the form of community facilities.

He said the objective of making such a decision

was to see that Chatsworth would be provided with the much-needed community facilities since the money was derived from the people of the township.

Mr Pillay said the National Housing Commission had agreed to plough back the money towards amenities, and had granted a special dispensation which was received from the Department of Community Development in July 1982.

He said the LAC pointed out to the council that one of the priorities in Chatsworth was a centralised sports complex, which included a stadium.

The council had allocated R600 000, he said.

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- Youth dies after township mob attack on home of policeman

A 16-YEAR-OLD black youth who was shot in the head during unrest in Sobantu township here on Tuesday night, died in Edendale hospital yesterday.

Graham Radebe and two other youths were wounded after a policeman fired at a crowd of youngsters who had stormed his house in the town just after 9 p m

Graham was rushed to Edendale hospital with a bullet wound in the head and died yesterday morning, according to a hospital spokesman

Another youth, Mhlengi Duma, 15, had two bullets removed from his shoulder and leg, while a third youth, Jabulani Nkosi, 15, is still in hospital with a bullet lodged in his back. His condition is satisfactory

A senior police spokesman said riot police had to use tear-gas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators at the Drakensberg Administration Board offices on Tuesday evening

A number of placard-carrying blacks, mostly youths, were protesting against the R3,90 rent increases which take effect on October 1

Stoned

Protesters were back at the offices again late yesterday and police were still patrolling the area

Trouble started on Tuesday when 50 youths stoned a police car driven by Sgt D B du Plessis of the Mountain Rise Dog Squad who was patrolling the township about 9 p m. The youths then went to the home of Det-Const S M Mthembu of Mendi Street and started stoning his house. The policeman fired five shots, hitting three youths

Three schoolchildren aged between 16 and 17 are due to appear in court today on charges of trespass and malicious damage to property

Mr Roy de Wet, chief director of the administration board, told the Mercury yesterday that Sobantu residents had been informed of the impending increases in service charges a fortnight ago

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

He said on the present budget the board was faced with having to subsidise the township by R842 000, an increase of about R290 000 over 1979/80

'Our board cannot absorb this and service charges have not kept up with the increases in salaries. We are still running Sobantu at a terrific loss,' he said

The average monthly rent was R13,27 which was made up of interest and redemption charges, and service charges, which would increase by R3,90 from tomorrow and again next March

He said a circular had been sent out on Septem-

ber 10 giving a breakdown of the costs of services and maintenance and explaining that those who could not afford the increases could apply through the township manager for assistance

'To date we have not had one application for assistance,' Mr de Wet said

The acting chairman of the Sobantu Community Council, Mr Metcalf Khumalo, said just before a meeting last night to discuss the unrest he was arranging to see the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, about the hikes

The board had bypassed his council, he said

Piped water

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for Inanda

Mercury Reporter

THE long wait by Inanda residents for a piped water supply is expected to end shortly when a section of the sprawling black settlement gets its own supply.

At a meeting at the site in Emephini yesterday local community representatives headed by Mr Rogers Ngcobo met Mr Brian du Randt Commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development to discuss the administration and control of the water supply.

Mr Ngcobo, who is also a local representative of the KwaZulu Government, said afterwards that committees would be appointed at various points in the area to be in charge of reading the water meters and collecting payment for the water used.

'The money will be handed to the commissioner's office in Verulam, he said adding that the committees would be made up of elected representatives of the communities.

Although there would be no immediate piped water supply to individual homes Mr Ngcobo said the community regarded the provision of the water supply as a 'giant leap' for local residents.

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used on mob

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

POLICE used tear-gas yesterday to disperse a crowd of demonstrators in Sobantu township, near Pietermaritzburg, where there have been sporadic disturbances in protest against rent increases

A group of demonstrators gathered near the Drakensberg Administration Board offices were dispersed after police moved in with tear-gas canisters

A road block was set up at the entrance to the township but after the demonstrators had scattered the police left the area

A police spokesman confirmed that there had been a 'disturbance' in the township yesterday morning but said it had not been serious. He said all was quiet in the township by the afternoon

There have been demonstrations against the increase of R3,90 in the monthly rent in the township since Monday this week.

On Tuesday a 17-year-old youth, Mr Graham Radebe, died after shots were fired outside the home of a policeman during a demonstration

The constable's home was burned down after he had been warned to move out following the death of the youth

A police spokesman said that although most of the policeman's furniture had already been moved damage from blaze was valued about R5 000

An arson docket has been opened and police investigations are continuing

Skiboat squad

THE skiboat fishing team which will represent Natal in the interprovincial Evinrude International fishing competition off Rumbley Bay near Cape Town between October 7 and 9 has been chosen. The team is Keith Wertheim (captain) of Richards Bay Skiboat Club, Brian Hart of Shelly Beach Skiboat Club, and Kit Case of Umhlanga Rocks Skiboat Club

Telepho saves u

Crime Reporter

A CHANCE telephone call to Mrs Willemina Johanna Basson, 62, saved her from being stabbed by a black man who had threatened to kill her unless he found money after he had sneaked into her Winston Road home in Westville on Thursday

She picked up the ringing telephone and managed to say into it in Afrikaans that there was a black man with a knife in her bedroom before the knifeman severed the cable

Mrs Basson said yesterday that she and her husband, Louis, 65, were dozing when she woke to find the man with a large knife bending over her

He put the point of the blade against her throat and told her if she screamed she would die

'He kept demanding money I said there was no money in the house and he again said he was going to kill me

'He searched through my handbag and through the drawers and cup-

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Red tape kept needed fire brigade away

Inanda family loses all in blaze

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Mercury Reporter

SIXTEEN people watched their Inanda house burn down at the weekend while the Durban North Fire Department, about 10 km away, was unable to go to their assistance.

Mr S Girdhari, a retired watchmaker of Old Inanda Road, lost his wood and iron house in the blaze which started on Saturday night.

Fifteen other members of Mr Girdhari's family lost their possessions when the large house was razed.



MRS SONI GIRDHARI in the ruins of her home

'We were sitting outside as it was a warm evening, when I smelled smoke, and friends rushed to help us, and the Durban North Fire Department was phoned but said they could not assist as our house was out of their area.'

No one was injured in the blaze, although some of the helpers were cut and bruised while trying to put out the fire with buckets of water, said Mrs Girdhari.

The Girdhari family are now being accommodated by friends and relatives.

Durban's Chief Fire Officer, Mr Steve Smith, said yesterday his department would respond immediately to any call out of the borough if lives were in danger.

If no lives are in danger, then the chief fire officer on duty at the Central Fire Station may authorise an out-of-borough trip once certain factors have been considered, Mr Smith explained.

But we must be assured of a fire hydrant or a reservoir at the blaze and somebody must be prepared to take responsibility for the R700 to R800 account that we charge non-ratepayers for a call-out.

Need

'The next thing we have to take into consideration is the distance and time factor. A fire will engulf a wood and iron house in a matter of minutes, and for us to respond to a call and reach such a house in an unignited area without a water supply would be a futile exercise. There would be nothing left to save.'

I sympathise with the family, and see this incident as only further backing of Durban's need for a metropolitan fire service that can service all areas,' said Mr Smith.

According to Mr Smith, Inanda, Kwa Mashu, Duffs Road and Glenambi are considered beyond the Durban Fire Department's boundaries.

R20 m housing reprieve for city

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Municipal Reporter
DURBAN has been granted permission to call for tenders worth R20-million for 1 750 houses in Phoenix — in spite of a Government freeze on funds

This offers a short reprieve for the city's economic housing projects which have been on the brink of total collapse for several weeks

And a city council deputation is seeking an appointment with the Minister of Community Development to find a long term solution to the problems caused by the Government's about-face in its housing policy

Earlier this week, following an approach by city officials, the Department of Community Development gave verbal permission for the city to advertise the Phoenix tenders

Meanwhile, Durban has a housing backlog of 16 398 for Indians, 1 225 for coloureds and 409 for whites, which promises to escalate at an alarming rate

The council has spent more than R17 million servicing plots in Phoenix and Newlands West

Until the sites are developed and the purchasers pay for the services, the council cannot recover the initial cost

The accumulated interest on the R17 million borrowed from the National Housing Fund is adding to the eventual selling price of the sites

The city had geared itself, and gained the necessary State approval, for a

two-year housing programme worth R70 million — an amount that will not be forthcoming now

The deputation will try to persuade the minister to provide sufficient funds for the council to build homes on the sites it has already serviced

Contracts

Although the Government's new housing policy states clearly that it will provide money to enable Durban to make available serviced sites it is looking to private enterprise to provide money for the construction of the housing

Mr Peter Corbett, chairman of the city's Health and Housing Committee, said the interim contracts would probably keep the massive housing machine ticking over into the next fiscal year

The implications of a total halt to building oper-

ations were frightening and would lead to the City Engineer laying off staff

The only two private contractors involved in economic housing would be forced to close their Natal operations and the housing backlog would reach nightmare proportions

He added that for years the Department of Community Development had had a very rigid and largely inappropriate housing policy

'Suddenly, because of the drastic shortage of funds, the department is trying to radically change policies and they seem to be adopting a more realistic and flexible outlook

'Consequently the City Engineer's Department is investigating a wide range of possible options for self-help, site-and-service, right through to involvement of the private sector'

Proposed rent hikes provoke some bitter reactions

Mercury Reporter

WARNINGS of 'unpredictable consequences' were expressed yesterday in the wake of a shock announcement that a 130 percent rent increase would be levied over the next three years on blacks living in Durban townships which fall under the control of the Port Natal Administration Board

The increases are to be introduced at six-monthly intervals at a rate of 15 percent at a time — but will kick off with a whopping 63 percent hike in the new year

The chief director of the board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, said the only alternative to the 'tariff adjustments' would be Government subsidies — but representations in this regard had not met with success

Administration boards had 'to paddle their own boats' with no financial assistance from central quarters. The Port Natal Board ran at a deficit which would approach R7 000 000 in the next year

His hope

The loss was offset only by sorghum beer sales — a business venture undertaken by the board for its own profit

He hoped the new rent increases would be 'accepted peacefully'

Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the Durban Community Council, a body representing Lamontville residents, said the increases would only invoke more bitterness towards the authorities

Told of Mr du Plessis's statement that the increases were justified by the administration board's monumental deficit, Mr Gasa said 'They have their facts and we have ours. We are aware of all the expenses they incur, but there are other factors involved which I am not at liberty to discuss.'

Less for food

Mr Paddy Kearney, director of Diakoma, said he was appalled at not only the rent increase, but its timing 'which could not have been worse' in the light of the Sobantu disturbances, the recent GST hike and last week's bread price increase.

The move was likely to spark off a new wave of unrest in the townships. Extra rent costs meant less could be spent on food. 'Unpredictable consequences' were to be expected when a person's belly was affected, Mr Kearney said

He hoped the Government would 'come to its senses' and institute a subsidy scheme for townships without delay

Mr du Plessis said administration boards were forced to undertake functions which he believed ought to be paid for, if not handled, by the Government. These included welfare, policing duties, education and training

He had not given up hope that some relief could be forthcoming soon

Restrictions on Sobantu funeral

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Pietermaritzburg Bureau
THE Chief Magistrate here has clamped down on plans for the funeral of S'busiso Graham Radebe in Sobantu village today

The 17-year-old youth died after being shot outside the home of a Sobantu policeman during unrest in the village on September 28, two days before rent increases of R3,90 a household were due

Community leaders had already announced a lengthy funeral programme, scheduled to start at 11 a m at the Sobantu village stadium, when the order was issued restricting the nature and venue of the ceremony, as well as the route mourners may follow

The original programme listed speeches by clergymen as well as ecumenical workers and political, women's and students' organisations

However, in terms of the order granted by Mr R J Liebenberg, the service must be held in the Sobantu village community

hall and the burial at Mountain Rise Cemetery

Neither ceremony may take the form of a political gathering nor may any placards or pamphlets be carried or distributed

The conveyance of both mourners and the coffin, as well as the route they are to follow, are tightly

prescribed

The measures were imposed because he had 'reason to apprehend that the public peace would be seriously endangered, Mr Liebenberg said

A police spokesman said the police intended to keep a low profile, but would be in the vicinity

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Teargas used as

crowds defy police

THIRTY NINE people — 13 women and 26 men — were arrested yesterday during incidents at the funeral of Graham Radebe, 17, of Sobantu, Maritzburg

The young man was killed by a police bullet at a demonstration against rent increases last week.

Restrictions imposed on the funeral proceedings by Maritzburg's chief magistrate were openly defied by several thousand people who attended the funeral at the Maritzburg township of Sobantu

There were tense moments outside the Sobantu Community Hall where riot policemen, accompanied by members of the dog squad, waited for mourners to leave the service

One of the restrictions imposed by the chief magistrate, Mr R J Liebenberg, was that members of the funeral procession had to travel from the service to the burial by "motorised transport"

Defied

The mourners had planned to carry Graham's coffin to the Mountain Rise cemetery — several kilometres away

The mourners defied the court order and set off on foot to the burial and disobeyed police orders to stop. Police then sprayed them with teargas from a "sneeze machine"

Further restrictions were the banning of any form of political protest, "whether by song or speech for, or against, any state, principal or policy, or any government or political party", the stipulation of the route the procession was to follow, and the carrying and distribution of any banners or pamphlets

Sunday Times Reporter

Members of the Press were not allowed to enter the township

But at the cemetery, despite a police warning, the mourners decided to ignore the restrictions, and the police were again forced to use teargas

African Nationalist Congress colours, and the Council of South African Students banners were prominent among black power salutes

Union and community leaders spoke at length during the service. Pamphlets outlining the reasons for the unrest during the previous week were also handed out

Major N C Steyn said that several people were arrested for failing to comply with the magistrate's order. They were charged under the Criminal Procedures Act.

"They marched back to Sobantu and began to congregate at the hall. They also stoned police vehicles in the vicinity"

Meanwhile, the Sobantu Community Council delegation which flew to Pretoria to discuss the rent increases with Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of the Department of Co-operation and Development, were told that a decision on the increases would be taken by the Minister next week

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PART of the crowd who attended the funeral of 17-year-old Grahame Radebe, shot dead during a demonstration against rent increases.

39 held after funeral march

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

RIOT police arrested 39 people and used tear-gas on a huge crowd attending the funeral in Sobantu on Saturday of 17-year-old Graham Radebe, who died after having been shot during unrest over rent increases

The crowd, estimated by some at more than 3 000, packed the Sobantu village community hall and stood outside listening to speeches by religious trade union, student and political leaders

Police did not interrupt proceedings, in spite of a Court order granted on Friday by the capital's Chief Magistrate prohibiting political speeches because, he believed, the public peace could be 'seriously endangered'

However, after the coffin had been carried from the hall, hundreds accompanied it on foot, in contravention of the

order which stated they had to travel by car. The police then moved in

Bystanders described scenes of confusion and panic as thousands fled from the tear-gas and riot police in camouflage uniforms bundled mourners into waiting vans

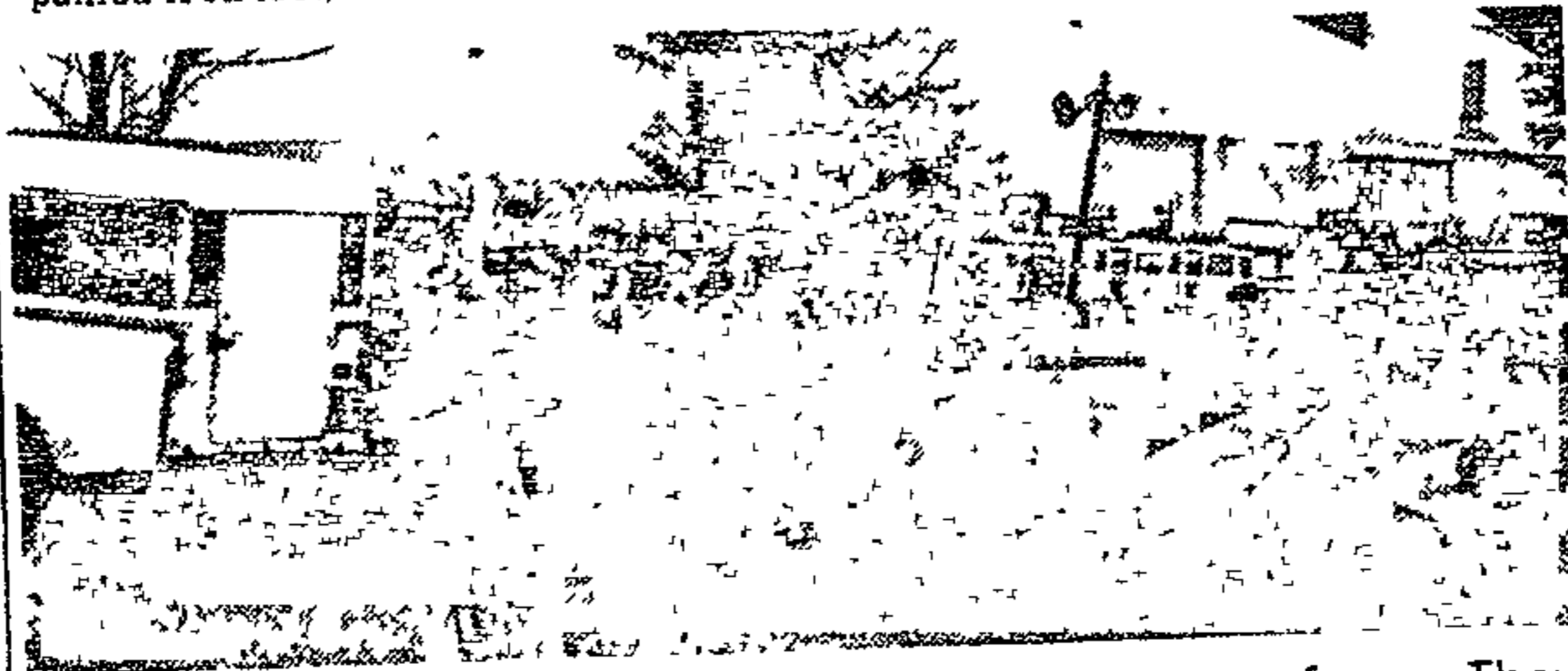
A police spokesman confirmed 26 men and 13 women were to be charged under the Internal Security Act.

Five police vehicles had been stoned during the funeral.

The Mercury was refused permission by the Drakensoerg Administration Board to send a reporter into the village for the funeral

After applying at the board's office in the city on Friday morning a reporter was told when he arrived at Sobantu that permission had not been granted and he would have to leave

No reasons were given



POLICE wearing tear-gas masks and anti-riot uniform. They dispelled a crowd of about 3 000 people at the Sobantu Community Hall, near Pietermaritzburg on Saturday, and arrested 39 people.

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Police use teargas, arrest 39 at funeral

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Own Correspondent

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Young people in the crowd give the clenched fist salute at the Radebe funeral in Maritzburg on Saturday

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captives into waiting vans

A police spokesman has since confirmed that 26 men and 13 women are to be charged under the Internal Security Act

He confirmed reports that five police vehicles were stoned during the funeral

Mr Khan's wish may not come true

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Mercury Reporter
KINGSBURGH'S lone In-
dian property owner,
94-year-old Jaffer
Khan, whose aim of
building his dream
home was strangled by
red-tape, may never
realise his ambition

Frail and ill, Mr Khan is
confined to his bed at
his Merebank, Durban,
home after suffering a
second blow within a
week and 'is not in a po-
sition to continue his
battle', according to one
of his sons, who asked
not to be named

'One of my brothers died
after a sudden illness
last week and the sec-
ond shock for my dad
was a move by the
Kingsburgh Town
Council to bar non-
whites from its beach.

'My dad is most upset by
the move, particularly
as no consideration has
been given to the fact
that he is still a bona
fide property owner and
a ratepayer of the town,'
he said

Mr Khan, who bought his
Illovo Beach plot —
which falls under the
jurisdiction of the
Kingsburgh Town
Council — at an auction
more than 30 years ago,
was not allowed to
build on it although he
continued to pay rates.

Meanwhile, a spokesman
for the Kingsburgh
Town Council yester-
day reiterated that the
council's application to
have its beach zoned for
whites-only was not ra-

cially inspired.

Mr Raymond Haslam,
MEC, told the Mercury
yesterday that a special
committee had been ap-
pointed by the Execu-
tive Committee to
investigate the whole
question of the use of
beaches by different
race groups

He said no decision would
be made on Kings-
burgh's application un-
til the committee had
submitted its report
which he expected
within about 30 days
'We as a provincial
council acknowlege the
fact that local authori-
ties should be encour-
aged to provide
facilities for other
groups.

Zoning

'To this end the Province
budgets money each
year to assist local au-
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ing facilities for the
race groups on beaches
in Natal

Mr Ismail Moolla, of
Umzinto, who is
spearheading a cam-
paign against racial
zoning of beaches on
the South Coast, said
there was growing pub-
lic support for his
campaign

He said the Indian and col-
oured communities
were furious that peo-
ple sought to divide
people of colour instead
of working towards ra-
cial harmony

By Jeremy Rees

A UTILITY housing company is coming to the rescue of young married couples with a project that will provide 71 homes in Pinetown below current market prices

Com Housing, a non-profit-making company established in terms of section 21 of the Companies Act, has bought land in Pinetown at a sub-economic price and will build architect-designed low-cost homes for approved applicants

Preference will be given to people who live or work in Pinetown and special consideration will apply to those who have completed or are engaged in national service

Nine plans have been drawn up by the company's architects and these include a two-bedroom house with provision for adding on a third bedroom when this becomes necessary

The chairman of Com Housing, Senator Hendrik Klopper, has signed a contract with the mayor of Pinetown, Councillor Michael Wheelwright, to buy the fully serviced stands

Low-cost homes plan

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in Extension 58 — a picturesque area only 3 kilometres from the town centre

"It looks promising," says the Com Housing chief "There is lots of competition for the contracting and for supply of materials and we must build as cheaply as possible"

The company had hoped to start building shortly, but the plans have not yet been submitted for approval and construction work will now get going in January

A committee has been appointed to consider the hundreds of applications already received and selling will probably be on plan

The land was bought by special arrangement at virtually cost price and as the

tax-exempt company will be buying and contracting in bulk the completed houses will be offered at an attractive figure

"We cannot commit ourselves on prices at this stage, but our quantity surveyors are optimistic the houses can be built economically," says the senator

Pinetown treasurer Philippe Fleuriot says the 71 stands of about 900 square metres each are part of a township that it was decided to develop many years ago, but after the infrastructure had been provided including roads, water connection and sewerage a legal snag was discovered

"Because the township had

been partly financed by the Department of Community Development the municipality was bound by the regulations of the housing code which prevented the developed stands being sold for more than R19 000

"This was a totally unrealistic amount so since 1974 when we finished servicing the lots, the property has remained sterile"

Now agreement has been reached whereby the whole township consisting of 407 special residential stands, seven commercial lots and two school sites and sports grounds can be developed

Com Housing has until July 1985 to complete the houses on their stands

BLACK HOUSING

High rise rentals

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The finances of the Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) are in a parlous state. The accumulated deficit on the five townships under the board's control is currently running at R5,9m. If additional revenue is not received soon, this figure could escalate to R7,8m by the end of the financial year.

To get itself out of the red, PNAB has proposed that the rents of township houses and hostel accommodation should be increased by a whopping 60% from early next year, followed by 15% rises at six-monthly intervals over the next three years. The effect of the increases means that, from next year, the rent of an average three-bedroomed house in Lamontville will rise from R18,32 to R29,85 and a five-bedroomed house from R26,09 to R42,60.

Hostel accommodation, which varies in accordance with the number of shared beds, rises from between R7 and R16 a month to R11 and R21 a month. Chief director of PNAB, Hennie du Plessis, admits that the increases are likely to prove punishing to township blacks, particularly in view of the depressed economic situation. But, he maintains, they were unavoidable. Rents, he says, make up a major portion of the board's income, the other being fees from the registration of employees, busi-

ness licences and sorghum beer sales.

Registration fees, Du Plessis contends, cannot be readily increased. While the R6m annual profit generated by sorghum beer sales has helped offset previous deficits, there is a danger that this source of income could dry up. The Competitions Board has recommended that State institutions should desist from direct involvement in commercial enterprises. Despite regular tariff increases over the past three years, Du Plessis says "Costs have caught up with us and pushed our expenditure beyond what we budgeted for."

In the main, the additional expenditure has gone on the provision of services such as electricity, water and refuse removal as well as the maintenance of roads and buildings.

Community reaction

Community reaction to the proposed increases has been varied. Du Plessis says several of the community councils have accepted them and have instructed the board to continue while others have rejected them.

"A lot depends on the attitude of the councils and the township residents themselves," he says. In Maritzburg, a recent decision by the Drakensberg Administration Board (DAK) to increase rents in Sobantu Village by R3,90 a month provoked a decidedly hostile reaction. In the riot that fol-

lowed, one youth was shot and killed and several others injured. Du Plessis says he is hoping that similar violence will not flare up in the townships under PNAB's control. In fact, their whole strategy has been designed to avoid it.

Community councils and advisory boards, he says, have been kept constantly informed about the increases and they, in turn, have passed on the information to the residents. It is precisely the lack of this kind of communication which is being blamed for the ugly scenes in Sobantu. Community councillors claim that at no stage were they informed about the increases and that DAK just went its own way.

The allegations are hotly denied by DAK's Roy de Wet. He says the community council was informed about the pending in-

creases on at least five occasions. Other board sources maintain that the incident at Sobantu was largely politically motivated. They note that there was no violence in any of the other 13 DAK townships that faced similar increases.

Du Plessis' argument that the rent increases were unavoidable has some merit. Government expects the boards to be self-financing, but there is no doubt that they, too, have been caught up in the inflation that is afflicting other sectors of the economy.

Not everyone, though, takes a sympathetic view of the board's position. Says Moonlight Gasa, chairman of Lamontville's community council "They have their facts and we have ours."

A direct government subsidy would ease PNAB's predicament, but Du Plessis ad-

mits he can't see it happening. Government, he points out, has never given any direct aid to local authorities and any assistance to black communities would only be construed as reverse discrimination. However, he is hoping PNAB can tap government funds via another route. The board, he says, does provide some of the services of the central government through its police force and welfare work. He sees no reason why government shouldn't make a contribution "in lieu of services rendered."

A formal proposal to this effect has been put forward by the Institute of Administrators of Community Affairs and government's reply is now being anxiously awaited. Says Du Plessis "We have made our case strong enough to warrant attention. We're now holding thumbs that it will result in a positive response."

The Inanda homes miracle

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By JEREMY REES

INANDA New Town is a modern miracle of "the housing of the 5 000" with the Urban Foundation playing a leading role in organising homes for a multitude of lower income blacks on the self-help principle.

A housing crisis came to a head with a typhoid outbreak in 1979 and the Inanda New Town project was formulated in April 1980. People started moving in four months later and the scheme moved into top gear in May 1981 after political and other difficulties had been overcome.

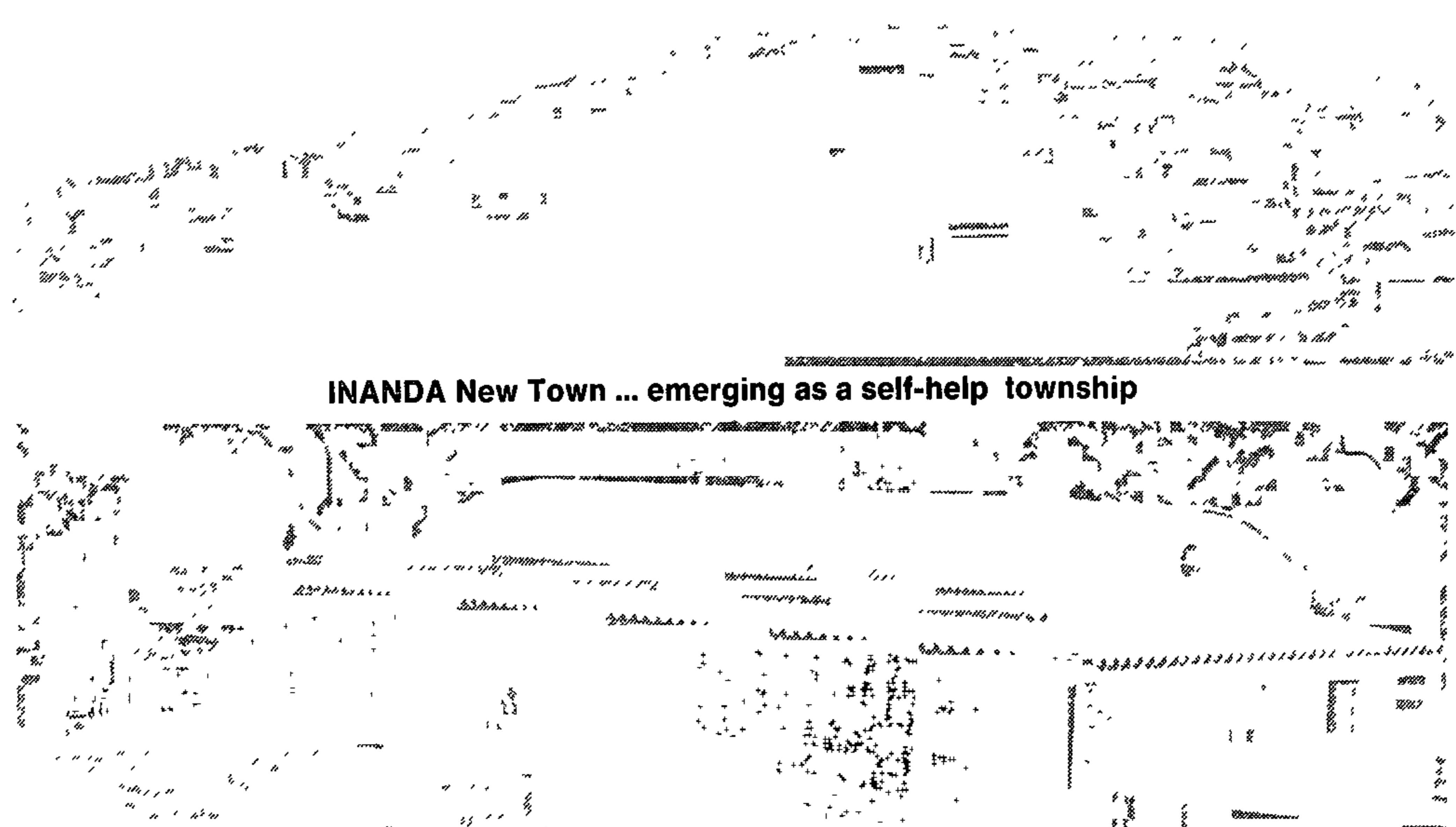
More than 4 000 plots were carved out of 250 hectares of vacant government land with road access provided and water points laid on by the Department of Co-operation and Development.

A patchwork of motley temporary homes sprung up including wattle and daub huts, government-supplied tents and "Toyota" packing-crate shelters, but the scene is quickly changing with permanent brick and asbestos structures taking over.

All the stands were soon allocated and the Government came up with R2-million for housing loans.

Security of tenure is by deed of grant and now more than 80 approved houses a month are being completed.

The Urban Foundation is at the wheel of a remarkable self-help project which is proving that South Africa's massive black housing prob-



INANDA New Town ... emerging as a self-help township

A SCHOOL provided for Inanda New Town fulfills a vital need in this growing black suburb

lem can be tackled on a self-help basis.

The regional director of the Foundation, Alan Mountain, says Durban's real housing problems are out of sight "on the other side of the hill" in the black areas.

"The position has been aggravated by the unavailability of serviced land and lack of access to building society funds. The gap is widening and there has to be a new approach to the problem," he says.

The Foundation acts as co-ordinator — bringing together all the parties involved, providing the vital liaison, and setting

up an advice centre to help with training and any building hurdles.

Each stand is a minimum of 200 square metres and loans are provided up to a maximum of R2 500 with a deposit of 10 percent required.

A total of nearly 780 homes have so far been completed and the rate of building has risen to 80 a month.

Three primary schools and one secondary school have been built by the Department of Education and Training and a large community hall has been provided through the Urban Foundation.

There are five different plans of simple design, and each with its own permutations, available for owners who can decide whether to build the houses themselves or have a contractor do the work for them.

Contractors are able to take advantage of the bulk factor and some can produce a finished dwelling in less than one week at a low cost. The Foundation has also negotiated bulk materials at reduced prices.

The houses cost from R1 200 to R5 100 and the difference between the approved loan and the final cost must be found

by the applicant or provided by his employer.

Repayments average R15 a month with a proportion going towards paying off the house — and for people who would otherwise have had no hope of owning their own homes the project has been nothing short of miraculous.

There are still problems to be overcome and sewerage is one of these. At the moment sewerage depends on the pit system — an unsophisticated septic tank.

But there has been no repetition of the typhoid outbreak that gave birth to the Inanda New Town

scheme and before long housing will have been provided for nearly 30 000 people — no mean feat in such a short time.

The Urban Foundation was formed as a result of a businessmen's conference in 1976 when the private sector showed a willingness to become involved with South Africa's housing predicament and the Foundation concerns itself with housing, education and job creation.

Its latest project at Inanda has been an example of what can be achieved with limited help from Government and other sources.

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Residents riot over rent

CROWDS went on the rampage in Sobantu Village near Pietermaritzburg last week and caused thousands of rands damage to beer halls, community council offices and the community hall, the SABC reports

The disturbances fol-

lowed an announcement by Drakensberg Administration Board officials that the R3,90 a month rent increases would be going through, despite protests from residents of the black suburb

Four shots were fired

but no one was injured

Eight men and two women, aged from 15 to 50 were arrested on charges of possessing stolen property, mainly liquor, from the beer halls. Another man was charged with house-breaking and theft.

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Food aid

HARARE—The Minister of Agriculture, Senator Denis Norman, yesterday received the first 1 000-ton milk powder consignment of the four-year food aid from the European Economic Community's representative here, Mr Andrew Vanhaeverbeke — (Sapa)

Six hanged

PRETORIA—Six men were executed in the Pretoria Central Prison on Monday for murder and rape — (Sapa)

City seeks increased borrowing

Municipal Reporter

DURBAN'S City Treasurer, Mr Ossie Gorven, wants the city's borrowing powers extended to R500-million for the next five years

Presently the city has provincial authority to borrow R335 million, but has not used the full quota because the council has used its own internal sources to meet capital needs

In a report, which the city council will consider on Monday, Mr Gorven said the situation has changed.

The city had been empowered to invest in rent producing property, which would be financed internally and increase income without burdening the ratepayer

The council now needed to embark 'on a more felixible investment and capital financing policy'

Internal funds could be used as an income producer and, unless interest rates on the open market were too high, capital needs could be borrowed from outside sources

Parents write to PM over rugby row

GRAAFF-REINET—Angry parents here have written to the Prime Minister and several Cabinet Ministers over the decision by the headmaster of the Volks High School to ban his

The magistrate immediately recalled to the witness box Dr Norman Jacobson, the district surgeon who saw the wounds on the detainee, Mr Shirish Nanabhai

Dr Jacobson told the inquest on Tuesday how he had found 'circular, punctate scars the size of 10 c pieces' on Mr Nanabhai's upper arms when he had visited him in detention

Mr Nanabhai had complained of receiving electric shocks through his arms during his interrogation

Back in the witness box yesterday, Dr Jacobson was presented with the instrument, described by Mr Bizos as a button electrode used by physiotherapists to treat waste muscle with electric currents

Possibility

Dr Jacobson agreed that the electrode was also the size of a 10c piece, and was covered with a punctate cloth designed to prevent the current burning the skin. The cloth was more punctate than Mr Nanabhai's wounds, the district surgeon said

He said there was 'a distinct possibility' that this was the instrument which had caused Mr Nanabhai's wounds

The electrode was freely available to physiotherapists and hospitals, he said

Cross-examined by Mr Pieter Schabert, SC, for the Minister of Law and Order, the district surgeon admitted he had never seen this instrument before and had no expert knowledge on its use or effects

Maj Arthur Cronwright, head of the John Vorster Square interrogation team, was also recalled to the witness box

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He said he had asked for a conversation between former detainee Mr Aurret van Heerden and the Deputy Attorney-General to be tape recorded because he did not trust Mr van Heerden and thought he might change his statement.

Mr Swanepoel had given him the tape afterwards, but it was blank. He denied that he had asked Mr Swanepoel what Mr van Heerden had said

Mr Bizos asked why he suddenly lost interest in what Mr Van Heerden had said. Maj Cronwright denied that it was because he already knew what was said

'I put it to you that you and your colleagues have adopted an attitude to

New township to replace shacks

Mercury Reporter

A MAJOR part of Malagazi, predominantly occupied by Indian shack dwellers, will soon be developed into a township for Indians, Mr Harry Reddy, Isipingo's Town Clerk, said yesterday

Mr Reddy said a meeting would be held shortly with the landowners of the area to negotiate a council takeover

However, he warned that if the property owners were reluctant to sell the land, about 80 ha, the council would have no option but to apply to the Minister of Community Development for authority to expropriate

He said shackdwellers at Malagazi were tenants of the land owners and would have to be given alternative accommodation

'A large portion of Malagazi has been frozen by the council and even new shacks cannot be erected in the area,' said Mr Reddy, adding that the council had a record of the number of shacks in Malagazi and the number of people living in them

Mr Reddy said that as soon as the council negotiated for the land it would put into effect a town-planning scheme

Meanwhile, Isipingo Town Council is awaiting completion of about 500 units at its new Orient Hill township which are expected to be ready by the end of 1982

'After the units are completed we hope to start with phase two in Lotus Park and Orient Hill but this will depend on the availability of funds from the National Housing Commission,' Mr Reddy said

More than 1 000 units would be built in the two later phases, he said

Fees up

JOHANNESBURG—The University of the Witwatersrand is to increase tuition fees by about 15 percent and residence fees by 18,5 percent from the beginning of next year — (Sapa)

22, and Leon de Kok, 24, who were convicted of obstructing a traffic officer in the course of his duty and causing a disturbance

As a result of their actions, the traffic officer, Mr A D Williams, had been close to tears and had indicated his intentions of resigning from the force, it was claimed

Mr Fisser said the Court should be seen to protect traffic officers from people who hindered them while carrying out their lawful duties

Unpleasant

Evidence was that on September 4 the accused noticed that traffic officer Williams had stopped a young black man on a bicycle and was busy issuing a summons

It was alleged that the accused had interfered with him and that they and their companions had started passing loud remarks which caused a crowd to gather

Passing sentence, magistrate Mr B T G Delabat said that if the Court allowed such acts to go undeterred the already difficult and unpleasant work of traffic officials would become much more difficult to perform

He said if the Courts did not act the public would feel free to openly oppose officials which would inevitably lead to peace officers fearing for their own safety in the course of their duties

Shapland was fined a total of R80 (or 40 days) and De kok R60 (or 30 days)

Death of overseas visitor

Mercury Reporter

AN OVERSEAS visitor, who was injured in a car accident on the Highflats-Umzinto road recently, died on Saturday

According to a Highflats police spokesman Mr Ahmed Essop Mohammed's car rounded a bend, 'side-swiped' a car travelling in the opposite direction, went out of control and hit a crash barrier

He was travelling alone at the time. The three occupants of the other car escaped uninjured

Mr Mohammed's brother, Mr Suleman Bux, said the accident happened on Thursday, October 14, and he was not sure what had caused it.

Mr Mohammed was taken to Wentworth Hospital in Durban

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HOUSING

Durban runs dry

FM 29/10/82 (125)

Durban's coloured and Indian housing programme has been badly set back by the abrupt halt in government finance through the National Housing Commission (NHC). The NHC has instructed the Durban City Council (DCC) not to permit any new housing contracts in Newlands West or Phoenix because it is desperately short of funds.

Other local authorities who rely on NHC finance have been similarly penalised, but Durban deserves special comment. Over the past five years the DCC has made great strides in eliminating its housing backlog — particularly for Indians. From a low point of 1 500 units completed in 1976, the city has worked up to the stage where it is now handing over an average of 4 000 houses a year.

Deputy city engineer Tom Bryce tells the *FM* that if this rate of building could be

maintained, the housing backlog could be wiped out in a few years. Bryce estimates the current housing backlog for Indians at 16 000 families, which he says is growing at a rate of 2 000 families/year. To sustain such an intense building programme, he says the city has had to invest huge sums in the servicing of township land. Servicing to various degrees has now been completed on 4 000 sites at a cost of R17m.

But while government waits for its cash flow to improve before it re-allocates funds for housing, interest redemption charges on the services are costing the city R1m/year. Bryce maintains that it is imperative that government "turn on the tap" again. Unless at least 2 000 houses/year are built the backlog will merely be exacerbated.

The situation is deemed so serious that a deputation from the DCC is seeking an audience with Minister of Community Development, Pen Kotze, to discuss the matter.

Bryce raises another issue. He says services have been put in on the basis of building free-standing houses, duplexes and flats. But government is showing increasing sympathy for self-help schemes. "We must get a directive on which way we're going so that we can channel our resources in the right direction," he says. Other alternatives to get the housing programme moving again, he suggests, could lie in selling off individual plots to allow people to build their own homes, inviting the private sector

to involve itself in township development or using institutional money such as Sanlam's contribution to NHC developments in Cape Town.

Coastal homeless must wait two years

By TICKS CHETTY

HUNDREDS of Indians and coloureds in a huge coastal industrial complex will have to wait at least two years for permanent homes — although two areas were proclaimed for them more than a year ago.

Meanwhile scores of families in the Richards Bay area will have to continue using makeshift accommodation.

Although the Government proclaimed two areas in Richards Bay in July last year for coloured and Indian occupation, work on the first permanent homes is not expected to start before 1984.

The Indian Council's Mr S V Naicker, negotiating with the Department of Community Development for homes for Indians in the area, said this week that 1 250 plots had been earmarked for Indians and coloureds in draft plans for the development.

He said he expected the new townships to be a combination of owner-built and sub-economic homes.

Mr Naicker said that soon after the areas had been proclaimed the Government had to expropriate white-owned properties in the area.

Assurance

The Government had now completed its expropriation of more than 400 hectares.

Mr Naicker, who also serves on the Co-ordinating Committee for Richards Bay and Empangeni, said he had now asked the Department of Community Development to allow Indians to occupy buildings vacated in the expropriated areas.

"This will be a temporary measure but I am sure it will help alleviate the critical shortage.

"I am awaiting a date to inspect the buildings with members of the department and the Richards Bay town clerk's office."

Mr Naicker said he had been assured that work would start as soon as possible.

He said at least 650 Indian families were seeking homes.

Landlords 'exploited' by 'low-rental' tenants

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Mercury Reporter

A CLAIM that landlords were exploiting tenants by charging them exorbitant rents was rejected at a meeting of the South African Indian Council in Durban yesterday

Mr A G Joosab, executive member of the council, told the meeting that in many cases tenants were 'exploiting' landlords by paying 'low' rents

During a lively debate on the proposed moves for the introduction of rent control on all commercial and residential buildings, Mr

Joosab said he owned many blocks of flats in the Sydenham area and was in fact subsidising the rents of most of his tenants

'For a one-bedroom flat I charge R80 a month. If I took into account the increases in bond rates, water and electricity charges I would have to increase that rent to R180 a month

'But I have limited the increase to R100 because it will be unfair to burden the tenants. In fact I decided to meet the short-fall,' he said, pointing out that he was not opposed to

rent control

Calling for the compulsory imposition of rent control on all commercial and residential buildings throughout the Republic, Mr Muthusamy Thaver, the member for Chatsworth, said thousands of tenants were being forced to pay high rents because landlords had a free hand in increasing them

The meeting accepted a recommendation by executive chairman Amichand Rajbansi to support rent control on condition that landlords would be permitted to get a fair return on their investments

Govt gives R500 000 to non-profit housing company

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Municipal Reporter

A NON-PROFIT company launched by a group of Natal businessmen and politicians to ease the housing shortage for whites, Indians and coloureds was given R500 000 by the Government yesterday to finance 20 houses for young white and coloured families in Pinetown and Mariann-ridge

And the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, indicated that bridging finance would be available to other utility companies

The Durban-based utility company, Comm-housing, will build two and three bedroomed homes, ranging in price from R17 000 to R28 000

The chairman, Mr Hendrik Klopper, said a

businessman and member of the S A Indian Council, Mr A Baker, had loaned the company R10 000, interest free, for five years. There had also been several promises of financial assistance from the private sector if the Government was seen to lend financial support to the project

Looking

Although the price of the plots has still to be announced, Mr Klopper, said Pinetown Council had been 'very generous' over the price of 71 fully serviced plots in Extension 58 on the Mariannahill road

The company is also looking for land in Indian areas and plans to do its own building to keep costs down. Initially couples

will need ordinary bond financing

Mr Kotze said there was a dire need for utility housing companies to cater for people who could not afford to buy homes but were earning too much to qualify for State-assisted housing

Mr Michael Wheelwright, Pinetown's Mayor, said he was 'slightly disappointed' in the extent of the State bridging finance

Pinetown intended making another 279 plots available and if the project was to really get underway it would need very much more than R500 000.

Mrs E Rose, a coloured member of the President's Council said she was 'absolutely delighted' with the State finance

Non-white joins Commhousing

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Municipal Reporter

MR ABOO Baker Ismail, a member of the South African Indian Council, has become the first non-white appointed to the board of Commhousing, a non-profit company which aims to ease the housing shortage in Natal

Commhousing chairman, Mr Hendrik Klopper said Mr Baker was 'a well-respected property developer with considerable experience in the building industry'.

On Friday the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, announced that the State was giving the company R500 000 as bridging finance for 10 houses for whites in Pinetown and 10 houses for coloureds in Mariannridge. He indicated that similar assistance would be given to other utility housing companies.

Mr Baker loaned the

company R10 000, interest free, for five years and, Mr Klopper, says there have been promises of more to come from the private sector who wanted to see the Government support the project before committing themselves.

The former Senator said 257 letters of enquiry had been received since the announcement that Commhousing had acquired land in Extension 58 Mariannhill Road, where Pinetown Municipality has made 71 fully serviced plots available at a very reasonable price.

The area was ideally suited to young families, being near a school and shopping centre, but while preference was being given to younger people, it did not mean older applicants would be ignored.

Commhousing is negotiating for another 279 plots in Pinetown.

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The black housing gap

By MARK LOUDON
Pietermaritzburg
Bureau

No money, no land, too many laws

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NATAL employers are virtually powerless to respond to Government appeals to help their black staff find housing

This emerged from a Mercury investigation into the provision of black housing in Durban and Pietermaritzburg, following repeated statements by cabinet ministers and officials that the burden of housing is beyond the means of the State, and that the individual and private sectors must now play their part

The shift in policy comes as housing shortages in urban black areas throughout the country are estimated to have reached 500 000 — the equivalent of homes for 3 000 000 people

In Durban alone, recent research showed that 93 000 houses were required, while half a million people were living in shacks around the city limits

Although the Mercury's inquiries centred initially on the financing of homes, it soon became apparent that the current scarcity of available land for building in the various black townships was at least as much of a stumbling block as the lack of money

Approaches to all the government and quasi-government agencies involved in the provision of black homes failed to uncover any significant reserves of land for use by employers anxious to help their staff, while most stated flatly that they had nothing available at the moment.

Lack of mobility

The problem of finding building sites is made far worse by the lack of mobility of black people who are required in many cases to 'qualify', by virtue of their tribe, past address and marital status, to live in specific townships

Still another problem is the variety of tenures over land, with tribal tenure, occupational rights, deed of grant, 99-year leasehold and even freehold among the possibilities — assuming land can be found and paid for

Spokesmen for the KwaZulu Development Corporation (KDC), the Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) and the Drakensberg Administration Board (DAK) conceded they had serious shortages of building sites, although in each case they said plans were under way to rectify the situation, at least for a while

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation and Development said she could not give a straight answer to the question of land availability within the time available as it depended on so many factors. Each case would have to be treated individually

Where large numbers of sites have been made freely available to all comers, such as at the Inanda, Newtown and Folweni site-and-service schemes, these have been snapped up and built upon by their occupants within months

The regional director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Alan Mountain, agreed that employers were finding it difficult or impossible to help their black staff, no matter how much money they were prepared to invest

Guarantees needed

He pointed out that building societies were 'dying' to lend money, but in Natal this generally meant land within KwaZulu — and guarantees on land tenure underwritten by the South African Reserve Bank would have to be given before they would regard their money as secure.

Meanwhile claims have been levelled against the building society movement to the effect that they were allowing blacks to subsidise white housing through their savings deposits.

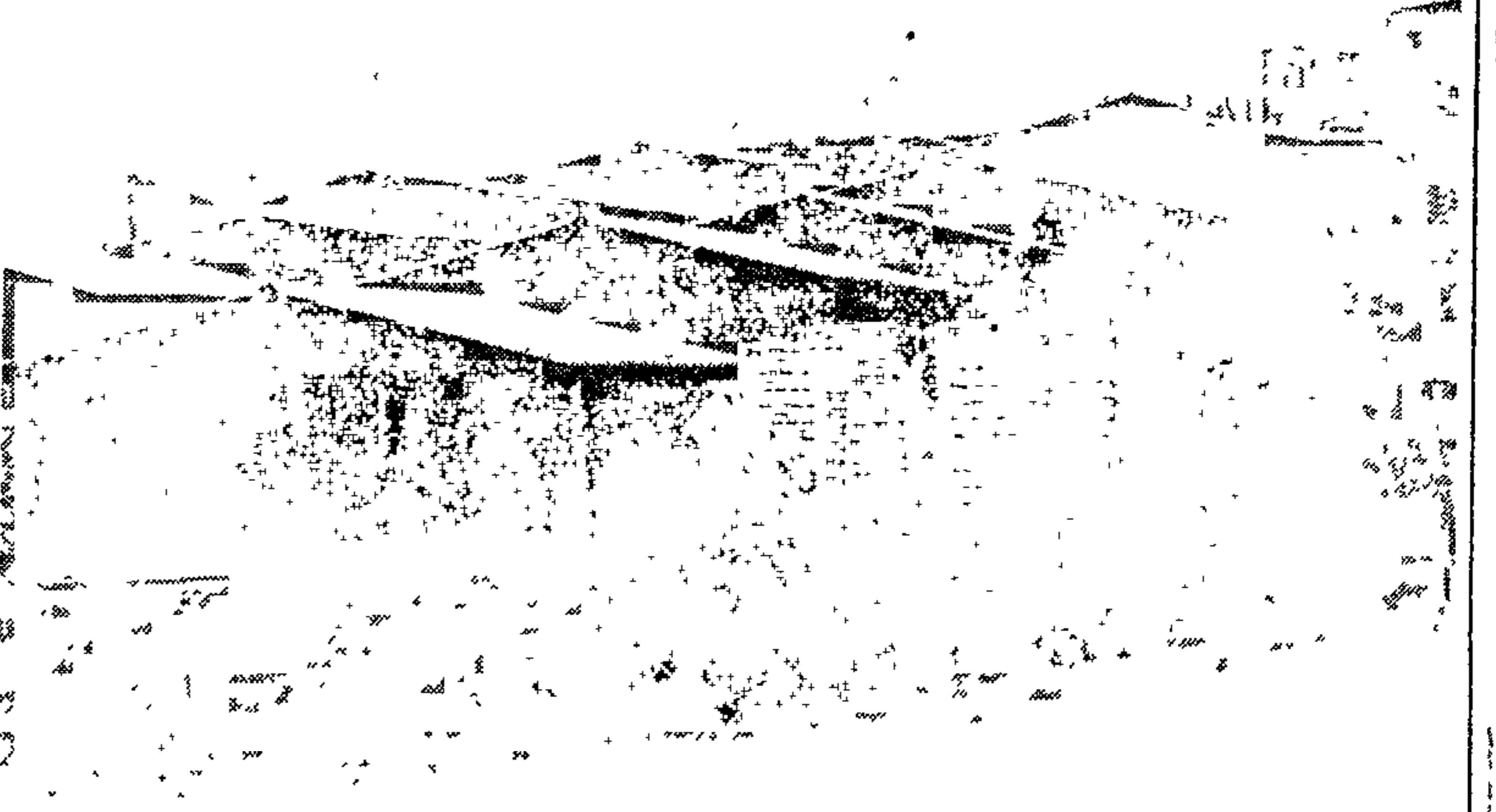
The liaison manager of the KDC, Mr Arthur Konigkramer, said financial restrictions were their main problem, and if these were to be overcome other difficulties, among them the provision of land, were likely to be resolved.

He revealed that a new institution, to be known as the KwaZulu Housing Company (Pty) Ltd, was on the point of being registered, with the aim of tapping the financial resources of both private and public corporations,



THESE privately built homes were put up for better-off residents of the formal KwaZulu township of Umlazi with loans provided by the KwaZulu Development Corporation and at costs of up to R20 000. Below: Homes at Folweni site-and-service scheme, like those at

Umlazi, were built privately, but the more modest level of infrastructure and building standards means they cost a tenth of their equivalent in the formal townships while still providing comparable living space.



and in particular pension fund investments

In the past the KDC had lent money for home building both in Durban and Pietermaritzburg townships, in much the same way as building societies — although at lower interest rates.

This had resulted in 500 homes being built on behalf of 16 companies for their employees, while a further 3 000 homes had been financed for private individuals

In the case of companies,

the employer was usually asked to invest half the money, while the KDC financed the balance. The house remained registered in the name of the employee.

For individual home-seekers, a 10 percent deposit was sought and their monthly repayments were limited to a quarter of their income.

Unlike building societies, however, the KDC was not legally permitted to receive investments, so their revenue was limited to free-share capital, borrowings and their own revenue mainly from breweries and loan repayments

high standard with plastered walls and proper windows and doors. Water standpipes on street corners, storm-water drains and a bucket-latrines system serve to ensure the health of the community.

So acceptable are the standards, in fact, that a Durban company financed four of the homes for their staff

der the control of the PNAB, surveying is under way at Lamontville and Hambanati, near Tongaat, in preparation for the introduction of the 99-year leasehold system of tenure

This system, which is new to Natal, is not succeeding in the Transvaal where it has already been available for some time, according to the noted sociologist, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer

Less constrained

And Folweni is even more significant because it is taking place not within a formally-proclaimed township, as happened in the site-and-service scene in Inanda, but on tribally-owned land — a system which has bedevilled the

planned provision of housing around Natal's two cities for years

This does have its drawbacks in that this form of tenure is not acceptable to most financial institutions — but it does mean the occupants are less constrained by labour and influx control laws and building regulations.

Already negotiations are under way to extend the project by 5 000 sites and the KDC hopes to introduce another informal housing project — although within a proclaimed township — at Mpumalanga near Hammarisdale

More difficult

So far as KwaZulu's formal townships are concerned, there are 100 sites available in Umlazi and 72 at Ntuzuma, and unserviced sites can be arranged in groups in Umlazi although the cost of installing the electricity, water and drains runs at about R8 500 a site before the purchaser starts on his foundations

Thereafter the high standards required by the building regulations mean houses currently cost from R20 000 upwards

Where townships within 'white' South Africa are concerned, the position is much more difficult both for would-be homeowners and employers (as well as the Press) to discover the facts.

First it is necessary to navigate the quagmire of laws and regulations which control who 'qualifies' to live in these townships, and the prospective occupants are usually in the best position to find out where they stand.

Among the townships un-

After analysing in a recent article the various options available in black townships, he concluded that an adequately-functioning system of African home ownership had yet to emerge for the country as a whole

It is understood that about 2 000 sites could be made available in Lamont and about 450 at Hambanati in about five months

Survey costs

The chief director of the PNAB, Mr H A du Plessis, said existing home-owners would also be called on to bear a proportion of the surveying costs — which could be of the order of R500 a site.

The chief director of the Drakensberg Administration Board in Pietermaritzburg, Mr Roy de Wet, said the only area remaining under the board's administration was Sobantu, and although the existing homes were being sold to residents, no new sites were available for building

Employers who are prepared to help their staff — whether it be a single domestic servant or several hundred factory workers — and providing they are prepared to persevere against the odds of land and loan shortages, should contact the regional development office of the KDC in Durban (☎ 991155)

If the employee concerned already lives legally in 'white' South Africa — ie in Chesterville, Lamontville, Claremont, Kwadabeka, Klaarwater, St Wendolin's, Imbali, Ashdown, Edendale or Sobantu — as a lodger or family member of an existing householder, then it may be worth approaching the various township managers in the area or the Department of Co-operation and Development (☎ Pietermaritzburg 29161) or the Administration Boards (☎ Durban 291131, Pietermaritzburg 56201)

Investments

The new housing company, on the other hand, was being established in association with the Corporation for Economic Development (CED) which was entitled to accept investments, although it could pay only Government stock interest rates.

However, many organisations — among them pension funds — were required by law to invest huge sums in such institutions and would gladly choose the housing company in preference to others if their staff could benefit by being lent back their pension contributions for home-building.

The Durban City Council has already taken the lead in voting R2 million to be invested with the company, which will then be made available for black staff housing loans.

On the actual provision of dwellings, Mr Konigkramer described the KDC's site-and-service project at Folweni, near Umbumbulu, as the most exciting housing project in South Africa.

Encouraging

Set high in the hills to the south of the Durban sprawl, Folweni consists of a series of gravel roads with wattle-and-daub houses under corrugated iron roofs

The project is encouraging, however, because in the space of 18 months all 1 600 sites have been snapped up and built on by the residents with, in more than 200 cases, money lent by the KDC, and at a cost of between R1 000 and R2 000 complete.

In spite of their humble materials and prices, these houses are generally of a

Decision reserved on Grey St residential ban

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Mercury Reporter
A GROUP Areas inquiry into the proposed lifting of the ban on residential development in the multi-million-rand Grey Street complex yesterday reserved its decision over the fate of the area.

The five-man committee, which met in the Durban City Hall under the chairmanship of Mr S W van Wyk, heard evidence from representatives of many bodies, including the Durban City Council and Central Durban Indian Ratepayers' Association calling for removal of the

restriction on housing development

At the end of the nearly three-hour-long hearing, Mr van Wyk announced that his committee would forward its recommendations to the Group Areas Board and thereafter to the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze.

Earlier, pledging Durban City Council support for the removal of the restriction, Management Committee chairman Neil MacLennan said there were sufficient amenities in the Grey Street area to

cater for an increase in the population

He said there had been doubts and fears that the area would be turned into a second Hillbrow, but these fell away as development in the area would have to comply with the town planning scheme

'We are convinced that the services provided will be sufficient to cater for the increased population once more flats are allowed in the area,' he said, adding that without residences Grey Street was dead at night 'We want this part of the city to de-

velop as it should and play its proper role in the development of Durban.'

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, executive chairman of the South African Indian Council, said the Grey Street complex had become a 'depressed area' because of the restrictions on housing development

He said there were sufficient schools in the area and for sporting amenities the residents could use the Currie's Fountain sports complex and Kingsmead. There was also a mixed beach and an Indian Beach within a stone's throw

Council tenants face shock rise in rents

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Mercury Reporter

THOUSANDS of Indian, coloured and white tenants of the Durban City Council face shock increases in rents, in some cases of up to 40 percent, next year following the annual revision of rents.

Mr Peter Corbett, chairman of Durban's Health and Housing Committee, conceded yesterday that the increases were 'very substantial', especially in a section of the Newlands East coloured township

He said it was of great concern to his committee and promised to have the rents reviewed later

He said, however, that some tenants receive a minor reduction while the rents of others would remain unchanged, depending on changes in their incomes

The rents of all tenants were reviewed annually strictly in accordance with the National Housing Commission, he said, explaining that his council had no direct control on the overall impact of the increase 'The increases are spread very unevenly'

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Explaining the hike at Newlands East, where rents for some of the flats are proposed to rise from R71,85 to R102,69 a month for those people earning over R650 a month, Mr Corbett said Durban City Council recently had undertaken extensive improvements to the environment around the flats, costing R167 000

To maintain the services it would cost about R64 000 a year, in effect about R12 a flat per month. About 436 flats were affected, he said

Some Springfield tenants faced hikes of between 35 and 40 percent, pushing their present rents from R45 to R63 a month, but Mr Corbett said his committee would consider representations by the Northern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee for a cutback on a portion of the increases for those earning between R150 and R250 a month

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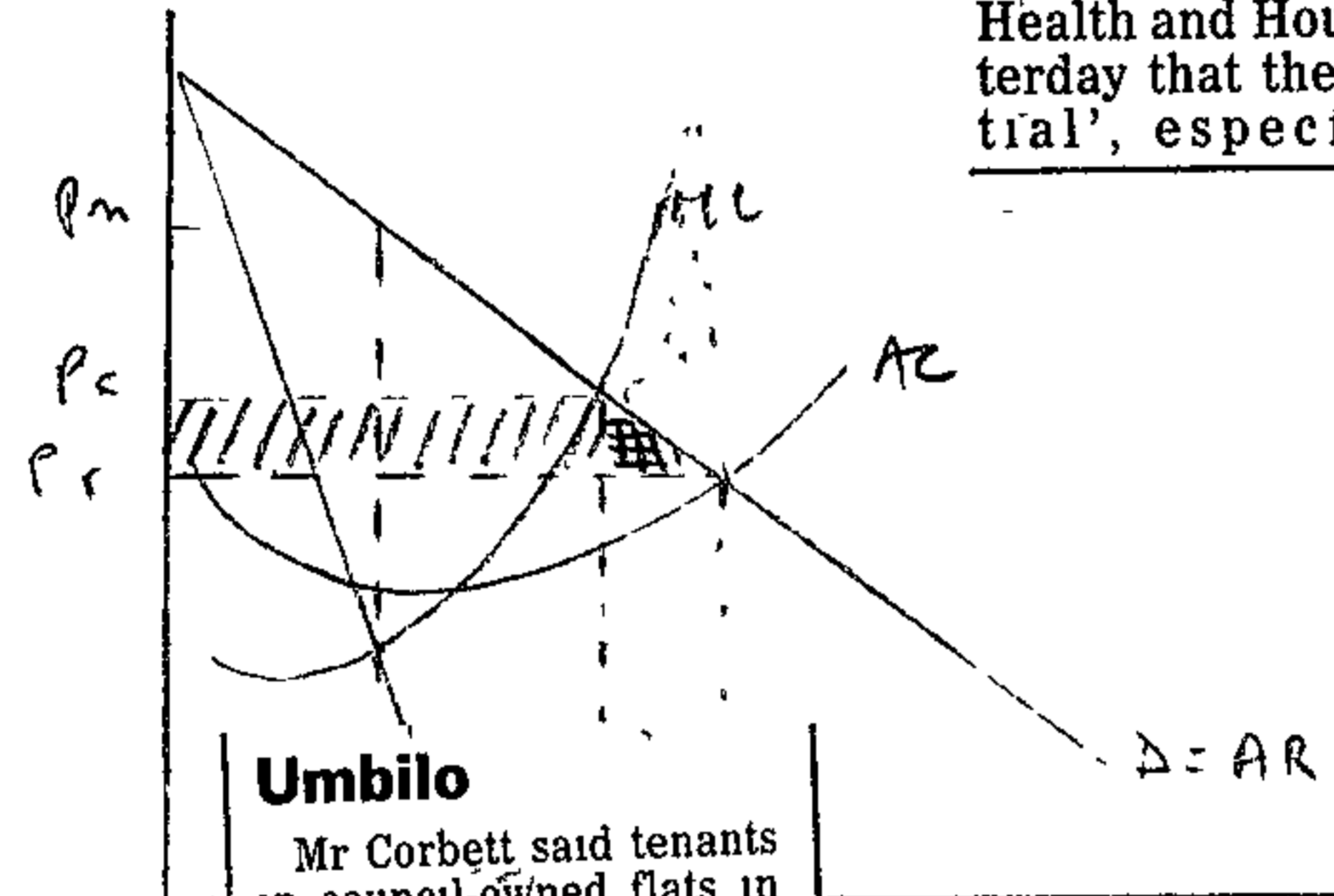
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Umbilo

Mr Corbett said tenants in council-owned flats in the Umbilo Road area faced hikes averaging 27 percent. The increase was necessary to overcome big losses the council suffered

'The annual loss is in the region of R180 000,' he said, adding that the council would be taking a close look at its housing schemes in an attempt to eliminate the losses as soon as possible

Rents in Kirkwood Gardens are to be increased from R115 to R140 a month for those earning more than R650 a month occupying a two-bedroomed flat, and from R150 to R170 for a three-bedroomed flat

Others affected by the hike include tenants in Kenneth Gardens, Westgate Gardens and Marloth Gardens

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Housing loans for Durban blacks

Mail Correspondent
DURBAN — The Durban City Council meets the Kwa-Zulu Development Corporation today to liaise over the R2-million the council has invested with the KDC to set up housing loans for the city's 8 000 black employees. The KDC — which runs a housing loan scheme — initiated the meeting after the mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, called for more effective liaison, KDC's senior general manager Dr Marius Spies, said yesterday. Present will be the chairman of the KDC board, Dr A H Zulu, Dr Spies, the mayor, top city officials and the city's forward planning committee.

Other municipalities, the South African Transport Services, Iscor and private enterprise are expected to participate in the KDC scheme launched in September and offering a new concept in housing loans. KDC is debarred from receiving funds from private and public companies and pension funds, so it has established a housing company with the Corporation for Economic Development, which can accept investments. Although the housing company can only pay Government stock interest rates, many organisations, including pension funds, are legally bound to invest in such institutions.

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Pension fund investment needed for black housing

Companies urged to aid scheme

African Affairs
Correspondent

THE Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, and the chairman of the Kwazulu Development Corporation, Dr Alpheus Zulu, yesterday

THE Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, hopes that large companies with pension funds will follow the example of Durban City Council and invest money in the Kwazulu Housing Company. She was speaking at a meeting between senior executives of the Kwazulu Development Corporation and representatives of the

city council following the council's decision to invest R2 000 000 in the company.

Mrs Hotz said it was important that money from black pension funds should be used for black housing. She said the council had been pioneers in investing in the new company. Many bureaucratic difficulties had now been overcome and the path towards investment had been made easier for others.

She said the council had developed expertise in the field of black housing.

It had been the first agent in the country for the South African Trust and, in this capacity, had built 35 000 houses for blacks in Kwa Mashu, Ntuzuma and Umlazi. Mrs Hotz said the council was keen to share this expertise with Kwa-Zulu. It was agreed at the meet-

ing that a permanent committee should be set up, consisting of representatives of both the KDC and the council. The chairman of the KDC, Dr Alpheus Zulu, praised the council for being a 'trail blazer' and expressed the hope that other organisations would follow the city's example. He said Durban alone had a housing shortage of 93 000 units for blacks.

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Proposed rent hike suspended

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Monday 27/11/82

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE proposed rent increase at Sobantu Village early next year has been officially suspended, Mr David Mngadi, chairman of the Sobantu Community Council, announced yesterday.

The announcement follows a recent meeting of the Drakensberg Administration Board executive committee which decided to hold in abeyance an increase in site rentals scheduled for March 1983, pending further negotiations with the community council.

However, the R3,90 rent increase payable from October 1 would remain effective because it had been legally promulgated, Mr Mngadi said

Concession

The October rent hike sparked off serious unrest in the township with demonstrations, rioting and the death of a 17-year-old schoolboy and, more recently, the burning down of a beerhall.

Mr Mngadi said the Pietermaritzburg City Council was prepared to make a concession on water and sewerage tariffs which would enable the board to allocate R80 000 for short-term high priority improvements and renovations at Sobantu.

It was also decided that the board would invite the community council to take part in a joint committee to determine long-term requirements in the township.

The board would continue its assistance to the needy through its welfare programme, Mr Mngadi said.

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Flat tenants oppose ¹²⁵ *Mercury 2/12/82* 'exorbitant' rent hikes

Mercury Reporter
INDIAN flat-dwellers in the Overport complex yesterday petitioned their landlords, opposing the 'exorbitant' increase in rent which in some cases is 70 percent.

A spokesman for the flat-dwellers, who asked not to be identified for fear of victimisation, said some tenants had been asked to pay R81 a month more, pushing the rent for a one-bedroom flat from R104 to R185.

The hardest hit are tenants of Crossways, a block

of flats in Brickfield Road which is owned by Mr A Tayoob, a Johannesburg businessman

Worried tenants told the Mercury yesterday that the hike was 'exorbitant' in relation to the size of the flats.

Lawyers for Mr Tayoob said the hikes were due to increases in bond interest rates, electricity and water charges and maintenance costs

In Latif Heights and Panchal Court, rents have gone up by R20 and R30 a month

BLACKSASH CONFERENCE

Forced moves still occur?

at 2 SIA 16/3/78

The Government was still forcing large numbers of blacks to move to resettlement areas, despite its assurance last year that moves would not be made without the consultation by and agreement from the people concerned.

A paper on "The Use of Voluntary Removals" at the conference yesterday said "It is clear that the Government is using various methods of coercing people to move, other than methods of the past of using policemen with guns, dogs and trucks."

One method cited was official refusal to improve or service existing facilities, coupled with promises of new land houses, schools and clinics in the new area.

This was the tactic used to move the people of Valspan to Pamperstad (in Kophuthatswana), a distance of 26 km, said the report.

A second way was for the Government to allow independent homelands to exert pressure on unwanted people.

With the arbitrary designation of homeland borders in many people included in homelands were not of the major ethnic grouping. After independence, the "foreigners" suffer discrimination and oppression to such an extent that they are only too happy to move.

"This is how the many Ndebele who lived in the Winterfeld were forced to move to KwaNdebele."

A third method was for Government officials to order farmers — because of the abolition of labour tenancy and squatting rights that was legislated in 1970 — to evict "illegal" people from their farms, the report said.

There was the system of persuading one section of a group to move — "usu-

ally the chief and his friends" — so that the rest follow.

This was used on the Batlukwa and Magato tribes in the Northern Transvaal, who were to be moved 100 km north to Kromhoek. In late 1979 the Magato chief agreed to move, without consulting his people.

"Although only 78 of the 780 families had agreed to go, all the houses, schools, clinics and public amenities were destroyed by the officials of the Administration Board," it was reported.

Starvation, malnutrition, homelessness, overcrowding, the break-up of the family unit — this was the "harsh reality" of the homelands, of which most white South Africans were completely ignorant.

This was said in a paper on "native reserves, ban-tustans, semi-independent black states, independent black states, homelands — whatever they are called" at the Sash conference.

The hard-hitting report was aimed to draw attention to some of the more pressing problems of the areas.

"The figures concerning population density are telling enough."

The report said:

division ways



By LIN MENGE

HL & H Mining Timber — a division of the Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn Timber Products Company — have looked at how their workers live

They have also examined ways and means of upgrading hostel conditions for their migrant employees and family housing for their urban employees, says their personnel director, Mr Neville Homann

But first the company is defining its objectives, with the year 2000 as deadline for housing its employees

This will be done in such a way as to "improve their quality of life," after the company has examined present housing conditions, the reasons for providing good worker housing, likely development on the political, sociological, labour, educational, technological and economic fronts and the financial implications of various alternatives

The company's business is to distribute mining timber grown in the Transvaal and Natal

It operates in the Free State and Transvaal, and the workforce ranges from unskilled employees to truck drivers, front-end loader drivers, machine operators and supervisors

A large proportion come from the homelands and are housed in administration board hostels, while the local or urban employee lives in a board-controlled house, which he either rents or is in the process of buying

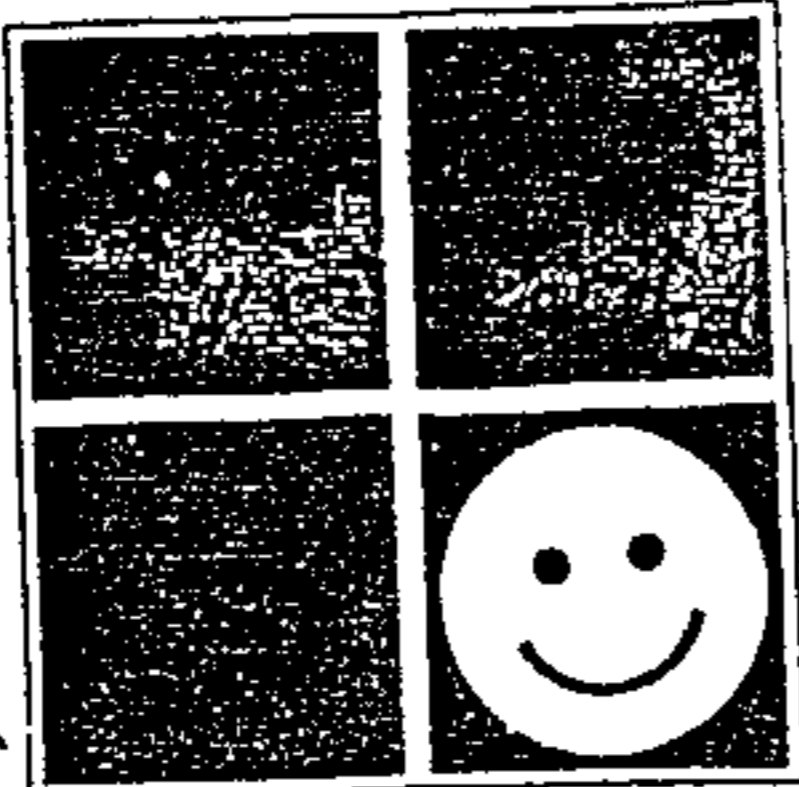
HL & H Mining Timber is thinking things through very scientifically and consulting not only their employees but also building societies, Government authorities, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the Unisa School of Business Leadership and the Urban Foundation to ensure that the employee's aspirations, wants and ideas of housing are taken into consideration

In the short term, the company advances money to building societies as collateral for employees who want to buy their own township houses under the 99-year leasehold scheme

Alternatively, depending on the price of the home and the amount of deposit needed, the company will consider advancing employees money for a deposit to buy board-controlled homes

Such advances are repayable over a period of time and bear a minimum rate of interest normally the difference between the ruling rate of interest for a bank overdraft and the rate which the company could earn should the amount be placed on fixed deposit for a period of not less than two years

The company wants to improve conditions for migrant



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NEVILLE HOMANN "we want to be able to offer lifetime employment"

employees and will provide "suitable and acceptable" hostel accommodation for some 1 300 migrant workers at a cost of not less than R3-million

The project commenced this year and should be completed in two years' time

"The dwelling areas are centred around lawned quadrangles and represent a definite improvement on previous facilities," Mr Homann said

"Hygienic conditions are uppermost in our minds, so we maintain and service the hostels and provide protection and security for our employees

"The new facilities will contribute towards a more permanent, restful and productive workforce"

Now HL & H plans to build more of these "house units"

The design will lend itself to the immediate need for hostel accommodation and could be converted later to semi-detached family units. Each unit will have its own small recreation area

This will ultimately be an ideal base for the lower level family man to be provided with a home on a sectional title basis when this comes for blacks

"We will rent out our hostel

accommodation to the workers at a nominal rental, but it is our aim to take title for as short a period as possible, and then to sell the hostels to the local administration board," Mr Homann said "In the urban areas near our timber distribution points, we plan to provide complete company houses centred around a forecourt concept"

The forecourt scheme is acceptable to the National Building Research Institute of the CSIR, and the design will be in keeping with the company's philosophy of community development

"We want to be able to offer lifetime employment," Mr Homann said

"The forecourt concept of living in little communities in cul-de-sacs off the main traffic line will contribute to a sense of belonging to the organisation and the local community

"This can only improve productivity and reduce absenteeism and labour turnover

"Then if a man leaves us but does not want to leave the area, he can stay on and, in that way, we will be housing not just our workers but helping to upgrade the community generally"

How to finance such an ambitious scheme, and possibly the infrastructure, is the next problem

The Urban Foundation has suggested the company considers investing a sum in a building society at approximately 15 percent earned interest rate

The company would have borrowed the amount deposited at the prevailing interest rate

The money would be made available to the developer or house-owner at 12 to 13 percent, which would mean that HL & H Mining Timber subsidises the difference in interest paid and interest received by the company

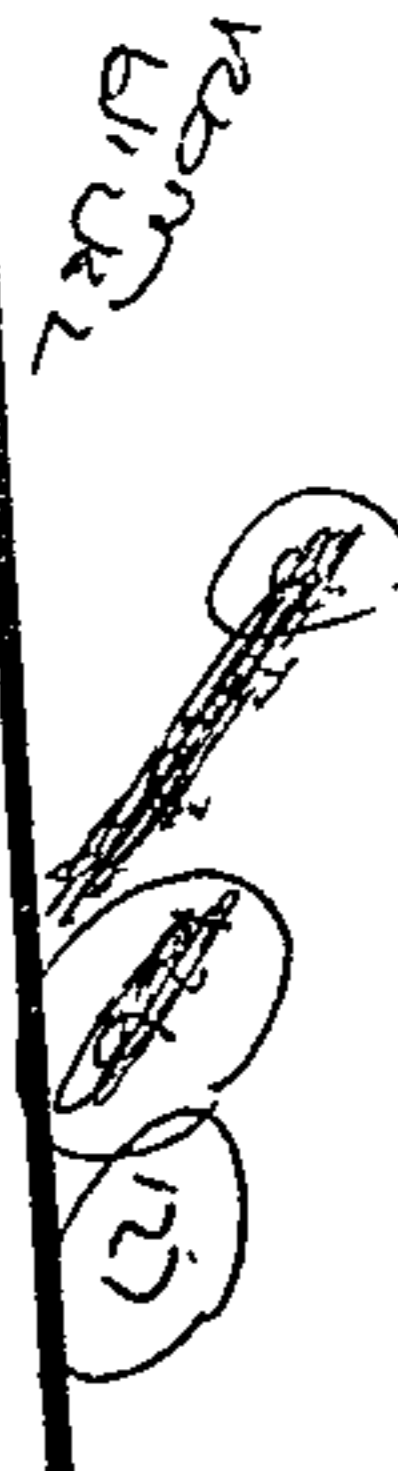
"We think this scheme might become feasible in two to three years," Mr Homann said

"We would design the houses, letting our employees choose from a possible three sizes. The designs would enable them to build on later

"Negotiations with the local administration board, building societies and building contractor would be done in conjunction with the individual employee but he must feel totally independent

"He must make his own decisions with the building society as the third party and the home must be employee-owned, not company-owned. employees will be bonded to a building society, not the company"

HL & H think their housing through ...



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Officials 'erred over rent hikes'

8/12/82
Pietermaritzburg Bureau

CERTAIN Drakensberg Administration Board officials were guilty of an error of judgement in the way they had conducted consultations over the rent increases at Sobantu township here recently.

This was admitted by the board chairman, Dr Philip Nel, in a speech to the Rotary East Club in Pietermaritzburg yesterday.

Dr Nel said that with the best intentions, some officials, in handling the October rent increase with the community council, might not have fully used their discretion in making people understand the necessity for such an increase.

The discussions with the council had been more in the form of 'telling them' rather than by way of consultation.

Sobantu has recently been the scene of serious unrest since the announcement of a R3,90 rent increase which took effect on October 1.

A proposed second rent increase in the township early next year has been officially suspended pending further negotiations with the Sobantu Community Council.

Dr Nel told Rotarians that the situation there had been more serious than reflected in the Press. There was evidence of outside interference, with people from as far as Soweto in the township who did not all have 'a genuine local grievance'.

He said the rent increase was necessary because of the need to make ends meet. The board's only form of income was from registration fees for black employees and the net profits from sorghum beer, which were rapidly dwindling because of the changing drinking habits of blacks.

Upgrade

The board therefore had limited resources and rising costs had necessitated a rent increase.

The City Council had made a concession on water and sewerage tariffs which would enable the board to allocate R80 000 for short-term high priority improvements and renovations at Sobantu.

The board, he said, had embarked upon an 'operation upgrade' and a joint DAB-community council committee would determine a five-year programme to improve conditions in the sub-economic township.

Of all the townships under the board's control, Sobantu was the most overcrowded, with an average of 10,8 people a four-bedroomed house.

'Very clearly the place is overcrowded and something drastic has to be done. One cannot sustain wholesome living conditions in such circumstances.'

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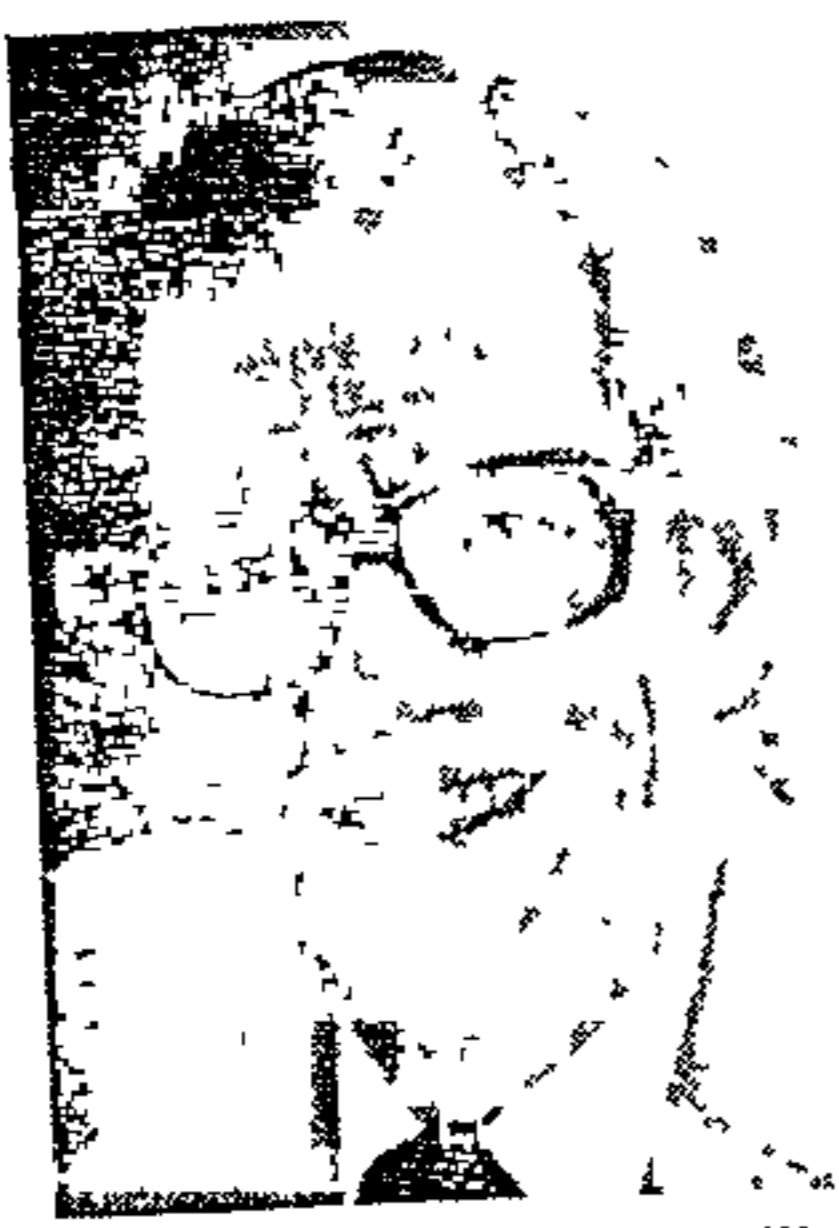
ways to buy — — your home

Board sends note of appeal

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and cannot repay the loan, the building society may have to repossess the house and sell it but you still get the money from the sale, minus the amount you owe the society

- If you rent a house for years and then retire to another part of the country, you have nothing
- If you bought your house for, say R10 000, with a R2 000 deposit and a loan of R8 000, and sold it when you retired for R40 000, you would have made R32 000 (that is the R40 000, minus the R8 000 loan) That is known as capital formation
- Even if you have only a tiny old township house, it is still worth buying because to build that same house today would cost at least R12 000
- If you then want to expand your house, you have something which you can offer



TIM HART .. "value will increase"

as security for a building society loan

If you are already repaying a loan for the purchase of the house, the building society may allow you to take out a

second bond so that you can make the improvements

- If you rent a house, the township superintendent or the municipal housing department decides where you live Once there is a market in township houses, you will be able to decide where you want to live subject to the Group Areas laws and depending on what you can afford.
- Owning your house gets the Government, the municipality and the administration boards off your back as long as you obey the laws and regulations which apply in your town and pay your service charges for water, electricity, sewerage, etc

NOTE If you want to buy your semi-detached township house, you won't get a building society bond but you can buy it on Wrab's 30-year Home Ownership scheme

Mali Correspondent

MARITZBURG — In an open letter to the residents and community council of Sobantu Village, near Maritzburg, "irresponsible and militant elements" have been blamed for troubles in the black township

In the letter, the chairman of the Drakensberg Administration Board (DAB), Dr Philip Nel, urged Sobantu residents to support a "five point plan" of the Maritzburg City Council, the DAB and the community council for peace and progress in the township

"According to newspaper reports you, the people of Sobantu, ascribe the destruction that has taken place to 'hooligans' and 'vandals'"

Dr Nel urged residents to bring their rents up to date to avoid inconvenience to themselves and their families He added those who could not afford the increased tariffs should apply to the board's welfare department

He said the cost per house to the board was R92,78 a month The average income from rent was only R13,27

He said the DAB had no alternative but to increase the service charge (site rental) by R3,90 a month

And he asked residents to accept this as the "unavoidable minimum" — and to pay promptly

The acting chief director of the DAB, Mr E A Goedeke, said more than 60% of the residents had come forward to pay the higher rentals by late yesterday

Mr R E Hudson-Reed of the DAB told an open board meeting yesterday "superhuman" efforts had been made to defuse the situation at Sobantu

He said it seemed to have eluded some people that the rent was simply a donation to the water charge and was "quite inadequate"

The board was told each house in the township used 69 000l of water a month

Dr Nel said Sobantu had a surplus population of 4 400 people An average of almost 11 people lived in each of the 1 000 houses

don't pay higher later



houses in Tshlawelo, in Soweto, may buy them from Wrab.

office of Mr Piet Genis (TELEPHONE 673-5200), chief estates officer of Wrab, at New Canada His office will advise them further

The houses can be bought under Wrab's 30-year Home Ownership scheme or on 99-year-leasehold

Either way, repayment will be over 30 years House buyers should discuss both the Home Ownership scheme with Wrab and 99-year-leasehold with a building society

before making up their minds

If buyers put down the full deposit, their monthly repayments will come to slightly less than their present rent

What is more important is that the house-buyer gets to own his house and then he pays no more rent

The person who doesn't buy goes on paying rent all his life and never owns his house

People should ask their employers if they can help them buy their houses Some companies have staff housing schemes and will lend employees money for housing deposits

HOMEFRONT tells you what IS being done about the housing crisis, what CAN be done ... and HOW. TELEPHONE: 710-2505.

Rent hike feared at Klaarwater

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Mercury Reporter

PEOPLE living at Klaarwater, the black township near Pinetown, could be facing a 70 percent rent increase early in the New Year if an application made by the Port Natal Administration Board is approved by Dr

Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development.

Residents are presently paying R21,18 a month — if the increase is implemented they will have to pay R36,17 a month.

Mr Mike Mabaso, chairman of the Klaarwater Residents' Association, said yesterday they had asked the board if they could not buy the property they lived on under the 99-year lease scheme, but had been told that this would probably not be possible because of the uncertainty surrounding the future of the area

Service

'In spite of the magnitude of the increase, the people also resent the poor maintenance service the board provides. Some of our houses are in such a bad state they have become dangerous to live in,' he said

Mr Mabaso said the residents had petitioned the board, and had also instructed the Legal Resources Centre to investigate the use of their rent money by the board

'The decision to increase our rent now lies with the minister — if he approves, I don't know what we will do,' Mr Mabaso said

The chief director of the board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, was not available for comment yesterday.

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Coloured home 'to be built at Wentworth'

(125) Mercury Reporter 21/12/82

A HOME for the coloured frail will be built in Wentworth — possibly at the controversial Assegai Place site which had been turned down by the Town and Regional Planning Appeals Board. Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, said yesterday

She was responding to a call by Wentworth community elders for a multiracial frail-age home in Cato Manor

Mrs Hotz said the Department of Community Development, owners of the land in Assegai

Place which had been ear-marked for a frail-age home, had applied for area to be re-zoned in terms of the urban renewal scheme

'The families which would have been affected by the home will have to move out in time,' Mrs Hotz said, adding that the council was holding thumbs for a favourable outcome to the department's application

The mayor said because of the Group Areas Act it was not possible to push for a multiracial home in Cato Manor

'There is an urgent need for a frail-age

home for coloureds and we are hoping to go ahead with one in Wentworth

'Someone has to go and it would be unfortunate if the four families in Assegai Place were to move to make way for a home,' Mrs Hotz said

Mr Cecil Kippen, a community elder in Wentworth who opposed council moves to build a home in Assegai Place, said he was surprised that the council seemed determined to build a frail-age home on the affected site, particularly when the Appeals Board had set aside the council's earlier decision

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Tackling the slum problem

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THE serious race riots of January 1949 focused attention on the deplorable conditions of shack dwellers on the periphery of Durban, especially at Cato Manor

This was the worst slum Durban had ever known.

It extended from the University of Natal to Westville and was home to about 150 000 people, mainly blacks, who lived in unserviced houses

In an urgent attempt to come to terms with the problem the City Engineer's Department em-

barked on the first of their mass housing schemes, KwaMashu, aimed at rehousing all inhabitants of the Cato Manor slum

A special black housing branch was created within the City Engineers Department Staff were mainly based on-site in the canefields north of Durban

Team of 2 000

The construction team, eventually totaling 2 000 men, was built up

Half the labour force worked on installing the services — roads, sewerage system, water supplies — while the other half built the houses

The latter were divided into teams each having a different function, so that soon eight houses per day were being completed and by July 1964, 70 000 people from the Cato Manor area had been rehoused in serviced homes in KwaMashu

Umlazi

This housing project was followed by the more ambitious Umlazi and later the Ntuzuma projects in an attempt to house the influx of population from the rural areas and the population increases.

In 1980 the central government assumed control of the last of Durban's black housing schemes thus allowing the City Engineers Department to focus attention on further development of Indian and coloured housing



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Own Correspondent
DURBAN - An out-of-court settlement in which Vleissentraal agreed to reinstate dismissed trade union workers was hailed as a tremendous breakthrough by union officials here this week.

They claimed the agreement, validated by the Judge President Mr Justice Milne, was the first in which employers agreed to re-employ dismissed trade union workers.

Up to now the courts have not reinstated dismissed workers because of soured relationships between workers and employers, Mr Jay Nao-vo, organiser of the Sweet, Food and Allied Workers' Union, said.

Vleissentraal agreed to re-employ 30 dismissed workers. Ten were taken on yesterday and the rest are to be re-employed within three months as jobs become available. They will be given preference over other workers.

The workers were dismissed after a work stoppage at the Vleissen-

traal Cato Ridge factory on July 30 last year. Work stopped after five employees, all trade union members, were dismissed.

Workers claimed the five were dismissed for trade union activities but Vleissentraal claimed that they were retrenched.

The case was brought by Mr T Xaba and Mr M Nala who were among those dismissed by Vleissentraal.

An official said that if the company had been prepared to negotiate with the union in the first place, the dispute could have been avoided. The company had claimed that a worker committee system had worked but trade union members claimed that most workers did not feel the committee was representative.

Mr Justice Milne also ruled that an order from the Minister of the Interior of KwaZulu and the township manager of Mpumalanga, ejecting Mr Xaba and Mr Nala, was invalid.

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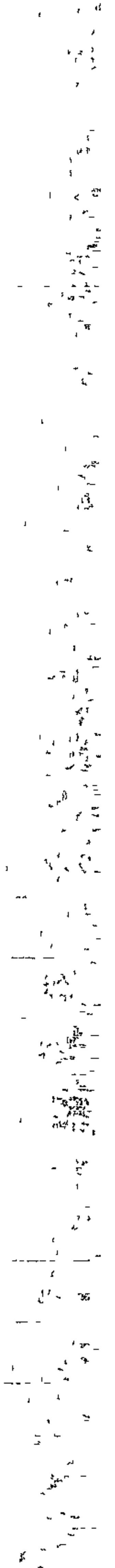
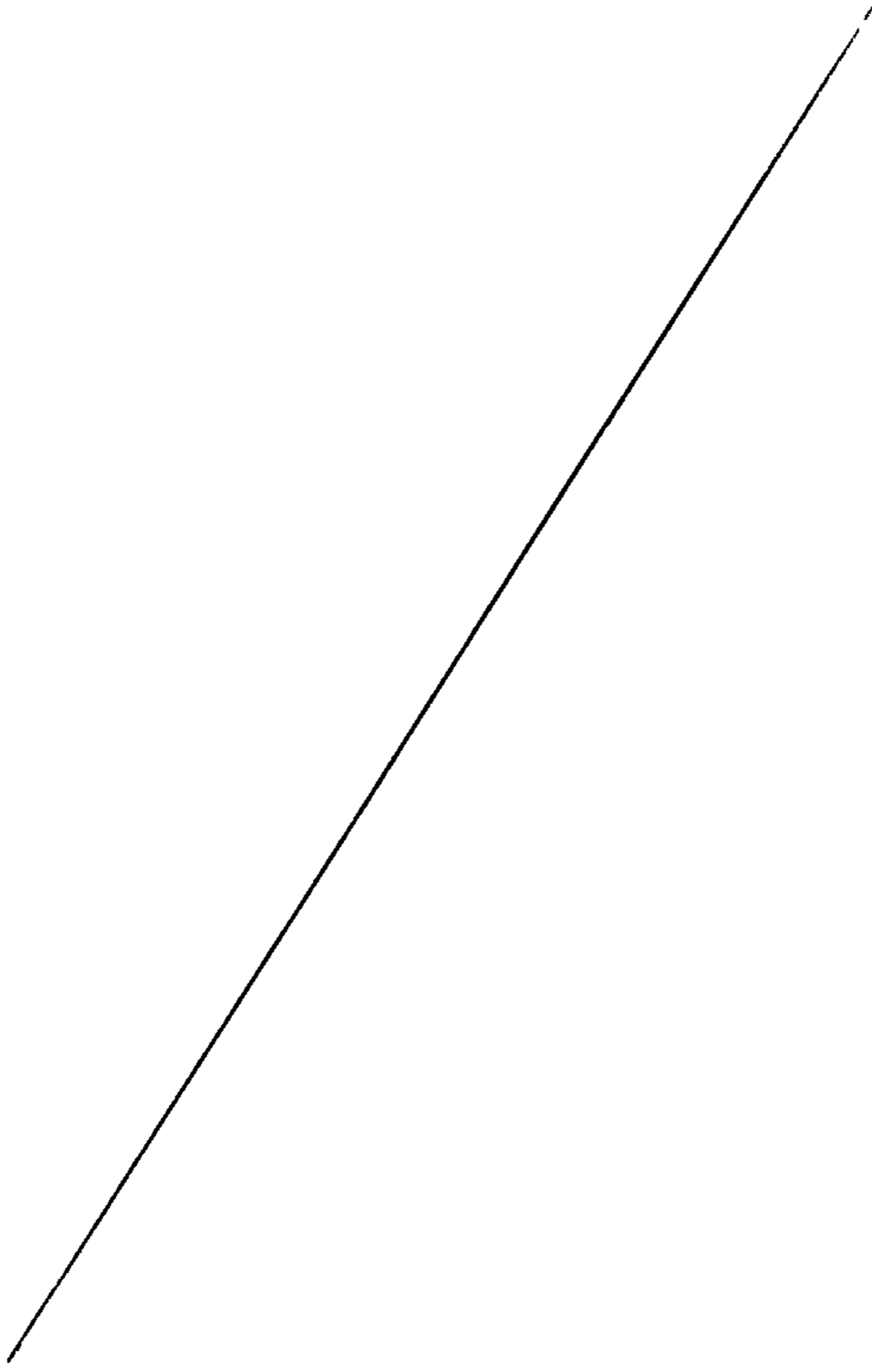
Housing bid approved

(125) *Murray* Municipal Reporter 5/2/83

THE Cabinet has granted approval for Durban City Council to pay Ilco Homes R6 700 000, bailing it out of financial difficulties to ensure the completion of housing schemes in Phoenix and Newlands East.

In an unprecedented move, the council agreed in November last year that it would be preferable to prop the company up than to have to call for new tenders to complete the job

In return Ilco has guaranteed that the contracts will be completed and that Ilco Homes will have no further claims on the council



Indians face

long wait

for housing

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Mercury
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Municipal Reporter

DURBAN Indians wanting accommodation in the city's housing schemes wait an average of 11 years for semi-detached houses and eight years for flats — and there are 15 500 families on the growing waiting list

This emerged yesterday when deputy City Treasurer Mr Frans Tooley explained an advertisement in a daily newspaper. It was aimed at anyone who had applied for housing before September 1, 1971, whose application number was below 42 000 and who earned less than

R650 a month. The applicants were asked to contact the Treasury Department.

He said applications were dealt with in strict numerical order and the onus was on the applicant to keep the corporation informed of any change of address.

The department had made every effort to contact those who were due to qualify for the next batch of housing but many had moved away from the city or found other accommodation and others had not bothered to notify the department of a change of address.

Ghost town

Notes

Mercury Reporter
15/2/83

IFafa BEACH, the South Coast holiday resort recently proclaimed for coloureds, is turning into a ghost town, people who live there claimed yesterday.

The seaside resort, about 80 km from Durban, was home to many white pensioners until it was proclaimed a coloured area.

The only hotel at the beach has been closed for about a year and the building has been invaded by vandals who have damaged windows, doors and fittings.

A section of the roof has disappeared.

More than 50 beautiful homes are lying empty with overgrown grass and weeds where once stood beautiful gardens.

Some empty houses have been damaged by people who broke into them over the Christmas holidays and lived in them as if they belonged to them.

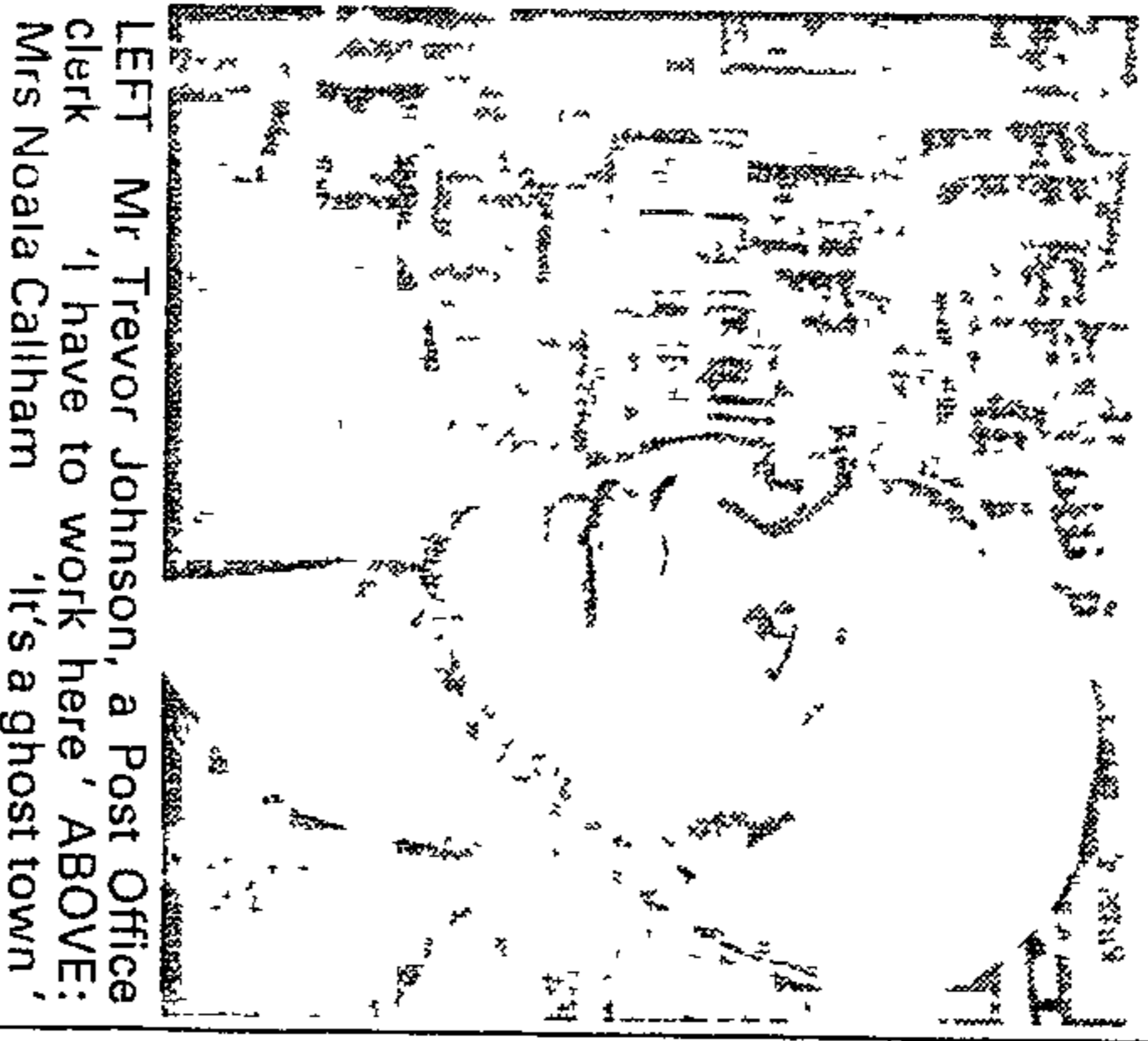
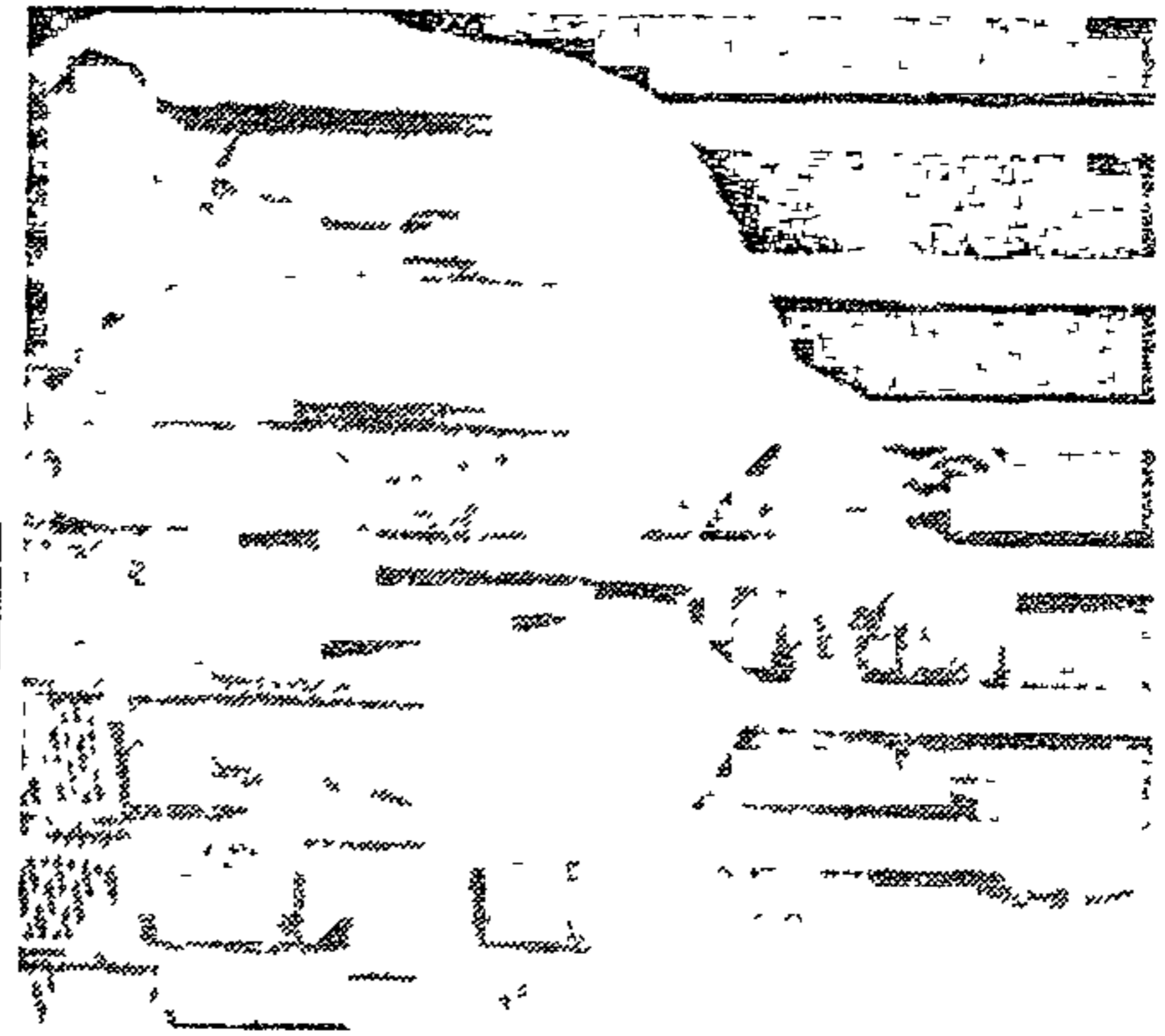
When I visited the area yesterday there were only a few people around, mainly workers from the resort's two stores and a caravan park.

Those I spoke to said the resort was dying.

Visitors

Their main grievances were that there was not a doctor or a chemist at the resort, no garage bank, hotel, bottlestore sporting or other amenities.

Visitors also came to the resort only during the holiday season, they said.



LEFT Mr Trevor Johnson, a Post Office clerk 'I have to work here' ABOVE: Mrs Noala Callham 'It's a ghost town'

the resort was a ghost town.

'There is hardly anyone here when it is not a holiday.

'There is nothing for one to do at the resort apart from swimming' she said.

Mrs Callham said her uncle had had to start a bus service, with buses he brought from Transkei to boost his business.

Mr Trevor Johnson, a Post Office clerk said 'I have to work here, otherwise I would never have come to this lonely place.

Mr W J Henning, Regional Representative for the Department of Community Development confirmed that the resort's hotel had closed down and that many of the houses at Ifafa were unoccupied.

'All properties and houses were advertised and we are busy processing applicants,' he said.

Responding to claims that houses were far too expensive, Mr Henning said they were being sold according to their market value.

Residents also claimed that houses and properties were far too expensive and therefore had not been bought.

Mr Tom Abrahams, a former Durban Coloured LAC member who runs a caravan park and store at the beach, said the situation at the resort was disturbing.

He said he was in a fortunate position because he was not dependent on the local trade.

'Had it not been for my caravan business, I would have closed shop and left the resort a long time ago.

Expropriated

Mr Abrahams said he hoped the Department of Community Development which had expropriated the land and houses from whites would do something soon to improve the situation before it was too late.

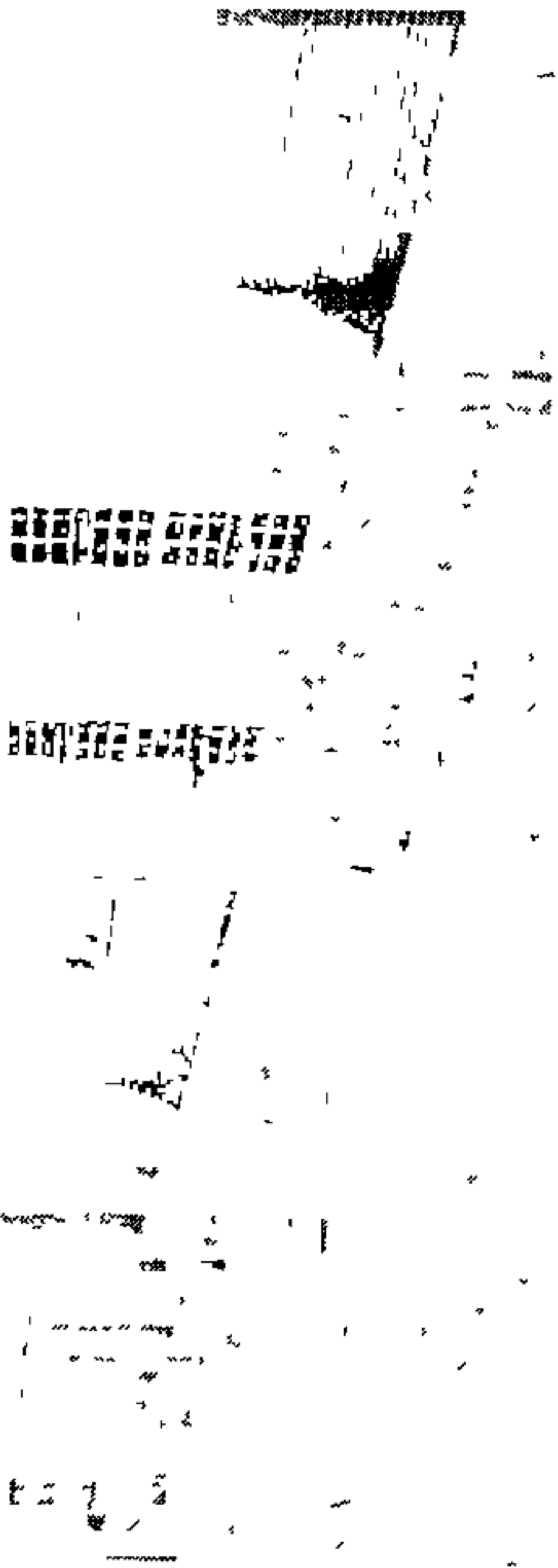
Mrs Noala Callham, who runs a store with her uncle at the beach said that

Ifafa Beach locals say vandals have taken over

Private builders pour millions into Tongaat housing schemes

Trolka partner C T Bhoola providing more than 180 homes in Tongaat

Factory premises for the Small Business Development Corporation at Truro



Above Edgar's offices at Truro industrial township Below Houses developed by Trolka in the Tongaat area

TROLKA TREEBLES IT

A TOTAL of R13 million is being poured into residential housing developments at Tongaat by Trolka Township Developers, and building is soon to start on the latest project — Watsonia Extension

This R4,5 million development will provide 35 homes on a select hillside site close to Truro Industrial township, which is also a Trolka development

The stands are fully serviced and will be offered for sale shortly — with or without improvements

The Indian housing problem in the Durban area has reached crisis proportions, but this and other developments will help to satisfy at least some of the demand

Planning is under way for the biggest development yet undertaken by Trolka — which negotiates in respect of the full pay and grant him within seven days thereof one day's rest on

10 OVERALLS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- (1) An employer who requires his employee to wear an overall shall supply it free of charge to the employee and it shall remain the property of the employer
- (2) Any protective clothing which, under the Factories, Machinery and Building Work Act, 1941, or under any regulations laid

BY JEREMY REES

ates the purchase of undeveloped land for housing and brings together other interested businessmen on a participation basis

A separate company is formed for each venture, but Trolka handles all administration and management for which it receives a fee

All three partners have businesses of their own and the development side is left to Trolka manager Jock Barnes

The market aimed at is the middle income group which includes many teachers interested in owning their first houses or moving up to better quality accommodation

The houses and land are offered in a package deal for prices ranging from R45 000 to R55 000 "Six years ago we were developing home schemes for as little as R23 000, but inevitably costs go up each year

"The demand is even greater despite the increase in costs," says Bhoola

The partnership has been in operation since 1972 and five years ago they put Truro Industrial township on the map

This started with 85 sites selling at R18 a square metre and now only 34 sites remain but the price has risen to R27 a sq m

The scheme is in a proclaimed decentralisation area with a large local population and is well-served by rail and roads

The substantial decentralisation benefits make Truro a paying investment, says C T Bhoola These include assistance with capital expenditure, labour, transport and power

The township is 45km from Durban and only 5km away from the proposed international airport at La Mercy

The Natal Building Society have extensive plans for further development in the area and a recent R1,3 million civil engineering contract for roads, stormwater drainage, sewerage and water reticulation was awarded to Lionel van den Berg Construction

Belvedere ready long before time

Property Reporter

THE fourth stage of Tongaat town board's new Belvedere township on the Natal North Coast has come on stream, seven months ahead of schedule

Goldstem Building's senior contracts manager, Ruby Habr, says the last of the 226 houses has been handed over with only a maintenance contract left

Designed by Franklin, Garland, Gibson and Partners, the 138 single-storey units and 88 detached double-storeys were to have been completed by early August, but the contractors completed the project months ahead

"This made it extremely difficult to transport materials and temporary access roads had to be made"

The houses are built on auger piles cast on site The concrete surface beds, foundation beams and thickening were cast in one operation — having no strip footing

Goldstem Building was responsible for only stages one and four of the Belvedere project

10 OORPAKKE EN BESKERMENDE KLERE

- (1) 'n Werkgegewer wat van sy werknemer vereis om 'n oorpak te dra, moet dit kosteloos aan die werknemer verskaf en dit bly die eiendom van die werkgegewer
- (2) Alle beskermende klerie wat kragtens die Wet op Fabriek, Masjinerie en Bouwerk, 1941, of kragtens 'n regulasie daarkragtens

125 Inanda/Amaoti area: dwellings 23/2/83
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Mr B W B PAGE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether his Department has considered the erection of dwellings of the wattle-and-daub type in the Inanda/Amaoti area, if so,
- (2) whether a prototype dwelling has been erected, if so, (a) at what cost and (b) by whom?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes The Department of Co-operation and Development is presently busy with the erection of two prototype dwellings
 - (a) R2 700 for a 54 square metre dwelling
 - (b) The Department of Co-operation and Development

Natal Mercury 24/2/83

LAC opposes Wentworth duplexes

Mercury Reporter

THE Durban Coloured Local Affairs Committee is opposed to Department of Community Development plans to zone the controversial Assegai Place area in Wentworth for duplex houses.

The chairman, Mr A W Stowman, said yesterday that they would object to the area being used for duplex houses.

Recently community leaders, headed by Mr Cecil Kippen, succeeded in preventing the Durban City Council and the Department of Community Development from building a R1 000 000 frail-age home for coloureds in Assegai Place

The matter was settled by the Town and Regional Planning Appeals Board which upheld an appeal from Assegai residents against the building of the home in the area.

Homes boost for ⁽¹²⁵⁾ Indians

Natal 20/2/83
Mercury Reporter

MORE than 500 houses for middle and higher income group Indians will become available soon in Harinagar, a modern multi-million-rand township now being developed in Shallcross by a family trust

Mr H N Naran, one of Durban's best-known businessmen, who heads the Haribhai Naran Family Holdings Trust, said yesterday the township would be self-contained with all amenities, including a modern shopping centre, service station and parks

A large tract of township land would be donated to the Government for a secondary school, Mr Naran said, adding that primary school pupils would be accommodated at a neighbouring school

Sites had been set aside for a temple, a mosque and a church for development by religious groups

Mr Naran said pricing of building plots would be decided as soon as township development costs had been finalised — but these were expected to range between R12 000 and R20 000 a plot

'We hope actual construction work will start in the next few months and the first families will settle in the township by the end of the year,' he said

Mr Naran heads other family-controlled companies owning large buildings in the Grey Street complex and massive blocks of flats in Sydenham Harinagar is its first township project

'We have decided to go into township development to help meet the Indian community's serious housing shortage as well as a family investment project,' he said

Utility company to tackle housing

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Pretoria Bureau

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A HOUSING utility company is being established here to make the most of a new Government housing policy. The Government recently announced a dramatic shift in emphasis from the provision of homes to the provision of sites on which people could build their own, with private finance.

The purpose of the utility company would be to assist those who earned too much to qualify for subsidised housing, but not enough to attract a home-loan from a building society, according to Mr Tony Erasmus, the city's director of housing.

Mr Erasmus, who is the chairman of the regional branch of the Institute of Housing, is a member of a four-man committee charged with drawing up the articles of association of the new company.

He told the Mercury yesterday the concept centred mainly on the need for African housing, but until problems relating to land tenure in particular had been solved, they would gain experience on small projects, among other communities.

bed qualification for the new exam
 "We are not prepared to accept this situation and have submitted our syllabus and exam papers I have every hope that the institute's exam will be accepted and if not we are prepared to carry on fighting"

He said there was still confusion over the Estate Agents Board exams
 "Judging by the number of telephone calls received by our offices throughout the country estate agents are still not clear about their position The facts are
 "It is unlikely the

board examinations will take place before January 1 1984
 "All estate agents who registered with the board on or after January 1, 1980, will have to pass the exam They will be given time, which may be up to five years, to pass
 "All prospective agents

entering the industry on or after January 1, 1984, will have to pass the examination before they will be issued with the board's fidelity certificate to enable them to operate as estate agents
 This condition is under further consideration and some relaxation may

come about in the near future
 "At this stage, other than those agents registered with the board before January 1 1980 there will be no exemption from the exam
 "It is likely the institute will administer the exam on behalf of the

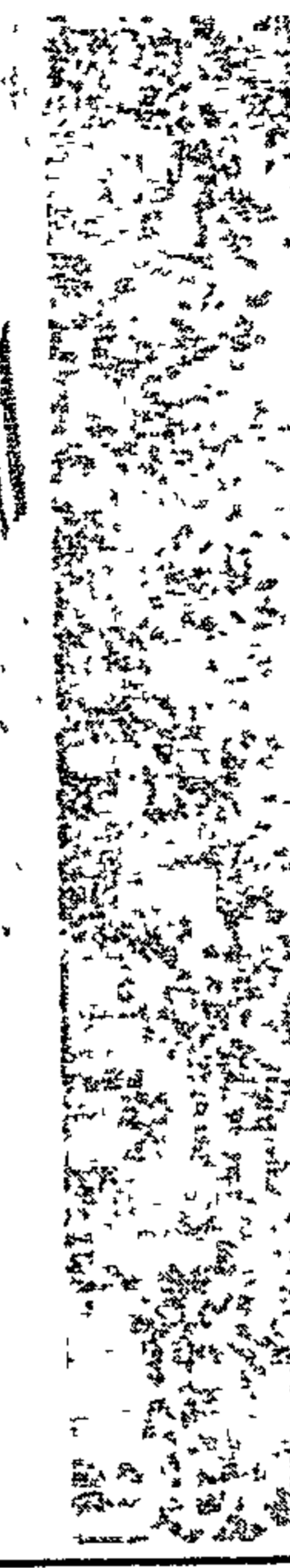
board and exams will be held in the nine main centres where the institute has offices
 "The institute at the request of the board is considering the time that should be allowed to existing agents to pass the exam and a final decision will be made at the insti-

tute's next council meeting in Cape Town next month" Walker said
 It is estimated that more than 2 000 of the 9 000 agents required to sit the exam are inactive and will not seek further registration
 Courses of study will probably be available

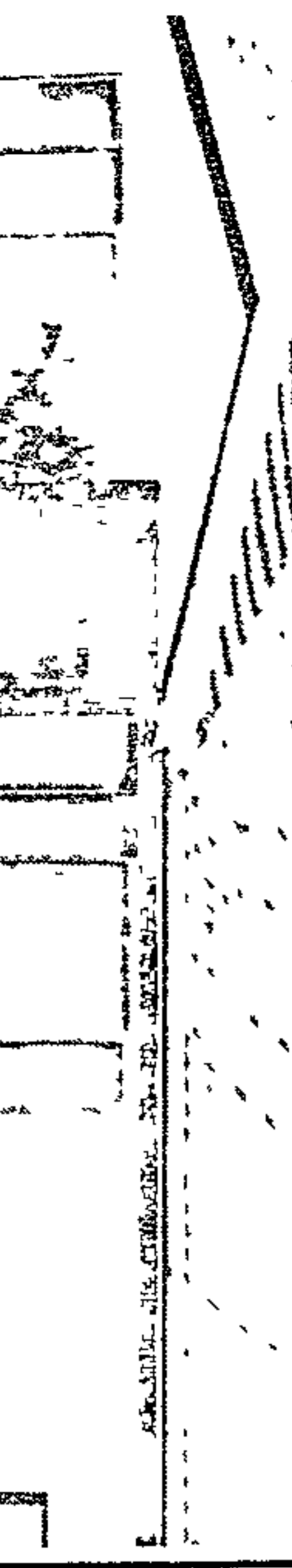
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LORDS FORCE PEOPLE OUT OF FLATS ON VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

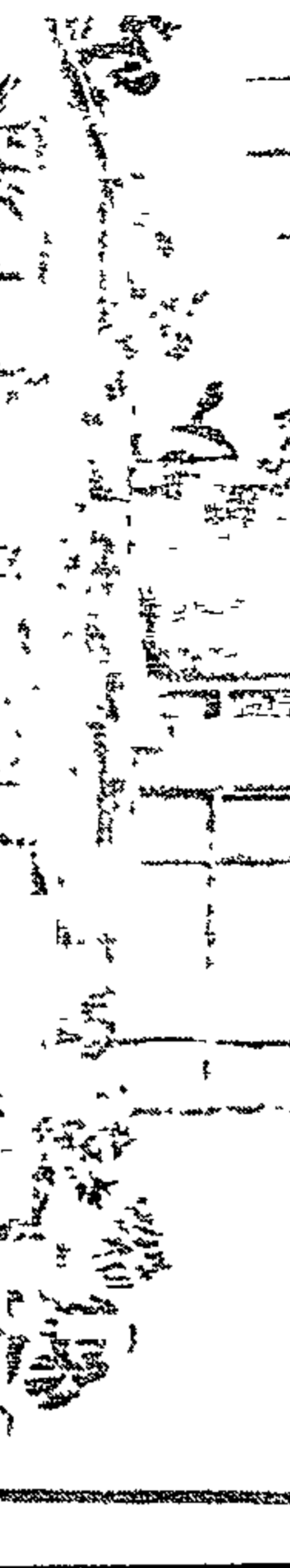
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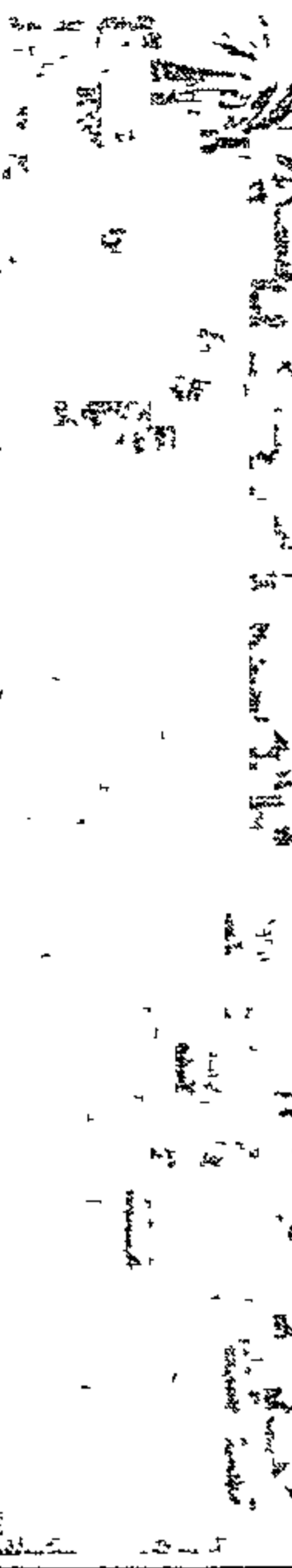
TENANTS of Durban flats that have been sold off as individual units are feeling the pinch from a rent squeeze being applied by a new breed of mini-landlords
 It has been estimated that up to 40 percent of tenants in blocks on the harbour front are moving on because of flat sales and rent hikes
 The latest Durban dance routine choreographed for lesses of the many sold flats on Victoria Embankment is the Esplanade Shuffie (go,go,quick-quick go)
 Blocks of flats on the Esplanade which have been sold recently on sectional title or shareblock include Wilbern Court, Waverley, Kingsford, Bay Towers and The Gables
 The flats have been gobbled up by an army of small investors hungry to protect their savings from South Africa's long-lasting inflation
 But the investors find their inflation hedge quickly turns into a hur-



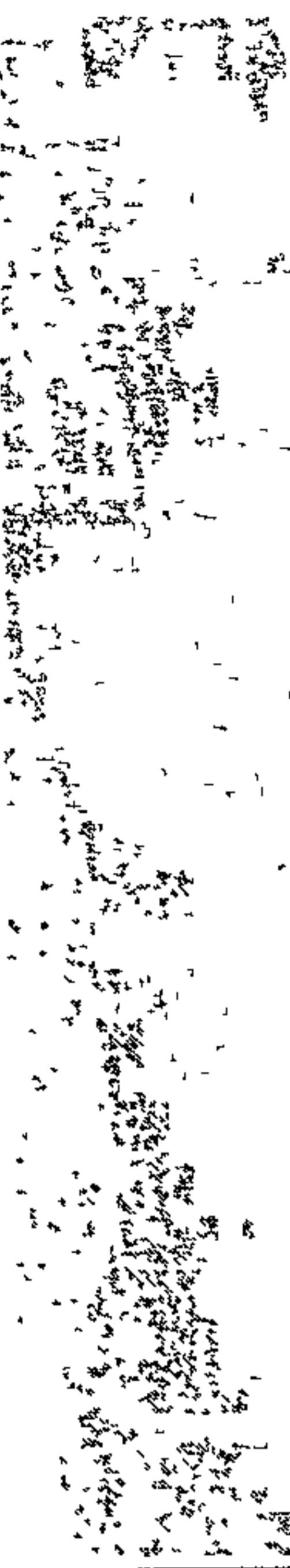
With high interest rates, the monthly repayment on the bond for each flat is far higher than the current income — so the going rent goes
 Whereas the previous owners of the blocks — the maxi-landlords — were happy to abide by the Government's agreement with the South African Property Owners' Association to restrict any rent increases to 20 percent a year, the mini-landlords find they have to lift rents by as much as 75 percent
 Sometimes the flats are bought by the tenants, but where this is not the case the tenants are given notice
 A two-bedroom flat in the popular Kingsford block — which was sold out in a month — cost about R52 500 complete with a garage The minimum down payment was R13 125 and the repayments (for a bond of R39 375 over 20 years) were R525 plus a levy of R105, making a total of R630 a month
 But the current rent for that accommodation is only about R350 so the



new owner who bought the flat to protect his savings is suddenly losing money
 So up shoots the rent but even a 75 percent increase does not cover the expenses of the investor
 If he is in a high income bracket the investor can claim a favourable rebate on his tax, but he must rely on capital appreciation in the long run to recoup his losses
 The same thing is happening in other areas around Durban and the inevitable result is a general increase in rents which some estate agents are forecasting will go sky high before long
 "But just how much higher in they go without salary increases at a compensating level?
 A family can only afford to pay a certain percentage of its income in rent The building societies put this figure at 25 percent for bought properties, but average rents are already more like 30-35 percent of salaries
 The director of property administration for RMS Svire's Malcolm



Willshire, says there is a resistance to the new rents but they will soon have to be accepted
 "It takes longer to find a tenant at the new levels but generally flats do not lie empty for long
 "Some existing tenants accept the new rates, but up to 40 percent move out The problem is where to go
 "The result could be a sociological change with people having to accept lesser accommodation more in line with overseas standards
 The average rents for good quality flats in Durban have been quoted as Two-bedroom R320 385, One-bedroom R250 310 Bachelor R185-200 But these are the figures for maxi-landlords who do not need such a big return
 New landlords, with their heavy interest and capital outlay are charging much higher rates
 The president of the Institute of Estate Agents Roland Walker, says that as long as rents are market related there is nothing wrong with them going up — even if it exceeds the 20 per cent



test timber-frame house unveiled in Pinetown this week

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125) Hansard Q. 61
 Natal dwelling units
 2/3/83 457-460

Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) How many dwelling units for Indian occupation were built in 1982 in (a) Durban and (b) the rest of Natal,
- (2) how many units are planned for construction in 1983 in each of these areas?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) 5 047 (b) 705

(2) The whole question of housing needs and shortages are closely linked to the new policy directives announced by me in terms of which as part of a comprehensive housing strategy it has been determined that state funds in future will be made available only for the provision of infrastructure to ensure an adequate supply of building sites, and for the provision of housing to the very lowest income group, the aged and other welfare cases, whilst greater involvement by the private sector in the housing process, especially by the individual himself, his employer and utility companies will be purposefully pursued and actively

promoted Where the Government with the limited means at its disposal will in future accept responsibility for only a portion of the housing needs, it is not incumbent on the State to undertake the comprehensive research on an ongoing basis that the determination of housing needs and shortages demands Accordingly the Department, unfortunately, cannot provide the required statistics

Durban complex housing

118 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) What was the estimated shortage of houses for (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian persons in the Durban complex as at 31 December 1982,
- (2) how many (a) houses and (b) flats were made available for persons of each race group in 1982 by (i) his Department and (ii) the local authority?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) The hon member, in this regard is referred to the reply given by me in respect of Question 62

(2) (a) and (b)	Houses		Flats	
	Department	Local Authority	Department	Local Authority
(1) and (ii)				
White	—	—	—	—
Coloured	—	—	—	—
Indian	—	4 129	—	918
Black	—	—	—	—

Reprieve for illegal Stanger residents

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homes

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THE Port Natal Administration Board has granted a second reprieve to blacks living illegally in the backyards of Indian-owned properties in Stanger the director of employment services of the board, Mr H J Venter, said yesterday

The board had now given the blacks, mainly nurses at the Stanger Provincial Hospital, until mid-April to leave their

Initially they had been told to leave by the beginning of February

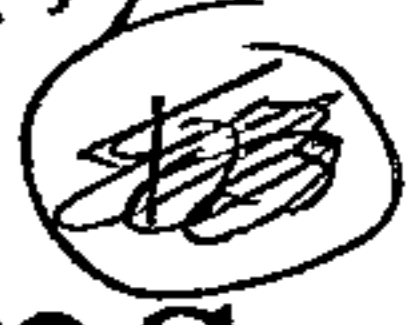
A month's reprieve was given following representations by a six-man advisory committee, headed by Mr Simeon Goba

Mr Venter said the board had granted the second reprieve to give Hospital Services the opportunity to suggest alternative accommodation

Plan to sell 500 000 Govt homes faces huge problems

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Welcome from black leaders

Property Editor

HUGE problems are bound to face the Government following its decision to sell 500 000 State-owned homes

In creating what amounts to a whole new property market throughout the country, the physical task of selling the homes becomes enormous

If, as announced, the crash programme begins on July 1 and lasts for 12 months, the Government and its agents will be trying to sell an average of 1 370 houses a day

Mr Brian Hose, chair-

African Affairs Reporter THE Government's plan to sell houses was enthusiastically welcomed by black community leaders in Durban yesterday

Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council, said it was a good proposition, but pointed out that his council was looking forward to the

man of the Durban and Natal Coast branch of the Institute of Estate Agents forecast yesterday that a sales drive involving so many homes could be a 'hopeless task'

Government finalising the 99-year lease

He said some houses were built in the early 1930s and he hoped that they would be sold at the value which prevailed at the time

Mr CBS Makatini, former mayor of Clermont, said the scheme was a good idea but it was long overdue and the Gov-

ernment should expedite its introduction

He advised township residents to waste no time in buying the houses under the new scheme

Mrs E Nxasana, life chairman of the Inkatha's Women's Brigade, also welcomed the scheme and suggested the houses should be sold at reduced prices because buyers would spend a

lot of money improving them

Mr D I Ngcobo, branch chairman of the South African Allied Workers' Union, said his main concern was the improvement of wages. He would comment after reading the full report and it might be discussed at the SAAWU meeting in Estcourt tomorrow

Describing the joint statement made to Parliament on Thursday by three ministers as 'fascinating', he said the period given for the sales was incredibly short

'You must remember that every sale will be an individual one,' he said 'Of course, we do not know yet how the Government intends to sell'

Referring in particular to homes for blacks, he said the institute had always said that where a middle class of homeowners with fixed overheads could be developed, it would be good for stability

The institute had been involved in the training of blacks as estate agents

'It is going to be a very interesting growth area,' he said, adding it was bound to be discussed at a council meeting of the institute in Cape Town next week

The three ministers — of Community Development, Co-operation and Development, and Education and Training — said those tenants who did not take advantage of the scheme could face drastic rent increases from July 1984

But if the sales — at discounts of up to 40 percent — were conducted in the normal way as in the free property market, the delays could be considerable

Some tenants, therefore, might be faced with the increased rents even if they wanted to buy

Another snag looming is

that building societies will certainly refuse to make loans unless the land has been properly surveyed

Mr Trevor Olivier, head office loans manager of the Natal Building Society, said yesterday many homes would not be eligible for sales — for example, homes in Kwa Mashu fell under KwaZulu

'We would not lend on a standard G51/9 (the traditional township 'match-box house') unless it had such fittings as proper ceilings and floors, running water and indoor toilets,' said Mr Olivier

'But if we were approached for a loan by a person who had plans to upgrade the dwelling to a suitable standard, that might be considered'

Buthelezi

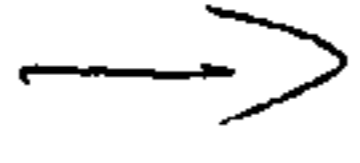
In Ulundi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, has welcomed the Government's announcement that State-owned houses are to be made available for sale to blacks

He said yesterday the backlog in black housing was so acute that any opportunity to reduce it was to be welcomed

The director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Alan Mountain, welcomed the plan, saying 'Home-ownership must be encouraged because it forms the basis of any normal society. It gives people a sense of belonging, of security and of identity'

125 Hansard 8/3/83
Administration Boards, housing
Q 61, 553-554
335 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the
Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many houses were built by the
(i) Drakensberg Administration Board
and (ii) Port Natal Administration Board
during the period 1 August 1981 to 31 De-
cember 1982 and (b) what was the amount
spent on (i) housing and (ii) infrastructural
development for such housing by each
such Administration Board in the 1981-'82
financial year?



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AND DEVELOPMENT

- (a) (i) Drakensberg Administration Board—0
- (ii) Port Natal Administration Board—113
- (b) (i) Drakensberg Administration Board—0
Port Natal Administration Board—R411 342,59
- (ii) Drakensberg Administration Board—R281 323,03
Port Natal Administration Board—R864 703,56

Koornhof ¹²⁵ eases work ²⁰⁵ restrictions ²⁰⁰

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THE Department of Co-
operation and Develop-
ment had relaxed
restrictions which prohib-
ited people who were not
houseowners in KwaZulu
townships entering urban
areas to seek employ-
ment.

This was announced by
KwaZulu MPs in Umlazi
yesterday, who said that
the Government move to
relax the restrictions
came after talks in Ulundi
last week.

The talks involved the
three MPs from Umlazi,
the KwaZulu Minister of
Interior, Dr Frank
Mdlalose, a representa-
tive of the Chief Commis-
sioner's office in Natal
and the Port Natal Admin-
istration Board officials.

Reporting back to the
Umlazi residents' meeting
yesterday, Mr Winnington

Sabela MP, said that after
heated arguments, a Mr
Snyman from the Chief
Commissioner's office de-
cided to send a telex mes-
sage to Dr Piet Koornhof,
the Minister of Corpora-
tion and Development.

The telexed reply read
'From March 16 resi-
dents will report to the lo-
cal labour bureau where
vacancies will be offered.
Should there be no suit-
able vacancies, the labour
officer, may at his discre-
tion issue workseekers a
permit to look for work in
Durban subject to the fol-
lowing conditions

'It will be issued for a
specific period and there-
after the workseeker will
be required to return to
the labour bureau. It may
be withdrawn at any time,
at the discretion of the
labour officer.

'No workseekers' per-
mits will be issued to peo-
ple who by-pass the
labour bureau.'

The residents welcomed
the new changes and con-
gratulated the MPs.

Umlazi

shuns election

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African Affairs Reporter
UMLAZI residents yester-
day resolved to ask the
KwaZulu Government not
to hold an election in the
constituency in Septem-
ber because the commu-
nity felt that the present
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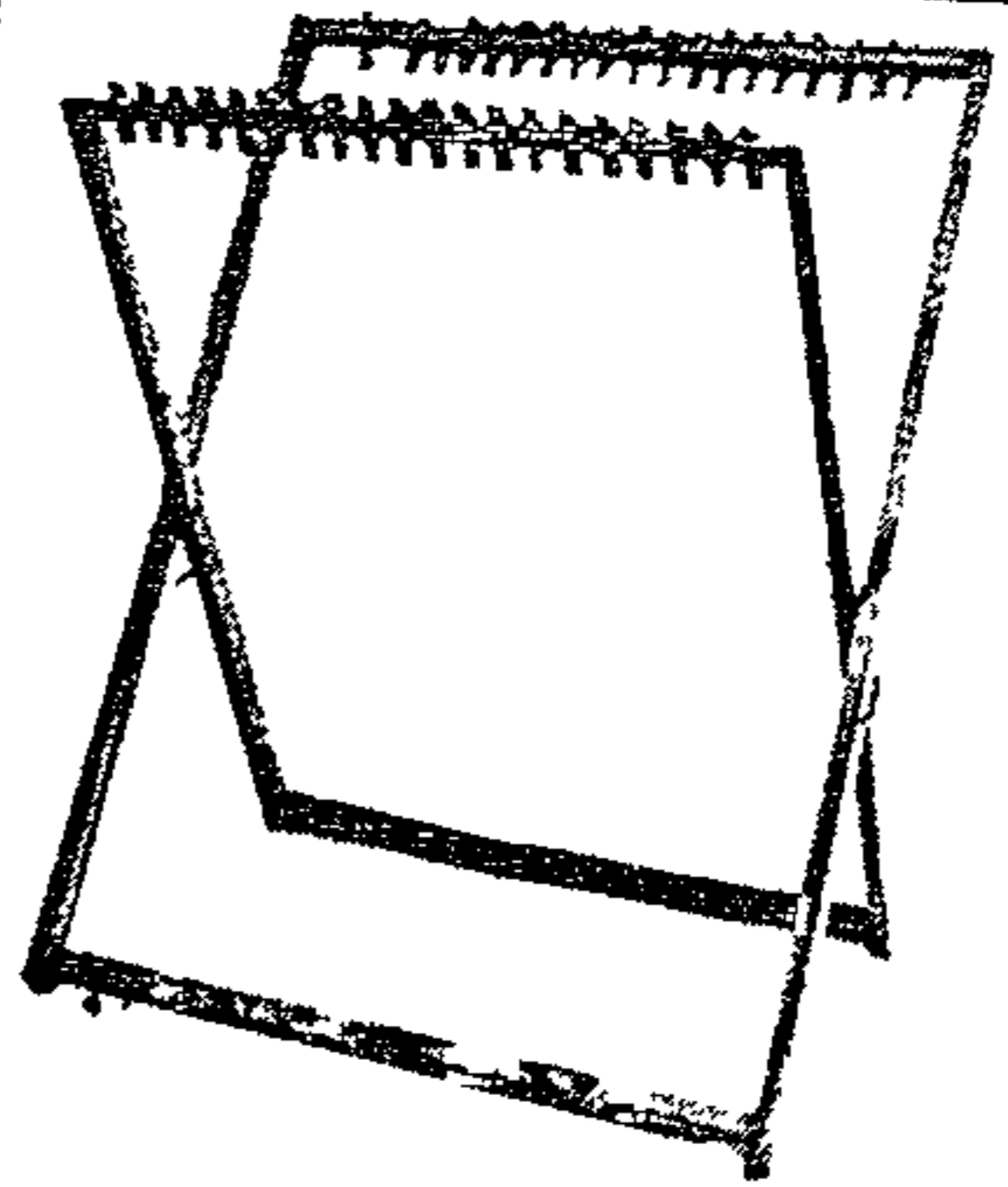
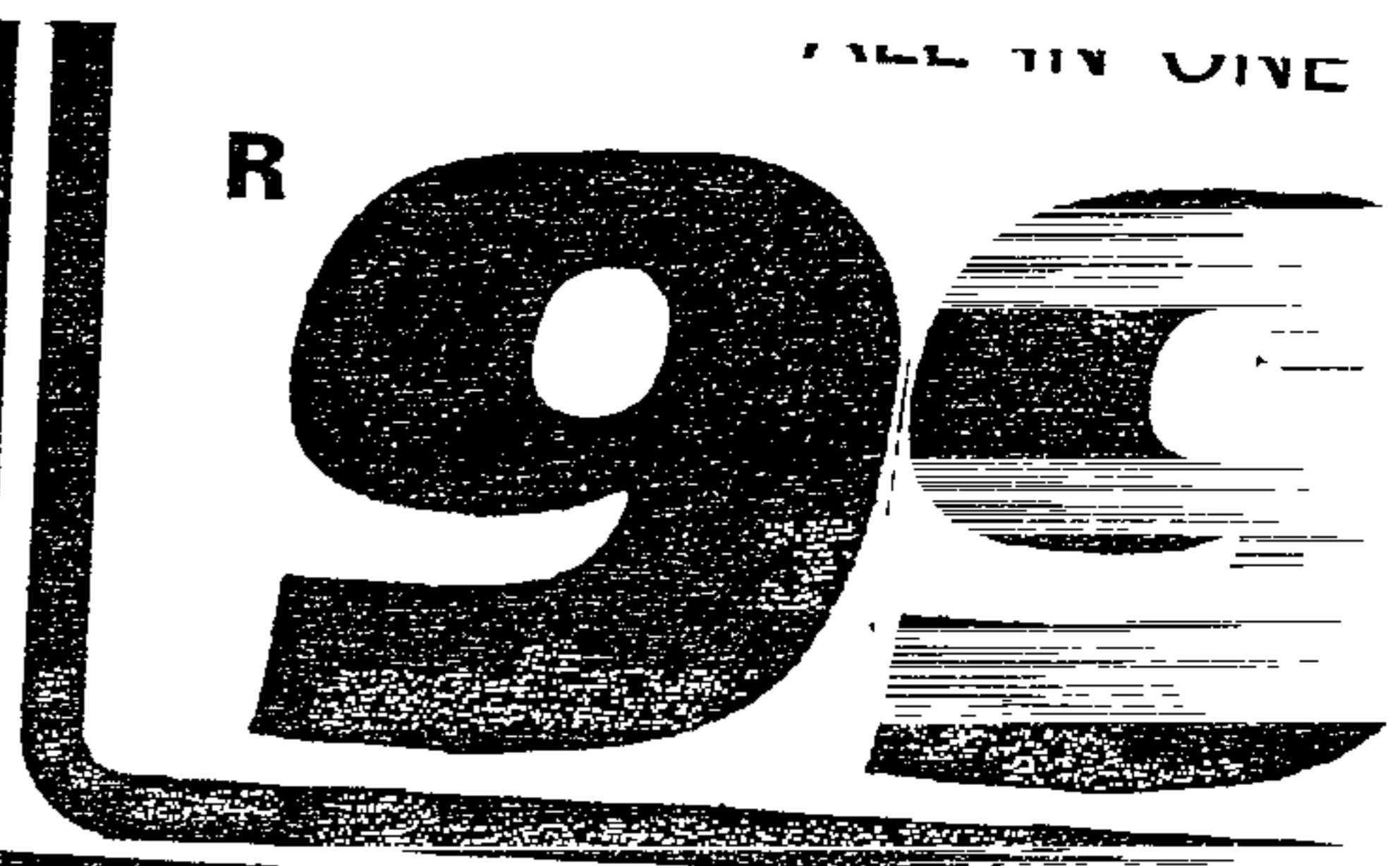
Councillor Z Ngcobo
and Councillor A T
Khanyile, the Mayor,
made the suggestion and
were supported by mem-
bers of the Inkatha region
to the applause of 800 peo-
ple at the meeting.

The standing MPs are
Mr Winnington Sabela,
Mrs WB Yengwa and Mr
A M Mkhwanazi. They
were asked to find a suit-
able candidate to take the
place of Mr H P Simelane
who died last year.

Speakers passed a vote
of confidence in the local
MPs particularly for their
fight against the restric-
tions imposed by the Port
Natal Administration
Board which prohibited
people from looking for

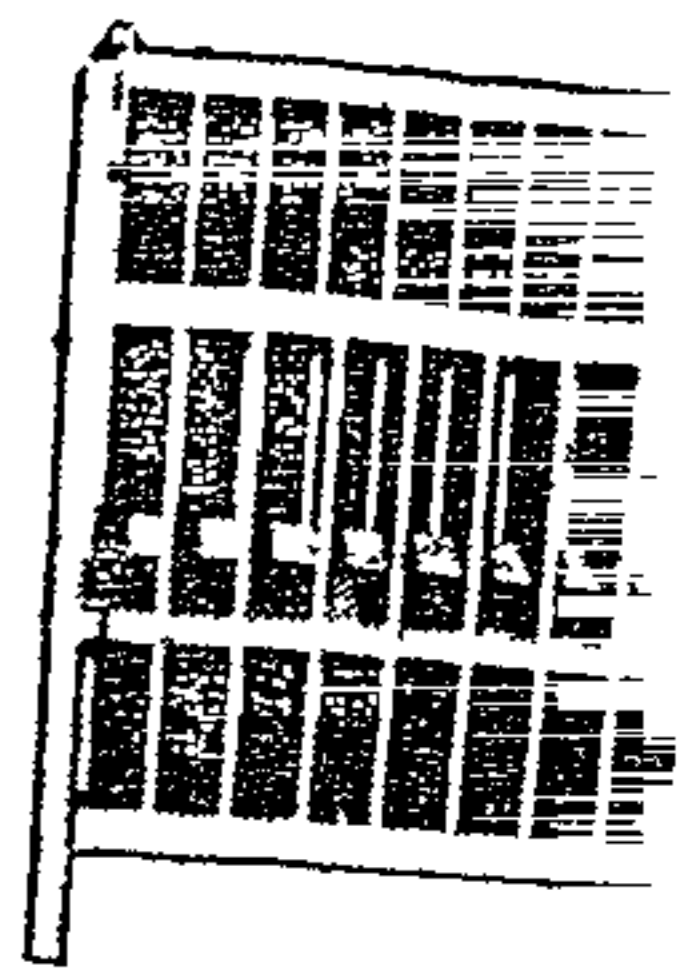
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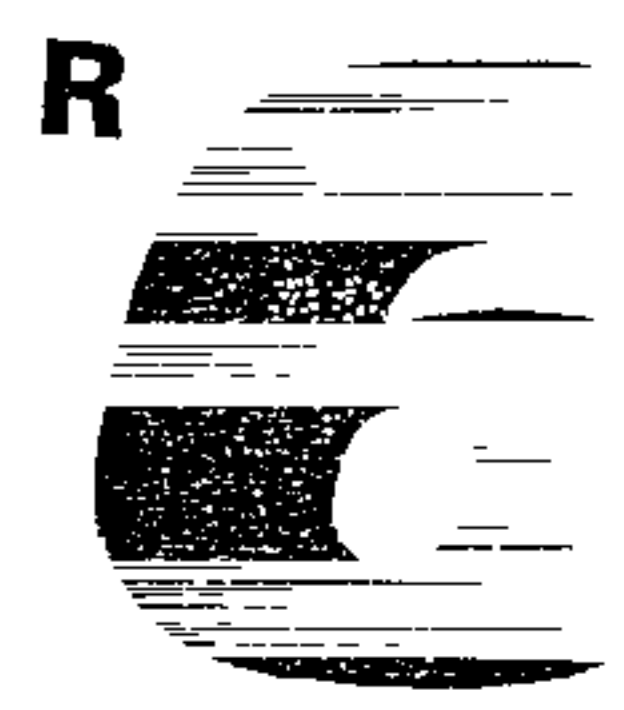


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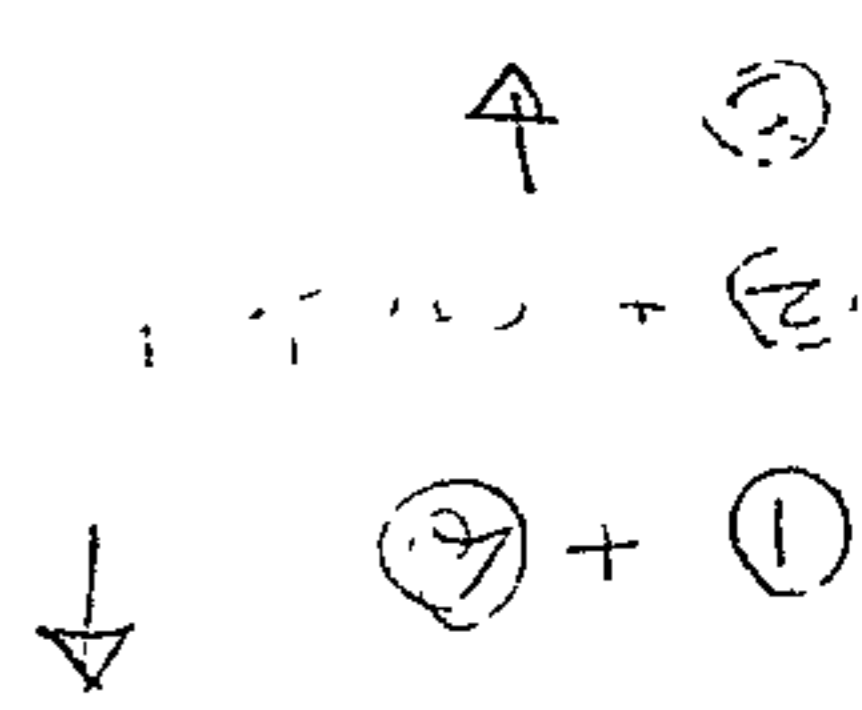
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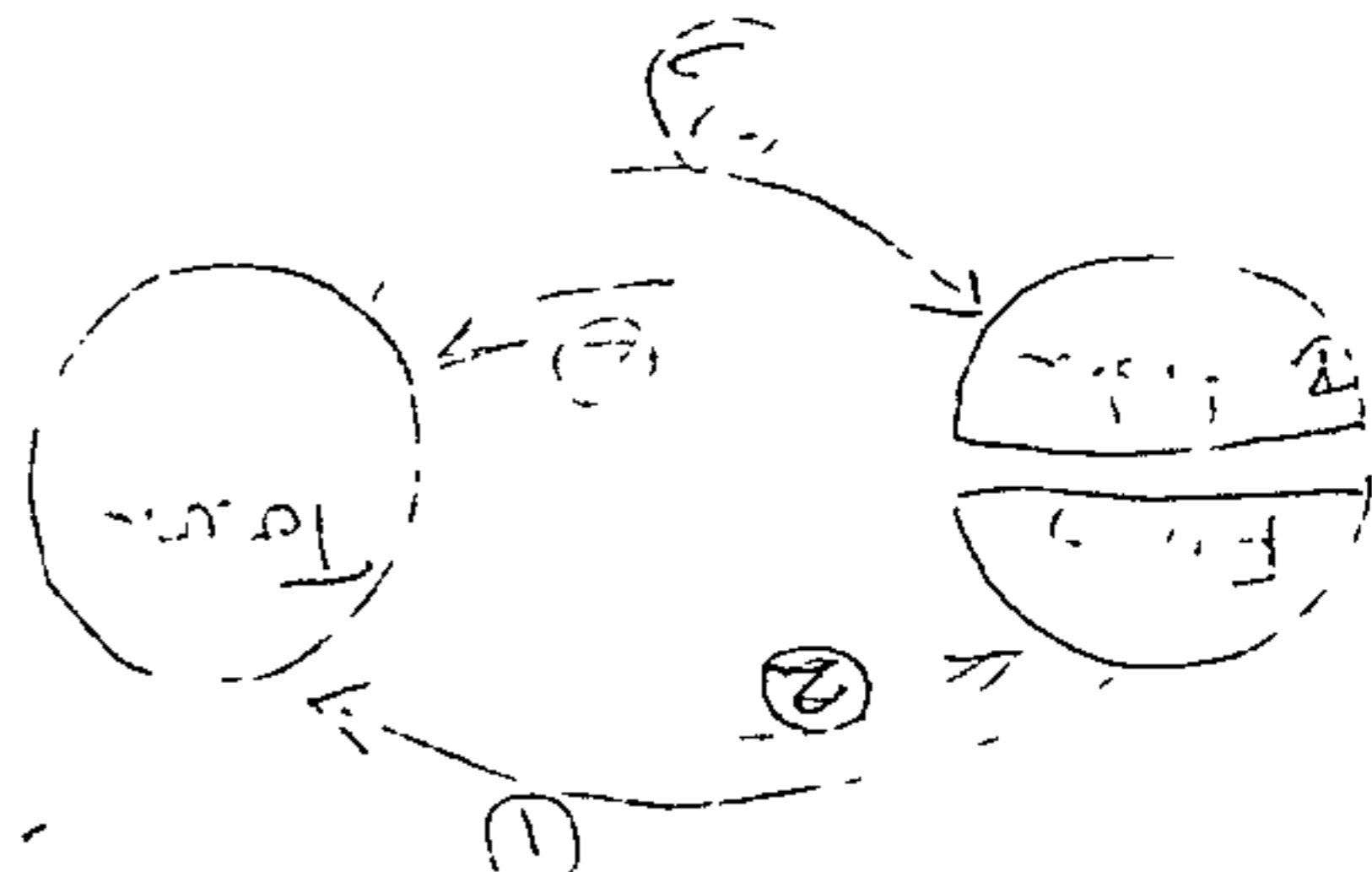
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Umlazi, Kwa Mashu only

IN a report in the Mercury yesterday it was stated that the Department of Co-operation and Development had relaxed restrictions prohibiting people who were not houseowners in KwaZulu townships entering urban areas to seek employment. A spokesman for the Chief Commissioner of Co-operation and Development in Pietermaritzburg has asked the Mercury to point out that this applies only to people from Umlazi and Kwa Mashu — and not KwaZulu townships in general.



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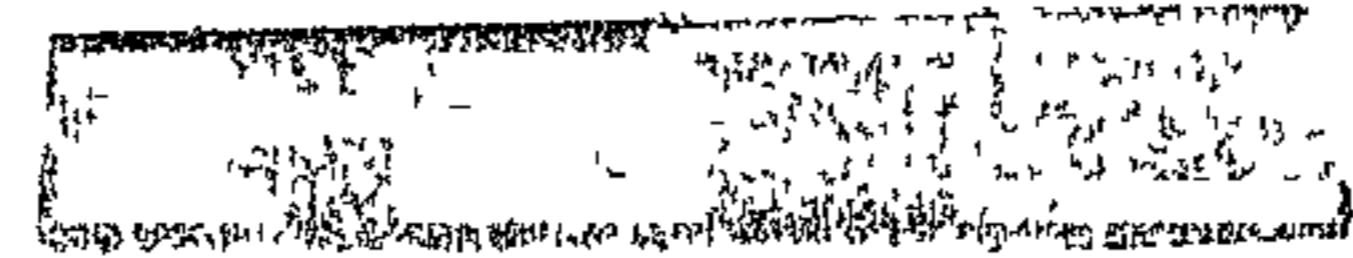
362 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

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- (1) How many families were on the waiting list for accommodation in Inanda Township as at 31 December 1982,
- (2) how many houses were built in this township by (a) his Department and (b) private enterprise in 1982,
- (3) whether any recreational facilities were provided in the township in that year, if so, what facilities?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) 9 000
- (2) (a) No houses were built by the Department of Co-operation and Development. A selfhelp scheme has however been implemented and loans are obtainable from the S A Development Trust. A total of 1 027 houses were erected in 1982 with loans obtained from the said Trust




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- (b) A total of 42 houses were built in 1982 without assistance from the Department of Co-operation and Development
- (3) No recreational facilities were provided other than for school children

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Trust slammed over spending on Umlazi housing



African Affairs
Correspondent

ULUNDI—The Minister of Works for KwaZulu, Chief M A Ngcobo, has criticised the South African Development Trust for not spending enough money on building houses at Umlazi township near Durban.

Delivering his policy speech in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday, Chief Ngcobo said that 15 000 families were now waiting for houses at Umlazi and the situation was 'completely out of hand'.

He said the development of Umlazi was essen-

tially the responsibility of the SA Development Trust, through its agent, the Port Natal Capital Administration Board.

However, the amount spent by the trust in the township over the past few years was 'completely insufficient'.

As a result, the KwaZulu Department of Works had decided to spend R2 500 000 on services at Umlazi during 1983/84, Chief Ngcobo said.

The minister said priority was being given to this development to relieve the residents of Umlazi of unnecessary hardships.

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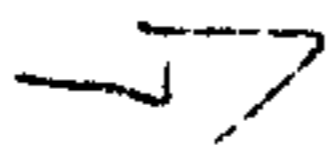
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99-year leases 746
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139 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

How many 99-year leases have been registered in each of the Black townships administered by the (a) Port Natal Administration Board and (b) Drakensberg Administration Board?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) None



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(b) None

Note

Port Natal Administration Board

The leasehold system is applicable in respect of two urban Black residential areas only and the reasons why no rights of leasehold have been registered are as follows

Longaat (Hambanati)—Land not yet transferred in the name of the Administration Board

Durban (Lamontville)—Survey of residential area not yet finalised

Drakensberg Administration Board

The leasehold system is applicable in respect of five urban Black residential areas only and the reasons why no rights of leasehold have been registered are as follows

Pietermaritzburg—Land not yet transferred in the name of the Administration Board
(Sobantu)
Mafatle
Crestown

Kokstad—Land not yet transferred in the name of the Administration Board and problem are also being experienced with the planning of the Black residential area

Cederville—Land not yet transferred in the name of the Administration Board

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SAID TO BE CRUCIAL

Township officer shot dead

African Affairs Reporter
MR OSWALD Ngobese, a superintendent of Mondlo township near Vryheid, was shot dead by an unknown assailant in a friend's house on Thursday night, police said yesterday

A former superintendent of Kwa Mashu and Magabheni townships, Mr Ngobese died as he was being rushed to the local clinic

A team of detectives

from the Murder and Robbery Squad from Umlazi, led by Lt Khanyile, left Durban yesterday to take over the investigations. By yesterday afternoon no arrest had been made.

The motive for the shooting was not immediately apparent.

Mr Ngobese is the second official to be shot in the township. In 1979 the local mayor was shot but survived.

The township is run by

the KwaZulu Government and several superintendents have left after receiving death threats from residents.

There had been resistance to paying rents, residents told the Mercury, and superintendents who enforced their payment frequently received death threats.

Mr Ngobese leaves his wife, Egbhetha, a sister at Kwa Mashu polyclinic and a son.

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Massive rent increases in townships

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Mercury Reporter

BLACK residents of areas under Port Natal Administration Board's control will receive notice next week that their rents will be increased by an average 63 percent from May 1.

And these are only the first of a series of further hikes which are to be introduced at six-month intervals over the next three years.

The chief director of the board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, said yesterday that these 'tariff adjustments' had been unavoidable. They could have been introduced with immediate effect but it had been decided to give tenants a month's notice and forfeit R127 000 which would accrue from the extra revenue.

Rents for basic three-roomed houses, for example, would go up from R29 to R36 a month. Five-roomed homes would go up from R26 to R42

No money

The board was faced with a massive deficit each year and he admitted that residents of these townships — including Chesterille, Klaarwater, Lamontville, Shakaville and Shayamoya — would be quite justified in complaining about the lack of maintenance done in their neighbourhood.

'There is no money for improvements. We can afford only the barest minimum by way of repairs and upkeep,' Mr du Plessis said.

'But we will consider any genuine application for relief by those who are unable to afford the increases.'

Mr du Plessis hoped that the increases would be accepted peacefully.

Paddle

It had to be appreciated that administration boards were forced to undertake functions which he believed ought to be paid for, if not administered, by the Government. These included policing, welfare, sport and some aspects of education and training.

Administration boards were allocated fixed budgets above which they had to 'paddle their own boats' with no further financial assistance from any quarters other than which was obtained from rents and the sale of sorghum beer

Representations to the Government for increased subsidies in the past had met with no success, but these would be renewed in the hope that 'at least something' would be forthcoming from central quarters.

Call to poll awaited

Windhoek Bureau

THE Administrator-General of South West Africa, Dr Willie van Niekerk, is expected to announce an internal election for the territory soon, probably at a Press conference next week.

Politicians interviewed yesterday said they were told by Dr van Niekerk in no uncertain terms that there would be an election at the end of September or the beginning of October and they were urged to take part in it.

Pastor's death 'terrible blow'

Mercury Reporter

THE death of Pastor Charles Kantor, district superintendent of the Indian Church of the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa, was a 'terrible blow' to the mission's Indian church, Mr M Chinnappen, church secretary, said last night.

Pastor Kantor, 66, died in hospital at Port Elizabeth on Monday and will be buried in Durban at the Stellawood Cemetery on Saturday after a special service at Bethesda Temple at 2 p.m.

KDC offers alternative to Clairwood

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Municipal Reporter

DURBAN City Council could have an alternative to uprooting 8 000 Clairwood residents to make room for an industrial area

The KwaZulu Development Corporation will soon be holding talks with the city council with a view to joint industrial development south of Umlazi.

This was revealed yesterday by Dr Marius Spies, the KDC's senior general manager, when asked to comment on plans for the Clairwood industrial area, which could cost R20 million to develop.

'I would not like to comment on the merits of the council plans in too much detail at this stage, because I do not have all the facts at my disposal,' he said.

'But the City Engineer, Mr Don Macleod, has said that Durban had a critical shortage of industrial land within its boundaries and I believe it necessary to point out that this shortage is really quite artificial.

Limited

'Land is available south of Durban, and though it is in KwaZulu, I am convinced we can find a formula to jointly develop it for industry at a fraction of the cost likely to be incurred at Clairwood,' Dr Spies said.

'The time has come for us to make best use of the limited resources we have for development in South Africa.

'Rather than demolishing existing houses we should consider placing industry where there is no disruption,' he said.

Referring to the fact that the planned Clairwood industrial development would create 15 000 jobs, Dr Spies said large numbers of unemployed people lived south of Durban and their transport costs would be lower if development took place in the south.

The Durban City Council and the KDC had agreed to set up a joint committee to improve liaison between the two bodies.

'We plan to convene a

Police free Walesa after five hours

GDANSK—Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, was released yesterday after being held for nearly five hours by police for questioning on his meeting with underground union activists at the weekend.

An official communique read on Polish State radio said he was questioned about the secret meeting with the Provisional Coordinating Commission (TKK) and later released.

Mr Walesa was seen returning to his home in the Zasp suburb of Gdansk.

He was returned home in the same red saloon car in which he was taken away by three policemen early in the afternoon, and told waiting reporters he had refused to answer questions about the meeting with the TKK.

A statement by his wife, Danuta, said the policemen had threatened to

use force if necessary.

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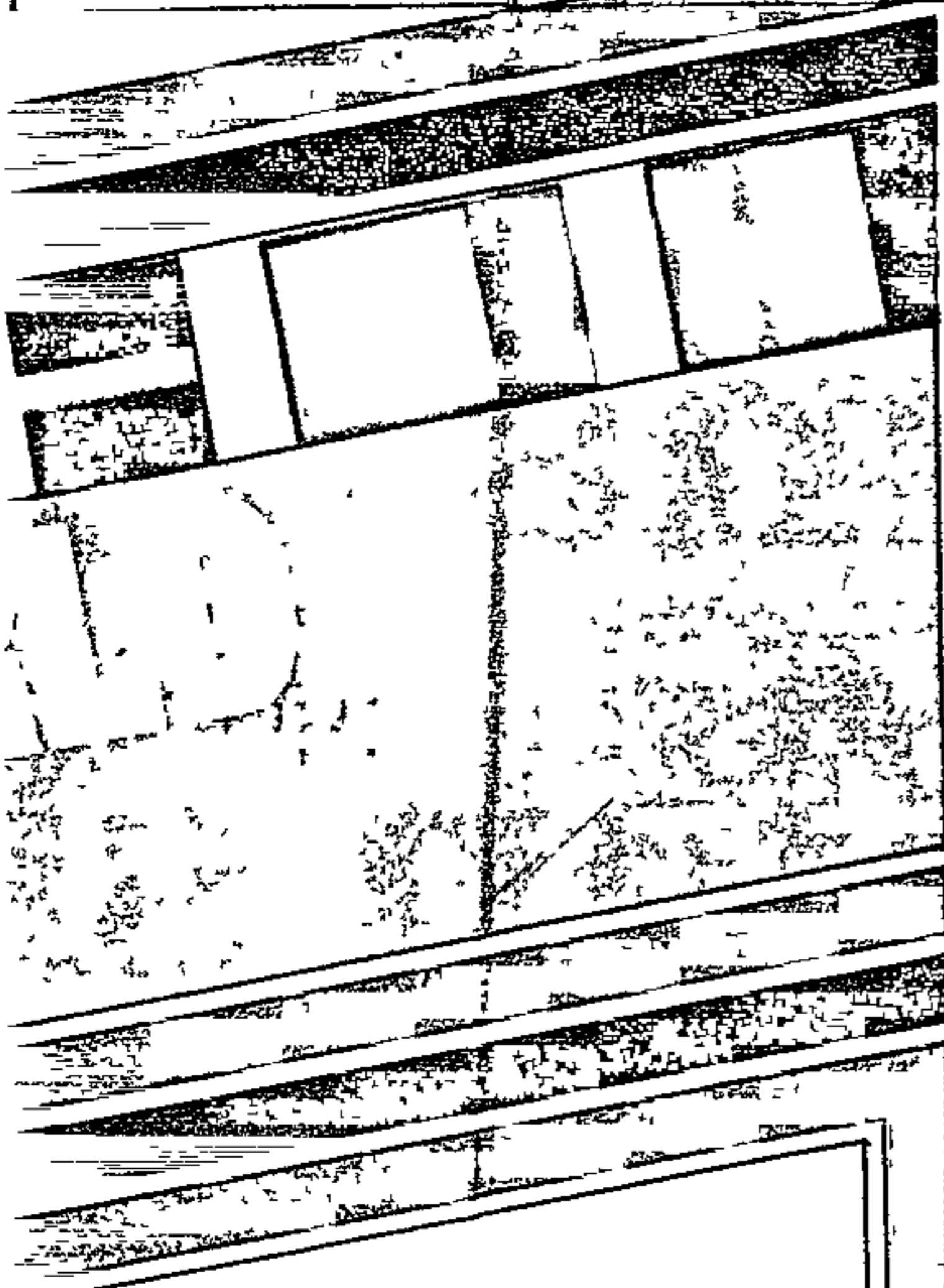
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Police free Walesa after five hours

GDANSK—Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, was released yesterday after being held for nearly five hours by police for questioning on his meeting with underground union activists at the weekend.

An official communique read on Polish State radio said he was questioned about the secret meeting with the Provisional Coordinating Commission (TKK) and later released.

Mr Walesa was seen returning to his home in the Zaspas suburb of Gdansk.

He was returned home in the same red saloon car in which he was taken away by three policemen early in the afternoon, and told waiting reporters he had refused to answer questions about the meeting with the TKK.

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Their appearance follows the alleged hold-up at the video shop on March 10.

It is alleged that five video recorders were stolen.

Mr G Jacobs appeared for the State.

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He added, however, that Nkomo would still have to answer to the courts for any crimes he might have committed in Zimbabwe, a reference to threats made in February that he could be charged with violations of exchange control regulations and illegal dealing in emeralds.

Mr Mugabe said at the time that the allegations of law-breaking against Mr Nkomo — no charges were formally filed — were too minor to keep him out of the country.

Mr Nkomo fled on March 8 after accusing Mr Mugabe of sending soldiers to kill him.

soon be holding talks with the city council with a view to joint industrial development south of Umlazi.

This was revealed yesterday by Dr Marius Spies, the KDC's senior general manager, when asked to comment on plans for the Clairwood industrial area, which could cost R20 million to develop.

'I would not like to comment on the merits of the council plans in too much detail at this stage, because I do not have all the facts at my disposal,' he said.

'But the City Engineer, Mr Don Macleod, has said that Durban had a critical shortage of industrial land within its boundaries and I believe it necessary to point out that this shortage is really quite artificial.'

Limited

Land is available south of Durban, and though it is in KwaZulu, I am convinced we can find a formula to jointly develop it for industry at a fraction of the cost likely to be incurred at Clairwood,' Dr Spies said.

'The time has come for us to make best use of the limited resources we have for development in South Africa.'

'Rather than demolishing existing houses we should consider placing industry where there is no disruption,' he said.

Referring to the fact that the planned Clairwood industrial development would create 15 000 jobs, Dr Spies said large numbers of unemployed people lived south of Durban and their transport costs would be lower if development took place in the south.

The Durban City Council and the KDC had agreed to set up a joint committee to improve liaison between the two bodies.

'We plan to convene a meeting of the liaison committee soon and one of the first items we should like to discuss is joint industrial development,' Dr Spies said.

Develop

'I am sure we can find a way to make the venture profitable for the city council and KwaZulu,' he said.

Deputy City Engineer Mr Tom Bryce said if it was going to cost R20 million to develop in Clairwood it would cost much the same anywhere else. He did not know which land Dr Spies was referring to but inevitably some people would have to be uprooted.

Council to (125) discuss rents ~~241~~

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THE thorny issue of the rent increases to be imposed by the Port Natal Administration Board in Lamontville, will be discussed by the Ningizimu Community Council on April 26, Mr H A du Plessis, the board's chief director, said yesterday.

Other townships under the board to be affected by the rent hikes from May 1 are Chesterville, Klaarwater, Hambanati, Shakasville and Shayamoya. The increases range from 25 to 63 percent.

A recent meeting of residents in Lamontville resolved not to pay the new rents and elected an action committee to work out tactics.

It was also resolved that should the board proceed with the new rents, the residents would seek a court interdict.

The Hambanati residents instructed Mr Ian Mkhize, the chairman of the Hambanati Community Council, to write to Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister for Co-operation and Development, to ask him to waive the rent increases.

Mr Mkhize told the Mercury yesterday that he had written two letters to the minister but had received no reply beyond acknowledgement by Dr George Morrison, the Deputy Minister. He is to write again.

Interdict ~~344~~ Mercury 125 could stop 21/4/83 rent hikes

African Affairs Correspondent

NEW rents for blacks living within the Port Natal Administration Board's areas of jurisdiction had been decided on only after negotiations with the various residents community councils, according to a statement from the board.

But a joint Rent Action Committee representing residents may seek an interdict against PNAB to prevent the increases — due to take effect from May 1.

Committee chairman Mr Richard Gumede said the interdict would be sought on grounds that there had been insufficient consultation.

A statement from PNAB, however, says 'comprehensive discussions' had taken place. The new rents were within internationally-accepted restrictions that no more than 25 percent of a tenant's income should be spent on rent.

Petition

The board had provided for those who would not be able to afford the increases, the statement said.

Mr Gumede said a petition to be signed by residents of the townships concerned would be forwarded to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and local members of Parliament.

Residents felt the increases — ranging between 25 and 72 percent — were not justified since the standard of maintenance of houses and community facilities was far below accepted standards.

There was also no option for home ownership, leaving residents condemned to a 'perpetual state of tenancy'.

The action committee felt the PNAB had been 'irresponsible'.

'Fruitless'

Mr Gumede said South Africa was experiencing one of the worst economic recessions in history and hundreds of thousands of black people were unemployed. In addition, the country was suffering from a devastating drought.

Mr Ian Mkhize, a spokesman for the community at Hambanati near Tongaat, said people felt angry that PNAB funds intended for their welfare had been invested in 'fruitless ventures' such as the Rondalia Bank.

The Rev M Xundu, a member of the committee from Lamontville, doubted whether black people in the Durban area would support community council elections in future.

Community leaders had gone into the councils in the hope of giving service but had found their efforts frustrated.

Experts oppose Clairwood move

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Mercury Reporter

SPECIALISTS in urban planning at the universities of Natal and Durban Westville yesterday wrote to the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha urging him not to approve a Durban City Council application for redesignation of Clairwood for industry.

They are Prof J S Butler-Adam and Miss Maneka Padayachee of the University of Durban-Westville's Institute for Social and Economic Research, and Mr S Horton, Prof M Kahn, Dr J J McCarthy, Mrs D Scott, Mr D

P Smith and Mr M O Sutchiffe all of the University of Natal's department of town planning.

They said they believed that the city council may be misguided in its intentions to rezone and redevelop the Clairwood area which was largely owned and occupied by Indians for industry.

Research had shown that the majority of existing residents in Clairwood did not wish to be relocated elsewhere and the present housing shortage for Indians would be compounded by industrialisation.

Clairwood was regarded by Indians as an important cultural centre even though various measures imposed by the council had led to its neglect.

Research has shown that ample alternative industrial sites exist both in Durban and in the greater metropolitan region, that will not displace settled communities, they said in the letter.

Dr McCarthy said the group had urged the Administrator to delay his decision on Clairwood and had asked for an interview.

SAIC slams council for plan to rezone Clairwood

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DURBAN City Council proposals to rezone Clairwood for industry came under heavy fire at a meeting of the South African Indian Council in Durban yesterday

Spearheading the attack, Mr Amichand Rajbans, executive chairman of the SAIC, said at one stage Clairwood accommodated an Indian population of more than 40 000 but many people had been forced to move out after their properties had been either expropriated or declared slums.

'The city council created the slum conditions by not providing the services and preventing ratepayers from developing their properties. If Indians wanted to build factories there was always a hue and cry.'

He accused the council of adopting a 'process of slow torture' to force Indians out of the area. Rates were increased as property owners were charged industrial rates, although they still had their homes there.

Records

We are not opposed to the creation of industries, but what we are concerned about is for how long are we going to sit back and allow Indian-owned land to be expropriated for industrial use. Records show that 95 percent of land which was required for industrial use were expropriated from Indians.

The SAIC's executive committee would be holding talks with the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha, in Pietermaritzburg on Thursday on the future of Clairwood.

A plea would also be made to the Administrator to consult Clairwood ratepayers before accepting any rezoning proposals for the area.

Township rents to rise by 63 percent

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African Affairs
Correspondent

THE Port Natal Administration Board has sent out accounts to residents in the six townships under its control reflecting an average 63 percent increase in service charges. There are 90 000 residents in the area under the jurisdiction of the board.

The board will hold a Press conference this morning to explain why the hikes have become necessary and to answer criticism of the move from the Joint Rent Action Committee.

There has been vehement opposition to the increases on the part of the residents who live in the townships concerned — Lamontville, Hambanati, Chesterville, Shakaville, Klaarwater and Shaya amoya.

The board says it incurred losses of R7 000 000 last year. Income from tariffs at present is insufficient to pay for the services currently being received by residents.

The body further says that administration boards are in the process of preparing local black commu-

nities for autonomous local government status.

Local authorities are traditionally not subsidised by the Government and must try to ensure that the community pays for the services it receives, the board says.

The board says comprehensive discussions have taken place with the community councils and the advisory boards concerned.

The committee, however, disputes the claim that comprehensive discussions have taken place.

It claims that any discussions held by Mr H A du

Plessis, chief director of the board, with community councillors or members of the advisory boards were not 'negotiable' but were simply to inform them about these decisions.

The committee says that community councils and advisory boards have proved to be 'extremely ineffective'.

A deputation of three local Progressive Federal Party MP's attempted to intervene on behalf of the residents last week with Dr George Morrison, deputy Minister of Co-Operation. Dr Morrison refused to veto the increased service charges.

Charges for basic three-roomed houses in the townships concerned have gone up from R29 to R36 a month and they have been increased from R26 to R42 for five-roomed houses.

In Klaarwater there has been a 70 percent increase for housing and a 75 percent increase for hostel accommodation.

'We must hike rents or go bankrupt'

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'But the State is not going to play "Father Christmas" for ever more,' Mr du Plessis added.

The Government had made it clear already that it expected black local authorities to be as self-sufficient as they could.

Twenty such townships in the country already were on the way to 'paying their way,' he said

Interest

Replying to criticism from the Joint Rent Action Committee that the board had invested R1 500 000 in a 'fruitless venture' such as the Rondalia Bank, Mr du Plessis said only R380 000 of this amount was still outstanding.

Latest reports indicated that the bank would be able to pay back all the money with interest

Referring to criticism that facilities at the SJ Smith and Dalton Road hostels were inadequate, he said R200 000 had been spent on upgrading facilities at the former institution and R550 000 at the latter during the past year.

Mr du Plessis also dealt with complaints about the delay in implementing the 99-year lease at Hambanati near Tongaat.

Waived

There had been serious problems in obtaining diagrams from the surveyor concerned but he had been given a final deadline to present his plans by tomorrow

The chief director said facilities existed for residents who anticipated that they would be unable to afford the new rents to apply for the increases to be waived

Applications should be lodged directly with the township offices concerned

THE Chief Director of the Port Natal Administration Board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, says the board has to go ahead with its rent increases in the six townships under its control or face bankruptcy

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, Mr du Plessis said that, for the first time, the board was faced with a deficit for the current financial year

This was estimated at R1 300 000.

Earmarked

'If we did not have reserve funds to balance our books, we would be in very serious difficulties,' he pointed out.

The board had R22 million in reserve but, with the exception of R5 000 000, all of it was earmarked for statutory reserve funds

He said this money was used, among other things, for employees who were still members of the Durban Corporation Superannuation Fund and for staff who were paid out for accumulated leave when they went on pension.

'We are fully aware of the poor economic climate,' Mr du Plessis said

'If we had had other avenues to follow in order not to increase the rents, we would have followed them

'This is why we delayed implementation of the rent increases for a month'

Increased

The chief director said contributions by employers to the funds of the board had decreased and the body did not get a substantial contribution from the Government

The Croeser Committee, a standing committee of the Browne Commission which investigated the financial resources of local governments, was looking at the question of increased contributions for the various administration boards from the central Government

Rent increases in the townships under the Port Natal Administration Board's (Pnab) control, due to come into effect next month, are not likely to be well received. From May 1, residents of Lamontville, Hambanati, Chesterville, Shakaville and Klaarwater will have to pay an average of 63% more for their accommodation.

All classes of accommodation, from hostel dwellings to four-bedroomed houses, are affected. But the size of the increase varies from township to township. The Pnab says the increases are necessary to meet the rising cost of services such as water, electricity, sewage disposal and garbage collection. The charges are being passed on in the form of a tariff, but occupants are unlikely to perceive them as anything other than a rent hike.

Indeed, the mood of the township residents is decidedly hostile. Community leaders have threatened to resist the increases and there has been talk of violence. One community councillor has already been gunned down under mysterious circumstances and there have been several stone-throwing incidents this past week.

Says chairman of the Rents Action Committee, Richard Gumede: "I'm really worried. Nobody knows what is going to happen." Gumede says the increases are unacceptable and objections have been forcibly made. But the Pnab remains unmoved. "Where do they expect us to get the extra money from?" he asks. "Are we to starve?"

Chief Director of the Pnab, Hennie Du Plessis, says he's sympathetic, but the board has little option but to go ahead with the increases. He points out that in 1979 the deficit on its township operations was R3.5m and that this year it is expected to reach R6.6m. This year the board's overall deficit, after the township losses have been made good, is likely to be around R1.3m. Even with the increases he says the board is budgeting for a R1m deficit next year.

"We're in a bad way," he says. According to Du Plessis, the increases would have been imposed earlier, but, after initial noti-

fication in 1980, it has taken the board 20 months of negotiation to get to the point of implementation. He confirms that there is a possibility that the increases could provoke violence but hopes there "won't be trouble."

The Pnab has, he says, met at length with advisory boards and community councillors to explain the board's predicament and has circularised all the affected township residents. Du Plessis says the board is even prepared to assist those who are experiencing financial hardship and cannot pay.

Though he insists that the board's conscience is clear, he acknowledges that the root of the problem is the nature of board funding. Government expects them to be totally self-sufficient. The problem is that township residents have become accus-

tomed to being subsidised and don't pay their way. Some townships, says Du Plessis, like Sebokeng, Daveton and KwaThema, are self-funding or close to it. But those under the Pnab's control, he admits, are a long way from breaking even.

Call to Govt for meeting on rents

African Affairs Correspondent

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A MEMBER of the Joint Rent Action Committee has suggested a direct meeting between leaders of the six townships under the control of the Port Natal Administration Board and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, together with the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison

Mr Ian Mkhize, a community leader from the Hambanati township near Tongaat, said yesterday the black communities were adamant that they could not afford the new rent increases, which were payable between now and May 15.

The black townships were seething with unrest, he said, and there was a need for joint problem-solving between the board, the minister and the black communities

'It is necessary for consultations to take place at the highest level,' Mr Mkhize said

It was essential that the Government should come to the board's rescue.

Mr Hennie du Plessis, chief director of the board, said last night he would be discussing the request with Col Willem Dreyer, the chairman.

No increases

On Wednesday Mr du Plessis told a Press conference that the board had to go ahead with the rent increases in its six townships or face bankruptcy

This week the committee pointed out that many large employers of black labour had not been able to grant wage increases this year

Those who had been able to do so had been able to afford an average increase of only 7,5 per cent.

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People had been laid off and only part-time jobs had been offered to some employees so that the earning power of blacks in the area had been severely eroded

'Cause
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THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi has appealed for a moratorium on rent increases in the six black townships under the control of the Port Natal Administration Board until the economy recovers

In a statement yesterday, Chief Buthelezi said the Government had appealed for self-discipline in combating inflation

Wage increases were generally being held to a minimum or to nothing at all and the Public Service had not been given increases

'Surely then at this time the administration boards must, too avoid aggravating poverty and hardship' he said

Chief Buthelezi said he was sending his appeal to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, via the Commissioner-General for the Zulu people Mr P N Hansmeyer

The issue of an average rent increase of 63 percent in the townships has been a dominant issue this week

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Blacks reject new rents offer

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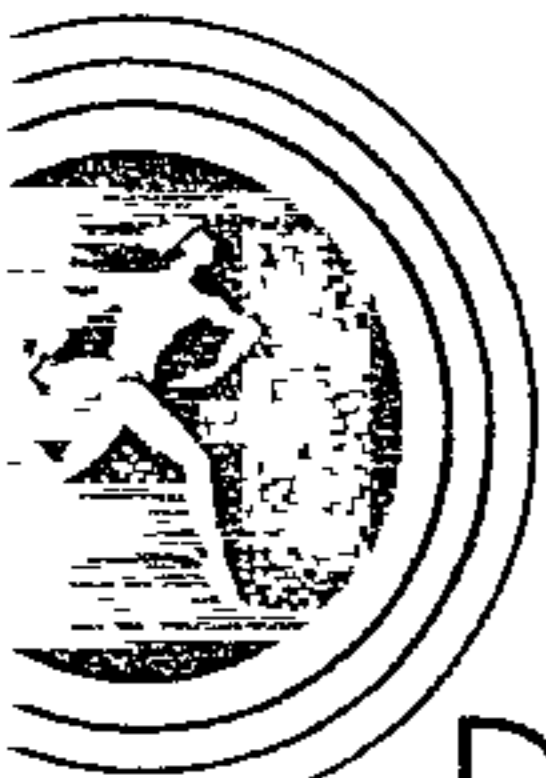
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THE chief director of the Port Natal Administration Board, Mr Hennie du Plessis has announced that the board is to spread the 63 percent rent increases in its townships over three months

But, according to our African Affairs Reporter, the chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Mr Richard Gumede, told about 10 000 mourners yesterday at the funeral of Mr Harrison Dube, the Lamontville community leader who was murdered last week that the communities rejected the weekend move initiated by the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof

He also told the crowd to boycott the community council elections in November and he called for the scrapping of the community council system

People at the funeral were adamant that they were not going to pay the new rent scales, even as modified by Dr Koornhof

Increase

In a statement during the weekend, Mr du Plessis said he had been informed by Dr Koornhof that half the increase would come into effect as from yesterday — May 1 — and the other half as from August 1

In addition there would be a 15 percent increase as from November 1

Mr du Plessis said new accounts were being processed today and would be sent out to the 4 657 households and 17 855 hostel residents this week.

He said that, to use Lamontville as an example, where rents would have risen immediately from R25 to R41, they would now go up to R33 and then to R41 at the beginning of August.

Mr du Plessis said at a Press conference last week that the board had been forced to increase the rents or face bankruptcy



DR Tokunboh Adeyemo 'I am here on an invitation — not as a judge, but to prick the conscience of the Church.'

Church is gaining ground in Africa, says former Muslim

Mercury Reporter
CHRISTIANITY was gaining about 4 000 new converts each day in Africa, and if this trend continued more than half the continent would be Christian by the turn of the century

This is the view of Dr Tokunboh Adeyemo, chairman of the World Evangelical Fellowship and general secretary of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa and Madagascar

Dr Adeyemo is visiting South Africa for a month

have been preaching along these lines

'I am here on an invitation — not as judge, but to prick the conscience of the Church'

If all Christians would come together as one and pray together, Africa would be saved and South Africa delivered he said

He believed communism had gained momentum in Africa, but added that in places where the Church was persecuted, it continued to flourish and was proving the best bulwark against communism

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'No peace in Lamontville until rent increases waived' warning

Newsworthy African Affairs Correspondent 2/5/83
 THE chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, Mr Richard Gumede, says there will be no peace in Lamontville until the rent increases are waived

Teacher's death 'great loss to school'

African Affairs Correspondent

THE acting principal of the Lamontville High School, Mr G J Sithole, said the school had suffered a great loss with the death of one of its teachers, Mr Mpkwana Khanyle

Mr Sithole said Mr Khanyle had been one of the school's senior teachers and had been in charge of Afrikaans in Standards 9 and 10

Mr Khanyle was hacked and stoned to death in the township on Sunday during the funeral of Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent member of the Ningsizumu Community Council Mr Dube was killed by unknown assailants a week ago.

Mr Gumede said yesterday the committee was sending a telegram to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George Morrison, the Port Natal Administration Board and Opposition MPs calling for a moratorium on the hikes

There was a need for the ministers, in particular, to get together with the township leaders

He said the announcement at the weekend that the 63-percent increases would be phased in over three months would not solve the problem

Tension

Mr Gumede said the residents of the townships concerned were unable to pay the new charges

The tension in Lamontville, especially, would not be reduced while the situation remained as it was, he said

Tension has been high in the township since the killing by two masked gunmen a week ago of Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent member of the Ningsizumu Community Council

A man was killed at his funeral

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Abeth police to pay special attention to the accidents, involving many young people

The Eastern Cape had a fair share of this type of right-wing terrorism," he said during a visit to Port Elizabeth last weekend. He had been asked to interview the eight people

He had told him of a campaign of intimidation waged against them in May last year

It had consisted of telephone calls, pamphlets describing individuals among them as communists and suppliers of varied services, removal of petrol caps from vehicles and the tagging of vehicles

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is on Mr Chiavelli's by a Sunday newspaper

Mr De Klerk said that "rehabilitation" order had been issued by the higher courts and that some of the convictions had been of a "technical" nature and would not have constituted criminal offences in South Africa

In coming to this decision, I took into consideration the nature and time of the convictions recorded against the only serious offender of which was more than 30 years ago when he was about 20 years old and in respect of which satisfactory proof was produced that a rehabilitation order was made in 1955 by the higher courts," Mr De Klerk said

There is also satisfactory proof that the convictions would probably not have constituted criminal offences in South Africa if they were, in any case, less serious and of a more technical kind. The decision in this case is in line with the approach normally adopted in comparable cases

Warrant-Officer Hendrik Potgieter said he had contacted Mr Pakendorf immediately after seeing the pictures in the paper. Mr Pakendorf told him he had obtained them from the Defence Force

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3 AWB men in court

PRETORIA — Three members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) appeared in a Regional Court here yesterday on charges relating to the storage and possession of explosives and arms and ammunition

The men are AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, 38, of Ventersdorp, Mr Jan Groenewald, 37, of Wonderboom South and Mr Dawid Frederik Botes, 44, of Geduld, Springs

A fourth man, Mr Jacob Daniel Viljoen, 40, of Klerksdorp, who was due to appear in court yesterday, was not able to attend the proceedings because of illness, according to his attorney, Mr P Barnard

A warrant of arrest was issued for Mr Viljoen but it was held over to May 9 to enable him to produce a doctor's certificate

At a previous hearing the men pleaded not guilty to five charges relating to the storage and possession of explosives, arms and ammunition

The hearing was adjourned to July 11 and bail of R1 000 each was extended — Sapa

Editor in court

JOHANNESBURG — The editor of Die Vaderland, Mr Harald Pakendorf, yesterday pleaded not guilty before a Johannesburg magistrate to a charge of contravening the Police Act by publishing pictures of Commodore Dieter Gerhardt and his wife Ruth, who were held in January for questioning about spying for Russia

The investigating officer in the Gerhardts' case, Colonel Daniel Stadler, said the pictures were published on January 27, two days after he had arrested the Gerhardts. He added that at the time they had not appeared in court.

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Police stoned as mobs rule Lamontville

Own Correspondent
DURBAN — Mobs of youths went on the rampage again in Lamontville Durban, last night, attacking the home of the mayor, Mr Moonlight Gasa, for the second time in a week.

The drama began just after 6pm when police used teargas to disperse the youths, spraying the gas from a hose erected on top of a moving Land Rover

According to police, Mr Gasa was at home when the incident occurred but was unharmed. Because of damage already caused to the house it was difficult to tell what further damage had been caused.

For their own safety, the Gasa family was escorted by police from the house

Three police vehicles were damaged by stone throwers and youths set up impromptu road blocks on some roads in the area. All passing vehicles were stoned and street lamps were "blown out"

At one stage the mobs seemed to have blocked off the township until police, using their vehicles, rammed a number of the road blocks in an attempt to clear the roads

Hundreds of residents returning from work by car were eventually turned away by police

PFP bid to keep parks open

Own Correspondent
PRETORIA — The Progressive Federal Party in Waterkloof and the General Workers' Union (GWU) are considering taking court action over the intended ban of blacks from 17 Pretoria parks by the Pretoria City Council

Yesterday a council spokesman said there would be no reversal of the council's decision, adding that the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953 gave the council sole discretion to decide whether to ban "certain people" from parks

The leader of the PFP

and no cars were allowed further than the Port Natal Administration Board office, at the entrance to Lamontville

Some people hesitantly walked into the township while those trying to leave were faced with a teargas gauntlet

Earlier in the day the mob attacked the board's main office, stoning the building but causing no serious damage

A number of Lamontville residents last night complained about the teargas police used during the violence

Most who live near the home of Mr Gasa, in the area of Hull, Mhlongo and Kaula roads and Mthiyane Avenue, claimed that because of wind, the gas was blown into the homes of innocent residents

Children suffered

Children, they claimed, were worst hit but all suffered stinging eyes, blocked chests and general discomfort

They also said that most of the troublemakers were youths who hid among the buildings, and once the street lamps were extinguished conducted stone throwing "forays" against the police

Police said late last night the mobs had been dispersed and that "all was quiet"

Last night's

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MICKEY and Donald, getting on as they are for their half century, show no sign of age and are as fresh and enjoyable now as they were when they first came out

I wonder how many mums and dads recognized themselves in the cartoon character Mr Walker/Mr Wheeler, the pedestrian turned driver

Knight Rider was enjoyable escapism. In this episode the damsel in distress was his fiancée from his previous life — if viewers care to remember that far back

He was almost in tears as they parted in the end

Parsifal, Wagner's last opera, was excellent. The scenery and costuming were superb but, at nearly three hours, the production was too long for the television

Back Track, sorry Double Track, should backtrack into the distance and disappear with its gyrating motions

The programme could probably be improved if they dropped the studio "dancers"

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Refunds on overpaid rents

African Affairs Reporter

THE Port Natal Administration Board will send out circulars today to all residents of its townships and hostels advising them that those who have already paid the new, increased rents could reclaim their money.

The issuing of circulars follows the announcement by Dr Piet Kooihs, the Minister for Co-operation and Development, that the board was to spread the 6.3 percent increases in the townships over three months.

Mr H D van Wyk, assistant director for community affairs, said residents who had already paid the new rents

could claim their money from the superintendents' offices.

Regarding the hostel residents he said they could consult their superintendents' offices because the hostel dwellers did not receive accounts.

He said they could reclaim their money or leave it with their superintendents and it would be credited to their rent accounts.

Mr van Wyk said in Lamontville 110 people had paid the rent last Monday and in other townships the payment of rents was also slow and he attributed that to the confusion following the minister's announcement.

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'Arm us or we quit' call by blackjacks

African Affairs Reporter

THE security guards — blackjacks — employed by the Port Natal Administration Board at Lamontville were angry with the board yesterday for failing to supply them with firearms to defend themselves against mobs which have conducted a reign of terror in the township during the past two weeks.

Some threatened to resign but pointed out that it was difficult to find jobs because of the recession.

Others said they would stay on until they were pensioned off.

The chief director of the Port Natal Board, Mr Hennie du Plessis, said the

board had applied for permission from the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to supply the blackjacks with 'side arms'.

No reply had been received as yet.

Their anger was sparked off by attacks on them as rioters stormed the Administration Board buildings in the township on Monday night.

● Police reported the situation in Lamontville last night to be quiet and under control.

According to a spokesman the area was still being patrolled and kept under close scrutiny. Police said a number of arrests had been made yesterday.

Two of the Lamontville 'blackjacks' with batons

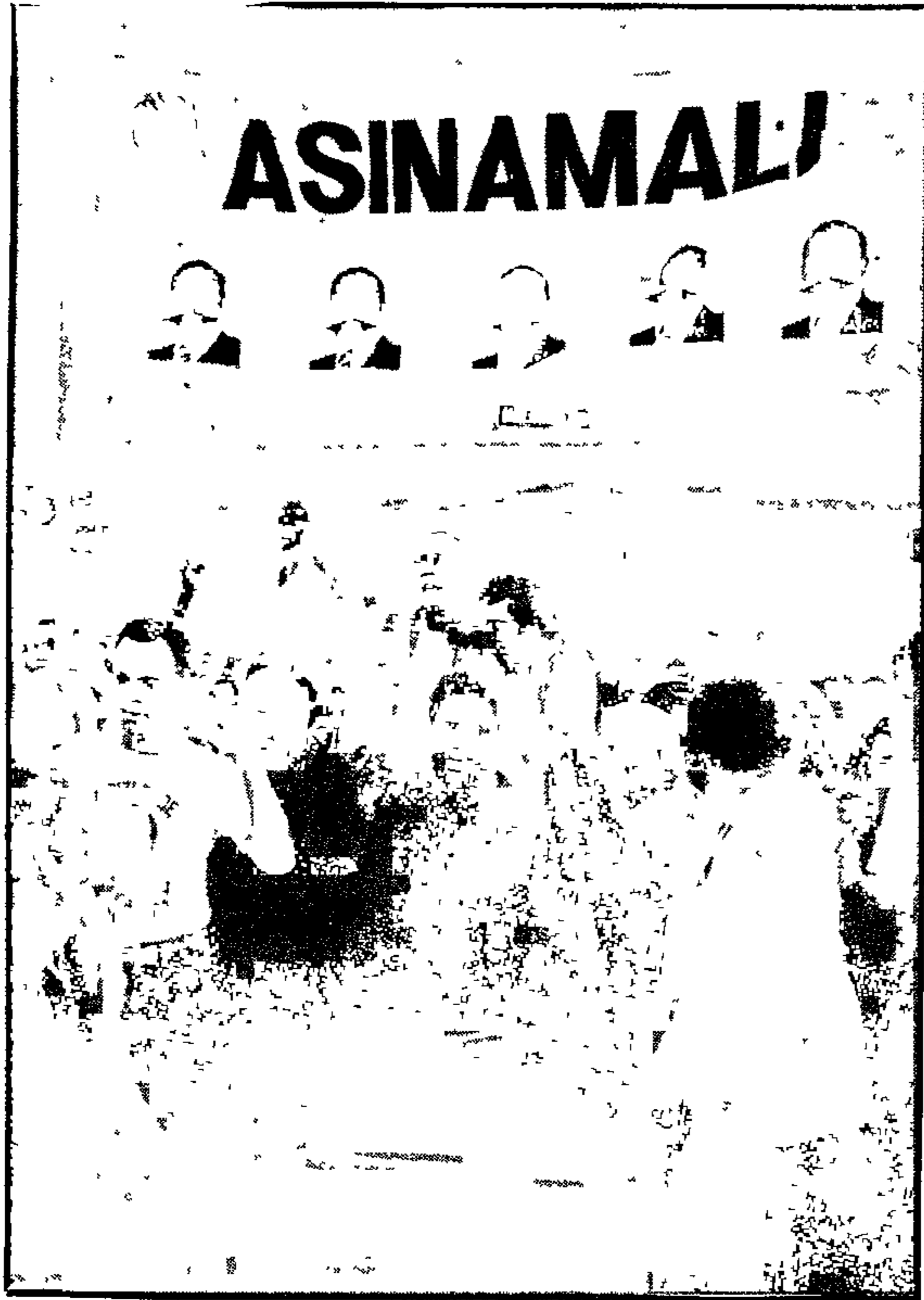


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Shattered Lamontville warns Dr Piet

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City Press

By Z B MOLEFE



DURBAN — The Joint Rent Action Committee in crisis-torn Lamontville township has sent an urgent telegram to the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to "heed our warning" and halt the massive rent increases.

The 10 black townships in the area have been rocked by killings and arson over the last week after the murder of community leader and former ANC member Mr Msizi Harrison Dube

Chairman of the Rent Action Committee Mr Richard Gumede told City Press: "If the Government doesn't heed our warning, this crisis will get out of hand with ugly results."

Referring to the planned 63 percent rent increase, which the Port Natal Administration

Rev Mncedisi Xundu of the local Anglican church leads the prayers at the funeral of slain community leader Harrison Dube at Lamontville cemetery at the weekend. The large banner behind them reads "Asinamali" (We have no money). Pic. RANJITH KALLY

'Crisis could turn ugly'

Board has now decided to halve, Mr Gumede said "The rent increase has unified residents as never before and we will fight them to the bitter end."

"The only thing that will solve this crisis is for the Government to freeze or withdraw the rent increase. Then the people will know that Harrison Dube did not die in vain," said Mr Gumede

Police have mounted a large "clean-up" operation in the townships after the week of violence. On Wednesday night, a school building in Lamontville was burnt down

A police spokesman said a number of arrests had been made in connection with murder and arson, but would not elaborate "as it would hamper our investigations".

On Tuesday night, crowds for the second time attacked the home of Mr Moonlight Gasa, chairman of the local community council. It was burnt down and the Gasa family were rescued by the cops and are in hiding.

Koornhof shelves township rent rises

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Mercury Reporter

RENT increases of 63 percent, which had sparked off persistent unrest in Lamontville, were shelved yesterday after dramatic intervention by Durban's Mayor Sybil Hotz.

Mrs Hotz had telephoned Minister of Co-operation and Development Dr Piet Koornhof, who flew to Durban yesterday to hold emergency talks with local community leaders and the Joint Rent Action Committee.

As a result of a lengthy meeting, Dr Koornhof promised to suspend rent increases until August 1 and to provide R250 000 for maintenance and renovation of houses in the area.

He said no household would be expected to pay more than 25 percent of its income in rent and tariffs.

The Port Natal Administration Board, through a grant from the Department of Co-operation and Development, would make the R250 000 available and a further loan of

R1 250 000 would be negotiated for additional maintenance needs.

Mrs Hotz said last night 'I returned last week from the United States to find Lamontville in a state of unrest.

'It is no good saying the black areas surrounding our city are somebody else's responsibility, and I felt it was time we did something about it.

'I was very grateful to the minister, who interrupted his electioneering in Northern Transvaal to fit in this meeting on a Sunday night.'

Violence

Last night's talks followed more than two weeks of violence in which four people have been killed.

Police used tear-gas in isolated stone-throwing incidents in Lamontville at the weekend but the situation was later described as quiet and

under control.

The funerals of two victims killed in Lamontville disturbances last week were conducted in Lamontville and Chesterville at the weekend, writes our African Affairs reporter, Alex Maphalala.

A memorial service in honour of Bhekí Zondo was held at his home in Lamontville on Friday night. He had been killed when a mob attacked the home of Mr Moonlight Gasa, Lamontville's mayor, set it alight, and forced the official to move secretly to a safer house.

The funeral of Mr Mpikwana Khanyile, a Lamontville High School teacher, was conducted in Chesterville yesterday. He had been knifed to death last week at the funeral of Mr Harrison Dube.

Mr Dube had been shot dead by unknown assailants, and since his death there had been unrest in Lamontville where a number of houses had been set alight.

According to a police spokesman the death of Mr Nhlanhla Bhengu, 24, of Chesterville, was still being investigated. Mr Bhengu died on Thursday night after being hit by bullets.

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**No rent
rise for
township**

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The proposed 63-percent rent increases in trouble-torn Lamontville township have been suspended and R250 000 will be spent on maintenance and renovation of houses in the area

This was announced by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister for Co-Operation and Development after lengthy discussions with local community leaders and the Joint Rent Action Committee here last night.

The move comes after more than two weeks of violence, during which four people were killed

The rent increases have been suspended until August 1 and no household will be expected to pay more than 25-percent of its income in rent and tariffs

Beyond the initial R250 000, a further loan of R1 250 000 from the Department of Co-Operation and Development would be sought for the Port Natal Administration Board, Dr Koornhof said

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105 105/83 Durbanville rent freeze receives mixed reception

Municipal Reporter

THE freeze on Lamontville rent increases had a mixed reception yesterday and the chief director of the Port Natal Administration Board said it might be seen as 'a victory for violence'.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, announced after an emergency meeting with community leaders, Durban's Mayor, the South African Police, Kwazulu representatives and the Joint Action Rent Committee that rents would be frozen until August 1 and then rent and tariffs would not exceed 25 percent of a household's income.

Yesterday Mr Hennie du Plessis, PNAB chief director, said 'I hope the people don't see this as a sign of weakness, a victory for violence'.

'The whole purpose behind the postponement is to give people time to cool off and to give their leaders time to get on with the job of communicating with them'.

'In August there will be tariff adjustments but people who cannot afford the increase will be able to apply for relief and we will use the minister's 25-percent rule of thumb,' he said.

The increases which were to have come into effect now varied between R8,47 for a re-acquired house on a small site to R16,51 for a five-roomed house.

Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, said the rent freeze had defused an explosive situation.

He, and fellow MPs Peter Gastrow and Harry Pitman last week had urged Dr Koornhof to act.

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'We warned of the dangers inherent in an excessive rents increase, however justified. It is impossible to burden residents in areas where there is growing unemployment and the full effect of the drought has yet to be felt.'

'Couple this with the general economic situation and the recent increase in bus fares and there is no doubt that the people in Durban's townships are in a critical position.'

'So we are very pleased with the compromise that appears to have been reached,' he said.

Yesterday Brig John van der Westhuizen, Divisional Detective Officer for the Port Natal Division, said it was too soon to know whether the minister's announcement would end the violence which had led to four deaths, including that of prominent councillor Harrison Dube.

Other councillors' houses have been burned and the Mayor, Mr Moonlight Gasa, has been forced into hiding.

The brigadier said 'I am not a prophet. Only time will tell what effect the rent freeze will have'.

'But I can tell you that we are determined to find Mr Dube's murderer. There have been so many rumours that it is vital to solve this crime. We are working flat out on the case.'

37 appear in court ^{12/5/83}

~~37~~ (125) Court Reporter *Mercury*
THIRTY-SIX black men and a black woman appeared before Mr BJ Brummer in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon in connection with allegations of public violence following the recent disturbances and rioting at Lamontville

Allegations against 18 of them including the woman were withdrawn. The remaining 19, many of them juveniles, will appear in court again tomorrow

She was articulate and was a

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Rent riots 'could have been avoided'

Mercury
African Affairs
Correspondent

ALL the unrest in Lamontville could have been avoided had Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, acted earlier in postponing the rent increases in the six townships under the control of the Port Natal Administration Board

This is the view of Mr Ian Mkhize, a prominent member of the Hambanathi community and a member of the Joint Rent Action Committee

Mr Mkhize said yesterday it appeared the Government had not learned a lesson from the Soweto riots of 1976

He said the rent increases announced by the Port Natal Board had been rejected by the Ningizumu Community Council, the Hambanathi Community Council, the Shakaville Advisory Board and the Klaarwater Advisory Board

Appeals

Mr Mkhize said appeals to Dr Koornhof to call off the increases had been sent off by community leaders on February 4, March 25 and April 18

He said he was not blaming the board for the unrest because the body was in financial trouble

But, having received several appeals from black leaders, Dr Koornhof should have considered the feelings of black people

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Mr Mkhize said that, towards the end of March, the black community became desperate and community action groups were established

Letters were sent to Dr Koornhof and to Dr George Morrison, deputy Minister of Co-operation, as well as to the Port Natal Board and Durban PFP members of Parliament.

These appeals were twice rejected by Dr Morrison

He said Mr Harrison Dube, a prominent community leader at Lamontville, had then been murdered and riots had followed

Mr Mkhize said he had sent yet another telex to the minister

'But he did not respond to my telex until the Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, came on to the scene'

Ten young families get new homes at below-market prices

Municipal Reporter

TEN new Pinetown homes were sold to young white families yesterday at well below market prices

And 61 more homes should be available by the end of the year, according to Mr Hendrik Klopper, chairman of the non-profit company which aims to ease the housing shortage for all race groups in Natal

He said Commhousing, launched in February last year, had been given technical advice and financial assistance by the Department of Community Development and was nearly two years ahead of schedule

Pinetown Municipality had led the way among local authorities by selling the 71 fully serviced sites in Mariannhill Road 'at a very reasonable price'

Consequently, the two-bedroomed and three-bedroomed homes had sold for between R32 200 and R42 800. This included the land and was R15 000 below the market price in many instances

The sites were 2,5 km from the centre of town but had a 'country air' about them. There were several schools close by

Points

Mr Klopper said the 10 new owners, all in the lower- and middle-income bracket, who signed yesterday had been selected from many hundreds of applicants

A special points system had been used to ensure that favouritism could play no part in allocating homes. Preference had been given to those who had already paid the 10 and 20 percent deposit.

Pleased

Mrs Patrick said 'When they told us we'd been allocated a house I was so excited I just kept saying "thank you" over and over again'

Mr Kruger Landman was feeling very pleased with himself. 'My brother has just bought land in Johannesburg and built a similar house to mine with the help of some friends in the building trade

'His cost R85 000 and mine is costing R39 500,' he said

In order to discourage speculation, the home-buyers are contractually bound not to sell for five years

But, Mr Klopper said, he hoped they would develop their properties, extend their homes and become a settled community

It was up to each family to negotiate their bond loans. However, they would probably qualify for the Government's recent 20 percent housing subsidy

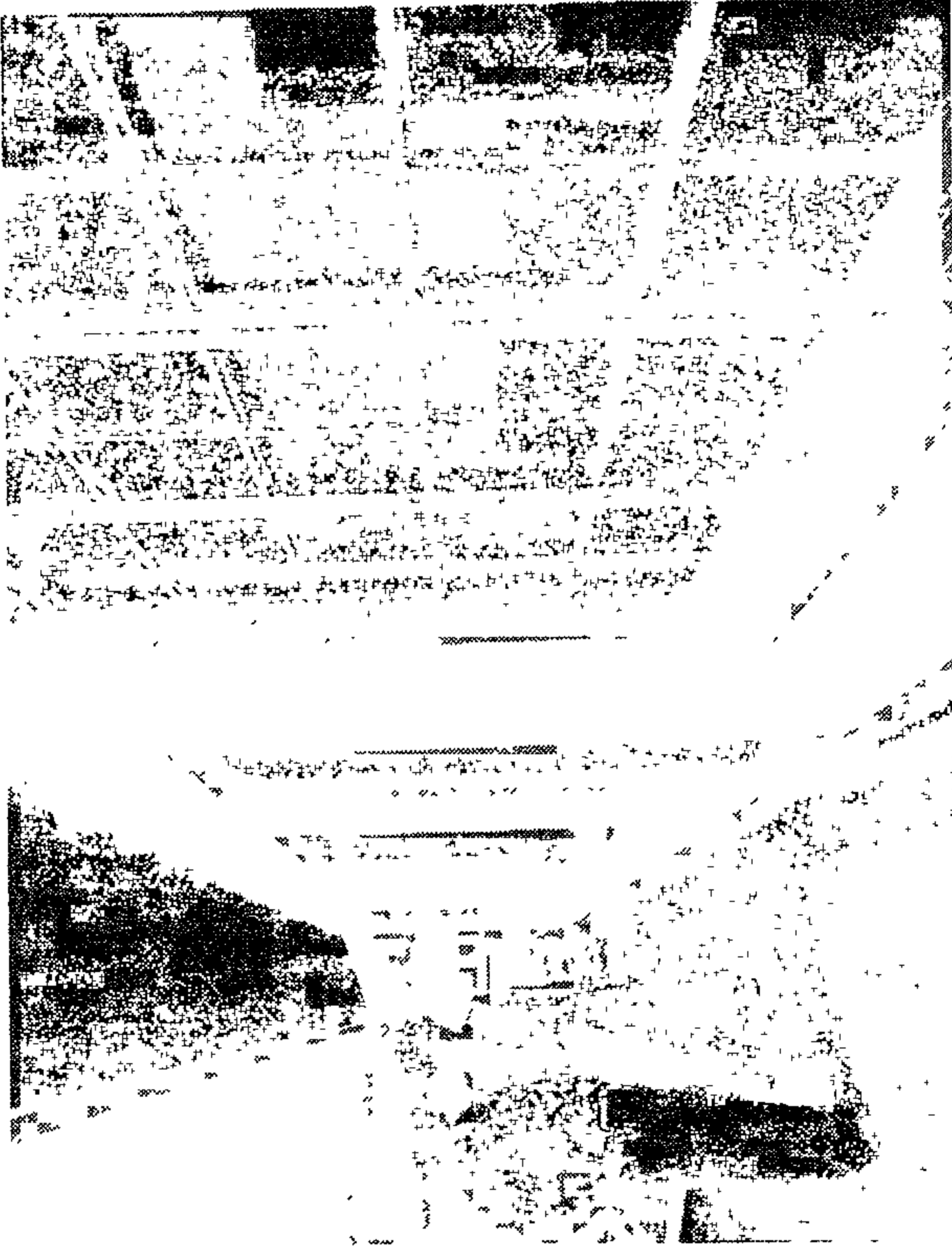
The families could move in on July 1 and were being given as much say as possible in finishes such as carpeting and colours

A similar scheme for coloured families was under way at Marrianridge and construction work would begin within a few weeks

Among those who signed up yesterday was former South African surfing champion Mark Brodowicz, who had almost given up hope of finding a house for his young family

Mr and Mrs Brian Patrick had been house hunting for three years

They have lived with their two children in a caravan for the past eight months.



Mr and Mrs Brian Patrick check on their three-bedroomed home

residential area for industrial use. Chairman of the council's management committee, Neil McLennan, says the main opposition is no longer coming from the residents likely to be displaced by the move. He hints darkly that the issue has now assumed a political complexion with the SA Indian Council (SAIC) and church groups all becoming involved.

On face value, Durban's plans appear quite reasonable. Clairwood is, in fact, a residential pocket surrounded by industry and would be a logical choice for industrial expansion. In recent years it has experienced a form of "creeping industrialisation," and indecision over its future zoning has caused dwellings to fall into disrepair. In the light of that, Durban's contention that it would eventually become industrialised through market pressures, even if it were not designated industrial, seems difficult to refute.

Still, the objectors do mount a reasonable argument — even if it is based more on moral grounds than on practical considerations. Durban's Indian population, they point out, has suffered severely under government's group areas removal policies. In their view, there can be no justification for moving settled communities. Though Durban has given ample assurance that it will rehouse those displaced, many residents harbour real fears that they will be prejudiced by being given homes far from their place of work.

McLennan admits that housing is a problem, though he claims suitable housing sites in the south, not far from Clairwood, have been identified. Of more immediate concern, he says, is who will provide the finance. With the National Housing Commission patently short of funds, he suspects Durban may have to dig into its own pocket

Even if it must rehouse the residents of Clairwood, in spite of the objections, McLennan says Durban is determined to press ahead. The Administrator, he says, wants a firm assurance that those displaced will be adequately rehoused. Once this has been given, he sees no reason why the designation should not be made final. Says McLennan "Those leading the objectors are not working in the long-term interests of the residents of Clairwood. The interests of the people will best be served by the provision of jobs"

Further, he contends that it would be impossible for the area to remain residential. Its 900-odd dwelling units are of poor quality, with tenants living in outbuildings and shacks that have been classified as slums. McLennan says it would be prohibitively expensive for Durban to upgrade the area to normal township standards.

Ironically, the furore over Clairwood could largely have been avoided. Twenty years ago, Durban was in the position to expropriate the properties, but it balked at the expense and opted for the more limited but effective designation procedure.

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Durban dispute

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The Durban City Council has become embroiled in a major controversy over its decision to designate the Clairwood Indian

Residents told to dig own trenches for phone lines

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By PRAVEEN NAIDOO

RESIDENTS of a new housing development scheme have been forced to dig their own trenches, in some cases through solid shale, to lay cables for telephones

Home owners at New Dawn Park in Newlands, near Durban, said that they were not aware that they would have to dig trenches when they bought their houses in Phase 1 of the scheme a year ago

The do-it-yourself cabling system follows changes in the Post Office's connection

system — the houses were built for overhead cable connections but will now use an underground system

One resident, boilermaker Clyde Malgas, has to dig a half-metre trench for 50m through solid shale to reach his connection point

After two weeks of digging he has managed to dig only a shallow 10cm trench over the distance

The nearest telephone is

kilometres away in Parlock

His neighbour, panelbeater Richard Oliver, had just laid slate paving and was putting up a concrete fence around his house at a cost of more than R2 000 when he was told of the new plans

The trench he is digging runs alongside his fence which threatens to collapse into it and the paving will have to be dug up

According to a letter sent

to the residents by the New Dawn Projects Committee, the builders of the scheme, Wimpey Homes, had provided telephone connection points for overhead telephone systems

But the Post Office is now apparently providing underground systems, and neither Wimpey Homes nor the Post Office was prepared to undertake the digging of the trenches

Home owners must now dig their own trenches and place a pipe in the trench to carry the cable at their own cost

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tortured by death and desperation



Mourners at the funeral of Mr. Harrison Dube carry his coffin shoulder-high. Dube was gunned down at night by unknown assassins after addressing a Joint Action Committee meeting.

Will the KILLING and BURNING stop here?

Shaky

By now the shaky power of the council was on the decline. There were strong feelings that Mr. Gasa was behind the rent increases.

Gradually councillors were throwing their weight behind the new hurricane, the action committee.

"The rent issue has unified people as never before. And this has proved that the council is useless," said Mr. Ian Mkhize, a councillor who supports the committee.

"Tell me all that is troubling you, my brothers. Because if you don't say it now, I might not be around the next time." Mr. Dube told a mass residents' rent protest meeting two weeks ago. It was a premonition. Death was waiting for him.

Hours later he was gunned down by masked men outside his house.

Rampage

Lamontville ignited. Rampaging youths stoned and burned down houses and PNBAB property. PNBAB suffered more than R100 000 damage to its properties dotted around the township. Twice within a week the house of "mayor" Gasa was stoned and finally set alight.

At Mr. Dube's funeral, attended by more than 10 000 mourners, Mr. Gummé put his finger on the pulse and mood of the residents.

A wrinkled old woman says it all as her features darken: "For a week I've been sitting next to the phone waiting for bad news that somebody in our family is dead."

Outside, youths move about aimlessly, wearing defiant looks. The stickers on their T-shirts spell out the mood — "Slam Botha's Deal".

You are in Lamontville, a black township of something like 30 000 residents outside Durban, which for two weeks now has been on its knees.

Praying that a solution is found to its crisis which has left in its wake riots, blood, murder and arson.

Former community councillor Mrs Ella Nxasana's watery eyes add to the tension gripping the township.

"What is happening here makes us all sad," she says.

Rents started it all.

The Port Natal Administration Board announced that rents in 10 black townships, including the troubled Lamontville, would go up by 63 percent on May 1

Anger

Lamontville residents could not take it

Their anger was vocalised by fiery community councillor, Mr Harrison Msizi Dube, a political heavyweight in the heyday of the African National Congress.

He was a no-nonsense campaigner for residents' rights and a thorn in the side of both "mayor" Mr Moonlight Gasa and the PNAB.



When the rent crisis surfaced Mr Dube was in his second term in the council. Last year he was thrown out by

Mr Gasa over a procedure deadlock

In a by-election that followed he was returned by a landslide 985

to 50 votes and was hotly tipped as Lamontville's next "mayor" when council elections come up in September.

But Mr Dube was not a lone voice in the fight against increased rents

Out of residents' anger and protest rose the Joint Action Committee under the chairmanship of Mr Richard Gumede.

This committee enjoys grassroot support of thousands of residents in Lamontville, Chesterville, Shaka-ville and Klaarwater black townships.

Even an Action Committee approach to eight PFP MPs to intervene, did not help. These MPs included the leader of the official opposition, Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, Mrs Helen Suzman and Mr Ray Swart.

Dr Morrison, in answer to them, told Parliament that it was the Durban local authorities that had asked for the increases.

But Mr Gumede disagrees. "Following our extensive enquiries, local authorities deny what Dr Morrison told Parliament," he said.

Meanwhile a grieving Dube family receives scores of people who come to offer prayers to Mrs Agnes Dube, mother of the dead community leader. Later the youths in the streets with their deadpan expressions bring it all home again. Lamontville still summers . . .



From left: 1 The murdered man, Mr Harrison Dube. "Say it now because I might not be around next time." 2 Councillor Ian Mkhize . . . a bad time for rent increases. 3 Smouldering shell of corporation bus torched in riot. 4 and 5 Lamontville's "mayor" Mr Moonlight Gasa and his badly damaged house. 6 Mr Richard Gumede, who heads the Joint Action Committee. "The only solution is to freeze the rent increases."

"He died the same way as our heroes Giffiths, Mxenge, Rick Turner, Steve Biko, Saul Mkhize and others." During the funeral, marked by anti-Government slogans, freedom songs and ANC slogans, a local teacher, Mr Philimon Khanyile, was stabbed to death. He was suspected of being a Security Police spy. An unknown youth was also stabbed to death. And a third

man, Mr Jimmy Siwela, 66, apparently collapsed when he saw youths marching to his house. Neighbours said he had been accused by the youths of sheltering Mr Gasa.

Mr Gumede, speaking to City Press days later said: "The only way to solve this rent increase crisis is for them to be frozen or withdrawn. Then the people will know that the cause Dube died for was not in vain."

He was joined by Mr Mkhize who argued that this was a bad time for rent increases as many blacks in the area face unemployment. A sizeable cross-section of the Lamontville community also argues that the Government should subsidise PNAB, which claims a R1,3-million deficit on rentals in the townships while it boasts R22-million in reserve funds.

Another grouse is that PNAB is spending a hefty R1,5-million on housing subsidies for its employees. stretched budgets on basic human requirements. "We have a Government that spends hundreds and thousands of rands bringing rebel sportsmen to our country. It should be able to pay even more for the housing of its citizens."

Last week, Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-Operation and Development, was sent an Action Committee memorandum appealing to him to reconsider the rent increases. Said Mr Gumede. "Our aim is to consult with the Government. We're not bent on confrontation." Late last week PNAB announced that the increases would be halved and be phased in over a long period. This has not helped. Lamontville is still tense

Rebels

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Public

125 to 200 discuss Mercury rents

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Mercury Reporter

THE first public meeting to discuss the proposed rent increases in Durban's troubled black townships takes place this week.

Yesterday Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of the Joint Rents Action Committee, said he would appeal to tenants to remain calm.

'We can only wait and see,' he said.

Lamontville and Chesterville, where four people had already died in violence connected with the proposed rent increases, were the most sensitive areas, said Mr Gumede.

Senior officials of the Port Natal Administration Board, the Joint Rents Action Committee and advisory boards of the townships decided last week that the reason for the increased tariffs, and conditions for rent remissions would be explained to residents at a series of public meetings, starting at Shakaville on Thursday.

The PNAB has set aside R250 000 for community facilities, and a further loan of R1 250 000 is being negotiated.

Allocations would be: Lamontville R550 000, Klaarwater R320 000, Chesterville R180 000, Hambanathi R180 000, and Shakaville R140 000. The amount to be allocated for Shayamoya is being investigated.

The programme of public meetings is: May 26, 6 p.m., Shakaville; May 28, 2 p.m., Lamontville; June 4, 2 p.m., Merebank — S J Smith hostel; June 5, 11 a.m., Globe; June 6, 7 p.m., Thokoza women's hostel, Grey Street; June 7, 6.30 p.m., Hambanathi; June 11, 2 p.m., Chester-ville; June 14, 7 p.m., Dalton Road; June 21, 7 p.m., Klaarwater; June 25, 2 p.m., Shayamoya; The date for Jacobs is still to be decided. Unless otherwise stated, the venue is the community hall.

Mayor urges *Murray* private sector *27/5/83* action on homes

Municipal Reporter

BUILDING societies encouraged blacks to save with them but were reluctant to lend money for low-cost houses, according to Durban's Mayor

Speaking at the Durban Chamber of Commerce annual meeting yesterday, Mrs Sybil Hotz said the societies could no longer be exempt from the responsibility of easing the country's housing crisis

In the next seven years 2 300 000 low-cost housing units would be needed for blacks alone. The critical shortage threatened the very fabric of the nation.

The unrest in Lamontville was proof of the need

for positive action

'We must find ways of cutting through bureaucracy and collectively there might be enough clout to find solutions. No one is immune, not the Government, nor private enterprise. We all have a stake in the future, which lies with stability and prosperity and is tied up with a stake in the land.'

She called on the chamber members 'and other accountable organisations to meet to list our problems and use our collective clout'

It had been done in Soweto where the private sector had a R100-million involvement, she said

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**Capital has shortage of land for
Indian housing, symposium to hear**

Mercury Reporter

THERE is an urgent need for more Indian housing land in Pietermaritzburg, according to a report to be tabled at a symposium on housing in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall on June 17

The symposium which has been planned and sponsored by the Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission and the Pietermaritzburg City Council, will be opened by the Mayor, Miss Pamela Reid

The main address will be given by Mr Pierre Cronje, Deputy Minister of Community Development

The shortage of land for Indian residential development in Pietermaritzburg is highlighted in a report on research findings into Indian housing in the capital to be presented by Prof J F Butler-Adam and Mrs W M

Venter, of the Institute for Social and Economic Research of the University of Durban-Westville

A number of acknowledged leaders in the field of housing will also be speaking They include Mr G D J Atkinson, City Engineer of Pietermaritzburg, Mr Essa Mahomed, chairman of the Indian Local Affairs Committee, Mr J F Arrigone and Dr E Jamine, of the National Building Research Institute

Mr A Grobbelaar, chairman of the Pietermaritzburg Housing Association steering committee, will also deliver a paper on particular aspects of housing problems

Prof Bhadra Ranchod, chairman of the steering committee of the Indian Housing Study, said that emphasis would be placed on identifying solutions to the housing problems

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Amoah/Inanda Newtown 27/5/83
Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether residents of Amoah in Natal were moved to Inanda Newtown in 1980-'81, if so, why,
- (2) whether any such residents qualified under section 10 of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No 25 of 1945, to work in the Durban area prior to being moved, if so, how many, if not, where did they work,
- (3) whether any Inanda Newtown residents have rights under section 10 of the said Act at present, if not, why not, if so, how many,
- (4) whether any such residents had section 10 rights previously, if so, when did they lose such rights,
- (5) whether any steps are to be taken to rectify the matter, if not, why not, if so, what steps,
- (6) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) The Department of Co-operation and Development laid out Inanda Newtown to provide potable water to residents of Amoah, which could not easily be supplied there. All the sites were provided with toilets as well. People were invited to move to Inanda and assisted with transport where necessary.
- (2) The Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act 1945 (Act No 25 of 1945) is not nor ever was applicable in Amoah. It is a rural area in the District of Inanda. Although none of these residents had section 10 qualifications they could obtain employment through the Labour Bureau in Verulam, Umhlanga, Phoenix and Durban.
- (3) No Inanda Newtown is situated in the same rural area as Amoah and

Act 25 of 1945 does not apply to the area concerned

- (4) As explained in paragraph (2) above the residents did not have section 10 qualifications in Amoah. However, persons who may have been in possession of section 10 qualifications in a prescribed area who moved to Inanda Newtown would, in terms of the provisions of Act 25 of 1945, have to relinquish that right.
- (5) No. As explained above, Act 25 of 1945 does not apply in Inanda Newtown.

(6) Yes. Residents of Inanda Newtown who seek work, report to the Labour Bureau situated at the Townships Managers Office where they are taken up in vacancies which may be available in Verulam, Umhlanga, Phoenix or Durban.

In the past the position of those people residing in Amoah was exactly the same except that they had to report to the Labour Bureau at Umhlanga or Verulam. For their convenience a Labour Bureau has now been established at the Township Managers Office.

It should be noted that at no time they have the right to seek employment personally from door to door in the areas concerned.

Howard R. 27/5/83
Langa Commissioner's Court
Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (a) For what total number of hours were the courts at the Langa Commissioner's Court in session during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) what total number of persons appeared before such courts during that period?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- For 1982
- (a) 840 hours
- (b) 9 393 persons

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Standard 10 examinations 1413
Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training

- (a) How many Black pupils at schools on the Witwatersrand wrote Standard 10 examinations during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) how many of these pupils obtained matriculation exemption?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (a) 7 827
- (b) 571

Statistics are kept according to regions. The above mentioned figures are in respect of the departmental regions Johannesburg and Highveld. Rural areas are included. I may just add that 2 662 of this number passed the matriculation examination without obtaining university exemption.

Tugela Basin: hydro-electric power

*12 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs

- (1) Whether the viability of the generation of hydro-electric power in the Tugela Basin has been investigated, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) by whom was the investigation conducted.
- (2) whether a report has been compiled on the investigation, if so,
- (3) whether the report has been published, if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) where is it obtainable?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES (for the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs)

- (1) Yes
- (a) Various investigations which, since 1973 culminated in seven Escom reports.
- (b) Escom in co-operation with the Department of Environment Affairs

- (2) Yes, various reports
- (3) No. Such reports are not available for general distribution.

Tugela Basin: hydro-electric power

*13 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries

- (1) Whether it is intended to utilize the hydro-electric potential of the Tugela Basin other than in the Pumped Storage Scheme, if so, what is the nature of the steps intended to be taken,
- (2) whether any construction work is to be done in this regard, if so, when will contracts for such work be awarded?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

- (1) Yes, with further conventional and pumped storage projects but ultimately only pumped storage will be used.
- (2) Yes. A final decision in this regard has not as yet been taken but the work is tentatively planned to commence in about two years time.

Howard R. 27/5/83
Crèches/day-care centres 1416
Mr B B GODDALL asked the Minister of Health and Welfare.

- (1) Whether his Department subsidizes crèches or day-care centres, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many institutions of this nature receive subsidies and (b) what is the daily subsidy per child,
- (2) whether any conditions are attached to such subsidies, if so, what conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE

- (1) Yes,
- (a) 45,
- (b) 80 cents per day
- (2) Yes, subsidies are only payable in those cases where the combined income of the parents does not exceed the undermentioned amounts:

Clairwood residents resent City Council industrialisation plans

'Leave us be...'

Report by MARIAN VENGTAS
Pictures by JIMMY HUTTON

PEOPLE in Clairwood yesterday spoke of their resentment over Durban City Council plans to take over the area for industry

The sprawling complex — which was once the largest Indian settlement outside India — degenerated into a slum after the council imposed a ban on building development

This week's announcement by Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, to visit the area in the wake of mounting pressure against the uprooting of the families has given a glimmer of hope to many residents

Residents interviewed by the Mercury yesterday said they were strongly against moving as the area was convenient in all respects

Mrs Shireen Maharaj, a housewife, whose family had been living there for more than 10 years, said it was ideally suited because her husband worked in Durban and schools and shopping centres were within easy reach

However, an industrialist, Mr K Bai Ganesh, whose family was among the pioneer residents of Clairwood, said there should be a compromise between the council and property owners on the future of the area

'Part of the area should be allowed to remain for residential use,' he said, adding that he was opposed to further uprooting of settled communities

Survival

Mr R. Maharaj, of Lock-hat Road, had been living there since his birth more than 53 years ago. He said it would be a sad day in his life if his family were forced out of the area to make way for industries

The battle for survival as a residential area goes back more than 30 years when the council first announced its industrialisation plans for Clairwood

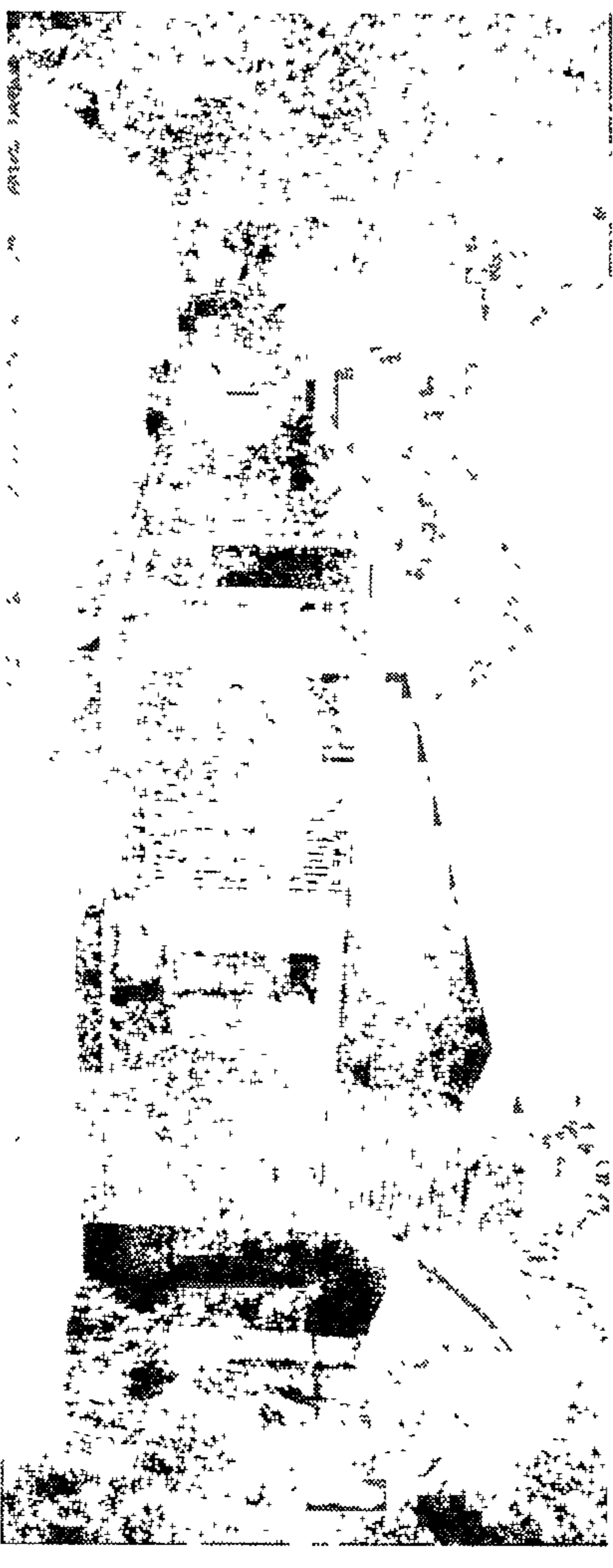
The bulk of the 100 000-strong predominantly Indian community was uprooted and resettled at Chatsworth, Merebank and other areas

So, too were a number of Hindu temples which came under the demolisher's hammer to make way for road development

Side by side with the lack of basic facilities — such as sewerage, proper drainage and roads — the council's freezing of building development led to most wood-and-iron houses falling into disrepair



Derelict buildings, vacated by Indian families after their homes were declared slums, are a common sight.



One of the few modern homes in Clairwood.

And to possess

And property owners who wanted to demolish their wood-and-iron homes and rebuild modern brick-and-tile houses were precluded from doing so in terms of the council ruling

'Harsh'

Slum conditions set in rapidly and many owners whose properties were condemned under the Slum Clearance Act were forced to demolish the buildings

The large number of sites still left vacant bear testimony to the 'harsh' measures adopted by the council to uproot a settled community

Despondent by the turn of events, some property owners were forced to sell their land, while others are still clinging on to it in the hope of a rethink by the council

Meanwhile, Durban City Council has invited objectors to the proposed industrialisation plan for Clairwood to a meeting in Durban on June 3. Among the experts expected at the meeting will be Prof Ron Davies — a planning specialist from Cape Town



Housewife Shireen Maharaj... 'It's convenient living in Clairwood.'

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'Suspend rent hikes' call

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Mercury Reporter
RESIDENTS of two major hostels in Durban have called on the Port Natal Administration Board to suspend the 63-percent rent increase or hand over the hostels to the KwaZulu Government.

Officials of the board addressed residents at S J Smith hostel and Glebelands at the weekend where Mr M M van Zyl, the board's director of community affairs, elaborated extensively on reasons for the rent increases

Also present at the meeting were members of the Joint Rent Action Committee, which has played a leading role in efforts to find a solution

At the S J Smith hostel meeting Mr van Zyl was told that the hostel and locations under the board were older than Umlazi and Kwa Mashu and there

was no reason why the hostels and townships under its administration should pay more than the new townships

Councillor G Sibiyá pointed out that water and electricity came from the same source but the new townships were still paying less than the old hostels and locations

He said many blacks were unemployed and thousands who were still employed were working on short-time basis

Dirty

The hostel residents had taken a resolution that the increased rents should be suspended for at least five years, failing which the administration of the hostels should be handed to the KwaZulu Government.

A memorandum handed to Mr van Zyl stated that the hostels were dirty,

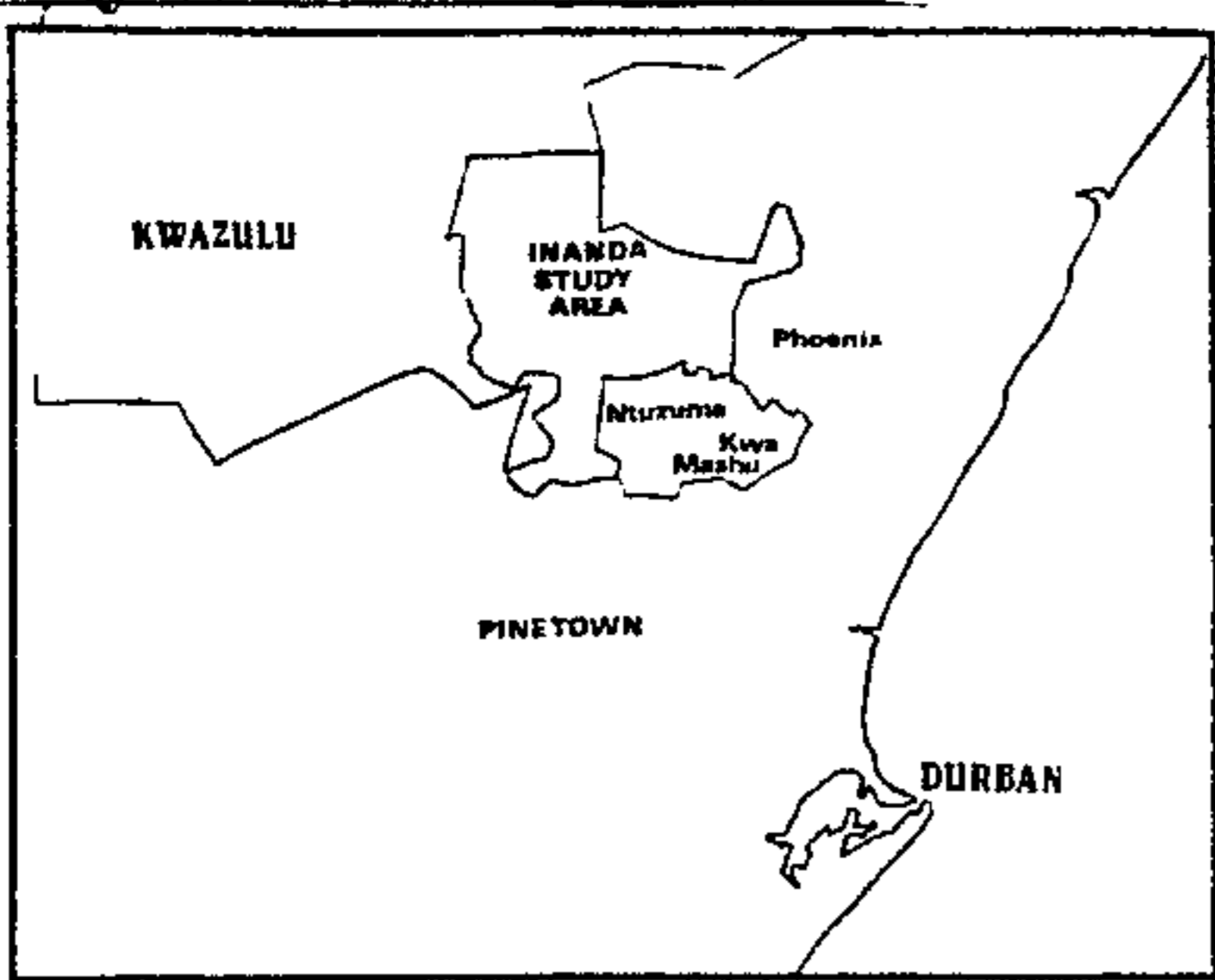
had not been not renovated for years toilets were without doors, pipes were leaking and broken window panes had not been replaced

An appeal was made to the board to provide more hostel accommodation because hostels were overcrowded

The resolution, endorsed by the Glebelands hostel residents, told officials the rent should be reduced rather than increased

In both meetings Mr van Zyl said the board had only three sources of revenue Moneys from employers for registering workers, rent and tariffs, and the sale of sorghum beer

The board was not a business enterprise and it was prohibited by law to raise funds outside the three categories, said Mr van Zyl



The Inanda study area Ntuzuma and Kwa Mashu are part of KwaZulu

KwaZulu 'has not vetted plan for Inanda'

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African Affairs Correspondent

THE KwaZulu Government has said it has not accepted the R1 000 million Inanda plan and resents the impression created by reports from Parliament that it has

A statement issued yesterday by Mr Jeffrey Mthethwa, KwaZulu Minister of Justice and acting head of the KwaZulu Government, said Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-Operation and Development, was aware of the fact that the KwaZulu authorities had not approved the scheme

Mr Mthethwa said claims that the development plan for Inanda had the approval of the KwaZulu Government had arisen during the debate on the vote of the minister

Mr Mthethwa said the Inanda plan would be considered by the Planning Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee of KwaZulu on June 21.

It would be studied by the KwaZulu Cabinet once the committee had studied the plan and made recommendations

A story from Cape Town on Monday indicated that

the plan had the co-operation of the KwaZulu Government.

Mr Alan Mountain, regional director of the Urban Foundation — the body which initiated the plan — said yesterday the foundation welcomed any attempt that would improve the quality of life of people living in the squatter areas around Durban

The foundation believed that community participation and consultation regarding the plan was intrinsic to the success of the venture

'We trust that the processes of consultation will be duly instituted,' he said

One of the points made in the plan, released to the Press yesterday, is that the Inanda planning area is at present controlled by two South African Government departments and the KwaZulu Government

The plan proposes that a single controlling authority should be constituted and empowered to implement the scheme.

It says that a released area should be incorporated into KwaZulu in order to fuse two major land areas

Water supply no problem' report

African Affairs Correspondent

WATER can easily be supplied to the Inanda region north of Durban through the existing Durban Corporation scheme

This point is made in the 50-page report on Inanda prepared for the Department of Co-operation and Development and the KwaZulu Government by a Durban firm of consulting engineers

The water issue has been a bone of contention for many years since the outbreak of typhoid at Inanda at the end of 1979

At present tankers provided by the department are supplying water to the residents. The area is not connected to the Durban Corporation water scheme

The report says the Umgeni Water Board has pointed out that it has water to spare from Hazelmere Dam and that water could be supplied to Inanda from the Hazelmere treatment works

Several boreholes have been provided in the Inanda area by the Water Development Fund of the South African Sugar Association

The region has been ravaged for several years by a series of water-connected epidemics

Excluded

Apart from the typhoid epidemic at the end of 1979, cholera broke out in the area at the end of 1981

It was revealed in December of that year that the squatter areas of Inanda and nearby Amaoti had been excluded from the Durban City Council's plans to extend the piped water supply north of the Umgeni River

A spokesman for the City Engineer's Department explained that the Inanda and Amaoti areas were outside the jurisdiction of the Durban Corporation

The spokesman said at the time that it would have been technically feasible to include these districts within the area of supply but that he had received no requests to do so from the South African Development Trust Fund the agents for the Department of Co-operation and Development

**Some
for,
some
against**

Municipal Reporter

THERE was mixed reaction in Durban to the proposed development of Inanda into a modern city for 650 000 people

City Engineer Don Macleod said there would not be enough jobs in the metropolitan area but Durban, as the core city, would have the headache of transporting the populace to the places of work which could be as far afield as Pinetown and Stanger

But a State Health spokesman was thrilled at the possibility of bringing all water-borne health-hazards such as cholera, typhoid and gastro-enteritis under control

'Once reticulated water is introduced a major health hazard on the outskirts of Durban will disappear'

Grandma feuds with Indian neighbours

By GEORGE MAHABEER
A PISTOL-packing white grandmother is trying to get rid of her Indian neighbours.

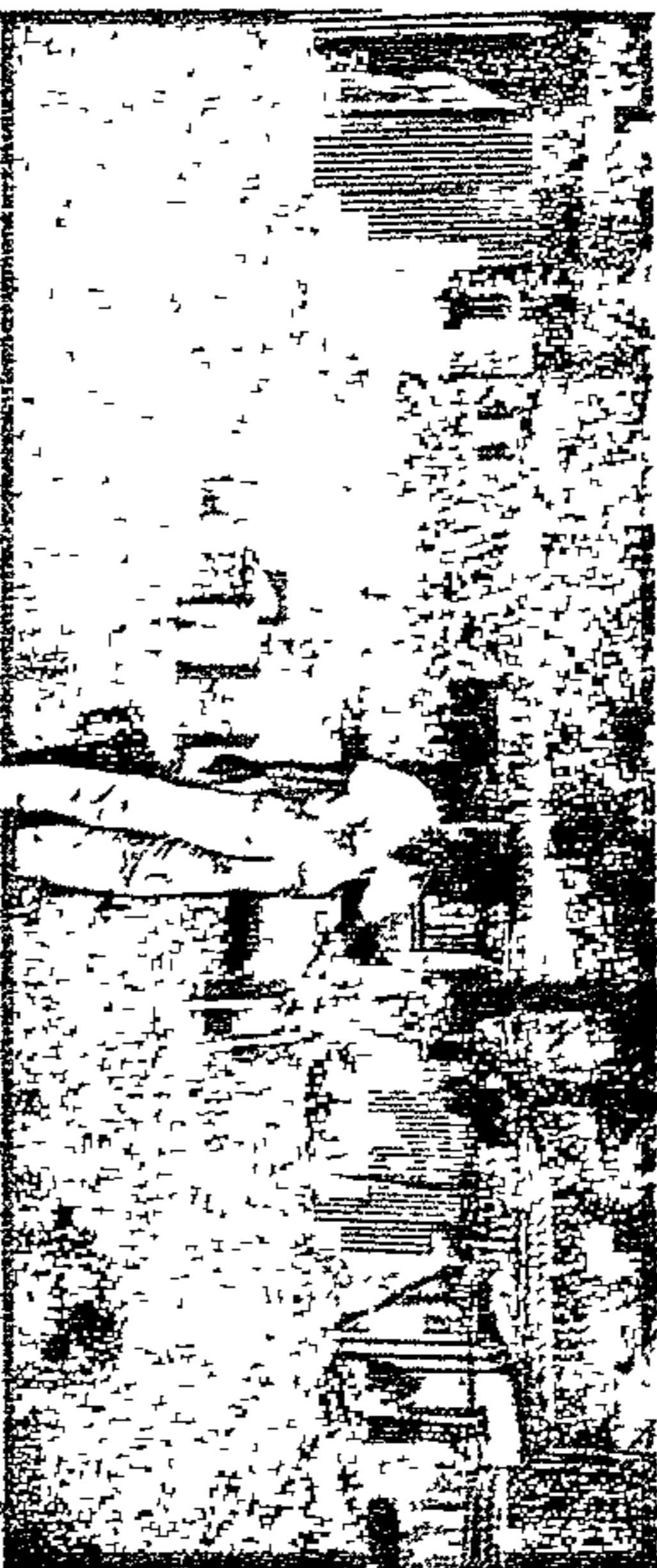
Mrs Bonita Calder, 70, and her husband, Daniel, 70, moved into Umhali, a predominantly Indian area on Natal's north coast, ten years ago and set up a riding school.

Now Mrs Calder claims that their 150 Indian neighbours are waging a vendetta against them after she asked the Government to move them out.

Death threats

One neighbour, Mr Michael Kawlessur, said the Indian community was shocked at the Calders' allegations and attempts to get them removed.

"We showed no animosity against the Calders when they built their home here"



Calder's complaint... shacks near the riding school Pictures: SELWYN TAIT

Now, however, they were upset about the Calders' attitude and wanted them to leave.

Said Mrs Calder "I did not ask the Government to remove them because they're Indians."

"I made the request to stop a squatter situation developing around my small riding ranch." She said that since her plea

to the Government she had to carry her semi-automatic pistol at all times because of alleged death and bomb threats she and her husband had received.

"I am being terrorised by some people. We have received abusive calls and my labourers were warned that their throats would be cut. I no longer can employ a labourer for more than a

year. They leave because they are being harassed and threatened," she claimed. Another complaint the Calders had against their neighbours was that stray dogs and chickens had taken over their riding school premises.

The feud between the Calders and their neighbours who live at Sheffield Beach began when Mrs Calder

asked the Government to tell her whether Umhali would be an Indian or white area. "All I want is to live in peace with my neighbours but I will not live in an area which is full of shacks and unsightly yards."

"I have not asked the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to remove any particular group."

"What I want is his department to make up its mind whether Sheffield Beach and Umhali are going to be a white, black or Indian area," said Mrs Calder.

Mr Kotze told Parliament this week that Mrs Calder had asked the Government to move the Indian families.

He said Mrs Calder had moved into a "controlled" area of Umhali knowing that it was occupied by Indian property owners.

She bought her property sandwiched between Indian homes when she knew full well what the situation was. The area was not a white group area, according to Mr

Kotze. Mrs Calder had written to the Conservative Party's MP for Langlaagte, Mr S P Barnard, after she failed to get a response from Mr Kotze's Department. Mr Kawlessur said Indians had been living in the area for up to 40 years. "We were happy when a white family moved into the house."

"This gave us an assurance of security as we knew they would be armed and that they would be able to protect us."

Bitter

"But we are upset by their attitude. We are so bitter about the Calders' behaviour that we would like them to leave."

"We have some well-known sugar farmers living in Umhali, among whom are Mr Michael Rey and his wife Penny and the members of the Hulett's family."

Residents ^{Mercury} adamant over ¹²⁵ frail-age home ^{18/6/83}

Mercury Reporter

COLOURED leaders in Wentworth yesterday said they would rather not have a frail-age home for coloureds in the township if it meant uprooting more than 30 settled families to provide one

They were responding to a claim by Mrs Lyn Wild, acting chairman of Durban's Senior Citizens' Association, that a loan of R920 000 from the National Housing Commission would be lost if the controversy surrounding the siting of the home continued

Mr A W Stowman chairman of the coloured LAC in Durban, said Went-

worth residents, backed by the LAC had rejected the siting of the R2 000 000 home in Assegai Place

He said 30 families a church and a mosque would be affected

Mr Stowman said there were several alternative sites for a home in Wentworth, including a school site presently used as an open space

A spokesman for the Assegai Residents' Association said the 30 families had vowed that they would not move out

'If there were no alternative sites then we could understand the need for the Assegai site,' the spokesman said

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Stay on Cato Manor Eviction Orders welcomed

23/6/83 Mercury Reporter

INDIAN leaders and the Cato Manor Residents' Association are jubilant over the decision by the Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr Pen Kotze, to withdraw eviction orders served on six Cato Manor families.

They were also happy that the minister had agreed to study a proposal to make available a large tract of land in Cato Manor to implement a scheme for the rehousing of affected people living there.

The minister said his department was considering stopping all further evictions while the proposals were being considered.

There are 320 families still living in rented houses belonging to the Department of Community Development in Cato Manor.

Some of the families are previous owners of homes which they had been forced to sell to the Government.

The six Dromore Road families, who were to have vacated their homes by the end of June, were relieved yesterday when they were told that they could stay on.

The minister agreed to withdraw the notices following representations from Mr Pierre Cronje, PFP MP for Greytown.

Mr Cronje said the minister had promised to investigate certain proposals which he had conveyed to him.

Mr Ashwin Mohanlal, a member of the Indian Council, said yesterday he saw no reason why the affected families should not be rehoused in Cato Manor.

Because of the serious shortage of homes for Indians, the people who are still in Cato Manor should be allowed to stay until they can be rehoused in the area, he said.



Mrs Soobama Naidoo and Mrs Zana Sayed, jubilant after being told they could stay on in Cato Manor.

Three pretty girls preparing for the Mayor's Ball in Durban City Hall tonight. A record number of tickets have been sold and it promises to be one of the most glittering affairs on Durban's social calendar. Already R10 000 has been raised for charity. Yesterday Tattoo queen Adele Olivier, flanked by her two princesses, Corrine de Marigny and Sonya Barmantloo, made a last-minute delivery of some of the prizes, among which is a cruise for two to Cape Town. The mayor's secretary said last night there were still a few tickets left. They are R60 a couple and include food and drinks.

Thieves took stores to the cleaners

Crime Reporter

THE audacity of shoplifters who walked out of stores with a bulky washing machine-spin drier combination, two vacuum cleaners, a heavy generator and 60 pairs of shoes has astounded Durban detectives.

The goods were picked up, carried out openly, loaded on to a hired bakkie in broad daylight and driven away.

The washing machine, the two vacuum cleaners and the 60 pairs of shoes were stolen in Pinetown and the generator in Amanzimtoti.

It was only after police arrested two black men and a coloured man in Durban yesterday that the owners were traced. Except for the owner of the shoes, the others had not been aware that their goods had been stolen.

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and was being dealt by the Port Natal Administration Board and the corporation.

He said Mr Dube had told residents it was Mr Gaza who was responsible for the Lamontville rent hikes and increased bust fares.

Mr Gaza said he had suffered as a result. His house was often stoned and he was assaulted by residents.

Two men who owned taxi services in the township, Mr Mahlaba and Mr Ebenezer Mapamulo Mngadi, the second accused, had approached him with complaints about Mr Dube.

They said he had organised taxi operators from Umlazi to run services in Lamontville. It was alleged Mr Dube demanded R5 for each passenger from the Umlazi operators.

The Lamontville operators had complained to Mr Dube of losses to themselves because of the influx of new taxis. Their appeals had been ignored.

Mr Gaza, Mr Mahlaba and Mr Mngadi agreed to get rid of Mr Dube, the court heard.

Telephoned

Mr Gaza said although this decision had been made, the method, time and place for the killing was not discussed.

He said he had been telephoned some days later and told of Mr Dube's death.

Mr Mngadi, 59, told the court how he had sent a Mr Mbawula 'Mpondo' to Bizana to find killers.

The third and fourth accused, Mr Vakutheghwa Yalo, 30, and Mr Julius Juva Ndodana, 70, were brought to Durban.

On three occasions the two men were taken to secluded spots and taught to handle a gun.

One evening they were driven to Lamontville and shown the house where 'the unwanted person' lived.

Mr Yalo told the court he had not known why he was taken to Durban.

Police

He said he was unhappy when he learned of the plan to kill this unwanted person. He said he had told Mr Mngadi if he had had the money he would have returned home.

Mr Yalo said he was told not to worry as the police knew of the plan and white municipal authorities would pay them for the killing.

Mr Mngadi told the court he was awakened

Kotze

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Mercury township takeover

Mercury Reporter

THE executive chairman of the South African Indian Council, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said last night the Government would take over the Umkumbaan section of Durban's Cato Manor to speed up release of residential plots for development by Indians.

He said the Umkumbaan section had been a sore point for many years because Indians would not accept selling prices suggested by the Durban City Council — ranging from R13 000 to R21 000 — as they were beyond the reach of average families.

At a meeting in Durban yesterday between the executive committee and Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, we underlined these problems.

Traders

We asked for Umkumbaan to be taken over by his department from the Durban City Council and we are pleased that the Minister has agreed to do this, he said.

We are also pleased that Mr Kotze has agreed to our request that his department should look into the question of a programme of 'self-help housing' for Cato Manor.

Mr Rajbansi said Mr Kotze was prepared to consider resettling traders who had been displaced anywhere in the country in shops owned by his department.

The Minister had stipulated that applications from such traders must be lodged with the department's regional offices before July 31, he said.

Escom confident of avoiding winter power cuts

Mercury Reporter

ESCOM had coped with the cold bite of winter without power shedding

to help conserve water.

He added that several other plants which had been out for maintenance would be

where the... kept people leaving the base while on security duty, unauthorised civilians in the aircraft area, the failure of guards to challenge people entering the area and of a duty officer failing to record movements into and out of the area.

Air Cdre Pile, who is the last of the six accused officers to give evidence, said he had reported the duty officer, a Thornhill, at the time of the sabotage. He said the police because he had heard of the... on the night... and had taken two civilians into the aircraft area. He also felt Lt Moyo should have been court-martialled.

Information

He said the board had also intended to recommend the court-martial of the Thornhill security officer, Lt Barrington Lloyd — one of the six accused officers — for dereliction of his duties. There had been no evidence that he had been party to sabotage, however.

He rejected as impossible the State case that the board had been rigged to draw attention away from air force personnel. It had been appointed by the then commander, Air Marshal Norman Walsh, and included a senior army observer as well as four air force officers.

He said it had been his firm belief that the saboteurs had obtained in-depth information about the base which had enabled them to enter through a hole in the security fence some distance from the aircraft vet to direct their attack at the most strategic targets. The information might have come from inside sources.

He said the view of probable internal collusion had been expressed in the board's preliminary finding but a final finding could not be made because of the arrest of board members, including himself.

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Grey Street
Mercury homes
growth
warning

Mercury Reporter
THE Grey Street Ratepayers Association warned yesterday that 'very limited' residential development would be possible in the complex in terms of Durban's town planning scheme.
Mr K T Manjee secretary of the association said people should not be carried away into thinking the Government's decision to lift residential restrictions in the area would give rise to massive development.
A sense of realism is badly needed, he said.
This was confirmed yesterday by Mr Don Macleod, the City Engineer, who said any residential development would have to conform with the scheme.

Limited
He said there was no reason for it to be changed to make Grey Street any different from other sections in the central area.
Mr Manjee said that in terms of the scheme only 25 percent of a building's space could be used for residential purposes and the balance had to be for commercial use.
The sectional element would be of a very limited nature.
I reiterate that if Grey Street is to develop rapidly institutional money - from building societies, banks, insurance companies and pension funds - must be forthcoming.
This is the trend in all major cities in South Africa, but a fear that as Grey Street is an Indian group area restrictions under the Group Areas Act may make this difficult, if not impossible.

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It was the first time
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had failed to reach at
least the semi-finals.

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A WEEK to go to July Day, and the odds on the fashion favourites are shortening. The gaudy and gauzy look is still tipped to win by a long nose, but the black and white story is now expected to finish close on its heels. Most fancied outsider is Japanese chic. In the middle? Jumpsuits and more jumpsuits.
For what HERS fancies, see Page 7.

Family repels masked mob in night of terror

GEHRI STRAUSS
Crime Reporter

FOR nearly two hours a Chesterville man and his wife and their three children fought off a brick and fire attack on their small township house by a mob of 20 rampaging, masked youths

The courageous stand taken by the family in defending themselves and their home in the face of such vicious opposition from a mob bent on the murder and destruction was told to me yesterday when I visited the township

Standing next to his burned-out car parked alongside his house where hardly a window pane was unshattered, the father asked that his name and address should not be published for, like everyone else in the strife-torn townships, he lives in fear of reprisals

I shall call the head of this brave family Mr X. Here in his own words is his story of a night of terror

'My wife, my son who is 24, and my two daughters aged 25 and 18, were watching television when there was a knock on the door at about 10 o'clock. There were about 20 youths outside, most of them wearing balaclavas. They said they wanted petrol from my VW parked next to the house

Telephone

'I told them the tank was empty. They checked it and left. Later they came back with a can of petrol and said they were going to take my car and told me to unlock the big gate. I refused.

'The youths smashed the windows of the car and poured petrol inside it. They set it alight. Then they cut the telephone wire outside and put some sort of a fire bomb in the box where the telephone wires are connected to the house. It burst into flames. I ran back into the house and locked the front and back doors.

'Outside the mob was yelling "Kill them! Kill them!" and they started hurling bricks through the windows. We all said

'As the bricks came smashing into the rooms we picked them up and threw them back at the youths. It was all we could do. They threw petrol through the broken windows and set the lounge curtains alight. We connected a hosepipe to the kitchen tap and put out the fire. Then they did the same thing in the bedroom and set the curtains and bed alight. We used the hosepipe there too before the fire got too bad.

'Then I heard them say they would break down the back door. My wife and son stayed in the front rooms to fight there and my two daughters and I ran to the kitchen. The youths tore the back door right off the hinges and threw it away. Then the bricks came but we picked them up and threw them back. I stood in the front and my daughters behind me and we jumped in and out of the toilet to escape the bricks.

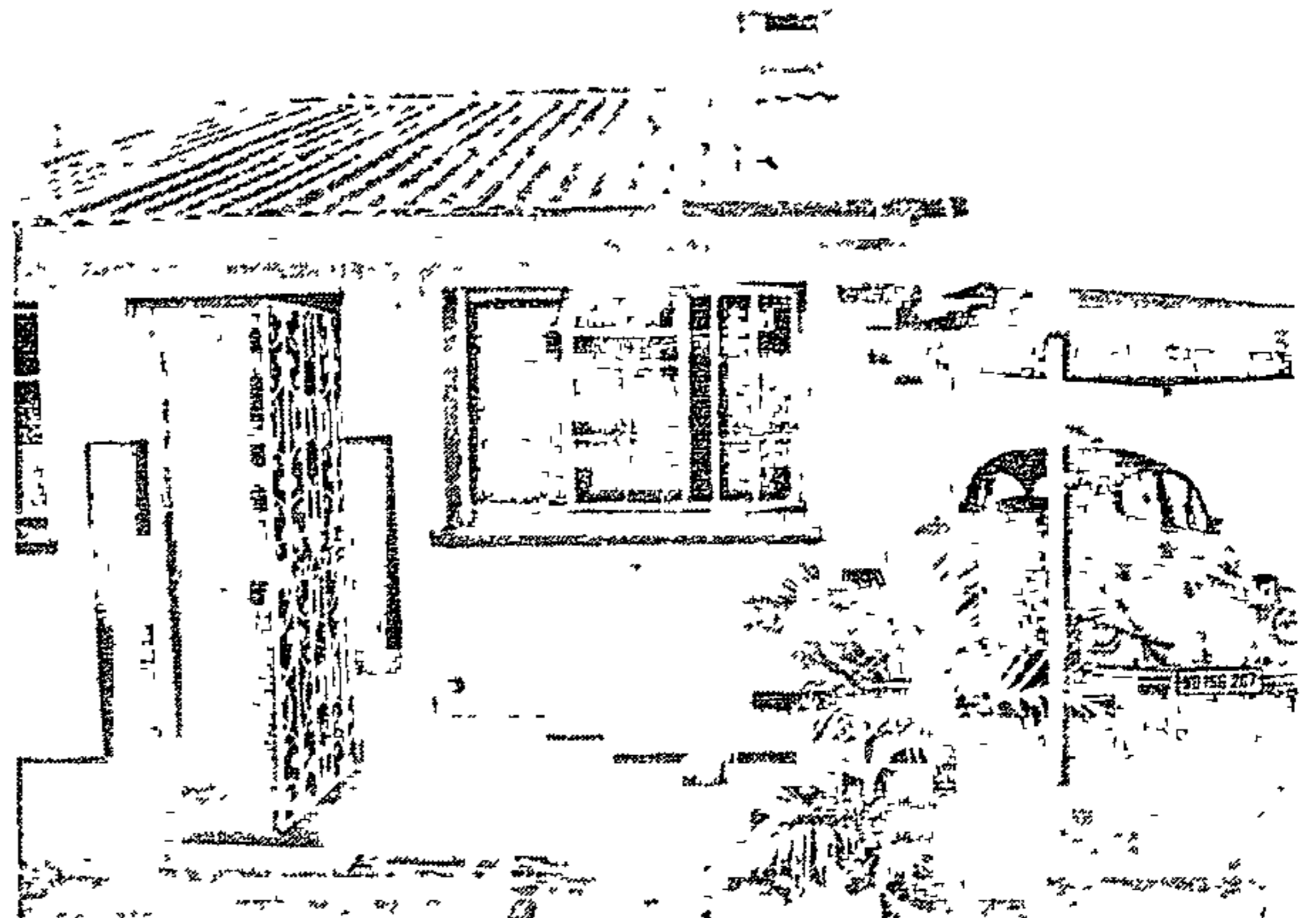
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Mr X said yesterday that his neighbours had apologised for not coming to his assistance during the attack. People in the township were frightened to get involved with the mobs of teenage youths who were conducting a reign of terror against law-abiding people, he said.

Another resident said that adults were powerless to fight the mobs who were organised and experts in hit-and-run tactics. They wore balaclavas, used code numbers instead of names and carried cutters to sever telephone and fences.



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Eyes on Lamontville

African Affairs
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● Another claim that Thulani
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Mr Pitman said "It is not
sufficient for the Minister to sit
there, as he did yesterday,
shaking his head as if we are
talking nonsense

"I remember exactly the
same attitude from the rele-
vant Cabinet Ministers a few
days before June 16 in 1976

"We in the PFP, in this
House were urged in telegrams
from race relations workers, to
impress upon the Minister that
Soweto was angry and ready to
erupt

"What was the Deputy Min-
ister's reaction? He said the
matter was not serious

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thing happened this year I and
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see the relevant Deputy Minis-
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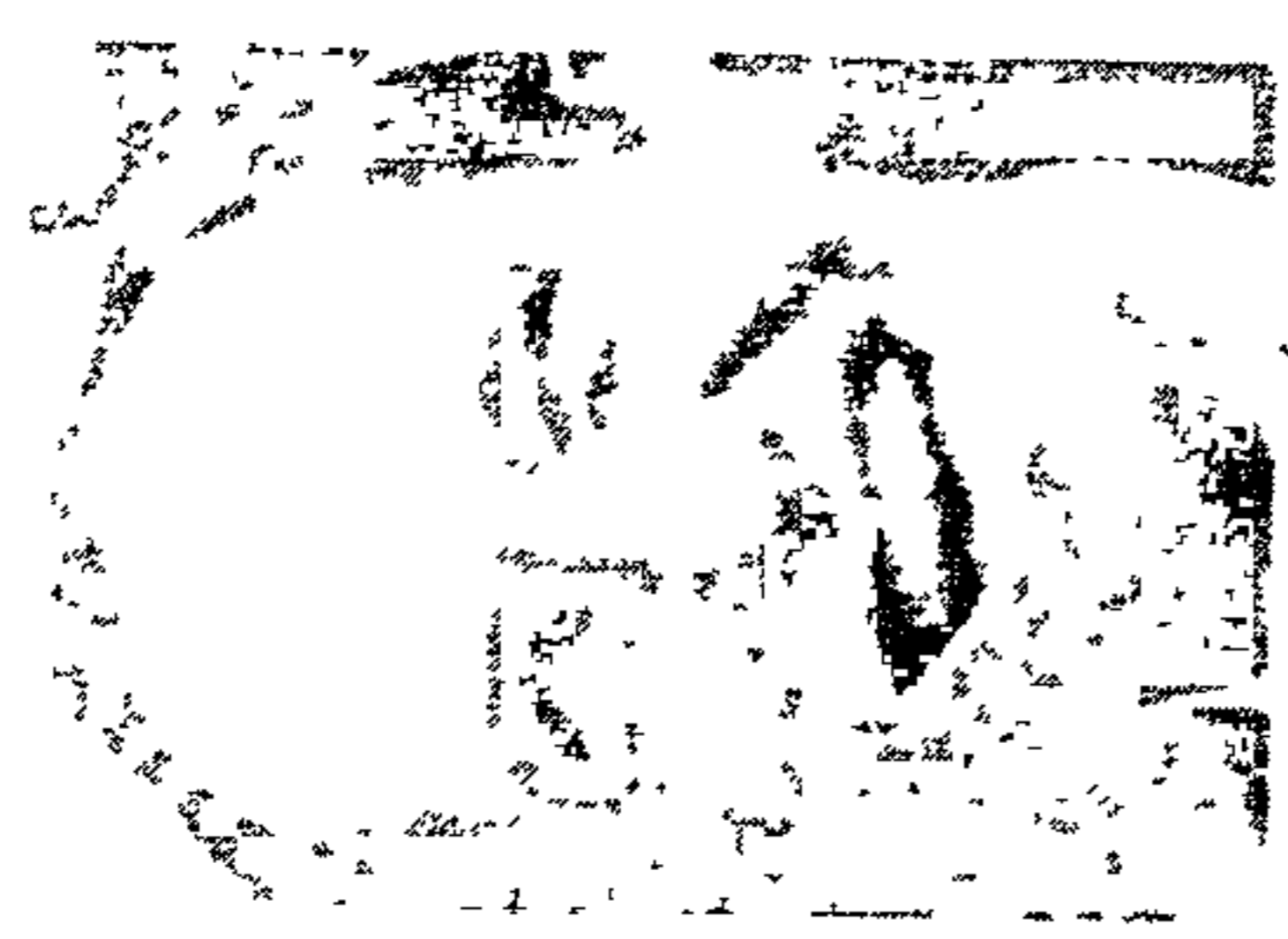
"He assured us that we were
wrong and everything was
under control. We said violence
would erupt over the increases
and the authorities would once
again have to back down

"The Minister rejected this
But that of course is exactly
what happened. The flames
went up in Lamontville and a
community council member
was murdered

"The Administration backed
down after the violence."

Mr Pitman said: "With stu-
pefying ineptitude and incom-
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unconcerned about, the dangers
it is building up here. "We, in
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what it is all about and what
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are being forcibly entered by
police and if so, why and how
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ple are being detained and if
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"This kind of occupation of
towns by the police is not an
every day occurrence in South
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Rent body aims to calm townships

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Durban attorney says she has taken affidavits and statements from more than 50 people in Lamontville and Chesterville on police action during the unrest that has gripped the two townships

With the allegations having been raised in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman this week, Mrs Nonyamezelo Mxenge said her office had taken statements from 37 Lamontville and 10 Chesterville residents

Statements had also been made by the parents of four Chesterville boys who were detained by police on Monday and have not yet appeared in court, Mrs Mxenge said

Meanwhile, two leading members of the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac), which opposes rent increases, have started attempts to bring peace to the troubled townships

They had talks lasting an hour with Brigadier Theo Sherman, the SAP divisional commissioner for Port Natal, in his office yesterday and raised the allegations made against the police

Brigadier Sherman made it clear that as long as there was unrest in Lamontville and Chesterville the police would maintain a presence there

However, the Rev Mcebisi Xundu said Brigadier Sherman had said the police would keep a low profile

Jorac is hoping this will give it some leeway to bring peace to the areas

Jorac has organised a meeting in the Lamontville community hall today at which Rev Xundu will appeal to the people to keep calm and stop the unrest. He will also appeal to children to return to school peacefully on Monday

The body hopes to hold a similar meeting in Chesterville next Saturday

A delay in rent increases for six townships around Durban was announced at a meeting on May 8 by Dr Piet Koornhof

No mercy for thugs, warns Le Grange

Petrol bombs were being used in certain residential areas to prevent police from patrolling the streets, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said today

At a passing-out parade of police recruits at the Police College in Pretoria Mr le Grange said this type of thuggery would not be tolerated

"I repeat my earlier warning that anyone who throws a petrol bomb at police will receive no mercy

"I am not prepared to tolerate murderous attacks on policemen," the Minister said

Mr le Grange said that critics of the police conveniently overlooked the fact that the police had a dangerous task.

"Many questions are asked about police activities and behaviour but very few about their casualties and the dangerous circumstances in which they perform their duties

"There are dangerous and violent elements which have no respect for law and order," he said

Last year 183 143 crimes involving violence were reported to the police. In the same period 13 policemen were killed and 128 injured on duty

Pitman calls for full answer to allegations

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Mr Harry Pitman, the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on law and order, today demanded a full investigation and proper explanation from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, of police activity in the Durban townships of Lamontville and Chesterville

Mr Pitman's demand followed denials by Mr le Grange that the police had been involved in any brutality in policing the two strife-torn townships

Mr Pitman raised the issue earlier this week in Parliament when he listed several allegations of police misconduct in the townships

In a strongly worded speech, Mr le Grange condemned Mr Pitman for raising the issue in Parliament without first speaking to either himself or any police officers

Mr Pitman said today "It is all very well to use extreme adjectives but he still has not told us what is going on

"He has not explained why it is necessary to virtually seal off Lamontville and Chesterville. He has not replied to the individual allegations against the police"

He said the public should be informed why it was necessary for such overwhelming police force to have been used.

Mr Pitman rejected claims made by Mr le Grange that his speech was based on allegations which a Durban editor had not been prepared to publish, and had sent to him in order to get protection under the privilege of Parliament

"This is total nonsense. I had long conversations with people involved in Lamontville and had written and issued copies of my speech before I even knew that newspapers had similar reports

"Mr le Grange would do well to investigate the allegations that I relayed to Parliament before condemning me"

Mr Pitman said he had not claimed that any of the allegations were true and had merely brought them to the attention of Parliament

● See Page 4, World section.

Lamontville yesterday

All quiet . . . and not a policeman in sight

Le Grange hits back

Parliamentary Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, denied yesterday that he had attempted to gag the Press or Members of Parliament over allegations of police brutality in two of Durban's black townships.

However, he accused Mr Harry Pitman (PFP Pine-town) of abusing parliamentary privilege by raising claims about police action in Lamontville and Chesterville which included 'scandalous allegations'.

Mr le Grange was replying during the third reading debate on the budget to reports that his department had warned newspapers about to publish Mr Pitman's parliamentary speech that they could infringe the Police Act.

The Act forbids publica-

'I did not try to gag Press, MPs'

tion of untrue statements about police activities

The issue was raised earlier by the Leader of the Opposition, Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, who said MPs had a duty to raise matters of concern in Parliament. This would be of no consequence if parliamentary speeches could not be reported.

If this were what the Government intended, it could forget about peaceful change in South Africa, Dr Slabbert said

Mr le Grange said he was fully aware of the protection afforded MPs by

parliamentary privilege and would say or do nothing which affected that privilege

It was his duty, however, to see that everyone acted responsibly when he knew what was going on and that 'fibelious talk' was rife, particularly in and around Durban

'This is the spirit and the circumstances in which we acted,' he said

Mr le Grange said Mr Pitman, who had said in a statement he had sifted his information carefully, had actually been given it by a Durban newspaper

'Many affidavits and statements by residents of the townships exist already'

'Unfortunately his attitude of "prove it" will in no way assist in defusing the situation in the townships. I again urge the minister to visit Durban and speak to the parties.'

● See Editorial Opinion

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Mercury

Mercury Reporter

PEACE and quiet had returned to trouble torn Lamontville yesterday but community leaders and local residents said they feared violence could break out at any time

Mr Paddy Kearney, chairman of Diakonia, said the situation was like a volcano which could erupt at any time unless the Minister of Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koorhof, scrapped the scheduled August rent hike

Residents walked freely in Lamontville yesterday with not a policeman in sight — not even at the entrance where pressmen and visitors from outside areas had been turned back

However, residents said while the situation appeared to be normal during the day there was still a lot of tension

Fences

He said the problem was aggravated at night by patrolling riot police

During the lull yesterday Port Natal Administration Board workers put up barbed-wire fences around the damaged Lamontville administration building

Several trees were cut down to allow board officials and police inside the building to have clear view of the street

tee met the Durban Transport Management Board in connection with communication

The DTMB agreed to recognise the Joint Commuters Committee as the official body representing commuters in the township

On Wednesday PNAB held a meeting with community councillors Advisory Board members and the Joint Rent Action Committee to report on the progress made in the cyclic maintenance programme in the townships, cost of repairs and also to report on public meetings so far held in the townships to discuss increased tariffs and rent remissions

outside

Mr Ian Mkhize, an executive member of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said tension would continue in the townships as long as the problem of the rent hikes hung in the balance

He said the committee yesterday met Brig Theo Scherman, Divisional Commissioner of Police, Port Natal, and other senior police officers, in connection with the violence in the township and also alleged aggressive police behaviour

At another meeting the Joint Commuters Commit-

Who said you can't afford to own your own home very easy... all you need is some cash, courage

THE PROPER: How to pl

By JEREMY REES
Property Editor

ANY Tom, Dick or Harry Oppenheimer can climb aboard the property bandwagon but how does the man-in-the-street cross the pavement into a home of his own?

Where there's a will — not necessarily a legacy from a rich uncle — there's a way

Young couples buying their first house without a leg-up from wealthy relatives and sans assistance from employers, corporation or government, face a difficult climb onto the housing ladder

The secret is to get a foot on the first rung and ease yourself up. After that it is just a question of time before you can step up the ladder of success

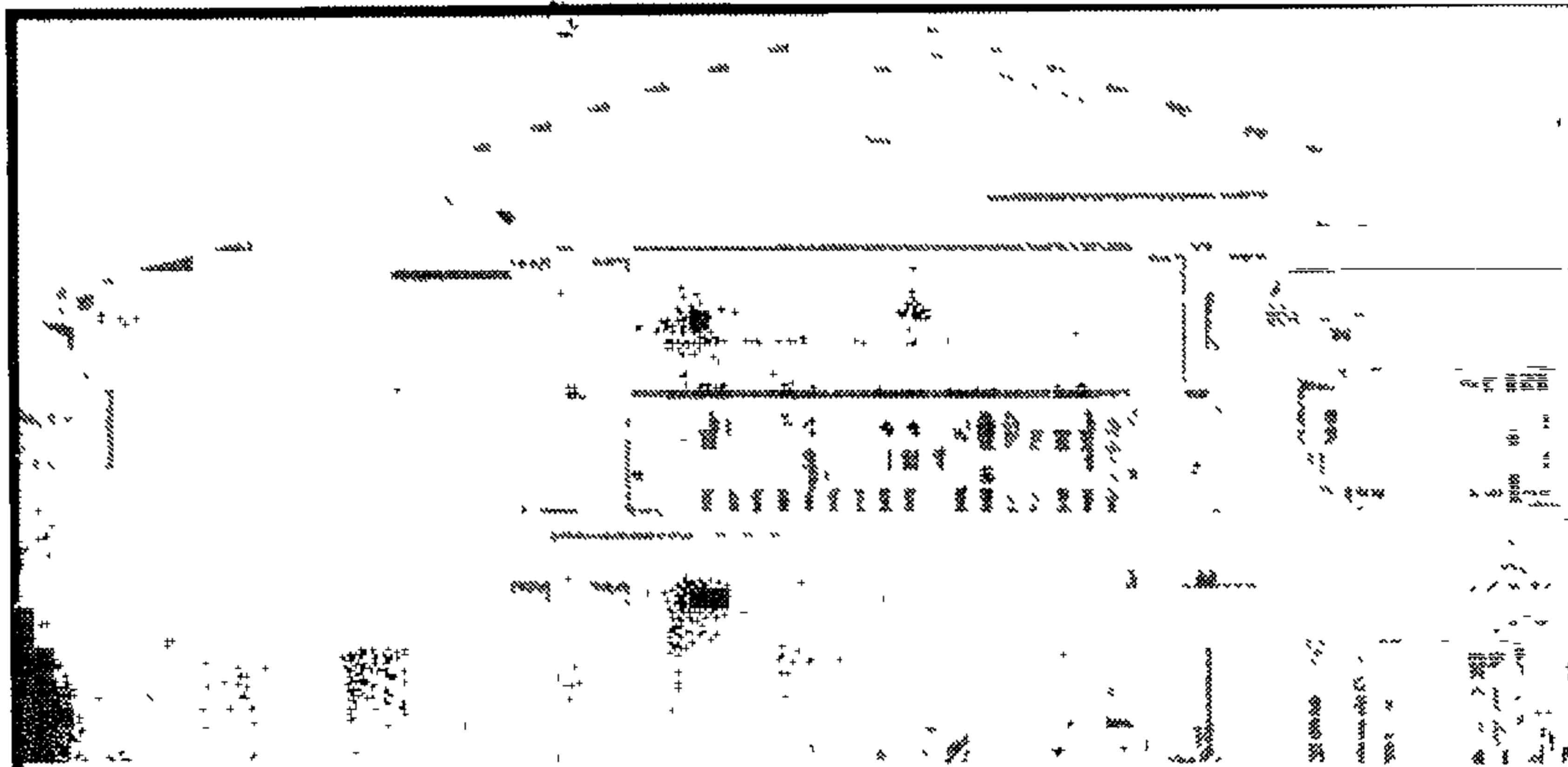
You must have some capital — this can be as little as R1 000 to start you on your way — but obviously the more get the higher the rung you can reach.

If you cannot raise enough capital to buy a house, the way to start is to buy land on instalments. As little as a year ago you could have bought a stand in Durban's Glenhills for R10 000 (with a deposit of R1 000) and multiplied your investment 20 times over. The value of land in the suburb has more than doubled.

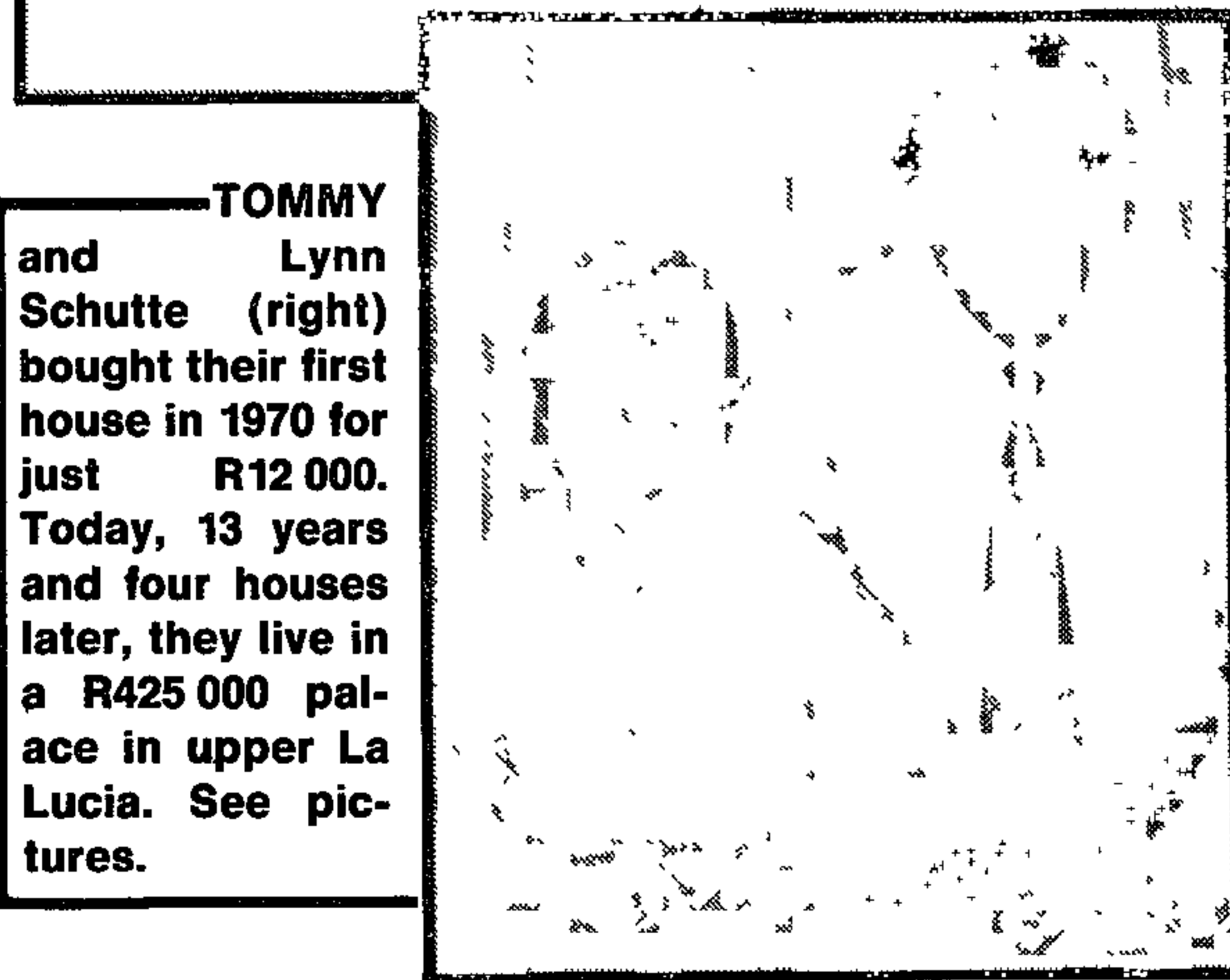
But this does not mean you have now missed the boat. Standards in Glenhills are going up in value all the time — as less and less land is available.

You do not have to buy a plot on which to build, or even in an area where you wish to live. The land can be bought simply as an investment with the intention of increasing your capital.

It is better to buy a home in a good area if you can afford to and the size and state of repair are not critical provided the house is in a condition sound enough to allow a bond



HOUSE No 4: The palace Tommy Schutte in 1979 and now worth R425



TOMMY and Lynn Schutte (right) bought their first house in 1970 for just R12 000. Today, 13 years and four houses later, they live in a R425 000 palace in upper La Lucia. See pictures.

Take the case of Tommy Schutte who, in 1970, was a professional footballer on a low retainer and without any other income apart from appearance money.

He bought a house for himself and wife Lynn in Red Hills on suspensive sale for R12 000 (a deposit of R1 000) and sold it in 1972 for R19 500. With the money he built a home in Hillcrest and sold it two years later for R29 500.

This was a quick climb to a property valued at nearly 30 times his original investment in four years — but the best was yet to come.

Tommy was running a stationery business in 1975 and he bought a house in La Lucia for

R42 000 which fetched R61 000 two years later and he invested the proceeds in another property nearby, costing R75 000.

It was a big house which needed a little work, but the effort was well worthwhile — he sold it in 1979 for R207 000.

Then came the best buy of all — another home in La Lucia for R160 000 which is where he now lives with his wife and three children. This property is today worth R425 000.

Anybody following in Tommy and Lynn's footsteps would also have made fabulous profits. His original home, which cost him R12 000 and sold for R19 500, is now conser-

vatively valued at more than R85 000.

And the house he bought in La Lucia in 1975 for R42 000 and sold for R61 000 in 1977 is now on the market at R190 000.

In 1980, after so much experience in buying and selling, Tommy joined the property game and two months ago started his own estate business — Tomlyn Estate Agency — and his dream has come true.

But can this sort of success story be repeated today?

Ask Graeme and Heather Forbes who bought a house on suspensive sale in Glenhills recently for R74 000 from Canema Homes.

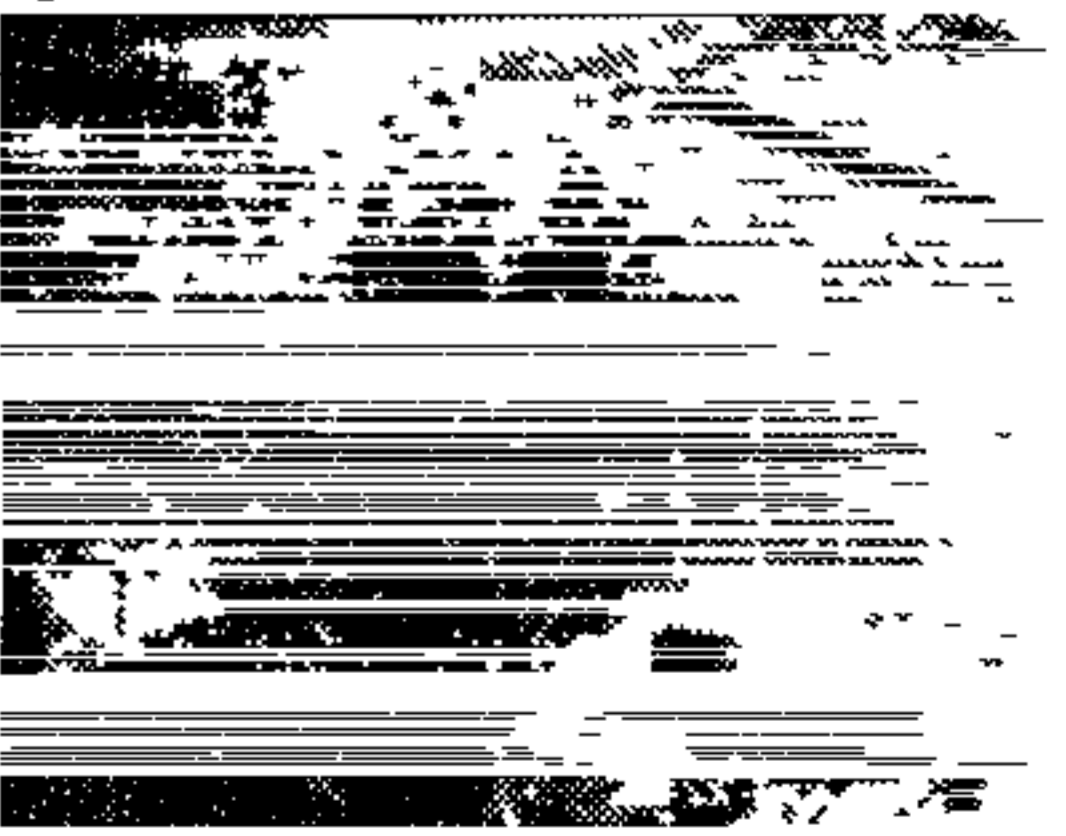
Property is good investment

FORTUNE favours the brave, investment is not usually a game.

If you buy at the wrong time more like Russian Roulette. Speculation is rampant there is no bad time to buy property.

At the moment there are resistance to the high prices and peering in the money market. Government action has tightened.

But whether or not there building costs — brick price week — will always make profit bet than most other investments.



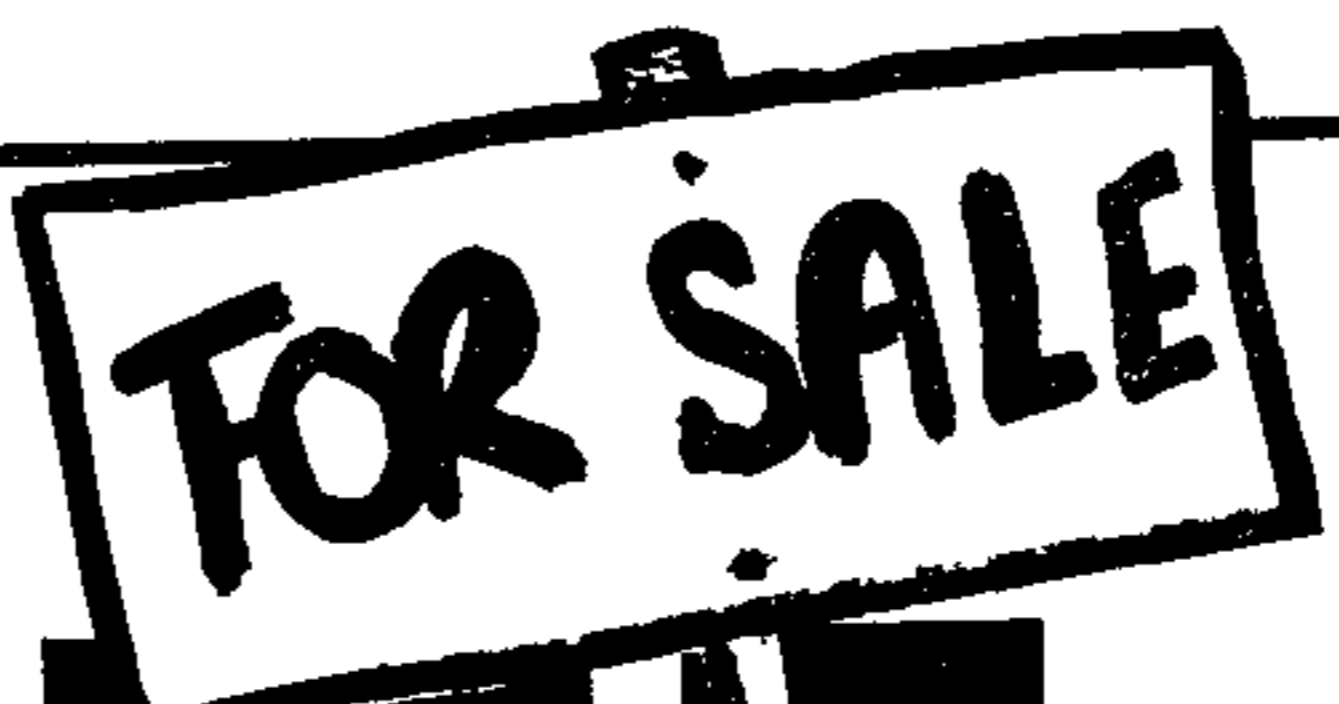
After 11 years of marriage they scraped together every cent to raise the deposit of R15 000 but have not looked back.

Admittedly this is a big sum for most people to find, but the Forbes' home was several rungs up the ladder being a fully-carpeted house of three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a separate diningroom plus garage and outbuildings.

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Graeme and Heather's success story

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Heather Forbes and the house they bought

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HOUSE No 3: This house in Homeford Drive, La Lucia was bought for R75 000 in 1977 and was sold for R207 000 in 1979

HOUSE No 1:
(Below) Tommy and Lynn's first home which cost R12 000 in 1970 with just R1 000 deposit



HOUSE No 2: Bought for R42 000 eight years ago and sold for R61 000 in 1977. The house is now on the market for R190 000

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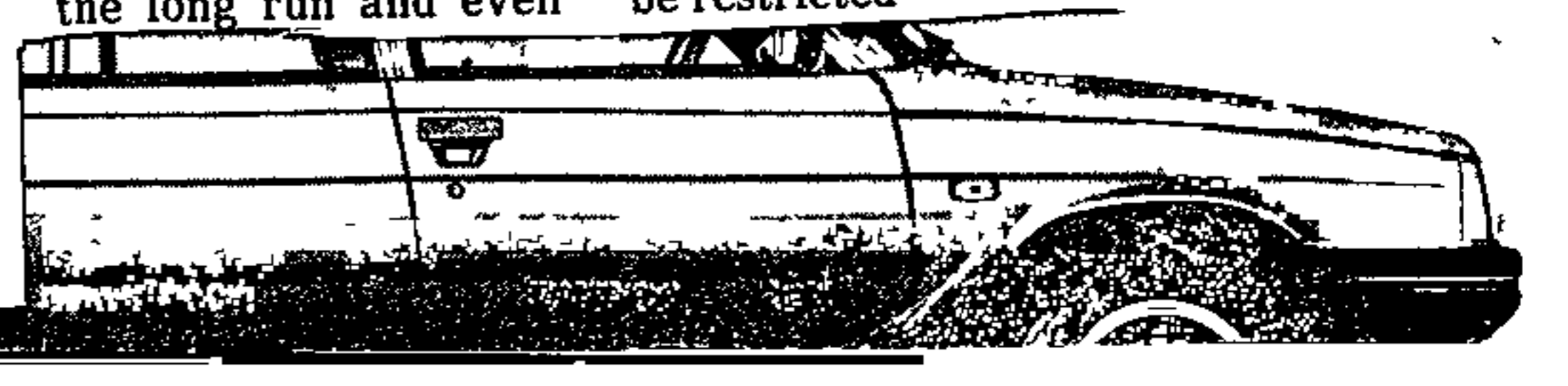
giving them security Do not despair if you do not have R15 000 A semi-detached house in Umbilo was recently bought by a young couple for R25 000 with a building society bond The deposit was R5 000 and repayments are only R261 a month with a qualifying income of R960 a month It is worth borrowing the R5 000 to get in at this level as the house has gone up in value by at least R12 000 with some simple alterations

and additions You need courage and determination to buy a home today and you may need to get an unsuitable house in the wrong area, but as long as prices keep rising you can soon swop for something more suitable A property invest- ment is always safe in the long run and even

when prices level-off or fall it is only a question of time before the up- swing resumes Everybody knows about inflation today and it is the urge to pro- tect the value of money that causes the strong- demand for property. If prices are ever to be held for any length of time, inflation has to be restricted

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By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN and SHAUN HARRIS

THE grim toll in the "Siege of Lamontville" was being counted late this week as an uneasy peace settled on the black township of 13 000 people on the outskirts of Durban

However, residents of Lamontville and neighbouring Chesterville said they were not certain that the violence would stop

"We are stunned We don't know what's going to happen next

"All we know is that at least we seem to have achieved some sort of peace," said one

Peace shattered

Seven people — including two young children — are reported to have died and many more to have been injured in the various outbreaks of violence between police and residents in the township during the past eight weeks

Violence first erupted in the townships during protests against a proposed 60 percent rent hike at the end of May

Postponement of the implementation of the increases had an initial calming effect

But the peace was shattered when mobs of youths went on the rampage,

A grim toll and an uneasy peace after the 'Siege of Lamontville'

stoning buses and setting fire to community buildings

Then the police stepped in

According to Durban attorney Mrs Victoria Mxenge, people in the townships believed that Lamontville's unofficial mayor, Mr Harrison Dube — killed at the height of the campaign against rent increase by masked assassins — had been murdered because of his community work

Four men, including the present "mayor" of Lamontville, Mr Moon-

light Gaza, pleaded guilty on June 23 in the Durban Regional Court to the murder of Mr Harrison Dube

One of the accused, Mr Vakuth-eghwe Yalo, claimed in court he had been told not to worry about the plan to kill Mr Dube because police knew of it and white municipal authorities would pay the men for the killing

The case was remanded until July 8

Mrs Mxenge said she had about 47 affidavits from Lamontville and

Chesterville residents claiming they had been assaulted by police or had their property damaged

Mrs Mxenge said she had forwarded the affidavits to police at Montclair Police Station in Durban

Police were reported this week to have drawn a cordon around Lamontville and Chesterville and would not allow reporters access to the townships

The Divisional Commissioner for Port Natal, Brigadier Theo Sherman told the Sunday Times this week that reporters were free to go into the township

However, Mr Hennie du Plessis, Chief Director of the Port Natal Administration Board — who has the authority to issue permits for whites to enter black townships in the Port Natal area — said "I will not be party to your getting into Lamontville"

"I will not let anyone on my staff sign a paper which will get you into Lamontville Anybody with a white skin will not be safe there"

"I won't have it on my conscience — you might be found afterwards lying in the street with a hole in your head"

This week reports began filtering through of violence in the township

Mrs Thandi Shabalala, whose husband, Patrick, was shot and injured last week, said he would be taking legal action against the Minister of Police.

Another Lamontville resident, Mr Stanley Qulu, told the Sunday Times that both his two-year-old grandson and his 18-year-old student son had been shot and injured while he watched from inside his house

Another Lamontville man, Mr Putela Dumisali, claimed he was shot at by police as he walked past a vehicle

A leading black businessman who did not want his name published confirmed on Friday that the township had become quieter.

"There have been fewer police in the township at night and I believe that this has made things quieter"

Colonel Jaap Venter of the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said that as police were investigating the allegations of violence in Lamontville, he could not comment

Collecting

Meanwhile BRIAN POTTINGER reports that the Official Opposition is collecting affidavits to support the allegations of police brutality raised in Parliament by Mr Harry Pitman, the Progressive Federal Party's law and order spokesman

The response follows a challenge by Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, for the PFP to substantiate claims of brutality

After Mr Pitman's speech, police drew the attention of the Press to Section 27 of the Second Police Amendment Act — which makes it an offence to publish anything untrue about the police

This action was slammed by Dr F van Zyl Slabbert, Leader of the Official Opposition

Dr Slabbert warned that if the Government intended tampering with the privilege of members to raise what they consider to be in the public interest in Parliament then everything he or any other opposition members had ever said counted for nothing

In an angry response, Mr le Grange denied he had attempted to meddle with parliamentary privilege and claimed he had merely brought the provision to the attention of the Press "in case there are those who want to behave irresponsibly"

He described the allegations raised by Mr Pitman as "scandalous"

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Lamontville wants to be run by corporation

African Affairs
Reporter

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ing whv residents of
Lamontville had passed a
resolution to refuse the
Kwa Zulu administration

RESIDENTS in the strife
torn township of
Lamontville have reject-
ed the Port Natal Admin-
istration Board admin-
istration of the township
and have called on the
Durban Corporation to
run it.

They felt that they
would be subjected to in-
flux control regulations
such as work-seeker per-
mits, as it existed in
neighbouring townships
such as Umlazi and
Ntuzuma

This was resolved at a
weekend meeting of
about 700 people
at Lamontville Communi-
ty Hall

Rev M Xundu of the
Rent Action Committee
rejected statements that
the ANC elements were
behind the violence in
Lamontville

A resolution taken at
the meeting said they
would prefer the town-
ship to be administered
by the Durban Corpora-
tion

He said a group of gang-
sters were responsible
for the reign of terror in
the township, pretending
to be involved in the
struggle against the rent
hikes in Lamontville and
Chesterville

It was felt that should
KwaZulu be given con-
trol, the township would
be subject to influx
control

Dr Piet Koornhof the
Minister of Co-operation
and Development was
called on to recognise
and negotiate with the
Joint Rent Action Com-
mittee

Miss E Sokudela, the
secretary for Ward 3 com-
mittee which was pre-
viously headed by slain
community leader, Mr
Harrison Dube told the

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Verulam

Mercury Reporter

A NEW housing project, code-named Oatlands, costing more than R4 000 000, is getting off the ground in Verulam.

Mr Dick Naicker, Town Clerk of Verulam, said yesterday that with more than 2 000 sub-economic and economic units required in the Verulam local authority area representations were made to the Department of Community Development to assist in reducing the housing backlog.

As a result an 11,8 ha site in Verulam, west of the central business district, was set aside for the development of 92 economic units and 118 sub-economic units.

'About half will be for rental, and half for sale to owner occupiers,' Mr Naicker said.

He said socio-economic research findings from a survey undertaken by the University of Durban-Westville formed the basis for the project in which six types of dwelling, both single and double storey, were designed, avoiding the monotonous duplication of units and creating a varied street scene.

Mr Naicker said the first batch of houses was expected to be ready at the end of this year and rest by the end of next year.

Meeting aimed at restoring township peace

Municipal Reporter

plain the rent hikes

PNAB officials had attended meetings in other centres without problems and their explanations had been very well received

7/7/83
PEOPLE in Lamontville and Chesterville have been urged to attend a meeting on Saturday aimed at restoring peace in the areas and solving the rent crisis

In turn, residents could air their grievances

The meeting would be held in the Chesterville Community Hall at 2 p.m. Col W S Dreyer, Port Natal Administration Board chairman, confirmed that his officials had been threatened and would not enter Chesterville or Lamontville unless the community leaders could assure their safety

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meeting
The Rev Xundu said 2 000 Lamontville residents had reaffirmed their confidence in the action committee

The Rev M Xundu, executive member of the Joint Rent Action Committee said a peace programme had been launched to pave the way for Port Natal Administration Board officials to ex-

They had also resolved to oppose incorporation into KwaZulu because they had contributed to and wanted to benefit from Durban's wealth

Sybil looks to townships' future

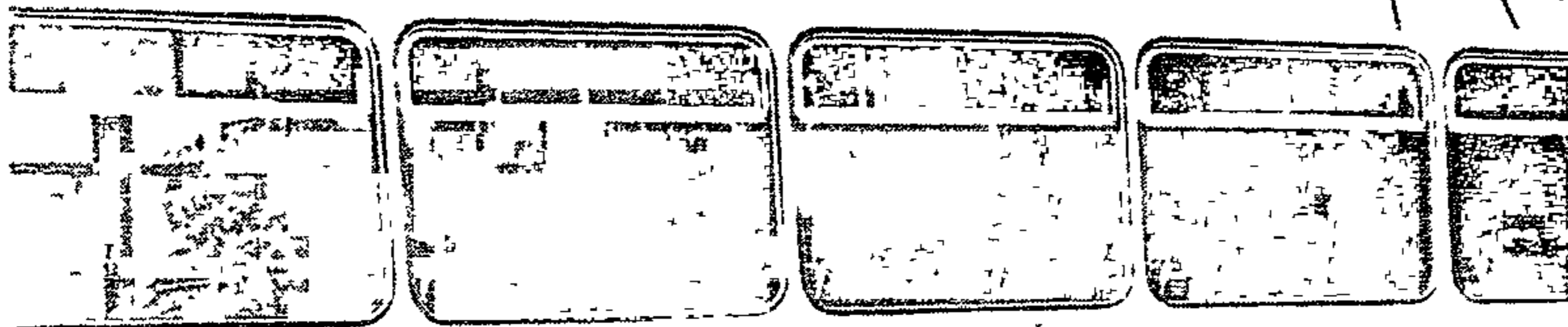
'We must talk to these people'

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ON A tour of the troubled townships Chesterville and Lamontville yesterday Durban's Mayor Mrs Sybil Hotz made it clear that talks with the people and community leaders were essential

'All of us must work together because we are directly or indirectly involved and it is very important to work on the priorities of the people instead of those priorities which seem to be worked out for them' she said

Mrs Hotz took note of the lack of facilities in the townships — not enough entertainment facilities where children could play after school, refuse lying in heaps because sometimes it was not collected and, most important of all, overcrowding

'I am more concerned with having sidewalks built having more than one sports ground available, and with improving the living conditions of these people,' she said

There are more than 10 000 people living in Chesterville but there are only slightly more than 1 000 houses to accommodate them

The houses, built in 1942, are two bedroomed, a dining room and lounge combined and a minute kitchen which was a passage to the bathroom

Rebuilt

Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said the people should be allowed to buy or build their own houses and the situation would change completely overnight

'These houses should be torn down and new ones built

'The people pay a high rent and are trying desperately to keep them in good repair, but the walls are cracking the hinges on the windows are broken or rusted and it is just too expensive for them to continue with their own maintenance,' he said

'Give them their own houses, expand the townships and these areas would be totally different'

Mrs Hotz steered clear of any involvement with the tour by Mr Harry Pitman and Mr Peter Gastrow last week

'I am looking to the future I am not concerned with the past,' she said

'I want to get involved with something that is going to happen now — not take many months'

Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, and some members of the touring party look at a dried-up stream that has become a rubbish dump

'Probe Malagazi' call

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Mercury Reporter

A CALL for an urgent investigation into what was described as the 'shocking state' of Indian housing in Malagazi, Isipingo's 'Cinderella' suburb, was made yesterday by the Malagazi Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Mr Sewpersad Mohanlall, chairman of the association, said the area had remained in a 'depressed state' for many years and living conditions had now become deplorable.

'There were no proper roads, drainage or sanitation, he said.

'We have been urging the Isipingo Town Council to show us some consideration, but our pleas appear to have fallen on deaf ears.

'We have now appealed to Mr Nizzi 'Falcon' Khan, the South African Indian Council member for Isi-

pingo, to arrange for our complaints to be investigated by the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha,' he said.

Mr Khan said yesterday he had visited Malagazi and found living conditions there 'shocking beyond description'.

He said the Province was giving more than R800 000 to the Isipingo Town Council to improve the local beach, but the council should consider whether the money would not be better spent improving Malagazi.

Isipingo's Mayor, Councillor Cecil Reddy, said his council was well aware of the plight of Malagazi residents, and had made representations to the Department of Community Development for assistance for new housing projects for the area.

Police probing unrest claims

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COMPLAINTS by Lamontville residents against the police following the unrest in the township earlier this year are receiving 'top priority' in an investigation.

This was confirmed yesterday by Brig Theo Scherman, divisional commissioner of police for Port Natal

Mr Peter Gastrow, Progressive Federal Party MP for Durban Central, said yesterday he had forwarded 16 affidavits by Lamontville people to the police

'I hope to forward a further two batches of affidavits to the police within the next two days,' he said

This follows a tour of Lamontville and Chester-ville by Mr Gastrow and the PFP MP for Pinetown, Mr Harry Pitman, earlier this month to investigate claims by people who said they had been injured during the riots.

During the closing weeks of the parliamentary session last month Mr Pitman raised allegations of police brutality in Lamontville which sparked a controversy between Mr Pitman and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange

Mr Gastrow said he was preparing a report for the minister which would substantiate the allegations made in Parliament

He said he hoped the report would prompt Mr le Grange to take up the challenge made in Parliament

Rive to probe state of black housing in Natal

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Mercury Reporter

GOVERNMENT trouble-shooter and former Postmaster General, Mr Louis Rive, has been appointed to investigate the housing circumstances of black people in Durban and the coastal areas of Natal outside KwaZulu

Mr Rive and Mr A D H Hankinson, the chairman of Tongaat Hulett, were appointed by the acting Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Chris Heunis, who made the announcement in Cape Town yesterday

Mr Rive was described as Soweto's 'super-planner' during his two-year term in office as chairman of the Greater Soweto Planning Council

He resigned from the position in April last year amid speculation that he was frustrated with the bureaucracy and lacked executive power

At the time he said he had resigned to allow the 'formal structures' of the Department of Co-operation and Development, the West Rand Administration Board and the community councils to 'operate as they are intended to'

Durban's Mayor Mrs Sybil Hotz said 'It's the best news I've heard for a long time and I believe Mr Rive is the most ideal person to sew the whole thing together I think the Prime Minister and Minister of Co-operation and Development have been made very aware of the problems in our black areas'

Meeting called off 'because of continued unrest'

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Mercury Reporter

THE meeting between the Joint Rent Action Committee and the Port Natal Administration Board, scheduled for tomorrow in Chesterville, has been cancelled

Mr H A du Plessis, chief director of the board, said in a statement released yesterday that recently the committee had given certain undertakings concerning the speedy return of law and order to the board's townships

'Since the time of these undertakings a number of disturbing incidents has occurred in Lamontville and Chesterville

'There have been incidents of stone-throwing, damage to property, looting and on Wednesday this week the board's offices at Chesterville were severely damaged by bricks and arson. Again thousands of rands worth of damage was wrought.'

Maintenance teams had had to be withdrawn again and certain contractors had asked to be released from obligations to the board following threats to the safety of workmen and the risk to vehicles in these areas.

'In view of this, and because it is apparent that the Joint Rent Action Committee and other leaders have had little success in restoring peace and order, I conclude that it would serve

Offices set alight in unexpected attack

Mercury Reporters

IN AN attack by about 800 men, women and teenagers on the Port Natal Administration Board complex in Chesterville on Wednesday night, some offices were set alight and a PNAB security policeman was injured

The attack on the complex, about 10 p.m. after a concert at the nearby H P Ngwenja School, came as a surprise since the township had been free of unrest for more than a week.

The injured guard, Mr M Ndlovu, who was struck on the legs by bricks, said the mob had approached the complex silently and quickly surrounded the office.

They had struck without

warning

A rain of bricks and rocks shattered window panes, only recently replaced after a brick-and-fire attack earlier this month

Wads of paper soaked in an inflammable liquid were ignited and flung through broken windows of seven offices and in the welfare section racks of files were burned

Two policemen went to the scene after receiving an emergency call

Pelted with half-bricks, the police fired five pellet cartridges from a shotgun and the mob dispersed.

One rioter, who could not get away because of pellet wounds in his left leg, was arrested

no purpose to arrange further public meetings

'Therefore, the meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 23, in Chesterville will not take place,' Mr du Plessis said

Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of the committee, said in a statement last night 'It is a tragedy that the PNAB has decid-

ed not to proceed with the planned meetings as announced

'However, it is not proper to allude that the committee has no control over the situation. Mr du Plessis knows very well that he did attend a meeting in Lamontville last Saturday. He was listened to patiently'

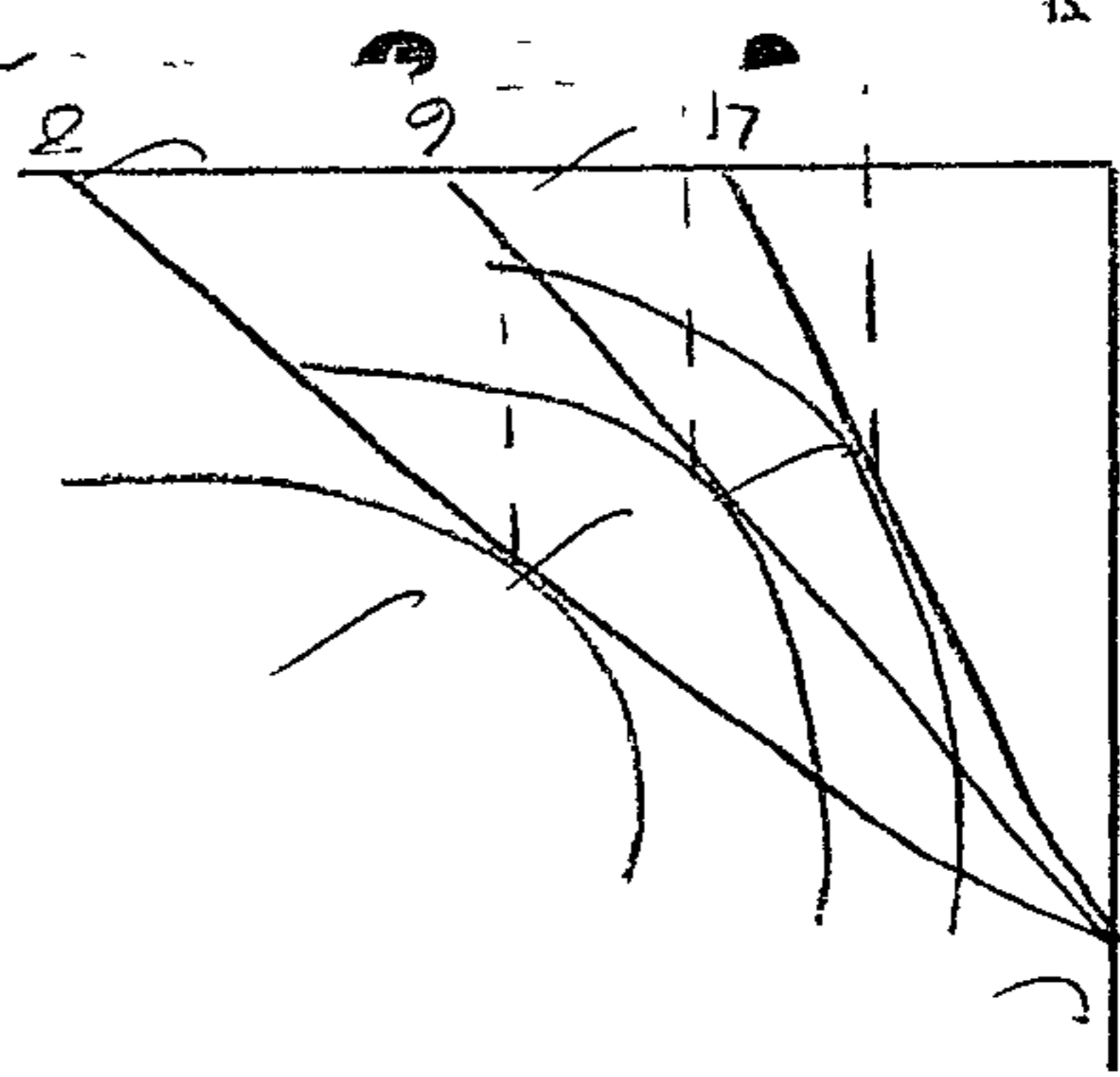
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'Deadlock near' in Chesterville rents wrangle

Mercury Reporter

COMMUNITY leaders and residents in the black township of Chesterville were 'angered' and 'dismayed' at the cancellation of today's planned meeting between the Joint Rent Action Committee and the Port Natal Administration Board

The board this week said further meetings with the Jorac would serve no purpose because the committee had failed in its undertaking to restore order in the township

The Rev Mcebisi Xundu, a prominent member of and spokesman for Jorac, yesterday visited the township and the Chesterville High School

'I think it is important to visit the youth at the schools to persuade them to maintain non-violence so that a peaceful resolution be maintained between the PNAB and the community,' he said

Seriously

'I was therefore angered and dismayed when Mr D N du Toit, inspector of schools, frustrated the programme by refusing to allow me to speak to the pupils on this subject'

The Rev Xundu said he made a special appeal to Mr W J M Lotz, Regional Director of Education, but 'he was insensitive to the subject and adamant that I should not address the pupils'

'I want to emphasise in my duty as a minister of

religion and a member of Jorac that the fact of facilitating a reconciliation between parties be taken seriously'

The Rev Xundu said because he was a minister to the officials of the PNAB, the community of Chesterville and the youth, he carried 'no political bucket' for any one party

'People cannot wish Jorac away because it is truly representative of the people of these communities. Earlier in our history the PNAB and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, would not speak to us but when our interest for peace was noticed, they themselves negotiated with us to establish a peaceful settlement,' he said

Housing

'It is therefore insensitive for the education authorities to impute that we are outsiders and trouble-makers when we are in fact agents of this peaceful settlement'

The Rev Xundu said he had suggested his committee address school pupils without the PNAB being present 'so that a non-violent mood should prevail while negotiating the rent hike'

But he had been told such a meeting should be postponed until next week when Mr Louis Rive, appointed to open a commission of inquiry into the state of housing in Natal, arrived in Dur-

ban on Monday

A PNAB official told him 'Only then will we discuss at what level negotiations should be undertaken and what public meetings should be held'

Mr Ian Mkhize, treasurer of Jorac and secretary of the United Democratic Front (North Coast region), said a deadlock stage was fast being reached between the authorities and the black communities

Puerile

'It is very puerile for Mr du Plessis to close doors to further communication with Jorac,' said Mr Mkhize

'It is a high-handed statement to say Jorac has had little success in restoring peace and order. In the first place Jorac was not responsible for the breakdown of peace and order — Dr Koornhof was responsible for this state of affairs in that he did not respond timeously to black leadership warnings that there would be violence if the PNAB considered rent increases

'Jorac would like to emphasise that our doors are open for further discussion. We are confident that an announcement by the minister regarding the freezing of the rentals would do a lot to restore calm and then we must all join hands in resolving this situation,' he said

2 000 on waiting Mercury list for 200 (125) 26/7/83 Verulam houses

Mercury Reporter

VERULAM Town Council has a waiting list of more than 2 000 applicants for its 200 economic and sub-economic housing units, Mr Dick Naicker, the Town Clerk, said yesterday.

He said work on the building project, Oatlands, costing more than R4 000 000 had already started and the first batch of houses was expected to be ready at the end of the year and the rest by the end of next year.

Hopes that non-residents of Verulam might have a chance of obtaining a house in the municipal project were dashed yesterday. Mr Naicker said preference would be given to Verulam residents desperately in need of accommodation.

Sale

Oatlands, which comprises 92 economic units and 118 sub-economic units, is being built on an 11,8 ha site in Verulam.

About half will be for rent, and half for sale to owner-occupiers, he said, adding that a recent research survey undertaken by the University of Durban-Westville had found that more than 2 000 sub-economic and economic units were required to meet the housing needs of Verulam.

Mr Naicker said the new housing project was based on recommendations of the research survey in which six types of dwelling, both single and double storey, would be built.

Rent committee members boycott housing meeting

Mercury Reporter

MEMBERS of the Joint Rent Action Committee yesterday boycotted a meeting with Mr Louis Rive and Mr A D H Hankinson, who are probing the black housing situation in Durban, because they said some of the people at the meeting were not qualified to represent blacks

Mr Rive and Mr Hankinson, chairman of Tongaat Hulett Property, were appointed by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof

According to Mr Richard Gumede, chairman of the committee, the first step taken by the two-man team was 'wrong'

'Jorac was not approached by the Port Natal Administration Board on who should be present at the meeting. Some of the people — so-called community leaders — I had never seen before' said Mr Gumede

Mr Gumede said a board official contacted Mr Ian Mkhize, secretary of the committee, to arrange a meeting with Mr Rive and Mr Hankinson on Tuesday

'But, it was done so late in the day and because of insufficient time we cancelled

Lamontville

'Finally, a meeting was arranged for yesterday at 9 a.m. We met Mr Rive and Mr Hankinson but were surprised that 'he representatives of the communities had not done anything to help the situation in the communities, and were not even community leaders,' Mr Gumede said

He said the board official had told him that the representatives were community leaders from Lamontville

'I don't know where he got them from. Because they were not true representatives we boycotted the meeting'

At a Press conference at the board's offices yesterday Mr Rive and Mr Hankinson had not yet visited the problem areas but knew they were dealing with a sensitive and emotive matter

He said housing was a priority with an emphasis on the improvement of living conditions of black people

Impartial

'Everything we do or discuss will be done in close co-operation with the people themselves. It is impossible to operate in an area without knowing how the people feel,' Mr Rive said

He also emphasised the importance of retaining freedom of judgement and remaining impartial 'in order to judge fairly without any impediment'

'We are not on anybody's payroll and no recommendation will be released to the Government without the support of the people,' Mr Rive said

He added the area with which they would be dealing had not yet been clearly outlined

Mr Rive said they had no pre-arranged schedule but believed a final blueprint would be available only towards the end of next year

golden trophy



1 000 and R40 000 — the trophy for the race at gets a miniature worth about R5 000

Picture by RICHARD SHOREY

Rescued hikers injured in crash with lorry

Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—One of four people rescued from the snow-covered Drakensberg on Tuesday is in a critical condition while two others are serious after a car accident hours after their rescue

Mr Dave Marcus, 36, of Houghton was still unconscious and in intensive care in the Garden City Clinic, Johannesburg, yesterday afternoon while Mr Neville Stranger, 62, and his wife Daphne, of Sandton, were in a serious condition in the Milpark Hospital

But the condition of the fourth person involved in the accident, Mr Jeremy MacAteer, 21, of Sandton,

Rent (125) hike (344) row Mercury taken 29/7/83 to Court

Court Reporter

THE Government's move to increase rents on August 1 in townships run by the Port Natal Administration Board was challenged in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday

Mr Acting Justice Wilson granted an order calling on the Minister of Cooperation and Development and the Port Natal Administration Board to show cause on August 19 why the Government Gazette notice of April 22 this year announcing the increases should not be declared null and void

Effect

The application was brought as a matter of urgency by the Durban (Ningizimu) Community Council and a Chesterville resident, Mr Edwin Themba Ngobeni, who is a member of the Inkatha organisation

The order granted by the Judge does not provide for interim relief. It will, therefore, not prevent the increases taking effect on Monday

In papers before the Court, Mrs Ella Nxasana, vice-chairman of the council, claimed that in announcing the increases in Government Gazette Notice R823 on April 22 the Department of Community Development had failed to give effect to the

COURT REPORTER

Price control on soft drinks, juices scrapped

Mercury Correspondent

PRETORIA—The Government, on the recommendation of the Competitions Board, has abolished price control on soft drinks and fruit juices

Announcing this in Pretoria yesterday, the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism, Dr Dawie de Villiers, said the prices would now be determined mainly by market forces of supply and demand

However, the position would be closely watched to ensure manufacturers, suppliers and distributors adjusted their prices with the necessary 'self discipline and responsibility'

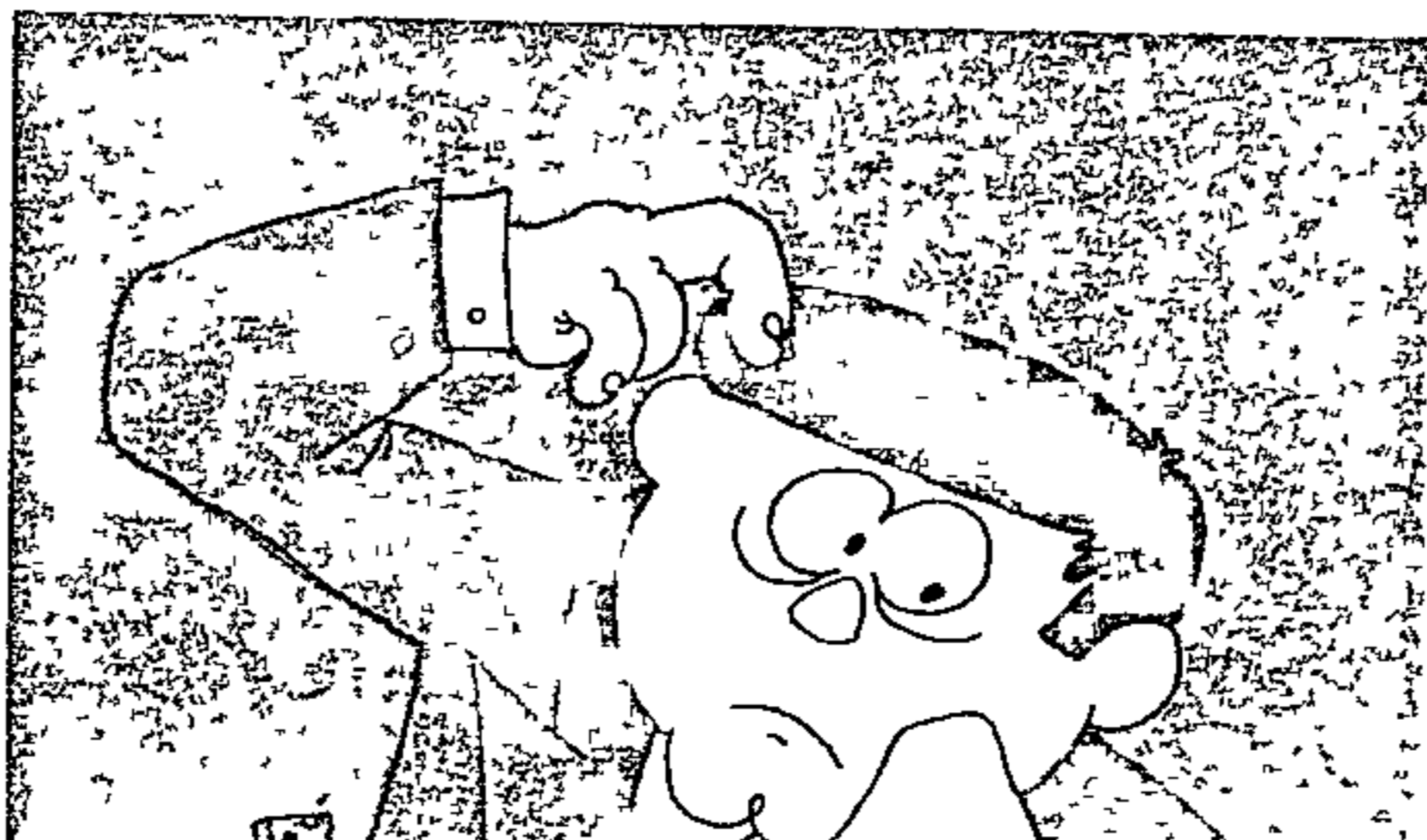
'If this should not happen the authorities would not hesitate to introduce suitable measures

The minister said, however, he hoped this would not be necessary, and that he could count on the private sector

The Government had laid down that the prescribed deposits on returnable bottles, and the obligation of the trade to take bottles back and refund deposits should be provisionally maintained

The minister added the Government's policy was not to intervene unnecessarily in the free market system

“When dining out, I'm never certain whether I should fold my napkin neatly after eating or leave it crumpled * But my mind is completely clear as to which cigarettes to smoke afterwards ”



Wild with lighter scene of store fire

Mercury Reporter

which destroyed the stock in an o Road Durban, yesterday morning. It is thought to have been started by a small child with a lighter. Shop assistants at Domesticco furniture rushed to try to put fire in the upper of the shop they a small child and a lounge suite. According to the owner Domesticco furniture store, Mr Mark Sen, the child had seen playing in the with a cigarette earlier in the day was sent out after he had to take it to his one from the shop

was in the section where the fire started or saw the child return

By the time fire extinguishers had been fetched the blaze had spread and could not be put out with them

Firemen, hampered by the thick black smoke from burning plastic and upholstery, took about half-an-hour to put out the fire

Domesticco's manager, Mr Richard Barbour said 'Luckily we managed to get the child out before it got too bad

'When we spoke to his father about it all he said was sorry'

Earlier the child had been seen with a lighter in another shop along the street and had been sent home

Boesak makes scathing attack on apartheid

Mercury Correspondent

VANCOUVER—In a scathing attack on apartheid, South Africa's Rev Allan Boesak warned a World Council of Churches meeting here that people should be willing to die to overcome it

This was the second strongly militant speech by Dr Boesak who says he speaks for poor blacks

Earlier he pleaded for church support of the oppressed to take up arms in their struggle for freedom

The Cape Town theologian and minister of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, emerged as the most dynamic speaker of the opening days of the WCC assembly, which is held only every seven or eight years

Power

Nor was he concerned if his outspokenness led to a renewed ban on his passport by Pretoria

He said 'The South African Government can do whatever it wants. It has the power I have frankly stopped worrying what they may or may not do'

He was overjoyed by the delayed granting of a passport to Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches

protest

His voice rising in anger, Dr Boesak alleged 'Police beat her, would not let her go to him and one of them said "Let the bastard die"'

He also told his audience, many of them young Canadians, of the difficulty of believing in God's love for families who could not live together because they were black, and of black mothers who could not bring their babies into a white house where they worked seven days a week

Frequently interrupted by applause, Dr Boesak expounded on how the Gospel could be used to cope with these bitter realities of life for South Africa's blacks

The Gospel was hard to follow — 'it makes us willing to suffer and die for the sake of what is right as well as opening our hearts to those who oppress', he said

Dr Boesak warned that reconciliation was not easy 'Reconciliation means having the willingness to die for justice'

With these... argue with him, but our buses are the most advanced in the world for urban operation

Ignoring

Mr Max Neppe, shadow transport spokesman on the city council, said the city had a proud record of accident-free bus operations, and that any accusations would have to be backed by hard evidence

However, Mr Tenikalp accused designers in the bus manufacturing industry of ignoring well-known safety factors in constructing the vehicles

He specifically criticised

● A horizontal rail at the top of a seat — 'a very common but nevertheless dangerous feature' likely to cause injuries to the head, face or throat of the passenger behind,

● Right-angled corners on bus exteriors — 'the commonly-heard reason for favouring right-angled corners on buses is that accident damage is more easily repaired, but the merit of this argument is dubious' because construction methods of current buses 'would allow sharp edges to become exposed in the event of impact,

● Excessive clearance above ground level — this factor, particularly at the rear, 'creates a serious under-ride hazard',

Burn rate

● Anti-fire rules governing materials used in buses — 'current legislation on flammability is commonly found to be too lax regulations specify that a horizontally-placed specimen should burn at a rate not exceeding four inches a minute, but vertical burn rate is not considered at all' and 'materials complying with (our) standards and with other similar legislation have been shown still to be rather serious fire risks', and

● Buses' interior layouts — 'the interior layout of a bus together with features such as handholds, floor, seats and lighting could be optimised to minimise the occurrence of on-board accidents long, open internal spaces at the front of the bus are particularly hazardous areas, high seat backs and padding on hard surfaces are recommended, and floor coverings should be made of non-slip materials

Rent hikes

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Administration Board and subject to the department's approval

Mrs Nxasana submitted it was clear that the powers which had been vested in the Durban (Ningizimu) Community Council repealed the Government's power to increase rentals

She said the council had not increased the rents and the proclamation announcing the rent increases was issued without consultation or agreement with the council which had consistently been opposed to the proposed increases

She said the Act initially empowered the councils to allocate, administer or let accommodation subject to the minister's directions. However during March 1981 the department had handed over its powers to the councils

She said at that time the councils did not possess the necessary infrastructure to exercise those powers. It accordingly entered into an agreement with the department which was still valid

According to that agreement the councils were empowered to adjust rentals in respect of accommodation let to single persons in consultation with the Port Natal provisions of the Community Councils Act of 1977 which vested certain powers in the councils

Agri-outlook

CAPE TOWN—A Western Cape 'agricultural outlook conference' will be held in Stellenbosch early next year. It was announced at the annual congress of the Western Cape Agricultural Union here yesterday. All sectors of agriculture within the WCAU as well as service industries, will participate in the conference, to be known as Agrocom 84. Attention will be given to prospects and challenges regarding short and medium-term industry problems and trends in the availability and prices of agricultural inputs — (Sapa)

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the day set for the introduction of the new rent structure, could become a repeat performance of May 1

Acts of arson and stone throwing accompanied the passing of the PNAB's original May 1 deadline for the increases — which average around 63% (from R25 to R40 a month in some cases) The trouble stopped only after Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koorhof stepped in to postpone the increases until August There is still tension in Lamontville, Hambanati, Chesterville, Shakaville and Klaarwater

In spite of a visible police presence and strict security measures, there have been sporadic outbreaks of violence The methods employed in curbing the unrest have led to charges of police brutality (strongly denied by the SAP) being raised in Parliament

The PNAB's chief director, Hennie du Plessis, tells the *FM* that the issue has moved away from being a rent problem to the broader area of political discontent Under the circumstances, he says, he cannot recommend to the Minister that the rent increases be postponed again for fear that capitulation will be perceived by the community as a major victory for violence

Du Plessis is well aware of the ramifications of his stand He even admits that there are elements who are likely to react violently to his decision and says he is counting on the police to maintain law and order He is quick to point out however, that there "wouldn't necessarily be peace" if the increases were waived

The chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee Richard Gumede says the board is using political agitation as an excuse to press ahead The main grievance is and always has been an economic one 'People feel the burden of what these increases will mean to their reduced household incomes in these times of high inflation and unemployment' he says

Gumede also predicts trouble if the rent hike goes ahead As the PNAB has turned a deaf ear to all their appeals to have the increases scrapped, he says the only way left open to the community is to react with violence

Some were hoping that the recent appointment of former Postmaster-General Louis Rive, an acknowledged expert on black housing, to look into the whole question of black housing in Natal would help to defuse the rents controversy But, according to Du Plessis, the board's pending rent increases do not strictly form part of Rive's brief His main function is to examine ways of meeting the demand for black housing in the light of government's changed housing policies

In broader terms Du Plessis lays the blame for the current situation squarely at the door of previous administrations who, he says left township rents at uneconomic levels for too long in the hope that income would be subsidised through sorghum beer sales Now he says, the board is left with the unenviable task of jacking up rentals to more realistic rates The fact that the PNAB is budgeting for a R7m deficit this year compared with a R10m deficit for much larger Soweto shows that there is something seriously wrong with our accounts

Direct subsidies from central government, says Du Plessis are not the answer In any event he says government does not have the money Besides sociologically subsidies are very wrong At the end of the day somebody has to pay

NATAL RENTS

Threat of violence

The Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) seems determined to raise rents in the black townships under its control Community leaders have warned that the increases will be resisted — and that the resistance could lead to violence August 1

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Court action over Durban rents rise

DURBAN — The Government's move to increase rents on August 1 in townships run by the Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) was challenged in the Durban Supreme Court this week.

Mr Acting Justice Andrew Wilson granted an order calling on the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, and the PNAB to show cause why the Government Gazette notice of April 22 announcing the increases should not be declared null and void.

The application was brought by the Durban (Ningizimu) Community Council

In papers before the court, Mrs Eila Nxasana claimed that in announcing the increases in Government Gazette notice R823 of April 22 the Department of Community Development had failed to give effect to the provisions of the Community Councils Act.

The Act had initially empowered the councils to allocate, administer or let accommodation subject to the Minister's directions.

However, during March 1981 the department had handed over its powers to the community councils, thereafter enjoying no powers in this respect — Sapa

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Buthelezi plea 2/8/83
on rent increases 83

African Affairs Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthlezi, has sent a telegram to the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, asking him to postpone rent increases in Port Natal Administration Board's area of jurisdiction until the outcome of a Supreme Court case initiated by Inkatha

Chief Buthlezi said he was making his plea because Inkatha had brought an urgent application in the Supreme Court last week to prevent the minister increasing the rents on the basis that there was no agreement or consultation with the Ningizumu Community Council

A return date of August 19 was set by Mr Acting Justice Wilson. No interim relief was made

The board said on Friday that rents in six townships in the Durban area would be increased today

The board said rents would rise again on November 1 this year and on February 1 next year

The telegram has been sent to Dr Koornhof via the Commissioner-General for the Zulu people, Mr P N Hansmeyer

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**Worker injured
in stone throwing**

Mercury Reporter

A PORT Natal Administration worker was injured when he was struck on the head by a stone thrown by youths in Chesterville this week

Mr Lance Sharrock, work supervisor stationed in the black township, said his team was repairing a burst water main when a group of youths started throwing stones at them

'I chased them away but they began stoning the

front of my truck. A stone was thrown through the open side window and struck me on the head,' he said

He added that he was not badly injured and reported for work yesterday

The maximum rent increase which took effect this week in six townships under the jurisdiction of the Port Natal Administration Board was R8,26 for a house in Lamontville

A spokesman for the board said rent increases ranged between R4 26 and R8 26 a month

He said rents at Chesterville would be increased by R6,14

Rents at Klaarwater Township near Pinetown would be increased by between R4 and R5,74 a month

At Shaymoya the rents would rise by R2,85 and R3,90

From 5/8/83

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We're glad to have you Mr Rive but . . .

Some optimism is justified over the recent appointment of a commission of inquiry, in the form of Louis Rive and Allan Hankinson, to look into the vexing question of the black housing shortage in Natal

As far as studies go, such an investigation is long overdue. But the frequency in this country with which commissions rather than solutions are thrown at problems does not fill us with unrequited confidence that action will follow.

Housing in Natal has long been a contentious issue. It has been made more so recently by the Port Natal Administration Board's (PNAB) proposal that township "rents" (which cover mainly the cost of services) be increased by up to 70%. If government is hoping that Rive's appointment will cool passions, it is likely to be disappointed. Despite his reputation for getting things done in Soweto and the eastern Cape, the years of neglect have solidified Natal's problem into one that requires a superhuman effort to put right.

Even Rive himself recognises this. He admits that the housing problems of Natal are unlikely to fit what are by comparison the neat and tidy solutions of a contained Soweto.

Natal is and always has been a different kind of problem.

Apart from being practically bankrupt, the PNAB — the main housing authority in the Durban area — is even more unpopular than was the old West Rand Board, which is saying something. Turning township administration over to the Durban City Council or the KwaZulu government, as some have suggested, is no longer the answer either. Both lack the resources to tackle the disorderly hotch-potch of sprawling deprivation that passes in Natal for black housing. It makes the provision of basic services difficult and expensive. The surveys necessary for leasehold must be a nightmare.

Indeed, it is difficult to see what the solution could be if it must also be within the confines of existing policy. More imaginative thinking than this allows is needed. However, open dialogue, free of recriminations, with the community concerned, should throw up something. When it does, it is essential that government demonstrate a commitment to implementation.

For while the appointment of Rive and Hankinson is a good start, there is no guarantee that momentum will be maintained. Nor does government appear in the eyes of the Zulus to have much sympathy for the findings of commissions in Natal, no matter how heavyweight their members.

LOUIS RIVE

A focus on Natal

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Louis Rive, an acknowledged expert on black housing, has been given a new task by government. Together with former Tongaat Hulett M D, Allan Hankinson, Rive must attempt to defuse the emotive housing issue and bring some sense to the physical planning of Natal's fragmented black townships. In this interview with the *FM* he discusses his priorities.

FM: What exactly is your brief from government?

Rive: To do what is necessary to improve the living conditions of black people in this part of our country. Naturally, a major aspect of this will be a study of housing needs.

How long do you see your task taking?

It is impossible to say at this stage. I only hope that by the end of next year we will be very far advanced.

How have you divided responsibilities between you and Hankinson?

As Mr Hankinson is primarily interested in the field of housing, he will concentrate on this and I will concentrate on infrastructure. In fact I might even invoke the assistance of someone else in this regard because I am committed to such an extent elsewhere that I feel I might not be able to do justice to the task.

How will your task here differ from your study of Soweto and the eastern Cape?

There are not many differences from the macro angle. But Soweto is an entity and from a planning point of view it is much easier to develop an entity. The eastern Cape is similar. In the metropolises you have the entity of PE-Uitenhage and the other places are isolated as entities. Here it seems as though there has been a complete lack of proper planning in the past. Things have just developed in a haphazard fashion. What we do about it will have to be determined as we go along.

What progress has been made in the eastern Cape, and are you happy with developments in Soweto?

As far as Soweto is concerned, I believe it will ultimately be a city in its own right, unrecognisable from what it was five years ago. On the eastern Cape the report which I submitted has been accepted. But I'm also hoping that government will give the green light for us to find the money needed to finance the project. The money that would normally have been provided could be used in the other priority areas which have also been defined. They are East London, King Williams Town, Grahamstown, Beaufort West, Oudtshoorn, Stutterheim and Fort Beaufort. This is in the second phase of my planning and I hope to complete it in the next couple of months. The question of housing finance is a vexing one, given government's cash con-

straints. What options are there?

There are only two options and they tie in with government policy and the current philosophy in respect of housing. The first one is the displacement of capital by sweat equity, labour capital, you wish, or self-help. The second source is private sector involvement, both from financial institutions and employers. Does the emotive issue of the proposed rent increases in the Port Natal Administration Board townships form part of your brief? If so, what recommendations have you made?

Not specifically. I might interpret it as a facet of the whole exercise, or should I feel that it has an impeding influence in my efforts it could be included. In fact I have consulted with the black community councils and advisory committees and formed an opinion which I have given confidentially to the Minister.

To what extent has the housing crisis in Natal been politicised?

It would be unwise for me to venture a view. I haven't had time to study the matter in depth nor have I had proper discussions with the parties concerned. Consequently it would be inappropriate to react.

Do you see yourselves remaining aloof from government, quasi-government and other bodies in this investigation?

As far as our findings are concerned, yes. But naturally we've got to cooperate with them and in the end it is a matter for government.

Police probe

(125) Mercury Phoenix housing

5/8/83 fraud claims

By Mariah Vengtas

POLICE are investigating complaints of a housing fraud in Durban City Council's giant Phoenix Indian township, believed to involve thousands of rands

A number of prospective home seekers told police they had handed over amounts of between R1 000 and R1 500 as deposits on houses which they never got

It is believed that the amount involved could be as much as R20 000

According to a police spokesman, the people handed over the money in cash to an Indian man — whom they believed was a council official — after they were shown houses, still under construction in the township, and told to chose the one they wanted.

'It was only several days later, after checking with the City Treasurer's Department which handles allocation of Council houses, that they discovered that the houses they selected had already been allocated and that the man did not work for the council.

'Many of the people, who are low wage earners, borrowed the money from friends and relatives in a desperate bid to secure a roof over their heads,' he said

The police spokesman also appealed to people who might have been involved in the deals to come forward to assist in the investigation.

Inkatha appeal

INKATHA and Natal's Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) have made a fresh appeal to the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, to either suspend proposed rent hikes indefinitely, or postpone them until a Supreme Court hearing this month.

This renewed effort follows the Port Natal Administration Board's rent increases which came into effect on August 1, despite numerous appeals by prominent leaders, various organisations and some Members of Parliament for the increases to be scrapped

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CP Correspondent: DURBAN

MORE than 200 000 residents in six black townships in and around Durban are heading for a head-on collision with the Government over the 20 to 80 percent rent increases which came into effect on Monday

Representatives of residents in Lamontville, Chesterville, Klaarwater, Chakaville, Shayamoya and Hambanati have decided not to pay the increases and to face the consequences instead.

The more than 600 representatives took the decision unanimously amid cries of "Asinamali - we have no money" at a mass meeting convened by the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) at Durban's St Anthony's Church last Sunday

The increases were to have come into effect on May 1, but were postponed for two months after petitions and pleas by Jorac and after widespread violence enveloped Lamontville and Chesterville following the killing of community leader Mr Harrison Dube

Imposed

The secretary of Jorac, Mr Ian Mkhize told Press Trust news agency that rent increases had been imposed on the people without prior consultation with the real leaders of the people

The Port Natal Administration Board "must approach

its creator, the Government, for assistance because it was created without our consultation.

"We are not prepared to pay for our own repression," he said.

He said the money collected from the people was being

used to finance Pass raids, policing of townships, black jacks and the general oppression of the black people.

They wanted housing for all people at rents the people could afford.

Another Jorac of-

ficial, Mr Mike Mabaso, said rent increases were all part of the grand plan to make life so miserable for Africans that they would, of their own accord, move to disease-ridden and poverty-stricken "Bantustans."

"They want to rob us of our citizenship by making life miserable for us," he said.

Jorac is to hold a joint conference with the Durban Housing Action Committee at the Kajee Hall, Durban, on Sunday



● Asinamali . . . mourners at Harrison Dube's funeral in April take up the cry.

Homes sought for uprooted Indian families

Mercury Reporter 18/8/83

THE Government's new housing plan for the sprawling black shack settlement at Inanda will uproot more than 1 000 Indian families, some of whom have been living there for many generations

So says Mr Baldeo Dookie, executive member of the South African Indian Council, who also represents the SAIC on a newly formed State committee to look into alternative housing proposals for the displaced Indian families

With Mr W J Henning, the regional representative of the Department of Community Development, as chairman, the committee is made up of representatives of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Port Natal Administration Board

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, recently announced plans to spend more than R1 000 million to convert the slums of Inanda into a modern city. He said the new Inanda would be planned to accommodate 650 000 people by the year 2000

Mr Dookie told the Mercury yesterday that the committee would be looking at various alternatives to rehouse the Inanda families

'Some of the people who will be uprooted are market gardeners and farmers. Our committee will do everything possible to find them alternative farmlands,' he said

Warned

Indian landowners had been warned that they would be prosecuted if they allowed any further development of shacks or squatting on their properties

He said the area affected included the Release area 33 and Groenberg. Valuers of the Department of Co-operation and Development were already in the area carrying out valuations on the affected properties

A socio-economic survey will also be undertaken to ascertain the number of property owners and tenants who will need rehousing

He said property owners, who are anxious to check whether their properties are also affected, could get in touch with the chief Commissioner of Verulam at the local magistrate's court

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Sale of Govt houses 'won't solve problem'

Property Reporter

DURBAN'S black housing shortage will not be solved by the Government's scheme to sell 500 000 State-owned houses at discount prices

This was the message which emerged at yesterday's Institute for Housing seminar on employer involvement in the scheme

Mr Alan Mountain, regional representative of the Urban Foundation, said a unique situation existed in Durban, which has more 'squatters' living on surrounding land than any other South African city

'Although I support the concept of home-ownership, there are many problems which need to be solved before this scheme can be successful

'There is an increasing number of people collecting around the city and they do not live in State-owned houses. With the decrease in the provision of State housing which is going to accompany this new scheme, we have to consider what will happen to these people,' he said

Excluded

The scheme applied only to houses owned by the Government. As most of the houses for blacks in the greater Durban area were administered by the KwaZulu Government, they were excluded from the scheme

'Land tenure restraints have virtually excluded Durban from the move to sell black homes,' Mr Mountain said

He warned that the scheme could lead to greater exploitation with mini-landlords buying houses to let them at substantial rentals

The lack of mobility in the black community precluded the usual advantages of buying a home in a private enterprise system, he said. Legal restraints such as the Group Areas Act prevent blacks from increasing the value of their homes

'The dull monotony of housing in the townships prevents people from moving upwards to homes suitable for their needs and social standing. Mobility must eventually happen over racial lines, but it could also occur in the present situation,' he said

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Judgment reserved

on rent increase move

125 Court Reporter ~~34~~ called on the department and the board to show cause yesterday why the Government Gazette notice of April 22 announcing the increases should not be declared null and void.

A DURBAN Judge reserved judgment yesterday in a Supreme Court action in which rent increases in townships in the Port Natal Administration Board area were challenged.

Mr Justice Leon recommended that until he gave judgment no rent increases should be put into effect.

Last month an application was brought by the Durban (Ningizimu) Community Council and a Chesterville man, Mr Edwin Themba Ngobeni, against the Minister of Co-operation and Development and the Port Natal Administration Board.

The order granted by Mr Acting Justice Wilson

In bringing their application, the Community Council claimed that the minister had vested certain powers in the councils in regard to the letting and administration of accommodation.

At yesterday's hearing Mr David Gordon, SC, for the Community Council, argued that the only issue to be decided was whether the powers given to the councils included the right to make rent increases, or whether that power was retained by the minister.

Isipingo rent ¹²⁵ hike blamed on ^{Mercury} error in circular ^{24/2/83}

Mercury Reporter

ISIPINGO Town Clerk Ramalingam Reddy yesterday blamed an error in a Department of Community Development circular for his council's decision to increase rents in the Lotus Park and Orient Hills townships by up to 40 percent

Hundreds of council tenants, occupying sub-economic and economic housing in the two new townships, reacted with anger to the increases — which in some cases were from R120 to R175 a month — and were planning a protest meeting at the Lotus Park Community Hall on Saturday

But, Mr Reddy told the Mercury yesterday that the tenants would be told of the error and the rents readjusted

'Not all tenants will have to pay increased rents. Only those earning between R650 and R800 a month will be affected

'The increases were based on a circular we received from the Department of Community Development which announced an increase in interest rates of 11,25 percent for tenants falling in the R450-R800 income bracket

'This was changed in a subsequent circular which stated that the interest rate would remain at 9 percent for the R450-R800 income bracket,' he said

Scores of tenants in the sub-economic flats, which are occupied mainly by people receiving State grants and pensions, said they would hard hit if their rents were raised.

Arrears

'At present some can barely cope. At times we are left with no money for food and we are forced to do casual work such as washing and ironing to provide food for our children,' said a widowed mother of five.

Many tenants, unable to afford the rent, were in arrears and have been told to pay up or leave

Mr Reddy said his council was forced to take action against rent defaulters because some tenants were up to four months behind

Mr W J Henning, regional representative of the Department of Community Development, could not be reached for comment yesterday

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Housing boost for municipal workers

Municipal Reporter

DURBAN'S 8 000 black municipal employees stand to gain from a housing finance company launched with R2 000 000 from the City Council

The houses are expected to range from R12 000 to R20 000 and will be built in KwaZulu townships surrounding the city

The employees, including ungraded labourers, will qualify for the same housing subsidy as white, Indian and coloured staff — about 50 percent of the monthly repayments

On Monday the council will be asked to approve some minor adjustments to an agreement with KwaZulu Housing Company (Pty) Ltd and on Tuesday the city's personnel department will begin drawing up a shortlist of the first 120 employees who qualify for loans

Deputy City Treasurer Frans Tooley said 'The first R500 000 has been earmarked for long-service graded staff and the balance will be available to all staff on a

long-service basis

The finance company has been registered by the Corporation for Economic Development (CED) and the KwaZulu Development Corporation (KDC)

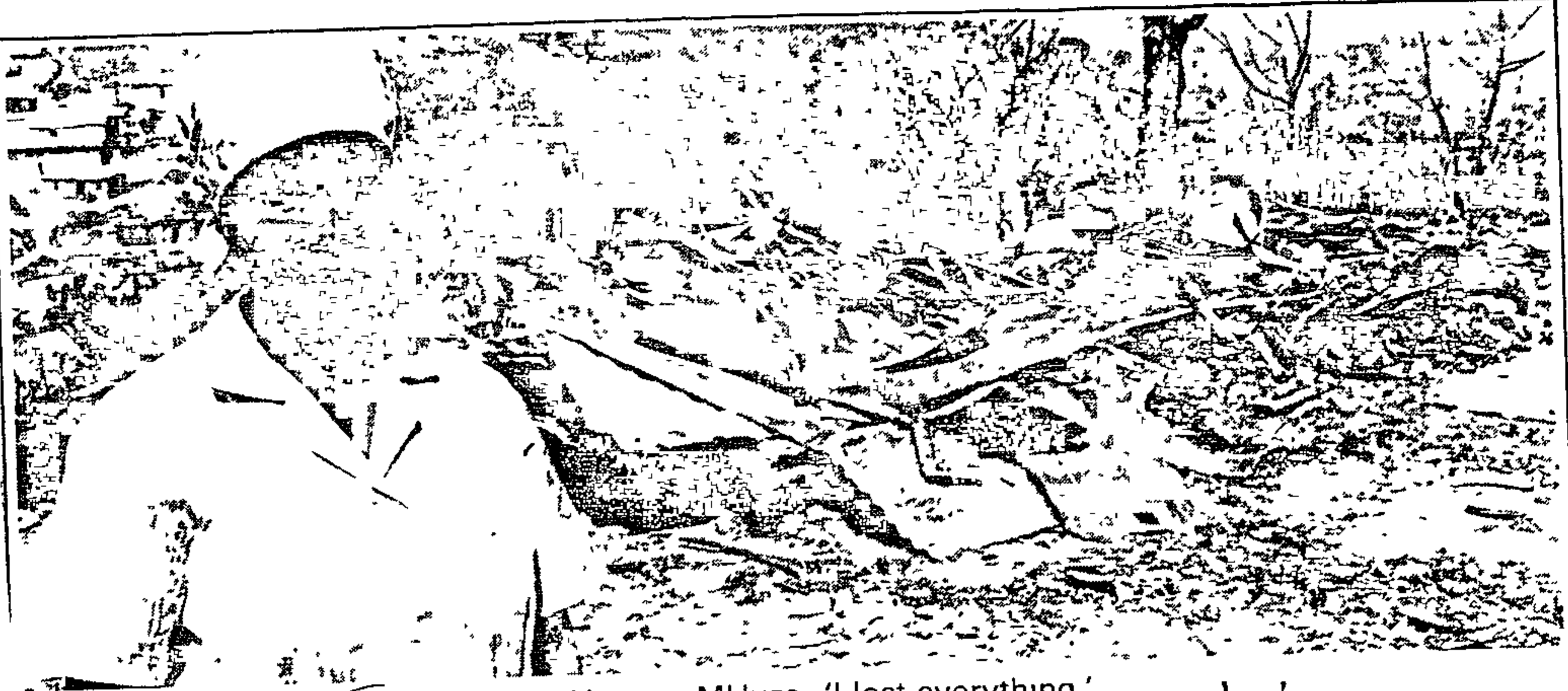
The city's R2 000 000 investment is an initial figure, agreed on by the council last year

At the time the Town Clerk, Mr Gordon Haygarth, said 'This is a very important development which will go a long way towards creating a stable workforce for the city, particularly for the black upper-income group'

Although the scheme was an investment for the city, the ratepayers would have the added burden of staff housing allowances which would add to the cost of services and consumer goods

But the Durban Corporation was merely providing the benefits expected of a good employer and assisting in the creation of a stable, well-motivated community

Mr Haygarth said all employees would have to make some contribution if there were to be any solution to the country's housing shortage



Mrs Virginia Mkhize 'I lost everything.'

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Widow loses all in blaze

Mercury Reporter

ONLY shards of glass and crockery, a few pieces of corrugated iron and the charred remnants of her furniture are left of Mrs Virginia Mkhize's humble Inanda home

The house burnt to the ground this week leaving at least seven people homeless, after Mrs

Mkhize went to the nearby trading store to buy sugar and left a candle burning. Inanda has no electricity

'I lost everything,' Mrs Mkhize said yesterday. 'I don't know how I'm going to get myself another place'

Mrs Mkhize, 38, returned home to find her

wood-and-iron house so fiercely ablaze that no one could enter to salvage any possessions. She lost her savings, clothes, furniture and pass book in the fire

Now Mrs Mkhize and her two teenage children are without a home. Also staying in the house were Mrs Mkhize's mother, Mrs Lina Mdetwa and her sis-

ter Topsy, who has four small children

Eight years ago Mrs Mkhize's husband died and she now supports herself on the R65 a month she makes as a domestic servant

At the moment she and the other former occupants of her house are staying with a neighbour,

Mr Ben Hlongwa

Mrs E M Jones, one of Mrs Mkhize's part-time employers, said 'I'd love to help her myself, but my husband and I are pensioners. When Virginia came and told me what had happened, I hugged her and cried

'What is she going to do now?'

Inkatha goes to ~~Supreme Court~~ Supreme Court over rent hikes

African Affairs
Reporter

INKATHA has instituted a Supreme Court action against the Port Natal Administration Board for increasing rents in the townships under its administration

Chief Buthelezi of KwaZulu told the Inkatha Youth Brigade conference at Ulundi that he had made representations to Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, about the rent hikes

'Because his department was determined to increase the rents in spite of our representations, Inkatha decided to take the matter to the Supreme Court. The Court has reserved judg-

ment and in the meantime the rent rises have been frozen while the matter is sub-judice

'We have done all this because while we follow a strategy of non-violence, that strategy does not amount to people folding arms and doing nothing

'We know that some people, because of understandable anger, unleashed the forces of violence. Some people had again started apportioning blame and we were already being accused of not doing anything about the situation'

Chief Buthelezi said Inkatha had decided to spend thousands of rands of its fund to take up the case

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Exploding
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injures 13

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Mercury Reporter

THIRTEEN people were injured when a gas cylinder exploded in a house in Magabheni township, near Umkomaas, yesterday morning

The injured, 10 men and three children, were taken to G J Crookes Hospital in Scottburgh by private vehicle

'Someone was apparently lighting a paraffin stove near a leaking gas cooker when the gas bottle ignited,' the hospital superintendent said

A witness, who would not give his name, said the walls and roof of the house were blown out by the blast

Eleven of the victims were burned, four seriously The other two received slight head injuries from flying debris

'None is in any danger,' the superintendent said

Townships to be given to KwaZulu

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African Affairs Correspondent

YESTERDAY'S announcement by Dr George Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, that Lamontville township near Durban and Hambanati near Tongaat would be handed to KwaZulu, has angered community leaders who claim they were not consulted about the take-over

Dr Morrison told a Press conference in Durban that parliamentary approval was to be sought for the move, and said the incorporation had the support of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister

of KwaZulu

Asked about the reaction of Xhosa people in Lamontville to the incorporation, the deputy minister said negotiations would take place with them but he felt many would be quite happy to be incorporated

As far as Zulus were concerned, Dr Morrison said it would be strange if a Zulu did not want to be incorporated into his national State

The Rev M Xundu, a community leader at Lamontville and the local Anglican priest, said there had been no consultation of any kind with

the community about the move

He said the people of Lamontville wanted to be part of the city of Durban and did not want their rights as South Africans threatened

If they were incorporated into KwaZulu they would lose their Section 10 rights, he said

The decision was an attempt by the Government to make 'black fight black' and it was 'insensitive' of Dr Morrison to have made this statement when he knew what would result

The former chairman of the Hambanati Community Council, Mr Ian Mkhize, said there had been no negotiations about incorporation into KwaZulu in the four years that he had held the position

'We take exception to this, not because we are against KwaZulu but because decisions are taken over our heads,' he said

The current chairman of the Hambanati Council, Mr Isaac Nxumalo, said it was the first time he had heard of the move

Assisted

The Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party and spokesman on KwaZulu, Mr Ray Swart, said there should have been more consultation

He wanted to know whether KwaZulu was going to be assisted financially in order to cope with its new responsibilities

Dr Morrison said Shakaville near Stanger would be retained as a black township

He said the future of Chesterville would be investigated again and a decision on the future of St Wendolin's Ridge would be made soon

Chief wants more funds

African Affairs Correspondent

THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, says that if KwaZulu took over Lamontville and other townships run by the Port Natal Administration Board, he would like to see a freeze on rent hikes so that rents could fall into line with those in other KwaZulu townships

Commenting last night on an announcement by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Dr George

Morrison, that Lamontville and Hambanati were to be incorporated into KwaZulu, the chief said this would mean an added responsibility within the constraints of a limited budget

The Government should ensure that KwaZulu had sufficient funds to carry out all the improvements which the people of Lamontville had been promised

There was a desire to upgrade the quality of life of black people and KwaZulu would like to do

this for all its people

He said there was a simple solution for those people who did not wish to fall under KwaZulu 'They can always move on to areas where they won't fall under us'

He called for a moratorium on 'the promotion of violence and turbulence for the sake of it'

Destruction of buildings to give vent to anger, however much that anger was justified, was an act of self-laceration where blacks cut their own noses to spite their faces

Court allows families back

Mercury Reporter

TWO families ejected from their Umlazi homes earlier this year were yesterday granted an order by consent in the Supreme Court, Durban, permitting them to return

Mr Nkumbini Nxumalo brought an application against the KwaZulu Minister of Interior, the Umlazi township manager, Mr Philippus Viljoen, Mr Walter Mdabe and the Commissioner at Umlazi

In an affidavit, Mr Nxumalo claimed that before January 10 this year he had a certificate of occupation to a house in Umlazi. He lived there with his wife and seven school-going children

On November 10, 1982, a

policeman had arrived with another man and warned his wife that they were in arrears with the rent. Then on November 24 they were ordered to vacate the house. He denied that he had been in arrears with the rent

Mr Justice Shearer set aside the decision of the commissioner cancelling Mr Nxumulu's occupation certificate

In another application brought by Mr Khonathi Mkwanyana, Mr Justice Shearer ordered by consent that Mr Mkwanyana be restored possession of his former house and that the township manager, Mr Viljoen, and the superintendent, Mr Sikimbuzo Mthuthwu, pay the costs of the application

Offers of help for homeless blast family

Mercury Reporter

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SEVERAL organisations have come to the aid of a family left destitute when their home at Magabheni township near Umkomaas was destroyed in a gas explosion last week

Mrs Lessina Mdletshe, sole breadwinner for her husband and four children, is still in hospital in Scottburgh. A hospital spokesman said she was 'improving'

Residents in the township have formed a committee to help the family, now living with friends and relatives, and have so far collected R270 to support them until Mrs Mdletshe is able to work again

The Red Cross provided groceries and blankets, and the Ridge Lion's Club of Durban yesterday promised groceries and furniture. A local Indian businessman promised to help with the materials for the rebuilding of the house

Fourteen people were gathered at the home to mourn a family member when the explosion occurred. Gas had been leaking from a stove the whole of the previous night

The force of the explosion blew the roof off the house and shattered the walls. Seven people were admitted to hospital but none of them has yet been discharged

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~~127~~ Mercury Reporter ~~127~~ *4/10/83*

ABOUT 175 workers at the Pinetown factory of Smith and Nephew Ltd downed tools yesterday after a dispute over the firm's subsidised housing scheme for blacks at nearby KwaNdengezi

Mr Kelvin Johnson, the company's personnel manager, told the Mercury in a statement yesterday that the work stoppage occurred yesterday morning after the completion of the night shift and had affected

production
'The cause has been difficult to ascertain at this stage, but it appears to be centred on an interpretation of a statement made by a manager to an employee about the housing the company has assisted some of the employees with at KwaNdengezi.'

He said the National Union of Textile Workers had been asked by the company to help resolve the dispute and he hoped production would be back to normal today

Business asked to help with housing

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African Affairs Correspondent

THE Umlazi regional office of Inkatha and the Umlazi Town Council have appealed to commerce and industry to help their employees build pre-fabricated houses in the township

An Inkatha spokesman, Mr Joshua Mazibuko, said the movement and the Umlazi Council had initiated a project

to alleviate the housing problem in the township.

He said hundreds of people had already appeared in court accused of establishing illegal structures

He said further details were available from the Inkatha office at Umlazi at 981179 or the township manager at 981355



An artist's impression of what the old Shires quarry site near Reservoir Hills will look like after it is converted into a luxury housing development for Indians.

Plan to build 350 homes on reclaimed quarry site

8/10/83 (125) ~~South African~~ Mercury

Municipal Reporter

AN AMBITIOUS scheme to reclaim Shires quarry near the University of Durban-Westville and convert it into a R17-million luxury housing development for Indians was yesterday given the nod by the Northern Durban Local Affairs Committee

The scheme — comprising 350 houses to be sold by single title at about R60 000 each, with building society finance available — was hailed by

Durban Indians last night as a 'step in the right direction'

The site, 12 km from the city centre, is easily reached from the Outer Ring Road and overlooks the Palmiet River. The developers, Darling and Hodgson, have included a lake, recreational facilities, shops and landscaping in the package project. They will also provide two school sites.

Dr Chris Mulder, the environmental planning consultant said he

thought it would be the first time any South African quarry had been reclaimed to this extent for residential purposes.

At least 650 000 m³ of soil would be shifted to fill the quarry and prepare the site.

He and the consulting engineers, ZAI, had spent two years planning the project. Quarry operations were due to stop in mid-1984. If the rezoning applications were granted work would begin immediately and the houses

would be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

Dr Mulder, who was appointed to landscape the Umgeni River for the Durban City Council, said that the quarry site would become a green-space link in his plans for the river area.

Welcoming the plan, Mr Kamal Panday, vice-chairman of the Northern Durban LAC, said that beside helping ease Durban's acute housing shortage it was a commendable move. The quarry might otherwise have been an 'eyesore'.

The South African Indian Council spokesman on housing, Mr Baldeo Dookie, also welcomed the plan.

'At present there are more than 20 000 applicants on the Durban Council's waiting list for housing. Any development to assist people with housing will receive my wholehearted support,' he said.

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Violence flares in Lamontville

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Violence flared and cars burned in Lamontville early yesterday afternoon as youths ran amok and disrupted a meeting called by the Ngingizimu Community Council.

Later in the afternoon, about 5pm, about 800 men from the S J Smith Hostel crossed the freeway and came storming into the township

Police said at least 11 people had been injured, mainly by rocks. One unidentified man was stabbed and was in a serious condition.

Earlier in the day, 30 people were trapped in the hall by the rampaging mob, but the police arrived and flushed the crowd out with teargas.

Six cars burnt

The mob, wielding knobkerries and other weapons, then burnt down the house of Mr Layton Makatini, who

was to have chaired the meeting. He was not at home.

Included in the casualties reported were Rev M Ngcobo, Mr Siphon Ngubane, Mr Mpumlelo Mnguni, Mr H Qwele and a Mr Xaba.

Two cars belonging to Mr J T Zulu, a Kwazulu Urban representative in Durban, were burnt, and Mrs Ella Nxasana, deputy chairman of the Council, lost three cars in the blaze.

Mrs Kate Manjanja, a leading Inkatha member, also had her car burnt during the riot.

Cordoned off

Mrs Nxasana said Mr Qwele and Mr Xaba had been standing at the door of the hall where the meeting was to be held when they were hit on the head by flying rocks.

She said people in the crowd had threatened to burn her house.

Later a group of

youths had stoned her house and smashed several windows before moving off.

Youths had attacked her house on the Saturday, but had been dispersed by police. She was provided with a police escort to get home.

Late yesterday, police cordoned off the township. No cars were allowed in but residents were permitted to walk in the streets.

'Rebuked'

The meeting had been convened by the local Council to discuss the rent issue and the incorporation of the township into Kwazulu. A recent meeting attended mainly by youths decided against the incorporation.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, president of Inkatha, rebuked the community of Lamontville for failing to stand up to agitators. He warned that he, his cabinet and the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly might reconsider allowing Lamontville residents to use facilities provided by his government.

A similar meeting in Chesterville yesterday went on peacefully. Residents demanded that houses should be built in Cato Manor to relieve the housing shortage in the township.

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Court dismisses township rent move

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Court Reporter

A SUPREME Court application challenging the Government's move in increasing rents in townships run by the Port Natal Administration Board was dismissed by a Durban Judge yesterday.

In a handed-down judgment Mr Justice Leon discharged with costs a rule nisi granted by him on July 28 against the Minister of Co-operation and Development and the Port Natal Administration Board.

The rule called on the Minister and the board to show cause on August 19 why the Government Gazette Notice of April 22 this year which announced the proposed increases should not be declared null and void.

The order which made no provision for interim relief for township residents, was granted following an urgent application brought by the Durban (Ningizimu) Community Council and a Chesterville resident, Mr Edwin Themba Ngobeni,

who is a member of the Inkatha cultural organisation.

In papers the Council claimed that the proposed increases were substantial and had caused a considerable amount of unrest in the areas where they were to be implemented.

Because so many members of Inkatha had a similar interest in the proposed increases, the costs of the court application were being paid by Inkatha.

When the matter was

argued on August 19 the applicants argued that the council in consultation with the Port Natal Administration Board, was empowered to adjust rentals and that the Government's powers in that respect had been repealed.

In his judgment Mr Justice Leon said the only issue which had to be determined by him was whether or not the Government had given the Community Council the power to fix township rentals and charges for

other services.

The Judge said in March 1981 when the council was vested with the power to allocate, administer and let township accommodation it did not possess the necessary administrative, professional and technical infrastructure to exercise those powers.

The council had therefore entered into an agreement with the board in that respect. That agreement was still in full force and effect, the Judge said.

Letters demand township rents

Mercury Reporter

RENT increases will have to be paid in spite of an announcement by KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, that an appeal would be lodged against the decision by a Durban judge dismissing an action challenging the Government's move to raise

rents in six major black townships

Mr Hennie du Plessis, chief director of the Administration Board, said yesterday that letters had been sent out to hundreds of tenants calling on them to meet their unpaid rents as well as unpaid increases

He said many tenants

appeared to be in trouble because they had not paid any rent since a Supreme Court judge recommended in July that no rent increases be put into effect until he gave his decision

Mr du Plessis said the board had decided on a 63-percent increase spread over three months

The first rise was put into effect in August

Mrs Ella Nxasana, acting chairman of the Ningizimu Community Council, who challenged the rent increases in the Supreme Court, confirmed that the council had lodged an appeal against last week's Supreme Court decision

Man gets order against eviction

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Court Reporter Mercury

A SUPREME Court application by an Umlazi resident, who said he was being unlawfully evicted from his home, was granted by a Durban judge yesterday.

Mr Acting Justice Galgut confirmed a temporary rule granted earlier against the Umlazi township after Mr Muzikayifani Dennis Langa had brought an urgent application to prevent officials from putting him out of the house in which he had lived with his parents.

The Judge ordered the township manager to consider Mr Langa's claim that he was legally entitled to occupy the house allocated to his late father after the family's removal from Cato Manor in the early 1960s.

In papers Mr Langa said his father died in 1970 and occupancy of the house was transferred to his mother. Since she died in July 1980 he had been unable to obtain an occupancy certificate although he continued to live in the house and to pay the rent.

He told the Court he was informed in May this year by the assistant township manager that he must get married in order to get transfer of the house. He told the official he was paying lobola and expected to get married within three weeks.

On that day when he returned home he found he had received notice to leave the house by July 31. He was also given a lodger's permit for the men's hostel.

Mr Langa claimed that as the eldest son and heir of his mother he was entitled to be allowed to live in the house.

Mr C Nicholson, instructed by Legal Resources Centre, appeared for Mr Langa.

City Press

PNAB rent

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FOLLOWING the closure of more than 15 Lamontville houses this week, the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) has called a special meeting to discuss rent hike issues.

This is the result of the closure — by two white officials of the Port Natal Administration Board — after householders had failed to pay their outstanding rents within the prescribed period.

A special meeting of residents will meet tomorrow, at the Addis Ababa Catholic Church (2 pm) to discuss the issue.

Residents will be required to make suggestions that can be put forward to PNAB's Mr Martin van Zyl at a meeting on Tuesday.

Scheme offers *Mercury* housing hope 125 *22/11/83* to 85 000 needy

Municipal Reporter

DURBAN City Council yesterday approved a self-help housing scheme that offers new hope to 85 000 low-income people needing homes

The scheme, which will be heavily subsidised by the Government, offers low-interest loans to those earning less than R450 a month

A homeowner earning less than R300 will pay only 3 percent on a long-term loan. With an income between R300 and R350 the interest will be 5 percent and above that 7 percent.

Mr Peter Corbett, chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, warned the council it would have to lower existing building and planning standards for the scheme to succeed

The City Engineer's department has been asked to prepare a feasibility study for 500 dwelling units a year

Mr Corbett said the council had been obliged, in terms of the Housing Act, to provide accommodation for low-income families

One citizen in three was living in a dwelling built by the council

Mercury 22/11/83
Locked out over arrear Lamontville rents

African Affairs Correspondent (25)

THE Port Natal Administration Board has started to lock up the houses of several Lamontville residents who have not paid rent for three months or more and who have already been warned that this could happen

The liaison officer for the board, Mr Pat Adderley, said yesterday that some residents of the township had not paid rent for three months or more

They had been influenced not to pay rent at all pending a court case brought against the board by the Nizimu Community Council

Mr Adderley said the board had won the case and the matter was now on appeal

Residents who had not paid for three months or more had been asked by letter to see the township superintendent within seven days to clear up the position

'Those who have not bothered to do this will risk their houses being locked up' he said

Mr Adderley appealed to Lamontville residents to pay the new rentals

If the board lost the appeal they would be in credit he said

If it did not they would be 'back to square one'

Council rents in capital may rise

125 Pietermaritzburg 27/11/83 Bureau *Mucally*

COUNCIL rents are set to increase substantially in the wake of a Government instruction to adjust contributions by tenants to the maintenance of their dwellings

The Pietermaritzburg City Council is to consider new rents for more than 7 700 Indian, coloured and white tenants at a meeting next Tuesday and, if approved, new amounts would be introduced on February 1

The increases, which affect older housing schemes far more than those built in recent years, were approved by the Town Planning, Housing and Estates Committee earlier this week

Deputy City Treasurer Mr Peter Bailey said the increases were due partly to the general rates increase introduced earlier this year, insurance losses on council housing and the increased cost of servicing some areas

However, the most important factor was the instruction from the Department of Community Development that tenants of housing schemes should contribute to the maintenance fund in proportion to the age of their dwellings

Subsidise

In the past tenants in the newer schemes had, in effect, subsidised the maintenance of the older schemes

Mr Bailey said that expressing the increases as percentages could be misleading because actual increases in rands were relatively small

The highest increase would be in the coloured sub-economic scheme at Woodlands, where four tenants will have to pay R26,31 a month, or double their previous rent

This was a special case Mr Bailey said, because their water usage had been exceptionally high and had to be paid for

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**African Affairs
Correspondent**

THE Port Natal Administration Board has replied to criticism from Lamontville residents that some houses are being locked up because the occupiers have not paid rent for three months or more

The liaison officer of the board, Mr Pat Adderley, said yesterday that very few houses had been locked up

Urged

He said the rationale behind sending notices to people who had not paid rents for three months or more was to give them sufficient time to make arrangements to see the superintendent of the township to discuss the matter

He urged residents to treat these 'call-in' letters with the importance they deserved

If they did, Mr Adderley said, there would be no need for the board to take drastic steps

It was not the intention of the board to inconvenience residents, he emphasised

But negotiations could only take place if the people concerned complied with the written request from the township superintendent

Leaders warn: New move in Lamontville rent boycott may cause labour unrest

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Tribune Reporter

THE PORT Natal Administration Board has resorted to forcing employers of Lamontville residents to deduct monies owed to the board from employees' wages in an attempt to break the back of the year-old rent boycott in the township.

Community and labour leaders this week warned of serious labour unrest should employers accede to the board's demand.

The board has sent out letters to employers of Lamontville residents who have not been paying their rent asking them to deduct money from their employees every month "until further notice".

The money which the board says is for rent, fees for charges and other charges is to be sent to the hostel superintendent in Lamontville.

Rent increases in Lamontville and other townships around Durban have led to serious unrest and lives have been lost. A court application to have the increases declared null and void failed, but it is now on appeal.

The board's director of community services, Martin van Zyl, said the board could by law "force" employers to deduct money from their employees' wages and pass it over to the board.

The board is invoking a sub-section of the Black Consolidation Act which empowers them to recover money owed to them by a black person residing in a location through his employer.

But chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, formed a year ago by residents to fight the increases, Mr Richard Gumede, said employers would be "playing with fire" should they accede to the board's demand and

deduct from employees' wages without the employees' consent.

He warned of serious labour unrest and said this would be uncalled for as the rent issue was something outside the labour sphere.

One employer said he would "tend to ignore" the board's request.

Mr van Zyl said township residents are required to pay the rent within the first seven working days of the month. Should they fail to do so, notices were sent to them.

"We have done all that. We have given personal notification and even gone to the extent of using the services of our welfare department to find out what their problems are," he said.

There were more than 500 Lamontville residents who had not paid a single cent for the past four months, he said.

"We obviously cannot allow them to continue to live without paying."

Asked whether requesting employers to deduct from workers' wages would not destabilise the labour scene, Mr van Zyl said before hiring a worker an employer was obliged by law to see to it that the worker had "satisfactory accommodation".

If an employee lost his accommodation, Mr van Zyl said, the employer could therefore not retain him.

"We have done our best to help them. We have gone into this thoroughly and the singularity of each case has been investigated."

General secretary of the SA Allied Workers' Union, Sam Kikine, said deducting money without the consent of the workers would be tantamount to an unfair labour practice which would not be tolerated by workers.

Mr Kikine said employers should guard against actions that could cause unrest that would be far worse than in 1973.

Only View...

Appeal Court 7/12/83. *renew* to decide rent issue

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

THE question of whether Co-operation and Development Minister Dr Piet Koornhof was empowered to increase rentals in the Durban township of Lamontville earlier this year will be settled by the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein

Taking the minister to task over the right to increase rentals is the Inkatha-backed Durban Community Council, which claims Dr Koornhof had vested these powers in them

The minister, through the Port Natal Administration Board, increased rentals in Lamontville on August 1

The Community Council appealed to have the

increase annulled, claiming the powers to increase rents had been vested in it.

In his November 4 judgment, Mr Justice Leon said 'The issue to be decided is whether or not the powers vested by the minister to allocate and administer the letting, included the power to fix rentals'

He ruled the minister retained this right.

In the Supreme Court here yesterday Mr Justice Leon granted the council leave to appeal against his earlier ruling

'We are dealing with the interpretation of interlocking statutory laws upon which opinions may differ,' said the Judge in granting the appeal

The matter was 'of considerable importance to

all parties'

In his earlier judgment he said 'It is common cause the rent increases caused unrest in some townships

'There is a possibility this appeal may succeed in another court'

Umlazi cluster
housing scheme
to be ready soon

African Affairs
Correspondent

THE Durban Corporation is to make available a number of units for a R1 500 000 cluster housing project which has been launched by the KwaZulu Development Corporation at Umlazi

The first of the fully-serviced units, costing R30 000 each, will be completed early next year.

The financing of the project is to be undertaken by the KwaZulu Housing Company, which was established this year to enable employers to help their employees by investing 100 percent matching finance

The site of the cluster housing project is almost 2 ha in extent and was ac-

quired by the KDC earlier this year

The cluster housing units, according to the KDC, are being developed on a prime site near the Umlazi shopping centre

The site will be fully serviced with waterborne sewerage, municipal water supply and electricity.

Each of the units has a tiled roof and comprises three bedrooms, a bathroom and kitchen and a separate lounge and dining-room

A carport will be provided for each unit.

Building of the units is being undertaken by the KDC's construction section and the corporation's electrical section is installing the electrical reticulation system

New houses lying empty at Phoenix

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Mercury Reporter

MANY new houses in the Indian township of Phoenix have been vacant for several months

Residents in Unit 19 — a new area — claimed yesterday that some houses had been empty for more than six months and that in some cases grass and other vegetation had grown to window and roof level

Mr Raj Gounden, of Unit 19, said most of the houses near where he lived had been vacant for some time and rats and snakes had become a big problem

'The council have refused to cut the grass and bush because they say the houses have either not been handed over by the contractors or they belong to Community Development Contractors say the vacant homes have

been handed over to the council, and Community Development has denied any responsibility,' he said

Mr Gounden said he had been informed by community leaders that the houses were lying vacant because there was no Government subsidy and also because people were unable to pay the initial deposits — in some cases more than R2 500, depending on salary

However Mr John Muir, a council official for housing, said many of the vacant houses belonged to the Department of Community Development and that some had been handed back to the council for allocation

Mr Muir admitted that homes in the township were vacant but he said some had not been handed over by the contractors

He also confirmed that prices of houses similar in size and style varied between R17 000 and R22 700, depending on when they had been built and the contractor

A spokesman for the Department of Community Development confirmed that houses were vacant, but he said most of them had been allocated to people who had not collected the keys or moved in

Lamontville

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Mercury Reporter

MORE than 800 Lamontville residents yesterday demanded that the Port Natal Administration Board enter negotiations with the Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) within seven days

Letters handed to the board demanded that the recent spate of evictions be reviewed

The chief director of the PNAB, Mr Hennie du Plessis, confirmed that 11 houses in Lamontville were locked on Wednesday because the tenants had not paid rent for three months

Teargas was used on a crowd who began throwing stones at the board officials locking the houses, Mr du Plessis said

Thirteen houses were locked last month

A Jorac spokesman said Mr du Plessis had agreed last month to talk to Jorac but had subsequently changed his mind

'We received a letter saying the PNAB had been advised by the Nizimu Community Council not to negotiate with Jorac,' he said

'A week later residents decided at a mass meeting to send letters of protest to Mr du Plessis

'We are shocked that the board could have refused to negotiate with us

on the advice of the community councillors who have been clearly rejected by the people of Lamontville

Mr du Plessis confirmed that such a letter had been sent to Jorac

'But we subsequently met again with the community council and have sent a letter to Jorac saying we are willing to meet with them and the community council in the new year'

Lamontville residents complained at the arrogant manner in which the board went about locking up the houses

'It's creating a lot of tension in Lamontville the Jorac spokesman said

Police confirmed that on November 8 a man had gone to the Montclair police station to lay a charge of assault against members of the PNAB

They said he had been given a form to be completed by the doctors who had treated him

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Housing loans for townships

African Affairs Reporter

THE Port Natal Administration Board yesterday announced that both the United Building Society and S A Permanent Building Society had signed agreements for housing loans to be granted to householders in Lamontville and Hambanati townships

A board spokesman said as a result of the recent fixing of house prices in the two townships by the Department of Community Development, it had sent out letters to residents advising them of the new scheme

They were being delivered to all registered occupiers of free-standing properties, requesting that they make fixed appointments as follows

Lamontville residents should negotiate with the township manager Hambanati residents should talk to the local executive officer

The scheme starts in Lamontville on January 23 and in Hambanati on January 30

The spokesman said it had to be stressed that each sale would be negotiated on a person-to-per-

son basis with the understanding that a prospective buyer may be accompanied by a legal representative, should he or she so wish

The two buildings societies had recently signed agreements in terms of which loans would be granted to applicants under ceded deeds of sale

Any agreement between a prospective buyer and a building society regarding an advance of money, would be a private transaction.

The board would not be involved in the transactions

Once consensus was reached by the Hambanati Community Council regarding the funding needed to update the electrical reticulation system in the township, final details for a sale price structure would be determined

Did two jobs for the price of one, dismissed workers say

ARGUS
Labour Reporter

EIGHT workers who claim they were dismissed unfairly from a Wetton garment factory, allege they were doing two jobs for the price of one

One of the dismissed women, Mrs Elizabeth Jacobs of Lotus River, said she and her colleagues had been employed as cleaners, but were also examining finished garments

"We cleaned the products and did the final examination on them. But I was paid only R39

a week. Some of the others were paid R36 a week"

She said when they complained on January 5, they were dismissed

The manager of the factory, a Mr Burn, said "The matter is being handled by the Garment Workers' Union and the Industrial Council"

However, workers who spoke to The Argus at the factory said they were not members of the Garment Workers' Union

Officials from the union were not available for comment

NOW LAMONTVILLE WON'T GET ITS SLICE

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PERMANENT and Natal building societies have announced that they will not provide finance for houses in Lamontville and Hambanati until it is clear whether the townships will become part of KwaZulu or not.

This follows the announcement last year that Lamontville will be incorporated into KwaZulu

Port Natal Administration Board is now negotiating with the Department of Community Development to provide finance

The houses, most of which were built in the 60's, are on the market and will be sold on the 99-year lease-

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By BANCROFT HLATSHWAYO

hold basis.

The board intends selling more than 2 000 houses in the township by June this year as part of the Government's plan to sell 500 000 State-owned houses and plough the money earned into black housing

The prices of the majority of Lamontville houses ranged from R2436 for a two roomed house with a kitchen to R3640 for a four roomed house with a kitchen

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Date set for report on housing 125 allegations

Municipal Reporter

A TOP-LEVEL investigation into allegations of irregularities in a section of the Phoenix Housing scheme is currently underway and its members will report back to Durban City Council next week.

Mr Peter Corbett, chairman of the council's Health and Housing Committee, said yesterday councillors and the Press would have the opportunity on Thursday, at a special meeting of the committee, to put questions to the relevant officials.

The departments of the City's Treasurer and Engineer are compiling all available information on each of the 1 406 homes in CA 13.

In a letter to all councillors last week Mr

Brendan Willmer, chairman of the Civic Action League, alleged that the houses had been standing empty for over a year. He asked whether this was a result of construction defects which could not be repaired.

Mr Frans Tooley, deputy City Treasurer, last week pointed out that a total of 648 houses had been completed by the contractors since October 1983.

Of the 505 handed over to the council, 392 were occupied, 63 had been allocated to prospective homeowners who were arranging finance and 50 were on offer.

The Department of Community Development had been allocated 135 houses in the area, 14 of which were occupied, he said.



125 Dirty, drab Austerville — in desperate need of a facelift. Mercury 11/2/84

Austerville people fear attack on way to toilets

Mercury Reporter

AUSTERVILLE people are afraid to use their outside toilets at night because of the possibility of being attacked, murdered or raped in the unit lanes.

Many of the houses in Austerville, Wentworth, are supplied only with communal outside toilets

Mrs Noreen Buckley told the Mercury 'I have to go half way around the block to get to the toilet at night

'There are no street lights in the lanes and often I find someone sleeping in the toilets

'If we go at night we have to go in a big gang.'

Mr Joseph le Roux,

chairman of a housing research committee formed by the People's Congress Party, said 'The area has become a breeding ground for all sorts of crime

Demoralising

'The state of the houses has a demoralising effect on the people They are unfit for decent people to live and there is no incentive to improve the area

'Heaps of rubbish are dumped in alleys, on vacant land and even in school grounds by residents living nearby, and those who did care don't anymore

'There are more than 10 gangs causing disturbances in the area, in-

cluding some formed by girls Young children carry knives and other dangerous weapons

'We've asked the authorities time and again to facelift the area, but nothing has been done

'For people to become enthusiastic about improving the area again, decent houses must be built and the existing buildings renovated'

Improvements

The assistant regional representative for the Department of Community Development, Mr Martin Friedrich, said 'There are a number of organisations and professional people working to improve the quality of

life in the area

'All the buildings we administer in Austerville are to be painted The contract has been awarded and work has already started in Ogle Road

'We are also installing lighting and the brush next to the roads is being cut

'Two town planners were also recently added to our staff in Durban and they are working on the replanning of the area A certain amount of redevelopment is envisaged

'We are planning to facelift the area, but things are still in the early stages'

'It is my aim to upgrade the area and make it a decent place to live'



A playground in Austerville — 'overgrown, in disrepair and used as a dumping ground'

Rents: Jorac in court

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City Press

THE Joint Rent Action Committee (Jorac) has applied for a court order restraining the Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) and the Department of Co-Operation and Development from implementing increased rents.

In papers filed in the Durban Supreme Court, Jorac an organisation comprising representatives from residents' associations and action committees in black residential townships and hostels administered by PNAB, wants the provisions of regulation R823 of April 23 1983 which aims to increase tariffs to be suspended

Jorac also wants the regulation to be declared nul and void

When rent hikes were announced last year, protests and dissatisfaction

—By—
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prevailed resulting in unrest and disturbances in townships under PNAB

The subsequent formation of Jorac as an umbrella body in place of the "defunct" community councils helped to bring about representations and undertakings from PNAB

Jorac submits that the increased rents which have been payable since August last year should be suspended until the process of negotiation as directed by the Department of Co-Operation and Development and agreed to by other parties has been completed

The order is returnable in 10 days



R1 billion cost involved

'Enormous task of black housing ahead'

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Property Editor

GREATER Inanda, an area earmarked for a huge black housing development, will cost the country a billion rand for the infrastructure alone over the next 15 years, beginning with R20 million a year.

This was reported yesterday by Mr Alan Hankinson, former Tongaat Group executive, who is sitting on a Government housing investigation committee with Mr Louis Rive, at a seminar on development of the Natal North Coast in Tongaat.

Mr Hankinson told 200 delegates to the seminar that it might well be said the country could not afford expenditure of this magnitude.

'On the other hand, the question must be asked whether the country can afford not to meet whatever cost is necessary to rectify the present critical situation,' he said.

Stability

'The price of stability among this important segment of our population may be high, but the cost in instability will surely be much higher

'We now have to pay the price of so many years of indecision and neglect. The account has been rendered — payment must be made.'

Mr Hankinson told the meeting, organised by the North Coast Regional Development Association, that only 220 houses have been built during the last 22 years in the townships falling under the jurisdiction of the Port Natal Administration Board and listed figures for other areas

In Umlazi, no houses have been built for seven years; in KwaMashu only 298 houses have been built over the last five

years — 238 of them by the KDC and 60 by private people

In all other formal townships including KwaNdengezi, KwaDebeka and Ntuzuma, only 3 184 houses were built over a period of eight years, with PNAB acting as agents for the Department

'We can say that the entire formal building programme for blacks during the last eight years comprises 3 702 dwellings,' said Mr Hankinson.

Backlog

These figures were given against the official backlog in 1981 of 33 000 houses — 'another reliable source has quoted a backlog of 93 000 housing units all I know at this stage is that there is an enormous task ahead'

Mr Hankinson said some of the PNAB's townships have been accorded the status of permanency and 99-year leasehold rights. Others such as Chesterville, St Wendolin's, Klaarwater and Shia Moya are 'hanging in the air with an undetermined future and with the inhabitants living in a state of suspension and under a cloud of apprehension

'There is suspicion on the part of blacks as to the Government's real intentions. There is uncertainty on their part in relation to their continuing rights under Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act. This is a very real and explosive aspect.'

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Call for top-level Wentworth investigation

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By Stovin Hayter

WENTWORTH people have called for a top-level investigation of housing and crime problems in the area

The Department of Community Development, the City Council and the Coloured Local Affairs Committee have failed to keep proper control, a housing research committee formed by the Peoples Congress Party has said in a statement to the Mercury

Houses and flats stood empty while the township was staggering under chronic overcrowding and a critical housing shortage. They were taken over by illegal tenants or stripped of all fittings by thieves and vandals before they were let, residents said.

The committee found in a two-week survey that at least 103 families with between 10 and 12 children were living in one-bedroom flats in Wentworth.

There were also whole families without homes forced to stay with relatives and friends, committee members told the Mercury.

Empty

Chairman Joseph le Roux said 'There are people who have been on the waiting list for more than 10 years, but week after week they see the same houses standing empty

'And when they go to the department they are told there are none

'But there are houses that stand empty for

months until they are completely broken down. People break in and take the toilets, sinks, window frames — you name it'

Mr le Roux showed the Mercury a flat in Austerville which had been broken into and was being used as a gambling den. In one room a section of wall was missing where a sink had been removed.

Mrs Rita Buckley said 'When I went to look at a flat I was allocated I found that thugs had got in and were sleeping there illegally. They even had the audacity to put a big bolt on the door'

Mr Le Roux said 'The situation needs urgent top-level investigation

and we will be raising Wentworth's housing and crime problems with whoever represents us in the new tricameral parliament when it sits'

Allocations

The assistant regional representative of the Department of Community Development in Durban, Mr Martin Friedrich, said 'All the allocations are made by a committee which sits every week

'The waiting list carries a great deal of weight, although from time to time it is necessary to allocate homes for special reasons

'Houses are allocated as soon as we know they

are empty

'There are never less than 10 Austerville cases dealt with each week

The particular flat which the Mercury had been shown was an isolated case. It had not been repaired because it was the department's policy to have the flats occupied before any renovations were carried out, he said.

'When you have 2 000 houses to administer it is not always possible to be everywhere and know what is going on at all times

'The matter will be investigated and our people are doing spot checks to try to eliminate unlawful occupation of flats in the area'

Part of a wall of this vacant flat in Austerville has been broken down by vandals to remove a sink.



Vandals had broken into this empty flat in Austerville. It was being used as a gambling den when the Mercury visited it.



Mrs M Hamlyn's furniture and other belongings are standing in a friend's yard. 'My husband and I have been living from door to door for nearly four years,' she said. 'The department has told us there is no hope of a house yet'

(3) (a) Navigation direction officer on SAS President Pretorius from 31 March 1969 to 30 September 1970
 (b) 1970

(4) The Chief of the Navy
 (5) No

Mr G B D McINTOSH Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's replies to the last three questions, has it ever crossed his mind to resign as Minister of Defence in view of the result of these inquests and inquiries?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I think the hon member does not understand the replies I have given They are above his level of intelligence

Mr D J N MALCOMMESS Mr Speaker, on a point of order Is it permitted for the hon the Minister to trade personal insults across the floor of the House in answering a question? [Interjections]

Mr SPEAKER Order! The House will now proceed to the motions on the Order List I call upon the hon member for Waterberg to move the motion standing in his name

†The MINISTER OF MANPOWER Mr Speaker, on a point of order Is the hon member for Pietermaritzburg North allowed to question the integrity of the hon the Minister of Defence?

†Mr SPEAKER Order! I have already called upon the hon member for Waterberg to speak

For written reply
14 Howard 17/2/84
 Port Elizabeth: housing
 48 Mr A SANJAGIE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many new family housing units for Blacks were built in Port Elizabeth in 1983 and (b) what (i) is the estimated

number of persons waiting for, and (ii) was the total cost of building, such units?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) None, but 1 995 sites were provided with services for self-build purposes, at a cost of R11 634 570

(b) (i) Twenty-one thousand (21 000)

(ii) Falls away

Howard Q 601.248
Soweto housing
17/2/84

†Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units were built in Soweto by (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners in 1983.

(2) How many such units are being built at present by (a) the West Rand Administration Board and (b) private owners?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) 837

(b) 300

(2) (a) 936

(b) 390

Howard Q 601.248
 Lebowa water condensation machinery

†Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development †

(1) Whether the Lebowa Government purchased water condensation machinery recently, if so, (a) how many such appliances were purchased, (b) what was the purchase price per unit, (c) from what source was the purchase financed and (d) by what person or body was the Lebowa Government advised in respect of the purchase thereof,

(2) whether such appliances were suitable for South African conditions if not.

(3) whether any modifications had to be made to them, if so, (a) what was the (i) nature and (ii) cost of such modifications, (b) what type of fuel is required for such appliances and (c) what will be the (i) production capacity and (ii) unit cost per litre of water in respect thereof?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) Two units were purchased and the Lebowa Government intends to buy two more

(b) R130 000

(c) Lebowa Government funds

(d) During the visit of Chief Minister Phatudi to Japan Japanese industrialists recommended the purchase of these machines

(2) A Lebowa Government source indicated that the machines were suitable for South African conditions

(3) No

(a) (i) Falls away

(ii) Falls away

(b) Petrol

(c) (i) Between 1 260 and 1 330 litres per 24 hours

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Asians	1 427	3 151	967	369
Blacks	1 300	676	33	3

(ii) Tests are being conducted to determine the average unit cost

The use of these machines is necessary in emergencies because of the high prevalence of cholera They will only be used where communities are exposed to the danger of cholera and where there is no other source of water available

I have to point out that in terms of the provisions of the National States Constitution Act, 1971 (Act 21 of 1971) the Lebowa Government has the power over matters of this nature, and exercises this power without reference to the Department of Co-operation and Development or to myself

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 Sale of housing units
 166 Mr D W WATTERSON asked the Minister of Community Development

(1) How many housing units in (a) the Republic and (b) Natal which were originally financed out of State funds have been sold to (i) Asians, (ii) Blacks, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Whites since 1 July 1983 to date,

(2) whether the sale of such housing units is progressing according to schedule, if not, (a) why not and (b) in which communities are sales unsatisfactory?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(1) Housing units sold to date

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Natal: housing 23/2/84
Q. 601-324

339 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Community Development

- (1) How many dwelling units for Indian occupation were built in 1983 in (a) Durban and (b) the rest of Natal;
- (2) what amount in State funds will be made available in 1984 for housing in each of these areas?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) 4 538,
(b) 1 462
- (2) In view of the fact that funds have

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not yet been allocated for the 1984/85 financial year, the question cannot be replied to now

Private development plans urged

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The Government was yesterday urged to allow private township developers and public utility companies to take over the development of Durban's Cato Manor for Indian housing.

Mr Baldeo Dookie, the South African Indian Council's executive member in charge of housing, said that it was now abundantly clear that the Government was not in a position to develop Cato Manor.

'The ridiculously high prices that were fetched for the first batch of 26 plots which were put out on tender has dashed the hopes of the man in the middle-income group from owning a property in Cato Manor.'

He said it would be far

cheaper if private township developers and the non-profit making utility companies were allowed to develop sections of Cato Manor for the low, middle and upper income groups.

In a letter to Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association, pointed out that the decision to sell the land by public tender was a contradiction of an undertaking by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze

'Mr Kotze gave us a firm assurance that the land in Cato Manor will not be disposed of by the processes of public tenders or auctions, but the price will be fixed and made available to the community at cost.'

'Anger is mounting in Austerville'

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27/2/84

Mercury Reporter

AUSTERVILLE is a community nearing the end of its tether, a social worker who lives and works in the area has warned.

The social worker, who may not be named for professional reasons, told the Mercury of some of the obstacles facing residents in their attempts to improve life in an area notorious for its gang warfare, crime, violence, widespread alcoholism, and bitter political rivalries.

'Housing is the most explosive, the most pressing issue. When you drive around this tiny area you can see it bursting at the seams,' she said.

'What open spaces there are, are just bush and sand.

'The people are getting more angry, more disillusioned, more frustrated every day.'

Austerville, the coloured section of Wentworth, is 227 ha in area, and the population in 1980 was 23 260, according to Mr Peter Johnson of the City Engineer's town planning research department. The population density is 102 people a hectare in a township where few buildings exceed three storeys.

Marriage

The comparably built up white area of Essenwood houses 10 200 residents on 212 hectares.

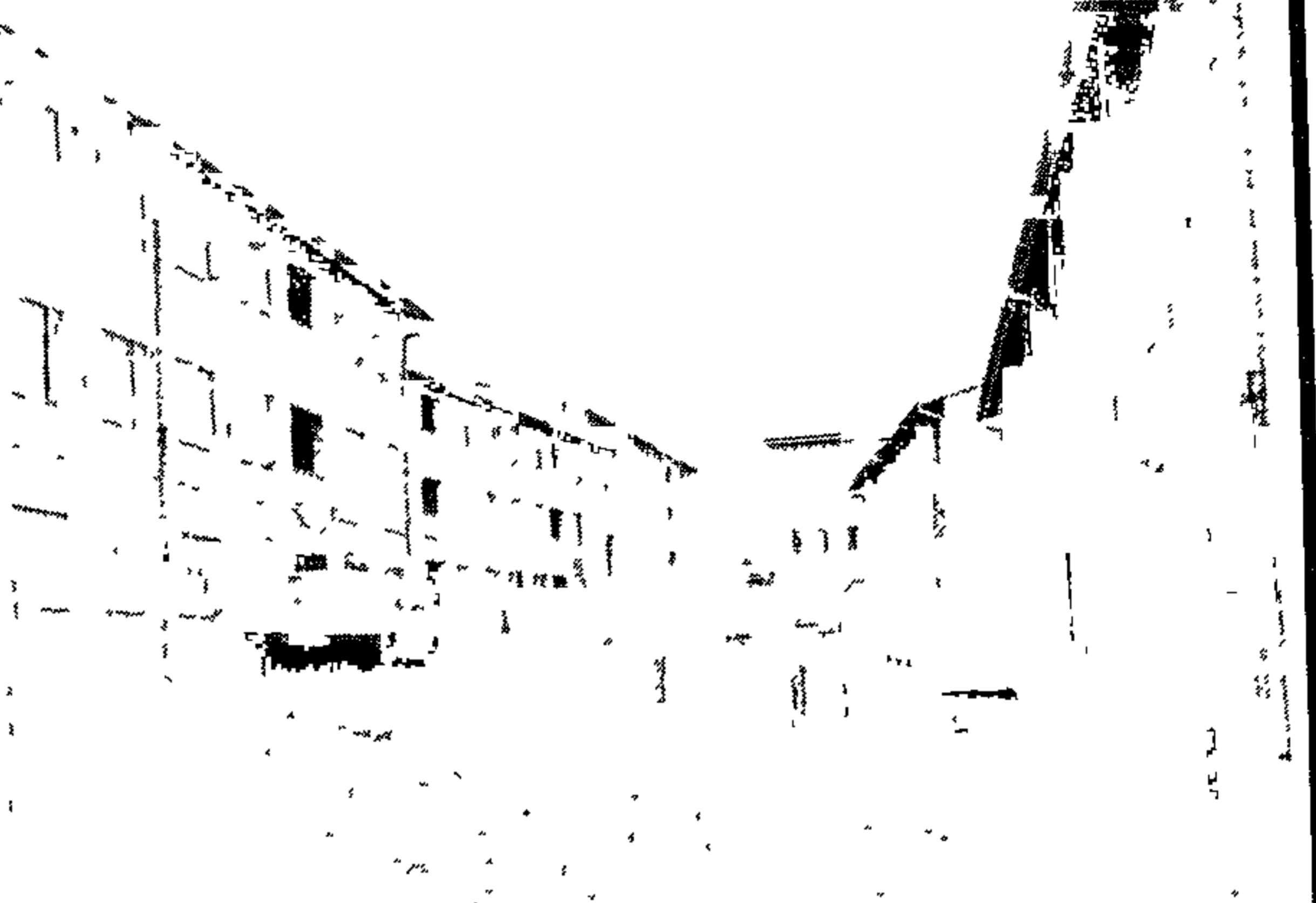
Marriage and the family itself were jeopardised under such conditions, the social worker warned.

'Young couples have no chance to start a life of their own. They just can't find anywhere to stay, so they have to live with their parents. The marriages start off on a wrong footing,' she said.

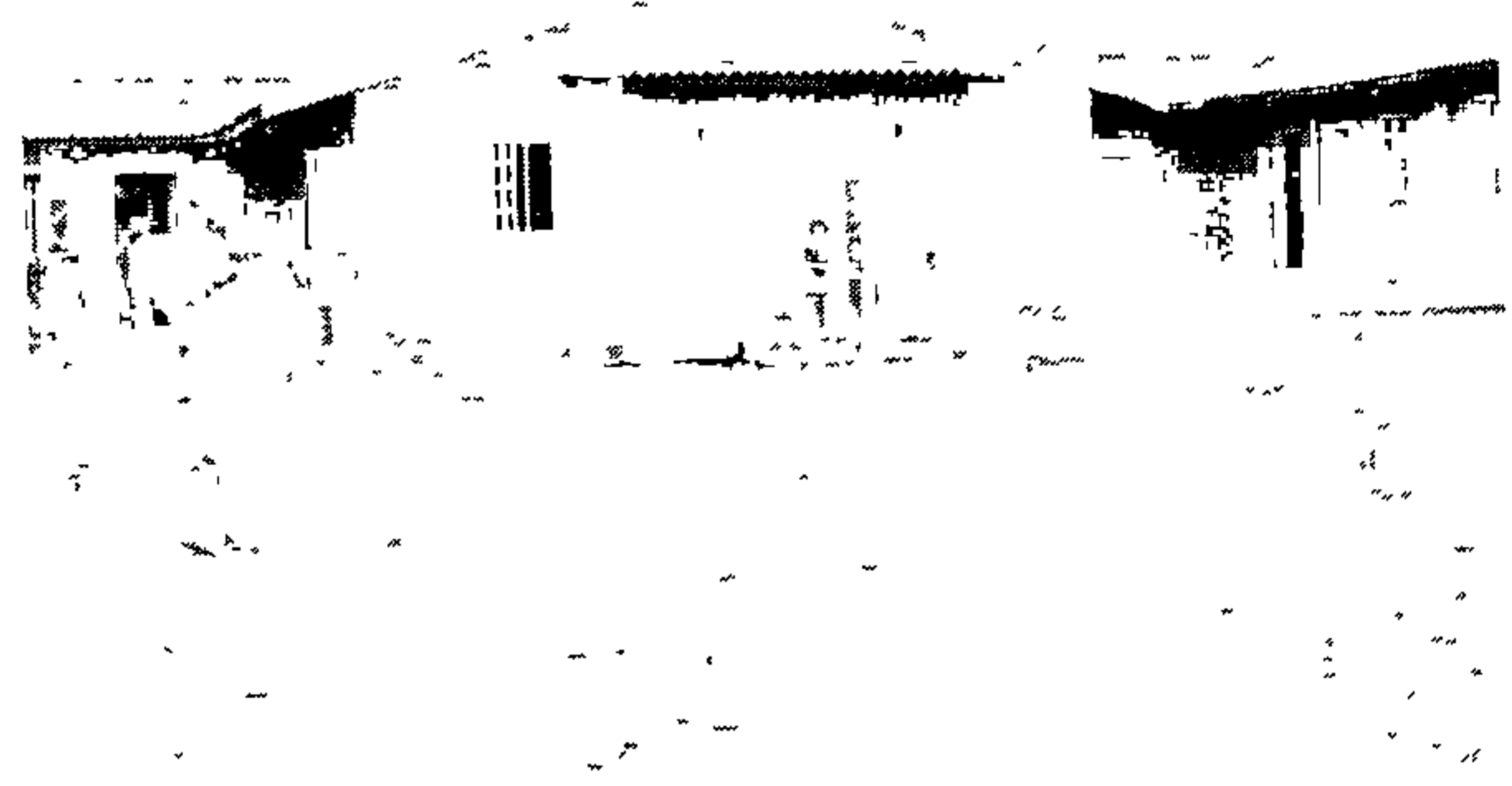
'Often there are several families living together in one small flat. Marriage and family life just can't survive under those conditions.

'So you have an ideal breeding ground for crime, violence, alcoholism and drug abuse.'

A survey by Prof Roland Graser of the University of Durban-Westville's criminology department and Mr Sheldon Rankin of the Social and Economic Re-



More than 23 000 people live on the 227 ha that make up Austerville — a density of 102 people a hectare.



Northdale Primary school 'playground' in Austerville — dirt and mud.

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search Institute found last year that one out of every five people in Austerville had been the victim of some crime.

The most common was assault with grievous bodily harm.

'People get violent when they are frustrated, when they can see no other way of sorting out their problems,' the social worker said.

'And the violence has been on the increase in the last two years.

'Children grow up with violence. Their parents beat them up, and they are subjected to corporal pun-

ishment at school. All around them they see people resorting to violence to get what they want.

Inadequate

'So they grow up believing that is the only way I have spoken to children who saw killings and they were not even disturbed by them.

'There are community facilities in Wentworth but they are inadequate. There are just not enough to go around.

'Outsiders look at Austerville and think what bad people we are. But they have never seen

the conditions the people have to live in.

'There are a lot of good families trying their hardest to improve things and lead a normal life, but the bad image makes them wonder why they try.

'But I think the feeling of despair and helplessness, of being powerless to change anything, is going

'There are 14 youth clubs in Wentworth at the moment.

'A lot of the young people are disturbed at their bad image and have provided an alternative to getting involved in a gang or in crime.'

The evidence of gang claims to marked-out territories can be seen everywhere

125 Q. Durban housing 1 thousand
 Q. No. 434 1/3/84
 338 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Community Development

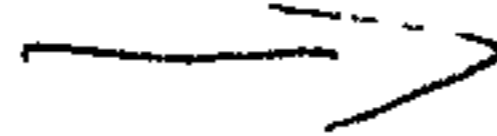
- (1) What was the estimated shortage of houses for (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian persons in the Durban complex as at 31 December 1983
- (2) how many (a) houses and (b) flats were made available for persons of each race group in 1983 by (i) his Department and (ii) the local authorities?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) The whole question of housing needs and shortages are closely linked to the new policy directives announced by me in terms of which as part of a comprehensive housing strategy it has been determined that State funds in future will be made available only for the provision of infrastructure to ensure an adequate supply of building sites, and for the provision of housing to the very lowest income group through aged and other welfare cases. Where the Government with the limited means at its disposal will in future accept responsibility for only a portion of the housing needs, it is not incumbent on the State to undertake the comprehensive research on an ongoing basis that the determination of housing needs and shortages demands. Accordingly the Department unfortunately, cannot provide the required statistics
- (2) (i) No dwelling units were erected by the Department in the Durban Metropolitan area
- (ii) Dwelling units erected by local authorities in the Durban Metropolitan area

Population group
 White

(a) Dwellings (b) Flats



Astan
 Coloured
 Black

(a) 3 890 (b) 648

Criminal Procedure Act

361 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Justice.

In how many cases in 1983 (a) were persons referred for inquiry in terms of section 77 or 78 of the Criminal Procedure Act, No 51 of 1977, and (b) did the court find that persons (i) were not capable of understanding the court proceedings and (ii) were not criminally responsible for their acts as a result of mental illness or mental defects?

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14/3/84

2 000 waiting for 207 Verulam council homes

Mercury Reporter

FORTY-FIVE of the 207 Verulam council houses and flats at the new Oaklands township would be ready for occupation on April 1 — but at a high price — the town's Mayor, Mr Sunny Subban said yesterday

Mr Subban said in 1979 the council had been told that a single house in the new township would cost about R12 000, but the price had since trebled.

'At a meeting this week more than 2 000 prospective buyers were told of the new cost and why it had trebled,' said Mr Subban, adding that beside the high price, a successful applicant would have to pay a 10 percent deposit to qualify.

Mr Subban said the land for the new township had been purchased in 1977, and consultants, paid R100 000 for their services, had said it would cost the council R2 476 000 for 207 houses and flats

In 1982 the lowest tender received for the same houses and flats had been R6 863 568. This had been reduced to R5 900 000 because of certain amendments to the plans, he said

Mr Subban said: 'The presence of so many residents at the meeting indicates how acute the shortage of houses is.'

However, Mr George Moonsamy, a prospective buyer, said the Oaklands houses were beyond the reach of the average worker.

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Durban goes private

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Durban is hoping the private sector will help it overcome its housing shortage. The city corporation has allowed private builders to buy serviced land developed with money provided by the National Housing Commission (NHC) for low-cost Indian housing. If the necessary government approvals are forthcoming, the builders



Indian housing ... private sector can help

could develop almost 1 000 new housing units at Newlands West. The houses could be on the market by the end of the year.

Assistant city valuator David Greener has little doubt government will agree. He says the change in direction is largely in line with "government exhortations that the private sector should get more involved in the provision of housing for the less affluent sector of the community."

He adds that the shortage of NHC funds actually prompted the sale. Durban has been told that it can expect minimal help with the financing of formal housing in future. The bulk of government's efforts are to be channelled into self-help housing.

The major problem plaguing the scheme is the Department of Community Development's insistence that sites developed with NHC funds should be used only for those whose family incomes are less than R800/month. In consequence, the developers buying the land have insisted that the deal is conditional on the waiving of this proviso to widen the market. Greener says he sees no problem — government has bent the rules before.

Beverley Mills, project manager of Amalgamated Construction, says the company expects to sell housing in terms of the scheme at a unit price of around R40 000. This is well in excess of the average R16 000 price for council-developed housing. But the standard of accommodation will be higher than that of council houses. Each unit will have a full bathroom, tiled roof and a garage. Mills reckons that 80% of the units will be three-bedroom duplexes. They will be sold under normal freehold title, using building society finance.

"Our investigations show that this is where the demand is," he says. "So far we have more than 4 000 people on the waiting list and we haven't even advertised."

Calculating

Best Construction, another company involved in the scheme, also expects to come onto the market at prices higher than those of council schemes. GM Frik Hechter adds, however, that the company is still calculating the eventual cost.

Greener says there is no "profit motive" behind Durban's decision to sell the land. Having borrowed the initial development capital from the NHC, the city is now faced with high interest payments on serviced land which a shortage of funds prevents it from developing further. "All we are hoping to do is recover our costs," he says.

In addition, by involving the private sector, some pressure will be taken off the housing backlog. It is estimated that there are 24 000 Indians waiting for suitable housing in the Durban region.

Greener says Durban is not abrogating its housing responsibilities entirely. The council housing programme at Phoenix North, he says, will be continued — "as and when funds are available."

Blacks object to leasehold requirement

Poor response to the Big House Sale

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By THELMA TUCH

ORGANISED commerce and industry and other concerned bodies are disappointed that so few of the houses offered by the Government in the Big House Sale have actually been sold, and top level attention will be given to the matter.

In the first eight months only 7 386 of the 500 000 houses offered at up to 40% discounts to people of all races have been sold, and the Big Sale year comes to an end on July 1

The Association of Chambers of Commerce had already alerted its members to the small response to the sale, the Manpower secretary of Assocom, Mr V Brett, said yesterday. He said Assocom had kept its members informed about the ways in which they could assist employers to buy their houses.

"We hope the sale will now pick up and gather speed and momentum," he said, adding that the economic climate

could have had an effect on employers' willingness to offer discounts and loans to their employees.

The executive director of the Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI), Mr Johan van Zyl, said yesterday the FCI was concerned about the disappointing number of houses sold and that the issue would be discussed at their executive council meeting next month.

He said the black housing market was not well developed and that this had to be taken into account.

"It has been stipulated that the present occupant of the houses is given the first option to buy it. But there are many blacks who don't have homes at all and would jump to an opportunity to buy houses on the market."

One factor was that many black families would find the monthly repayments on a house substantially higher than their rental payments, but according to the chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, Dr N Motlana, Wrab had warned that people who did not buy their homes

could soon expect their rents to rise in any case.

Mr Van Zyl said he had encouraged people to buy their houses but that they were reluctant to do so, as blacks found it "most objectionable" that they could only buy their houses on a 99-year leasehold.

He said he hoped employers would help with initial deposits and that the discount offer on the houses would be extended for another two years.

Of 7 386 houses sold, 465 have been bought by whites, 1 267 coloureds, 1 586 Indians and 4 086 blacks.

Employers have made 7 470 Big Sale applications through the West Rand Administration board's Albert Street offices but only 550 applications to buy have resulted.

According to the national sales coordinator for the Department of Community Development, Mr Johan Kruger, there were probably another 20 000 sales in the pipeline.

Govt house sale is 'a rip-off', says Saloojee

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By JEANETTE MINNIE

THE Government's "discount" sale of houses in Lenasia is a "rip off" and private developers of houses in Lenasia South are not catering for people earning between R350 and R800 a month.

This is the view of Dr R A M Saloojee, the chairman of the Federation of Residents' Associations in Lenasia

Dr Saloojee was commenting on recent reports in the Rand Daily Mail which said residents' response to the Government sale of houses in Lenasia had been disappointing and that the chairman of the Consultative Committee, Mr Dinkie Pillay, was encouraging residents of sub-economic houses to buy their houses before July 1 when the discount sale ends

Dr Saloojee said a survey presently being conducted in Lenasia showed that most of the Government houses were selling between R13 500 and R15 000 and if the maximum discount came into effect they sold between R8 000 and R9 000

"But before the Government sale of houses, in Extension 5 for instance, these houses were priced on average at only R5 500. They are now going for R13 500 to R15 000

"People can't afford these prices. The Government sale is a rip off," Dr Saloojee said yesterday

He also said the Government sale was

not distinguishing between semi-detached and other houses when it came to pricing

He questioned the validity of the housing waiting list of 2 000 people referred to by Mr Pillay

Mr Pillay said people on the housing waiting list would get preference when it came to the sale of 2 000 houses to be built by private consortiums and housing utility companies in Lenasia South

"The Department of Community Development has been sitting with a waiting list of between 6 000 and 8 000 people for the past 20 years. Where do these 2 000 names on this new list come from?" Dr Saloojee asked

He was also sceptical about Dr Pillay's comment that people in the low income bracket — earning between R350 and R800 a month — would get preference in buying the 2 000 houses.

"One of the utility companies stated last year in the Press that the houses would cater for people in the R800 to a R1 000 income bracket and the houses are going to sell from R30 000 upwards. You cannot accommodate low income groups in this price range

"The tragedy of all this is that if people do not buy their homes on the Government sale they have been warned that their rents will be increased

"And the new private development of housing does not cater for the income group between R350 to R800 a month," Dr Saloojee said

Verulam family to get another house after new one cracks up

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Mercury Reporter

A VERULAM family which evacuated its one-year-old house in the town when it showed signs of collapsing after the walls cracked, is to get a new home built on

the same spot

Mr Ramesh Deeplal, a post office employee who bought the house from the NBS Development Company, a subsidiary of the Natal Building Society, said yesterday that he

had reached agreement with the society for a new house

He said the NBS had agreed in writing to demolish the damaged house and replace it with a new one

The society, he said, would pay his monthly instalments for the house until his new one was ready as well as the expenses incurred for the removal of furniture when he evacuated the damaged building

Mr Deeplal's house was one of several which had structural cracks in walls and needed major repairs

Mr Tony Mackey, manager for NBS Developments (Natal), said he was aware of problems in some homes in the R9 000 000 township

He said Mr Deeplal's home would be demolished and a new one built for him. Other affected houses would be repaired and restored, he said

Mr Mackey said that the problem in Mr Deeplal's house was aggravated by recent cyclones which caused underground water to disturb the soil surrounding the piles of his house

The problem would not arise in other homes in the township, he said

Discoloured

Mr Deeplal quit his home last month when the walls cracked and ceilings came apart

The NBS offered to repair the house or swap it for a R65 000 house at Tongaat Beach if he paid the difference, but Mr Deeplal refused the offer and demanded a new house at Brindhaven

After lengthy negotiations the NBS agreed to demolish the house, build a new one, and pay Mr Deeplal's instalment.

Several residents in Brindhaven had also complained to the NBS about structural cracks in walls, water seepage, doors and windows which would not open or shut and discoloured walls

Concern at plight of Wentworth

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tenants

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Mercury Reporter

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THE Congress People's Party yesterday sent a letter to the Durban City Council expressing concern at the plight of coloured families living in council homes in Wentworth in a scheme built more than 10 years ago as a transit camp.

The party's Natal regional leader, Mr Morris Fynn, said in the letter that 'serious allegations' about rents and electricity charges were made by tenants at a party meeting in the area which is loosely known as Rainbow Chicken, and called for an investigation.

'We found rents some tenants were paying were the same as those of people living in luxury flats with hot and cold water, although they themselves did not enjoy these benefits.

'My party views this in a very serious light,' he said.

Mr Fynn said the tenants were moved to the transit camp more than a decade ago when the council embarked on an emergency programme to resettle families from shacks at Duranta Road, Happy Valley, Clairwood and Mayville.

'In our inspection of the area we found living conditions saddening although many families took pains to keep their homes neat and tidy. Some were forced to run shebeens, sell dagga or do other illegal deals to help make ends meet,' he said.

The party, he said, wanted to know what formula the council was using to determine rentals of tenants in the area, many of whom received pensions or disability grants.

New township for Verulam

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Mercury Reporter

A NEW township, consisting of 188 houses, is to be built in Verulam starting next week

Mr Tony Mackey, Natal Building Society's Developments manager (Natal), said yesterday the new township, near Brindhaven, the society's other recently-completed

R9 000 000 complex in Verulam, will include houses of varying sizes

'Some of them will be expandable dwellings to allow alterations and additions to be made later,' he said, adding that in this way the cost of the houses would be more affordable for young couples

Totat

People win a R1,4 m victory

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A 10-YEAR battle over housing has been won by the coloured community of Dundee

The Government has announced that about R1,400 000 is to be spent on housing at Talana.

Mr Yunus Moolla, chairman of the Natal Association of Local Affairs Committees, said yesterday 'The Government originally planned to spend R200 000 on repairs to some houses at Talana, but the community opposed that

'Instead they urged that another area, Craigside, be developed into a coloured area'

The Government then decided it would spend more money on Talana.

Mr Moolla said Craigside would not become a coloured-group area, but would get new amenities.

East Rand: trespass

769 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many (a) Whites, (b) Coloured persons and (c) Indians were arrested for trespass by the South African Police in 1983 in each of the police station areas on the East Rand?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Springs	49	17	—
Sundra	3	7	—
Brakpan	20	66	—
Devon	—	3	—
Dunnotar	—	10	—
Kempton Park	19	81	—
Boksburg	2	145	—
Boksburg North	15	59	4
Olifantsfontein	—	5	—
Germiston	1	24	—
Primrose	4	99	—
Alberton	14	198	4
Elsburg	—	5	—
Edenvale	—	21	—
Benoni	2	3	2
Actonville	2	6	4
Petit	—	12	—
Purfontein	—	71	—
Heidelberg	5	11	—
Greylingstad	—	5	—

Swimming pool in Pretoria

786 Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence

With reference to his reply to Question No 13 on 4 April 1984, (a) how many members of the South African Defence Force were involved with the filling of the swimming pool at his official residence in Pretoria, (b) how long did it take, (c) how many kilometres were covered by the SA-MIL vehicle in this connection and (d) what are the particulars of the cost in respect of the (i) services of the members and (ii) vehicles of the South African Defence Force used for this purpose?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (a) Two
- (b) Five hours
- (c) 37 Kilometres
- (d) (i) Calculated at 5/24 of the combined daily pay of R12,10 the cost of 5 hours which was taken up by the task, was R2,52
- (ii) 37 Kilometre @ 82,8 cent per kilometre Total cost therefore R30,63

The service was performed as normal maintenance of facilities at a State residence

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 1984

Indicates translated version

For written reply

Hansen
Magopa

295 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) How many families are living at Magopa at present,
- (2) whether it is his intention to remove these families to (a) Pagsdraai and (b) any other specified resettlement area; if so, when,
- (3) (a) how many (i) schools, (ii) clinics, (iii) water taps and (iv) shops are there in, and (b) how far from the nearest place of employment is, each resettlement area,
- (4) whether compensation has been paid to families from Magopa already resettled in other areas, if not, why not, if so, what amount (a) was paid to

each family and (b) will be paid to those who are still to be removed?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No
- (2) Falls away
- (3) (a) (i) 3
- (ii) A weekly mobile clinic
- (iii) 40
- (iv) 2

(b) The nearest major employment centre is Rustenburg, 70 kilometres distant. Employment opportunities also exist in the vicinity of Pagsdraai

(4) Yes

(a) This is a personal matter to each of the families concerned and I cannot disclose the amounts. Compensation paid so far amounts to R1 208 268 and was paid to 420 heads of families

(b) Falls away

How and
Drakensberg/Port Natal Administration Boards 12/4/84

382 Mr G B D MCINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many houses were built by the (i) Drakensberg Administration Board and (ii) Port Natal Administration Board in 1983 and (b) what was the amount spent on (i) housing and (ii) infrastructural development for such housing by each of these Administration Boards in the 1982-83 financial year?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) (i) Nil.

(ii) 35 houses

(b) (i) Drakensberg Administration Board—nil
Port Natal Administration Board—R313 877
(ii) Drakensberg Administration Board—nil
Port Natal Administration Board—R136 490

The reasons why few or no housing units were provided by the Drakensberg and Port Natal Administration Boards are *inter alia* as follows —

DRAKENSBERG ADMINISTRATION BOARD

The urban township of Sobantu is small and practically fully developed and cannot be expanded further because it is surrounded by other development areas and land users

Imbalil/Edendale in the South African Development Trust area is however being developed where additional houses will be erected. During the 1982-83 financial year an amount of R12 470 000 was allocated for development in the adjacent South African Development Trust areas

PORT NATAL ADMINISTRATION BOARD

No sites for new houses are available in Lamontville and Chesterville. Members of the Black communities employed in urban areas are mainly from townships in the adjacent kwazulu

How and
Reference books/influx control: fines
476 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

What was the total amount paid in fines by Blacks convicted of offences relating to reference books and influx control in each of the main urban centres of the Republic in 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Pretoria	R	22 755
Johannesburg		194 224
Durban		2 765
East London		4 370
Port Elizabeth		3 860
Cape Peninsula		184 615
Bloemfontein		61 015
West Rand (Excluding Johannes-		
burg)		427 039
East Rand		255 197

Hennard
Langa Commissioners' Courts
530 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) For what total number of hours were the Langa Commissioners' Courts in session in 1983 and (b) what total number of persons appeared before these courts in that year?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) 630

(1) (a) R1 240 843,54

(b) (i)

The Trustees of the Hindu Institute
The Trustees of the Cato Manor Indian Benefit Club
Joint Estate of the Late Walter Hoover and his surviving spouse Lourdes Mary Sophia Hoover (née Gabriel)
John Felix Emmanuel Gabriel
Amod Khan
Tatiah Moonesamy Reddy
Ramaswami Venket Ramiah
Mahomed Ramesh
Estate Late Lutchninanan
Kharoomisa
Estate Late Gabriel Andrews
Amed Suleman and Goolam Hoosen Suleman
Goolam Nabee Ismail Moolla
Abduli Hamid Mulla
Mahomed Hussian

(b) 7 890

Building plots

718 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Community Development

(1) (a) What was the total cost to his Department of the land referred to in his reply to Question No 9 on 9 March 1984 and (b)(i) from whom was this land acquired, (ii) what area of land was acquired from each person or body and (iii) what amount was paid to each such person or body in respect of this land,

(2) whether any of the 25 building plots offered for sale to the public by tender were awarded to tenderers, if so, (a)(i) to whom, (ii) on what basis and (iii) at what price was each plot awarded and (b) what is the size of each of these plots?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(ii) (iii) Date of purchase

944 m ²	R	12 300,00	1969
1997 m ²	R	816,40	1960
929 m ²	R	1 869,36	1965
945 m ²	R	6 000,00	1970
971 m ²	R	7 000,00	1969
961 m ²	R	683,16	1963
938 m ²	R	1 556,00	1969
950 m ²	R	3 600,00	1969
1079 m ²	R	700,00	1968
2776 m ²	R	1 160,00	1966
1094 m ²	R	685,12	1960
1,1028 ha	R	6 260,00	1969
2052 m ²	R	8 000,00	1969
986 m ²	R	7 270,50	1969
1009 m ²	R	8 000,00	1969
1381 m ²	R	1 216,80	1964

(b) (i) (ii) (iii) Date of purchase

Sheik Hoosain	1280 m ²	R	3 250,00	1968
Marramma	2072 m ²	R	5 511,25	1969
Manikkam	1,1836 ha	R	7 148,35	1966
Vyapury	6146 m ²	R	4 465,00	1975
Muniamma	1951 m ²	R	2 360,00	1969
Munsami	3182 m ²	R	9 200,00	1968
Munappan Naiken	1012 m ²	R	850,00	1969
Ponnama, Munsami, Thangavelu, Arumugam, Subbiah and Parvathamma				
mal	8385 m ²	R	4 943,24	1967
Yeagambram Mohamberry Cooppan	2053 m ²	R	1 600,00	1968
Govindasamy Naidu	965 m ²	R	666,39	1964
Mahalingam Yagabaram Nannaar	5727 m ²	R	4 052,90	1966
Vyapury	6178 m ²	R	5 200,00	1969
Kader	3491 m ²	R	2 290,00	1967
Estate Late Ellamma and Latchmanan	1275 m ²	R	4 100,00	1967
Trustees of the Choomlal Rana Family Trust				
Chinnah	8094 m ²	R	21 724,00	1965
Marrah, Nagiah and Estate Late Motai	929 m ²	R	760,00	1966
Naransamy	929 m ²	R	800,00	1968
Stree Ganganaman	929 m ²	R	716,64	1964
Estate Late Cassimjee Hoosen	1875 m ²	R	4 850,00	1971
Trustees of the Second River Muslim Society	929 m ²	R	500,00	1970
Hashmatullah	929 m ²	R	3 000,00	1973
Estate Late Janaki	929 m ²	R	4 136,00	1968
The Second River Muslim Society	1,9825 ha	R	2 892,00	1966
The Second River Muslim Society	9680 m ²	R	9 517,27	1961
Chinnasami and Samasundan	1,0248 ha	R	17 000,00	1973
Kustnappa	2012 m ²	R	7 532,00	1968
Moonoosamy Perumal Appavoo	1,0248 ha	R	4 478,40	1961
Thillaysabbathay Pillay	3,3179 ha	R	30 000,77	1969
Atchiganoomah, Ganesa Moodley and Kustamma	8103 m ²	R	5 118,40	1967
The Trustees of the Cato Indian Education Society	3,2012 ha	R	20 000,00	1969
Kistna Singh	3948 m ²	R	32 000,00	1969
Dorasamy	1,8210 ha	R	12 861,60	1966
Jamah Chengiah	1012 m ²	R	1 600,00	1969
Atchiganoomah, Ganesa Moodley, Kistamma, Neelavathi, Govindamma and Sivagamie Moodley				
Dawood Osman	2,0234 ha	R	30 000,00	1976
Dukhni	2023 m ²	R	8 860,00	1969
Ramnath	1760 m ²	R	1 161,93	1969
Dwarika	982 m ²	R	5 262,55	1966
Sheik Ameer	1042 m ²	R	1 516,06	1969
David Soppam	1071 m ²	R	600,00	1966
Latchmaya, Venkatesamy and Govind-samy	2,0234 ha	R	10 000,00	1970
	2,0234 ha	R	11 032,00	1968

people, Afrikaners and the Afrikaners have by no means got rid of the bad image they have acquired.

An important thing to remember in regard to the 1976 riots is that they were not just over the issue of "we pay, we say", in other words, shut up and look grateful [Interjections] These people also pay for their education. A further factor was that if you force teachers to teach through the medium of a language which they themselves have not mastered properly, the quality of their teaching inevitably also suffers. Those pupils who rebelled, also rebelled because of the fact that their teachers were not always able, when they were compelled to do so, to teach through the medium of Afrikaans.

Hansen
Q. 947 13/4/84
Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether, with reference to the reply given by the Minister of Education and Training to Question No 10, standing over, on 28 March 1984, his Department has entered into any agreement with the Republic of Ciskei concerning the administration by the Ciskei Government of schools falling within the territory of the Republic of South Africa, (a) what is the nature of this agreement, (b) which communities are involved and (c) when was the agreement negotiated?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) The agreement was entered into in order to ensure continuity of the administration in the areas concerned after the date on which Ciskei gained independence and thereafter the communities concerned would not fall within the Borders of Ciskei

(b) Mgwal, Wartburg, Kwelela, Newlands and Mooiplaats

(c) On 30 November 1981.

Updating of voters' lists

*5 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Internal Affairs

(1) What sources does his Department use for the purpose of gaining information used in the updating of voters' lists,

(2) whether, in updating voters' lists, his Department automatically re-registers voters in different constituencies, if so,

(3) whether the voters concerned are informed by his Department of their having been so re-registered, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) how soon after being re-registered,

(4) whether such voters may apply for re-registration in their original constituencies, if not, why not, if so, what procedures are to be followed,

(5) whether he has received any representations and/or complaints regarding this automatic re-registration of voters, if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was (1) the nature of the representations and/or complaints and (ii) his response thereto in each case?

†THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

(1) Applications for registration as a voter and notices of change of address in respect of the Population Register

(2) Yes—according to latest residential addresses furnished by the voters themselves

(3) Yes

(a) Each voter who notified his change of address for purposes of the Population Register is furnished at his new address with a printed notice in which he is notified that his new address has

been included in the Population Register and he is simultaneously informed of the name of the electoral division and polling district number in which he has been re-registered.

The same procedure is followed in those cases where a voter notifies his change of address by submitting an application for registration as a voter at his new address and the name of such voter has already been included in the Population Register.

In those few exceptional cases where a voter notifies his change of address by submitting an application as a voter at his new address and his name has not yet been included in the Population Register because he has not yet applied for an identity document he is furnished with a notice prescribed under the Electoral Act, 1979, informing him that his name has been included in the voters' list for the electoral division in which his new address falls.

(b) Computer terminals have been installed in regional offices of the Department of Internal Affairs. Change of address notices received in these offices are processed through the terminals on a daily basis. A notice of re-registration is normally printed out by the computer in Pretoria and posted to the voter within a week after his notice of change of address has been received at the regional office.

(4) A voter may in terms of section 1 read with section 11 of the Electoral Act, 1979 (Act 45 of 1979), only be registered in the electoral division where he actually resides.

(5) No record of specific representations or complaints to me could be traced.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, arising out of

the reply of the hon the Minister, does he receive information from the Department of Defence regarding their records and any change of address that might be recorded therein?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker not that I know of, but the sources have been clearly indicated in the reply to the first part of the question.

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply

†Mr A FOURIE Are you in trouble again?

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE You will get much more trouble in the future still.

†Mr SPEAKER Order! Does the hon member for Russik want to ask a question or not?

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Sir, I want to ask the hon the Minister whether he can give the assurance that the voters lists for Potgietersrust and Rosettenville will be in better shape than the voters lists used in previous by-elections.

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, a great deal of trouble was taken with the voters' lists of the two electoral divisions concerned in the light of the criticism there was in respect of Soupanberg. I have good reason to believe that there will be fewer errors.

May R SIVE Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, may I assume that this will apply to both the Indian and the Coloured voters' roll for the forthcoming elections?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I did not hear the question quite clearly, but if the hon member wants to know whether we apply the same procedure, the reply is "yes."

Hansen
*6 Mr R W HARRINGHAM asked the Minister of Community Development

Whether his Department has made provision for additional housing for the Coloured community in Kokstad if not, why not, if so, what provision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAND AFFAIRS

No, The Town Council is presently taking steps in this regard

Flat for General Manager

*7 Mr D J N MALCOMMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question No 735 on 2 April 1984, (a) (i) by what means and (ii) to whom was the flat previously used by the General Manager of the South African Transport Services sold, (b) what was the area of this flat in square metres, (c) what rooms did it have and (d) why was it no longer adequate for the requirements of the General Manager,

- (2) whether any commission was paid, if so, (a) what was the amount involved and (b) to whom was it paid?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) (a) (i) By means of a private treaty with an estate agent

- (ii) A private individual from South-West Africa I consider it inappropriate to make the private business public by divulging the person's name here. There are other means whereby the hon member can ascertain the name of the person involved for his personal information. There is for example the deeds office

(b) 122,52 square metres

(c) Lounge, diningroom, two bed-

rooms, one bathroom, one toilet, kitchen, an open balcony as well as a separate servant's room and a tandem garage

- (d) The flat which has been in use since 1954, was considered unsuitable for the present-day needs of Transport Services, highest executive official. With only two bedrooms, one of which is very small, and only single bath and toilet facilities, it offered limited accommodation and inadequate entertainment facilities, especially for the reception and entertainment of guests from the domestic and overseas business sector.

- (2) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

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*8 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) Whether his Department intends to buy the farm Doornsluiter near Dannhauser in Natal, if not, why not,

- (2) whether he intends to remove the families currently living on this land, if so, (a) why, (b) when, (c) where will they be moved to and (d) how many persons are involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

Compensatory land: title deeds

*9 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether Black persons given compensatory land following their removal from freehold areas are issued with title deeds in respect of such land, if not, why not?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT

Yes. Full title is given to those who held title in respect of the land from where they moved

Henry Mfanufie Zondi

*10 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether any complaints have been laid with the South African Police concerning the alleged assault of Henry Mfanufie Zondi on a farm near Wartburg on or about 15 July 1983, if so, when were these complaints laid,

- (2) whether the police have investigated these complaints, if not, why not, if so,

- (3) whether any persons have been (a) arrested and (b) prosecuted in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (i) who, (ii) when and (iii) with what result?

*The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order)

- (1) Yes, on 16 July 1983

- (2) Yes

- (3) (a) and (b) No. The case was properly investigated but owing to insufficient *prima facie* evidence nobody has as yet been arrested. The case was on 5 April 1984 referred to the Attorney-General, whose decision is being awaited

Diamond prospecting concessions

*11 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs †

Whether the companies to be established and to which diamond prospecting concessions have been granted according to the Press statement of 13 July 1983 to which he referred in his reply to Question No 26 on 1 February 1984, have been (a)

established and (b) registered in terms of the Companies Act, if not, why not if so, (i) what are the names of the companies in each case and (ii) in respect of which area off the West Coast of the Republic have diamond prospecting leases been obtained by each such company?

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS

(a) and (b) No, except for the company Boesmanland Minerale (Pty) Limited to whom a prospecting lease for precious stones is to be issued in respect of shallow-water area 14 (a)

Such prospecting leases have also been allocated to companies, to be established, in respect of shallow-water areas 16 (a) and 17 (a) and middle-water area 2 (b), which companies have as yet not been established and registered due to the fact that the successful applicants have, as far as can be ascertained, not concluded all their arrangements

*Mr F J LE ROUX Mr Speaker, pursuant to the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to know whether any pressure is being exerted on these organizations by his Department to register now

*The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS Mr speaker, the reply is "yes"

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*12 Mr D J N MALCOMMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any persons were shot by the South African Police in January 1984, if so, how many persons were shot and (a) killed and (b) wounded in that month?

*The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order)

Yes, 61 persons

(a) 15

(b) 46

BLACK HOUSING Progress in Natal

Problems that delayed progress on Natal's black housing shortage appear to have been overcome

Co-operation and Development Minister Piet Koornhof has announced that the St Wendolins squatter settlement at Mariannhill is to become a new black town, the townships of Lamontville and Hambanati are to be incorporated into KwaZulu and a planning council is to be established to guide future housing development in the region

The news that St Wendolins, where residents have been under threat of removal for 18 years, is to be accorded township status with full freehold rights, was greeted with delight. The Marianhill Monastery, which owns a large part of the land, immediately pledged R20m towards an upgrading project. The money is being contributed by the West German government and the redevelopment will be done in conjunction with the the department of Co-operation and Development (CAD)

Paddy Kearny, a member of the St Wendolin's anti-removal committee, maintains that residents have suspected for some time that they would be allowed to stay. He says he finds the timing of the announcement, on the eve of the PM's departure for Bonn, "interesting". West German consular officials have recently been asking questions about the area

St Wendolins might have been a popular decision, but details of the fate of Lamontville and Hambanati were not nearly as well received. The two Durban townships are inside the white urban area and many residents oppose incorporation into KwaZulu. They fear incorporation will mean the end of their Section 10 rights. That fear, to some extent, was dispelled by Koornhof who says their status will not be affected.

Doubts persist about the legality of the move. According to Kearny, the law determines that residents automatically lose their Section 10 rights if they live in a homeland. "It could require an amendment to the Act to get that situation undone," he says.

In addition, the issue has been politicised by United Democratic Front (UDF) and Inkatha elements. The UDF opposes incorporation while Inkatha, which is led by KwaZulu Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi, favours it. The two organisations have clashed before over incorporation. Chairman of the Joint Rents Action Committee Richard Gumede, says he will try every legal avenue to resist incorporation, but he fears violence could result. "Frankly, I'm worried," he says. "People have already died over this issue."

Koornhof's proposed planning council could find its time taken up more with peace keeping than planning. Though it is still to be formally constituted, the council is expected to supersede the Rive and Hankinson commission appointed last year. Chairman of the commission, Alan Hankinson, says his report is in the final stages of preparation. It will be sent to the Minister shortly.



**Koornhof . . . Natal township
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Further drop in consumer spending seen

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Financial Editor

THE Bureau for Economic Research at the University of Stellenbosch has bad news for retailers and manufacturers

Because the Minister of Finance did not change the personal tax schedule in his latest Budget, the average tax rate of individuals will increase. This will cause a further decline in an individual's income after adjusting it for inflation — and severely affect his ability to buy goods.

Moreover, the bureau does not expect consumers to use credit to sustain their purchases to the same extent as they did last year.

Among its reasons for this it cites the already high level of credit outstanding, the historically high interest rates and the drop in property prices affecting individuals' perception of wealth.

"All these factors point to a consumer demand which is unable to continue at the high levels reached at the end of 1983 and which steadily declined during the course of the year."

It forecasts that total private consumption will drop 0,1 percent this year with demand for consumer durables after falling 2,6 percent last year dropping 5,1 percent this year.

It expects demand for semi-durables to drop 3,4 percent this year after falling 2,0 percent last year.

In a new forecast for 1984 it says they must expect the demand for furniture, household appliances, clothing and other durable and semi-durable goods, which declined last year, to fall again this year.

It says little improvement in economic activity is likely until early in 1985. As a result South Africans are facing a further decline in their standard of living and also higher unemployment, especially for the unskilled.

The recession and the increase in unemployment and pressure on company profits will make it difficult for employees to seek big wage and salary increases. So pay awards this year in the private sector will be moderate, especially as a further easing in inflation in the immediate future is likely.

COMPETITIVE,

However, as a result of recent increases, the public sector wages and salaries have become much more competitive, and with high level manpower in short supply, the private sector may have to improve its salaries and wages too.

The bureau expects wages and salaries to rise about 12,5 percent this year and wages bills, owing to increased unemployment, to grow by about 12,3 percent.

This follows increases of 24,7 percent in 1981, 18,2 percent in 1982, and 13,9 percent last year.

But South Africans have to face not only smaller salary and wage increases, but also increased income tax, the bureau says.

Council looks at housing survey

Municipal Reporter

W. M. M. 1/5/84

(25) A R12 000 survey on the housing needs of elderly white people in the city is being considered for commission by the Durban City Council. Mr Peter Corbett, chairman of the council's Health and Housing Committee, said yesterday the committee had approved a recommendation from the sub-committee regarding housing problems of the aged.

The survey will be conducted by Dr Margaret Barlow, medical superintendent of Addington Hospital, in liaison with the City Engineer.

The committee has recommended that the survey should not cost more than R12 000.

It has been estimated that 30 000 whites over the age of 65 live in the metropolitan area of Durban. Pensioners will be employed to interview a representative sample of about 500 people.

'There is a serious housing shortage for the aged, but no one is sure of the size of the problem. We need to know people's incomes, what accommodation they can afford and will also look at transport problems and whether they belong to medical aid schemes,' Mr Corbett said.

This will be the first detailed survey of its kind in the country. While information from individuals will remain confidential, the general data will be made available to all organisations that may need it, Mr Corbett said.

(2) Port Alfred

- (a) Since the areas at risk were identified, the water supply system in the Black township was improved at a cost of R258 000
- (b) Possible infection of the Kowie river was monitored generally and 25 swabs at a cost of R105 was taken during the past 12 months
- (c) Proper guidance is maintained.
- (d) A vigilance committee also exists in this area.

(3) Grahamstown

- (a) The Black townships were not identified as areas at risk because basic facilities such as water and sanitation, were provided generally.
- (b) In order to monitor cholera infection in the community, 105 swabs were taken at strategic points in the area of the local authority during the past 12 months at a cost of R441.
- (c) Proper guidance is maintained.
- (d) A vigilance committee on which representatives of various authorities, local authorities, the local administration board, Provincial Administration etc., serve, exists to co-ordinate activities during any cholera outbreak.

(4) Kenton-on-Sea

- (a) Water was provided from the Bushmans river to three communal water distribution points in the Black township at a cost of R13 000. Further improvements in the water distribution system are being planned for the near future.

(b)

Possible cholera infection of the Bushmans river is monitored During the past 12 months 18 swabs were taken at a cost of R75.

(c)

The Divisional Council of Dias is taking care of cholera guidance in this area.

(d)

The cholera vigilance committee of Dias Divisional council will co-ordinate control activities during any cholera outbreak in this area.

Hanson
National states: unemployed/economically active persons 1/5/84
757. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

Whether his Department keeps statistics on the number of persons who are (a) unemployed and (b) economically active in the national states, if not, why not, if so, (i) what are the relevant statistics in respect of each specified national state and (ii) in respect of what date are these statistics furnished?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

- (a) No
- (b) No. Labour is a function which has been transferred to the national states in terms of the National States Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No 21 of 1971) and the Department of Co-operation and Development consequently does not keep such statistics.

Hanson
Curfew regulations 1/5/84
765 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many persons in each of the towns on the East Rand were prosecuted under curfew regulations in 1983?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

None

Q. Col. 1061
Domestic workers: accommodation
768. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether during 1983 the East Rand Administration Board refused to re-new permission to flat-owners and/or tenants in the East Rand area to house their domestic workers and/or cleaners on their premises; if so, (a) in respect of how many domestic workers and/or cleaners was such permission refused in that year and (b) what were the reasons for the refusals,
- (2) whether the Administration Board took steps to find alternative accommodation for those in respect of whom such permission had been refused; if not, why not;
- (3) whether he will reconsider such refusals?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No
- (2) and (3) Fall away
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KwaNdebele: Unemployment Insurance Fund
1/5/84
811. Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

How many residents of KwaNdebele received Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Department of Manpower administers the Unemployment Insurance Fund The Department of Co-operation and Development has no record of these matters.

Hanson Q. Col. 1062
Lebowa Development Corporation
853 Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

- (1) Whether in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available the Lebowa Development Corporation granted loans to companies in which (a)(i) directors and (ii) officials of this corporation and (b) Cabinet Ministers of Lebowa had an interest, if so, (aa) to what companies, (bb) for what purpose, (cc) what is the capital amount involved in each such loan and (dd) in what way is the capital amount being repaid and interest being paid,

- (2) whether the repayments and payments were made by the due dates in each case; if not, by what amount in each of these companies in arrears in respect of (a) instalments and (b) interest,

- (3) whether any security was offered in respect of the loans, if so, what are the particulars of the security in each case,

- (4) whether he will request the Lebowa Development Corporation to have their auditors publish a report on this matter, if not, why not; if so,

- (5) whether he intends to lay such report upon the Table, if not, why not,

- (6) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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- (1) (a) (i) Yes, in two separate instances.

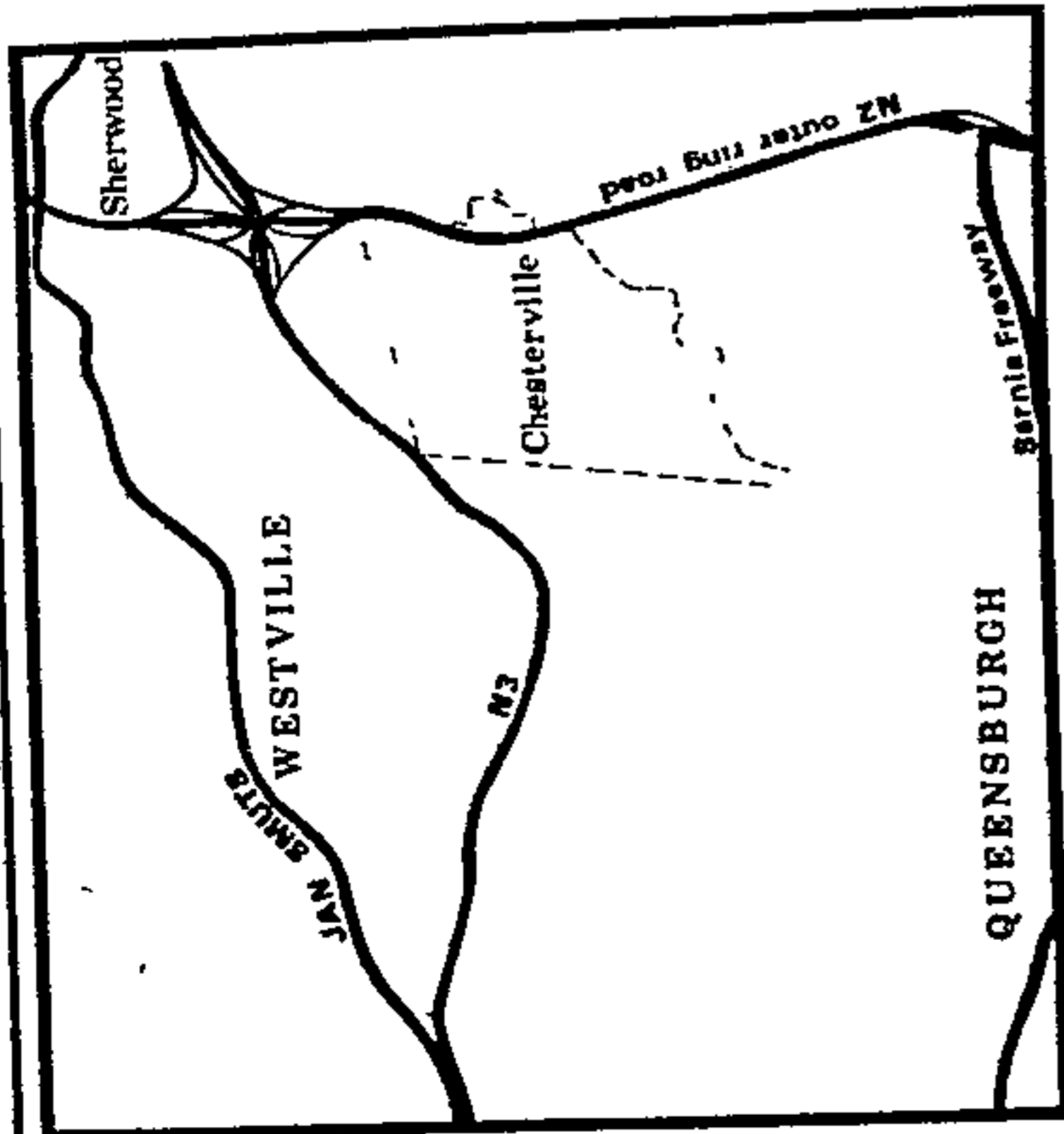
(ii) No

(b) No

- (1) (a) (i) Firstly:

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Chesterville 'must remain black area' is recommended



The shaded area shows the black township of Chesterville which faces removal in terms of Government policy. There have been growing calls for it to remain.

Mercury Reporter

A NATAL housing expert has recommended that the black township of Chesterville, near Westville, which has been under threat of removal,

should be retained and expanded

Mr Alan Hankinson, who was last year commissioned by the Government to investigate the black housing situation in Durban, told the Mercury yesterday he was recommending 'without any reservation' that Chesterville should remain black

Chesterville residents face resettlement in terms of the Government's present policy. The Chesterville Civic Organisation, representing about 250 families, has made representations to the Port Natal Development Board and the Chief Commissioner of Natal that the future of the area be reconsidered

The Chief Director of the PNDB, Mr H A du Plessis, has also recommended in a report requested by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, that Chesterville be retained and the

residents allowed to buy their homes as in Lamontville and Hambanati

Mr Hankinson said 'I could not support more strongly the representations that Chesterville remain

'The township is very definitely a part of the Durban metropolitan area and I would like to see the adjoining areas, known as Good Hope and Chateau, added to it to accommodate the natural expansion of the community'

Persuaded

He said there was no reason why the Chesterville residents should be moved, especially following the Government's decision on the permanent status of St Wendolin's near Pinetown

Meanwhile, the Chesterville Civic Organisation has persuaded its members to save nearly R100 000 in six months so

that they will be able to buy homes as soon as the permanence of the township becomes assured

Durban's Mayor, Mrs Sybil Hotz, has also spoken out in support of the growing calls for the community not to be moved

'There is a tremendous housing shortage and Chesterville is an established community which is historically a part of Durban,' she said.

'Chesterville has all the fabric needed for a stable community and all that is needed is for the residents to be certain of their future for us to see tremendous changes there'

The Ngingizimu Community Council, the official body representing Durban's township residents, also supports the recommendations

The chairman of the council, Mrs Etla Nxasana, said the council had long been asking for Chesterville to be given a permanent status

Cato Manor land sale

has backfired,

say Indian residents

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By Nagoor Bissetty

THE Government takeover of the sale of plots in Durban's Cato Manor from Durban City Council had backfired on Indians, the Cato Manor Residents Association has claimed

Association president Roland Parsotham said at the weekend 'Unhappy with asking prices for plots in the area previously fixed by the City Council, the community has called for Government action in the hope that it will make it easier for families desperately needing housing to buy land

'With control now in the hands of the Department of Community Develop-

ment, the position has deteriorated'

In a strongly worded letter to Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, the association warned that the department's move to sell Cato Manor building plots to Indians at 'inflated market prices' was unfair and unjustified

'Shocking'

It said it had objected to Durban City Council previously deciding to sell at an average of R15 000 a plot, but the department which now held the reins on Cato Manor fixed selling prices averaging a 'shocking' R25 000

'It is no wonder that the department has earned

the doubtful reputation as the biggest estate agent in the land,' said Mr Parsotham

In the letter he queried the high prices, saying the department stood to make a 'staggering' R9 000 000 from Indians on sale of Cato Manor's 338 residential plots

The department unashamedly paid meagre sums to Indians as compensation when it forcibly expropriated their land in Cato Manor when it was previously zoned for whites under the Group Areas Act

'The profit it stands to make now from Indians must prick the Government's conscience,' he said

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Decentralisation

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garded as own sources of income of the Ciskei Government

5 1 Income Tax

An estimated amount of R14 589 000

5 2 An estimated amount for the payment of Ciskei's share in the Customs Union Revenue Pool R135 431 000

5 3 Rand Monetary Area.

Estimated transfers of R2 096 000

Handwritten: Hendrick Q-61.1123 Transkei: agreements 7/5/84

836 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(a) What total amount will be paid by South Africa to Transkei during the current financial year in terms of agreements between the two countries and (b) how will this amount be made up?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(a) R596 784 000

(b) The budgeted amounts which are to be paid to Transkei during the current financial year fall into four categories, namely

(1) An amount for budgetary assistance under programme 3 Foreign Aid and Development Co-operation of Vote 9 R212 000 000

(2) Technical assistance

South Africa is from time to time approached by other countries with requests for assistance in one way or another. Assistance may take the form of expert advice, visits, evaluation of projects, bursaries, etc. Each such application is considered on its merits. During the current financial year provision has been

made in the amount of R568 000 for the possible requirements of Transkei in this regard

(3) Loan Fund

Like any other friendly country Transkei may apply for the financing of a certain project within the framework of the Economic Co-operation Promotion Loan Fund. Such applications are considered strictly on merit according to fixed criteria and within the limits of available funds. This type of financing consists mainly of loans which are, naturally, repayable. According to estimates an amount of R10 691 000 will be paid to Transkei in the current financial year

(4) Transfer payments which are regarded as own sources of income of the Transkei Government

4 1 Income Tax: an estimated amount of R85 314 000

4 2 An estimated amount for the payment of Transkei's share in the Customs Union Revenue Pool R280 126 000

4 3 Rand Monetary Area estimated transfers of R8 085 000

Handwritten: Hendrick Q-61.1124 Bophuthatswana: agreements 7/5/84
837 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(1) What amount was paid by South Africa to Bophuthatswana in terms of agreements between the two countries in the 1983-84 financial year,

(2) whether any additional amounts have been paid to Bophuthatswana in (a) loans or (b) grants, if so, (i) how many, and (ii) what was the amount of the loan or grant, in each case;

(3) whether any further (a) loans or (b) grants are envisaged during the current financial year, if so, what loans or grants?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(1) R307 945 000

(2) (a) No Loans in terms of project and agreements are included in the amount mentioned under (1)
(i) and (ii) fall away

(b) Yes

(i) One grant for the relief of distress, namely drought assistance
(ii) R4 409 000

(3) (a) Yes An estimated amount of R30 665 000 for loan agreements which has been, or will be, incurred within the framework of the Economic Co-operation Promotion Loan Fund

(b) Yes Estimated amounts of R5 000 000 as a rand-for-rand contribution to incentive measures for industrial decentralization and R13 651 000 in pursuance of six project-aid agreements. The latter amount represents non-recoverable financial assistance to Bophuthatswana and is not a grant

Handwritten: Hendrick Q-61.1125 Venda: agreements 7/5/84
838 Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(1) What amount was paid by South Africa to Venda in terms of agreements between the two countries in the 1983-84 financial year,

(2) whether any additional amounts have been paid to Venda in (a) loans or

(b) grants, if so, (i) how many, and (ii) what was the amount of the loan or grant, in each case,

(3) whether any further (a) loans or (b) grants are envisaged during the current financial year, if so, what loans or grants?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(1) R114 228 000

(2) (a) No Loans in terms of project and agreements are included in the amount mentioned under (1)
(i) and (ii) fall away

(b) Yes

(i) One grant for the relief of distress, namely drought assistance
(ii) R6 000 000

(3) (a) Yes An estimated amount of R3 902 000 for loan agreements which has been, or will be, incurred within the framework of the Economic Co-operation Promotion Loan Fund

(b) Yes Estimated amounts of R500 000 as Rand-for-Rand contribution to incentive measures for industrial decentralization and R477 000 in pursuance of two project-aid agreements. The latter amount represents non-recoverable financial assistance to Venda and is not a grant

Handwritten: Hendrick Q-61.1126 State funds: housing 7/5/84
839 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Community Development.

With reference to his reply to Question No 339 on 23 February 1984, (a) what amount in State funds will be made available in 1984 for (i) housing and (ii) town-

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ship development in respect of Indians in (aa) Durban and (bb) the rest of Natal and (b) how many housing units are to be built in each of these areas?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(a)	(i)	R14 418 911	(bb)	R5 638 154
	(ii)	R7 988 218		R8 092 000
(b)		1 310		524

1224 (127) *Howard Q 61*
Johannesburg: housing 1127
7/5/84
848 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Community Development

With reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 23 February 1984, how many housing units for (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian occupation are to be built in the Johannesburg area in 1984?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (a) 746.
- (b) 594
- (c) 60

124 *Howard Q 61. 1127*
Port Elizabeth: housing 7/5/84
863. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Community development

- (1) Whether the houses situated at (a) 29, 31, 33, 46 and 48 Protea Avenue and (b) 12 and 14 Tacoma Place, Forest Hill, in Port Elizabeth were originally (i) built by any section of his Department and/or (ii) financed by the National Housing Fund; if so, (aa) in what year and (bb) at what cost was each of these houses built?
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) and (b)

(i) No, the dwellings were erected by the local authority

(ii) Yes, but the Department unfortunately does not keep record of such individual houses and consequently the information will have to be obtained from the local authority

- (2) No

39 *Howard Q 61. 1128*
Decentralization incentives 7/5/84
871 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Industries, Commerce and Tourism

With reference to his reply to Vote No 18—"Industries, Commerce and Tourism", in Parliament on 23 May 1983, (a) in respect of how many of the 777 applications for decentralization incentives (i) have the applicants moved to the decentralized areas, (ii) are they in the process of moving there and (iii) are they already in production in these areas, (b) how many of these applications have been withdrawn, (c) how many (i) of the anticipated 65 342 job opportunities as a result of these decentralization projects have been created and (ii) persons have been employed in these positions and (d) what amount of the estimated total capital investment of R2 459 million had been invested as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND TOURISM

The information is not yet available. In explanation it may be added that, after any particular application for decentralization benefits has been approved in principle by the Decentralization Board, the applicant industrialist normally has to obtain financing for his project from a development corporation or private financial institution. Approval thereof is usually subject to a prior assessment in the form

of an economic viability study which inevitably takes some time to complete. Only after this formality has been completed and his application for financing has been approved, can the industrialist commence with the physical planning and erection of his production facilities. Hence the Board allows an applicant two years within which to establish his project. In the ordinary course of events such industries would only come into full production within a period of up to two years.

As the new incentive scheme has been operative for only two years, the Board does not have the desired particulars available at this stage. However, the Board is already busy evaluating the results achieved with the implementation of the new incentive scheme and in this process will collate these and other data.

The evaluation process is a comprehensive task in the course of which various interested parties, including the private sector, local individuals in the different regions and the national states, have to be consulted. The task will, therefore, inevitably take some time to complete. The matter is nevertheless being expedited

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†Indicates translated version

For oral reply *Howard Q 61.*
250 *Travel concessions* 9/5/84 1129
*1 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs.

- (1) Whether travel concessions are available to (a) public servants and (b) teachers employed by the (i) Department of National Education, (ii) Provincial Administrations and (iii) national states, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of these concessions in each case.
- (2) whether these concessions are the same in respect of each of the above categories; if not, why not.

- (3) whether he intends to introduce uniform travel concessions in respect of each of these categories, if not, why not, if so, when?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) (a), (b), (i), (ii) and (iii) Yes. Annual rail concessionary travel at 25 per cent discount for holiday purposes is granted to public servants on the fixed establishment, and their dependants. Teachers are granted similar concessions after 12 months continuous service, irrespective of whether they are on the fixed establishment or not. Their dependants are not included in these concessions.

(2) No. More favourable concessions are granted to public servants as a result of the reciprocal agreement which exists between the SA Transport Services and the Central Government. Travelling concessions form an integral part of this agreement.

(3) The whole question of financial arrangements between the Central Government and the SA Transport Services, including concessionary travel, is being investigated by the Fransen Committee. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to indicate whether changes will be brought about.

Commission of Inquiry into the Structure and Functioning of the Courts

*2 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) Whether the Government has taken any decisions on the recommendations contained in the Fifth and Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Structure and Functioning of the Courts, if so, (a) which recommendations have been (i) accepted and (ii) rejected and (b) what are the reasons for rejecting each of the recommendations concerned.
- (2) whether decisions have been delayed

N. Mercury 8/5/84 (125)

Plots sale 'freeze'

Mercury Reporter

IN THE wake of an outcry by Indians against asking prices for Cato Manor residential plots fixed by the Department of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, Minister of Community Development, says he is 'holding in abeyance' further sales of plots in the area

In a letter to the Cato Manor Residents' Association, he said the South African Indian Council's executive committee had

also expressed concern and was making further representations

Mr Roland Parsotham, chairman of the Cato Manor Residents' Association, said yesterday his association welcomed the minister's decision not to proceed with sales of land in the area.

'We hope the department will renegotiate selling prices so that plots will be placed within the reach of families badly needing houses,' he said

Lodgers' fees	3 500
Transfer fees	40
Services charges	287 785
Entry permits	48
Pounds fees	10
Sanitation fees	3 259
Replacement of rental cards	16
Removal of wrecked motor vehicles	55
Water sales	494
Interest on sale of houses	393
Insurance	55
Home ownership scheme	14
Rural scheme fees	4 324
Service charges (School levy)	805
Cemetery fees	10
Library fees	784
Rental of halls	290
Advertising fees	67
Sundry revenue	R350 042

(c) (i) The total expenditure for the period 1 June 1983 to 30 November 1983 amounted to R106 883

(ii) The proposed development schemes for the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984 will amount to R3 092 487

(2) Provisions has been made on the capital programme for the financial year 1983/84 for the following amounts to be expended on the construction and services as mentioned in the question

- (a) (i) Nil
- (ii) R700 000.
- (b) R364 750
- (c) R132 242.

With regard to (2) (a) (i) it should be noted that the Department of Education and Training is responsible for this matter

9/5/84
Trust farm Devondale 11039
Hemward Q.61. 1184
749 Mr R A F Swart asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) (a) How many (i) adults and (ii) children have been resettled on the Trust farm Devondale 11039 and (b) how many formal employment opportunities are there for these persons in the Qudeni district at present;

(2) whether any steps are being taken to create further employment opportunities, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) how many employment opportunities will be created?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i) 488

(ii) 820

(b) Since December 1983 no formal employment opportunity was available. Before that time the people were employed on the Phormum Tenax lands in the area. This Project closed down at the end of November 1983

(2) Yes

(a) The farms in the Qudeni/Devondale area are in the process of being handed over to KwaZulu. Forests will be established on these farms, which will create employment opportunities

(b) At this stage the number cannot be determined

125 *Hemward*
Sibongile/Thembahtle
Q.61. 1184 9/5/84
754 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) Whether any vacant residential sites in the (a) Sibongile and (b) Thembahtle Black townships in Natal were released for the construction of

houses in 1983, if so, how many in each case,

(2) whether his Department still intends to resettle the residents of these townships, if so, (a) why, (b) when, (c) where will they be moved to and (a) how many persons are involved,

(3) whether persons who have built houses in these townships will be compensated for these houses, if not, why not, if so, on what basis will this compensation be determined?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Yes 181

(b) Yes 234

(2) The matter remains to be considered (a), (b), (c) and (d) Fall away

(3) Should it be decided to settle these people they will be compensated according to the value of the improvements they have effected. Compensation will be based on the market value of the improvements

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Hemward
Madlatal states: Institutions/handcraft centres
Q.61. 1185 9/5/84
756 Dr M A BARNARD asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

How many (a) institutions for the (i) blind, (ii) deaf and (iii) physically disabled and (b) handcraft centres there in (aa) KwaZulu, (bb) Qwaqwa, (cc) Lebowa, (dd) Gazankulu and (ee) KaNgwane at present?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) (i) (aa) 2

(bb) 1

(cc) 2.

(dd) 2.

(ee) Nil

(ii) (aa) 1

(bb) 1

(cc) 1

(dd) 1

(ee) Nil

(iii) (aa) 2

(bb) 1

(cc) 3

(dd) 1

(ee) Nil

The administration of institutions in national states was transferred to the national states some time ago in terms of the National States Constitution Act, 1971

Some of the institutions in national states are administered as educational institutions e.g. for physically handicapped or blind persons, but a welfare service is simultaneously offered under the same roof but in different sections e.g. handcraft. In other cases there exists only one welfare institution (building) as such but two or more welfare activities are offered. These do not necessarily appear as separate institutions in the replies to the question

9/5/84
Hemward Q.61. 1186
Reference books/influx control
763 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

How many Black (a) males and (b) fe-

Q. G. 1. 1219
*18 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs.

How many (a) Coloured and (b) Indian persons registered as voters from 1 March 1984 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Internal Affairs)

(a) From 1 March 1984 until 30 April 1984 34 102 applications for registration as voters were received. The total increase of registered voters over this period was 23 282

(b) From 1 March 1984 until 30 April 1984 4 961 applications for registration as voters were received. The total increase of registered voters over this period was 2 348

East Rand/Far East Rand: draft guide plan

*19 Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning +

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 11 on 3 February 1984, the draft guide plan for the East Rand and the Far East Rand is still expected to be released by the middle of 1984, if so, on what date, if not, when is it expected to be released,

(2) whether he is considering furnishing the members of the House of Assembly concerned with information in this connection before the official date of release, if not, why not, if so, when;

(3) whether the guide plan committee foresees additional large Black cities

like Soweto coming into being in the Vaal Dam supply area, if so,

(4) whether this committee has made any projections or has had any projections made to determine the ability of the Vaal Dam to supply the needs of such Black cities,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Yes. The precise date cannot be determined at this stage, but it is expected that the draft guide plan will be released during July or August of this year

(2) No. The draft guide plan will emanate from the activities of a statutory committee. Only after the proposals of this committee have been cast in the form of the draft guide plan, can they be made available to members of the House of Assembly concerned and other interested persons and bodies for information and comment

(3) and (4) Planning regarding the establishment of new Black cities is undertaken in a broad national and regional context and is therefore not part of the investigation of the guide plan committee concerned

(5) No

A Nugent: passport/residence permit

*20 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Internal Affairs

(1) Whether one Arnold Nugent entered the Republic in 1982, if so, on what date,

(2) whether this person was in possession of a valid passport at the time, if so, for which country,

(3) whether this person has been issued with a (a) temporary or (b) permanent residence permit, if so, when,

(4) whether this person was asked to furnish details of any previous criminal activities or convictions, if not, why not, if so, with what result,

(5) whether this person has been given notice to leave the Republic, if so, when (a) was he given such notice and (b) is he required to leave the country, if not,

(6) whether any steps have been taken in respect of the residence permit granted to him, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when,

(7) whether any steps are to be taken against this person, if not why not, if so, what steps,

(8) whether he has received any representations from any persons, bodies or foreign governments regarding Arnold Nugent, if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was (1) the nature of the representations and (ii) his response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Internal Affairs)

(1) Yes, on 6 March 1982

(2) Yes. A British passport

(3) (a) No

(b) Yes, on 24 February 1982

(4) Yes. In his application form dated 8 June 1981, his reply to the question of whether he has ever been found guilty of an offence, was given as "no". In response to reports which have been published on Nugent, the

South African Police were requested to investigate the matter. In the course of their investigation the Police obtained a statement from Nugent in which he furnished details of serious criminal convictions

(5) Yes

(a) 1 May 1984

(b) Before 31 May 1984

(6) and (7) Fall away

(8) No

*21 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units are there in the Kwa-Dabeka section of Clemtont,

(2) whether there is a waiting list for accommodation in this section, if so, how many families are on the list,

(3) whether there is a delay between applying for and receiving accommodation in this section, if so, what is the extent of this delay,

(4) whether accommodation is made available to families in accordance with the order in which names appear on the waiting list, if not, (a) why not and (b) what exceptions are made in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

(1) 797

(2) Yes, 1 745 families

(3) Yes. The delay is caused by the fact

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that there is a continuous demand for housing and due to the shortage of funds adequate accommodation (which is erected with South African Development Trust-funds) cannot be provided in any one financial year

(4) As far as is practically possible accommodation is made available to families in accordance with the order in which their names appear on the waiting list

(a) Certain exceptions are imperative

(b) In needy, urgent and compassionate cases Also in cases of public servants such as teachers and police officers who are transferred to the area

Katlehong: riots

*22 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

With reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation and Development to Question No 17 on 2 May 1984, what were the results of the investigation conducted by the South African Police into the riots in Katlehong in 1983?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

In order to eliminate any misunderstanding that may exist, I want to point out that the South African Police did not conduct any investigation into the riots as such, but into infringements of the law resulting therefrom which were reported to the police.

In this regard five dockets relating to 30 complaints of serious assault and one case of attempted murder were referred to the senior state prosecutor in Germiston, whose decision is not yet known

Katlehong: riots

*23 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation and Development to Question No 17 on 2 May 1984, the Attorney-General has reached a decision on the findings submitted to him by the South African Police pursuant to their investigation into the riots in Katlehong in 1983, if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached, if so, what is the nature of the decision,

(2) whether any prosecutions will be instituted in this regard, if so, against whom?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Justice)

(1) No Police dockets on the events which are referred to were submitted to the Senior Public Prosecutor, Germiston on 27 April 1984. He will submit the dockets together with the necessary recommendations as soon as possible to the Attorney-General, Johannesburg for his decision

(2) A decision in this regard will be made by the Attorney-General in due course

Bellville police station: birth

*24 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, gave birth while in custody at the Bellville police station, if so, (a) (i) on what date and (ii) at what time was the baby born, (b) why was the baby born at the police

station and (c) what is the name of the person concerned,

(2) whether she was taken to hospital, if not, why not, if so, (a) at what time and (b) by whom,

(3) whether the baby subsequently died, if so, (a) when and (b) what was the cause of death?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) (i) On 24 April 1984

(ii) At 13h50

(b) Neither the mother nor the police were aware that birth was imminent

(c) As reported in *The Argus* of 1 May 1984, and known to the hon member, her name is Magreeta Baron

(2) Yes

(a) At 14h00

(b) By ambulance

(3) Yes

(a) On 28 April 1984

(b) According to the autopsy report the cause of death is indicated as

(Rest of reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

"Septicaemia

Verskeie sub-arachnoidale

bleedings

Bilaterale kollerige versluring van longe—waarskynlik bronchopneumonie

Lewervervetting met tekens van moonlike fibrose

Afskilfering van vel van hande en voete

Dik geel band (granulasie) is aanwesig tussen die metaphase en epiefase diagnosis en kongenitale sifilis"

M Chivelli

*25 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Internal Affairs †

Whether (a) an attorney, (b) an advocate or (c) any other legal representative (i) assisted and/or (ii) represented Mr Marino Chivelli on the occasion of his making representations to him in regard to the consideration or reconsideration of his application for permanent residence in the Republic, if so, who assisted and/or represented him?

†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (for the Minister of Internal Affairs)

(a), (b) and (c) I do not know who all assisted him from time to time. At first he was represented by attorneys Henry Tucker and Partners and subsequently by attorney Harry Goss. Advocates J C Krigler, SC, and D V Duke also represented him. No other category of legal representative represented him

Afrikaner-weerstandsbeweging

*26 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the South African Police (a)

HOUSING

Private concerns

The first housing development in the new Lenasia South township, consisting of 330 units financed by a private developer, the Natal Building Society, was opened last week. The extension has been hailed by the Department of Community Development as a model of co-operation between the public and private sectors.

The government, which has repeatedly said that it alone cannot be solely responsible for the expansion of black housing, provided R13m for Lenasia South's infrastructure. Housing is being provided entirely by private concerns.

Worries

Indian authorities are less pleased with the NBS development. Dinky Pillay, chairman of the Lenasia South-East Consultative Committee, says that white-owned developers like NBS will "suck us dry economically" if they handle the bulk of Lenasia's housing expansion.

Pillay hopes that all further building in Lenasia will be directed by Indian firms. "We must try to keep the business within our own community," he says.

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CURRENT SHOCK

Peri-Urban Board accountants have disclosed an unaccounted for deficit in electricity bills in Lenasia. During the last financial year the board had 2,4m more kilowatt hours of electricity than it bought. The invisible surplus cost Lenasia consumers an estimated R117 000.

The board together with the Johannesburg City Council are investigating the missing power. There is something seriously wrong here somewhere, and we've got to get to the bottom of it.

board officials told the month's meeting of the Lenasia South-East Consultative Committee.

He speculated that the surplus deficit had resulted from malfunctioning meters. The committee chairman, W Dinky Pillay, described the state of electricity supply to Lenasia as scandalous and demanded that his constituents be reimbursed for the overcharges.

Lenasia consumers pay 10% more per kilowatt hour than residents of Johannesburg.

The NBS houses, with price-tags between R50 000 and R80 000, are intended for upper-income Indians. Pillay contends that this is not where the need lies. "The rich members of my community will always manage," he says. "What we need is more housing for the lower and middle income groups."

At least 400 stands in Lenasia South have been purchased by Indian-owned utility companies. The houses will cost R19 000-R35 000, and construction should be com-

pleted in the near future. NBS has purchased an additional 90 stands, which will come on stream in mid-1985.

Disgust

Pillay expressed "total disgust" with the opening ceremonies for the NBS development. A lavishly catered luncheon sponsored by NBS included only five or six Indians out of more than 100 guests. "Where are the people who will live in these houses and make this community," asked Pillay.

that were undertaken at 16 universities. They found that 73% of that so-called research was nothing but a waste of money and a waste of labour and time. Of those that did have some value, very few were practically orientated and would have no effect worth mentioning in the housing field. We therefore have enough experience of this.

Q 61 (1259) Hansard
Bottle store supervisors/senior clerks: salary scales 16/5/84

*18 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

Whether (a) bottle store supervisors and (b) senior clerks employed in Black townships in the Western Cape are on the same salary scales, if so, what are these salary scales, (i) why not, (ii) what are the differences and (iii) in which townships are such supervisors and clerks on the (aa) highest and (bb) lowest salary scales?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

(a) and (b) Yes, R5 706 x 276 to 6 534 x 312 to 8 406 x 414 to 8 820 plus 12%
As a result of the fact that the Western Cape Administration Board (now Development Board) came into being in 1979 at the amalgamation of the Peninsula Board and the South West Cape Board a few anomalies exist where incumbents are remunerated according to a personal scale, which is being phased out or brought in line with the salary scale as mentioned above

Hansard Q-61 1259
Worcester: Black pensioners 16/5/84
*19 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) To how many Black pensioners were pensions paid in Worcester on (a) 7 March 1984 and (b) 9 May 1984,

(2) whether any pensioners were still waiting in a queue for their pensions to be paid when the payment of pensions to Black persons in Worcester

was stopped for the day on each of the above dates?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

In Worcester pensions are paid on three consecutive weekdays every second month. The dates on which pensions were paid in March 1984 and May 1984 and also the number of persons to whom pensions were paid on the specific days are as follows

(1) (a)	7 March 1984	370
	8 March 1984	155
	9 March 1984	119.
(1) (b)	9 May 1984	380
	10 May 1984	139
	11 May 1984	123

(2) No

Defence Act. commissions

*20 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Defence

How many citizens commissioned in terms of section 83(1)(a) of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, had their commissions cancelled in terms of (a) section 83(3)(a) and (b) section 83(3)(c) of the said Act over the latest specified period of five years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

The figures for the period 1979-1983 are as follows

(a)	1
(b)	11

Defence Force: voluntary whole-time service

*21 Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Defence

How many persons were performing voluntary whole-time service in the South African Defence Force in terms of section

20 of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, in 1983?

†The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

None

Question standing over from Friday, 11 May 1984

Hansard Q.61-1261
Craddock: salary of certain person

*12 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) Whether a certain person from Craddock, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, is or was employed by his Department, if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b) when did his employment commence and (c) where is he employed at present,

(2) whether this person has been paid his salary for (a) March, (b) April and (c) May 1984, if not, (i) why not and (ii) when will he be paid,

(3) whether this person has since left the employ of his Department, if so, when did his employment cease,

(4) whether he was given notice, if not, what were the circumstances surrounding his leaving the employ of his Department, if so, what period of notice was he given?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(1) Yes

(a) Fort Daniel Galata

(b) 7 April 1981

(c) Sam Xhalhe Junior Secondary School, Craddock

(2) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) No

(i) Because he is being detained in terms of security legislation and has not rendered service to the Department since 31 March 1984

(ii) His salary for April and May 1984 will be paid to him if and when he is released without being charged or is acquitted or the charge against him, if any, is withdrawn

(3) No

(4) No

For written reply
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Port Natal: housing 16/5/84

695 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Port Natal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1)	(a)(i)	(a)(ii)	(b)
Chesterville	Nil	Nil	1 133
Lamontville	Nil	693	2 065
Hambanati	Nil	Nil	553
Klaarwater	Nil	Nil	301
Shakaville	Nil	Nil	185
Shayamoya	Nil	Nil	26
As at 29 February 1984			

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Moves to fill vacant houses 127

By JEANETTE MINNIE
Homefront Reporter

THE administrative delay in housing coloureds in Delmore, near Boksburg, which resulted in dozens of vacant homes being vandalised, appears to have been overcome

The homes, originally zoned for whites, are standing vacant at a time when serious overcrowding is a common problem in Boksburg's Reiger Park township

Mr Derick du Toit, the Department of Community Development's regional representative, told Homefront last week his officials would complete processing applications for the vacant homes in about a week

As soon as the applications were processed and applicants formally approved, they would be able to move



The interior of an unoccupied house in Delmore.

into the houses.

Mr Du Toit said approved applicants would visit their homes with officials before moving in so that a catalogue of damage could be compiled.

The department would repair the damage after the families moved in because

vandalism continued while houses were empty, despite the presence of watchmen

Letters inviting people to buy the homes were only sent out by the Boksburg Town Clerk in mid-April, but because of the vandalism, buyers complained to Homefront about the prices being asked

Source KAM 21/5/84

Black ⁽¹²⁷⁾ housing schemes

By CAMUEL DIKOTLA

THE Nafcoc-initiated company, ADCC, was planning to develop more housing schemes in the East Rand, Witwatersrand, Pretoria and the Vaal, the project manager of the organisation, Mr M Liphosa said yesterday.

Addressing a meeting of the Southern Transvaal Chamber of Commerce and Industry at a Johannesburg hotel, Mr Liphosa said his company would also develop 314 housing units near Welkom

He said building in the areas should start at the earliest possible time.

Mr Liphosa told delegates that his company had 500 000 authorised shares of R1 each, and has 438 SA shareholders —all of them black

Sigma builds houses in Pta

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THE MAMELODI Town Council has committed itself to companies whose aims is to alleviate the housing shortage in the area.

Speaking at the handing over of the hundred houses built by the Sigma Motor Corporation's housing scheme, the mayor Mr Alex Kekana, said there were well over 4 000 people on the housing waiting list. He said one hundred sites had already been made available for the company to expand its scheme.

Mr Kekana said it was only through dedicated employers that his council would be able to alleviate the serious housing backlog in the area. He also asked the Minister of Community Development, Mr S F Kotze, to negotiate on behalf of the community for subsidies of schemes which catered for the lower income groups.

Mr Kotze congratulated the company and said the housing shortage could be done away with if the private sector accepted the challenge to provide for their employees.

Homes change to 99-year scheme

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THOUSANDS of homes still registered under the old home-ownership scheme on the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal complex may have to be converted to the 99-year-leasehold.

This follows an announcement that the Government is to phase out the old 30-year home-ownership scheme under the jurisdiction of 26 newly established town councils

In Greater Soweto alone, about 700 homes

SOWETAN Reporter

still registered under the home-ownership scheme may be affected by this replacement

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board, told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that, although the board was not accepting new applications for home-ownership, there was no deadline for home-ownership tenants to change

to leasehold

The board had not processed applications for home-ownership since the Big House Sale started in July last year, he said.

Before the mass sale of houses started, Mr Knoetze said, over 18 000 homes in Greater Soweto were registered under the 30-year home-ownership scheme. Several hundreds of these homes have since been converted to leasehold

Tenants upset at plans to sell

By Andrew Beattie

Flat tenants have been alarmed by Anglo American's plans to sell its multimillion-rand investment in rented flats as many of them could not afford to buy their own homes, a Hillbrow spot survey found yesterday

At Highpoint flats — one of several tower blocks owned by Anglo American — a tenant said that 40 percent of the people there were coloureds or Indians who could not find accommodation anywhere else.

Several of the tenants surveyed were coloureds or Indians who did not wish to be named as they are living in the block illegally in terms of the Group Areas Act.

They believe Anglo American knows of their presence and are thankful they have not been evicted. Now they fear they will have to move and are pessimistic about finding other accommodation.

ONLY PLACE

"Although this flat is small and noisy, I live here because it is the only place I can find. Now where do I go?" asked a young Indian technikon student

Many tenants fear they will not be able to find alternative accommodation in the same rent bracket or centralised area

None of the tenants said they would buy the flats, even if financial assistance was given

"Most people live on a month-to-month basis, and could not afford to buy the flats," Mr Nicholas Jurgens said

"I am not happy I cannot buy my flat and anyway it would probably not be a good investment as a house," Mr Edward Thomas said

Anglo American Properties chairman Dr Zac de Beer said the reason for selling was the equivocal attitude of the authorities in the matter of rent control.

Cheap accommodation in Jo'burg — no way

By Ronit Loewenstern

The days of cheap accommodation, even under rent control, are over

Spot checks around Johannesburg show that for a rent-controlled bachelor flat, nothing under R100 is available

Rentals for a one-bedroom flat were given as R150, and R200 for a two-bedroom flat — and many of these are in dilapidated buildings

Two estate agencies quoted the following prices for rent-controlled flats

- R108 to R114 for bachelor flats in downtown Johannesburg
- R155 to R187 for one-bedroom flats in the same area.
- R244 to R290 for a two-bedroom downtown flat
- R128 to R145 for a bachelor flat in Joubert Park
- R170 to R235 for a one-bedroom flat in that area
- R306 to R329 for a two-bedroom flat in that area
- R217 for a one-bedroom flat and R260 for a two-bedroom flat in Rosebank, but these were found to be the exception rather than the rule
- R214 to R266 for one-bedroom flats in Killarney
- R287 to R362 for a two-bedroom flat there.

Generally tenants have to paint the

interior of these apartments, repair stoves and fix broken items at their own cost. Reasonable wear and tear falls under the owner's responsibilities.

All houses and flats which were built before October 1949 fall under the Rent Act and can have their rents fixed by the Rent Control Board, said a leading rent consultant, who asked not to be named.

He said there are hundreds such buildings, many of which were not registered with the board — and many people were probably unaware they were living in accommodation which qualified for rent control. This meant tenants could be paying much higher rents than necessary

"All they need to do is check with the municipality when their buildings were erected," the consultant said. If they felt they were paying too much and the building was erected before October 1949, they could approach the Rent Control Board for an evaluation. If rent control was approved, annual increases for accommodation seldom exceeded 15 percent

To "decontrol" his property, a landlord had to give his tenants six months' notice, and then give the building a complete face-lift.

"With property sky high at the moment, most landlords prefer renovation and decontrol," the consultant said

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Scheme to aid home-seekers

A NEW low-cost housing concept — mostly applied in overseas countries — may soon be used in Greater Soweto in a bid to alleviate the critical housing shortage in the complex.

Houses based on the concept, which will be marketed locally by Young Homes, will cost as little as R15 000 for a three-bedroom unit, and their design will allow the homeowner to add more rooms depending on his family needs.

Young Homes chairman Mr Allan Young told Consumer Corner that his company was presently locked in discussions with one of the Greater Soweto councils with the aim of introducing the concept in the

Consumer

By LEN MASEKO

Corner



townships. "These structures take up to five days to put up. The initial

structure comprises a mahogany frame and, depending on the home-owner, the

walls are erected using either metal sheet or bricks. Then, in future, the home-owner can extend the structure without having to alter the original design of the house," Mr Young said.

Mr Young said a one-bedroom unit would cost R7 000 and, through the self-help housing concept, the same struc-

ture could be converted to a four or five-bedroom home depending on the family needs.

However the company, has had problems getting the scheme approved by the Government, which has said it will consider the concept after two years. As a result, a home-seeking family wanting to buy these houses will experience problems when trying to acquire finance from a building society.

Problems

Apparently, building societies will not grant finance if a housing scheme has not received a go-ahead from the Government

"I think the Government is just delaying the whole thing. The concept has been applied successfully in countries

like the United States and Australia. Now I don't understand why they are delaying when there is urgent need for housing in the townships," Mr Young said.

Since prospective home-owners might have problems in acquiring finance from building societies, the company hopes to market the concept in the private sector — that is, in the form of employer-housing schemes

"Employees interested in the scheme may arrange finance with their companies. The whole concept is aimed at the low-income groups, who cannot afford paying up to R60 000 for a house. Deposit for these houses is 10 percent of the cost of the house," Mr Young said

All Soweto to have electricity soon

CAPE TOWN. — All residents in greater Soweto should have electricity from August this year, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, said yesterday.

He was giving details at his weekly Press conference in Cape Town of the massive electrification project undertaken in Soweto some years ago, and of progress reports on other development schemes in the black urban area.

Completion of street lighting and control systems would take place early in 1985, he said.

In Greater Soweto, 18 of the 24 con-

tracts granted for electricity distribution systems and wiring of houses had been completed and the remaining six were at an advanced stage.

The contractors had already wired 91 800 of the 99 000 houses concerned, while work on 87 433 had been completed and accepted by local authorities, although not all had yet been provided with electricity.

"Forty thousand residents of greater Soweto are already using electricity and deposits are being paid and connections made at the rate of about 6 000 a month," Dr Koornhof said.

Six hundred and thirty out of 955 sub-

stations had already been switched on to provide wired houses with electricity and latest indications from the contractors were that all sub-stations would be switched on by the end of July.

"It is expected that all residents of Greater Soweto will be provided with electricity from August this year," the Minister said.

Thirty-seven kilometres of 132 000-volt, above-ground lines and 5 000km of underground cables had been laid and brought into operation.

So far, about R177-million had been spent of the approved R220-million, he said. — Sapa.

Koornhof promises light for all Soweto

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ALL the inhabitants of Soweto will have electricity available to them from August this year, Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development, said yesterday.

At a major press conference he said developments there should enable the Government to turn Soweto into a modern city within the next five years.

The present population, which numerous surveys had pegged at one million, would be able to rise to 1,5 million in the next few years and still stay in line with the latest town planning techniques

This would be made possible by the upgrading which has already been done and is still continuing

Dr Koornhof released a list of figures about Soweto, a city which he said enjoyed international attention, to the Press conference

- Only 40 000 people were unemployed in Soweto, representing an unemployment figure of less than six percent.
- So far 86 of the estimated 3-500 shebeens in Soweto have been rezoned for business cur-

SA Press Association

poses, virtually given professional licences to apply for genuine liquor licences once they have upgraded their premises.

- The total number of squatters in the West Rand Administration Board's area is 4 000 families
- During the past four years 9 539 single accommodation units and 3 301 residential units have been built

Progress

- New areas earmarked for development will accommodate 16 500 single quarters, 6 330 flats and 18 898 residential units.
- On the mass sales campaign for existing houses on 99-year leasehold, 10 614 have been sold and 7 103 are in the

pipeline This progress was "most satisfactory"

Dr Koornhof said there had been "excellent progress" with the upgrading of Soweto, specifically with the electrification project

The contractors had already connected 91 800 of the 99 000 houses About 40 000 inhabitants of Soweto were using electricity at the moment and deposits were being paid for connections at a rate of 6 000 a month

Meanwhile the electrification, housing and infrastructure projects being undertaken in Soweto meant it could be turned into a modern city with a population of 1,5 million compared to its present de facto population of one million, the chairman of the West Rand Development Board, Mr John Knoetze said



CHAIRMAN: Knoetze.



MINISTER: Koornhof.

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R21-m loan for Soweto housing

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THE SOWETO Town Council — together with the Urban Foundation — is to raise a R21,6-million loan for the Protea North scheme involving the erection of 2 500 houses and 800 flats.

The council approved the raising of the loan at its monthly meeting yesterday.

Of the total amount, the Urban Foundation is expected to raise R20-million while the council will apply to the Department of Community Development for about R1,5-million.

Mr Nico Malan, the council's Town Clerk, told the meeting that people intending to buy homes in Protea North will pay towards the repayment of the loan.

Earlier, several councillors opposed the idea of raising of the loan,

By LEN MASEKO

saying Soweto residents were faced with the burden of repaying over R200-million for the electrification project

But Mr Malan pointed out that it would be "highly irresponsible" for the council to back out of the scheme when the municipality is faced with a waiting list of 19 000 families.

Scheme

The Protea North scheme involves the construction of 2 500 houses and 800 flats at an estimated cost of R80-million

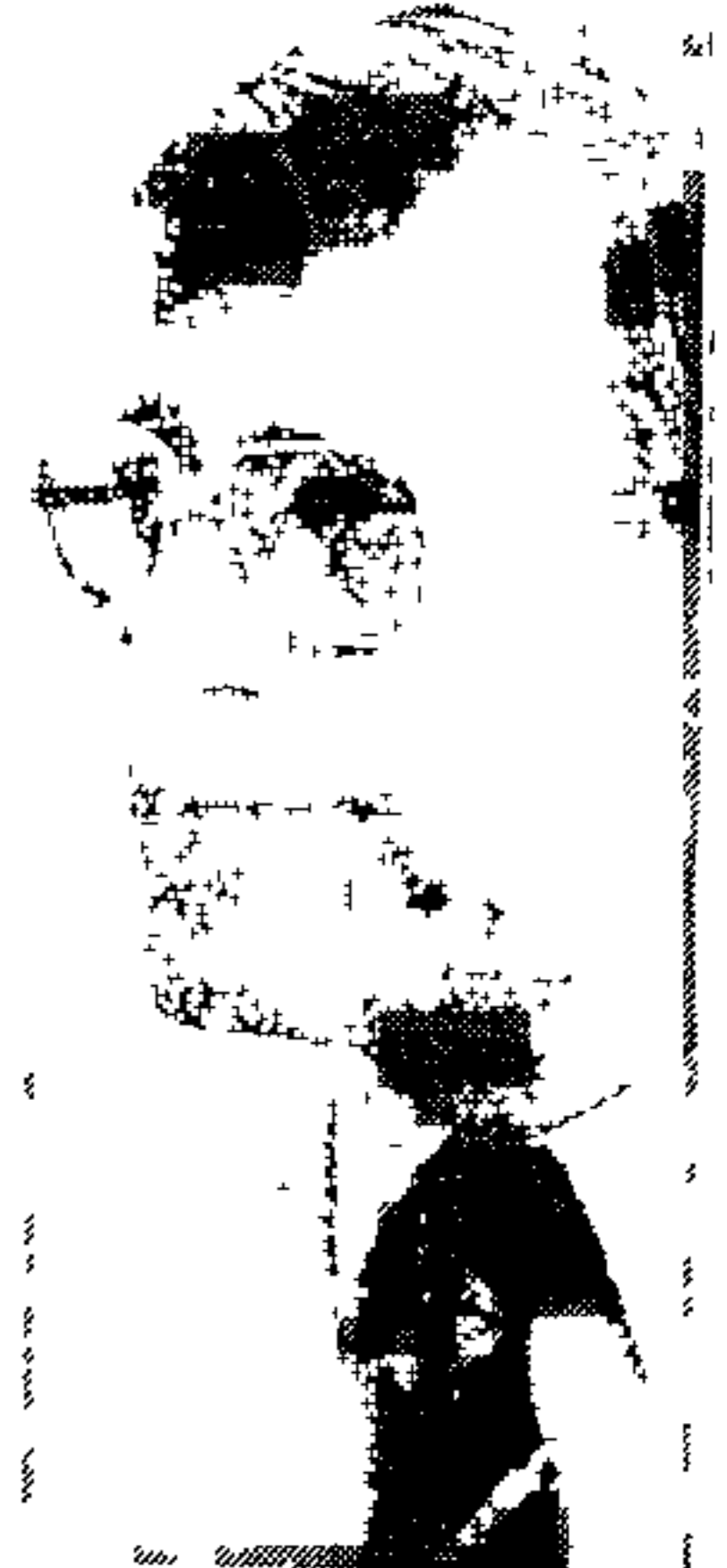
Other housing projects in the pipeline in the complex are: Tshawelo Extension Three (402); Emdeni Buffer Area (1 200), Naledi Extension Two (1 312); Pimville East Buffer Area (2 700); Protea

South (5 429), Zola Buffer Area and Doornkop (3 000), Jabulani (493), Orlando West Extension Two (192) and Dlamini Extension Two (226).

Meanwhile the council's expansion plans include linking Soweto

with industrial areas — Pennyville, Stormill, Putcoton, Industrial to the North and Devland to the East

Noordgesig is also earmarked for incorporation into the area, but the council has undertaken not to move coloured families in the township



TOWN CLERK: Mr Malan

13 families evicted

THIRTEEN families living in a coalyard in Diepkloof have been ordered to go but no alternative accommodation had been provided.

The families stay on a coalyard owned by Mr Richard Mogoai next to the Diepkloof freeway. They have been given until May 31 to vacate the place.

According to a letter served on Mr Mogoai dated May 9 and undersigned by the acting senior residence manager, Mr A Grobler, he is instructed to remove the nine families living in illegal structures and

By
**NKOPANE
MAKOBANE**

four in brick-walled rooms with immediate effect.

And yesterday Mr Mogoai told The SOWETAN that he has consulted his lawyers who last week wrote to the council asking for three months' extension on the eviction order.

He said he had been told that the people must leave because when he had allocated the site it was meant to be a business site.

One of the people affected by the evic-

tion order, Mr Phillip Mookamedi, said yesterday they were worried about the council's move. He said the sub-tenants on the site were angry that the council was removing them without providing alternative accommodation.

Another shack dweller, Mr Samuel Phahle, said he has been on the housing waiting-list since 1958. He said the council had failed to provide him with a home and instead saw fit to build prestige houses beyond the financial reach of many people seeking accommodation.

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Court told why tear-gas was used on rent protesters

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

TEAR-GAS had been used to minimise fighting in the dispersal of 200 black people armed with sticks who were allegedly preventing others from paying newly increased rent, near here, a police captain told a Pietermaritzburg Magistrate yesterday.

Captain Dennis Langley, formerly in charge of the Pietermaritzburg Riot Squad, was giving evidence in the trial of eight people charged under the Natal Code of Black Law for allegedly 'participating in an assembly of armed men' at Sobantu Village in October 1982.

Rebecca Nxumalo, 54, Langan Zondi, 43, Nhlanhla Nndaweni, 25, Dano Mokoena, 19, Sandile Shange 18, and three minors who may not be named, pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Capt Langley told Magistrate, Mr A G Kotze, how on his arrival with 36 policemen he saw people 'in an aggressive mood sitting on the ground near the offices of the Drakensberg

Administration Board chanting and shouting in Zulu and waving sticks and knobkerries'

'About 25m away from the crowd was a group of more than 50 people who, I had been informed, wanted to enter the offices to pay their rent,' Capt Langley said.

He said this smaller group appeared 'peaceful and did not seem armed'

Using a loud speaker Capt Langley called to the people in 'both official languages' to disperse within five minutes as they were 'illegally gathered in terms of the Internal Security Act'

Deadline

When the five minute deadline lapsed Capt Langley ordered his men to 'close in on the people and to use tear-gas so as not to create any problems or fighting'

After 'numerous' tear-gas canisters had been thrown the crowd jumped up and 'scattered in all directions'

Policemen pursued the crowd and arrested 19, including the eight in the dock.

Under cross examina

tion by Mr Y N Moodley, for the defence, Capt Langley admitted that there was a possibility that some in the crowd did not understand either English or Afrikaans when he issued his warning to disperse.

'I did not use an interpreter as I did not think it necessary, (though) they probably did understand my warning as they became more aggressive,' Capt Langley said.

'I had been informed by two officials of the Drakensberg Administration Board at the scene that the crowd was preventing others from paying rent and did not think to confirm this with those directly involved,' Capt Langley said.

He said it was possible that members of the crowd had mixed with the smaller group, who had not been addressed by the police and had remained where they were, when the gas canisters were thrown.

The trial was adjourned to July 23 when it will be heard in the Regional Court.

(1) (a) (iii)	R			
Sebokeng		Bethlehem	21	July 1984
Sasolburg		Bothaville	16	August 1984
Motor		Clarens	3	June 1984
Engineers . . .	1	Cornelia	5	September 1984
		Edenville . . .	5	March 1985
		Frankfort . . .	1	December 1984
Zamdela		Harrismuth	8	November 1984
A E C I	59	Heilbron	50	March 1985
Sasol	98	Kestell	4	November 1984
Terblanche		Koppies	162	March 1985
Transport	4	Kroonstad	1 073	December 1985
Bothma Transport	6	Lindley	5	June 1984
Bothaville		Memel	6	November 1984
Gold Fields		Oranjeville	2	March 1985
Water Board	12	Parys	500	December 1984
Harrismuth		Petrus Steyn	15	September 1984
Woollens		Reitz	136	September 1984
Wool Factory	1	Steynsrus	13	March 1985
Koppies		Tweeling	6	September 1984
Dr D Bouwer	1	Villiers	4	March 1985
Koppies		Viljoenskroon	2	December 1984
Butchery	1	Vrede	11	December 1984
		Vredetfort	10	October 1984
		Warden	4	March 1985

(2) — Yes It is not possible to give an accurate figure in regard to the shortage of housing in respect of each township. The estimated total housing shortage in respect of Black towns in White area is 168 000. In order to make an accurate estimate in respect of each township it will be necessary to compile new waiting lists. This will necessitate a costly and time consuming survey, which in the circumstances is considered unjustified.

(3) (a) — Yes	(3) (a) (ii)			
Bothaville . . .	1 250	Zamdela	7	December 1984
Kroonstad . . .	21	Peter Shapero	27	December 1984
		Sasol I	98	December 1984
		AECI	150	December 1984
		Jumbo Construction	5	December 1984
		Bothaville		
		Gold Fields		
		Water		
		- Board . . .	30	August 1984

Koppies		Reitz		
Z Roos		Greyling		
(Pty) Ltd	7	Brothers	6	December 1984
Du Toit				
Transport	1			
Central				
Bakery	1			
P V Bruwer	4			

693 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(125) Haverd Q. 61, 1381
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 Drakensberg: housing

- (1) (a) How many family housing units were built in each specified township in the Drakensberg area in 1983 by (i) the Drakensberg Administration Board, (ii) private owners and (iii) any other specified organizations and (b) what was the total amount spent by each in respect of each township.
- (2) whether there is a shortage of housing units in any townships in the Drakensberg area, if so, how many units are required in respect of each township,
- (3) whether any family housing units are being built at present by (a) the said Administration Board, (b) private owners and (c) any other specified organizations, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many units are being built by each in each township and (ii) when are they due to be completed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- (1) (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) Nil
- (b) Falls away.
- (2) Yes. It is not possible to give an accurate figure in regard to the shortage of housing in respect of each township.

694 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

- (1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Drakensberg Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;
- (2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

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(1)	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Cedarville	Nil	Nil	44
Colenso	Nil	Nil	151
Dundee	Nil	Nil	866
Glencoe	Nil	Nil	533
Greytown	Nil	Nil	353
Kokstad	Nil	Nil	269
Ladysmith	Nil	Nil	103
Matatiele	Nil	Nil	968
Moorriver	Nil	Nil	20
Sobantu	Nil	Nil	50
Vryheid	Nil	Nil	533
			562
			858

As at 31 March 1984

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Howard Q. Col. 1383
Orange Vaal: housing 29/5/84
 696 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Orange Vaal Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

(1)	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Evaton	Nil	455	591
Sebokeng	503	4 294	13 937
Sharpeville	4	747	4 688
Bopalong	Nil	119	1 950
Bophelong	Nil	64	1 343
Zamdela	284	236	342
Refenkgotso	Nil	1	125
Bethlehem	Nil	283	1 134
Bothaville	3	Nil	309
Frankfort	Nil	20	180
Harrismith	Nil	768	894

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

(1)	(a)	(i)	(ii)	(b)
Heilbron	Nil	Nil	218	4
Kroonstad	Nil	1 093	624	30
Parys	Nil	98	39	5
Petrus Steyn	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Retz	Nil	Nil	44	151
Viljoenskroon	Nil	Nil	72	245
Villiers	Nil	Nil	29	260
Vrede	Nil	Nil	18	42
Vredefort	Nil	Nil	36	101
Warden	Nil	Nil	36	101

(1) (a) (i) and (ii) As at 29 February 1984

(b) As at 31 January 1984

(2) 391 As at 29 February 1984

Southern Orange Free State: housing
 697 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Southern Orange Free State Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

(1)	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Bloemfontein	202	803	5 917
Bethulle	Nil	Nil	134
Boshof	Nil	Nil	274
Bultfontein	Nil	Nil	522
Brandfort	Nil	55	324
Clocolan	Nil	4	109
Dealesville	Nil	Nil	186
Dewetsdorp	Nil	19	221
Edenburg	Nil	21	127
Excelsior	Nil	17	73
Fauresmith	Nil	11	117
Ficksburg	Nil	11	137
Fouriesburg	Nil	2	38

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

(1)	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Hennenman	Nil	2	605
Hobhouse	Nil	Nil	73
Hoopstad	Nil	Nil	158
Jagerfontein	Nil	Nil	25
Jacobsdal	Nil	11	189
Koffiefontein	Nil	211	102
Ladybrand	Nil	13	478
Luckhoff	Nil	Nil	38
Marquard	Nil	2	66
Ondandastrus	Nil	916	454
Paul Roux	Nil	Nil	4
Petrusburg	Nil	Nil	129
Philippolis	Nil	Nil	136
Reddersburg	Nil	6	156
Rosendal	Nil	Nil	4
Rouxville	Nil	Nil	37
Senekal	Nil	Nil	1 126
Smithfield	Nil	Nil	41
Soupan	Nil	Nil	260
Springfontein	Nil	23	211
Theunissen	Nil	3	223
Trompsburg	Nil	3	171
Tweespruit	Nil	1	354
Van Stadenrus	Nil	Nil	2
Ventersburg	Nil	Nil	41
Verkeerdeval	Nil	Nil	2
Virginia	24	80	5 148
Welkom	Nil	316	4 590
Wesselsbron	Nil	6	117
Wepeiner	Nil	Nil	201
Winburg	Nil	28	250
Zastron	Nil	Nil	318

As at 23 March 1984

(2) 206

Howard Q. Col. 1385
Eastern Cape: housing 29/5/84
 698 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under the Eastern Cape Administration Board as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in this Administration Board area as at that date?

(1)	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Alwal North	Nil	7	512
Aberdeen	Nil	Nil	154
Adelaide	1	5	139
Alexandrina	Nil	Nil	188
Alcedale	Nil	11	349
Barkly East	Nil	Nil	281
Burgersdorp	4	15	295
Beaufort West	Nil	Nil	133
Bedford	Nil	1	514
Colesberg	Nil	Nil	239
Cathcart	Nil	Nil	100
Cookhouse	Nil	Nil	489
Craddock	1	2	1 516
Despatch	Nil	3	297
Dordrecht	Nil	Nil	159
Elliot	Nil	Nil	145
Fort Beaufort	Nil	Nil	143
Grahamstown	58	100	1 321
Graaff-Reinet	Nil	43	156
Hofmeyr	Nil	3	295
Humansdorp	Nil	Nil	230
Indwe	Nil	Nil	14
Jansenville	Nil	Nil	1
King William's Town	Nil	Nil	754
Kirkwood	Nil	Nil	144
Komga	Nil	Nil	1
Lady Grey	Nil	Nil	417
Middelburg	Nil	Nil	254
Molteno	Nil	1	620
Mossel Bay	Nil	Nil	425
Noupoort	Nil	Nil	577
East London	Nil	Nil	5 146
Pearston	Nil	Nil	55
Port Elizabeth	203	7 530	17 965
Queenstown	10	555	659
Richmond	Nil	Nil	40
Somerset East	1	4	617
Sterkstroom	Nil	Nil	2
Steynsburg	Nil	Nil	244
Stutterheim	Nil	35	29
Steytlerville	Nil	Nil	1
Tarkastad	Nil	Nil	526
Uitenhage	79	88	6 156
Venterstad	Nil	Nil	72
Victoria West	Nil	Nil	148

As at 23 March 1984.

(2) 46



THE MAYOR: Mr Tom Boya.

Huge rent increases in Daveyton

DAVEYTON mayor, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday announced massive rent and service increases.

The increases come into effect on July 1 if approved by Dr Piet Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development

Announcing them at a Press conference, Mr Boya said he believed the council had done the right thing and they were not trying to "kill" anybody.

They were responding to the dire needs facing the community. Although the council never consulted residents, Mr Boya said it had been mandated by the residents.

Rents go up to R30,50 from R16,95 — an increase of about 80 per cent. This will earn the council R1 788 600 per month.

Registered tenants must also pay rent of

By SELLO RABOTHATA

R15 per month for their sub-tenants. — an increase of 100 percent. The tenants will then charge their sub-tenants the R30 paid, or more.

Other increases are:

- Bus fares go up from 30 cents to 35 cents;
- Creche fees go up from R10 to R15 per month, a 50 percent increase;
- Bioscope goes up from 60 cents to R1,20 cents — an increase of 100 percent;
- Burial fees go up from R8 to R15 for adults and for children from R4 to R10;
- Reconnections for electricity go up to R15 for a normal disconnection and to R30 for an electricity reconnection; and
- Water and electricity deposits go up to R75.

Mr Boya said his

council was trying to find a way in which to recover a deficit of three percent from the total capital programme. The council now had to pay for services that had been the responsibility of administration boards. The total capital programme for his council last year, was R5 568 420, and had now risen to R5 738 855. Asked whether the council had decided to introduce the rent increases in phases, Mr Boya said no, the council had decided to implement the increase at once. He said the council was expected to run its affairs on a budget of R15 864 438 and has an income of R12 056 217, which resulted in a short-fall of R3 788 221. The entire Daveyton Town Council has agreed to the proposed rent and service increases.

DEA VIGI

By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

TWO PEOPLE were shot dead and a 72-year-old woman had to use the coffin containing her grandson's body as a shield as bullets flew at a night vigil in Soweto at the weekend.

Mr Joseph Mbele and Mr Thabang Nkubane, both of Naledi, were killed at the funeral service of Mr David Letsie of Naledi after they and a group of other mourners had allegedly attacked the son of a top shebeen king.

A man fired five shots, and Mr Nkubane and Mr Mbele fell after the shots were fired.

The Soweto CID chief, Brigadier J J Viktor confirmed the deaths yesterday and said a man has been arrested and will appear in court soon. A firearm has been confiscated by the police.

Mr Letsie's grandmother, who asked not to be named, said the incident happened early on Sunday morning — several hours before Mr Letsie was buried.

Killer

In the middle of the service the old woman learnt that her dead grandson's friends had "arrested" the alleged killer of her grandson and were assaulting him outside. Then bullets started flying.

"Later on I was told that a man had arrived at the scene and immediately opened fire on the mourners. Five bullets were fired and all mourners, including those who were inside, fled, leaving me alone in the house. There was no other place to hide so I hid behind the coffin."

Soweto 30/5/84

Howard Q. 6/1/84
 Southern Orange Free State area: housing
 5/6/84
 690 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of
 Co-operation and Development.

(1) (a) How many family housing units were built in each specified township in the Southern Orange Free State area in 1983 by (i) the Southern Orange Free State Administration Board, (ii) private owners and (iii) any other specified organizations and (b) what was the total amount spent by each in respect of each township

(2) whether there is a shortage of housing units in any townships in the Southern Orange Free State area, if so, how many units are required in respect of each township.

(3) whether any family housing units are being built at present by (a) the said Administration Board, (b) private owners and (c) any other specified organizations, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many units are being built by each in each township and (ii) when are they due to be completed in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i)	1 479	(1) (b)	R9 129 550 36
Bloemfontein	23	Fouriesburg	R 159 571 75
Hobhouse	9	Marquard	R 58 802 97
Rouxville	40	Rouxville	R 250 730 56
Smithfield	10	Smithfield	R 56 531 46
Trompsburg	10	Trompsburg	R 68 359 97
Tweespruit	19	Tweespruit	R 123 293 38
Ventersburg	38	Ventersburg	R 241 514 74
Wimburg	14	Wimburg	R 110 050 04
	45		R 274 202 32

(ii)	610	Not available
Bloemfontein	6	do
Bultfontein	8	do
Brandfort	57	do
Clocolan	1	do
Edenburg	4	do
Excelsior	1	do
Ficksburg	1	do
Fouriesburg	6	do

(3) whether any family housing units are being built at present by (a) the said Administration Board, (b) private owners and (c) any other specified organizations, if not, why not; if so, (i) how many units are being built by each in each township and (ii) when are they due to be completed in each case?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1)(a)(i)	(1)(b)
Hanbanati—Last 35 houses completed out of a scheme of 113 houses	Total cost of 113 houses was R1 233 768
(1) (a)(ii) and (iii)—Nil	

(2) Yes It is not possible to give an accurate figure in regard to the shortage of housing in respect of each township. The estimated total housing shortage in respect of Black towns in White area is 168 000. In order to make an accurate estimate in respect of each township it will be necessary to compile new waiting lists. This will necessitate a costly and time consuming survey, which in the circumstances is considered unjustified.

(3) (a), (b) and (c)—No. The expansion of Hambanati in a north-westerly direction has been approved in principle and the acquisition of this land is receiving the attention of the Development Board. The upgrading of Shakaville has been approved in principle. The other towns are not to be expanded, as housing is to be provided mainly in townships in the adjacent KwaZulu.

(3) (a) (b) (c)(i) and (ii)—Fall away
Howard Q. 5/6/84
 Western Transvaal: housing
 Q. 6/1/84
 703 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many houses (a) had been

Edenburg	2	do
Excelsior	2	do
Fauresmith	3	do
Ficksburg	7	do
Fouriesburg	5	do
Hennenman	5	do
Hertzogville	1	do
Hoopstad	1	do
Jagersfontein	7	do
Koffiefontein	2	do
Ladybrand	8	do
Marquard	2	do
Odendaalsrus	70	do
Petrusburg	2	do
Rouxville	4	do
Senekal	10	do
Smithfield	5	do
Theunissen	24	do
Ventersburg	11	do
Wesselsbron	8	do
Wepener	2	do
Wimburg	12	do
Zastron	1	do

These figures are estimates based on plans approved by the Administration Board

(c) Yes
 (i)
Jacobsdal
 Electricity
 Supply Com 10 During 1984

(125) *Howard Q. 6/1/84*
 Port Natal: housing
 5/6/84 1445
 692 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) (a) How many family housing units were built in each specified township in the Port Natal area in 1983 by (i) the Port Natal Administration Board, (ii) private owners and (iii) any other specified organizations and (b) what was the total amount spent by each in respect of each township

(2) whether there is a shortage of housing units in any townships in the Port Natal area, if so, how many units are required in respect of each township:

Govt gets month to restore home

Mercury 13/6/84 125

Mercury Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG—A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday gave the Department of Community Development a month to restore an Indian family's home which it had partly demolished.

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also ordered to return the Pageview house to the Cassim family, the legal occupants, and to pay costs of the two-week trial

Officials of the Community Development Board evicted Mr A M Cassim, 67, and his family without notice on May 7 this year and started breaking down his house

Mr Justice DJ Curlewis said the board's actions had been deplorable

'I am shocked that a Government body could act in such a way. Their actions are a preposterous contravention of common law'

He ordered the board to restore the house to its original condition within a month

'An official of the Community Development Board said in court he was under the impression that Mr Cassim had cancelled his lease,' the Judge said

Tittle-tattle

'The lease was never cancelled. If it was, there would be documents to prove it. Mr Cassim is the legal holder of the premises'

'The board's actions were entirely unlawful. It was taking the law into its own hands in the true sense of the phrase'

When an individual made a mistake, the decent thing to do is to apologise'

But the development board decided to brazen it out by justifying its actions upon what the Judge described as the tittle-tattle of nosey neighbours who had an interest in seeing the Cassims' home demolished

'It seems a monstrous way of going about things. It wasn't as if the home appeared desolate, unoc-

when officials arrived there to break it down and throw people out

'It is common cause that there was wall-to-wall carpeting in the rooms, that beds were made up and that there was furniture and crockery in the kitchen. No matter how sparsely furnished the place was, it was nevertheless furnished'

Mr Justice Curlewis said Mr Cassim had testified that he spent weekends away from home

'But possession is not lost if a person moves out of his home for a weekend. Mr Cassim was in lawful possession by means of a lease, and he can only lose that possession by abandoning the premises or by giving someone else the right of occupancy'

'Mr Cassim did neither, and gave conclusive evidence of it. He paid his rent in the first week of every month, including May; and this fact was not disputed at all'

'I am at a loss to say how someone can abandon his place when he continues to pay rent. The Community Development Board has failed to prove breach of lease'

'Evidence by officials that Mr Cassim had abandoned his home and illegally sublet it is unimpressive and grossly exaggerated'

Mr Cassim, who moved to Pageview after being evicted from Sophiatown in 1960, had been at his Fordsburg shop on May 7 when he had heard his home was being demolished

He had gone home to find his semi-detached house being bashed down and two officials throwing out his belongings on to the pavement.

Locked in their home by Government officials



Mrs Collins and her children, Emyln and Tamlyn, 'besieged' in their Ogle Road flat yesterday.
Picture by PHILIP LITTLETON

You're an illegal tenant, mum told

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Mercury Reporter

A DURBAN woman, locked overnight in her flat with three young children by Department of Community Development officials, was released yesterday and then locked in again, before being finally released in the afternoon.

Mrs Bernadette Collins, 24, of Ogle Road, Wentworth, said yesterday her door had had to be smashed open because officials, who had locked the door on her, her two children and a niece on Wednesday, had since lost the keys.

But officials of the department explained that the lock had jammed because it had been tampered with.

As soon as she had been released the door was repaired and she was locked in again by an official who drove away.

She was finally released at 1 pm and taken to see senior officials of the department where she was given until

the end of the month to vacate the flat.

Two department officials had locked Mrs Collins and the children inside her flat on Wednesday afternoon after she had told them she would not leave.

Her brother, Mr Michael Hulley, a university student was locked outside because he had been away writing mid-year examinations.

The family had had to get food supplies from a bag hoisted to their third-floor home by a rope attached to an open window.

Mrs Collins, daughter of a deputy school principal, Mr Archie Hulley, said two white men from the Department of Community Development, had gone to her flat and told her to leave.

They told her she was an illegal tenant and they had been instructed to lock the flat because she had failed to leave by the date specified in a notice which had been served on her.

'I told the men that I had been living in the flat for two years and that it was given to me by the daughter of a Coloured Local Affairs Committee member.

'They refused to listen and insisted that I hand over the key to the flat,' she said.

Department officials yesterday entered the flat through a window by climbing a ladder and breaking down the door.

An official again asked Mrs Collins to leave so that he could lock the flat but she refused. He then changed the lock and locked her in again and left.

Nowhere to go

Mr WJ Henning, regional representative of the Department of Community Development, had heard nothing about the incident on Wednesday night and felt then that none of his staff would act in such a manner.

Yesterday, he confirmed that Mrs Collins and the three children

had been locked in.

'There was a misunderstanding and I will not condone such action,' he said, adding that he had been told by the officials responsible that Mrs Collins had wanted to be locked in the flat as she had nowhere else to go.

Mr Henning said that after being locked in she had been offered the keys but had preferred not to take them.

Mr Morris Fynn, Natal leader of the People's Congress Party, said it was the first time he had heard of people being locked in their flat or their home.

Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party Mr Ray Swart commented 'It is an extraordinarily high-handed story which shows complete contempt for the rights of individuals.'

'It also has legal implications because you simply cannot deprive people of their freedom of movement in this way. It needs to be investigated further,' he said.

Residents to protest about housing defects



Bilkish Ganie, 14, with the outside wash-basins the flats were originally provided with. They were later disconnected and overturned.

Mercury Reporter
RESIDENTS of Verulam's Mount View Phase II housing scheme are to hold a meeting on Saturday to protest about the lack of facilities and the poor state of the buildings in the scheme.

The Built Environment Support Group, a group of academics from the University of Natal's School of Architecture, will report on defects in the housing scheme.

A spokesman for the Verulam Housing Action Committee, Mrs Ela Ramgobin, said the flats had been leaking badly ever since they had been built about five years ago.

Mrs Ramgobin said nothing had been done in spite of repeated complaints to the Town Board.

'When the flats were built there were washing facilities outside, but nothing inside apart from a small bath in each flat. About a year after the people moved in the wa-

ter to the outside basins was cut off.

'Complaints were made and the Town Board said it would look into it, but the water is still cut off.'

When the Mercury visited the scheme yesterday extensive evidence of leakage and dampness was found.

Large holes

At the back of some flats bricks had been knocked out to make large holes, some as large as a metre square. Residents said the holes had been made by Town Board workmen after the residents had complained about leaking plumbing.

Some of the holes had been there for as long as two years, they said.

Mr Dan Smit of the Built Environment Support Group said the most serious problem was dampness.

'The brick used to build the flats absorbs water and needs to be coated with plaster or some kind of sealing paint and I

can't see any excuse for this not having been done when the flats were built.

'The storm water drainage around some of the units is inadequate and can't cope with all the runoff, which is seeping into the ground and back through the walls.'

The meeting of residents will be held at the Mount View Community Hall at 2.30 pm on Saturday.

Mrs Ramgobin said an invitation had been sent to the Town Board to attend.

Verulam's Town Clerk, Mr Dick Naicker, said the Town Board had been attending to the matter.

'Some of the complaints are justified and the board has brought in consultants to look at the problems.'

'We have applied for an additional loan from the National Housing Fund.'

'The rents are heavily subsidised by the Government and one can't expect the ratepayers of Verulam to pay for the repairs.'



Mrs Muniamah Moonsamy with the board to cover the hole made in her bathroom wall by Verulam Town Board workmen two years ago.

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Police called in to disperse demonstrators after march on building

Rent debts protesters occupy office

Mercury Reporter

POLICE were called to the Isipingo Town Council offices yesterday after a group of about 50 council tenants forced their way into the town clerk's office to protest against the threatened eviction of 85 tenants who were in arrears with their rent.

However, all the protesters left the building after being ordered to do so by police. No charges were laid and no arrests made.

Town Clerk Ramalingam Reddy later confirmed that he had summoned the police and issued a stern warning to Isipingo residents that he would not be intimidated by 'mob psychology'. 'I restrained myself from preferring charges, but the next time I will go ahead,' he said.

The group, mainly women, were protesting against a council official's threat to evict rent defaulters from the council's Orient Hills housing scheme.

The group converged on the offices and demanded a meeting with

the town clerk but after being told that they would have to make an appointment to see him, they became angry and forced their way into his offices in spite of being restrained by Mr Reddy and another council official.

When the protesters refused to leave the police were called.

Mr M S Naidoo, chairman of the Orient Hills Residents' Association, who led the group, said Mr Reddy later agreed to meet a four-man deputation and promised to stay the eviction notices.

Drama

It was also agreed to allow tenants who were in arrears to pay off their debts in instalments.

He said the tenants had fallen behind with their rents because some had lost their jobs while others could not afford to make ends meet with their low wages.

The tenants were told to pay up — in some cases the amount owing was as much as R500 — or vacate their homes this week.

There was further drama outside the council offices when the tenants and Natal Indian Congress supporters clashed with Mr S E Mansoor, a Solidarity candidate for the House of Delegates, who arrived to assist the tenants.

They told Mr Mansoor to leave as they did not want him to represent them.

(Report by M Vengas, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)



Isipingo residents marching to their local town council offices yesterday to protest against the threatened eviction of 85 families from a council housing scheme

Uproar forces land freeze

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By MARTIN WELZ
and GRAHAM WATTS,

THE Pretoria city council this week hastily froze the allocation of hundreds of plots in its new Indian township, Claudius, amid a growing uproar sparked by complaints of irregularities in the allocation of land and housing.

At the same time, the chairman of the management committee, Dr Gerhard Davidsz, promised a new inquiry into the complaints which include allegations of nepotism and bribery.

The land allocations were frozen when lawyers representing 45 applicants for plots in Claudius threatened to seek a Supreme Court interdict against further allocations of land by the Indian management committee that acts on behalf of the council.

This is the latest development in the furious dispute about the allocation of both plots and housing to the desperately land-hungry Indian community of Pretoria where 2 000 applicants are vying for 250 plots.

The dispute has already taken on national dimensions by embroiling Mr Ebrahim Boetie Abramjee, the National People's Party candidate for the House of Delegates in the Indian elections on August 29.

It has also embarrassed Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the NPP and tipped to be the country's first Indian Cabinet Minister, who found his candidate muddied with bitter accusations when they appeared together on a political platform this week.

The accusations of irregularity have been summing for some time Mr Tertius Spies, a Progres



Mr Amichand Rajbansi
... embarrassed

Uproar leads to land freeze

From Page 1

live Federal Party city councillor, last month submitted to the Pretoria management committee a collection of affidavits, tape recordings and letters from angry Indian residents.

The complaints alleged that bribery and nepotism had resulted in grave irregularities in the allocation of plots at Claudius.

They also alleged that scores of applicants on the housing waiting list who qualified on merit had been ignored in favour of people who did not qualify.

Last week the council announced that an investigation by the town clerk, Mr Piet Delpert, had found no irregularities in the allocation of plots by the Laudium

management committee. The council therefore approved an allocation list drawn up by the committee.

This week, faced with legal action, the council hurriedly reversed its position and froze the allocations.

Dr Davidtz then admitted that the city council had in fact ignored the allegations of irregularities, bribery and corruption when it approved the allocation list.

"We did not wish to embarrass the Indian management committee," he said. "The Pretoria City Council has gone out of its way to allow the Indian community to manage their own af-

airs"

In an interview, Dr Davidtz said the complaints were not investigated and none of the complainants were interviewed.

"We decided that the allegations of irregularities and corruption were for the police to investigate, and we only investigated whether correct procedure had been followed," he said.

"The town clerk and I interviewed the chairman of the Laudium management committee, Mr Boetle Abrahamse, and officials involved in the allocations," Dr Davidtz said.

"We put very serious questions to them. They were immediately able to answer every question and we con-

cluded that there had been nothing irregular."

Dr Davidtz could, however, not say what the correct procedure were. Asked if merit-rating procedures for the allocation of Indian housing had been laid down by the council, Dr Davidtz said he did not know, but he assumed there would have been.

"We accepted that it is the task of officials to allocate plots according to procedure — fairly and in the order in which the applications were received. The Laudium management committee only oversees the allocation, and gives its final approval," Dr Davidtz said.

"I cannot confirm, however, if this was in fact the procedure that was followed. I did not have lists of names before me."

"We are investigating the matter again," Dr Davidtz said.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. van Kasterop of the Pretoria fraud squad confirmed that he had received copies of the affidavits and tapes handed to the Pretoria city council several weeks ago, but said he had not started an investigation or opened a dossier.

(Report by Martin Welz and Graham Watts, 171, Main Street, Johannesburg.)

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Group turnover exceeded R4.8-billion this year and its profits reached a record level of R205-million, up 30% on the previous year.

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On the face of it Mr Waddell's appointment seems only fitting because he was one of the 'back-room-boys' behind a R337-million deal and share swap in which JCI, Liberty Life and Anglo acquired 52% of food giant Premier Group from a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods (ABF) last year, which eventually made Premier the biggest shareholder in SAB.

Dr Cronje, who intends withdrawing from active business life, will remain as a director

John and Chris Lloyd make up again

Own Correspondent

NEW YORK — Tennis stars Chris and John Lloyd have announced they are back together after a six-month separation.

John Lloyd, who recently retained his mixed doubles title at Wimbledon, said in Florida yesterday. "We always knew we

would work things out and at Wimbledon it became definite.

Mrs Lloyd commented, "We are thankful that this whole ordeal is over. I haven't had peace of mind for the last six months."

She said the decision to reunite began to form during the recent French Open

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Housing: The raw nerve needling Indian politics

MR AMICHAND Rajbansi, the man tipped to be South Africa's first Indian Cabinet Minister, wore the expression of a guest who rather wished he had not been present during an embarrassing family squabble.

He had come from Durban to the Indian township of Laudium in Pretoria to back his man for the August 29 election to the House of Delegates.

The invited audience in the Laudium Civic Centre last Sunday night, however, showed more interest in a questioner's remarks about alleged irregularities in the allocation of housing in the township than it did in grand talk of a new dispensation.

Called to task was Mr Ebrahim 'Boetie' Abramjee, chairman of the Laudium management committee, who had just announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates as a member of Mr Rajbansi's National People's Party.

The questioner asked Did Mr Abramjee feel he could properly represent the people of Laudium when he and his management committee were the subject of persistent allegations of irregularities in the allocation of houses in the community?

Mr Rajbansi tried to look nonchalant.

He had made a stirring speech about the future, but now someone had touched the very heart of the politics

By GRAHAM WATTS
Political Reporter

now gripping the Indian community.

Apartheid had seen to it there were just 250 plots available to 2 000 applicants. There would be losers.

In an interview afterwards, Mr Rajbansi said there were a number of issues on which his party might have to reconsider its participation in the new Parliament. One of these was the allocation of land.

"Housing is the most important issue affecting the Indian community. The minimum requirement of that participation is sufficient land for the community's housing needs," he said.

Replaced

He said that until such time as land that had been taken away from Indians was replaced, dissatisfaction about the allocation of housing would remain.

The Laudium resident who led the questioning at Sunday's meeting, Mr Iqbal Mahomed, said afterwards the Indian community had been forced to behave like a pack of starving wolves. "When a small piece of meat is tossed to us, we first attack each other."

Residents spoken to this week blamed Indian politicians for their housing problems.

Mrs Prem Pillay, who shares a two-

bedroom house with her husband and three children, was fed up with "all" the politicians in Laudium.

She did not know of any politicians who could improve things or whether the new constitution would make any difference.

She said she hadn't decided yet whether to vote because she wasn't aware of any candidates worth voting for.

She just wanted fairness. She could afford to buy a house, but she had not been allocated one even though she qualified, she said.

"I was asked by an official why, if I had half a loaf, did I now want a whole loaf? I told him I could afford a whole loaf and anyone who cannot is welcome to the half that I now have."

It is a community caught between success in the private sector and denial of its fruits by the Group Areas Act.

Little wonder that many Indian politicians believe that land and housing is being employed by the government as a deliberate policy of political control.

Mr A R Dawood, a Laudium resident and an executive member of the Transvaal Indian Congress — which is boycotting the elections — said "The bitterness and frustration of people who have seen their most treasured possessions — their homes — demolished and who have been moved in terms of the Group Areas Act has made an indelible mark on our community."

This bitterness was often turned on the local Indian authorities who administered apartheid's group areas, he said.

Mr Rajbansi, like scores of other candidates for the House of Delegates, is asking the Indian community to put its trust in him. He wants to be made overseer of the ghetto so that he can get rid of the ghetto.

Risk

The risk is great. "The suspicion created by such institutions as the SA Indian Council — though things have improved lately — is widespread. If the government still wants to cut the cake and distribute it unfairly, I am afraid we will not be able to galvanise the people behind us."

"I think the process of acceptability of the constitution will be decided after August 29 (election day)," he said.

(Report by Graham Watts 171 Main Street Johannesburg)

Why and how of allocations: Municipal official explains

THE why and how of the alleged irregular allocation of housing in Laudium was spelt out by a senior Laudium municipal official this week.

"You are faced with three applications for a single plot," he said.

"Applicant X is related to you and is of your religious and ethnic group.

"But he has no children and is not at all destitute but would like a home of his own for him and his wife. He does not qualify on the merit point system.

"Applicant Y is not related to you but is from the same area and has only one child. He also scores low on the merit point system.

"Applicant Z is from a different area, is not related to you and is married with six children and lives in an outbuilding. Teenage boys and girls share the same room.

"If you do not allocate the plot to X, you become an outcast in your family and ethnic group, accused of favouring others over your kith and kin.

"If you turn down Y, you are accused of having no-loyalty to your own community.

"If you do not allocate the plot to Z you are accused of not caring for the poor and the needy."

The official said there were a number of other problems related to the allocation of plots.

"Mr and Mrs X Y Z Mahomed are childless — they cannot have children and therefore have very little chance of scoring on the merit point system.

"Must they be doubly punished for not being able to bear children?"

"And what of the young man who wishes to remain a bachelor? There are no bachelor quarters. Such a man will never qualify for a house."

However, residents who believed themselves to be victims of the alleged irregularities said they were mostly to do with who could "afford" to get themselves placed higher on the waiting list.

Sensitive matters to do with relatives and the poor featured much less in their assessments of what was behind the alleged irregularities.

BLACK HOUSING

Natal in need

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It has long been suspected that blacks in Natal are at the end of the queue for housing. The Hankinson Commission report, recently tabled in Parliament, confirms it

Initially the study was to be a two-man effort by the former Postmaster General and acknowledged expert on black housing, Louis Rive, and Alan Hankinson, a former director of Tongaat But Rive pulled out early, citing pressure of work, leaving Hankinson to go it alone

Hankinson's report catalogues the bureaucratic inertia which has led to simmering discontent over housing in Natal. In the process it lends credence to the belief that the housing issue could ignite wider social unrest in the region unless it receives urgent attention

The study says there were 42 000 families on the waiting list for houses when government officials stopped adding names to the list 12 years ago. A conservative estimate is that there are now 110 000 families in need of housing.

It adds that in all the Port Natal Administration Board (PNAB) townships near Durban, with the exception of Hambanati, not a single new dwelling has been provided in 22 years

Over the last eight years some other townships have received new houses 297 at Hambanati, and 298 at Kwa Mashu. In all other formal townships such as Ntuzuma, KwaDabeka and KwaNdinghezi a total of 3 184 houses have been built

In bald terms this means there has been a total State housing provision for the region over the past eight years of something like 3 700 units — roughly comparable to the single-handed efforts of agencies like the Urban Foundation and the KDC, which have brought roughly 3 000 formal and

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4 000 informal houses into being at Inanda and Folweni over the same period. The real need, Hankinson calculates, is close to 10 000 houses a year

At the root of government's lack of action, says Hankinson, is its tortured indecision over whether the townships which fall outside the boundaries of KwaZulu should be given permanent status. Happily, much progress has been made in this respect since he started his study. The permanency of Hambanati, Lamontville, Shakasville, Groutville and St Wendolins has now been recognised.

Still undecided

Still undecided, however, is the fate of Chesterville and Klaarwater. Hankinson recommends that both should be allowed to remain. Further, he suggests that the adjoining areas of Good Hope, Chateau and Blackhurst should be incorporated into Chesterville and that freehold title should be allowed.

Tensions were eased further when Minister of Community Development, Piet Koornhof, announced that the residents of two townships incorporated into KwaZulu (Lamontville and Hambanati), would not lose their Section 10 rights. Going much further, Hankinson recommends that Section 10 rights, a controversial subject, given the inter-woven nature of Natal and KwaZulu, should be extended to all the residents of formal townships in greater Durban

The way has now been cleared for the residents of these townships to purchase their homes under the 99-year-leasehold plan. Hankinson has grave reservations over the current sale agreement, however, and says he is busy redrafting it

Hankinson's report is likely to form the basis of a working document for a new planning council, under the chairmanship of Rive, charged with the task of making physical improvements to housing conditions in Natal.

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Lawyers to see council about Laudium plots

By GRAHAM WATTS

LAWYERS representing residents of the Pretoria Indian township of Laudium are expected to ask that a controversial housing allocation list be scrapped when they meet Pretoria city council officials tomorrow.

The council suspended the list, drawn up by the Laudium management committee, after attorneys for about 45 residents last week threatened to take the matter to the Supreme Court.

There were allegations of irregularities in the allocation of plots in the new Indian group area, Claudius Ext 1.

A long row over the allocations came to a head last week when the city council hastily suspended the list, due to have been finalised on Monday morning.

Last week the Sunday Express published detailed allegations of bribery, corruption, nepotism and irregularities in the allocation of plots. The allegations are contained in affidavits and tape recordings handed to the city council several weeks ago, copies of which are in the possession of the Sunday Express.

The city council held an inquiry into the allocation procedure and was satisfied there were no irregularities. The inquiry did not cover the other allegations.

Those were for the police to investigate, said Dr. Gerhard Davidtsz, chairman of the Pretoria city council

management committee.

The residents' attorneys met council officials earlier this week. Mr Jan Bezuidenhout, public relations officer for the council, said information was given to the attorneys who agreed to meet again tomorrow.

It is understood the council officials offered to open a supplementary list to accommodate some of the complainants but that they wanted to proceed with the disputed list.

Residents met later and decided the supplementary list would benefit only six of the complainants and even they were not assured of getting a plot.

It is understood the residents decided to press for a new allocation of plots based on a merit points system and waiting list.

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Town leaders lock out rent protesters

Mercury Reporter

A PROTEST by about 200 residents against a housing rent increase ran into trouble when they were locked out of the town board's offices yesterday.



The placard-carrying group — mainly women — gathered outside the offices in Tongaat and demanded admittance to the building to complain to Town Clerk Mr V Parkhouse. But the main entrance was shut in their faces.

Attempts to enter through a side door also failed when the gates were shut.

The group then assembled in front of the building, chanting 'we want Parkhouse' until the police arrived.

W/O D Barrie and Lt A B Coward told the protesters it was an illegal gathering, and advised them to disperse. They refused.

The policemen then volunteered to arrange for a delegation to see Mr Parkhouse, and five men and women were escorted into the Town Clerk's office.

Out in the cold... the rent protesters facing police outside the Tongaat Town Board offices yesterday. Later they put their point, but it brought no concessions.

Mr Parkhouse said afterwards that the board was not in a position to reconsider the rentals. The higher payments resulted from a decision to convert tenancy agreements into purchase and sale agreements in line with the Government's new housing policy.

The Town Clerk said 'They were given three options — enter into the new purchase and sale agreement, continue renting, or vacate by the end of the month. If they elected to continue renting, their old tenancy agreements would have to be cancelled and new ones signed.'

But many have refused to sign a new agreement because they are under the impression that rents cannot be increased.

Charges

In some cases, rents had been increased from R120 to R235 per month. In addition, people will have to pay a further R40 for rates and other municipal charges — effectively bringing their minimum monthly commitments to R300, said Mr Naidoo. 'Some people only earn about R500 a month.'

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Residents win hostel battle

African Affairs
Reporter

HOSTEL residents in Unit T in Umlazi township, who were accommodated in four-roomed houses because other hostels were full in Durban, have won their battle to stay on in the houses.

Councillor G M Ntombela, representing the hostel on the Umlazi Town Council, told the Mercury yesterday that the KwaZulu Government had given an assurance that the residents would no longer be moved to other hostels but would stay on with their families.

Originally the plan was to convert the unit into a residential area to ac-

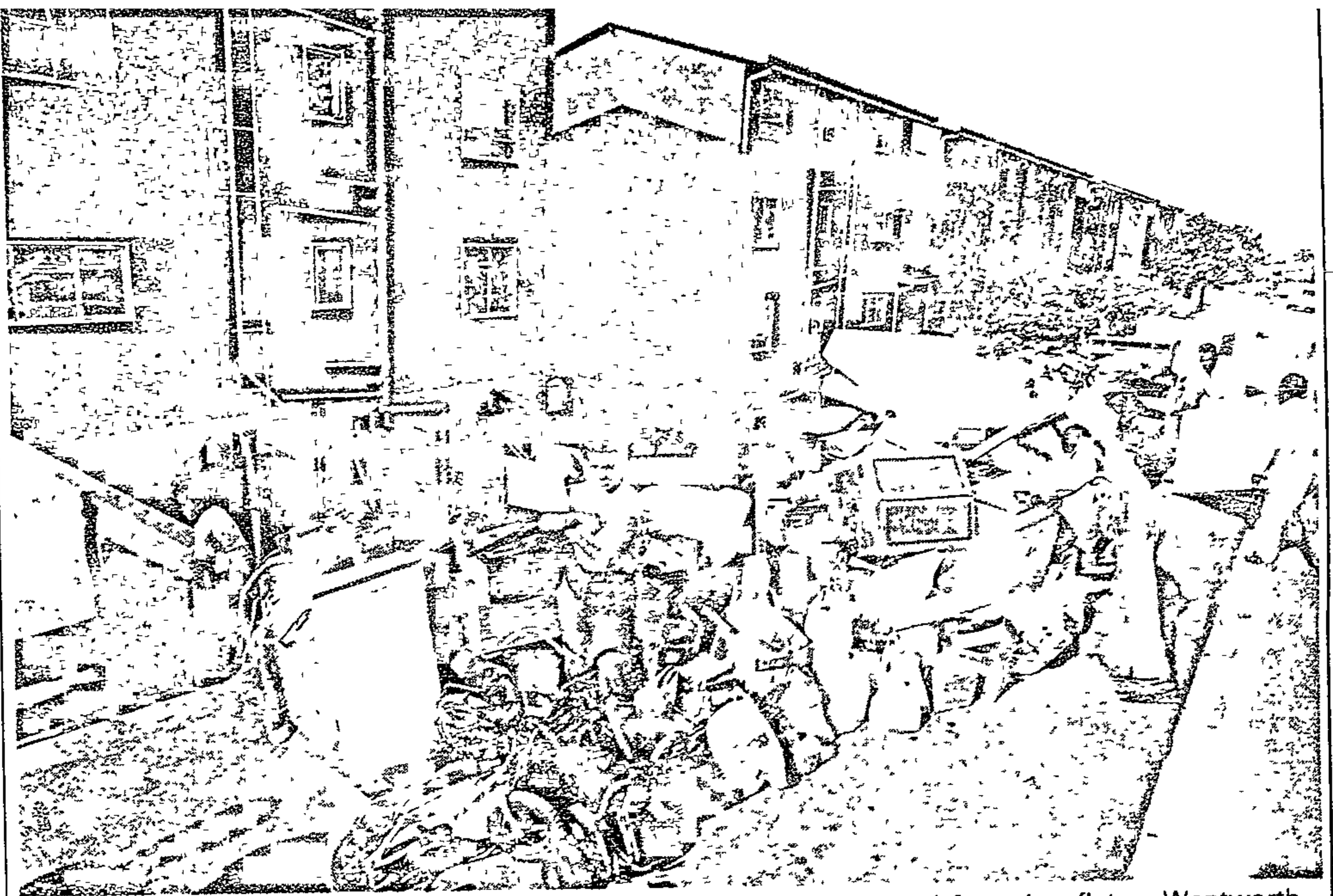
commodate families, but the residents were bitter about the move.

They said yesterday that many of them had qualified under Section 10 and they were staying in the hostel because there was a shortage of houses. Many of them had been on the waiting list for a number of years.

They felt they should be given first option to buy the houses, which they had rented for many years.

A number of meetings were held and Mr Ntombela was given a mandate to negotiate with the KwaZulu Government.

He said KwaZulu officials from the Department of Interior, the local Mayor, the township manager and members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly for Umlazi would announce the news at a meeting in the Unit on August 12.



Mrs Bernadette Collins guards her possessions after she was ejected from her flat in Wentworth yesterday.

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Family that was shut in is now thrown out

Mercury Reporter

A COLOURED family, who were recently locked in their Wentworth flat when they refused to move, were ejected by the Department of Community Development yesterday while police kept watch.

Mrs Bernadette Collins and her two children had been occupying a Government-flat in Ogle Road as illegal tenants for the past two years.

All their belongings were removed from their flat and stacked on the pavement by Government workers under the supervision of two officials of the department shortly after 7 a.m.

Mrs Collins told the Mercury yesterday that she did not know where to go as they had no alternative accommodation. 'If we go to Chatsworth we will be regarded as il-

legal tenants. If we go to Kwa Mashu we'll be illegal. We cannot stay in Wentworth. Just where do we go?'

The plight of the Collins family — who were locked in their flat for 23 hours when they refused to vacate it two months ago — was raised in Parliament by Mr Ray Swart, Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party.

Priority

Mr Albie Stowman, Natal leader of the Labour Party, yesterday dismissed claims by some members of the People's Congress Party that Labour Party supporters were receiving priority in the allocation of homes by the Government at Wentworth.

'This is absolute nonsense,' he said, adding that he was also aware of the 'malicious gossip' by some people that he had

allegedly used his position to obtain homes for members of his family.

'This is a blatant untruth and I am considering taking action against anybody who continues to spread such lies. This is nothing but a smear campaign aimed at me and the Labour Party.'

Rejected

Mr W Henning, regional representative of the Department of Community Development, was not available for comment yesterday, but a spokesman for his department said the Collins family had been offered alternative accommodation at Wentworth and Newlands East, but had rejected both offers.

They had been granted an extension of time until July 31 to vacate but again had refused to move.

(Report by M Vengtas, 12 Devonshire Place, Durban)

Indian screen debate snubs SABC critic

Mercury Reporter

THE SABC plans to screen an Indian panel discussion about the elections for the House of Delegates.

The decision follows a recent scathing attack on the SABC by Solidarity leader Jayaram 'JN' Reddy — but he has not been invited to take part in the discussion.

An SABC spokesman said last night that Mr Reddy's exclusion had nothing to do with any criticism by him of the SABC. 'I am not even aware of any such attacks,' he said.

Mr Reddy told a seminar in Durban last week that the Government should order the SABC to

The SABC spokesman said representatives of the two main parties taking part in the elections — Mr Amichand Rajbansi, leader of the National People's Party, and Mr Pat Poovalingam, chairman of Solidarity — would be on the panel.

The SABC also felt that a representative of 'anti-election lobbyists' such as the Natal Indian Congress should also feature.

The SABC at first planned to screen the discussion in its *Midweek* slot on August 22 — a week before the Indian elections — but it feared many Indian viewers might have been confused, because elections for the coloured House of

A TEAM of experts from the University of Natal has found that a housing scheme at Verulam has totally inadequate storm water drainage and is built entirely of porous bricks which leak every time it rains.

Some of the buildings at the Mount View Phase II scheme were built on unstable ground and the foundations of at least one block of flats was subsiding, causing foundations and building to develop alarming cracks.

The investigation was carried out by an architect, a town planner, an engineer and a physical geographer, all members of the Built Environment Support Group, at the request of the Verulam Child and Family Welfare Society and the Verulam Housing Action Committee.

The results were presented at a meeting of about 100 residents of the housing scheme at a meeting at the weekend.

The meeting resolved to request an urgent interview with the town board and to investigate the possibility of legal action.

A spokesman for the Verulam Housing Action Committee, Mrs Ela Ramgobin, said residents had been fighting to have the defects repaired ever since they moved into the scheme four years ago, but nothing had been done.

Shoddy

Some of the sites had totally inadequate drainage provision, the report said. In one case a 50 mm drain has been provided at the bottom of a 150 m slope.

'The result is that during any moderate storm the excess water flows through the house on its way down the slope.'

Shoddy workmanship was evident throughout the scheme.

A closer investigation into the safety of the Ecca shale embankments on which some of the buildings had been built was recommended.

The report emphasised that the investigation was not exhaustive and that even more problems might exist.

To stop the constant leaking of all the flats and houses every building would have to be plastered and painted, the report said, and recommended that the water-proofing be treated as a matter of urgency and completed before the rainy season.

Danger

'It should be noted that non-water-proof structures not only cause discomfort but also threaten the health of the occupants and involve them in heavy expenses,' it said.

The possible failure of the foundations of some of the flats presented a very real danger and it was essential that this receive equal priority with the water-proofing.

Verulam Town Clerk Mr Dick Naicker said the town board had applied to the National Housing Commission, which had funded the scheme, for a further loan to repair the buildings.

'As soon as we have the money we will start the work,' he said.

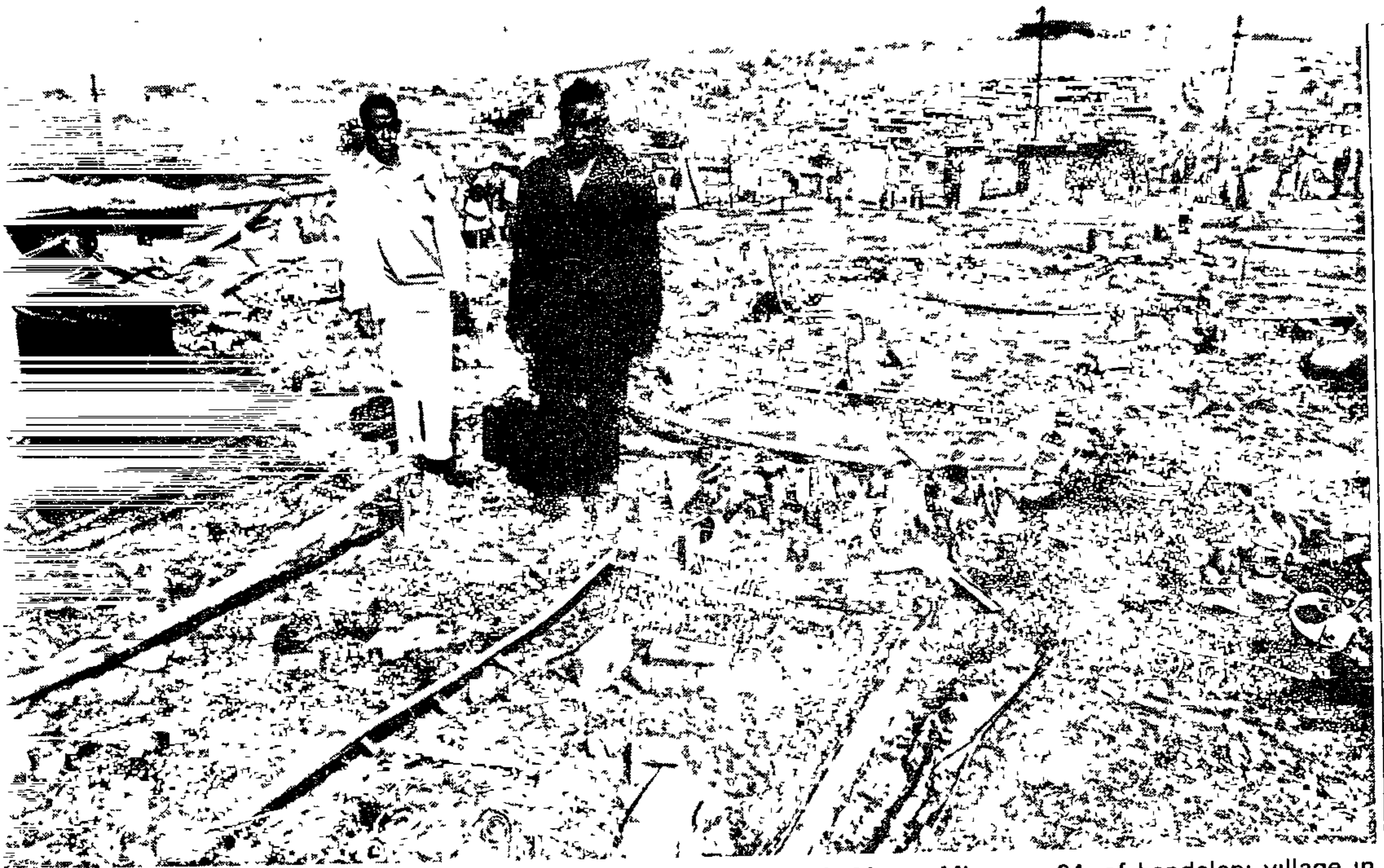
Mr Naicker added that none of the dampness and leaking had shown up during the original three month retention period after the residents had first moved in.

'These complaints only came to light very much later.'

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Experts slam faults in Verulam homes

Mercury Reporter



Mr Nicholas Ndawonde, 32, and Mr Mantu Mbongo, 24, of Landaleni village in Inanda, stand among the ruins of their homes which were destroyed by fire on Monday night.

Red Cross offers help to 160 blaze victims

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Mercury Reporter

THE South African Red Cross has offered to assist an estimated 160 people who were left destitute when a fire swept through a shanty village in Inanda on Monday night

More than 40 shacks were destroyed and 60 families left homeless when the fire started at Landaleni village shortly before 11 p m

One of the people affected, Mr Nicholas Ndawonde, 32, said the fire was caused by a pressure stove which exploded in the house of Mr Bongani Mbata. He had been ironing and left the pressure stove unattended.

The fire quickly spread

to adjoining shacks

Mr Ndawonde was able to give the alarm and some residents fled into the night with just the clothes on their backs. Nobody was seriously injured.

Shocked residents tried in vain to contain the blaze, but the fire spread to three shops where paraffin and gas ignited.

Early yesterday morning the remains of the shacks were still smouldering.

Confirmed

'We have lost everything. The clothes we have on are the only possessions we have left,' a distraught Mr Ndawonde told the Mercury.

The regional secretary

of the South African Red Cross, Mrs Bevirley Smith, confirmed that the organisation had been asked for help. They were still assessing the situation.

She made an appeal to

the public to help by donating blankets, clothing, kitchen utensils and food.

Cash donations will be given to a hardware company to provide building material for new shacks.

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Astounding growth of shack settlements

By Stovin Hayter

DURBAN could be the centre of the largest urban concentration in the country by the turn of the century with a black population more than three times the present one million, a University of Natal researcher has found

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the results were not yet available indications were that there had been further astounding growth, Mr Haarhoff said

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It was likely that the major urban areas would grow by 4 million black people to 5,5 million by the year 2000, with the rural population remaining roughly constant, Mr Haarhoff said. About 66 percent of black people in Natal/KwaZulu would be urbanised compared to the present 35 percent.

The black population of Durban would grow from about 1 million (according to 1980 figures) to 3,4 million by the year 2000, with a total population of about 4,7 million.

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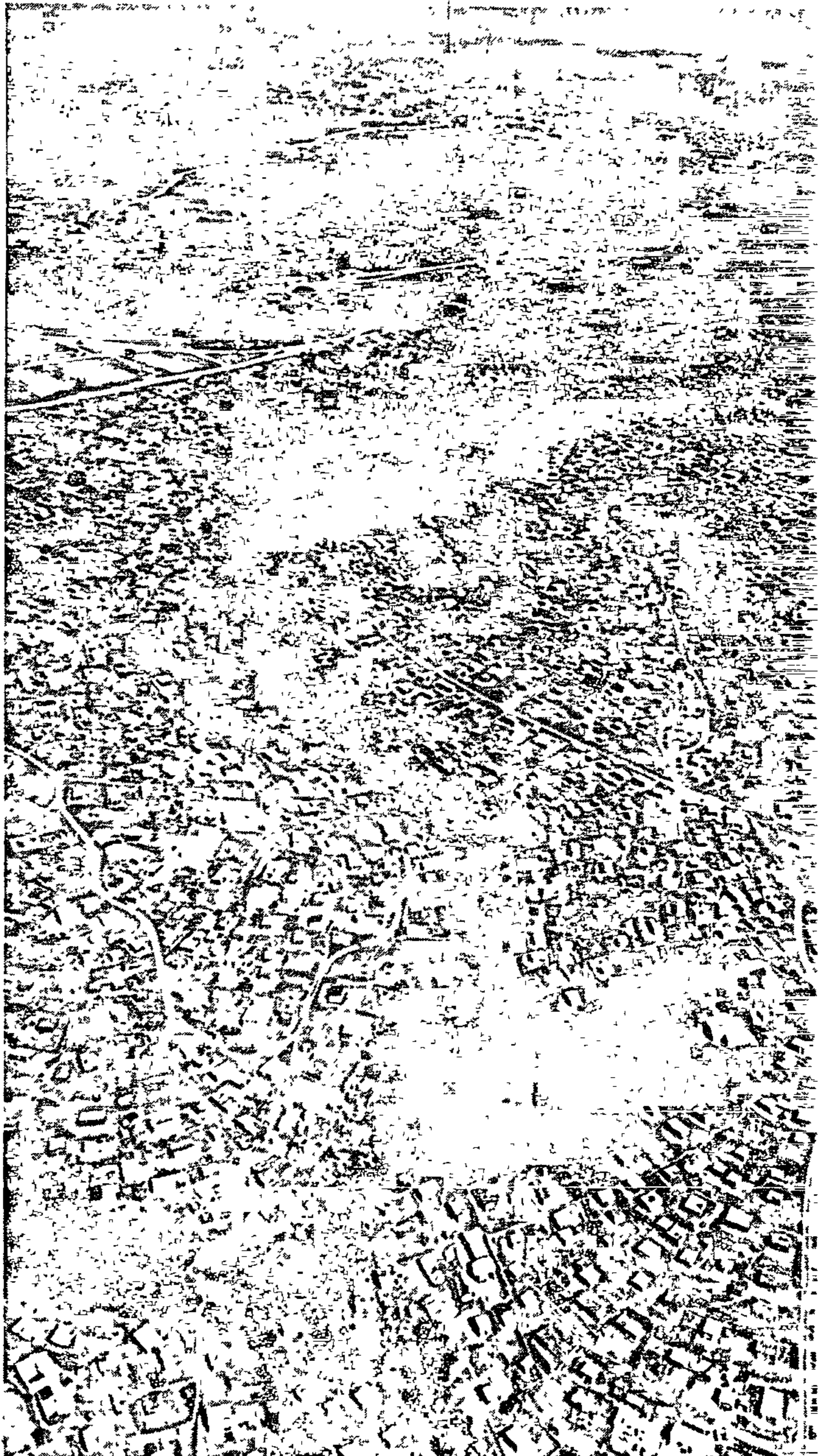


Officially classified rural the continuing growth of informal dormitory settlements on the outskirts of Durban, and just outside the boundaries of influx control, could make Durban the biggest urban conglomerate by the turn of the century highlighting the need for planning to cope with a problem that shows no sign of abating.

In this, the first of three articles on the 'urban sprawl', a look is taken at Lindelani, near KwaMashu, which has sprung up during the past year to become the homes of tens of thousands of people — most of them finding work in Durban.



An aerial view of the settlement known as Lindelani, between KwaMashu and Ntuzuma, which is less than a year old. An average of 10 people live in each shack.



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'Areas like Embo (adjoining Kloof/Crestholme), Nyuswa (on the Botha's Hill-KwaZulu boundary) and Fredville near Drummond need to be included in estimates of the population of Durban,' Mr Haarhoff said.

Dormitory suburbs

'They are officially classified rural but are in effect dormitory suburbs of Durban. The people who live there commute to work in the main employment centres of Durban-Pinetown-Hammarsdale.'

The total population for all races was 1,7 million, with Africans numbering about 850 000.

The Durban area had been resurveyed last year and although

the results were not yet available indications were that there had been further astounding growth, Mr Haarhoff said.

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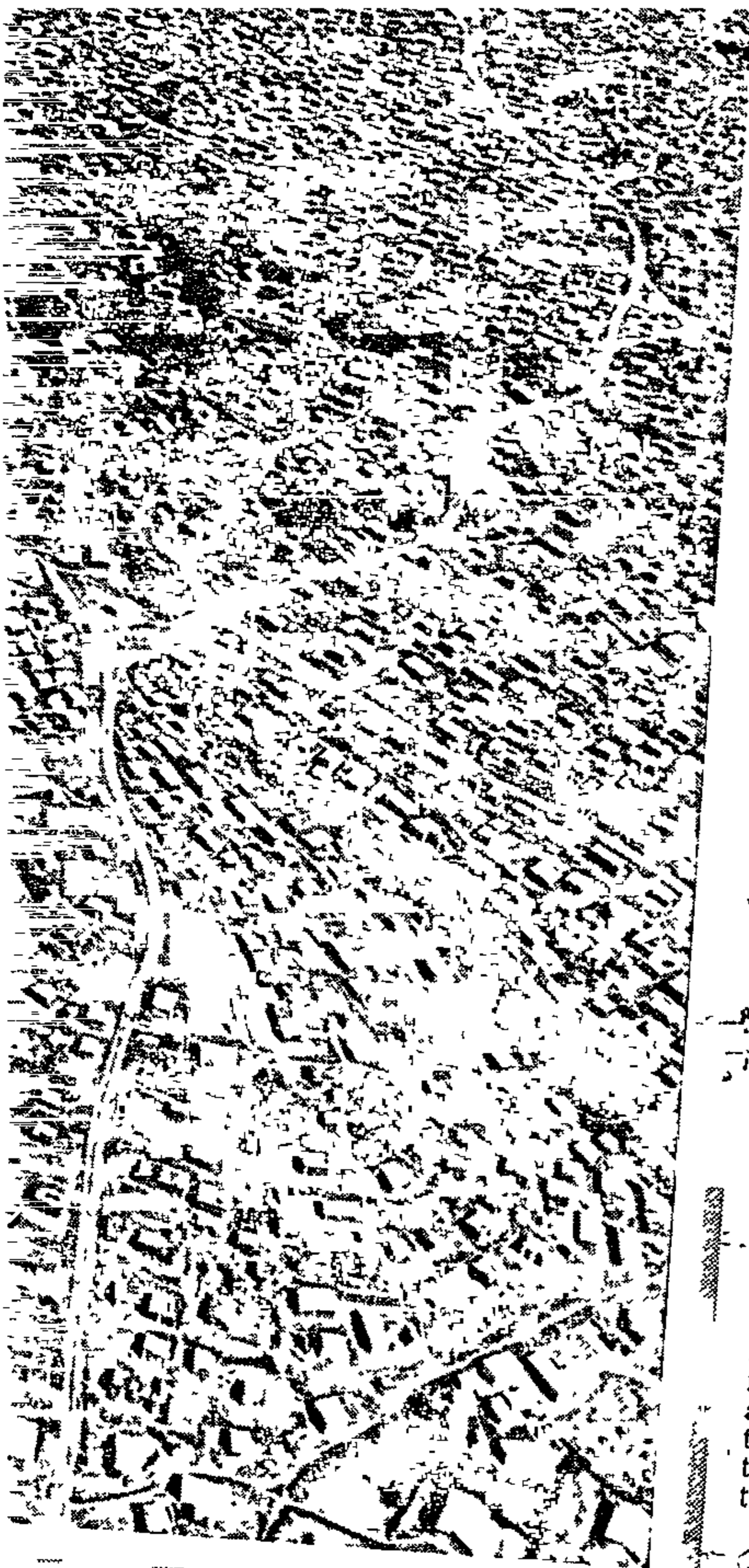
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Mr Haarhoff said 'These figures are conservative. All we have done is taken a look at what has already happened over the last 10 years and assumed that those trends will continue. The real likelihood is that they will accelerate.'

'It puts Durban on a par with other large third world cities like Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo and could make Durban the biggest urban centre in the country by the turn of the century.'

The prospect of such phenomenal growth has important implications for the creation of employment opportunities and the provision of housing, education, transport and other services, especially in the light of the fact that there are no new formal townships planned for the Durban area.

There is a pressing need for planning which will find solutions to the problems of rapid urbanisation.



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Durban's sprawling townships —

● In the third and final article on the need to find solutions to the accelerating sprawl of shack settlements around Durban the need for providing services rather than demolishing 'illegal' shacks is discussed.

New view needed

By Stovin Hayter

SQUATTER settlements are not the havens of unemployment, crime and disease they are commonly thought to be, a major new study by University of Natal researchers argues

A recognition by the authorities that informal or shack settlements should be provided with basic services rather than be demolished is the only way in which the huge housing shortage in urban areas can be met, the researchers say

The work has important implications for Government housing policy and calls for a reversal of the policy of discouraging black urbanisation

The project, led by Prof Gavin Maasdorp, head of the Economic Research Unit at the University of Natal, took nine years to complete. It began in 1975 and was partly funded by the HSRC, which provided R18 000

Alternative strategies

Several African and Indian informal settlements around Durban were subjected to detailed social, economic and physical surveys and analyses and from these a package of alternative housing strategies was developed

The report on the study says a new view of informal settlements is necessary

Research in developing countries had shown that squatter settlements provided housing which, although below official standards, was often of substantial quality, and housed an economically productive population. They were well-organised, socially cohesive and stable neighbourhoods

Informal or 'squatter' settlements should be seen as the result of rapid urbanisation and a critical need for low income housing

However, the inhabitants main problem was not shelter but services. The traditional approach of demolishing the shacks created more problems than it solved

'Unless alternative housing is provided simultaneously by the authorities, demolition and harrassment are part of a policy in which there



Part of Inanda Newtown, a site-and-service scheme started by the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Urban Foundation. Households are allowed to develop their dwellings progressively, improving and adding to them as they can afford it. To date 30 000 people have been adequately housed at Inanda Newtown.

are no winners,' the report says

Informal settlement was not something to fear but should be utilised and accommodated in a strategy aimed at overcoming the huge housing backlog

The report recommends the promotion of site-and-service housing projects using self-help procedures, the provision of core units which inhabitants can add onto themselves and programmes to upgrade existing squatter settlements

Similar projects in other developing countries had shown that investment costs per household could be as much as 80 percent lower than in conventional housing projects

These, used in conjunction with traditional township development, would be the only realistic and affordable way of overcoming the growing housing backlog

Using 1975 figures Stellenbosch University's Unit for Futures Research estimated that 4,8 million houses, or more than 200 townships the size of Umlazi, would have to be built for Africans in South Africa by the year 2 000

Rentals beyond reach

Formal township housing could not possibly keep pace with the inevitable large-scale black urbanisation, especially in the Durban area. The University of Natal study found that rentals in such housing schemes were also out of reach of the poorest sections of the community who needed them the most

Because of rapid urbanisation and population growth land and services should be provided in

advance for new settlements

Further recommendations are the provision of secure tenure, with home ownership rather than rental being the goal, the provision of loan funds, and the inclusion of community participation

Legislation would have to be amended and more realistic standards set in the areas of building codes and access to finance

'We are suggesting that the Government recognise a type of urbanisation different to that experienced by the white group,' the report says

Second best solutions

While the accommodation of informal settlement may be a sensitive area for a government fearing accusations of providing second class housing for second class citizens, these second best solutions were the only way in which sufficient housing units could be provided for the low-income groups

One of the researchers, Mr Errol Haarhoff said that during the course of the study findings had been communicated to various Government departments by means of interim reports

The researchers had also given evidence to the Louw Committee on housing

'The Government is now pursuing some of the alternatives we recommended with regard to site and service projects, but there has been no definite policy statement on squatter upgrading

'We would highly recommend that the Government look at this very seriously'

More homes were attacked and cars set light
 There has been violence and unrest in the township for several months. Three people have died, and several homes destroyed. Dozens of people have taken refuge at a nearby convent.

The second round of peace talks on Wednesday was jointly chaired by Inkatha's Dr Oscar Momo and Jorac's Rev Mncedisi Xundu. Resentments from both groups ended.
 A Jorac official said a meeting had been held and that an agenda had been drawn up for a series of talks. "After the talks - for which a date had been set yet

Peace talks with hostel dwellers


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THE rivalry between the S J Smith Men's Hostel inmates in Merebank and the Lamontville community is to come under the spotlight tomorrow morning when the Joint Rent Action Committee and a six-member delegation from S J Smith hostel led by councillor Gideon Sibiya hold a cru-

CP Reporter
 special meeting at Diakonija in Durban. They are expected to sign a "peace pact".
 The confrontation between the two feuding communities in the past two weeks led to the stoning of two Lamontville church buildings - the Lamontville Methodist Church and the Anglican Church,

where Jorac vice-chairman Rev Mncedisi Xundu is based. And estimated damage of more than R400 was caused to the windows.
 Councillor Sibiya yesterday told City Press it was his duty as a peace-loving citizen to stop any bloodshed between black people.
 The only way to do it was to declare peace immediately.

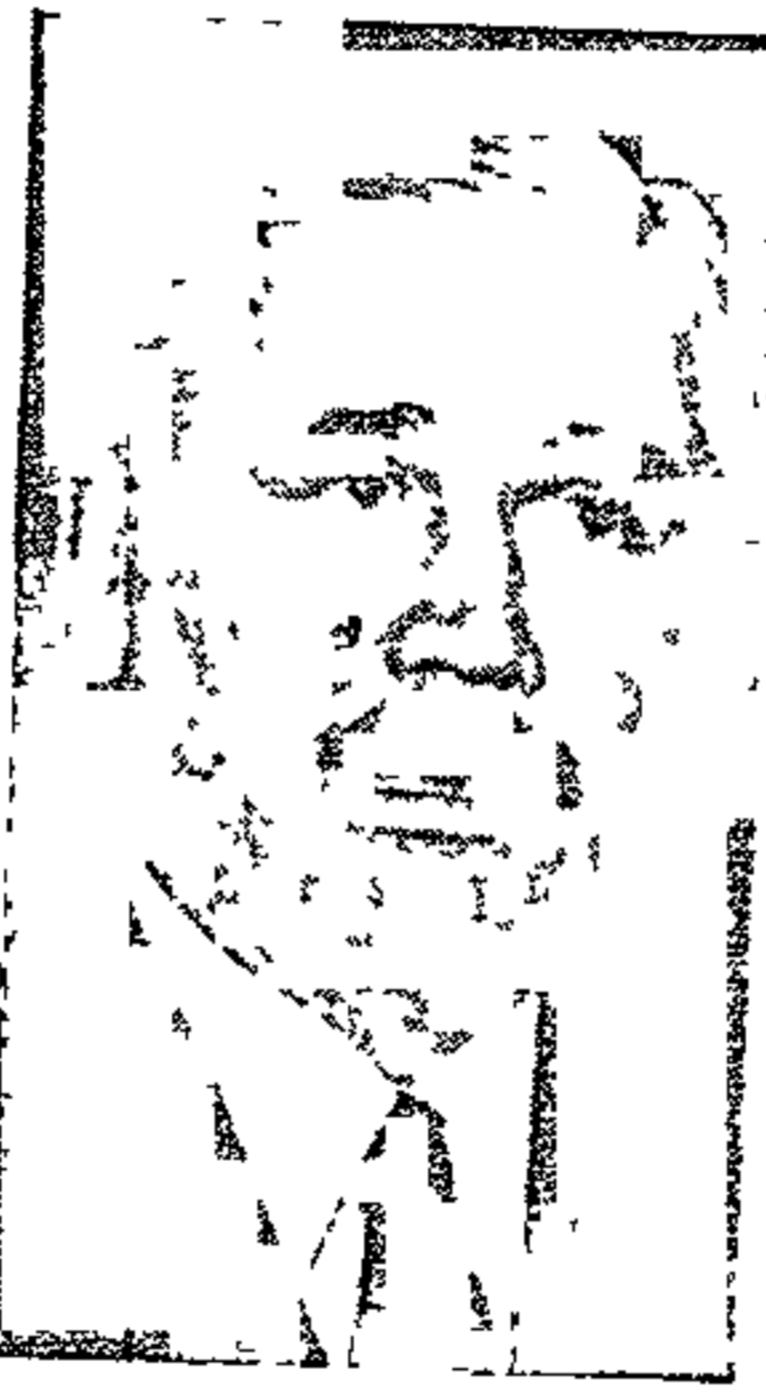
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LOUIS LE GRANGE "No cause to celebrate", says UDF

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LIFTING the restriction on meetings in Cradock means nothing without lifting the restriction on community leaders.
 That was the response this week to Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange's decision to lift the six-month ban on meetings in the troubled East Cape township. Although the Cradock

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Hands off, Ladies!

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BLAME it all on women — this is the conclusion of Lamontville councillor Gideon Sibiyá, who sees women as the cause of disharmony between the "bachelors" at S J Smith Hostel and the people of Lamontville.

At the recent peace talks between his delegation and members of the Joint Rent Action Committee, councillor Sibiyá said "Lamontville is spoilt by women

"They have a lot of influence on the bachelors staying at the hostel. They stay with the men there."

Because of this, there is already talk of barring the S J Smith men from courting the ladies of Lamontville.

This is seen as the solution to stop the on going attacks of the pro-Chief Gatsha Buthelezi hostel dwellers against the people of Lamontville — particularly those who support Rev Mcebisi Xundu.

Tension between the two communities reached a peak two weeks ago when the windows of the Methodist and Anglican Church in Lamontville — where Rev Xundu is based — were broken in a revenge-ston-

Some of the Lamontville victims, whose cars were set alight. Ian Mkhize right, and the Hadebe family.

ing by a mob who were allegedly from S J Smith Hostel.

The stoning followed attacks — allegedly by Lamontville youths who support Rev Xundu — on pro-Inkatha people who recently stood in community council elections.

The first incident which sparked off tension between the two factions was on October 16 last year when Lamontville resi-

dents disrupted an Inkatha meeting called by councillor Ella Nxasana.

However, peace seem to be on the cards between the two warring factions now. In a brief moment after the "peace-talks" meeting, a joint statement read by Jorac vice-chairman Mr Xundu said the two groups had committed themselves "to continue the peace initiatives."



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Visiting MP raps 'dog kennel' housing after tour

Mercury Reporter

AFTER a three-hour tour of Durban's black townships yesterday, visiting British Labour Party MP Donald Anderson said some of the houses in the townships would be described as 'large dog kennels' by people in his country.

Mr Anderson, opposition spokesman on southern African affairs, visited Lamontville, Umlazi, Magalazi and Chatsworth yesterday before leaving for Johannesburg on the last leg of his controversial four-day visit to South Africa.

He plans to visit black townships in the Vaal Triangle today, which have been the scene of violent unrest in recent weeks before flying back to London tonight.

At Lamontville, he had a 15-minute meeting with the Rev Mcebisi Xundu, vice-chairman of the Joint Rent Action Committee, during which the MP was told of strong opposition by the majority of the people of Lamontville to incorporation into Kwazulu.

Mr Xundu told Mr Anderson 'One of the main objections to incorporation is that the residents are opposed to being part of a homeland. Rents will go up to provide more funds for the homelands. Where is Chief Buthelezi going to get the money to run his homeland?' he asked.

The main cause of unrest in the township was through rent increases and he accused Inkatha supporters of damaging the church building during a recent rent rise protest.

Mr Anderson stopped his car in the street in another part of the township to talk to some of the residents.

They told him of their hardships. Most of them paid R65 a month rent which, they said, was 'too high'.

They also told him that unemployment was rife in the township and many people were struggling to make ends meet.



Some of the Lamontville residents with British MP Donald Anderson during his visit to the township yesterday

At the shack settlement at Malagazi, he spoke to a large group of women who wanted to fetch water from a communal tap near the main road. After his visit he said 'It is clear that the inhabitants of the townships are being used merely as providers of labour for the economy of the country. They have not benefited by improved living conditions. They are faced with various problems, including high rents, gross overcrowding, lack of electricity and other community facilities,' he said, adding that he was alarmed at the lack of refuse removal services, especially at Lamontville where he had seen huge piles of rubbish dumped on road verges.

Urgent bid to improve health conditions

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Mercury Reporter

THE Durban City Council will be asked to give urgent attention to improving health conditions in Clairwood, after an inspection *in loco* yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Winter, chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, who accompanied the inspection party, said the purpose of the visit was to look at health conditions after widespread complaints.

She said various departments of the council would meet to decide what steps to take for a general clean-up of the area.

The inspection, which took less than 30 minutes, started with a brief stop at Archery Road opposite a motor scrapyard. The party proceeded along Flower, Sirdar, Houghton, Dayal and Jacobs roads where they were shown more scrapyards — some of which were on leased council-owned properties.

Dense overgrowth was also found on a number of vacant lots.

A Clairwood property owner and House of Delegates MP for Isipingo, Mr Nizam Khan, blamed the Durban City Council for slum conditions, saying that development had been frozen by the council.

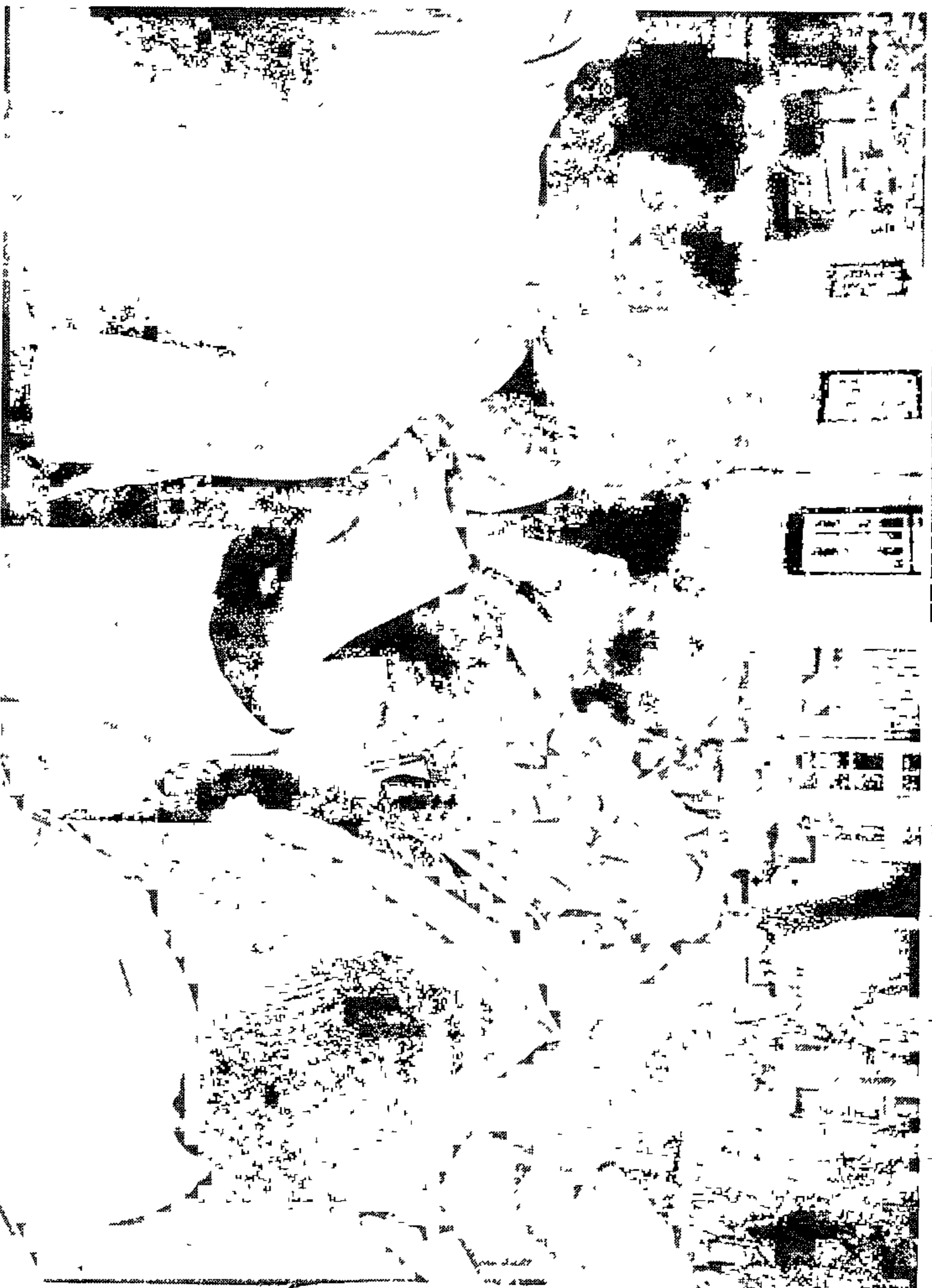
'This effectively banned property owners from improving their properties,' he said.

Mr A K Pillay, Southern Durban Local Affairs Committee representative on the Health and Housing Committee and House of Delegates MP for Merebank, who accompanied the inspection party, said 'The councilors were shocked by the appalling conditions.

'It was alarming that such conditions existed on the doorstep of our city, posing a health hazard.

'The properties have degenerated into slums because the people lost their self-pride after development was frozen more than 27 years ago,' he said.

Mrs Winter told reporters that the council would trace its tenants and get them to tidy up their properties.



Mrs Margaret Winter, chairman of Durban's Health and Housing Committee, speaks to Mr A K Pillay, Southern Durban LAC representative on her committee, during an inspection of Clairwood yesterday. With them are other members of the inspection party.

Public inquiry likely on future of Clairwood

Mercury Reporter

THE future of Clairwood, which was once the largest Indian settlement outside India, is likely to be the subject of a Group Areas investigation, according to the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs in Durban.

The department, formerly known as the Department of Community Development, has submitted

amended proposals on residential plans for the area to the director-general.

It had originally earmarked 50 ha for residential development, equal to only half the area the Durban City Council wants for industrial use.

But the University of Natal support group, which acted as consultants for the Clairwood

and District Ratepayers' and Residents Association, recommended a further 20 ha for housing.

Replying to a letter by Mr Ishwar Mahara, secretary of the residents' association, the department said 'Amended proposals on the residential development of Clairwood have been submitted to the director-general of this depart-

ment. Should it be deemed appropriate, the Group Areas Investigating Committee will conduct a public hearing.'

In its letter, dated September 4, the association pointed out that the residents wanted the entire area — 70 ha — to be zoned for residential development.

The industrial develop-

ment the uprooting of South Coast Madressa School, Clairwood Tamil Institute — a community hall — the Apostolic Church and the Horeb Temple.

'If, however, these institutions are left untouched then one could not expect them as community-based institutions to function within an indus-

Residents smell a rat

THERE has been a call for an investigation into the Umlazi township's management after alleged irregularities in the allocation of houses.

The latest case which highlights the alleged irregularities is that of a 90-year-old paralysed, bedridden wo-

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man, Caroline Nkhize, who was kicked out of her house.

Mrs Mkhize brought a case against a number of people, including manager RT Viljoen after she was "tricked" into thumbprinting an agreement that she would leave her house. She had been made to believe that she was signing a pension document

The Durban Supreme Court ordered that she be put back into her house.

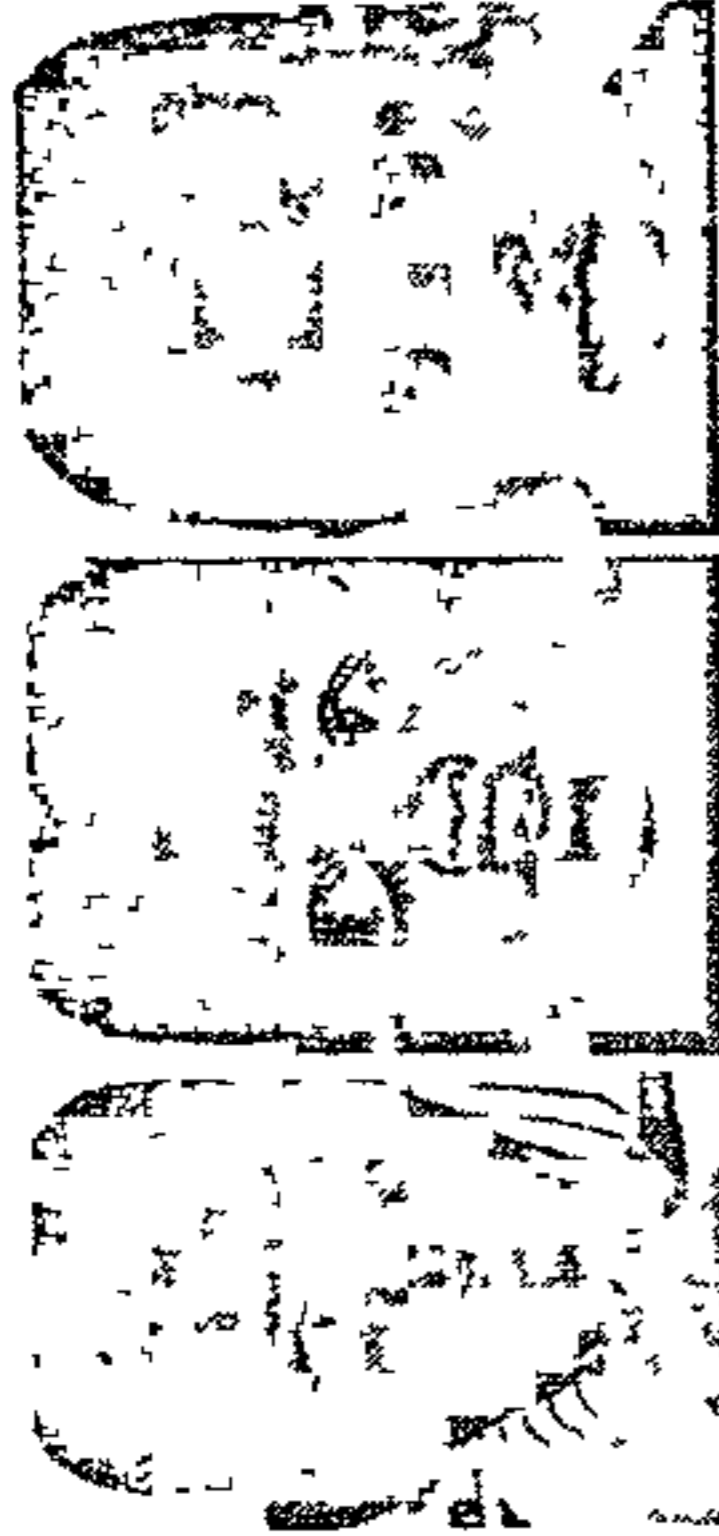
The Durban Legal Resources Centre, which fought Mrs Mkhize's case, has called for a commission of inquiry into Mr Viljoen's administrative practices.

LRC director Chris Nicholson said that since 1982, the LRC had appeared in at least six Supreme Court cases, in which the Umlazi Township manager was cited as a respondent.

And, he said, the centre had settled 20 other cases out of court.

In each case, the issue was brought by township residents who claimed there were irregularities in the allocation of houses and the eviction of people.

The Supreme Court decided each case in favour of the residents, and Mr Viljoen was ordered to pay costs in each case.



The three children slept in a scrapyard for six weeks.

Mrs Mkhize told City Press that she was very happy with the Supreme Court ruling that she be allowed to stay on in her house.

She said when she was evicted she was dumped outside her own home. Her furniture was left in the yard for many weeks and was ruined. Her children had to sleep in a nearby scrapyard for six weeks.

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Solidarity warns about 'profits' from Cato Manor

Mercury Reporter

SOLIDARITY, opposition group in the House of Delegates, has asked the ruling National People's Party to ensure that land and houses in Cato Manor are made available to families at subsidised rates with preference given to Group Areas victims.

Mr Pat Poovalingam, chairman of Solidarity, said yesterday a delegation from his party had met the House of Delegates' Minister of Housing, Mr Baldeo Dookie, this week with a warning that no one should be allowed to make personal profit on Cato Manor

Emotions

The delegation, led by Mr Yunus Moolla, the party's chief whip and spokesman on housing, consisted of Mr Nizam Khan, Mr Cherry Mqhangq, Mr Kisten Moodley, Dr D S Rajah and Mr Poovalingam

We emphasised that the entire emotions of the Indian community are focused on Cato Manor.

'At the meeting we insisted that the Minister ensure that no dirty, sticky fingers are allowed to be put into the Cato Manor pie

'We warned that Solidarity will see to it that anyone caught making personal profit on land there will be damned into perdition,' Mr Poovalingam said

Settled

He said the Minister told the delegation he wanted the Cato Manor issue to be settled as soon as possible and he intended calling a meeting of interested organisations on November 28

Mr Khan said he had urged the minister to authorise the Isipingo Town Council to reduce the deposit for municipal houses from the present 20 percent to five percent to enable more families to qualify for badly needed housing

'The minister was sympathetic and said he would consider the request,' he said

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Upgrading of townships to begin soon

Mercury Reporter

THE work on the newly formed Natal/KwaZulu Planning Council was well under way and the upgrading of townships would begin early in the new year, the council's chairman, Dr Louis Rive, has revealed

Dr Rive was in Durban this week for the inaugural meeting of five of the working groups set up to make in-depth studies in the most important areas relating to urban planning

The groups are looking at city and spatial planning, transport and roads, water and sewerage, electricity and telecommunications and housing

In an interview, Dr Rive said 'We have been busy for some months now. So far I have got the fullest co-operation from every one'

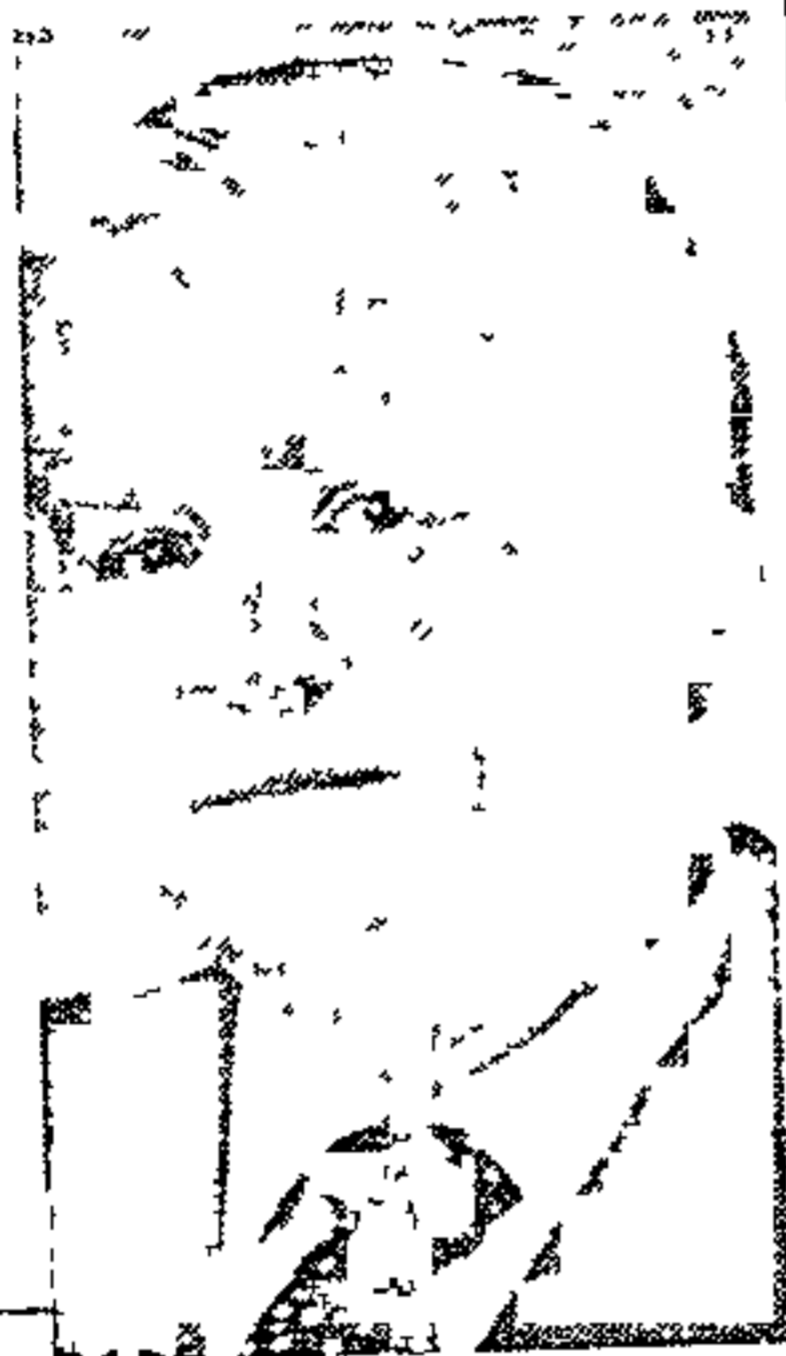
He said that apart from his work in and around Durban he had held talks with town and township authorities in Mooi River, Colenso, Ladysmith, Dundee, Glencoe, Vryheid, Paulpietersburg and had visited Matatiele, Cedarville, Kokstad, Groutville and Richards Bay

Remain

He had recommended that a number of places facing possible removal, including Chesterville and Klaarwater and certain towns on the axis between Mooi River and Paulpietersburg, be declared permanent

'I believe firmly that my recommendation will be implemented and these places will remain. We have made progress planning upgrading projects in close collaboration with the people in those communities'

The Government announced only last week that Chesterville would remain a permanent black area and the residents would be able to buy their houses on the 99-year leasehold system as in other townships



Mr Alan Hankinson

'We aim to have the final report ready by the end of next year, but there will be action long before that. We are far advanced with planning in a number of townships and physical work should start early in the new year'

Dr Rive said his first priority was the greater Inanda area, followed by greater Umlazi and greater Edendale

His present task was the most difficult he had undertaken, he said

'The problems encountered, the areas and the numbers involved are bigger and more complex than with any other task.'

'Black urbanisation is unavoidable. The dilemma facing us is how to balance increasing numbers of people with the provision of amenities and jobs'

Investigate

The Government has agreed to safeguard building societies' investments in KwaZulu and in townships earmarked for inclusion in KwaZulu, Government-appointed housing investigator, Mr Alan Hankinson, revealed yesterday

Mr Hankinson was commissioned by the Government along with Dr Rive

to investigate ways of improving the quality of life of blacks in Natal/KwaZulu

One of his recommendations to the Government was that Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act be scrapped

Yesterday Mr Hankinson said he and Dr Rive had agreed at the beginning to work independently

'I wanted to identify and remove certain obstacles which stood in the way of the improvement of the quality of life of blacks in Natal/KwaZulu. Dr Rive has an outstanding reputation as a planner and that is what he is doing,' he said

AGAIN?

UMLAZI's controversial township manager has done it again.

For the seventh time in 12 months, a case has been brought against him in the Supreme Court for problems over his allocation of houses in the Durban township.

This week two Supreme Court judges ruled that Manager P R Viljoen should not have allocated a house to KwaZulu Works Depa-

CP Correspondent

rtment employee S Nombaba

The court granted an order that Mr Viljoen should consider the claim of Hamilton Mdlalose as the rightful occupant of the house in terms of township regulations.

The case was brought to court by the Durban Legal Resources

Centre on Mr Mdlalose's behalf against the KwaZulu Interior Minister and the township manager.

Mr Viljoen was ordered to pay the costs of the case.

The LRC has sent a report of six earlier Supreme Court cases involving Mr Viljoen to the KwaZulu Government with a request that there be an inquiry into his administration.

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Residents' charge angers minister

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THE Minister of Housing
in the House of Dele-
gates, Mr Baldeo Dookie,

yesterday reacted angrily to allegations by the Cato Manor Residents' Association that he was 'pushing unacceptable Government plans' for Durban's Cato Manor area

'As the minister in charge, I have a duty to perform and I will do it to the very best of my ability, come what may.

'But it must be understood I have inherited a lot of the problems on Cato Manor and I am determined to find solutions,' he said.

Mr Roland Parsotham, president of the association, who attended a meeting called by the Mr Dookie to discuss the area's future, said it had been pointed out to the minister that his department was putting the cart before the horse by pursuing the planning of the area without first establishing a general housing policy for it

'He was rapped at the meeting for taking unilateral decisions on servicing of the area and he was warned that if he continued with this practice he would be making consultation a farce and at the same time raising false hopes in the community

'The minister gave us an assurance that his department would not accept plans for the area, which were previously drawn up by the Depart-

ment of Community Development and that he had powers as minister to implement decisions taken at the meeting

'This was the basis of our participation in the meeting

'But it now appears that he has hijacked the meeting and endorsed the Government's previous plans for Cato Manor and has used our presence to give it legitimacy.

'He has been given a fair chance, but he has failed his first test by pushing ahead with Government plans for the area through the back door.

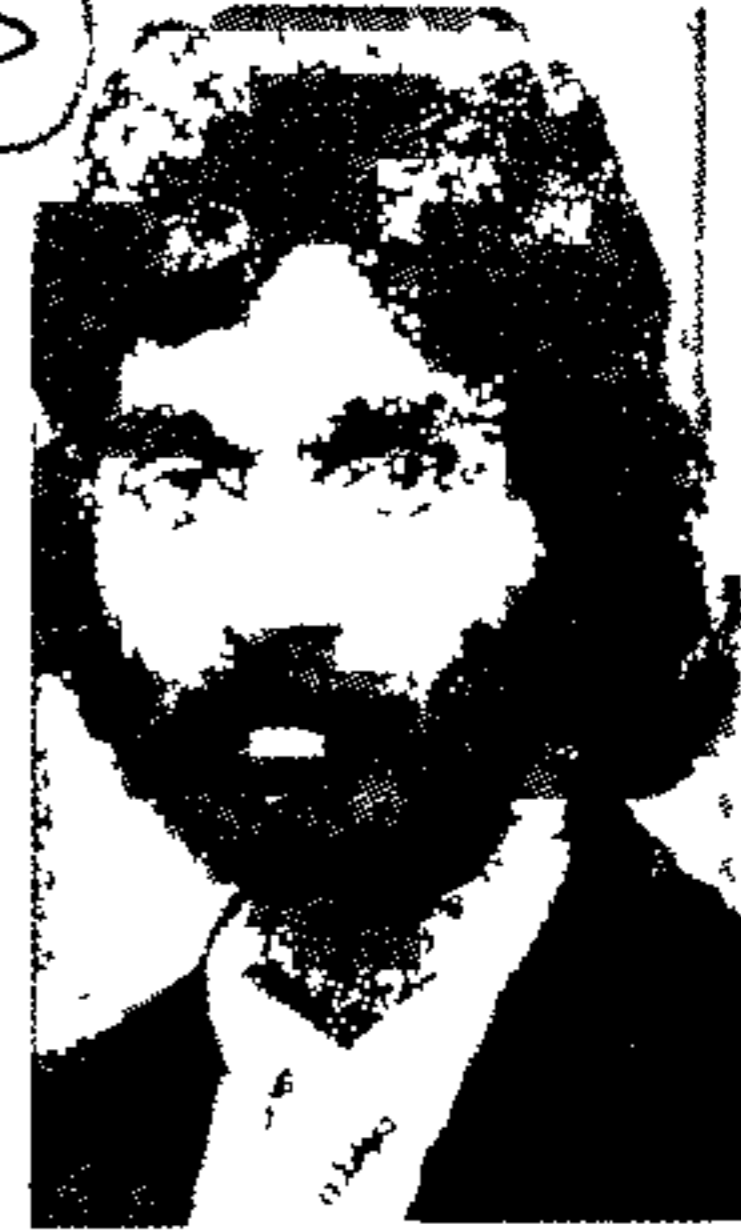
'His actions have now sanctioned attempts to exploit the wealthy in the community by creating conditions which will make them cut each other's throats in their bid to secure a plot in the area', he said.

'Not easy'

Approached for comment, Mr Dookie said yesterday he had inherited many of Cato Manor's problems and it was not easy to scrap all previous plans and services.

'Many families badly need housing and my department is committed to providing as many plots and homes as possible for people in the low, middle and higher income groups and also for families to be resettled.

'I was bold enough to call interested people round a table to discuss Cato Manor as we all want fast action on housing — but I will not let anyone try his luck at putting a spoke in the wheel of progress,' he said



Mr Roland Parsotham... minister pushing Government plans.



Mr Baldeo Dookie... wants fast action on housing.



Bid to stop eviction notices

Labour Reporter

THE House of Delegates MP for Stanger, Mr Yunus Moolla, has called on the Tongaat-Hulett group to withdraw notices served on 16 families occupying company houses on a sugar estate at Doringkop, near Stanger

Mr Moolla, the Solidarity spokesman on local government and housing, said he had written to the company suggesting that the families be allowed to continue living there at a nominal rental

'Most of them do not have alternative accom-

modation and will be left destitute if they are forced to vacate by the end of December in terms of the notice given to them three months ago, he said

Some of them have been living on the estate for more than 30 years and were among the original workers at Doringkop while the local mill was under the control of its former owners, the Illovo Sugar Company

Their services were retained after the mill was taken over by the Tongaat-Hulett Group

They were retrenched in October after the shutdown of the tramway system for transporting cane

Mr Ron Phillips, the Tongaat-Hulett group's public relations spokesman, said everything possible was being done to help them find alternative accommodation

If the houses were not required immediately, the company would consider allowing the families to continue staying there at a nominal rental

They had been living in the company houses rent

free while they had been employed by the company

Mr Moolla said that using people only for their labour and removing them from a stable family environment when their services were not wanted created many social and economic problems

'I believe the whole question of security for people working on the sugar estates has to be microscopically examined I am busy investigating the situation in my constituency and in due course will be recommending a

solution to avoid a recurrence of the insecurity and threats that sugar workers face,' he added



Mr Baldeo Dookie, second from right, discusses problems with Mr Somaroo Pachai, centre, and Mr W Henning, Natal regional director of the Department of Community Development, at yesterday's inspection of houses at Foderville.

Indian families have rents pegged

Mercury Reporter

THE rents of 55 Indian families in Estcourt, former residents of a cholera-stricken area in the town, have been pegged at 25 percent of their salaries — a new concession — and all eviction notices have been withdrawn

This follows yesterday's tour of the new Foderville housing scheme by Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Housing, Local Government and Agriculture for the House of Delegates, officials of the Department of Community Development, Estcourt Town Council, and members of the Indian Local Affairs Committee

Mr Dookie was called to the town by Mr Somaroo Pachai, the Natal Midlands MP for the House of Delegates.

Mr Dookie said the 55 families had been forced to move out of the squatter area of Rensburg because of a cholera outbreak. Many of the

affected families had been served with prosecution notices and because of the emergency they had accepted homes at Foderville, he said.

However, residents claimed yesterday that they had been promised good homes with rents of between R30 and R40

The houses at Foderville were of appalling quality and rents ranged between R68 and R169, they said

Concession

Residents claimed that after they had moved into the new houses they had been told to pay one month's rent in advance

'The high rents and the quality of the houses came as a shock to us,' said Miss Preshina Sookoo, secretary of the scheme's working committee

Mr Dookie said the rents paid by the families at Foderville were determined according to a

National Housing Commission formula.

'The decision to peg the rents at 25 percent of a person's salary is a new concession,' he said

Mr Dookie said the local town council would advise the families of the new rentals and all eviction notices would be withdrawn. Arrear rents would also be adjusted, he said.

All water, electricity and other problems would be attended to by the local town council, he said, adding that the houses would also be offered for sale to the families.

Regarding the badly cracked houses in the town's core housing scheme, Mr Dookie said he had called for an engineer's report. All the problems would be investigated, he said

Mr Pachai said he was not entirely happy with the decision to peg rents although it brought some relief to the families

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Evicted Wentworth family gets a new home

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ONE of the evicted Wentworth coloured families who have spent the past few nights sleeping in a school building, has been given alternative housing, civic leader, Mr Morris Fynn, said

He said attempts were still being made to find alternative accommodation for the second family

in the same predicament

The families of brothers Ian and Owen Camp were evicted from backyard wood-and-iron shacks in Beaunoir Avenue last Friday after the City Health Department warned the owner to demolish the shacks.

Mr Fynn said yesterday he was pleased that the authorities had acceded

to requests by the Coloured Local Affairs Committee to assist the families

Mr Willie Weyers, senior community services officer of the administration for the House of Representatives, confirmed that one of the Camp families had been allocated a house in Frobisher, Austerville.

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Wentworth ejected out crime in bid to stamp out crime

Mercury Reporter

WENTWORTH families who harboured criminals faced being ejected from their council-owned homes in a new drive to stamp out crime in the township, civic leader Morris Fynn said yesterday.

Commenting on the fresh outbreak of violence in the Durban township on New Year's Day in which a young father of two, Mr Marvy Saunders, was stabbed to death, Mr Fynn said he was determined to clear the township of its criminal elements

He said he had the support of the Coloured House of Representatives and the Local Affairs Committee, of which he is a member for Wentworth, to call on the Durban City Council and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs to evict tenants whose children had been convicted of criminal offences and were living with them

In the case of Mr Saunders, his wife is expecting their third child in April. She has been widowed at such a young age through the actions of unscrupulous youngsters

It is time that the law-abiding citizens of Wentworth were protected

from hooligans terrorising innocent people'

Mr Fynn, who wrote to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, early last year complaining about the crime rate in the township, said millions of rands were being spent on fixing public amenities which had been wilfully damaged by thugs

The Government recently earmarked R5 000 000 for renovations in the township and a number of flats which were just painted are already defaced — even before the contractors completed their work and moved out. The names of the gangs have been spray-painted on the walls'

He said the police had a dossier containing names and other details of criminals active in the area since 1979 which he hoped to pass on to the Durban City Council and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs.

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'There's a lot wrong here'

THE HOUSE-BUYING scheme for home ownership through the Government's 99-year leasehold scheme is riddled with inefficiency and bureaucratic red-tape in Durban's Umlazi township. 125 C. Press 3/2/85

At least six residents have won Supreme Court cases against township manager P R Viljoen regarding allocations and evictions, which have since prompted KwaZulu Interior Minister Dennis Madide to appoint a commission of inquiry into the state of affairs

Peter Davidson and Reuben Mfeka — both councillors by Inkatha in Umlazi — have completed their inquiry and have submitted it to the KwaZulu Government

KwaZulu MP for Umlazi Winnington Sabelo says the matter is being investigated

This week City Press discovered some of the irregularities relating to deeds of grant for home-ownership under the leasehold scheme

N J Linston, who is

By PHINDA KUZWAYO

in charge of deeds and site allocations in the Umlazi manager's office, says he has a list of people who have paid fees and applied for home-ownership through the leasehold scheme, but who haven't submitted forms to his office to be processed

However, it has been recorded in the register that those houses have been "sold".

Mr Linston also said there are at least 4 000 applications for deeds of grants which he has forwarded to Ulundi — dating back to 1979 — which Ulundi is "sitting on"

And, he said, some houses have been "sold" without any evidence of forms being processed or sent to Ulundi.

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Council won't peg rents for coloureds

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Mercury Reporter

A PLEA by coloured community leaders to have rents pegged in the coloured townships because of the economic recession has been turned down by the Durban City Council.

The council incurred losses totalling R618 000 during the past two years on renting schemes in the coloured townships and the deficit this year was estimated to be more than R700 000, according to a council spokesman.

'These losses will have to be met by the Rate and General Services Account,' he said, adding that in the circumstances the Health and Housing Committee was unable to provide any relief to the residents of coloured housing schemes other than existing subsidies.

Violent

Mr Peter Marcus, Natal provincial leader of the People's Congress Party, made urgent representations to the council opposing the proposed increase in rents.

He said the council had chosen the 'most inappropriate time' to increase rents. 'Most townships, especially Newlands East, are crawling with unemployed people. The dole queues are lengthening daily which makes every

cent increase more unbearable.'

He pointed to the violent reaction from people in other provinces to rent increases and appealed to the council to reconsider its decision to increase rents.

Responding to the appeal, the council spokesman said with the exception of a few council financed housing projects, all rentals were determined in accordance with National Housing Commission policy.

Ratepayers

The increases were considered carefully by both the Health and Housing Committee and the Coloured Local Affairs Committee.

'One of the main contributory factors to rental adjustments is increases in the cost to the council of running housing schemes and rentals are designed to recover such costs.

'Currently the housing accounts of various projects show a loss. Any costs not recovered results in a loss to the city council, ultimately to be met by the ratepayers,' he added.

The council was examining ways of dealing with individual, genuine hardship cases, he said.

C. P. esa 10/3/85

'We're NOT paying'

MPOPHOMENI residents have all been ordered to pay back-rent on their homes — for the last six years.

Now the Howick township residents — who are refusing to pay up — automatically find themselves with arrears of between R300 to

By JABULANI SIKHAKHANE

R500
The whole problem follows a circular issued by the KwaZulu Interior Department in 1978, advising the then township manager to increase tariffs in 1979

But the township manager kept the circular without passing it to

residents until auditors uncovered it in 1983

Houses built in 1981, 1982 and 1983 will also have to pay rent retrospectively. Their rent has been increased by R3, R7 and R9 respectively

And township authorities are now pointing fingers at one another for the residents' refusal to pay rent

New township man-

ager B V Shange said the residents were refusing to pay rent because of "influence" from community councillors

But mayor Mandla Ndlovu said the council had not taken the decision that rents should not be paid

"It was the residents' decision," he said

"We stand for peace. We do not want violence."



Appeal by tenants
CAPE TOWN of Reporter (125) RENTS

18/3/85

RESIDENTS of Atlantis held a mass meeting yesterday to appeal to the Divisional Council to deal directly with their residents' association and not with the Atlantis Management Committee

The meeting attended by more than 600 people, also called for a stop to evictions and residents' water being disconnected

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said people who had been retrenched were to get letters from their former employers to confirm this. These letters would be taken to Divco in an appeal to have rents reduced

Bungalows: 99-year lease a compromise?

Cape Times 18/3/85 (125)

TO those of us who would give our eye-teeth to live in a seaside bungalow, the fortunate occupants of the quaint structures at Clifton, Glen Beach and Bakoven may appear just a little ungrateful in their constant demands for increased security of tenure

After all, these people inhabit perhaps the most scenic residential area in the country — do they have to own it as well?

The bungalow-dwellers say, however, that they ought to be given freehold rights as many of them have spent hundreds of thousands of rands improving and extending their properties

As far as the City Council lease is concerned, these improvements, plus all other structures, and the sites themselves, belong to the City, which can take them back at any time without compensating the tenants

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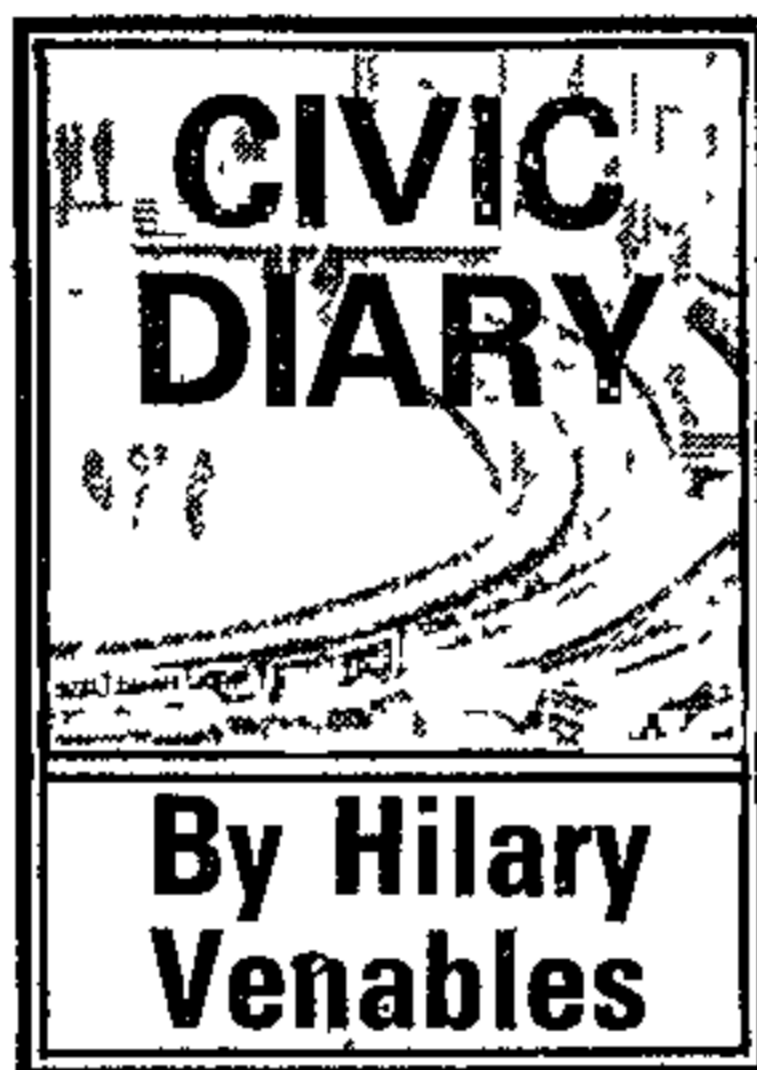
The Bungalow Owners' Association (BOA) recently submitted a memorandum to the City Council, calling on the authorities to recognize their legal and historic claim to ownership of their houses and for the extension of freehold to the sites on which the bungalows stand

The BOA says private ownership will not only allow its members to sleep peacefully at night but, in conjunction with the area being declared a national monument, will mean the preservation of the uniqueness of this environment

Most people would agree that the conservation of the bungalow villages is the concern, not only of the privileged few who inhabit them, but of Cape Town as a whole

And there is obviously the fear that once the bungalows go "private", speculators might move in, buy up a few sites, demolish the existing structures and decide that a luxury block of flats would be a jolly nice addition to Fourth Beach

The National Monuments Council, which



would by then have been given full control over development in the area, can hardly be relied on prevent this sort of thing

The NMC has already tarnished its reputation by allowing insensitive developments like the Tostert's Mill wall and the huts on Groote Schuur Estate, and is notoriously slow to respond to public pressure

The City Council — which is directly answerable to its constituents — feels it is better qualified to protect this area from insensitive development and would also like to retain control over the bungalows in case it should require the land for other uses

Although in theory the council could decide to demolish some of the bungalows and use the sites for public open space or additional amenities, this sort of move would probably be extremely unpopular —

not only among bungalow owners, but with the public generally

And although the council blotted its own copybook when the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, accepted in principle the development of a hotel on Clifton Ridge, this plan was abandoned after a public outcry

The council must also be given some credit for preserving the character of the bungalow areas to date, although admittedly the residents have themselves made a spectacular effort to beautify and conserve their environment (precast concrete walls aside)

The council has also shown sensitivity to the needs of bungalow owners for more security by considering extending the present monthly lease to 20 years, with five years' notice

Bungalow owners, who have up to now ignored the one-month lease, believing it to be a mere formality, are now concerned that the new proposal means the council is definitely considering evicting them early in the next century

Security

I doubt whether Cape Town as a whole would accept the destruction of any of the bungalows to which so many people, despite the fact that they cannot enjoy the privilege of living there, are sentimentally attached

A 99-year lease, which is considered the next best thing to freehold by many bungalow occupants, has been rejected by Mr Brand on the grounds that it presents administrative difficulties and makes it impossible to make alternative plans for the area in the short and medium term

Own Affairs

Veterinarians

47 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) How many (a) White, (b) Black, (c) Coloured and (d) Asian veterinarians are being trained at present at each specified university falling under his Department.
- (2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) Of the universities falling under the Department of Education and Culture, only the University of Pretoria trains veterinarians. The particulars are as follows

White	656
Black	Nil
Coloureds	2
Asian	1

- (2) The information furnished, is in respect of 1983

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Hansard Q. Col. 783
"Transit"/"Daylight Sitter"

325 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- What profit or loss was made on (a) "Transit" and (b) "Daylight Sitter" trains in the latest specified (1) 6-month and/or (ii) 12-month period for which figures are available?

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (a) A loss of R468 517 was sustained during the period 1 January to 31 December 1984

- (b) A loss of R2 084 730 was sustained during the period 1 December 1983 to 30 November 1984

The economy of all rail passenger services is at present being analyzed with a view to rationalizing these services

Termination of certain services

327 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Whether the South African Transport Services (a) have considered and (b) are considering the termination of certain services in (i) the Republic of South Africa and (ii) South-West Africa, if so, (aa) which services and (bb) when will they be terminated.

- (2) whether an investigation has been made into the effect the termination of these services will have on the revenue and expenditure of the South African Transport Services, if so, what effect will it have on (a) the cost of road maintenance and (b) transport costs of present rail users?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS.

- (1) (a) (i) Yes

(a) and (bb) The following branch lines were closed as indicated

Estcourt—Weenen 1 September 1983

Fort Beaufort—Seymour 1 April 1984

Molteno—Jamestown 1 April 1984

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- (ii) (aa) and (bb) No

(b) (i) (aa) and (bb) The economy of all branch lines are being monitored continually in collaboration with the community concerned. The closure of branch lines will only be considered when necessitated by prevailing circumstances and after all concerned have been notified in good time

(ii) No SA Transport Services' assets in South-West Africa are being transferred to the Government of South-West Africa with effect from 1 April 1985 from which date the Administrator-General will accept full responsibility for rail and road service matters in the territory

(aa) and (bb) Fall away

- (2) (a) and (b) Yes. Although the effect which the closing of branch lines has on the revenue and expenditure of Transport Services is calculated beforehand, the side effect on road maintenance is not calculable. However, the closing of branch lines has no effect on former users of these services as traffic is now conveyed by road at rail tariffs

Commissions/departamental committees

409 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Home Affairs

- (1) How many (a) commissions and (b) departamental committees of inquiry were appointed in respect of his Department in 1984,

- (2) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been completed, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

- (3) whether any of the reports of such

commissions and committees have been made public, if so (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

- (4) what is the total estimated cost relating to each of these commission and committees?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

- (1), (2) (3) and (4) In respect of the former Department of Internal Affairs and the present Department of Home Affairs no commissions of inquiry were appointed in 1984. Only one Departamental Committee, who investigated possible misconduct by certain officials, was appointed in 1984 by the then Director-General of Internal Affairs. The report of the Committee has not been made public and the cost amounted to R2 070

Natalia Development Board
Q. Col. 786
437 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

- (1) What was the total number of houses built in Black townships administered by the Natalia Development Board in the latest specified year for which figures are available

- (2) what number of houses are planned for the next five years

- (3) what is the estimated housing backlog in respect of these Black Townships?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- (1) The latest year for which statistics are available in 1984. No houses were constructed in townships administered by this Board during 1984. The majority by far of the Black people who are employed in the area served by the Board reside in KwaZulu

- (2) None at present. The KwaZulu-Natal Planning Council under the chairmanship of Dr L F Rive is engaged in

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an intensive investigation of the living conditions of residents of Black townships in Natal. Planning of future schemes for the housing of families on a self-build basis will be possible after completion of the investigation, except in the case of Melmoth, in respect of which funds have been provided for the provision of infrastructure to 134 sites.

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

- (a) No
(b) No

Contracts awarded to certain firm

498 Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs +

Hambanathi	200
Shakaville	210
Chesterville	525
Lamontville	258
Rest of Greater Durban	10 000
Klaarwater	64
Kokstad	205
Matathele	70
Cedarville	2
Moornver	49
Greytown	70
Pietermaritzburg	110
Dundee	126
Glenco	12
Ladysmith	100
Colenso	30
Weenen	80
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- (1) Whether any contracts in respect of construction projects were awarded by the South African Transport Services during the period 1 January 1980 to 16 March 1982 to a certain firm, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, if so, (a) what is the name of the firm, (b) how many contracts were so awarded and (c) what is the value of each contract.
- (2) whether tenders were called for in respect of the contracts, if not, why not, if so, (a) who were the tenderers and (b) what were the tender prices in each case?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes

(a) Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd

(b) Two

(c) R868 921 for the erecting of 25 relay and battery rooms, and R437 389 for the design and erecting of a stores building at Jan Smuts Airport

- (2) Yes

(a) Tenderers for erecting relay and battery rooms—

Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd, Northcliff
Trust Home Builders (Pty) Ltd, Empangeni
Edda Construction (Pty) Ltd, Krugersdorp

(b) Tender prices
R
868 921
1 106 516
1 083 268

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(a) Tenderers for erecting relay and battery rooms—

K G E Von Moikje Builders (Pty) Ltd, Bloemhof
Gileclark Consolidated Construction (Pty) Ltd, New Germany
Jan Kruger Building Contractor, Dundee

Tenderers for the design and erecting of a stores building at Jan Smuts Airport—

Bakker and Griffoen (Pty) Ltd, Industria
Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd, Northcliff
Mildura Construction (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg
Fogolin Construction (Pty) Ltd, Sandringham
Trescon (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg
L and F Metter (Pty) Ltd, Germiston
Ther Bonvec (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg
Dura Construction Company (SA) (Pty) Ltd, Rondebosch
Matsteel (Pty) Ltd, Krugersdorp
Steelale Manufacturing Services, Johannesburg

(b) Tender prices
R
1 037 750
1 119 808
1 163 000

The lowest tender was not acceptable as the design offered did not comply with the requirements laid down

Commuter trains: passengers killed/injured

504 Mr D J N MALCOMMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Whether any passengers travelling on commuter trains in the Republic were (a) killed and (b) injured in 1984, if so, (i) what was the cause of death or injury in each case and (ii) in which centre did each incident occur,

(2) whether any of these persons were (a) killed and (b) injured as a result of falling through open doors from moving trains, if so, how many in each case,

(3) whether any steps are to be taken to prevent commuters from keeping train doors open while trains are moving, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (1) and (2) Yes Particulars of accidents

that occurred in the working of SA Transport Services during 1984 were laid upon the Table on 7 February 1985

- (3) No In cases of emergency passengers must be able to force the doors open. Doors are closed by push-button control before trains depart and a back-up system which closes doors automatically when trains come into motion is also now being provided

Train manager

551 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Whether the post of train manager has been upgraded on any trains, if so (a) why and (b) how many persons are affected

(2) whether such persons will be promoted to the upgraded posts, if so, (a) when and (b) what will be their salary scales, if not, why not,

(3) whether these persons will be replaced in their present posts, if so, by whom,

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High rents force coloureds to refuse housing

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Mercury Reporter

THE Vryheid Town Council's sub-economic housing scheme for coloureds at Lakeside Park is in danger of becoming a white elephant because the town's coloured community has refused to move into the houses until rents are reduced.

Mrs Kathy Green-Thompson, a spokesman for the local coloured community, said yesterday the rents were as much as R207 a month in some cases, depending on a family's income

'For most people this will mean about 40 per cent of their income will go towards payment of rent. How will they survive with the increased cost of living?' she asked

Because of the dispute, many people said they would refuse to sign the lease agreement and about 60 houses which were ready for occupation last week were still standing empty, she said

'The people are afraid to take the houses because of the high rents,' she said.

'The houses have four walls and no geyser. The

walls, both inside and outside, are not plastered and there are no floor coverings. Although the houses are an improvement on the existing mud huts some people are living in, the rents are too high,' she said

Forced

Mr Gerald Olckers, Vryheid's Town Clerk, could not be reached for comment yesterday

Mr Sam Carls, chairman of the Coloured Local Affairs Committee, said nobody was being forced to accept houses in Lakeside Park, but warned that unnecessary delays would only push up prices as interest was being capitalised

The LAC made representations to the municipality for an urgent

review of the rentals. 'We cannot say whether the rents will be reduced or increased,' he said

The houses were planned to accommodate families from Besterspruit who were living in unhygienic conditions. 'Some families are living in mud huts and there is no sanitation, no piped water supply and no lights,' he said

'There is a hard-core element in our community who are anti-LAC. They were stopping the people. These people can afford to build their own homes and they don't qualify for the sub-economic homes at Lakeside Park.

'What our people must realise is that Vryheid has provided us with a home and it's now our duty to improve on it,' he said

Illegal tenants get the blame for overcrowding

Mercury Reporter

ILLEGAL tenants were responsible for the overcrowding problem in Wentworth and many families were being evicted in order to remedy the situation, Mr Willie Weyers, acting Regional Director of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, said yesterday.

In an interview, he said three of the five people served with eviction notices last week were illegal tenants and two had not paid rent.

The four families living in an unused garage after they had been moved there by Mr Morris Fynn, a member of the Coloured Local Affairs Committee, were transgressing the law, said Mr Weyers.

However, Mr Weyers said the plight of the evicted and illegal tenants was being investigated.

'In order to restrict overcrowding in Wentworth, a new plan is being implemented where small families are moved into smaller premises and larger families into bigger premises,' he said.

Another problem his department was concerned with was vandalism, and in order to prevent the problem from getting worse tenants were being called upon to pay deposits before moving in.

Resist

Commenting on a carpenter's battle to save his elderly aunt's house in Wentworth, Mr Weyers said an alternative house had been offered to her yesterday.

The 24-year-old carpenter, Mr Hassan Adams, of Austerville Drive, hitchhiked to Cape Town for talks with Mr David Curry, Minister of Housing and Local Government in the House of Representatives, to save his aunt's home.

Mr Adams told his wife and three children, who live with his aunt, Miss Asa Khan, 64, to remain locked in the cottage and resist eviction attempts.

According to a family member, Mr Adams had been trying to save the house after his aunt had suffered a stroke.

He left for Parliament last Friday and arrived there on Monday after receiving several lifts on the way.

Mr Weyers said Mr Adams was an illegal tenant and an eviction notice was therefore served.

'We don't rent cottages to single women, but because of her age and ill-health we are offering her an alternative home on condition Mr Adams guarantees that he would care for her,' he said.

Alternative homes were also being offered to several other families.

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300 on rampage in protest ~~at~~ (125) at rent increase

Mercury Reporter

AT LEAST 300 people went on the rampage in the Sibongile township near Dundee at the weekend, protesting against rent increases

Police were called in on Sunday when the crowd began stoning the offices of the Natalia Development Board

Police said they had asked protesters to disperse but instead their vehicles were pelted with rocks and bottles

Policemen then used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. Three people were injured

Two of the injured have

been identified as Mr Siphon Hadebe and Mr Muzwenkosi Zulu

They were transferred from Dundee Hospital to King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban

Damage to the board offices was minimal. Three windows of the charge office of the board's security force were broken and slogans were painted on the walls of the offices in Glencoe

Police did not make any arrests

The Bishop of Dundee, Bishop Paschal Rowland, said it was a bad time for the Government and the administration boards to introduce rent increases

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Minister to
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spell out
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Wentworth

Mercury Reporter

MR DAVID Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, will be in Durban at the weekend to spell out plans for the upgrading of Wentworth and also to talk on housing for coloureds

With him at the Silvertree Road Community Hall, Wentworth, at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, will be Mr Tommy Abrahams, MP for the area, Mr Clyde Pearce, a member of the President's Council and Mr Reg O'Reiloy, MP for North Eastern Cape

Mrs Myrna Stewart, senior official of the Wentworth Women's Advisory Council, a wing of the coloured Labour Party organising the meeting, said housing, rents and various other problems affecting the community of Wentworth would be discussed by the minister and the other MPs

Welcomed

'Many people are expected to attend the meeting, which is a report-back after the minister and MPs had been elected and nominated into office in August last year,' said Mrs Stewart 'It is also the first time the people of Durban have been able to hear them talk on the "happenings" in the House of Representatives and on the pressing needs of the community of Wentworth'

Mr Morris Fynn, a member of the coloured Local Affairs Committee, welcomed the report-back meeting.

'I hope I am invited so that I can ask Mr Curry and the MPs some pressing questions in connection with housing at Wentworth and the increased rents,' he said

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Natal township
'still tense' 6/4/85
after stonings

African Affairs
Reporter

RESIDENTS of Sibongile township, Dundee, were being intimidated against paying rent and the situation in the township was still tense after the stoning of the homes of some councillors last week, Mr C D Luthuli, chairman of the town council, said yesterday

He said the intimidators were holding meetings almost daily at a local football ground

The majority of those attending the meetings were youths. After the meetings, they marched through the streets calling on people not to pay rent. They displayed placards with slogans

Mr Luthuli said a trade union was behind the resistance and police had been asked to investigate

He said the union was concerning itself not only with workers' affairs but was also interfering in civic matters

Although there were no disturbances reported in Tembalihle township in Glencoe yesterday, residents told the Mercury

people had been warned by the intimidators not to be seen near the rent office

Workers were going to work without any fear because the police were protecting them. A resident said police presence had eased the situation

Council to hold inspection at Wentworth

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Mercury Reporter
DURBAN'S Health and Housing Committee is to hold an inspection in loco of the Durban City Council's housing scheme in Wentworth on Friday, but a local community leader has criticised the visit.

Mr Morris Fynn, a mem-

ber for Wentworth on the Coloured Local Affairs Committee, said yesterday that the visit would be 'an exercise in futility' if the entire township were not included.

'According to notification I received, the committee will be looking only at that part of Wentworth where the council

has its housing scheme'

About 600 housing units in Wentworth came under the control of the council, but most of the problems resulting from unhygienic living conditions were in the other part of the township in which the coloured House of Representatives had control over 1 250 units.

'Durban is still responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the entire township,' said Mr Fynn.

'The purpose of the visit is to gain first-hand information on the filth and squalor in which the coloured people are forced to live in Wentworth.

'In spite of the shocking living conditions, rents have gone up. The people are angry, saying there is

no justification for the increase at a time when many people are unemployed,' he said.

Durban City Council officials could not be reached for comment yesterday, but Mr Albie Stowman, chairman of the LAC, said yesterday 'Morris Fynn has a built-in weakness of jumping to conclusions and arriving at a quotient he cannot substantiate.'

'As far as I am concerned, the tour is not confined to a particular area of Wentworth and the main intention is for us, the LAC, to point out whatever discrepancies may exist in the area controlled by the Council and the House of Representatives so that the one can learn from the other.'

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Council, LAC in row over land for Indian homes

Mercury Reporter

A ROW has broken out between the Ladysmith Town Council and the Indian Local Affairs Committee over the expropriation of more than 60 ha of prime black-occupied land in the town for Indian housing and a R30 million university

The area, known as Fouriespruit and owned by Medina Estates, is ideal for housing, but neither the council nor the LAC want anything to do with forcing blacks to move out

Mr Peter Hurter, Town Clerk of Ladysmith, said 'No ways will the council expropriate the land for Indian housing or for the proposed R30 million university in the town without a go ahead from the LAC'

If the LAC made recommendations for the area, which is also known as Ntombi's Camp, to be set aside for Indian housing then the council would act, Mr Hurter said

However, the LAC and the MP for the area, Mr Somaroo Pachai, are opposed to any forced removal of blacks

'We will not support any decision to uproot the shack dwellers,' said Mr Pachai, adding that it was the work of the council because more land would have to be found for future Indian housing

Mr Hurter said the council had offered the International Muslim Institute, Natal, land at Acaciavale Extension to site the university, but the LAC had objected

'It is a university mainly for the Muslim community and the council felt it should be sited in an Indian area,' he said

Mr Pachai said the council should approach the white farmer who had offered land for an Afrikaans university in the town to sell it to the Muslim Institute

However, Mr Hurter said the farmer had agreed to donate the land to a private trust and the offer was conditional

'The council had nothing to do with the offer, therefore it is up to the Muslim Institute to approach the farmer,' Mr Hurter said

Commenting on reasons why Fouriespruit was not chosen for the multiracial university, Mr Pachai said the land was expensive

'The council had offered 40 ha at Acaciavale Extension for R39 000 as against about R1 000 000 for land at Fouriespruit,' said Mr Pachai

Mr Hurter said the future of the university was in the hands of the LAC and as soon as another area was identified the council would look at it

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Last-minute reprieve allays eviction threat

Pietermaritzburg
Bureau

TWENTY-TWO Northern Natal families, threatened with eviction from a farm this month, were granted a last-minute reprieve following the Government's decision to buy the land

The affected community at Doornkop, near Dannhauser, were told of their eviction to a relocation camp this month by the prospective owner, Mr G Mavimbela, who had received official approval to buy the white-owned property

last month

This was a sequel to a Government undertaking less than a year ago for the South African Development Trust (SADT) to purchase the farm and allow the people to remain in their homes

Mr Mike Tarr, PFP MP for Pietermaritzburg South, wrote to the Department of Co-operation and Development protesting against the eviction of the people with the sale of the land to Mr Mavimbela

Mr Ben Wilkens, Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development,

informed Mr Tarr this week that Mr Mavimbela would not be buying the land

Mr Tarr was also told if the SADT managed to buy the land the families would not be forced off the farm

A spokesman for the Association for Rural Advancement welcomed the Government's move to purchase the land and 'giving the community at Doornkop some sort of security of tenure'

'In any case the 22 families have offered to buy plots on the farm if necessary,' the spokesman said

Wentworth residents picket city council inspection tour

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Mercury Reporter

WENTWORTH residents yesterday picketed a Durban City Council inspection tour of the area and called on the Coloured Local Affairs Committee members to quit the LAC

The demonstrators, carrying placards, followed the council delegation in a bakkie and later continued their protest outside a hotel in Chatsworth where the inspection party, which included council officials and Indian and coloured LAC members, had tea

The demonstrators said they were angry with the LAC because it had not prevented the council from increasing rents in the township

Among the demonstra-

tors was coloured LAC member for Wentworth Mr Morris Fynn, who said he had joined the protest to show his disgust with the LAC system

Some of the placards called for the resignation of certain LAC members while others stated 'Down with council lackeys,' 'Stop all rent increases' and 'Wentworth needs more sports facilities'

Asked to comment on the demonstration, the Health and Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Margaret Winter, who headed the inspection party, said the people of Wentworth had every right to demonstrate

On calls for a freeze on rent increases, Mrs Winter said 'We'll be quite happy if there are no rent

increases, but the money must come from somewhere'

The ratepayers of Durban would certainly not be expected to foot the bill, she added

Mrs Winter said the purpose of the tour, which included Durban City Council-owned flats in Melbourne Road, Lantern Heath, old Umbilo Road flats, Austerville, Chatsworth and Arundel Gardens, Hillary, was to 'familiarise' the new councillors

In Wentworth the councillors were shown some of the living conditions Mrs Winter said the council owned about 360 flats and the rest were owned by the former Department of Community Development

'We will be making recommendations to the relevant Government departments to take the necessary steps to improve conditions,' she added

At Moberi Heights, members of the delegation were shown a scrapyard owned by a private bus operator and littered with scrap bus bodies and which, they were told, was an 'eyesore' to residents

Mrs Margaret Ambler, vice-chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, showed the delegation a refuse recycling centre at the Hillary Primary School which was opened as part of the Keep Durban Clean and Beautiful campaign. She said the experiment had been a tremendous success

This is what happens to that R1 20

SIR — A letter addressed to you by a writer who signs herself Candid appeared in The Forum on April 4 I will be grateful if you will print this reply to her letter, which was headed 'What happens to my R1 20?'

Dealing first with the statement 'this money is split between the board and the chief The reality of the matter is that there are two separate accounts

One is an annual fee of R1 collected by the board for onward transmission to the KwaZulu Government, which is payable by anyone employing a KwaZulu citizen working within the Natalia Development Board's area of jurisdiction

The other account referred to by the writer is a monthly fee of R120, payable by employers of domestic servants within the board's area of jurisdiction This fee is to the account of the board only

The writer requests clarification on what happens to her R1 20 per month

This fee goes towards covering the costs of various labour-related functions dealt with by the Board These include functions such as

- Determining training needs and categories by means of market research techniques, in order to establish and meet demand

- The carrying out of orientation and skills tests to assess latent skills of prospective employees

- The setting up of guidance interviews to help prospective job seekers assess available job opportunities

- The provision of facilities for employers to interview potential employees, specially select-

ed in accordance with employer requirements

This list is possibly an over-simplification of the areas to which the R1 20 monthly fee is debited So, in order to satisfy herself fully, I would like to invite the writer to contact my Bureau Manager to arrange a visit to the bureau concerned, so that she can see for herself what happens and clarify any further problems she has in this regard

Your correspondent might be interested to know that the fee set by the Minister in 1977 has remained constant at R120 for the past eight years Here, at least, is one 'commodity' which has not escalated in price, in spite of the economic climate'

H A DU PLESSIS

Chief Director

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	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Zeerust Ikageleng	1 413	1 167	2 075
Lichtenburg Boikhutso	1 748	1 097	1 413
Bloemhof Botumelong	1 143	1 290	2 098
Schweizer-Reneke Maamusa	1 845	1 876	2 040
Wolmaranstad Boikhutso	1 960	2 012	2 677
Delareyville Tswaing	166	35	—
Sannieshof Agisang	934	343	602
Swarttruggens Barolela	610	373	414
Christiana Poditshunyana	1 290	1 194	1 652
Koster Bantuville	1 157	1 222	1 140
Ventersdorp Tshing	1 088	958	1 628
Stilfontein Khuma	4 719	2 563	3 656
Orkney Kanana	3 148	2 443	3 008
Biesiesvlei	54	33	64
Witpoort	92	67	82
Makwassie Lebaleng	907	911	1 578
Fochville Kokasi	1 880	571	824
	36 007	28 114	39 719

Central Transvaal Development Board

Warmbad Belabela	1 774	1 794	3 567
Brits Eftuhle	2 840	3 596	6 620
Thabazimbi	101	143	203
	6 715	5 533	10 390

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

Carolina Ezenzelem	1 259	842	2 075
Amerfoort eZamekhuhle	872	823	2 055
Piet Retief eThandakukhanya	2 653	1 520	5 784
Morgenzon Sivukile	313	214	1 577
Amsterdam KwaThandeka	287	339	752
Davel Kwadela	374	101	1 423
Chrissiesmeer KwaChibikhulu	67	66	170
Wakkerstroom eSizamelem	194	232	1 006
Breyten Kwazanele	2 258	2 373	4 715
Sabie Sunhle	1 349	904	1 654
Waterfallboven Umgwenya	907	872	3 651
Barberton Emjindini	2 548	1 552	5 709
Lothair	519	405	1 101
	13 600	10 243	31 672

The question relates to townships under the control of Development Boards only. Statistics of those townships in respect of which Black local authorities have been constituted, is however submitted separately here under

Towns under Black Local Authorities

Middelburg (TV): Umhluzi	10 371	577	12 989
Witbank Kwaguwa	15 743	7 236	10 945
Johannesburg Diepmeadow	67 745	66 290	66 584

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	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Johannesburg Dobsonville	15 931	11 163	19 997
Johannesburg Soweto	180 569	186 055	161 804
Johannesburg Alexandra	17 433	13 492	31 202
Krugersdorp Kagiso	13 813	14 143	29 494
Springe KwaTema	27 386	26 293	41 945
Benoni Daveyton	27 494	25 041	44 059
Germiston Kaitleng	43 074	25 511	60 872
Benoni Wattville	7 299	4 303	10 391
Alberton Tokoza	21 294	10 569	28 334
Kempton Park Tembisa	76 429	39 915	45 760
Boksburg Vosloorus	46 050	13 710	21 712
Pretoria Atteridgeville	24 182	28 245	21 605
Pretoria Mamelodi	57 152	44 524	26 651
Ermele Wesselton	8 635	1 485	8 019
Kimberley Galeshewe	27 337	26 326	36 961
Bloemfontein Mangaung	24 456	29 838	30 772
Welkom Thabong	18 161	9 698	22 304
Vanderbijlpark Sebokeng/Boipa tong/Bophelong	68 149	46 785	74 469
Vanderbijlpark Evaton	17 452	22 410	33 277
Bethlehem Bohlakong	7 991	6 894	24 493
Kroonstad Seeisoivle	14 594	19 916	24 928
Potchefstroom Ikageng	13 465	13 053	16 199
Klerksdorp Jouberton	13 895	11 031	13 152
Port Elizabeth Kayammandi	66 629	75 500	125 523
Craddock Lungelhle	2 741	3 635	7 369
Grahamstad Rani	8 970	10 381	22 776
Uitenhage KwaNabuhle	14 362	15 338	30 921
Sasolburg Zamdela	11 620	3 236	3 384
Vereeniging Sharpeville	12 984	14 101	18 354
	970 442	828 604	1 127 354

Hereward
Q. Co 1. 1277 26/4/85
 133 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance

What is the total amount of tax lost or expected to be lost as a result of tax concessions granted to decentralized or decentralized industries in respect of the year ended 31 March 1984?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Because many taxpayers (especially companies) have not yet put in their 1984 returns, it is not possible to give a final figure, but on the basis of assessments already raised, the income tax concessions

granted to decentralized or decentralized industries in respect of the year ending 31 March 1984 will amount to approximately R109 million

This amount is made up of concessions granted under sections 11bis, 11ter, 11quat, 11quum 11sept, 11oct, 12, 13 and 21ter of the Income Tax Act

The figure in respect of the year ending 31 March 1983 given in response to Question No 224 of 1984, was R670 129. That figure related only to the section 21ter allowance. The correct figure in respect of all the allowances listed above was R153 315 478

Hereward
Q. Co 1. 1278
 125 Natalia Development Board
 26/4/85
 436 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the

HoA

Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

- (1) (a) How many persons in areas administered by the Natala Development Board applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme in 1984 and (b) how many applications were granted,

- (2) whether the figures represent an increase or decrease in comparison with the relevant figures for 1983, if so, what is the extent of the increase or decrease?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- (1) (a) Eleven.
(b) Eleven

- (2) An increase of eleven

Howard Q. Col. 1279
Veterans'/disability/widows' pensions

486 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

- (1) (a) How many Black persons were receiving war veterans' pensions for having served in wars prior to World War I as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what amount is paid to each person per month and (c) what total amount is paid out in such pensions per month,

- (2) whether any of these persons receive military disability pensions, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is paid to each per month,

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- (4) what are the conditions subject to which persons qualify for such (a)

veterans', (b) disability and (c) widows' pensions?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- (1) (a) None
(b) and (c) Falls away

- (2) No

- (a) and (b) Falls away

- (3) No

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- (1) (a) 1 372 (February 1985)

- (b) Approximately 75% receive the maximum amount of R65 a month as well as an additional war veterans' allowance of R5,00 a month. The others received a lesser amount in accordance with the prescribed table as well as the additional war veterans' allowance of R5,00 a month

- (c) Approximately R95 000 per month

- (2) No (a) and (b) Fall away

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N Natal tariff increase freeze

Mercury Reporter

TARIFF increases in two Northern Natal townships have been shelved for the foreseeable future

The chairmen of the community councils serving Sibongile township at Dundee and Thembalihle at Glencoe, Mr C Luthuli and Mr M Khumalo, confirmed yesterday agreement had been reached with the Natalia Development Board to freeze rents until the economic situation improved

The move follows recent violence in the townships, which have 1 430 houses between them, in which development board offices were stoned

A joint statement by the councils said it had been agreed with the board last year that tariff increases, which had already been suspended until April 1, 1985, could be further reviewed in exceptional circumstances

Shelved

'Realising early in the year that the economic climate had indeed worsened, councillors again approached the board

'As a result of tough negotiation agreement was reached that the matter be shelved in the interim'

It was agreed that work would have to again become freely available before the matter would be reviewed.

The councils also announced that roofs and roads in the township were receiving attention and they were examining the possibility of installing water-borne sewerage in the townships

Proved worth

The chief director of Natalia, Mr H A du Plessis, said 'The untimely reaction by a small group of dissidents very nearly caused a stalemate in these delicate talks and it was only as a result of the very persuasive approach of both council chairmen that negotiations were again resumed and successfully concluded

'In view of this recent success at the negotiating table, the council chairmen have more than proved their worth to their communities'

Service tariffs, which are tied to residents' rent bills, were last increased in the two townships in September 1982 from about R9 a house to about R15 a house

Development planned for areas where housing is needed

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Six sex-law offenders in jail

CAPE TOWN—Extensive development is to take place in four areas where there is a desperate need for Indian housing, the Minister of Local Government Housing and Agriculture, Mr Baldeo Dookie, announced yesterday

Housing call to Indians

RICH Indians should provide money to house the poor in Durban's new Cato Manor, Mr A G 'Atomic' Joosab (NPP Brickfield) said in the House of Delegates yesterday

Speaking on the housing vote in the Own Affairs budget, he said this could be done by auctioning a third of the plots, the profits being used to finance low-cost housing

Another third of the plots should be serviced and sold at cost to middle-income families, and the rest, with ready-built, low-cost houses, should be available to sub-economic group families. — (Sapa)

Speaking in the debate on the Own Affairs housing vote he said the four areas earmarked for development were Pelican Park in the Cape and Richards Bay, Cato Manor and Inanda in Natal

Housing catering for all income groups would be provided where possible, and it was hoped that some of the longstanding problems of the Indian community would be resolved

Rural communities would be helped to upgrade their dwellings when the departments of housing and health and the provincial administration would introduce minimum health and building standards

Then piped water would be laid on. Once funds were available, the programme would be implemented in Etete, Blackburn and Welgedacht

Investigation

Later, upgrading of roads and storm water drainage would be undertaken in an effort to achieve an integrated rural development programme

Mr Dookie said an investigation was underway into the rent-deposit system for housing

He warned Indian landlords to maintain fair rents, otherwise he would recommend the re-examination of the whole issue of rent control 'in order to bring about discipline'

It had also been decided to change the allocation

procedure for land and housing. From July 1 only the Book of Life number would be accepted on applications. Those with old identity cards who had already applied for land or housing should apply for Book of Life numbers and change their application forms accordingly

Attention was being given to the desirability of Indian officials recommending to local authorities who should be given allocations

Exploiting

'There are too many allegations and one Supreme Court action pending on the issue of allocations,' he said

People receiving housing subsidies were exploiting the situation by owning a number of homes. The system envisaged would detect any attempt to get more than one allocation

Progress was being made with finding accommodation for sugar estate pensioners in Natal, Mr Dookie said

Six sugar companies had responded to a survey on the matter and the first development would take place at Craighburn, Umkomaas. The Department had agreed to lend R1 100 000 to the Development and Services Board for the construction of 74 low-cost housing units, 37 of which would be for pensioners and their dependents — (Sapa)

Council asked to expand Chatsworth

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Mercury Reporter

THE Durban City Council has been urged to investigate ways of extending Chatsworth westwards to alleviate overcrowding in the township which at present houses about 200 000 people.

Mr Siva Pillay, a Chatsworth representative on the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee, said this week that overcrowding was becoming a serious problem in some areas and this triggered off grave social problems.

'One of the main reasons for overcrowding is that in most cases the married children are still being accommodated in their parents' homes, maintaining the joint family system.

Scheme

'This is probably the case because of a lack of housing and the long waiting list for council-assisted housing,' he said, adding that vast tracts of land were lying vacant in Klaarwater and Welbedacht areas.

'The council should look at these areas possibly to set a site and service scheme in which families could build their own homes,' he added.

A quick survey by a Mercury team yesterday found that the problem of overcrowding was rife especially in the sub-economic units in Chatsworth's Unit 3 and in the flat area of Unit 10.

Although the families were reluctant to discuss their housing problems, many people said they could not afford bigger accommodation and therefore had no choice but to continue living in overcrowded conditions.

Investigation

For some council tenants, living in one bedroom flats, their bedroom was their lounge and dining room.

A spokesman for the council said the question of overcrowding in Chatsworth had already been the subject of investigation by the council on several occasions.

Durban's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Muriel Richter, said in a report to the LAC that the department was well aware of the overcrowded conditions prevailing in housing units throughout the city and in particular those occupied by the lower economic groups of the community.

'However, in the light of the present housing shortage, this department's policy has been not to involve itself in such situations, unless other unsatisfactory conditions also exist that can give rise to possible action being taken in terms of the Slums Act.

'These include major structural defects, inadequate lighting and ventilation and inadequate or unhygienic sanitary disposal systems,' she said.



Clairwood residents carry banners on their way to the Durban City Hall.

Use racecourse for housing, MP tells inquiry

Mercury Reporter

THE racecourse should be taken over for the provision of housing, a Group Areas Board inquiry into the future of Clairwood was told yesterday.

The House of Delegates MP for Durban Bay, Mr Ismail Baker, said in a statement read on his behalf at the hearing, attended by about 300 Clairwood residents in the Durban City Hall, that if Clairwood was zoned for residential use the existing land would not be enough for the provision of recreational facilities and road widening.

'This can be overcome by incorporating the racecourse,' he said, adding that Durban could not afford the luxury of two race courses.

Earlier, more than 100 people, carrying banners and chanting their support for the area to remain residential, marched into the City Hall as the hearing was about to start.

Speaking for the Durban City Council, the City Engineer, Mr D Macleod, said that Clairwood was suited for industrial use and the council tried to have the area zoned industrial in 1950, but the move was blocked by the Province.

He said 1 500 jobs would be lost if Clairwood was not zoned for industry.

'In the event of the area being zoned for residential use, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning should be responsible for the development and planning of that part of the area,' he said.

Mr D K Singh, who appeared for the Clairwood Ratepayers and Residents' Association, said the Indian community was totally opposed to the Group Areas Act, 1955.

'We say that Clairwood should be allowed to remain residential and all people be given an opportunity to live there,' he said.

The struggle to save Clairwood started four decades ago, he said, adding that in spite of the ruling by the Administrator of Natal in 1956, various obstacles were placed by the Durban City Council in preventing development by refusing to pass plans for houses, neglecting to provide proper facilities, services and basic amenities such as water-borne sewerage.

The levying of industrial rates for residential stands also forced many property owners to sell up and move out of the area.

Mr Peter Marcus, provincial leader of the coloured People's Congress Party, said the party favoured Clairwood being zoned an 'open residential area', but if this was not legally possible, a separate group area for coloureds should be considered in Clairwood.

Renovating

The Solidarity MP for Reservoir Hills, Mr Pat Poovalingam, said in support of the declaration that during the 1960s, Clairwood had been tremendously rich culturally. Since then, in order to grab land from the Indians, the City Council had conducted a deliberate campaign of neglect and 'colonial exploitation'.

It had used every mechanism to coerce Indians into selling their land to the municipality.

Those who had refused to submit saw no point in spending money on renovating their homes with the Damoclean sword hanging over their heads, which explained the condition of many Clairwood homes.

If the zoning was left industrial and a group area was not declared, it would be condemning what was left of Clairwood to the 'jaws of the city council', he said.

Representations for the retention of Clairwood as a residential group area were also made by Mr Paddy Kearney of Diakonia, Mrs Ann Colvin of Black Sash, and members of the University of Natal's Built Environment Support Committee, Dr Jeff McCarthy, Mr Dan Smith and Prof John Butler-Adam.

Millions set aside for first-time home-buyers

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SEVERAL million
rand has been made
available primarily for
first-time home-buy-
ers by the Natal
Building Society as
its lending position
has improved due to
a more favourable in-
vestment trend over
recent months.

NBS managing direc-
tor John Bennett
reaffirmed the society's
commitment to first-
time home-buyers
'We're even inviting
prospective first-time
buyers who are not cur-
rent clients of the soci-
ety to avail themselves
of these funds,' he said

'Even though loans of
more than R60 000 —
which first-time buyers
do not normally require
— are more profitable
we feel that it is impor-
tant for as many young
people as possible to be
able to purchase their
own homes.

'If the step is taken at
the expense of short-
term profit — and may
be queried by some peo-
ple in the light of our in-
tention to become an
equity-based instead of
a mutual society — from
a long-term viewpoint, it

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is enlightened self-in-
terest

'And it is particularly
meaningful to the pub-
lic at large at a time
when mortgage bond
rates are so high

'In a country with a
rising population that is
generally poorly
housed, it is essential
that the socio-economic
benefits of owning one's
own home be spread as
widely as possible in all
race groups.

'Building societies ob-
viously have a large role
to play in the achieve-
ment of that goal, and
an emphasis on profit-
ability does not mean
we should not follow so-
cially acceptable
policies

'Stability, self-fulfil-
ment, and capital ap-
preciation of a major
asset in a highly infla-
tionary economy are
some of the many 'spin-
offs' of home ownership
in a country that has
many hallmarks of the
Third World.

'The opportunity to
benefit from capital ap-
preciation is especially
important, as it demon-
strates in practice the
virtues of the free enter-
prise system,' Mr Ben-
nett said

Durban to pay back R1 000 000 surcharges

Mercury Reporter

THE Durban City Council has been given the go-ahead to refund the more than R1 000 000 in surcharges paid by tenants in municipal-owned housing with communal water meters.

The decision to refund surcharges means that Durban's rate-payers will bear the

cost, which will be charged to the City's Rates and General Services Account

Provincial Executive Committee member Dr Fred Clarke confirmed last night that a decision had been taken to allow the Durban City Council to refund the money

He said Exco had also agreed that the council should not collect unpaid

surcharges from its tenants in housing schemes with communal meters

The decision follows a Durban City Council request to the Administrator of Natal for approval to refund the surcharges which were levied during the drought on tenants in housing schemes where water consumption exceeded restrictions

Dr Clarke said Exco

had originally decided late last year not to allow the fines to be waived

At the time it was believed that the reason for taking the decision was that it would be unfair to other residents who had paid fines, or to rate-payers if the levies were waived

Dr Clarke said the decision to allow the Durban council to refund the surcharges follows a recent

Supreme Court decision

The Court decided in a case brought by a Phoenix widow, Mrs Dhamanthi Parbathy, that the council was not entitled to levy a surcharge until a separate water meter was installed in place of the existing communal meter.

Mr Pravin Gordhan, secretary of the Durban Housing Action Committee which initiated Mrs Parbathy's test case, welcomed Exco's decision

Pensioners' bus fares spark emotional council debate

HERE were two fairly emotional debates in yesterday's Durban City Council meeting — on pensioners' bus fares and sub-economic housing for Indians.

Nobody argued with the fact that Durban's buses fleet needed replacement, nor with the fact that fares had to go up, or even with the fact that the subsidies on pupils' fares be reduced.

But when it came to senior citizens, pensioners or principal voters at municipal elections (call them what you will) then just about everyone wanted to stand up and be counted as being in favour of the oldies.

At the moment pensioners' fares are subsidised, the tune of 80 percent, which gives them a 12c fare on a 60c stage. The transportation committee had recommended a reduction of subsidy to 70 percent, but at a joint meeting of transportation and Manco a compromise of 75 percent was agreed on.

But Councillor Henry Lotz, a member of Manco, most emphatically did not agree. Senior citizens had contributed during their working lives to the Capital Development Fund, he said, they used the buses only in valley periods, and if they stopped using them the buses would be empty.

Good deeds

The subsidy was a minimal burden on the city and he would like to see it frozen at 80 percent. So he moved a reference back.

Mr Pieter Breytenbach, known for his good deeds for the pensioners, seconded, and said that this was the sort of thing that

worried a senior citizen. For a person who had to count each cent, three cents was a lot of money.

Mr Crispin Hemson had an axe to grind as he is vice-chairman of the transportation committee and he pointed out that the recommendation was basically to purchase desperately-needed new buses. The money for this would have to be provided by all ratepayers.

He was sympathetic, too, to pensioners and he believed the council had a social role to play. In fact, he would prefer to see direct aid by payment of R10 a month to poor pensioners — then they could spend it on bus fares or food.

But some pensioners were not poor, and Indian QAPs and the physically handicapped were excluded from the subsidy. People don't need aid be-



cause they're old, but because they're poor,' he said.

Faster

(Council rules of procedure prevented me from standing up and citing the case of the pensioner who parks his Mercedes at my bowling club, takes his 12c ride to the 50c pensioners' cinema matinee, then rides back for another 12c to his Merc. He had to interrupt this routine recently when he took a very pleasant trip with his wife to Rio on the Q E 2.)

To return to Mr Hemson he told us that the O A P population was growing at a faster rate than the population generally, and that with the new proposal a pensioner's 10 bus trips a week would cost only an extra R2.36 monthly.

Two of the newer councillors took the opportunity to support Mr Kloetz's reference back. Mrs Connie Galea and Mrs Mona Riddler. Each received the customary round of applause for her maiden speech, though they contributed little to the debate.

Mr Garvin Bernstein said the amount involved, R60 000 to R70 000, didn't represent a row of beans in the city's finances. Any increase that pensioners had to pay was traumatic for them. It might force them to stay at home, and Durban wanted them to participate in the life of the city.

Mr Peter Mansfield said it was easy to support the amendment, but he had to oppose it. He was staggered that there was so little concern over the plight of pensioners of other races.

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Free passes

The vast majority of Indian pensioners were excluded as were black pensioners who travelled by Putco. Government pensions were massively discriminatory and this would only exacerbate the difference.

Mr Fritz Louw confessed to being 'on the verge' of senior citizenship and pointed out that pensioners had free passes on Pretoria buses. Mr Gys Muller added that Pretoria spent R12 million and Johannesburg R16 million on bus subsidies.

He broadened his argument to call for someone to take Durban's buses off the city's hands and quoted comparative fares on other services in the area.

The smartest operator he knew charged fares of only 32c a km, yet he replaced his buses every two years and his inspectors drove Mercedes cars. One doubts if the DTMB can match that.

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Carried

Durban could subsidise its bus service to any extent it wished, but the fact was that in 1968 the DTMB carried 32 million passengers, last year it

was down to 9 500 000.

The reference back of the section dealing with pensioners' subsidies was carried by 18 votes to 12, but the rest of the recommendation was agreed.

Over a Housing Committee recommendation to build 264 flats at a slum-clearance area at Merbank, vice-chairman Mrs Margaret Ambler had a crisis of conscience — in fact, she said, she hadn't slept all night.

She felt the time had come to cry 'halt' to the formula for providing sub-economic housing. The problem should be thrashed out with the community and she wanted the Government to look at the system.

The proposed housing was in two- or three-storey blocks, with play areas, and Mr Don Smith said that overseas these buildings were being dynamited because they were social disasters. And Mr Neville Herrington quoted tower blocks in Glasgow's Gorbals district which were a disaster.

Mr Bernstein would have preferred houses and gardens to flats but believed that the council

could not keep debating the question while homeless people were desperate for housing.

Skinhead

Other councillors had similar views and Mr Mansfield talked at much greater length than any of them and succeeded in saying less.

While my eyes were glazed over it occurred to me that I've lived in a three-storey block of flats for four years without being driven to suicide, turning into a skinhead or suffering a compulsive urge to kick the building to pieces.

Mrs Sybil Holtz restored me and no doubt many around the horseshoe to sanity when she said that everyone was getting carried away. Everyone preferred a garden around his house, but then the cost of land and services would push up the rents.

A reference back could result in a two-year delay. The reference back was lost by 23 votes to five and the doom-laden flats will be built. But Mrs Winter did agree to try to re-house the original dwellers in the area in the interests of a homogeneous community.

Housing plan for retired ¹²³ 1985 Indian sugar estate workers

Mercury Reporter

MOST Indian sugar estate workers, who in the past have been evicted from company houses on retirement, will soon be provided with alternative housing

The House of Delegates, with the help of sugar companies, has carried out surveys to determine the extent of the problem faced by pensioners

Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of

Delegates, said talks would be held with the Development and Services Board to provide low-cost housing for the sugar pensioners

So far, 37 houses have been allocated for sugar estate pensioners in a housing development by the DSB in Craigieburn, Umkomaas

Mr Dookie said his department had loaned the DSB R1 100 000 for the provision of 74 low-cost houses in Craigieburn on condition that 37 were

given to pensioners and their dependants from a nearby sugar estate

Pensioners, many of whom have spent most of their working lives in the sugar plantation and mills, have been asked to vacate company houses

Discussions would take place with several local authorities to try to resolve the long and frustrating problem faced by pensioners and to get a fixed programme of accommodation for them and their dependants

Challenge to Dookie over election promises

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Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Housing, Local Government and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, was yesterday challenged to address voters in his constituency in Greenwood Park over three issues facing the community

Mr Thumba Pillay, chairman of the Greenwood Park area committee of the Natal Indian Congress, who issued the challenge, said yesterday the residents were particularly interested in promises made by Mr Dookie during the parliamentary elections

'Mr Dookie promised to consult the community on the future development of Cato Manor, but instead went ahead with plans for the area without consulting the community

'We would like to know Mr Dookie's department policy on group area removals, particularly in the light of recent attempts by his department to uproot black families from St Wendolin's

'During the parliamentary elections Mr Dookie made promises to voters about increased employment opportunities, providing housing at afford-

able prices, lowering General Sales Tax and improved standard of living for the Indian community

'We believe that Mr Dookie is answerable to the community and therefore challenge him to explain his activities since his election to the House of Delegates'

Mr Pillay said Mr Dookie had been given an assurance of his safety and a fair hearing if he accepted the challenge

Mr Dookie could not be contacted for comment in Cape Town yesterday

Scrap one-room Wentworth flats, says Stowman

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Mercury Reporter

SOCIO-ECONOMIC conditions at Wentworth could improve only if the Government and the Durban City Council acted against overcrowding and demolished one-room flats which gangsters often used as hideouts

This was claimed by Mr Albie Stowman, Natal leader of the coloured Labour Party and chairman of the Local Affairs Committee

Mr Stowman was responding to moves by the Durban City Council to establish a committee to investigate and resolve various problems in the township

'It will be almost impossible to improve the quality of life in Wentworth if the one-room flats are not demolished and overcrowding is not countered,' he said, adding that most one-room flats were occupied by the poorest section of the community

Problems

Mr Stowman said because poor people lived in the flats they were intimidated, terrorised and bullied by gangsters

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, said yesterday his department was looking

at Wentworth as a priority area

'I am aware of the one-room flats and conditions at Wentworth, but all I can say at this stage is that careful attention is being paid to the problems,' he said

Mr Curry added he would not reveal plans for Wentworth because he did not want to raise the hopes of the residents

Mr Stowman said senior housing officials from Cape Town would be in Durban later this month to look at Mar-iannridge and Wentworth

Meanwhile, the Durban City Council's Health and

Housing Committee has arranged a meeting for Thursday to form a committee to look at ways and means of improving the quality of life in the township

Mr Morris Fynn, a member of the LAC, yesterday welcomed the move

'The committee is expected to include four of the township's LAC members and officials from the council's Health and Housing Committee'

He said the decision to form the committee followed a tour of coloured townships in Durban by council officials and criticism of conditions at Wentworth by a Durban judge

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LAC decides not to resign over rent hikes

Mercury Reporter

A MAJORITY of the Labour Party-controlled Durban Coloured Local Affairs Committee rejects a call by opposition member Mr Morris Fynn to resign if the Durban City Council refused to withdraw its recently implemented rent increases in council-owned flats and houses in coloured areas

Mr Fynn has tabled a motion for next week's LAC meeting calling for all members to quit if the rent increases were not withdrawn

However, Mr Albie Stowman, chairman of the LAC and Natal leader of the Labour Party, said it would be pointless resigning.

'Most of us on the LAC have agreed not to quit over the rent issue because it would not help to solve the problem,' he said

Mr Fynn said last night that there was no justification in the rent increases because the rents of flats and houses belonging to the Department of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives had not gone up

'If they had we would understand,' said Mr Fynn, adding that the biggest part of the rent charged by the council went towards administration costs

Mr Fynn said that if

members refused to quit then it would prove that they were representing the council and not the people.

'Five of us quit in 1975 because of a breakdown in talks with the council over more powers for the LAC,' he said

Mr Fynn said he would stay on as a LAC member if a majority of members decided not to quit.

He said his supporters were responsible for his future on the LAC and that they would have to decide

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Minister raps Black Sash on support for rent refusals

African Affairs
Correspondent

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ULUNDI—The KwaZulu Minister of the Interior, Dr Dennis Madide, has criticised Black Sash and the Legal Resources Centre for allegedly giving moral support to 'misguided people' who refused to pay rents in KwaZulu townships

'This is a deplorable example of racism, of keeping people down so that you can pity them,' Dr Madide said.

The minister said the people of KwaZulu wanted to lift themselves up by their own bootstraps and did not want to be objects of charity

Taking part in a debate on the policy speech of the Minister of Finance, Dr Madide said these bodies spread stories that they were protecting such people against the 'repression' of a homeland government

He said it was 'nonsense' that officials of the KwaZulu Government were 'puppets paid by Pretoria'

'The money which Pretoria contributes is our money, not theirs,' he said

The minister said that people who gave those who did not pay rent moral support lived in neat suburbs where they themselves paid rent, probably 20 times as much

Even if Pretoria authorities were to say that there was no more money to give the KwaZulu Government, the salaries of the employees of KwaZulu could still be paid out of the region's own resources, Dr Madide maintained

Yet they instigated people in KwaZulu not to pay rent so they continued to

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A Merebank family outside their 'squatter camp' in a Durban City Council-owned park in Raj Mahal Road, Merebank, yesterday. They are (from left) Mr Krish Ramiah, his wife Joan, and two of their four children — Joan, three, and Kevin, one. With them is a family friend, Mr Sadah Naidoo, who helps guard their belongings at night.

Evicted family squattling in tent

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Labour Reporter
A MERE BANK family of five, evicted from their rented house after the breadwinner lost his job, are squatting illegally in a tent in a Durban City Council-owned park in the Indian suburb.

Seated amid his family's possessions in a secluded spot at the recreational grounds in Raj Mahal Road, Mr Krish Ramiah, a former panel beater, said yesterday they would not move until the council provided them with alternate accommodation

His family was ejected from a privately-owned outbuilding at 71 Raj Mahal Road last Thursday after being in arrears with their rent 'I have been unable to pay my monthly rent of R110 since March this year when I became unemployed

'My wife works as a machinist at a clothing factory and earns R58 per week, but this is barely enough to keep us going. There is just no money left to pay the rent

'In spite of numerous attempts to find employ-

ment I was not successful,' he said, adding that after his furniture and other possessions were stacked on the pavement he went in search of alternate accommodation throughout Merebank, but nobody was prepared to help him when he told them he was unemployed

'The pastor at my church was kind enough to lend us his kombi which we used as a bedroom and kitchen since last Thursday, but at the weekend somebody loaned us a tent which were now using as our home,' he said

They have four children. The eldest is Jeanette, 13, who is in Std 6 and presently writing her mid-year examinations. 'My daughter has been shattered by the loss of our home and I am worried that it might affect her performance in the examinations,' he said

Since their move into the park, the Ramiahs have become the 'talk of the town'. People in the neighbourhood cooked food and allowed them use of toilet facilities

A spokesman for Durban's Parks, Recreation and Beaches Department said yesterday his department would investigate and notify the relevant authorities to take the necessary action.

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Natal Building Society loans manager Mr Trevor Olivier reported 469 borrowers in arrears last month compared to 340 in May last year — a 37 percent increase

He said 68 insolvency cases had been dealt with in May this year compared with 16 last year, and the society was busy with 101 legal actions for the same month compared to 83 in May last year.

He explained that few legal actions actually reached sale because debtors usually managed to find the money or come to an arrangement with the society

Insolvencies, however, usually resulted in sales, and Mr Olivier predicted an increase in them in the next six months

He advised people who could not pay their instalments to contact their local branch to seek special arrangements for delayed payment

Confirmed

The Natal Building Society pointed out that the default figure had never climbed higher than 1 percent of total borrowers and other building society spokesmen said the figures were not alarming because they formed such a tiny fraction of the total number who owed money and kept up with their payments

The SA Perm and the United Building Society confirmed that more and more people were falling into arrears

The Perm's assistant general manager for Natal, Mr Barry Rainier, said 'There are more people in trouble, but we go out of our way to help our borrowers'

Since the last bond rate increase the Perm had not been forcing borrowers to pay the difference between the new and the old instalments, although they would have to make it up at some stage, he said

Mr Rainier said that while he could not predict an immediate reduction in the bond rate, it might come down by about 1 percent around September or October if the economic climate did not deteriorate further

United's assistant general manager, Mr Piet Kruger, said 'We feel things are well under control and are not particularly concerned although our arrears do need a lot more attention now than they did a year ago'

Minister acts on evictions

Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, has asked Durban City Council to stay all evictions in Chatsworth and Phoenix

The minister's intervention follows urgent representations to him by the Durban Housing Action Committee (DHAC) after about 40 families in the two townships were placed on the council's list for eviction this week.

In a statement yesterday Mr Dookie said he requested the council to give 'all persons concerned a further opportunity to arrange for the involvement of welfare organisations to liquidate their arrear rentals'

He said his department was examining existing instructions 'with a view to ascertaining exactly what other relief could be given to families in arrears with their rent.'

Mr Pravin Gordhan, secretary of DHAC, said the committee had been able to save nearly all the families from eviction from their homes after arranging with the council to allow the defaulters to pay off their debt in monthly instalments

Mr John Muir, the city council's financial officer in charge of housing, said yesterday that originally 35 families in Phoenix and six in Chatsworth were placed on the list for eviction on Thursday, but most were saved after paying their arrears

Shipwreck

(a)	(b)
Carletonville	December 1986
Daveyton	1987
Kwa-Thema	1987
Sharpeville	1987
Bloemfontein	1987
Tembisa	1987/88
Katlehong	1987/88
Technical College	December 1985
Soshanguve	

National states: amounts spent on education
 841 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether his Department will furnish information on the amounts spent on matters relating to the education of Blacks in the national states, if not, why not, if so,

(2) what amounts were spent in each of the national states on (a) school textbooks (b) library books, (c) hostel accommodation subsidies, (d) pupil transport subsidies, (e) school audio-visual equipment, (f) school buildings, (g) stationery and (h) school furniture in each of the latest specified three years for which figures are available?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) No Education is a function that has been transferred to the governments of the national states and information is not available to the Department

(2) Falls away

East-Rand Development Board:
 housing/education

846 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education.

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the East Rand Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985;

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION.

(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Kempton Park Tembisa	19 034	275	4	25
Germiston Katlehong	17 992	315	4	29
Alberton Tokoza	4 512	100	1	8
Boksburg Vosloorus	5 481	Nil	3	10
Benoni Wattville	2 473	41	2	7
Benoni Daveyton	12 423	352	3	23
Brakpan Tsakane	6 945	53	2	8
Springs KwaThema	9 757	Nil	1	19
Nigel Duduza	3 747	Nil	1	9
Heidelberg Ratanda	1 530	Nil	2	4
Devon Tsepong	184	Nil	Nil	1
Delmas Botleng	885	Nil	Nil	3
Bronkhorstspuit Zithobeni	321	Nil	Nil	2
Cullinan Rehlwe	270	Nil	Nil	1
Ekangala	1 387	Nil	Nil	1
Total	86 941	1 136	23	150
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Regarding (1)(b) above figures are given in respect of houses built with State funds only and it needs to be mentioned that State funds are mainly used in Black townships for the provision of serviced sites, which are made available for self-build purposes and for the erection of houses by the private sector

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the West Rand Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985,

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

West Rand Development Board:
 housing/education

847 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

- Johannesburg Soweto
- Johannesburg Diepmeadow
- Johannesburg Dobsonville
- Johannesburg Alexandra
- Krugersdorp Kagiso
- Randfontein Mohlakeng
- Westonara Bekkersdal

Total

(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(i)	(ii)
Johannesburg Soweto	74 081	777	51	175
Johannesburg Diepmeadow	26 942	Nil	19	59
Johannesburg Dobsonville	4 081	Nil	2	13
Johannesburg Alexandra	2 096	Nil	5	14
Krugersdorp Kagiso	5 705	Nil	3	14
Randfontein Mohlakeng	3 172	Nil	1	8
Westonara Bekkersdal	1 091	Nil	1	3
Total	117 168	777	82	286
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THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION.

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Natalia Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

848 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

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	(1)(a)	(1)(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Stanger	287	Nil	1	1	1
Tongaat	553	Nil	2	2	1
Durban Lamontville	2 758	Nil	6	5	2
Durban Chesterville	1 139	Nil	3	2	1
Pinetown Klarwater	301	Nil	7	2	1
Kokstad	725	Nil	1	2	1
Mool River	453	Nil	1	1	1
Cedarville	75	Nil	Nil	1	1
Greytown	623	Nil	2	3	1
Howick	137	Nil	2	1	Nil
Matatiele	153	Nil	Nil	1	1
Pietermaritzburg	1 094	Nil	2	2	1
Vryheid	870	Nil	Nil	2	2
Ladysmith	973	Nil	1	2	1
Glencoe	530	Nil	Nil	1	1
Paulpietersburg	305	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Colenso	151	Nil	1	1	Nil
Dundee	894	Nil	1	2	1
Umzimto	26	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	12 047		30	32	17

Regarding (1)(b) above figures are given in respect of houses built with state funds only and it needs to be mentioned that state funds are mainly used in Black townships for the provision of serviced sites, which are made available for self-build purposes and for the erection of houses by the private sector

Northern Cape Development Board:
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849 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Barkly West	548	175	Nil	2	1
Britstown	110	32	Nil	1	Nil
Danielskuil	293	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
De Aar	942	241	Nil	2	1
Delportshoop	369	25	Nil	1	1
Douglas	249	21	Nil	1	Nil
Greekwastad	200	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Jan Kempdorp	265	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Kimberley	8 194	Nil	4	16	4
Olifantshoek	194	20	Nil	1	Nil
Petrusville	188	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Philippstown	241	Nil	Nil	5	1
Postmasburg	1 803	Nil	1	1	1
Preska	375	20	Nil	1	Nil

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Revilo	119	32	Nil	1	Nil
Rutche	301	40	Nil	1	Nil
Upington	1 236	253	Nil	2	1
Vryburg	972	200	1	4	1
Warrenton	1 148	50	Nil	2	1
Windsorton	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	16 817	1 109	6	46	12

Regarding (1)(b) above figures are given in respect of houses built with state funds only and it needs to be mentioned that State funds are mainly used in Black townships for the provision of serviced sites, which are made available for self-build purposes and for the erection of houses by the private sector

Residential areas comprising fewer than 450 houses are not given priority for the establishment of primary schools and residential areas of fewer than 1 350 houses are not given priority for the establishment of secondary schools

Eastern Cape Development Board:
housing/education

850 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Aberdeen	239	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Addo (Emergency Camp)	682	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Adelade	618	226	Nil	3	1
Alexandra	279	Nil	2	1	Nil
Alcedale	360	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Alwal North	930	Nil	1	4	2
Barkley East	467	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Bathurst	274	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Beaufort-West	612	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Bedford	521	Nil	1	2	Nil
Burgersdorp	717	68	1	2	1
Cathcart	429	366	Nil	1	1
Colesberg	675	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Cookhouse	493	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Elliott	501	168	1	1	Nil
Fort Beaufort	1 107	Nil	1	3	2
Graaff-Reinet	1 167	Nil	1	1	1
Hankey	267	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Hanover	296	20	Nil	1	Nil
Hofmeyr	415	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Humansdorp	316	226	Nil	1	Nil

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Flats, homes, hotels, chalet boys

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Path of contention

A STORM of protest erupted in Umhlanga yesterday and major legal battles could follow the publication of development plans calling for massive changes to the North Coast resort, including a huge new road through the town centre.

A wing of a newly built block of luxury flats would have to be demolished, a path carved through the garden of the famous Oyster Box Hotel and the grave, in the hotel's rose garden, of former mayor Ken O'Connor would be disturbed if the plans are approved.

Homes in the path of a proposed new road would have to go as well as tennis courts and garages of the Umhlanga Rocks Hotel.

Residents and hoteliers yesterday attacked the proposals, which have been drawn up by a Durban firm of consultants.

If approved they would lead to dramatically increased traffic along La Lucia's 'Millionaires' Row'.

By Janet Moore

—Forest Drive — and Ip-anema, a block of luxury apartments said to have sold recently for R150 000 a unit, would be affected. The proposals envisage a traffic-free central area serviced by a major one-way road with parking on the outskirts.

Yesterday Mrs Kay Hill, owner of the Oyster Box, said she was totally against the scheme. It would damage Umhlanga's appeal to tourists as well as residents.

Massive

Residents came and settled here because of the atmosphere, while tourists come for the holiday feeling of a seaside village. That will all change for the worse.

'People from all over the world come back to the hotel time and again because it's unusual and reminds them of a European inn. They love the gardens, and particularly the chalets with their courtyards set in the grounds.'

'Now it all has to go to make way for a busy road and possibly a massive shopping centre. I could have developed the rest of my property long ago, but wanted to keep the lovely gardens filled with flowers. It looks as if I'm not being given any choice.'

'The town will have six shopping complexes by December. Do we really need any more?'

Former Umhlanga councillor Mrs Leah Fairweather, whose home is threatened, said yesterday she would stay in her home until forcibly evicted.

'Over my dead body will they take my home away from me, after having had to save for more than 35 years to come and retire here.'

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to their Umhlanga home 14 years ago.

Mr Mark Noble, a director of Southern Suns, which owns the Beverly Hills and the Umhlanga Rocks Hotel, expressed surprise at the proposals, saying they had not been consulted by the council. The matter would be investigated immediately

'I am most surprised that we were not approached as we are the major ratepayer in town, with five sea-front properties

Reacting to the complaints, the town's Mayor, Mr Peter Carter, said the plans were being considered

'I certainly understand the feelings of these people but the plan is a long-term one - 25 years ahead - which takes into account that Umhlanga is expected to have a population of 54 000 one day that will have to be catered for.

The idea was also to try to line up Marine

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Umhlanga plan row

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Drive, to take out the kinks and ease the traffic flow.

While admitting Umhlanga's village appeal would vanish, he said the proposals would centralise the town's shopping area

We could move the entire shopping emphasis to the Seaview interchange, (on the ridge behind Umhlanga) but that would really kill those businesses already existing in the Chartwell Drive area.

To compensate people like Mrs Hill, for example, we would probably zone the property affected by the road as commercial which is very much more valuable

'But although I can understand and appreciate their feelings, I would give way if I were in their situation and someone convinced me that it would benefit the entire town'

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5. Suggestions for development.

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3. Levels of living in Ciskei as communities: quantitative and

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1. Overview of Ciskei in the eighties : political, economic, social and demographic

AUTHOR : DR S BEKKER.

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Minister to ask for more land for Indians

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Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, is to ask the Durban City Council for more land for Indian housing

Chatsworth, Durban's largest Indian settlement, is bursting at the seams and the new township of Phoenix to the north of the city is already reaching the full potential of its development

'We need more land for the expansion of Chatsworth and Phoenix to ease the tremendous overcrowding and assist the 18 000 people on the Durban City Council's waiting list for housing,' Mr Dookie said on his return to Durban

He said his department had decided not to allow the building of sub-economic flats in future housing schemes

'Sub-economic flats are not conducive to a

healthy environment,' he said, adding that overcrowding had become rife mainly where one-bedroom flats existed

He said the meeting with the council would also look at the long-term projections for land for the Indian community

A deputation from the Cato Manor Residents' Association headed by Archbishop Denis Hurley will meet Mr Dookie in Durban on Friday to dis-

cuss plans for the development of Cato Manor

Meanwhile the University of Natal's Built Environment Support Group — which represents town-planning and geography experts of the university — had sent a telegram to Mr Dookie accepting his proposal for the development of low-cost housing in Cato Manor, Dr Jeff McCarthy, a spokesman for the group, said

Mr Dookie told the

House of Delegates recently that although his department had come under fire about the planning of Cato Manor, nobody had been able to tell him how to take a piece of land, service it and provide housing at a price people in lower-income groups could afford

'I issue a challenge to anybody who can show me how to achieve this I will share the cost of such a survey with them,' he said

	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Leceusi Ikageleng	1 413	1 167	2 075
Lichtenburg Boikhuso	1 748	1 097	1 413
Hloemhof Butumelong	1 143	1 290	2 098
Schweizer-Reneke Mmamusa	1 845	1 876	2 040
Wolmaranstad Boikhusong	1 960	2 012	2 677
Delareyville-Tswaing	166	35	—
Samneshof Agisang	934	343	602
Swatruuggens Barolela	610	373	414
(Christiana) Podishunyana	1 290	1 194	1 652
Koster Bantuville	1 157	1 222	1 140
Ventersdorp Tshing	1 088	958	1 628
Stilfontein Khuma	4 719	2 563	3 656
Orkney Kanana	3 148	2 443	3 008
Biesiesvlei	54	33	64
Witpoort	92	67	82
Makwassie Lebaleng	907	911	1 578
Fochville Kokasi	1 880	571	824
Total	36 007	28 114	39 719

Central Transvaal Development Board

Wainbad Belabela	1 774	1 794	3 567
Buis Ehtlhle	2 840	3 596	6 620
Ihabazimbi	101	143	203
Total	6 715	5 533	10 390

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

C arolina Ezenzelemi	1 259	842	2 075
Amersfoort eZamekhuhle	872	823	2 055
Piet Retief eThandakuhanya	2 653	1 520	5 784
Morgenzon Sivukile	313	214	1 577
Amsterdam KwaThandeka	287	339	752
Davel KwaDela	374	101	1 423
Chrissiesmeer KwaChibikhulu	67	66	170
Wakerstrom eSizamelemi	194	232	1 006
Breyten KwaZanele	2 258	2 373	4 715
Sabile Simile	1 349	904	1 654
Watervalboven Umgwenya	907	872	3 651
Barberton, Emyundini	2 548	1 552	5 709
Lothar	519	405	1 101
Total	13 600	10 243	31 672

The question relates to townships under the control of Development Boards only. Statistics of those townships in respect of which Black local authorities have been constituted, is however submitted separately here under.

Towns under Black Local Authorities

Middelburg (Twi) Umhlizi	10 371	577	12 989
Witbank Kwagwava	15 743	7 236	10 945
Johannsburg Diepmeadow	67 745	66 290	66 584

	(a)(i)	(ii)	(b)
Johannesburg Dobsonville	15 931	11 163	19 997
Johannesburg Soweto	180 569	186 055	161 804
Johannesburg Alexandra	17 433	13 492	31 202
Krugersdorp Kagiso	13 813	14 143	29 494
Springe KwaTema	27 386	26 293	41 945
Benoni Daveyton	27 494	25 041	44 059
Germiston Kaitlhong	43 074	25 511	60 872
Benoni Watville	7 299	4 303	10 391
Alberton Tokoza	21 294	10 569	28 334
Kempson Park Tembisa	76 429	39 915	45 760
Boksburg Vosloorus	46 050	13 710	21 712
Pretoria Arteridgeville	24 182	28 245	21 605
Pretoria Mamelodi	57 152	44 524	26 651
Ermelo Wessellon	8 635	3 485	8 019
Kimberley Galeshewe	27 337	26 326	36 961
Bloemfontein Mangaung	24 456	29 838	30 772
Welkom Thabong	18 161	9 698	22 304
Vanderbijlpark Sebokeng/Bopra tong/Bophelong	68 149	46 785	74 469
Vanderbijlpark Evaton	17 452	22 410	33 277
Bethlehem Bohlakong	7 991	6 894	24 493
Kroonstad Secsoville	14 594	19 916	24 928
Potchefstroom Ikageng	13 465	13 053	16 199
Klerksdorp Jouberton	13 895	11 031	13 152
Port Elizabeth Kayamandi	66 629	75 500	125 523
Gradock Lingelihle	2 741	3 635	7 369
Grahamstad Rini	8 970	10 381	22 776
Uitenhage KwaNabuhle	14 362	15 338	30 921
Sasolburg Zamdela	11 620	3 236	3 384
Vereeniging Sharpeville	12 984	14 101	18 354
Total	970 442	828 694	1 127 351

Hewasaad
 Tax concessions 26/4/85
 R. Co 1.1277
 133 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance

What is the total amount of tax lost or expected to be lost as a result of tax concessions granted to decentralized or de-concentrated industries in respect of the year ended 31 March 1984?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Because many taxpayers (especially companies) have not yet put in their 1984-returns, it is not possible to give a final figure, but on the basis of assessments already raised, the income tax concessions

granted to decentralized or deconcentrated industries in respect of the year ending 31 March 1984 will amount to approximately R109 million.

This amount is made up of concessions granted under sections 11bs, 11cr, 11qu, 11qm, 11se, 11te, 11tj, 11tk and 11tl of the Income Tax Act.

The figure in respect of the year ending 31 March 1983 given in response to Question No 224 of 1984, was R670 129. That figure related only to the section 11te allowance. The correct figure in respect of all the allowances listed above was R153 315 478.

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 Natala Development Board 26/4/85
 136 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the

Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) (a) How many persons in areas administered by the Natala Development Board applied for leases in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme in 1984 and (b) how many applications were granted,

(2) whether the figures represent an increase or decrease in comparison with the relevant figures for 1983, if so, what is the extent of the increase or decrease?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) Eleven

(b) Eleven.

(2) An increase of eleven

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Veterans'/disability/widows' pensions
26/4/85

486 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) (a) How many Black persons were receiving war veterans' pensions for having served in wars prior to World War I as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what amount is paid to each person per month and (c) what total amount is paid out in such pensions per month,

(2) whether any of these persons receive military disability pensions, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is paid to each per month,

(3) whether any persons are in receipt of widows' pensions in respect of these wars, if so, (a) how many and (b) what is each such person paid per month,

(4) what are the conditions subject to which persons qualify for such (a)

veterans', (b) disability and (c) widows' pensions'

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) None

(b) and (c) Falls away

(2) No

(a) and (b) Falls away

(3) No

(a) and (b) Falls away

(4) (a) The conditions are laid down by sections 1 and 3 of the Social Pensions Act, 1973 (Act 37 of 1973) and regulations 12 and 13 of the Regulations promulgated by Government notice R1034 of 21 June 1974

(b) and (c) These pensions are not administered or paid by the Department of Co-operation and Development

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) 1 372 (February 1985)

(b) Approximately 75% receive the maximum amount of R65 a month as well as an additional war veterans' allowance of R5,00 a month. The others received a lesser amount in accordance with the prescribed table as well as the additional war veterans' allowance of R5,00 a month

(c) Approximately R95 000 per month

(2) No (a) and (b) Fall away

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Curry Mercury 'can't stop evictions'

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Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, could not stop the planned eviction of scores of coloured families in arrears with their rents

This was said by Mr Virgil Bonhomme and Mr Pravin Gordhan, joint-secretaries of the Durban Housing Action Committee, after a meeting with Mr Curry in Durban

However, Mr Curry told the Mercury he would ask the Durban City Council to stay all evictions of tenants until their problems were sorted out, but the law governing evictions must take its course

He said that according to the council only one family had been evicted because they were illegal tenants

'All other proposed evictions are in the negotiating phase'

Commenting on the talks, he said the delegation had made certain proposals about rentals of tenants in municipal and Government housing schemes 'We'll have to

discuss these with the Ministers' Council'

He was pleased the group had approached him to discuss housing problems.

'The meeting was held in good spirits and we are pleased to note that although we have opposing political views they are prepared to negotiate with us on effective change concerning rental structures and income limits that were causing a problem to many people'

Mr Bonhomme and Mr Gordhan said they were disappointed that Mr Curry had been unable to give a firm undertaking to stop the council from evicting the tenants.

'Our information is that scores of council tenants, unable to keep up their monthly rentals because of unemployment, face eviction from their homes next week

'We were hoping that Mr Curry would have been able to stop these evictions, but it is clear that he is powerless to do so other than merely ask the council to stay the evictions,' they said.

29 families in arrears face eviction

Labour Reporter

TWENTY-NINE Indian and coloured families in Durban City Council housing schemes face being evicted from their homes tomorrow after failing to keep up their rent payments, mainly as a result of unemployment

The Durban Housing Action Committee discussed the problem with own affairs Ministers of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates and House of Representatives last week but expressed disappointment that the evictions could not be stopped.

Mr John Muir, the Durban City Council's financial officer in charge of housing, yesterday confirmed that 19 families in rented and ownership units in Phoenix, six at Newlands East, one from Wentworth, one in Newlands West and two in Springfield were on the eviction list.

However, he said, they would probably end up evicting only one or none at all because in most cases the tenants would come up with the money or enter into an agreement with the council to pay off their debts in instalments.

Mr Muir said some people had not paid their rent for 13 months and added that not all cases resulted from unemployment. Some were grant cases in which families just could not afford to

meet their commitments 'These people are in a no win situation.'

A typical example is that of a Newlands East family — which is among those facing eviction. The family receives a grant of R83 a month, but their rent and other charges including light and water accounts totalled R92 in one month.

Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, said his department requested local authorities not to evict people summarily but to examine each case on its merits where the relief measures in the case of unemployment were being re-examined.

'Where people who bought their houses with loans from the National Housing Commission have fallen in arrears through unemployment, we are urgently negotiating with the commission to have the arrears capitalised so that it may be repaid over a longer period to help minimise hardships.'

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Council evicts one family, five more get reprieve

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A NEWLANDS West family was evicted by the Durban City Council yesterday after having fallen 13 months in arrears with rent, and several others in a similar situation in Phoenix face eviction today.

Five others in Wentworth and Phoenix were granted last-minute reprieves following the intervention by the Durban Housing Action Committee (DHAC) and Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives.

Mrs Sybil Hotz, chairman of Durban's Management Committee, said last night that there was no way that she or any councillor could waive the amount owing to the council in outstanding rent.

'We gave tenants ample time to settle their debts and eviction is only carried out as a last resort when there is no likelihood of us recovering the money. Somebody has to pay. If the tenants can't, then the ratepayers will have to foot the bill,' she said.

'It could run into millions of rands if we allow people to continue living in council houses without paying rent.'

She confirmed that the eviction of five families had been stayed. 'The four Phoenix families made a commitment to settle their debts.'

Welfare case

Mrs Hotz said only 13 tenants in the council's 17 000 housing units for rented accommodation faced eviction.

Mr John Muir, the council's financial officer in charge of housing, said the eviction of Mr Russell July and his family from Wentworth was stopped following urgent representations by Mr Curry from Cape Town.

'We were told that the July family, which is a welfare case, is presently being considered for a disability grant,' he said.

An Indian family of three was evicted from Newlands West for being 13 months in arrears. They owed the council a total of R688,81.

Yesterday some of the affected families, accompanied by members of the DHAC, threatened a sit-in in the City Hall, but left voluntarily after speaking to Mrs Hotz.

Afterwards Mr Virgil Bonhomme, a spokesman for the DHAC, said: 'Once again the city council has displayed a total disregard for the plight of its tenants.'

'The council made it abundantly clear that no negotiations are possible on the issue of evictions. We believe that the council is not serious about negotiating with community representatives.'

'The council has repeatedly presented a facade that it is prepared to negotiate but after giving us a hearing totally disregarded our point of view,' he added.

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Storm over figures on evictions

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Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldoe Dookie, yesterday lashed out at the Durban Housing Action Committee over the issue of evictions.

In a hard-hitting statement released by his spokesman, Mr Kisten Rajoo, the minister said 'exaggerated' figures were being bandied about regarding evictions of people who have become unemployed.

'For example, on July 10, the DHAC claimed that 28 evictions would take place the following day.'

'After representations by the minister that actual number may not be

more than one unemployed person who might be evicted, depending on the investigations being conducted into the merits of his case by welfare officers.

'Local authorities have been requested not to evict except as a last resort,' he said.

Replying to the attack, Mr Parvin Gordhan, secretary of the DHAC, said Mr Dookie had made 'blatantly unsubstantiated allegations to defend his impotence and total inability to stop the evictions.'

'Regarding his allegation that the figures are exaggerated, we wish to say that these figures are not ours. They were supplied by the City Treasurer.'

Relief for jobless in housing schemes

Labour Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, yesterday announced rent relief measures for families of the unemployed in municipal housing schemes throughout South Africa.

He said he issued a directive to all municipalities that with immediate effect people living in rented and 'ownership' accommodation in municipal housing schemes be given 12 month's grace, instead of the present six months, to pay off their arrears.

Disclosing the measures at a Press conference in Durban, he said 'From my department's side we granted a substantial reduction in capital charges, which is part of the component of the rent structure.'

However, Durban Housing Action Committee

spokesman, Mr Sham Maharaj, last night said there was nothing new in the announcement.

'It is clear that Mr Dookie has been forced to respond to a few of the demands made by our community. However, his so-called rent relief is neither substantial nor a radical shift from existing policy.'

Dropped

'Local authorities have already been reducing certain components of rentals. Mr Dookie cannot claim credit for this. The new feature is that persons in arrears now have 12 months to repay their arrears.'

Mr Dookie said 'We dropped our charges to R2,50 from R45,01 for the unemployed living in flat 4B project 305, and from R68,38 to R2,50 for those occupying Flat 3c, project 329.'

He said that as a result of the reduction in the capital charges — which

is the interest on loans from the National Housing Fund — rentals of unemployed persons had been reduced from R90,14 to R35,62 and from R103 to R29,35 with immediate effect.

Mr Dookie said an appeal had been made to municipalities not to evict families in arrears until all steps had been exhausted to recover the amounts owing.

'At present municipalities give their unemployed tenants from four to five months' grace before taking steps to eject them.'

He appealed to Durban City Council tenants who have become unemployed to immediately inform the council to enable them to qualify for the rent relief.

People living in 'ownership' houses in the council's housing schemes would also benefit from the rent relief if they were unemployed.

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HOUSING HOUSING priority move for refugees

Municipal Reporter

AMID calls to provide aid to people hit by unrest in the townships surrounding Durban, the city council's Health and Housing Committee decided at a special meeting yesterday to ask the House of Delegates to give Indian refugees from Inanda priority on the waiting list for homes in municipal housing schemes

Mr A Ismail, MP for Durban Bay, called on Durban's Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan, to establish an emergency committee to help all people affected by the unrest. 9/8/85

'Empty houses in Phoenix and elsewhere should be made available temporarily for those who are homeless as a result of the crisis,' Mr Ismail said

He called on leading businessmen from all communities to contribute food and clothing to assist those in need

The Durban Housing Action Committee and Diakonia also called for the rehousing of homeless families in empty homes in municipal housing schemes

Consider

The chairman of the council's Health and Housing Committee, Mrs Margaret Winter, said 30 percent of homes in the council's Indian schemes were allocated to the House of Delegates for the rehousing of resettled people Mercury

'We are going to ask the House of Delegates to consider allocating these homes to the affected families from Inanda,' Mrs Winter said

There were more than 300 people sheltering in the Greenbury community hall in Phoenix.

'There are about 100 houses available. Some belong to the council but most are allocated to the House of Delegates. A number of empty houses are out on offer and can't be included in this project,' Mrs Winter said

'This is an emergency and City Treasury officials are already working with the people and officials from the House of Delegates. There may be problems but I'm sure we will overcome them,' Mrs Winter said



Together at the Mayor's Parlour yesterday were (from left) Phoenix Lutheran minister the Rev P A Nordengen, the Catholic priest at Wentworth, Fr Cyril Carey, Fr Alan Moss of the Newlands East Catholic Church, Mayor Neil MacLennan, Phoenix Anglican minister Kevin Reddiar, Diakonia director Paddy Kearney and Diakonia organiser Des Biggs.

Clerics lose bid for rethink on eviction policy

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DIAKONIA officials and clergymen from Phoenix, Newlands East and Wentworth appealed to Durban's Mayor, Mr Neil MacLennan, yesterday to have the City Council rethink its stand on evictions in council housing schemes — but emerged disappointed that no concrete action had been promised

But in response to appeals from the Durban Housing Action Committee, welfare organisations and other bodies the council's Management Committee decided yesterday to postpone evictions which were to take place today and tomorrow, because of the unrest in the Durban area

However, those reprimed will still be on the eviction list next month

After the meeting with the clergymen Mr MacLennan said that the council was pressing the

Government to take another look at the rents formula so that some things could be 'eased off'

'We pointed out that very few people are not paying and evictions only take place where every other avenue has been explored,' Mr MacLennan said

Screened

The council had voted R250 000 to the Mayor's Relief Fund, which would provide food parcels through welfare organisations

The subsidisation of rents, which the clergymen had appealed for, was not possible

Diakonia director Paddy Kearney said the number of people actually evicted showed only the 'tip of the iceberg' and the council and city officials were effectively screened from the real problem

'People have to beg and

borrow from welfare agencies, churches and friends and relatives to be able to pay rents and avoid eviction'

'They are severely demoralised and the problem sends its effects through whole communities,' he said

'We pointed out that the situation is likely to get worse and that there is a lot of frustration in all the townships

'People in the poorer communities see vast projects being undertaken around the City Hall and on the beachfront and conclude this is not a poor city but has the wrong priorities

'It is more concerned about spending on luxury projects than on assisting people who are struggling to survive'

Mr MacLennan said the projects undertaken by the council were part of the normal running of any city the size of Durban

Traders free to return to riot-torn township, says minister

Uninsured Inanda Indians to be compensated for homes

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Mercury Reporter
MOST Indians whose houses or shops were looted and burned at Inanda will be compensated by the Government, Mr Boetie Abramjee, Budget Minister in the House of Delegates, said yesterday.

Mr Abramjee and Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Minis-

ters' Council, fly to Pretoria today for talks with the Minister of Co-operation and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, about the violence in Durban's black townships and the Indian victims from Inanda.

'Recently forms were handed to Indians at Inanda in which they were asked to fill in the value of their properties,

houses, and improve them,' Mr Abramjee said. Many of the forms had not yet been returned.

The House of Delegates, in conjunction with the Department of Co-operation and Education, will decide on a formula to compensate those people who had not sent their forms but had lost their houses during the unrest, he said.

Mr Abramjee said that affected Indian traders at Inanda would have to motivate their own claims and submit them to the Department of Co-operation and Education for compensation.

He said some traders in the area were covered by insurance and would not be entitled to compensation from the Government.

Commenting on claims by Indians that they would return to Inanda if they were compensated, Mr Abramjee said the House of Delegates could not stop people from returning to the ravaged area.

'If the traders and families want to return they are entitled to do so,' he said. Meanwhile, the official

Mr Ram Mohan said he stood at 70 last night of which 37 were the result of police action in Pretoria. He said calm had slowly returned to most black townships in Durban. However, there were isolated incidents of looting and burning of houses and business premises in Kwa Mashu and Umlazi.

Burned

Diakonia reported that it had received several requests for help from people whose houses had been petrol-bombed yesterday. Mr Mahomed Asmal, whose shop and modern home at Inanda were burned down during the unrest, claimed yesterday he was one of the lucky few who had both his shop and house covered by insurance.

'When trouble broke out at Kwa Mashu I asked my broker to insure the house and three days later he telephoned and said the house and shop were covered by insurance,' said Mr Asmal. Both were burned down the same evening.

In Umlazi the home of Mr Mohan Singh said he had been asked for a deposit of R1 382 and was told that he had to earn R380 a month to qualify and would have to pay a monthly rent of R95.

Yesterday Indians were escorted by police to salvage their belongings from burned or looted homes in Inanda. All of them were disarmed by the police before being taken into the township.

Many families retrieved some of their furniture and appliances from the homes of blacks who had taken care of the goods during the looting.

In another incident in Umlazi, a butcher was attacked and set alight.

Claims of empty homes are denied

Municipal Reporter

CLAIMS that there are 260 empty houses in Phoenix which could be made available to Inanda refugees were denied by Durban's City Treasurer's Department yesterday.

Mr Frans Tooley, Deputy City Treasurer (finance), said there were only 14 completed council houses which had not been allocated, but these were out on offer.

Mr Sham Maharaj, a spokesman for the Phoenix-Inanda relief committee, claimed yesterday there were 260 empty houses which should be made available to the refugees immediately.

Mr Tooley pointed out that although the number of vacant houses in Phoenix actually totalled 291, only 14 completed homes had not been allocated to specific people already.

Of the houses that had already been allocated by the council, the keys for 31 had not yet been taken and the keys for 90 had been signed for, although the houses were vacant.

Electricity

There were 14 completed houses out on offer to individuals who were still considering their options.

A further 88 houses were completed and had been handed over to the council by the contractor, but were vacant because the electricity had not been connected. This usually took a week or two, Mr Tooley said.

But of these 88 houses, 68 had already been allocated and signed for.

'This gives some idea of the extent to which we allocate houses in advance, often before they are completed,' he said.

An additional 68 houses were in the process of being allocated by the House of Delegates. This did not include those houses which the House of Delegates were going to allocate to the Inanda people.

First refugees to get homes today

Mercury Reporter

ALL refugees of Inanda will be rehoused and the first homes will be handed over today. Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, said last night

He warned that priority would be given to refugees only because many people from other areas were also trying to 'cash in' on the deal.

Preference

'According to figures taken before the unrest there were 950 Indian families in Inanda, but we have received 987 applications although many refugees had not yet filled in forms for

houses,' he said

Mr Dookie said he would hand over allocations for homes at Verulam today and that preference would be given to families housed at a Verulam school

'I realise there is a lot of confusion but I want to assure the refugees that everyone will be rehoused and the normal income limit of R800 laid down by the National Housing Commission has been waived as a dispensation,' Mr Dookie said.

Refugees who do not want to stay in Phoenix would be provided with a serviced stand in other areas so that they could build homes of their own

Mr Dookie said families who cannot afford to pay deposits will be allowed to rent their new homes until they are in a position to buy them

Unemployed

'People who have lost everything during the unrest should apply to the relief committee, headed by Mr Yellan Chinsamy, for help,' he said, adding that unemployed refugees would also qualify for new houses.

He said that relief would be made available if unemployed people were unable to pay rents

Mr Dookie warned families living at the Greenbury Hall in Phoenix to move to Verulam

for health reasons.

'I want to make it clear that people at Verulam will be given preference for homes in Phoenix because families have been warned by the Health Department to move out'

He said the homes being allocated to refugees were those which would have been given to people on the Durban waiting list.

However, the House of Delegates has decided to set aside R28,5 million for additional housing to replace the homes

Mr Dookie refuted claims by the Inanda-Phoenix Relief Committee that there were 260 vacant council houses in Phoenix. He said only 14 were available.

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Council trims plan for aged by R3,5 m

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Municipal Reporter

PLANS for the multi-storey municipal housing scheme for the aged in Durban's South Beach Avenue are being changed significantly by the City Council so that the project will be acceptable to the National Housing Commission.

The redrawn plans, which mainly reduce the standard of the finishes on the block, will cut about R3 500 000 from the cost of the project.

The original R10-million scheme was approved by the council in November last year, but its request for funds from the commission was turned down in May because the scheme did not conform to the national housing code.

City officials flew to Pretoria in June to find out what the commission meant by this and discovered the design and cost of the block was more generous than allowed in the code.

The council's Health and Housing Committee will examine the modified plans today. They include reducing the size of the flats, corridors and stairs. A separate television room will be left out and bay windows will be omitted, 'resulting in an acceptable but less aesthetically pleasing building'.

Plans to fit out kitchenettes with two-plate hob, oven and fridge also may be scrapped.

Other items which the council wanted to include in the building but which may have to be scrapped are aluminium window frames needed because the block is close to the

sea, enclosed corridors and facebrick to reduce maintenance costs.

In a report to the committee, Mr Tom Bryce, Senior Deputy City Engineer, said to implement the scheme at all would cost at least R5 564 136 and the commission was not likely to approve further items worth R940 000.

He recommended that the council undertake to pay at least R111 700 toward the cost of the project and submit the redrawn plans to the commission. He suggested the council also consider paying for some items such as the fitted kitchens and bay windows.

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**African Affairs
Correspondent**

THE Natalia Development Board has asked the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to consider reducing the selling price of houses in Steadville township near Ladysmith by 50 percent after representations from the community council there.

The houses will be sold in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme.

The local branch of a large building society has said it is willing to make funds available to black home owners once details about the surveying of sites and the selling-price formula have been finalised.

Waiting list

Meanwhile the Ningizumu Community Council has announced that 1 000 housing sites have been identified at Lamontville in an attempt to alleviate the housing shortage there.

The chairman of the council, Mrs Ella Nxasana, said yesterday there was a long waiting list. Some people had been waiting for 12 years.

She said the terrain on which some of the sites had been situated was being checked to ensure that the ground was suitable for building.

Mrs Nxasana said that once the sites had been identified, they would be surveyed and would then become available to Lamontville people on the waiting list.

People would be able to build their own homes with employers' assistance.

Isipingo asked to halt sale of 30 houses

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A DECISION by the Isipingo Town Council to sell 30 houses on a first-come first-served basis has angered the Isipingo Housing Action Committee.

Mr Dhanesh Poonsamy, the committee chairman, said the only reason the council had decided to dispose of the homes on this basis was because they were too expensive and also people were reluctant to buy them.

The houses, in the township's Lotus Park area, are priced at between R41 000 and R47 000.

Mr Poonsamy said the council had gone back on its promise to consult with him when the houses were ready for sale.

'It has also refused to meet us to discuss the housing problems faced by the poorer people of Isipingo and to tell us what plans it has for neighbouring Malagasi,' he said.

He added that the committee had called on the council to stop the sale of houses at Lotus Park and also to stop further development of the area without first consulting with the people.

Mr Harry Reddy, town clerk of Isipingo, said yesterday the council had found it unnecessary to meet the committee.

He said the houses at Lotus Park were cheap considering the price of land in the area.

'The council has discussed the committee's demands and I have written to them,' he said.

Mr Reddy said the council had plans for Malagasi and was negotiating with the owners of the land.

Rift widens over lists of families facing eviction

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Mercury Reporter

THE split between the Durban Housing Action Committee and the local affairs committees has widened after three of the four LACs voted against the Durban City Council making its monthly eviction lists available to the action committee

DHAC made urgent representations to the council for information on the names and addresses of tenants facing eviction from council housing schemes

A spokesman for DHAC said the committee wanted the information so that it could get in touch with the families concerned to assist them

'In view of the fact that the number of persons in arrears with their rent is increasing, the information we request would assist us in contacting the families quickly giving both us and the families sufficient time to find the money,' he said

The Grey Street LAC, Durban Coloured LAC and the Southern Durban LAC have voted against the eviction lists being

made available to DHAC because copies of the lists were being circulated to welfare bodies

The Northern Durban LAC was the only body which did not object.

According to Mr P M E van Zyl, Durban's associate Town Clerk, the Health and Housing Committee considered the DHAC request and resolved as a plenary decision that eviction list circularisation be restricted to recognised welfare organisations and the Welfare Department of the House of Delegates and the House of Representatives

It also decided that the City Treasurer furnish individuals on the eviction list with the names of all organisations or persons which could assist them

Housing for Inanda refugees

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Mercury Reporter

PERMANENT accommodation is expected to be provided by the end of November for 174 Inanda refugee families occupying a school in Verulam, Dr M S Padayachy, Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Delegates, said yesterday

With the co-operation of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works and the Durban City Council, he was confident all the families would be resettled in two months

His department was pleased with conditions at the temporary accommodation at the Brindhaven School.

'My department, which assumed control of the refugee camp is providing daily for 745 men, women and children

'All the families but one, which has elected to occupy a tent on the

school grounds, are housed in classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, offices and the caretaker's quarters' he said

The school which was built recently has not yet been opened

Dr Padayachy said that after the refugees had vacated the school it would be renovated in time to start enrolling its first pupils in the new academic year

Cook

The health services include the expertise of two doctors who are on call 24 hours a day, professional nursing services from 7.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, an immunisation, antenatal and family planning clinic, a mother and baby clinic and a 24-hour ambulance service.

A paid cook with the help of a group of displaced women volunteers prepares all meals. A firm of cleaners cleans the premises daily

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Security doubled for refugees at school

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SECURITY has doubled at the Verulam school where 174 Inanda refugee families are being accommodated to prevent 'illegal' people benefiting from the free provisions supplied by the House of Delegates.

Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, said he had had reports of many outsiders taking advantage of the free service and of the declining discipline of the lodgers.

However, he said all 174 families at the school would be re-housed at Phoenix before the end of November so that the building could be handed to the Department of Indian Education for its opening in January next year.

He said the school would have to be vacated before December so it could be cleaned and made ready.

Mr Dookie said that besides the 174 families at the school there were at least 500 others living with friends and relatives.

'The House of Delegates is grateful to the people accommodating refugees and it hopes to find homes for all refugees before the end of the year,' he said.

Mr Dookie said he had called in officials of the Durban City Council, its building contractors and the chairman of the National Housing Commission to work out a programme so that more houses could be built for the refugees.

He added that refugee families not living at the school and who needed to be re-housed on a priority basis should approach the Phoenix Child Welfare Society before the end of September.

'In October and November we will allocate homes to the lodgers at the school only,' he said.

Marburg families are hoping for housing reprieve

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Mercury Reporter

ABOUT 70 Indian and coloured families — about 350 people — in Marburg, outside Port Shepstone, who received notice to vacate their homes by the end of next month, are hoping for a last-minute reprieve

Their properties were expropriated by the Department of Transport several years ago and the department gave them notice in September to quit by November 30 to make way for the development of the new N2 freeway to the South Coast.

Mr Jay Naidoo, Town Clerk of Marburg, said yesterday that the town board's own housing project was exhausted and there was no hope of providing accommodation for the displaced families

'However, we approached the Department of Transport to grant an extension of time for the

affected families at least until the third phase of the board's housing project is ready

'We also made urgent representations to Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, for funds to build houses for the displaced people,' he said

The board is to embark on the third phase of its housing project costing R4 000 000, but it already has a waiting list of 1 800 for the 180 houses.

Hardships

Families interviewed yesterday told of their hardships in finding alternative accommodation 'There is just no housing for Indians in Marburg,' said Mrs M Naidoo, a mother of five children, who has been staying in a two-bedroom house for more than 15 years

A mother of three children, Mrs M Maharaj, of Roslyn Avenue, said. 'This has been our home for more than 30 years. We felt heartsore when we received notice.'

Most of the houses affected by the road development were expropriated by the Department of Transport and the owners compensated. Some have moved out, but others continued to occupy their homes under lease with the department.

Mr C B Stoffels, head of one of the many coloured families affected, said he was building his own house, but he was not sure it would be ready by November 30.

'In anticipation of the notice I bought a site in another part of Marburg and started to build my house. But what will happen to other people in the neighbourhood? Many have nowhere to go,' he said

Luxury homes in danger after bylaws flouted

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By Deven Moodley

SEVERAL luxury homes at Park Rynie, the Natal South Coast seaside resort, face partial demolition following the discovery that there have been serious contraventions of the town planning regulations.

This has come to light following a reprimand of Umzinto North Town Board's building inspector, Mr Mannie Moodley, for overlooking them

Umzinto North Town Clerk, Mr E M John, yesterday confirmed that Mr Moodley had overlooked more than 12 building contraventions, including the failure by a Durban businessman to have a plan approved before commencing work on his large house in Park Rynie

Mr John said Mr Moodley had been reprimanded for his negligence and letters had been sent to several people in Umzinto and Park Rynie warning them of the

contraventions

He said the Durban businessman, Mr V R Reddy, had been warned twice to stop building operations because he did not have an approved plan

'The inspector will issue summons today to get Mr Reddy to stop all work and submit his plans for the house,' Mr John said, adding if the owners of houses failed to produce proper plans their homes might have to be partly demolished

It was discovered that building work on several other homes had commenced without approved plans, building material had not met the required specifications and the floor space for some houses had exceeded the area allowed

The irregularities surfaced after an Umzinto resident Mr G Perumal, complained to the provincial authorities about his frustration at having his plans turned down on three occasions on minor regulations

Mr Perumal pointed out that whereas his plans were only slightly out of order there were several buildings which had seriously contravened the building bylaws

He and Mr M Govender identified several homes where such regulations had been flouted and the Provincial Council agreed to ask the Town Clerk of Umzinto to investigate

Another resident said plans to add another floor to his house had been passed by Umzinto's previous building inspector, but Mr Moodley had warned that another floor could not be added with an outside staircase

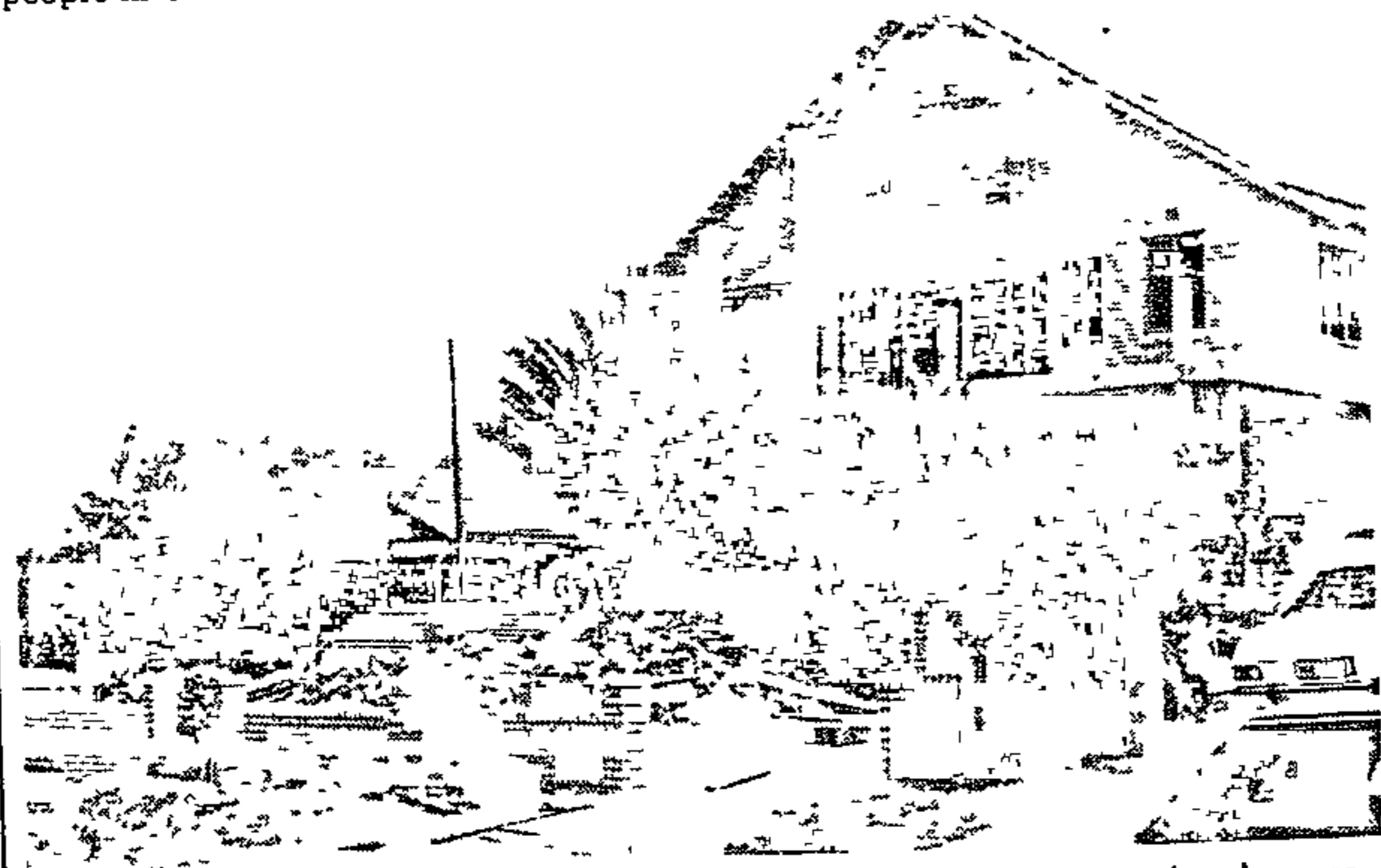
Mr John said buildings with outside staircases were allowed in Umzinto and Park Rynie

However he said Mr Moodley had been questioned about the contraventions and had apologised

'He said he had been under tremendous pressure after he had started working for the board and had been negligent in his duty,' Mr John said

Mr V R Reddy said yesterday he would be submitting plans to the board today

I did submit plans before but they were sent back for minor amendments and I continued with building operations' he said



Mr V R Reddy's house in Park Rynie which has reached completion without an approved building plan.

TELLYVIEW TV

Last night's TV

Steed comes across as much more of a human being than David Hall-Green, who, having won his police blazer and badge, appeared to be trying for warrant officer.

Now, of course, he is still trying to win his spurs as a newsreader. He could make it if he spends an hour or two a day studying his dictionary. So, with the interesting

Arthur and the Britons now appearing on-screen when most people are driving home, there wasn't much last night but Sportsvision, which featured a postponed tape of the New Zealand Ranfurly Shield final between Canterbury and Auckland.

Although there was no patriotic involvement for South African viewers it turned out to be thrilling, tearaway rugby with plenty of tries and Auckland looking like runaway winners on 24-0

But Canterbury came back and pegged them back to 28-23, and a good

many SA rugby fans must have wondered how we would have fared had the All Blacks gone ahead with their tour

Three's Company was mildly amusing as Jack's Bistro still tried to get off the ground amid general misunderstandings. This is a harmless series with no pretensions to brilliance, just good for a few chuckles

The choice of Cliff Saunders on the News at Seven to explain away the imbroglio with Renamo in Mozambique made the incident smell even more strongly of seafood.

DENNIS HENSHAW

R500 m cost to provide housing for 'homeless'

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IT WOULD cost R500 million if the 1 300 000 people living on the outskirts of Durban were to be housed in basic, four-roomed units, the regional director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Gerry Adlard, said last night

Addressing the Natal branch of the National Institute of Hardware, he said that assuming the desirable occupancy rate was six people per dwelling — the current rate is almost double that — there was a theoretical demand for nearly 217 000 houses

At a current price of R2 300 a unit this would mean a cost of R499 363 268

'The other half of the construction equation, incidentally, is that such a massive endeavour would employ 27 000 man years of a builders' wage rate of R20 per day,' said Mr Adlard

He said the Urban Foundation was interested most of all in the potential for low cost housing for the black community

'Over the past two years we have invested a great deal of time and money in researching the areas beyond the formal townships in greater Durban, but in which a great many people live,' said Mr Adlard.

'As at the end of 1983, we had a population of 3 000 000, consisting of 65 000 coloureds, 550 000 Indians, 365 000 whites and more than 2 000 000 blacks

Natural growth

'Of the black population, 750 000 live in formal and structured townships

'The balance of 1 250 000, which must now be more like 1 400 000, are people who have had to provide their own residential environments and to construct their own homes,' said Mr Adlard

It was found that the mean length of stay of heads of households in the informal dwellings was 25 years, so these people were not recent refugees from rural areas, but 'are substantially the product of the neglect of urban housing by the Government and most of the growth of these areas is natural growth from the formal townships which have not been systematically expanded'

'Most of these people are not squatters, but have been given the right to occupy land by headmen and landowners

'The fact remains, however, that this massive population, which represents 43 percent of the total urban population, is housed and is keen to improve the standard of its housing,' said Mr Adlard

'It would, however, be unrealistic to suggest that all these households could afford concrete or brick housing, or, for that matter, that the Government could afford to subsidise housing on that scale

'It will be a gradual process, and we shall have to get used to the idea of having fellow citizens who live in informal dwellings,' said Mr Adlard.

Housing scheme to provide 1 000 homes for aged

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Mercury Reporter

A 1 000-UNIT housing scheme for retired people and pensioners has been planned for the Natal South Coast, it was learned yesterday

'We're on the road,' Mr Eric Wakeford of the Association of Retired Persons and Pensioners said at the association's Natal annual meeting

The complex would be built at Uvongo on a 72 ha former game-viewing site, he said

The units would cost about R34 000 each said Mr Wakeford. The only thing delaying the project was an objection that a hectare of the property was said to be viable for banana farming

The association had about 1 800 members, with 50 to 60 more joining every month, Natal chairman Paddy Murphy said

Other points highlighted at the meeting were problems common to many pensioners — those involving money, loneliness and boredom

It was emphasised that pensioners could do something themselves to combat these problems, although outside help was necessary, as in the 'adopt-a-gran' scheme

In the scheme unmarried or divorced working mothers hire a retired person — a 'gran' or 'grandpa' or both if desired — to look after their children

Obstacles to solving housing crisis

CARE TIMES 17/10/85

Staff Reporter

INFLUX control and formal building regulations remain the greatest obstacles to an effective black housing solution, the director of the Peninsula Community Association, Mr Ivan van der Merwe, told the Institute of Public Health's biennial congress yesterday.

"The challenge for the future is to do away with these unrealistic rules and to scrap influx control and other statutory limitations that are

currently hindering black housing schemes on a self-help basis," he said. While coloured and Indian housing shortages were serious, the black housing shortage was extremely urgent.

Formal suburbs, like Soweto, are completely overpopulated, with an average of 15 people per four-roomed house.

Squatter settlements had grown in the major urban areas for unhoused people and that coincides with ex-

perience from other developing countries."

The government had come to accept a new, less formal housing policy, based on a partnership of the public and private sectors in the provision of housing, home-ownership and self-help schemes.

Although self-help schemes did have drawbacks and should not be regarded as the only possibility, they did have a number of important advantages.

Self-help homes were

cheaper than mass-produced schemes, which were drab, uniform and did not cater for individual needs.

It was also important that self-help schemes were not regarded as a lessening of the State's primary responsibility in providing housing.

With proper support, black settlements had the ability to develop into communities that could cater for their own welfare and be in a position to contribute to society.

R3 m available to help reduce housing backlog

African Affairs Correspondent

THE KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation has made an extra R3 100 000 available for black housing during the current financial year ending next April to help reduce the backlog of applications.

In a statement yesterday, the executive director of the corporation, Dr Marius Spies, said the original budget for housing had been spent quickly and the board had decided to make extra finance available.

Dr Spies said the funds would provide homes for about 300 families and would be channelled through the KwaZulu Housing Company (KHC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the KFC.

He appealed to the private sector to follow the example of the KFC by providing funds to help alleviate the increasing shortage of housing for black people.

The KFC's decision to provide additional funds for housing should not be seen as a deviation from its policy to shift responsibility increasingly for the financing of housing to the private sector.

It was totally unrealistic, Dr Spies declared, to expect the KFC to remain the major provider of loan finance for housing in KwaZulu.

Eviction protest by capital 'tent town' dwellers

Pietermaritzburg ^{19/10/85} ^{Mercury} ¹²⁵ day rent, but we don't have homes.'

Bureau
SIX coloured families who have been living in a 'tent town' on a plot in Boom Street in the city centre for up to 10 months held a peaceful placard demonstration outside the Pietermaritzburg City Hall yesterday.

They were demanding assistance from the city council after being given four days' notice of their eviction from the site.

Later in the day, after a meeting with the Mayor, Mr Robin Dales, council officials and representatives of the Coloured Local Affairs Committee and the Coloured Welfare League, it was agreed to set up a temporary emergency tent town at a different site for the families.

The demonstration was an eleventh-hour appeal by the six families, including several young children, who had been told to vacate the plot on which they were living.

One of the demonstrators, Miss Margaret Meintjies, said the city council had promised the families housing for more than six months, but nothing had materialised.

'We are all employed and we have the money to

A city council spokesman said there was a serious shortage of council housing for the coloured community of Pietermaritzburg and urgent steps were being taken to try to acquire land to provide more sub-economic accommodation.

Assistant Town Clerk Tony Hesse said that soon after the placard demonstration the Mayor, Mr Robin Dales, met council officials, representatives of the Coloured Local Affairs Committee and the Coloured Welfare League to discuss the matter.

Toilets

It was decided to set up an emergency tent town on the grounds of the former geriatric hospital near the Eastwood coloured area to house the families evicted.

The measure would be a temporary one until more permanent accommodation could be found.

Mr Hesse said the council would provide tents, water and portable toilets for the families and assist in moving them.

Mr Hesse said the council was negotiating to buy three properties in Boom Street and another near the East Street clinic.

Iscor to sell ¹²⁵ more than 300 houses in Newcastle ^{Mercury} townships

COLIN VINEALL
Property Editor

ISCOR is to sell more than 300 of its houses in the Newcastle townships of Amajuba and Ncandu, it was disclosed yesterday

Prices for the houses have been fixed between R33 000 and R48 000 and the sale could reap R12-million for Iscor.

The homes have been vacant for two years, redundant since Iscor implemented a rationalisation policy in 1983.

Mr Kevin Robertson, Iscor general manager, said: 'It is not the best

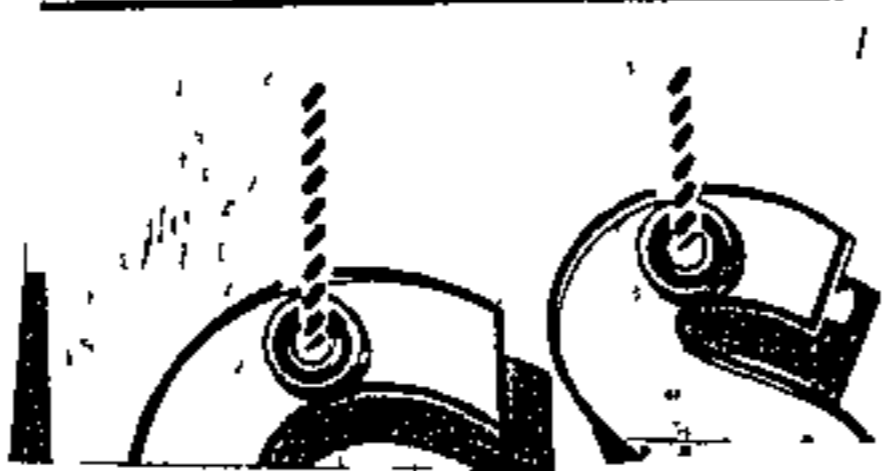
time to put houses in the market, but at the same time they are being sold for very good prices

'I hope that small industries will be encouraged to come to Newcastle because staff housing will then be available at reasonable cost.'

Most of the homes have three bedrooms, with 1½ bathrooms, domestic worker's quarters and a garage. The higher-priced homes have an extra bedroom and a double garage.

They vary in floor area, averaging 160 m² on 900 m² sites.

'The homes are about 12 years old,' said one estate agent. 'They could attract elderly people planning to retire.'



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Coloureds to fight for rezoned land

Mercury Reporter

THE newly formed Henry Francis Fynn Descendants' Association has asked the House of Delegates for a declaration that Indians will not take over a smallholding in Port Shepstone which was zoned Indian but still occupied by coloureds

Mr Morris Fynn, chairman of the association, said yesterday that Lot 7 of Albersville, as stated in the H F Grant of 1880, contained 10 ha of land in trust for James Fynn His family was proclaimed Indian in 1980

'Until this day no compensation has been given to the Fynn family and we are still there and have no intention of giving up our land to anybody without a fight,' Mr Fynn said in a memorandum to Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates

'As minister of the department which handles housing and as a man

who has fought the Group Areas Act for many years we ask you for a declaration that the Indian community is not interested in the property that belongs to the Fynn family,' he wrote

Mr Fynn told the Mercury yesterday that although the land was zoned Indian it had been owned and occupied by coloureds for many generations

Because of the uncertainty over their future many people were afraid to spend money on expensive renovations to their dwellings

'At the association's inaugural meeting this week the residents of the smallholding turned up in full force and committed themselves to fight to remain on their land

'If the House of Delegates can give us a declaration that Indians are not interested in our land we will go ahead and ask the Government to have the land deproclaimed coloured,' he said.

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Ownership dispute holds up township

Mercury Reporter

THE planning of the multi-million-rand extension of Durban's Chesterville township is being held up by difficulties in determining the ownership of much of the land earmarked for the development

And plans for a section of the extensions have had to be redrawn because the Natalia Development Board was unaware that the Durban City Council planned to build a road across about 25 ha of the land

But at the suggestion of the City Council the scope of the project has been enlarged beyond that originally envisaged by the board. Preliminary plans are now being drawn up to almost double the size of the township to 1800 houses and more than 20 000 people

The physical development of the badly overcrowded township was unfrozen late last year after residents had lived under the threat of removal for many years.

Natalia Development Board chief director H A du Plessis said 'We are in the middle of identifying the owners of the land to the south of Chesterville'

Complicated

Mr du Plessis said portions of the land were held by an Indian estate which had been disputed for several decades

'It looks as though it will be very complicated getting ownership of the land

'We cannot even start by working south from the present Chesterville boundary while the problems are being sorted out because the estate land is close to the present southern boundary'

Asked whether the board was considering expropriating the land, he said this would be a 'last resort'

Other portions of the land, which lies between Chesterville and the Coedmore quarry, are owned by churches, black, Indian and white landowners, the Durban Corporation and the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

'We have done some preliminary planning in the area, which we then had to redo because we discovered the Durban City Council is planning a road linking the N3 and the N2 across a portion of the land,' Mr du Plessis said

Improvements

'We cannot get on to the land to survey it until we have sorted out the ownership. It looks like a long, complicated process.'

The total cost of the project would depend on what the owners wanted for their land. But roads, water and sewerage services for 700 new sites could be provided at about R5 000 a site at today's costs, Mr du Plessis said.

'I would not like to hazard a guess at the eventual cost,' he added.

Meanwhile, Mr du Plessis revealed the Development Board was spending more than R220 000 this year on planning and physical upgrading in the existing Chesterville township

Improvements include a new swimming pool, bus shelters, extensions to the library and the upgrading of the town hall

The township was also being surveyed so that houses could be sold on 99-year leasehold

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tact US unions over the issue through the local committee of the International Metalworkers' Federation and that Swedish unions have promised it support over the Asea disputes

Seifsa director Sam van Coller says the federation's member companies have been using it to urge Mawu to defer the disputes until talks on future collective bargaining arrangements in the metal industry have taken place at the industrial council. These talks will flow out of a commitment metal employers made at the conclusion of this year's council negotiations to discuss the matter with the party unions. Van Coller says Seifsa has received proposals on the matter from the local Metalworkers' committee. "Mawu has confirmed that it is party to the committee. The committee's proposals overlap substantially with what Mawu is demanding. It is therefore essential for Mawu to defer these disputes," he says.

Fanaroff, however, holds that the two issues have nothing to do with each other. "Strike ballots and industrial action will happen when it suits us, not when it suits the employers," he says. And he also says Mawu wants to take up the comments that the Industrial Court made in its judgment in the Hart case in which it stated that it is not against plant level bargaining and that strikes are legitimate weapons for workers. Says Fanaroff: "We are also encouraged by the court's decision to reinstate workers dismissed during the legal strike at Marievale mine. We are assuming that the court will be prepared to protect the Asea workers and others if they take action."

Although acknowledging that some industry workers have strong feelings about the disputes, metal employers canvassed by the FM are somewhat sceptical about Mawu's campaign. They say that some companies did not receive the union's original demands and that this points to weak organisation. As for the disputes that have been declared, they say they do not expect Mawu members to take action over the issue this year as the time for the annual industry shut-down is approaching which militates against striking. Other employers, however, do feel the Asea workers could well strike soon.

Certainly Asea seems to be taking the threat seriously. Fanaroff says the union has received correspondence which indicates that the company is contemplating urgent legal action against it. If the Asea workers do strike, the outcome of their action will have an important influence on other metal workers.

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A brave start

Black housing ombudsman Louis Rive has made a brave start down the road towards tackling Natal's nightmarish housing problem.

The KwaZulu-Natal Planning Council



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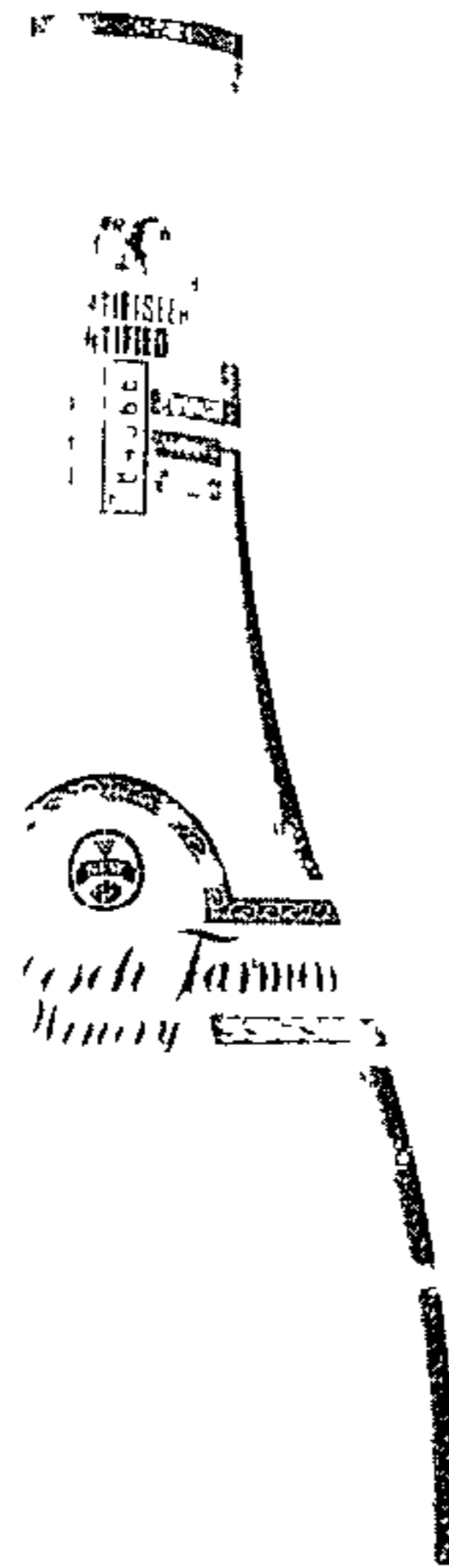
An outstanding acquisition to the connoisseur's collection

Critics around the country have been almost unanimous in praising Zonnebloem's newest wine

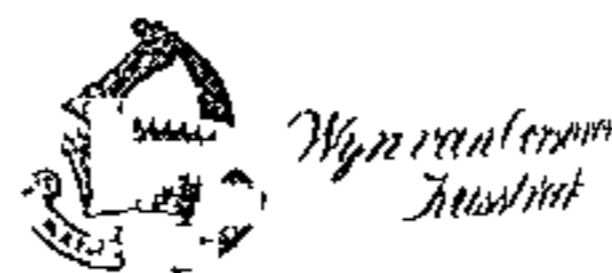
The difference that separates Zonnebloem Rhine Riesling from others (and puts it so close to its German originals) is that the grapes used were gathered at successive stages of ripeness

Some were green and tart, later ones were fruity and sweeter, those at the end, fat and stiff with sugar

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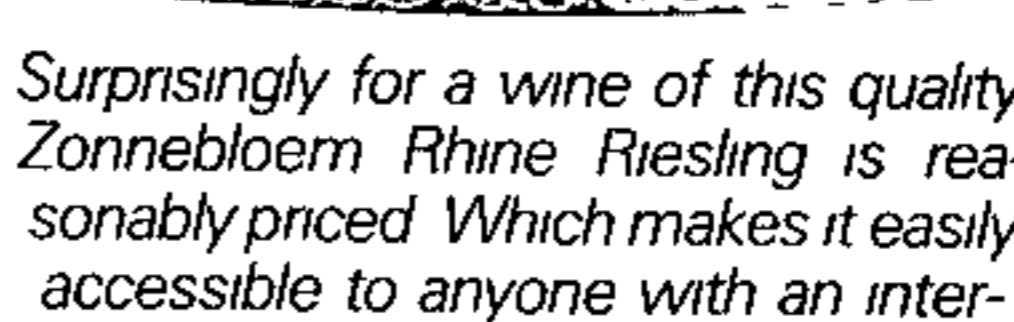


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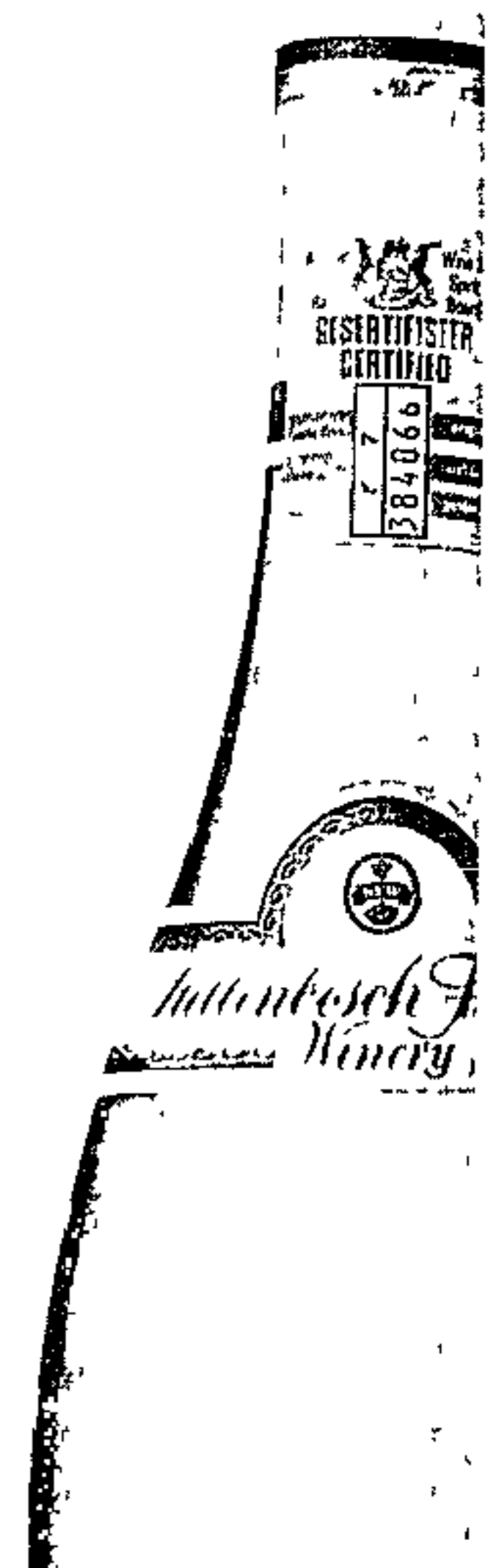


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Chatsworth 'neglect' disappoints Dookie

Mercury Reporter

THE Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, accompanied officials of the Durban City Council on an inspection tour of Merebank and Chatsworth yesterday to look at community facilities

Speaking at a luncheon after the tour, he said he was disappointed with the development of Chatsworth

'It is not up to expectations. More funds will have to be made avail-

able to improve community facilities in the area'

He said the neglect of the area could trigger off unrest and dissatisfaction among the community and could create ill-feeling between the community and the Durban City Council

'When one gets out of one's house and sees all the bush in the surrounding council-owned land, one will naturally get frustrated and build a hatred towards the City Council,' he said, adding that some of the council-owned land had been ly-

ing idle for more than 20 years

Mr Monty Limalia, chairman of the Southern Durban Indian Local Affairs Committee, who organised the tour, said a number of issues concerning the Indian community remained unresolved and needed the attention of the minister

'For years we have been asking the council to develop Treasure Beach for the residents of Merebank, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears

'We also pointed out to the minister the vast

tracts of vacant land in parts of Chatsworth which could be developed to help ease the big housing shortage for the community

'We hope that Mr Dookie will intervene and speed up the development of these areas'

Mr R A Padayachee, vice-chairman of the LAC, pointed out what he described as an illegal bus depot at the plush Mobeni Heights suburb. He said council officials had previously promised to have the buses removed

25 percent increase for some shopworkers

Finance Editor

MINIMUM wage scales for shopworkers are to rise on average by 25 percent on December 1 from the previous scales laid down in November 1983, and a further 10 percent rise is due on December 1, 1986

This does not mean that all shopworkers will get the same rise, as their

present rate may be above the minimums laid down

Another change is that the wage determination does not apply to employers with less than five workers and does not apply for the first year of establishment of any employer. In the second year for these employers the determination minimums

may be cut by up to 10 percent

The determination provides for a slightly lower wage for general assistants in the first six months of their employ

Increases have been made in transport, subsistence, waterproof clothing, laundry and 'overtime' meal allowances, and the ceiling for over-

time has been lifted

Commenting on the changes, the Durban Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce said the changes seemed designed to give relief to small businessmen and to those opening new businesses during the initial stages when overheads and capital expenditure were high

R107.6-m boost for kwaZulu and Natal

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A mammoth R107,6 million development package that will improve the lot of about two million people in Natal and kwaZulu has been given the go-ahead by central Government

The decision was announced in a joint statement last night by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Education and Development Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi

The statement said the South African and kwaZulu Cabinets had approved the upgrading proposals for black areas contained in the preliminary report of the Natal/kwaZulu Planning Council compiled under the chairmanship of Dr Louis Rive

Areas which will benefit are Greater Inanda (15 projects), Greater Umlazi (12 projects),

Greater Edendale (13 projects) Bruntville (Mooi River), Inkan yazi (Colenso), Thembalihle (Glentoe) Sibongile (Dundee) Bhekuzulu (Vryheid), Chesterville (Cato Manor) Enhlafakahle (Greytown) Bhongweni (Kokstad) Steadville (Ladysmith) Matatiele, and Shakaville (Stanger)

JOINT COMMITTEE

The package will also involve the upgrading of 19 hostels

It is estimated that the total of 70 projects involved will create jobs for about 10 000 people

A joint co-ordinating committee will be set up under the chairmanship of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning. This is to be made up of representatives of the kwaZulu Administration, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the Department of Development Aid, the Natal Provincial Administration and the Treasury

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Parents cancel worker/tenant meeting

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By Temb Mboho

Residents of Thabong in Welkom, fearing trouble, yesterday cancelled a meeting called to launch a worker/tenant committee to examine problems affecting their community

A spokesman for the organisers, Mr Vuyisile Mgabadel, said they had planned to hold the meeting yesterday afternoon

"But when another meeting was called at the stadium by the local schools inspectors and law

enforcement officers to discuss the education crisis, we decided to abandon ours," he said

"We had hoped to discuss the current education crisis, endorse the resolutions of the National Education Conference held in Johannesburg and look into the problem of eviction of tenants from their homes

"But we suspected that our meeting would be disrupted, so we postponed it," he said

Some residents who attended the inspectors' meeting said a resolution had been made to

conduct a house-to-house raid this morning and force pupils to attend school

One man, who said he feared for the safety of his children, said he was preparing to send them away until January 28, the day on which the National Education Conference had resolved schooling should begin

Another parent said she feared a bloodbath as the local pupils had said they would resist any move geared at forcibly taking them to school earlier than that

Mr Mgabadel said the eviction of residents from their houses was a burning issue that all residents had to discuss sooner or later

"Already, more than 30 families have been evicted from their houses and left in the streets

"We think this is a threat to our security, is unfair and has to be stopped," he said

He said it was a general suspicion that some of these families were being victimised by councillors

Hill Street bluesFINH 4
21/2/86

If Umhlanga's plan to create pedestrian malls has run into snags (*Property* January 24), the town should spare a thought for poor old Pinetown where the concept has been a burning issue for close on 20 years.

Last week consultants took the wraps off the latest plan to turn Hill Street and parts of Pinetown's main thoroughfare, Crompton Street, into a pedestrian mall. It was like opening up an old wound.

Traders in particular, recalling an earlier botched attempt to summarily close off the streets, distanced themselves from the plan. Borough officials, fearing another controversy, also back-tracked, expressing doubt whether the town had the resources to fund the project and suggesting that further expert opinion should be called for.

That could successfully forestall any decision on the issue for another 20 years. But there is a strong body of opinion, including the consultant responsible for the plan, which feels a decision on the issue is vital and that Pinetown procrastinates at its peril.

The major concern is the plan announced recently by Retail International (RI) for a 33 000 m² shopping complex in Kings Road (*Property* January 17). Many, quite justifiably, feel the centre, with Pick 'n Pay as the major, 25 000 m² of line shops and parking for 1 200 cars, could present a serious challenge to the CBD itself.

Parking is already in short supply in central Pinetown. If RI's development is left to go unchallenged by, say, a bold plan to create pedestrian malls, it could merely accelerate the drift of shoppers away from the CBD.

Says consultant architect Derek Sherlock: "I believe it is imperative that the council makes a start on this plan and gets it done in the shortest possible implementation period."

If cash really is a problem, Sherlock suggests that Pinetown could get over it by tackling the project in "bite-size chunks." It could, he says, follow Durban's example by "taking a few small areas and paving and lighting them properly."

Parking, Sherlock believes, would be critical to the success of any pedestrian plan. The council, he notes, already owns land zoned for parking development at both ends of Hill Street, in Chapel Lane and Moodie Street, that would be ideal.

Plush white houses on offer to other races

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WHITE Natal property owners, anxious to sell up, were offering their homes to buyers from other race groups, estate agents indicated yesterday

Plush executive homes in elite white areas, some as expensive as R500 000, had been offered to Allied Realtors and Auctioneers, said Mrs Selvie Pillay.

She had been inundated with calls from white property owners after they had read newspaper reports of Indians buying luxury beachfront apartments through her agency

Now properties along the South Coast, at Umhlanga, Pinetown, La Lucia and Kloof had been offered to her by whites keen to sell to anyone 'as long as they get their price'.

A house in Musgrave Road, with tennis courts and swimming pool, had been offered at R350 000. So had others in the exclusive Lambert Road area as well as a beachfront penthouse in Umhlanga priced at R300 000.

Investment

Said Mrs Pillay 'I have had hundreds of telephone calls from would-be sellers and most of our Indian clients are considering buying as an investment and on a non-occupational basis, in anticipation of the Group Areas Act being scrapped.'

But she admitted many Indians were reluctant to buy even if they had the money because of the 'red tape' involved and the uncertainty over the Act

Flats, houses, duplexes and land for sale were on Mrs Pillay's books with the prices ranging from R28 000 for a furnished beachfront bachelor flat, to a R3 500 000 block of beachfront flats

'When I sell, I do so with no guarantee that they will be able to occupy the property themselves, and I make sure they realise that

'When they buy they know they are taking a chance, and accept that,' she added, pointing out that she had to work within the framework of Government legislation

If the Group Areas Act were scrapped, the cheaper properties would be snapped up by Indians struggling to find accommodation, she said.

Several white estate agencies said they had had a number of inquiries from white sellers

Mr John Brink of Brink Estates said his company had had a few inquiries

'One or two Indians have approached us. If more do, we would show them properties, and see the transaction through if necessary, but the buyer would have to obtain the necessary permits from the relevant Government department if he wanted to live on the property.'

Company

Mr Keith Wakefield of Wakefields Estate Agents, and chairman of the Durban and Natal Coast branch of the Institute of Estate Agents, said he was strongly against 'looking for loopholes'

He had received a number of inquiries from white sellers wanting to know how they could sell to other race groups, but he had not helped them

Mr Wakefield explained that in terms of the law, Indians could buy property in white areas, provided they bought as a company with a maximum Indian holding of 49 percent and the remainder white.

Property bought in this way could not be occupied by the Indians.

Indians holding foreign passports were allowed to

the same time, they are fuelling industry speculation about Ford's position. The Escort will be replaced by the Laser amid industry sniping that it's merely a re-badged Mazda 323. And rolling out a new Sierra later this year fuels the debate on whether Samcor can afford to produce two medium-size cars in the current climate.

Meanwhile, plans to sink Ford's remaining Port Elizabeth assembly operation into Samcor's Silverton works are well advanced.

Quick rationalisation

Struandale's intended closure, stresses Halstead, "was not planned at the time of the merger." Forecasts for 1985 indicated Ford would need Struandale's capacity — but that was before a further slump hit the motor market. "Given the sharp downturn in the South African economy, it was essential to complete the re-organisation as quickly as possible," says Halstead.

Samcor's labour bill, for example, will be halved as a result of the closure of the Neave and Struandale assembly plants.

Another problem is raised by speculation that Mitsubishi is re-thinking its position in SA, causing friction in the Samcor partnership. But Halstead scotches this, saying: "One reason why the merger announcement was delayed until May was to enable Samcor to be absolutely sure of its three source products."

He adds that Ford has received no signals that Mitsubishi does not intend to fulfil its commitment in Samcor. In fact, says Halstead, "they were disappointed that we elected not to produce Mitsubishi cars in SA."

Ford's own stance on disinvestment remains unchanged. "If there were no hope of being successful in SA then the decision to withdraw would be simple. But this is not the case," says Halstead.

He says political pressure alone would not cause Ford to quit SA. "That sort of kudos doesn't buy you much," he adds. ■

MACSTEEL

Westward ho

South African steel merchant and investment group, Macsteel, is set to increase its portfolio of American companies with the takeover of Californian flat-rolled steel-maker Capitol Metals.

Capitol's 1985 turnover was \$100m, but profits have been low as a result of heavy capital investment in new rolling equipment, worth around \$15m. With no way of easing the financial burden, Capitol's owners approached Macsteel's American subsidiary, Ferro Union, with takeover proposals a few weeks ago.

"We're still waiting for our US office to telex through Capitol's numbers," Macsteel deputy chairman Jack Gerber tells the *FM*. "But it's a yes-in-principle." He adds that Capitol has the only pickling line, used to remove surface scale from steel, on the West

Coast.

Following the precedent set in Macsteel's previous American acquisitions, Ferro Union will use its asset base to avoid buying into the US with low rands.

Macsteel recently bought American tubemaker California Steel & Tube (CST), which produces around 40 000 t of welded mechanical tubing a year. CST's 1984 turnover was \$24m (*Business* November 8).

In the current climate any joint US-SA venture lays itself open to political sniping from both sides. On one side, Macsteel could be seen to be diluting its commitment to SA by expanding in the US. And on the other, San Francisco, where Capitol has an office, recently announced it would not do business with any company connected with SA.

Capitol's ownership has been choppy. Originally a family-owned company, it was sold to Dutch steelmaker Hoogovens who later sold back a slice to the original owners.

It is unlikely that more South African steel will find its way into the US as a result of the takeover. Exports from this country were fixed at 0.42% of US steel consumption — around 580 000 t — after President Reagan secured "voluntary" restraint agreements with steel exporting nations in 1984. ■

CONSTRUCTION

Into black areas

There could be truth in the old adage which holds that when one door closes another opens. Residential building activity in the white market is at a low ebb, but new opportunities are presenting themselves in the field of black housing.

Amalgamated Construction (AC), a subsidiary of Murray & Roberts, has embarked on a township development at Umlazi, near Durban, which it claims is the largest project ever undertaken by private contractors in a black area.

Contractors have, of course, been chipping away at the black housing market, but as the maze of bureaucratic red tape has been peeled back they have stepped up their involvement.

In the course of the year AC will be bringing 1 003 houses to the market in Umlazi. Prices will range from R20 000 to R34 000 and the first 10 show houses have already been completed. They are being sold on the deed of grant system of tenure and, apparently, there is a waiting list of buyers.

Another entrant into the black housing market in Natal, Alan Michell of Delene Investments (DI), a company jointly owned by the Stocks and Stocks group, says he has access to 1 500 building stands in both Umlazi and KwaMashu. The company hands over its first house at the end of February and is planning to complete around 30 houses a month thereafter.

Michell says DI is building more "up-market" than its competitors. Its houses will sell in the R30 000-R70 000 range and will

be aimed mainly at subsidised buyers in the civil service.

Building societies, among them SA Perm and NBS, have already agreed to put up the necessary bond finance. There are, however, some risks attached. While the societies are in agreement that amendments made to the deed-of-grant and 99-year leasehold make them an acceptable form of tenure to lend on, they have not yet been indemnified against the political risk of lending in a black homeland area.

Tim Hart, director of the Association of Building Societies, says the terms of the indemnity have been agreed by government. All that remains is for the individual societies to be served with the document. That he expects to be done in a matter of weeks.

Mike O'Donovan, AC's development manager, says he has been greatly encouraged by the initial response. "For the first time, contractors are involving themselves in white residential-type development in black areas. This represents a long term commitment by contractors to this market."

DI's Michell agrees. He says the market potential is enormous but red tape still presents a problem. It took him 18 months of negotiations with township authorities, the KwaZulu government and the Department of Development Aid before he could get the necessary approvals to make a start. "It's a whole new ball game," he says.

Other developers are no doubt keen to get into the black housing market but, as Michell points out, because of the logistical problems they will have to overcome they are "far behind." ■

US DUMPING

All clear

Macdem subsidiary McKechnie Brothers has successfully defended itself against charges of dumping in the US. But victory in the 11-month action has not come cheaply — the South African non-ferrous products manufacturer estimates its expenses at some R500 000.

The charges were laid by McKechnie's US competitors and financed by an association of US copper and brass manufacturers. The investigation by the US Department of Commerce involved on-the-spot examinations by American government verification teams.

The action was started at a time of increasing protectionist moves in the US to shore up local markets against foreign imports, protecting local industry.

McKechnie group executive chairman Murray Coutts-Trotter tells the *FM*: "This represented an all-out attack by the protectionist lobby. If it had succeeded it would have had the effect of excluding all similar products from any South African manufacturer from the US market."

The Americans tried to show that McKechnie received numerous government subsidies, including beneficiation allowances

Group Areas Board hearings

Mercury Reporter

HEARINGS by the Group Areas Board will be held from Monday next week to gather evidence in connection with the deproclamation of areas of Dundee, Howick and Kloof.

Mr. Ron Robbins, Town Clerk of Howick, said his council had initiated the opening of a white light industrial area in the town to all races.

'We are presently selling sites to other races and are awaiting a Group Areas Board decision deproclaiming the white group area as an open area,' he said.

Dundee's Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. L. S. Pienaar, said the hearing in the town was to investigate the desirability of deproclaiming an industrial area and a section of an Indian residential area for coloureds and also an open area in the town for Indians.

He said that although coloureds occupied the area under investigation, it needed to be proclaimed as an area for them.

The Group Areas Board also would investigate the desirability of deproclaiming a small portion of a white group area in Kloof as an Indian area. The area in question borders the Indian area of Wyebank.

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Nowhere to live for families

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Thirty-four families due to be evicted from a farm adjoining the Hlobane mine near Vryheid today have no alternative place to live, according to the Association For Rural Advancement (AFRA)

AFRA organizer Miss Patti Henderson said the families, many of whom have men working on the Hlobane and Tselentis mines, were legally bound to leave the farm Rietvlei 150, subsection 35, today in accordance with a magisterial eviction order passed on March 7. They have not been able to find another home.

According to AFRA the Rietvlei people have approached community leaders at the informal KwaBekumthetho settlement near Mondlo for accommodation, but have been turned away owing to extreme overcrowding and heavy unemployment in the area.

KwaBekumthetho already has a population of 30 000 evicted farm-workers in an area, and has no amenities.

At a meeting held on April 2, the families told AFRA that they were not refusing to move, but that there was no place for them to go.

Destitute Howick family in tent may not have to move

Pietermaritzburg
Bureau

A DESTITUTE Indian family living in a tent in Howick West may not have to move as they were allegedly authorised to erect the tent by the House of Delegates, Howick's Town Clerk, Mr Ron Robbins, said yesterday.

Referring to an article in a local newspaper which quoted him as saying the family would have to go, Mr Robbins said he was investigating the matter, and if the family had permission they would not be forced to move as they had 'acted in good faith'.

Mr Robbins said he had been looking at possible alternative accommodation for the family but had thus

far been unsuccessful as landlords owning vacant houses in Howick West were asking rents unaffordable to the family and others like it.

Survey

He added that the R1 762 000 offered to the Howick Town Council by the House of Delegates for housing had not been accepted as the repayments at an interest rate of 11.25 percent would entail the council repaying R15 000 a month in rent alone, 'before thinking of paying off the capital amount'.

A survey taken recently by the Howick West Ratepayers' Association showed that a minimum of 120 families in the area were in urgent need of sub-economic

housing.

Mr Paladh Sewdan, chairman of the association, complained that Howick West ratepayers were given 'no facilities at all' although they paid rates and water bills each month.

He said the Town Clerk's statement to the newspaper showed 'a very negative attitude'.

Howick Indian Local Affairs Committee chairman Mr Jangbahaduro Dhukwah said the housing problem had been worsened by the fact that a sewerage system would have to be built before the construction of houses began.

He added that the matter was now before the National Housing Committee of the House of Delegates for possible resolution.

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The squatters who arrive bearing arms

A SQUATTER village is mushrooming at the Gandhi settlement outside Durban which trustees of the settlement fear will become a "sinister informal army-style camp" for armed vigilantes.

Mewa Ramgobin, one of the trustees and an executive member of the Natal Indian Congress, said this week 40 shacks were going up simultaneously at the Phoenix settlement.

A further eight to 10 hectares had been "marked out" for additional squatter shacks, and he expected more building to begin very soon.

He said there was more to the new "development" than might appear, and he believed there were "sinister forces at work" behind the sudden arrival of armed squatters in the area.

In January the Phoenix Trust was asked to sell eight hectares to the Department of Development Aid to consolidate KwaZulu. Even earlier than this, the trust had been informed that if it did not sell, the land would be expropriated. The trust has so far refused to sell any land and the matter has been handed over to its lawyers.

"Since then the area in question has suddenly been occupied, so in fact the question of expropriation now becomes superfluous," Ramgobin said.

A week ago he was asked by an official of the Department of Development Aid to write a letter complaining about squatters living on the land so that they could be evicted, but this he has refused to do.

"We are totally opposed to forced removals, and we understand the great housing shortages for black people, so we are definitely not going to take any action which will allow people to point fingers at us."

But he admits he is worried about the menacing attitude and threatening remarks of some of the armed squatters with whom he and other trustees have tried to talk.

Ramgobin says the apparent leader of the squatters has been "allocating" and "selling" Phoenix settlement land to people to build on. When he tried to find out more about the leader and his "conditions of sale" he was warned off by the squatters. They said if anyone tried to stop them from building their homes, the clinic on the settlement — the only structure to survive last year's burning and looting in the Inanda area — would be destroyed. Anyone who tried to prevent them from putting up their shacks would be killed.

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He was told one of the conditions under which squatters were being "allowed" to build there was that they should be armed. "When they hear a whistle from the leader they must immediately take up their arms and be ready for whatever action is ordered," Ramgobin said.

Ramgobin fears the area will "become a second Lindelani".

He describes the nearby settlement of Lindelani as "an Amabutho army camp", saying those who attacked the National Education Crisis Committee conference in Durban earlier this year were recruited and brought by bus from Lindelani.

"We strongly disapprove of the development of this kind of vigilante group. It goes against everything Gandhi stood for and we do not want his land abused in this way. It is supposed to be used for the good of all South Africans."

The settlement has been the scene of a number of historic meetings, including the revival of the Natal Indian Congress in 1971. The Committee for Clemency, which made the first call for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political leaders, was founded at the settlement.

"In August 1983 the first executive meeting of the United Democratic Front was held at Phoenix," Ramgobin said. "We wanted this to symbolise our adherence to the Gandhian principles of resistance through non-violence."

"Given this background we are horrified that the land is now being used for such potentially violent purposes. We also believe there are sinister steps afoot to get the land out of our control by any means."

Ramgobin, caught in a political bind, feels he can only "appeal to the sense of responsibility" of the squatters to move voluntarily.

Cape unrest: 'Apartheid to blame'

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Municipal Reporter

UNREST should be viewed against a backdrop of frustration at being excluded from the governing process, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said in a report issued yesterday

"Implementation of the system of apartheid over many years has bred deep resentment in persons of colour and was undoubtedly the greatest single factor leading up to the outbreak of unrest in the Cape," they said

Their report arose out of the City Council's "Call to Dialogue" initiative of September last year which canvassed the views of community groups

Township residents said "people of colour" had been forced by the apartheid system into "overcrowded and allegedly badly serviced" townships

"To the average township occupant it appears that whilst there is a constant escalation in rates and rentals this is accompanied by very little improvement in the general standard of living," residents said, according to the report

"Because they are compelled to travel substantial distances to their places of employment, transport costs are high"

Government handling of the march to Pollsmoor Prison in August last year "appeared to have actually triggered off the escalation of violence in the Cape Peninsula"

Declaration of a state of emergency had dampened unrest, but a "resurgence" began this year, mainly in black townships

Council property had suffered damage of R278 375,15, mostly in smashed traffic lights and damaged electrical installations and equipment

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Rajbansi tells of record cash for housing

By Colin Vineall
Property Editor

RECORD funds were being poured into housing and township infrastructure for Indians, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, said on Saturday.

Opening the first three showhouses of a planned R7 000 000 96-home estate being built by Wimpey Homes in Marburg, near Port Shepstone, at the weekend, Mr Rajbansi said work on homes for Indians was going on in 43 municipal areas

This year alone, 'as a result of the efforts of the House of Delegates, 4 362 homes are being built throughout South Africa for the members of the Indian

community'

'That does not include 7 607 sites which are being serviced for houses to be constructed by private enterprise,' he said

In two years, the House of Delegates had allocated R250 million for Indian housing. Another R3 500 000 for the provision of fresh water in some areas had been set aside

'When we took over the responsibility for housing from the former Department of Community Development, they estimated that the backlog within the context of Indian housing in South Africa was 10 000

'My colleague the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Agriculture has estimated the backlog is really 40 000,' he said

Mr Rajbansi doubted if the backlog would ever be wiped out, because of the

increase in population

He criticised some local authorities for asking for funds when they were not ready to develop

'There has been quite a lot of comment about insufficient money for housing. The provision of money is not all. Whether any municipality or other agency is able to use that money within a financial year is a most important criteria

'I say with a very heavy heart — and many people might not understand this — what do you do with a municipality which says in the 11th month of the financial year, "we are not able to use the money"?'

'We reached a crisis point last year when we nearly had to return R56 million to the Treasury'

With the juggling of priorities, that sum had been reduced to R19 million

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Cato Manor work on target, says Dookie

Mercury Reporter

THE development of Cato Manor as a prime three-phase Indian housing area was on schedule, Mr Baldeo Dookie, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, said yesterday.

He said plans for

Umkumbaan, Bonella and Wiggins had been completed and he was awaiting a meeting with the Cato Manor Consultative Committee to discuss them before they were finalised.

The deadline for former residents to apply for the more than 4 000 plots in Cato Manor expires on Mon-

day next week,' he said, adding that from July 1 first-time buyers and those on the waiting list of the Durban City Council would be considered.

The minister said that according to records only 600 to 700 former residents had so far applied.

'We also have made allowance for the people still living in Cato Manor and if they are unable to afford the prices they have an option to move into low-rental flats.'

Mr Dookie said the development plan for Bonella was completed and it was not possible to make many changes.

He said R3 500 000 had been earmarked for civil engineering services in the area, to be completed in two years.

A further R1 000 000 had been set aside to acquire properties, most of which belong to the Durban City Council, in Wiggins.

Mr Dookie said a socio-economic survey had been completed of the past and present residents of Cato Manor to determine their housing needs.

He said the proposed hospital, teacher training college and other institutions were still on the cards.

'Homes for House of Delegates ministers will not be built in Cato Manor,' he emphasised.

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A plan to beat housing backlog

Mercury Reporter

A GROUP of Natal businessmen has come up with a plan which, they say, could eliminate the huge backlog in black housing in less than a decade and which would cost almost nothing.

All the plan requires is for a small proportion of the R40 000 million held by pension funds to be invested in building societies and earmarked specifically for black housing loans.

This would require only a minor amendment to the Pension Funds Act. Funds are already obliged to invest 53% of their money in Government stock, Escom and other Government bodies and parastatals.

'It's so simple one wonders why nobody has thought of it before,' says Dave Geary, one of the group which calls itself Pentup, for Private Enterprise Upgrade Project.

'I was wary at first but as we investigated my cynicism evaporated.'

Another member, Terry Rosenberg, estimates that if only 2% to 5% of pension fund capital was diverted towards funding black housing, R800 million to R2 000 million would be-

come available.

At an average price of R12 000 a unit, between 67 000 and 167 000 houses could be built.

This could wipe out the current housing backlog of some 400 000 units within five to nine years.

The group hopes Government would subsidise one-third of a house-buyer's bond repayments and his employer another third, leaving him to pay only one-third, or about R50 a month.

Elegance

At that level even minimum wage earners would be eligible for building society finance.

The return to the Government from taxation of a stimulated building industry, — and many other activities which would be boosted if the plan succeeded, — should make the subsidy pay for itself, they say.

The elegance of the scheme, says Pentup member Patrick Anderton, is that no extra infrastructure would have to be provided and no extra money would have to come from public funds.

The group says it has re-

ceived an enthusiastic response to approaches made to building societies, employers, municipalities, the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba, the Urban Foundation, the construction industry, several black unions and even the Association of Pension and Benevolent Funds.

Actuaries have confirmed to Pentup that the proposed change to pension funds would barely affect investment yields.

Provided that the return was not more than 4% lower than the return on Government stock, the investment yield overall would suffer by less than 0,4%.

Mr Anderton said that pension fund trustees (who were often also company directors) had already said they would welcome the stabilising and other desirable effects of housing for their black employees in spite of a slightly reduced pension fund return.

Mobilising funds

Not to be outdone by the insurance sector (*Business* June 13), the pension fund movement has laid on the table its own plans for mobilising pension fund moneys for the development of black housing

In Natal pension and provident fund administrators and trustees are even further ahead with their planning than the Life Offices Association (LOA), whose chairman, Pierre Steyn, admits their work at this stage is purely exploratory

A Durban group called the Private Enterprise Upgrade Project (Pentup) has been examining for some months how best to release the billions locked up in the pension fund movement for black housing. The response from central government to their initiative has been encouraging.

Group leader Terry Rosenberg, of Arthur Anderson, estimates that around R40 billion is held within the movement — 53% of which must be invested in prescribed assets.

Rosenberg suggests that if 2%-5% of the total were directed towards funding black housing, possibly through building societies, between R800m and R2 billion could become available for housing construction.

At an average price of R12 000 a unit, he estimates that between 67 000 and 167 000 houses could be built. The black housing backlog is put at around 600 000 units.

Says Rosenberg "Our idea is imaginative, yet practical. It aims to harness a portion of the prescribed assets of pension and provident funds while using the existing building society infrastructure."

Broadly, pension funds will deposit their cash with building societies for use specifically for black housing loans. Both employers and government would be called on to provide direct subsidies so that the applicant is able to meet the normal bond repayments.

Finance co-ordinator Dave Geary says "If employers, even in these recessionary times, can afford an extra 3% to 5% of the salary bill (calculated on the average number of black employees who would need to be subsidised) we reckon that even minimum wage earners would qualify for bonds under existing building society regulations."

"The suggested bond funding ratio would be one-third employee, one-third employer and one-third government. Government's contribution could come from the R1 billion set aside for black housing infrastructure in August and last week's R750m package."

Minimum monthly wages for black employees in the clothing, building, catering and motor industry range from R323 a month to R247 a month. Against the normal building society quarter-of-income rule, the allowable bond repayments would range from R80,75 down to R61,75. Mortgage repayments on a R12 000 bond with interest at 17% is R170,40, with the employee's one-third contribution calculated at R56,80 — well below the quarter-of-income requirement for even the lowest-paid black worker in the sample.

With the outline of a working model in place, Pentup communications co-ordinator Patrick Anderton believes "we're well on the way towards laying the first brick."

But much, he admits, still needs to be done. The concept has to be sold to government and employers as well as unions and employees, who are notoriously sceptical of pension fund schemes. In addition Pentup will have to link in with building contractors and those responsible for the provision of township infrastructure to make sure sites are available.

NEWS FOCUS

Business plans to cut housing backlog

A PLAN to use loans from pension and provident funds, to cut dramatically the massive black housing backlog, has been devised by a group of Durban businessmen.

The Private Enterprise Upgrade Project (Pentup) was formed earlier this year by seven people in response to the housing crisis and government pleas for private-sector involvement.

The scheme depends on loans from pension and provident funds, which can be forthcoming only when regulations governing the prescribed investments of these funds are amended.

Pentup is to approach the Registrar of Financial Institutions to amend regulations to make pension fund investment in housing possible, one of Pentup's co-ordinators, Dar-

THE Private Enterprise Upgrade Project, formed by seven Durban businessmen, plans to borrow 5% of the amount invested in pension and provident funds to reduce the black housing backlog by building 167 000 economic housing units at a cost of R12 000 each. Report by THELMA TUCH.

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It had been estimated, he said, that about R40bn was invested in the pension fund movement countrywide — 5% of which could finance the building of 167 000 economic housing units at the cost of R12 000 each.

Employees' investment in pension funds would not be threatened as the cost of investing 5% of the movement's assets would be negligible, Jackson said.

"The concomitant loss in yield at an expected return of 15%, rather than 18,7%, is a mere 0,1%," Jackson said.

"On a bond of R10 000 and an interest rate of 17,5%, their respective contributions for a house would amount to R49 each a month."

This amount, he said, was considered reasonable in the light of investigations conducted into minimum wages earned by black workers in various industries.

For employers such subsidisation would increase their wage bill by only 1,5% after tax, he said, adding that many major employers and employer organisations were enthusiastic to go ahead.

Opinion of the third party — government — will be gauged in mid-July when Pentup is scheduled to meet Deputy Minister of Finance Kent Durr.

Jackson said joint government-private sector participation — the pooling of resources to build houses — would enable the construction of a

larger amount of houses than separate efforts to deal with the 400 000 housing shortage would.

Meanwhile, Pentup has approached representatives of both the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa) to discuss the scheme.

However, a major obstacle to get it off the ground is that of land availability. Land is scarce in Durban and Pietermaritzburg where it is generally controlled by tribal authorities.

But a report is being prepared by the KwaZulu Natal Planning Council to investigate the situation in major metropolitan areas and identify procedures for land release.

Pentup is also investigating the availability of land in the rest of the country, Jackson added.

R500 bungle hits tenants

Mercury Reporter

RESIDENTS in the Sundumbili township outside Mandini are faced with bills of more than R500 because of an administrative bungle which resulted in them being undercharged for home rents.

A spokesman for the residents' community committee, Mr Jameson Sikhakhane, said it was 'unfair' that residents had to compensate for someone else's mistakes.

Residents who were allo-

cated houses between 1980 and early 1983 were asked to pay monthly rents of R14,40.

Now they have been told that they should have been paying more.

'We have been told that there was an administrative error in the township manager's office and we should have been paying between R26,25 and R34,50,' said Mr Sikhakhane

He said residents had been told they were now in arrears and should pay the increased rent retrospective from 1980.

Township manager, Mr Nimrod Hlubi, yesterday confirmed that residents had to pay increased rent backdated from 1980 because of an administrative error by the superintendent when people were allocated houses in 1980.

He said the mistake was discovered by a senior KwaZulu official from Ulundi and people were told that they had to pay.

He said the superintendent who was allocating houses to people charged them according to rent ap-

plying in the old township

'He had been unaware of a circular from Pretoria which stated that rents in the new township should be calculated according to the erection cost of each house,' he said

Mr Sikhakhane said residents had made several representations to the Minister of Interior in KwaZulu but they were told that they had to pay.

Spokesmen for the Department of Interior were not available for comment yesterday.

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Chesterville asks council for more land

Mercury Reporter

THE Ningizimu Community Council, which governs Chesterville township, has approached the Durban City Council to make more land available to residents to alleviate overcrowding in the township.

The local councillor for Chesterville, Mr Themba E Ngobeni, told the Mercury they were anxiously awaiting a response from the Durban council to their appeal for more land to solve the problem of the housing backlog.

Mr Ngobeni said there was severe overcrowding in the township.

The township, which has 1 230 houses, has not been extended since 1942, the year in which it was established.

The population has grown enormously since then, and some of the four-roomed houses with only two bedrooms have families whose numbers range from 26 to 36.

Mr Ngobeni said while he appreciated the concern shown in the past by Durban civic leaders towards the residents of

Chesterville, he felt the time had come for a more concrete gesture.

'It is a known fact that the Durban City Council and the relevant Government departments are considering donating land to us.'

He added that there were 100 sites ready to be made available once the surveying had been completed. Surveying had been delayed because of the unrest in the township, he said.

Manco chairman, Mrs Sybil Hotz, confirmed that approaches for land had been made by the Ningizimu Community Council.

She said negotiations were under way and the committee was very supportive of the request for more land.

190 families 'illegally' in Cato Manor

Mercury Reporter

MORE than 190 families in Cato Manor were living there illegally and would not be assisted by the Government, Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates,

warned yesterday. However, the minister promised that the families could make representations and prove their bona fides.

He added that his department had received 1 649 applications for land in the area and that 1 145 of the

number claimed family connections in Cato Manor.

Mr Dookie said housing in Cato Manor for people earning less than R800 a month would be subsidised.

They would pay interest of between 3% and 7%.

40 Phoenix families face eviction

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Labour Reporter

FORTY families in Phoenix face eviction from their homes today if they fail to pay the Durban City Council arrear rents, in some cases totalling more than R1 000

Originally 101 families had been placed on the eviction list, but by 3 p m yesterday the number was reduced to 40

'The others made suitable arrangements to pay their arrears in instalments,' said Mr O M Fourie, the council's financial officer in charge of housing

He said the list was expected to be shortened even further today when last-minute payments would be received. Some people had been in arrears for up to 10 months and eviction was the last resort

'Each and every person on the list was given more than enough time to update their arrears,' he said

Mr Sham Maharaj, secretary of the Phoenix Working Committee, said the committee and its affiliates were working 'round the clock' to save as many families as possible from eviction

Unemployment

'Families are falling into financial difficulties largely as a result of unemployment

'Last month 68 families were placed on the eviction list, but we managed to save most of them by making representations to the city council to postpone the evictions

'But this is not the answer to the problem'

He said a relief fund should be established to help them. Relief measures offered by the welfare section in the House of Delegates were hopelessly inadequate

'They are prepared to help only certain categories of unemployed people. People who are unemployed but receiving some sort of benefits don't qualify for assistance in terms of the HoD relief programme,' he said

The Phoenix Working

Committee was rallying the support of local doctors and businessmen to set up a relief fund in Phoenix

'People will only qualify for aid after their financial positions have been scrutinised thoroughly and their plight backed by reports from social workers

In this way only the bona fide cases will be assisted,' said Mr Maharaj

Increase in rents 'must be approved'

Mercury Reporter

RENT increases at former rent-controlled premises have to be approved by the Rent Control Board and landlords who fail to seek approval are obliged to make refunds

This has been made clear by Mr K T Manjee, secretary of the Central Durban Ratepayers' Association, who said tenants feeling they had been exploited should complain to the Rent Control Board

Tenants should also check to see if and when the approval was granted. They should demand a refund if the date did not tally with the month they started paying increased rents

The Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, said steps had been taken to rectify a blunder by a Government official which left thousands of Indian and coloured tenants in the country 'at the mercy of their landlords'

Because of an 'oversight' tenants had been left without protection from rent exploitation under the board

Some Indian landlords in Durban, taking advantage of the loophole, had allegedly put up rents, in some cases, by as much as 300%. Tenants are powerless to object because they no longer had the protection of the Rent Control Act

Representations have been made to the Government for the Rent Board, established for whites only, to also control Indian properties, Mr Dookie said

'Once rent control is reintroduced these landlords will be caught out,' he said

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Income-linked rents are major township grievance

Mercury Reporter

RENTS in Newlands East and other townships that are based on income are the biggest grievance coloured people had against the Durban City Council and the Government, according to Mr Peter Marcus, Natal leader of the People's Congress Party.

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Mercury Reporter

ISIPINGO ratepayers face a bill of R160 000 for a feasibility study for a new housing project at Malagazi, which has revealed that a major portion of the land is not suitable for housing.

The move to spend such a massive amount on a feasibility study in these tough economic times has been criticised by ratepayers.

'Surely the council could have found a cheaper way of establishing whether or not the land is suitable for housing?' asked a ratepayer.

Town clerk Mr Ramalingam Reddy has confirmed that the Isipingo Town Council received a bill for R160 000 from the private firm of consultants which carried out the survey and said the amount was not unreasonable.

Mr Reddy said the council had requested the study and whether or not it decided to go ahead with the project the bill would have to be paid.

'The study was a very detailed one and required aerial surveys,' he said.

Meanwhile, the council has also come under fire for delaying fixing the final selling prices of houses, built about 10 years ago, in the Lotus Park housing scheme.

Mr Reddy said the council was waiting on the House of Delegates, who had to approve the suggested prices.

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RENT control is on the way back for Indians and coloureds

The control boards for Indians and coloureds, which were scrapped because of an 'error' recently, are to be re-established

Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, told the Mercury yesterday that the 'anomaly', which had triggered a wave of angry protests from thousands of Indian tenants, was being rectified 'as a matter of urgency'

'Unfortunately there is a certain amount of confusion in rent control in Indian areas

'This has come about as the administration of the Rent Control Act in respect of whites has been assigned to the administration of the House of Assembly'

Changed

Rent control for Indians and coloureds remained a 'general affair' under the control of the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

'The former administration changed its areas of rent control boards, which resulted in the demise of the boards in respect of Indians and coloureds

'This is now receiving the urgent attention of the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs and it is expected that the department will proclaim new boards and new areas for Indians and coloureds within the next two weeks,' he said

The scrapping of rent control resulted in a wave of angry protest from Indian tenants, especially in Durban, who said their landlords had seized the opportunity to impose massive increases, of 300% in some cases

Verulam has some irate payers

Mercury Reporter

VERULAM ratepayers are up in arms over high revaluations — of more than 900% in some cases.

Mr Cassim Mahomed, former mayor of Verulam, who is also a ratepayer, said the new valuations — once in five years — would result in massive rate increases.

'Even if the rate randage is adjusted to meet the borough's estimated expenditure for next year, many people can expect to have their rates doubled because of the many anomalies that have been discovered in the valuation register,' he said.

Ratepayers had until yesterday to lodge their objections

Mr Mahomed said two properties which had been valued at R1 500 each had been revalued at R15 000 and R20 000. Others, in the region of R6 000, had been upped to between R19 000 and R25 000.

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R185 m allocated in development aid

Black housing gets boost

Ormande Pollok
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—Twelve Kwazulu towns are to get a multi-million-rand boost for low-cost housing projects through a new countrywide R185,4-million aid package which has been added to the R738 million already voted this year for urban development.

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, and Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, yesterday announced that R61,8 million of the R185 million had been allocated to 22 towns in the self governing territories — more than half of them in Kwazulu — and Trust areas

It could not be ascertained yesterday exactly how much of the R61 million had been allocated to Kwazulu but, with 12 out of 22 towns involved, the figure will run into tens of millions

At the same time the two ministers also announced that R123,6 million had been allocated for urban development in black towns around the country but it was learned later that announcements on the extent of the aid are to be made by the local councils

Areas of Kwazulu which will benefit from the package are Inanda, Kwa Mashu, Umlazi, Claremont, KwamaKutu, Ntunzumu, Ezakeni, Madadeni, Ozisweni, Edendale, Imbali and Kwadabeka

Self-builders

The joint statement said the package was aimed at improving the quality of life of the inhabitants

'This entails the provision of rudimentary services and the allocation of loans for self-build housing schemes,' it said

'The loan amount for self-build housing schemes has recently been increased from R3 500 to R5 000 in order to give potential self-builders a wider choice in the type and size of house they would like to erect'

Apart from the R61,8 million, blacks in the self-governing territories and on S A Development Trust land would benefit from the R400 million allocated to the National Trust Fund

'The main purpose of the Trust Fund is to promote work creation for the unemployed who do not own a house by allowing them to build their own houses by making use of self-build schemes,' said the statement

The R123,6 million would be applied to implement the State President's announcement concerning the upgrading of areas that had 'lagged behind' but would at the same time promote job creation

Black local authorities had applied for assistance for projects which could not be funded so far 'The new allocation would now allow these projects to get off the ground

'Projects all over the country will be initiated and the ideal is that development will occur in virtually every one of the approximately 300 black towns outside the self-governing territories,' the statement said

Concern at planned incorporation of land into KwaZulu

Mercury Reporter

PEOPLE turned out in force on Saturday to express their concern at the proposed incorporation into KwaZulu of an area of land bordering Waterfall, Crestholme and Kloof

Almost 250 concerned home-owners attended the meeting

A spokesman for the committee formed to preserve the proprietary rights of people in the affected areas, Mr Chris Schoeman, said the committee had no intention of becoming a political pressure group

'The role of the committee will be to put forward submissions made by residents, and it will attempt to prove that the proposed incorporation is ill-conceived, both logically and legally,' he said

Residents said they feared the relocation of 600 black families displaced by the Inanda Dam scheme would not be adequately controlled

Besides being likely to cause a massive drop in the value of their properties, residents also said the influx of blacks would further tax the area's transport infrastructure

Mr Schoeman said that as the land was to be handed over to a 'self-governing territory', what they (KwaZulu) did with it was entirely up to them.

'It is quite possible that the area will become a squatter camp housing perhaps 100 000 people or more'

An elderly man in the crowd said the Government's actions in the matter were 'dictatorial' and did not consider the feelings of residents

'We've been jumping to their tune since 1948, it's about time we stopped,' he said

Mr Schoeman called for a good turn-out by residents for the next meeting of the commission, scheduled for the Kloof Town Hall on September 29 at 8 30 a m

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MP criticises handling of merger plan

African Affairs Correspondent

THE PFP MP for Greytown, Mr Pierre Cronje, has criticised the Government for the manner in which it announced the latest consolidation proposals involving the Waterfall/Crestholme area.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Cronje, who is the MP for the area, said the Commission for Co-operation and Development had merely announced its intention of adding the land concerned to KwaZulu.

'There are no town planning proposals to go along with it. Members of the commission apparently have no idea how the land is to be used,' he said.

Consultation

'I deplore the fact that there has not been proper consultation.'

Mr Cronje said the way that the proposals had been announced had led residents and land owners in the area to draw the worst possible conclusions about the move.

He said this had led to fears by the residents of a scenario of the best of a First World situation alongside the worst of a Third World situation, separated only by a fence.

About 250 people met at Waterfall on Saturday to express their concern at the proposed incorporation.

Residents said they feared that the relocation of 600 black families displaced by the Inanda Dam scheme would not be adequately controlled.

They said the step might cause a huge drop in the value of their properties and were also apprehensive as to whether the transport infrastructure would be able to cope with the expected influx of blacks.

The commission heard evidence from about 12 individuals and local authorities last week and will sit again on November 29 to hear further representations. The venue and time will be the Kloof Civic Centre at 8.30 a.m.

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Court order plan to halt evictions

Mercury Reporter

THE Durban Central Residents' Association, an independent body, is seeking an urgent Supreme Court order to stop the threatened eviction of scores of Indian families from flats in Durban

This was confirmed yesterday by Miss Jenny Maharaj, the lawyer acting for the association

'We are drawing up papers and expect to lodge the application on Monday afternoon, or at the latest, on Tuesday,' she said

Mr Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, president of the association, said the Court would be asked to declare invalid a Government proclamation of March 27 which dissolved rent boards for Indians and coloureds

'Our contention is that Mr A A Venter, Minister of Lo-

cal Government and Housing in the House of Assembly, who issued the proclamation, had acted beyond his powers

'We believe that the minister did not consult the responsible ministers in both the Houses of Delegates and of Representatives before having the rent boards scrapped,' he said

As a result of the move, tenants in flats in Durban have been issued with notices of 'massive increases' in rents and in some cases tenants have been given notice to vacate by next month

In another development this week, the Minister of Communications and Public Works, Dr L A P A Munnik, stepped in to halt 'cases of exploitation' and announced new rent control measures for coloured and Indian areas

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R73 m projects for upgrading of townships

Pietermaritzburg Bureau

CONTRACTS valued at R73 million were announced yesterday for the upgrading and extension of black townships in Natal.

Mr Peter Miller, MEC and chairman of the Committee for Local Government, said the Natal Provincial Administration's community services office was acting as agent for various black local authorities throughout Natal in implementing the recommendations of the KwaZulu/Natal Planning Council

Mr Miller said all projects were expected to

be completed by the end of next year

The work involved the upgrading of infrastructure and hostels in the existing developed townships and also the extension of the townships, creating an additional 4 505 plots in all, he said

The type of work being carried out included improvement to roads, electrification and street lighting, water-borne sewerage and water supply

'It is anticipated that the completion of these works will substantially improve the quality of life of the residents,' he said

'It has only been possible to start this through close co-operation between the community services office and local black town councillors'

Mr Miller said Press releases had been issued by the mayors of each town giving details of the improvements to be made

Control of black local authorities in Natal devolved to the Natal Provincial Administration as from October 1 this year

'The Province intends to do all it can to foster co-operation and achieve stable black local government in Natal,' Mr Miller said

The townships concerned are Itsokolele (Matatiele), Bhongweni (Kokstad), Chesterville, (Westville), Klaarwater, Shakaville (Stanger), Enhlalakahle (Greytown), Bruntville (Mooi River) Inkayezi (Colenso), Steadville (Ladysmith), Tembalihle (Glencoe) Sibongile (Dundee) and Bhekuzulu (Vryheid)

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Coloured housing plea

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A TOP-LEVEL delegation representing the Pinetown municipality and local coloured community leaders is to hold talks with the Director-General of the House of Representatives in Cape Town next week over the 'critical' shortage of housing for coloureds

Pinetown's Mayor, Mr B V Mathee, will represent the municipality, and Mrs Elizabeth Rose, chairman of the Marianridge

Local Affairs Committee, will represent the coloured community

A spokesman for the Pinetown Town Council confirmed yesterday that the delegation had been granted an appointment in Cape Town on October 13

The LAC said in a memorandum that housing for the coloured community, particularly in areas close to the industrial areas had lagged behind and existing areas had become 'grossly overcrowded'

R8 m set aside for housing

Mercury Reporter

THE House of Delegates has set aside more than R8 000 000 for housing development for Indians in Port Shepstone, Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, announced at the weekend.

Opening a new R5 000 000 housing scheme in Marburg, near Port Shepstone, on Saturday, he said his department had made available R8 731 677 in the current financial year to the Marburg Town Board for the purchase of land, construction of units, and the provision of community facilities.

Expansion

There was tight security at the function with uniformed members of the SAP and the town board's traffic police stationed at the main entrances at the civic centre.

Mr Dookie said during the past months a sound working relationship had

been established by the town board and his department. 'This relationship has become a partnership to the mutual benefit of both parties and the community as a whole'.

He was pleased with the rapid expansion of Marburg. 'The total value of building plans passed by the town board increased from R8 500 000 last year to more than R12 million so far this year'.

'With this kind of growth it is not surprising that Marburg has, on occasion, been described as the most progressive town on the Natal South Coast and that Marburg is on its way to becoming a model town in the area,' he said.

The chairman of the town board, Mr S Pillay, said the provision of housing in Marburg had become an on-going process and only with the help of the House of Delegates and the National Housing Commission would the housing shortage be overcome.

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R2,5 m in rent owed in 13 Natal townships

**African Affairs
Correspondent**

THERE is a shortfall of R2 500 000 in rent owed to the Natalia Development Board from 13 townships since the rent controversy in Lamontville erupted more than three years ago.

This was said yesterday by Mr Hennie du Plessis, chief director of the Natalia Development Board.

He was responding to reports from Johannesburg that retail sales were being boosted by between R60 million and R80 million a month because of rent boycotts in black areas throughout the country.

Mr du Plessis said the situation in Natal was not as acute as the Transvaal's. Many residents of town-

ships such as Lamontville and Chesterville were paying rent but they were paying the old figures and not the new ones.

From the beginning of the second half of the year there had been a slight increase in the number of people paying their monthly rent.

He ascribed this to the fact that the board had embarked on a policy of selling houses in its townships.

Residents were required to settle their outstanding rentals before they could acquire this property. Mr du Plessis said.

Mr J Evatt, Secretary for the Interior for the Kwa Zulu Government, was not available for comment yesterday.

● See Editorial Opinion

Upgrading of Natal black townships

Labour Reporter

THE bucket sanitation system in some black townships in Natal was to be replaced by waterborne sewerage as part of the upgrading of facilities in the townships, Prof L de Clercq, project co-ordinator, announced yesterday.

He said the progress on the upgrading and extension of black townships in the province had been excellent and it was expected that construction in 11 townships would start next month or early in January.

The upgrading programme would result in a change from a bucket sanitation system to waterborne sewerage, piped water and electricity supply to each home and the upgrading of street lights.

He said bus routes into the townships would be tarred and roads would be properly constructed with

proper surfacing and stormwater drainage.

'Contractors from as far as the Transvaal have submitted tenders, which are being considered. The projects will be financed from moneys made available by the National Housing Commission and the Development Bank of Southern Africa,' he added.

'Sincerity'

Prof de Clercq said the private sector had already shown interest in the development of the extension to the townships and an all-out effort to ensure their involvement would be made once tenders had been awarded.

'An appeal is made to companies as well as employers who would like to assist their employees to make use of the opportunities.

'The sincerity with which

local town committee members participated in the discussions which preceded the finalisation of the upgrading plans and implementation programme has contributed to the speed with which the final planning was done.

'Councillors have proved themselves to be totally devoted to serve the interest of their people,' he added.

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Hortors pays dividend despite dismal showing

JOHANNESBURG — Hortors will pay a 1,3c dividend — based on its “strong balance sheet” — despite a dismal profit performance in the half-year to end-September

The consolidated income statement shows a loss, before extraordinary items, of R441 482 (profit of R80 559 in the same half last year and a loss of R50 224 in the full year to end-March)

The loss was all the more disappointing in that both Waltons Cons and CTP Holdings, in which Hortors has substantial stakes, increased both profits and dividends in the year under review

Hortors points to the losses suffered by Kalamazoo Business Systems (KBS) “which adversely affected the results of your group”.

At the same time, the directors say “KBS is a comparatively minor investment . But has in the past been a contributor to group profits

“It has recently undergone a management restructure aimed at reversing the poor results of the past — and restoring profitability” — Sapa

Durban's huge shackland shock

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ALMOST half the total population of greater Durban and the immediate surrounding areas lives in shacks

This was revealed yesterday by the Inkatha Institute for South Africa which has been conducting research into greater Durban's shack or 'squatter' populations for the past seven years.

According to the information released by the institute more than 9% of all South Africans live in what is known as the Durban Functional Region (DFR), which extends from Tongaat in the north to Umkomaas in the south and Cato Ridge in the west.

In an introductory note to research material released by the institute yesterday Mr Peter Mansfield, director of the institute said more than 70% of the total population of this area was black.

Almost two thirds of this black population lived in shacks and this meant that (taking other race groups into account) almost half of the total population of the DFR lived in shacks.

Although these shack dwellers were seldom seen or heard of, they were 'a very significant part' of the

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whole and contributed to and participated in the economy of the area.

It is vital that planners, decision makers and opinion leaders focus on these facts as they plan for the present and future needs of the region' Mr Mansfield said.

According to the information released about 44% of the DFR population or more than 1 300 000 people (65% of all blacks in the area) lived in shack or squatter areas in 1983. Of the total number of just over 3 000 000 people in the DFR then 68% were black.

New areas

During the last four years 480 000 people have been added to the shack population and this means that another 44 000 new shacks have been built. These new shacks are either within older shack areas or have formed new shack areas like Lindelani near Ntuzuma and Sizamazulu near Phoenix.

In 1987, more than 3 600 000 people are expect-

ed to live in the DFR and the black informal population or shack population alone is expected to amount to more than 1 700 000 people.

Of the shack dwellers interviewed by the institute 86% said they did not intend returning to the rural areas. Almost half said they had been born in the DFR.

According to research conducted by the institute in 1983 more than 60% were then employed and did their shopping in the Durban Pinetown area.

The institute found that the shack dwellers have negligible services and facilities and depend on adjacent townships for transport, schools, clinics, shops, a clean water supply and sanitation.

Although shack areas are the direct responsibility of either the Department of Development Aid or the KwaZulu Government it was found that they were in practice administered by alternative structures, like Inkatha informal tribal authorities, community based organisations, and resident church and business associations in any number of complex combinations.

In a report entitled 'Administering Shack Settlements - squatter problems with Regional Services Councils', Mrs Clarissa Fourie, a senior research officer for the institute, concluded that since the outbreak of violence in Durban in August last year, many of the leaders in the shack areas had become far more conscious of the power of their positions and some were stating that their positions and roles should be formalised to bring them in line with the townships.

Challenge

'This, among other things, should make those involved in the formulation of the Durban RSC far more sensitive to the challenge of structuring voting power on the RSC to include shack leaders and their vast constituencies.'

'As has been shown the variety of administrative bodies and systems which exist in the informal areas of the DFR are wide and complex. Whether or not these administrative structures, which the people are used to, would be either made more efficient and/or formalised and/or overlaid by the RSC should be examined far more closely than has taken place to date,' she said.

● The Inkatha Institute has worked on numerous projects in association with various departments of the University of Natal in Durban.

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Chissano accuses S A

Mercury Correspondent

MAPUTO—South Africa is supplying air drops to Renamo rebels, a massive armed offensive from Malawi into Mozambique, says President Joaquim Chissano.

In spite of this, Mozambique would not end the Nkomati Accord because if it did it would have no recourse available to try to get South Africa to abide by

its undertaking.

Speaking at his first Press conference since taking office, President Mr Chissano effectively ruled out possibility of negotiations with the Right wing rebels to end armed conflict in Mozambique.

A South African Defence spokesman said last night he could not comment on the allegations as the Mozambique President had not mentioned the Defence Force by name.

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Half Durban in shacks (125)

DURBAN — Almost half the total population of greater Durban and the immediate surrounding areas lives in shacks. The Inkatha Institute for South Africa said more than nine percent of all South Africans live in the Durban Functional Region (DFR), which extends from Tongaat in the north to Umkomaas in the south and Cato Ridge in the west

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Property Editor

A PRESTIGE suburb is to be developed in the black Edendale township near Pietermaritzburg at a cost of R55 million, it was announced at the weekend

Developing companies Lynton Investments and S M Goldstein have formed a joint venture company and will build 1 160 detached homes of two to four bedrooms on its 188 ha site

The houses, on plots of between 600 m² and 800 m², will cost R40 000 to R50 000 each

Mr Trevor Davis, a director of Goldstein-Lynton Investments, says civil engineering work will start early next year and the 132 houses in the first phase should be occupied by July

The total development will be completed in two-and-a half years

Landscaped

All first-phase houses have been sold provisionally and a sales office in Laager Centre is being operated by former Edendale housing superintendent Patricia Macilvenney

The new suburb will have tarred roads, street lighting, electricity mains, water and sewerage, landscaped gardens and trees. Provision has been made for shopping centres, schools, creches and other amenities

Mr Ron Glaister, convenor of the housing group in the Pietermaritzburg 2000 strategic planning project, says the new township will add considerable impetus to development already taking place in Edendale and Imbali

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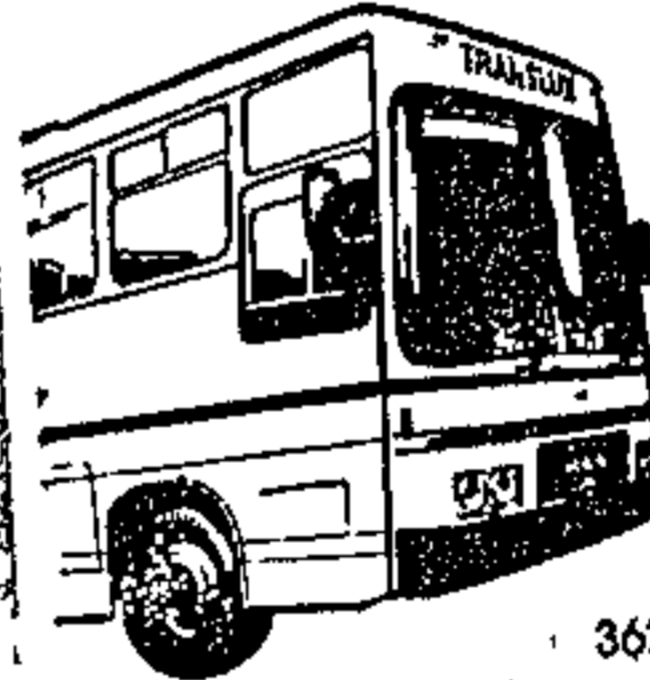
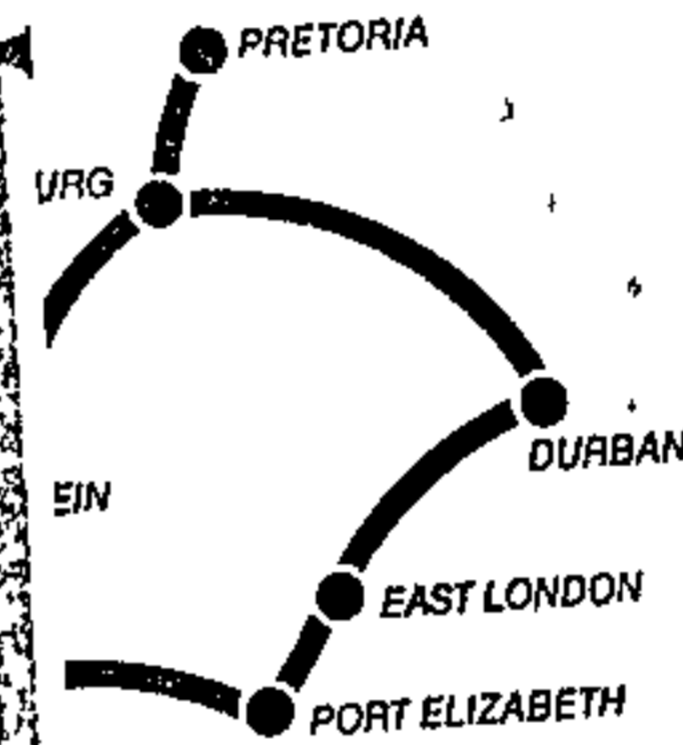
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